

KILLEEN-TEMPLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (KTMPO)
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday August 3, 2016

9:30 a.m.

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

Technical Advisory Committee Voting Members

Sam Listi for Erin Smith—City of Belton	Judge John Firth—Coryell County
Andrea Gardner—City of Copperas Cove	Robert Ator for Carole Warlick—Hill Country Transit District (HCTD)
David Olson for Ann Farris—City of Killeen	Liz Bullock for Michael Bolin—Texas Dept. of Transportation (TxDOT) Waco District
Brian Chandler—City of Temple	Jason Scantling—TxDOT Brownwood District
Joseph Molis for David Mitchell—City of Harker Heights	
Bryan Neaves—Bell County	

Technical Advisory Committee Non-Voting Members

Keith Fruge for Mary E. Himic—Ft. Hood	Kara Escajeda—City of Nolanville
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Additional Attendees

Charlotte Hitchman—City of Copperas Cove	Jim Martin—KTMPO
Dan Yancey—City of Copperas Cove	Christina Demirs—KTMPO
Jonathan Mosteiro—Alliance Transportation Group	Jason Deckman—KTMPO
Jim Harvey—Alliance Transportation Group	Cheryl Maxwell—KTMPO
Janet Sheguit—BSP Engineers, Inc.	John Weber—KTMPO

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order: Cheryl Maxwell called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

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

3. Staff Update: KTMPO staff provided an update on the following items:

--Jim Martin stated that KTMPO is still looking for members from private industries for the Freight Advisory Committee. The meeting date has not been decided yet.

--John Weber provided an update on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC). The next BPAC meeting will be held on September 13, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. KTMPO staff is asking for members of BPAC to use the Bike/Ped web map to map out recommended locations for bike racks. This list will be sent to the Central Texas Air and Information Research (CTAIR) Advisory Committee as possible locations to purchase bike racks.

Mr. Weber provided an update on air quality readings for the month of July. The highest 8-hour average ozone reading at the Temple station was 58 parts per billion (ppb) and at the Killeen station was 57 ppb. The design value, if calculated to date, is 67 ppb at Temple and 66 ppb at Killeen.

Cheryl Maxwell stated that CTCOG has started the CTAIR Advisory Committee. This committee covers the seven county region. Ms. Maxwell stated that a survey is currently being developed and once it is completed, staff will ask the cities to post it to their website and social media pages.

4. Action Item: Approve meeting notes from July 6, 2016 meeting.

Sam Listi made a motion to approve July 6, 2016 meeting notes, seconded by Brian Chandler; the motion passed unanimously.

5. Action Item: Regarding recommendation for approval of amendment to the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) to add the Belton Loop 121 project from FM 436 to IH 35.

Christina Demirs stated that Belton's Loop 121 project has been approved for TxDOT development funds, however, the section from FM 436 to IH 35 is not currently in the MTP. This amendment will add the project to the unfunded portion of the MTP. A public comment period was held from June 25, 2016 to July 9, 2016 with a public hearing held on June 27, 2016. KTMPO received two comments in support of this amendment. Ms. Demirs provided TAC members with a tentative schedule anticipating Transportation Planning Policy Board (TPPB) approval on August 17, 2016.

Sam Listi made a motion to recommend approval of MTP amendment, seconded by David Olson; the motion passed unanimously.

6. Action Item: Regarding recommendation for approval of the Congestion Management Process Congested Segment Prioritization Tool and resulting congestion network.

Jonathan Mosteiro of Alliance Transportation Group provided TAC members with two prioritized lists based on slightly different weighted criteria. Option 1 was based on feedback from the TAC; Option 2 was based on feedback from the TAC, staff, and Alliance Transportation Group (referred to as "all feedback"). The TAC discussed possible revisions regarding the weight given to the congestion, public input and transit criteria and reviewed the resulting congestion network as each was adjusted.

Andrea Gardner made a motion to approve the prioritize list based on the weights from "all feedback" (Option 2) with adjustments to the public input weight from 10% to 5% and increase transit from 10% to 15%, seconded by Sam Listi; the motion passed unanimously.

Resulting weights are as follows: Congestion – 30%; Volume – 20%; Safety Crashes – 15%; Safety Rear-End - 10%; Transit – 15%; School – 5%; Public Input – 5%.

7. Discussion and Possible Action Item: Regarding MTP Re-Prioritization Project Call status and possible adjustments.

Cheryl Maxwell stated that since the opening of the project call, the question has come up regarding how to handle projects that are already in the MTP. From the approved scoring process, projects currently in the MTP must be resubmitted if an entity wants their project scored and ranked. This does mean that a city may have to submit many applications. KTMPO staff is seeking TAC input on how to proceed on this matter. Ms. Maxwell presented TAC with some possible scenarios.

These scenarios include submitting the top projects now for full evaluation and scoring and have an annual project call to submit the other projects for evaluation/scoring and merge into list of scored/ranked projects; or, wait for the 2045 MTP update to submit remaining projects for evaluation/scoring; or amend the project call now to allow designated projects to be unscored and placed in unfunded section; or after the deadline, request projects to be placed in the unfunded section of the MTP unscored and unranked. The floor was opened to discussion.

Many TAC members felt that an annual project call should occur to include projects that may not seem relevant now but in a few years, these projects may be top priority. Projects that are submitted before the deadline will be scored and ranked and projects submitted at a future project call will then be scored and ranked and merged with the existing list, provided the criteria has not changed.

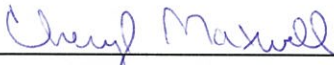
Brian Chandler made a motion to move the Call for Project deadline to a minimum of two weeks with considerations from staff, TAC and TPPB members, seconded by David Olson; the motion passed unanimously.

Brian Chandler made a motion to recommend a Call for Projects with the same scoring criteria in one year, seconded by David Olson; the motion passed unanimously.

8. Member Comments: No comments were made.

9. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

These notes were approved by the TAC members at their meeting on 9-14-16.



Cheryl Maxwell, KTMPO Director