

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

Wednesday June 1, 2016
9:30 a.m.

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

Technical Advisory Committee Voting Members

Erin Smith—City of Belton
Andrea Gardner—City of Copperas Cove
David Mitchell—City of Harker Heights
Ann Farris—City of Killeen
Brian Chandler—City of Temple

Bryan Neaves—Bell County
Judge John Firth—Coryell County
Robert Ator for Carole Warlick—Hill Country Transit
District
Liz Bullock for Michael Bolin—Texas Dept. of
Transportation (TxDOT) Waco District

Technical Advisory Committee Non-Voting Members

Megan Campbell— TxDOT
Keith Fruge for Mary E. Himic—Ft. Hood

Additional Attendees

Scott Osborn—City of Killeen
David Bennett—Belton Independent School District (BISD)
Christina Demirs—KTMPO
John Weber—KTMPO

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order: Christina Demirs called the meeting to order at 9:30 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:

--Christina Demirs stated that KTMPO participated in a meeting between TxDOT and stakeholder groups in May about possible I-14 route alignments east of I-35 and having TxDOT conduct a feasibility study of these possible alignments.

-- Ms. Demirs also provided an update on the Congestion Management Process (CMP). KTMPO staff met with Alliance Transportation Inc. and the network corridors have been identified. Alliance is in the process of finalizing the CMP.

--John Weber provided an update on the Bike/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC). The next BPAC meeting will be held on July 12th, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

--Mr. Weber also provided an update on ozone readings in the KTMPO region. Temple's May readings were 58 parts per billion (ppb) and Killeen's May readings were 57 ppb.

--Christina Demirs provided details on the FY15 Annual Performance & Expenditure Report (APER), the Annual Project Listing (APL), the CMP Annual Report and the Title VI Annual Report.

4. Action Item: Regarding recommendation for approval of the FY2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Christina Demirs stated that a 30 day public comment period occurred and KTMPO received one comment in favor of the FY2017-2020 TIP. The TIP does include projects in the FY15-18 TIP that have not been let yet and Appendix D which contains the TxDOT Project Development projects. Ms. Demirs provided a tentative schedule with anticipated approval by the Transportation Planning Policy Board (TPPB) on June 22, 2016; the FY 2017-2020 TIP is due to TxDOT on June 24, 2016.

Brian Chandler made a motion to recommend approval of the FY2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), seconded by Erin Smith; the motion passed unanimously.

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

John Weber stated that BPAC members support the Vulnerable Road User ordinance and asked staff to present the draft ordinance to the KTMPO TAC and TPPB for support as well. This ordinance provides a three foot buffer between vulnerable road users and automobiles. This ordinance serves as a template for cities in the KTMPO region to adopt a similar ordinance to provide the highest amount of safety and protection for vulnerable road users.

Ann Farris made a motion to support the Vulnerable Road User Ordinance proposed by the BPAC, seconded by Erin Smith; the motion passed 8 to 1. Bryan Neaves cast the opposing vote.

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

Christina Demirs stated that KTMPO participated in a joint meeting with stakeholders regarding the eastern alignment of IH-14. It was determined that a feasibility study is needed to assess proposed routes from current US 190 where it meets IH-35 to US 190 in eastern Bell County. KTMPO proposes to submit an official request to TxDOT to conduct this study.

Erin Smith made a motion to support the request to TxDOT to conduct a feasibility study on the IH-14 future alignment east of IH-35, seconded by David Mitchell; the motion passed unanimously.

7. Discussion and Action Item: Regarding recommendation for approval of scoring criteria to reprioritize projects in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) 2040.

Christina Demirs provided the draft scoring criteria to TAC members. Ms. Demirs stated that fiscal constraints are going to be similar to when the MTP was last updated since there is no new data for the fiscal constraints projections.

Erin Smith made a motion to approval the scoring criteria to reprioritize the projects in the 2040 MTP, seconded by Ann Farris; the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Demirs provided TAC with a tentative schedule in which the reprioritization would be approved by the TPPB on September 21, 2016. Ms. Demirs opened the floor for discussion to determine if any changes to the schedule were needed. TAC members requested more time for the project call extending it to 8 weeks. TAC members suggested that instead of scoring the subjective criteria at a TAC meeting that the scoring occur prior to the meeting and then follow up discussion could occur at the TAC meeting. TAC members also wished to have a question and answer session to ask questions about other entity projects. For converting scores to a project ranking, TAC members thought that the proposed method was the best way to do this. A new tentative schedule will be developed by staff.

Erin Smith made a motion to recommend approval of the project nomination form with the separate subjective scoring criteria, seconded by David Mitchell; the motion passed unanimously.

8. Member Comments: No comments were made.

9. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

These minutes were approved by the TAC members at their meeting on July 6, 2016.

Cheryl Maxwell

Cheryl Maxwell, KTMO Director