

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

Wednesday, June 22, 2016
9:30 a.m.

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

Policy Board Voting Members Present

Chair Scott Cospers—City of Killeen
Vice Chair Mayor Marion Grayson—City of Belton
Andrea Gardner for Mayor Frank Seffrood- City of
Copperas Cove
Mayor Rob Robinson—City of Harker Heights
Councilmember Juan Rivera—City of Killeen
Councilmember Gregory Johnson—City of Killeen

Councilmember Tim Davis—City of Temple
General Manager Carole Warlick—Hill Country
Transit District (HCTD)
Commissioner Tim Brown—Bell County
Judge John Firth—Coryell County
Michael Bolin for Bobby Littlefield Jr.—Texas
Dept. of Transportation (TxDOT) Waco District

Policy Board Non-Voting Members Present

Brian Dosa for Mary Himic—Fort Hood

Others Present

Erin Smith—City of Belton
Robert Ator—HCTD
Liz Bullock—TxDOT Waco District
Phil Haggerty—Belton Independent School
District (BISD)

Jim Martin—KTMPO
Jason Deckman—KTMPO
Cheryl Maxwell—KTMPO
John Weber—KTMPO

Meeting Minutes

- 1. Call to Order:** Vice Chair Mayor Marion Grayson called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and stated that a quorum was present.
- 2. Opportunity for Public Comments:** No comments were made by the public.
- 3. Staff Update:** KTMPO staff provided the following updates.

--Cheryl Maxwell stated that KTMPO published their summer edition of the newsletter. Ms. Maxwell stated that each edition will feature a city in the MPO and this edition featured Killeen.

--Jason Deckman provided an update on the Congestion Management Process. Mr. Deckman stated that Alliance Transportation Group Inc. provided a new tool that would be presented to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) at July's meeting. This tool may be used to prioritize and rank congested areas in the KTMPO based on weighted criteria that can be adjusted.

--Jim Martin stated that 10 members have signed up as part of the Freight Advisory Committee, but they need more members from private industries to be part of this committee. The first meeting is tentatively set for mid-July.

--John Weber stated that the next Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting will be held on July 12th, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

--Mr. Weber also provided an update on air quality readings. May's ozone readings were 58 ppb at the Temple station and 57 ppb at the Killeen station. The current design value at each station is 66 ppb at the Temple station and 65 ppb at the Killeen station, both below the 70 ppb ozone standard.

4. Action Item: Regarding approval of minutes from May 18, 2016 TPPB meeting.

Carole Warlick made a motion to approve May 18, 2016 TPPB meeting minutes, seconded by Councilmember Tim Davis; the motion passed unanimously.

5. Action Item: Regarding approval of the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Cheryl Maxwell stated that a public comment period was held from April 23- May 22, 2016 with two public hearings held on May 2, 2016. KTMPO received one comment in support of the TIP. At the June 1, 2016 TAC meeting, TAC recommended approval of the FY 2017-2020 TIP.

Councilmember Tim Davis made a motion to approve the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program, Andrea Gardner seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

6. Action Item: Regarding amendments to the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) as follows:

- a) initiation of the Public Involvement Process to add the Belton Loop 121 project from FM 436 to IH 35.
- b) Administrative amendments to change extents for US 190 projects MPO ID W40-02, W30-28 and W30-29.

Cheryl Maxwell stated that Belton Loop 121 widening project is broken into three sections but the section from IH 35 to FM 436 (MPO ID W40-04) is not currently in the MTP. This amendment requires the MPO to go through the Public Involvement Process.

The second amendment is administrative. The extent for US 190 from one mile west of FM 2410 to IH-35 will not change but instead of three segments for this section, four are now proposed. Amendments are needed to adjust the actual project extents for W40-02, W30-28, and W30-29 and to add W40-05 as a new section of US 190.

Ms. Maxwell stated, that the 15 day public comment period will start on June 25 and end on July 9, 2016 with a public hearing on June 27, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. at the CTCOG building. Final approval by the TPPB is anticipated on July 20, 2016.

Councilmember Juan Rivera made a motion to initiate the Public Involvement Process, seconded by Andrea Gardner; the motion passed unanimously.

7. Action Item: Regarding reprioritization of projects in the 2040 MTP as follows:

- a) approval of project selection process and scoring criteria;
- b) set fiscal constrain for transit projects.

Cheryl Maxwell stated that KTMPO has contracted with CDM Smith, Inc. to assist in developing a project selection process and scoring criteria to reprioritize and update the project listing in the 2040 MTP. The scoring criteria has two scoring tracks, one for roadway projects and one for livability projects (bike/pedestrian). Ms. Maxwell explained the scoring criteria and points awarded for each noting that the objective criteria will be scored by KTMPO staff while the TAC members will score the subjective criteria.

For fiscal constraints, KTMPO staff does not propose to revise fiscal constraints at this time and will use the same figures identified in the 2040 MTP. However, staff requested guidance from the board regarding fiscal constraint for the transit projects. In the past, TPPB has voted to dedicate 10% of Category 7 funds for transit projects when the projects were selected for funding. Staff proposed the board officially dedicate 10% of the Category 7 funding for a set number of fiscal years so there would be more certainty for planning future transit projects. The board discussed the pros and cons of dedicating funding for future years.

Chair Scott Cospers arrived during the discussion of this item and presided over the rest of the meeting.

Andrea Gardner made a motion to approve the project selection process and scoring criteria and to consider the 10% dedication for transit projects on a yearly basis as funding becomes available and projects are selected, seconded by Councilmember Juan Rivera; the motion passed unanimously.

8. Action Item: Regarding support of request to TxDOT to conduct a feasibility study on IH-14 future alignment east of IH-35.

Cheryl Maxwell stated that KTMPO participated in a joint meeting with stakeholders regarding the eastern alignment of the future IH-14. Participants looked at several potential routes to connect current US 190 where it meets IH-35 to US 190 in eastern Bell County. It was determined that a feasibility study is needed to assess proposed routes and develop a recommendation. KTMPO proposes to submit an official request to TxDOT to conduct this study. At the June 1st, 2016 TAC meeting, TAC recommended approval to support the request.

Michael Bolin mentioned that an AASHTO (American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials) committee (Special Committee on US Route Numbering) denied a request to name the section of US 190 from Copperas Cove to IH-35 as IH-14. Therefore, the name "IH-14" is under review at this time.

Vice Chair Mayor Marion Grayson made a motion to support the request to TxDOT to conduct a feasibility study on IH-14 future alignment east of IH-35, seconded by Andrea Gardner; the motion passed unanimously.

9. Action Item: Regarding support for the Vulnerable Road User Ordinance proposed by the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

Cheryl Maxwell stated that at May 10th, 2016 BPAC meeting, BPAC members made a recommendation to approve the Vulnerable Road User Ordinance. The purpose of this ordinance is to protect vulnerable road users who may occupy a portion of the roadway. To provide the highest amount of safety between vulnerable road users and vehicles, a three foot buffer is desired. This ordinance serves as a template for cities in the KTMPO region to adopt a similar ordinance. At the June 1st TAC meeting, TAC recommended approval to support the Vulnerable Road User Ordinance.

Councilmember Tim Davis made a motion to support the Vulnerable Road User Ordinance & distribute to cities within the KTMPO, seconded by Mayor Rob Robinson; the motion passed unanimously.

10. Member Comments:


Commissioner Brown mentioned that several years ago when the two lake levels peaked, two major roadways were affected and had to be closed down. These were SH317 just north of SH36 in Temple's city limits and FM 2484 in Killeen's ETJ. With the lake levels rising these areas could again be at risk. He suggested that the cities of Temple and Killeen submit projects for the MTP project call to raise the road/bridge levels in some fashion so future flooding events will not impact travel on these roadways.

11. Adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.



Scott Cosper, Chair



Cheryl Maxwell, MPO Director