

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

Wednesday, March 16, 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	Councilmember Tim Davis—City of Temple
Vice Chair Mayor Marion Grayson—City of Belton	Robert Ator for Carole Warlick—Hill Country Transit District
Mayor Frank Seffrood—City of Copperas Cove	Commissioner Tim Brown—Bell County
Councilmember Jose Segarra—City of Killeen	Judge John Firth—Coryell County
David Olson for Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Blackstone—City of Killeen	Bobby Littlefield Jr.—TxDOT Waco District
Mayor Danny Dunn—City of Temple	Elias Rmeili— TxDOT Brownwood District
Mayor Rob Robinson—City of Harker Heights	

**Policy Board Non-Voting Members Present**

Barbara Maley—FHWA—TX Division	Brian Dosa for Mary Himic—Fort Hood
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**Others Present**

Sam Listi—City of Belton	Liz Bullock—TxDOT Waco District
Erin Smith—City of Belton	Crystal Dominguez—Temple Daily Telegram
Andrea Gardner—City of Copperas Cove	Christina Demirs—KTMPO
Michael Bolin—TxDOT Waco District	John Weber—KTMPO
David Bennett—Belton ISD	Jim Martin—KTMPO
Megan Campbell—TxDOT	Jason Deckman—KTMPO
Janet Sheguit—BSP Engineers	Cheryl Maxwell—KTMPO

**Meeting Minutes**

**1. Call to Order:** Chair Mayor Scott Cospers called the meeting to order at 9:30 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). Ms. Demirs stated that KTMPO is working with Alliance to update the CMP and that the CMP survey is posted online on the KTMPO website. She stated that the CMP will be completed by the end of the summer.

--Cheryl Maxwell provided an update on the reprioritization of the MTP project listing. Ms. Maxwell stated that KTMPO hired CDM Smith to review the scoring criteria and recommend changes and do the reprioritization. Ms. Maxwell also stated that a workshop with the TAC members will be held on April 13<sup>th</sup> and that the reprioritization of the MTP projects should be finished before the next fiscal year.

--Ms. Maxwell provided an update on Category 7 funding. She stated that approximately \$1.7 million in additional funds will be added to Killeen's Category 7 project. Therefore, the Killeen project will now be short about \$1 million.

--Ms. Maxwell also stated that the MPO is writing a newsletter and will have that out to the public next week.

--Jim Martin provided an update on the Freight Advisory Committee. There will be a freight workshop opened for any individuals interested in freight. Mr. Martin stated that TxDOT and FHWA will be in attendance as well. The proposed dates for this workshop will be either April 26<sup>th</sup> or April 27<sup>th</sup>.

--John Weber provided an update on the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee. Mr. Weber stated that the web mapping tool has been posted on the KTMPO website and that four people have requested membership at this time. Also at the BPAC meeting, the committee is planning to write up a 3 foot buffer rule, do community engagement programs, Bike to Work Week proclamation and partnering up with the cities to purchase bike racks.

--Mr. Weber also provided an update on ozone readings in the KTMPO area.

**4. Action Item:** Regarding approval of January 20, 2016 TPPB meeting minutes.

**Councilmember Jose Segarra made a motion to approve January 20, 2016 TPPB meeting minutes, seconded by Vice Chair Mayor Marion Grayson; the motion passed unanimously.**

**5. Action Item:** Regarding approval of proposed amendments to 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and FY2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add Belton, Nolanville, and Salado projects awarded funding through Statewide 2015 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) project call (FY13 – 16 funding).

Christina Demirs stated that Belton, Nolanville and Salado received FY13-16 funding through the Statewide 2015 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). A public involvement period occurred in January and no comments were received by the MPO. At the March 2<sup>nd</sup> TAC meeting, TAC recommended adding the proposed amendments to the 2040 MTP and the FY2015-2018 TIP.

**Bobby Littlefield 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 Councilmember Tim Davis; the motion passed unanimously.**

**6 Action Item:** Regarding approval of selected projects for MPO TAP Category 9 (FY 15 – 17) funding and initiation of public involvement process for MTP and TIP amendments.

Cheryl Maxwell stated that KTMPO received six projects for Category 9 funding. For FY15-17, KTMPO was initially anticipating to receive \$800,000 in Cat 9 funding with a 20% match of \$160,000. Therefore, \$640,000 will be available to fund projects. At the March 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, TAC members scored and ranked

each submitted projects with Killeen being the highest ranked project, followed by Copperas Cove, Temple, Nolanville, Harker Heights, and Salado.

TAC recommended carrying this ranking forward so if additional TAP funds become available in FY15-17 they would be applied to the ranked project list. TAC also recommended applying this rank to future years of TAP funding, provided this meets FHWA requirements however, FHWA advised we cannot apply this rank to future years.

Ms. Maxwell stated that during the week of March 7<sup>th</sup>, the MPO received an additional \$289,998 in additional Cat 9 funds which will include the 20% match. With the additional funding, Killeen's Heritage Oaks Hike and Bike Trail, Segment 3A project will be fully funded while Copperas Cove Ave. D Streetscape Revitalization Phase 3 project will be partially funded. The city of Copperas Cove will now be short about \$50,000.

Ms. Maxwell provided a tentative schedule. A 15 day public comment period will be held from March 19<sup>th</sup> to April 4<sup>th</sup> to add the projects to the MTP and TIP. At TAC's April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, TAC will recommend to approve the amendments with TPPB approval of the proposed amendments at their April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Vice Chair Mayor Marion Grayson made a motion to approve the selected projects for MPO TAP Category 9 (FY 15-17) funding and to initiate of public involvement process for MTP and TIP amendments, seconded by Councilmember Jose Segarra; the motion passed unanimously.**

**7. Action Item:** Regarding approval of project call for TxDOT project development funding.

Cheryl Maxwell stated that TxDOT Waco District has funding available to develop eligible projects and has requested projects from KTMPO. These projects will be candidates for FY 18 Proposition 1 & 7 funding and must be let in FY18. This call is for project development and is not guarantee of construction funding.

At the March 2<sup>nd</sup> TAC meeting, TAC recommended that the TAC prioritize submitted projects similarly to FY17 Prop 1 funding.

Ms. Maxwell provided TPPB with a tentative schedule. The call for projects for development funding will start on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and end on April 18, 2016. At the May 4 TAC meeting, TAC recommendation on projects selected for development funding and at the May 18<sup>th</sup> TPPB meeting, TPPB approval of projects selected for development funding with the initiation of the PIP for MTP amendments.

**Mayor Frank Seffrood made a motion to approve the project call for TxDOT project development funding, seconded by Mayor Danny Dunn; the motion passed unanimously.**

**8. Presentation:** Interstate 14 Update—Bobby Littlefield, District Engineer, Waco District, TxDOT.

Bobby Littlefield, District Engineer for TxDOT Waco District gave an update on Interstate 14. Mr. Littlefield stated that TxDOT completed an initial assessment of a 25 mile section of US 190 from Copperas Cove to I35 that is up to Interstate Highway System design standards with the exception of two issues. These two issues is Atmos Energy Driveway connecting to US 190 and a 5.7% vertical grade approximately 1.4 miles west of SH 201. Currently, Atmos Energy is physically removing the pavement by the end of the month and anticipating design exception for the vertical grade.

Mr. Littlefield laid out the next steps for interstate designation. The finalization of the technical assessment report for the 25 mile section of US 190 is underway. Before the end of March, the technical assessment report is expected to be submitted to the Federal Highway Administration for review. In March 2016, anticipating to receive Texas Transportation Commission approval for designation and application submitted to AASHTO and May 2016 begin process of requesting FHWA and AASHTO approval of designation. The signing of IH14 is anticipated to occur late 2016 to early 2017.


Mr. Littlefield also discussed additional plans for the first section. Plans include continuing to expand to six lanes, and frontage road and U-turns improvements. Other plans include expanding the Copperas Cove by-pass to 4 lanes and construct an eastern extension from Belton to the Heidenheimer/Rogers area.

**9. Member Comments.**

No other comments were made.

**10. Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

  
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Mayor Scott Cospers, Chair

  
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Cheryl Maxwell, MPO Director