

**KILLEEN-TEMPLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (KTMPO)
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING POLICY BOARD (TPPB) MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, April 20, 2016
9:30 a.m.

Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG)
2180 North Main Street
Belton, TX 76513

Policy Board Voting Members Present

Chair Mayor Scott Cospers—City of Killeen	Carole Warlick—Hill Country Transit District
Vice Chair Mayor Marion Grayson—City of Belton	Judge John Firth—Coryell County
Mayor Frank Seffrood—City of Copperas Cove	Michael Bolin for Bobby Littlefield Jr.—TxDOT Waco District
Charlotte Hitchman for Councilmember Jose Segarra—City of Killeen	Elias Rmeili— TxDOT Brownwood District
Brian Chandler for Mayor Danny Dunn—City of Temple	
Mayor Rob Robinson—City of Harker Heights	

Policy Board Non-Voting Members Present

Mary Himic—Fort Hood	Brian Dosa—Fort Hood
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Others Present

Erin Smith—City of Belton	Liz Bullock—TxDOT Waco District
Andrea Gardner—City of Copperas Cove	Crystal Dominguez—Temple Daily Telegram
Dan Yancey—City of Copperas Cove	Christina Demirs—KTMPO
Phil Haggerty—Belton ISD	Jason Deckman—KTMPO
Megan Campbell—TxDOT	Cheryl Maxwell--KTMPO

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order: Vice Chair Mayor Marion Grayson announced that Chair Cospers was on his way but she would get the meeting started. She called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. and stated that a quorum was present.

2. Opportunity for Public Comment: No comments were made by the public.

3. Staff Update: KTMPO staff provided the following updates:

--Christina Demirs provided an update on the Congestion Management Process (CMP). Approximately two hundred fifty (250) people responded to the online survey. Alliance Transportation Group, Inc. is in the process of completing the Congestion Network. She stated that the CMP is scheduled to be completed by May or June 2016.

--Christina Demirs provided an update on the reprioritization of the MTP project listing. On April 13, 2016, CDM Smith hosted a workshop for the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) members

to get their input for the scoring criteria. CDM Smith will present the scoring criteria to the TAC at their May 4th meeting.

--Christina Demirs provided an update on the Project Development Funding call. KTMPO received five (5) proposals. The proposed projects will be evaluated and ranked by the TAC at the May 4th meeting and then submitted to the TPPB for approval.

--Cheryl Maxwell informed the Board the KTMPO had completed its first newsletter and asked members to distribute. KTMPO plans to do newsletters quarterly on one or two specific transportation topics and possibly feature a city in the region.

--Cheryl Maxwell reminded the Board that there will be a freight workshop on April 26th open to any individuals interested in freight. TxDOT and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will be in attendance as well.

--Cheryl Maxwell provided an update on the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee. The next meeting is scheduled for May 10th and Jennifer Graham, Temple College Foundation, will speak about the Temple College Bike Share program.

--Cheryl Maxwell also provided an update on ozone readings in the KTMPO area.

Chair Mayor Scott Cospers presided over the rest of the meeting.

4. Action Item: Regarding approval of March 16, 2016 TPPB meeting minutes.

Mayor Frank Seffrood made a motion to approve the March 16, 2016 TPPB meeting minutes, seconded by Vice Chair Mayor Grayson; the motion passed unanimously.

5. Action Item: Regarding approval of proposed amendments to 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and FY2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Killeen and Copperas Cove projects awarded funding through MPO FY15-17 Category 9 (Transportation Alternatives Program –TAP) and Category 7 (Surface Transportation Program Metropolitan Mobility—STPMM) project calls.

Cheryl Maxwell stated that the City of Killeen and City of Copperas Cove received Category 9 funding for their submitted projects. Additionally, the City of Killeen's Category 7 project's total cost needed to be adjusted to reflect the bike/pedestrian component that was removed. The public comment period was March 19-April 4, 2016 with two public hearings held on March 23 in Killeen and Copperas Cove. One comment in favor of the amendments was received.

Carole Warlick made a motion to approve the proposed amendments to the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the FY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), seconded by Vice Chair Mayor Grayson; the motion passed unanimously.

6. Action Item: Regarding initiation of public involvement process for FY 2017-2020 TIP.

Christina Demirs stated that the FY2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) had been drafted and needed to undergo the required public involvement process in accordance with KTMPO's Public Participation Plan (PPP). Ms. Demirs also explained what is contained in the TIP. This new TIP is due to TxDOT on or before June 24, 2016. The PPP requires a thirty day

comment period and two public hearings since this is a new plan. The comment period is scheduled to run April 23-May 22, 2016. The public hearings are scheduled for May 2, with one in Harker Heights and the second in Belton. The TAC will make recommendation regarding approval of the TIP at the June 1 meeting. If recommended for approval, the TPPB will make a decision regarding approval at the June 22 meeting. The meeting was rescheduled from June 15 since staff will be attending a Transportation Conference in Houston.

Vice Chair Mayor Grayson made a motion to approve initiation of the public involvement process for FY2017-2020 TIP, seconded by Charlotte Hitchman; the motion passed unanimously.

7. Discussion and Possible Action Item: Regarding approval of resolution in support of May as National Bike Month and associated events and dates.

Cheryl Maxwell stated that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) is seeking a resolution from the TPPB in support of May as National Bike Month. Cheryl explained that May 20th is National Bike to Work Day and encouraged members to ride their bikes to work that day or at least ride some during the month to better understand the challenges of bicyclists in our region.

Mayor Rob Robinson made a motion to approve the proposed resolution, seconded by Mayor Frank Seffrood; the motion passed unanimously.

8. Presentation and Discussion Item: US190/Clear Creek turn around status update—Michael Bolin, TxDOT

Michael Bolin, Director of Transportation Development and Planning, TxDOT Waco District gave a presentation regarding the status of the proposed US 190 turnaround at Clear Creek in Killeen. TxDOT was approached by Judge John Firth and Fort Hood with concerns about congestion in this area and its impact on troop mobility and daily traffic flow in and out of base. Mr. Bolin explained the three options TxDOT researched and why they believe Option 2 is the best one. Traffic counts were also conducted to help illustrate the current and future impact of the proposed turnaround.

After the presentation, Mr. Bolin answered questions put forth by Board members. Board members also discussed the current traffic problems in the area and expressed their support for this project. Concerns about future traffic problems in the area due to population growth were also brought up.

9. Member Comments.

No other comments were made.

10. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Scott Cospers, Chair

Cheryl Maxwell, MPO Director