

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

Wednesday February 6, 2019 9:30 AM

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

Technical Advisory Committee Voting Members

Cheryl Maxwell—City of Belton Bobby Lewis—City of Copperas Cove Joseph Molis—City of Harker Heights Brian Chandler—City of Temple
Danielle Singh for Ron Olson—City of Killeen
Bryan Neaves—Bell County

Additional Attendees

Ryan Haverlah—City of Copperas Cove
Jason Deckman—City of Temple
Anita Bradley—TxDOT Environmental Affairs
Mario Perez—Ft. Hood
Brigida Gonzalez—TxDOT TPP
David Jayroe—TxDOT Waco District

Katelyn Kasberg—TxDOT Waco District Erika Karlik—TxDOT Waco District Michael Rhodes—TxDOT Waco District Christi Bonham—TxDOT Waco District Uryan Nelson—KTMPO John Weber KTMPO

Meeting Minutes:

- 1. Call to Order: Uryan Nelson called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.
- 2. Opportunity for Public Comment: No comments were made by the public.
- 3. Staff Update: Advisory Committees; Air Quality.

John Weber stated that the next Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting will be held on March 12, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. and the next Freight Advisory Committee meeting will be held on February 14, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. Air quality readings for the month of January were 46 ppb at the Killeen station and 44 ppb at the Temple station.

4. Action Item: Approve minutes from January 2, 2019 meeting.

Danielle Singh made a motion to approve January 2, 2019 meeting minutes, seconded by Joseph Molis; the motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion Item: TxDOT Truck Parking and Freight Infrastructure Design Stakeholder Workshop and Online Survey.

Uryan Nelson stated that TxDOT will be holding a workshop on February 14, 2019 as part of their Texas Freight Mobility Plan. The purpose of the workshop is to gather input from freight shippers, carriers, facility operators, local governments, and the general public about truck parking and freight infrastructure design issues, needs, and potential solutions.

6. Discussion and Action Item: Recommend support of KTMPO proposed FY19 Task 5, special studies to be included in the FY18/19 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

John Weber stated that KTMPO is expected to receive carryover funds which can be used to fund special studies in FY19. Mr. Weber outlined four studies that staff has recommended for FY19 and requests TAC's support for these studies. These studies are FAST ACT Performance Measure Study, Vulnerability/Risk Assessment/Resiliency Study and an evaluation of Current MTP Project, and a Future Growth Scenario Plan. Mr. Weber explained that based on study scopes, available funds, and timing, some studies may be considered for FY20.

Brian Chandler made a motion to support staff recommendation for conducting special studies, seconded by Bobby Lewis; the motion passed unanimously.

7. Discussion Item: Texas National Highway System (NHS) Review.

John Weber stated that TxDOT Corridor Planning Section is reviewing the Texas NHS to evaluate the current system throughout the State. This review process is based on criteria and evaluation of the current NHS and its significant roadways as well as feedback from MPO's throughout the state. Mr. Weber explained that routes were provided a score based on criteria and based on their score they were grouped into different categories. These categories include Keep as Other Principal Arterial (OPA)/Re-designate as OPA, Further Review, or Keep as Minor Arterial (MA)/ Re-designate as MA. During TxDOT review there were a total of 12 routes that were recommended by the TxDOT study team as either Further Review or downgrade functional classification. Mr. Weber explained that KTMPO staff conducted an in-house review of those 12 routes and staff recommended removing two routes from the NHS system, adding four routes to the NHS system, keeping four routes on the NHS system, and keeping the functional classification of two routes.

Another part of this process is to potentially add routes that were not scored to the NHS system and to look at the intermodal connectors. During KTMPO staff review, staff recommended possibly adding SH 317 north of SH 36, SH 53 East of Loop 363 and SH 95 of US 190/LP 363. For the intermodal connectors, the study team recommended removing Skylark Field and Draughton-Miller Airport from the list of intermodal connectors due to a lack of data which KTMPO staff agrees with. However, KTMPO staff proposed to add Killeen-Ft. Hood Regional Airport, the Temple Central Pointe Rail Park, and the Civilian-Military Joint Use Rail/Track Multi-Modal Facility.

Mr. Weber explained that feedback from TAC is needed as part of this process. Any feedback can be provided at the meeting or can be sent to KTMPO staff before February 15, 2019. The floor opened to discussion. During discussion, TAC members requested staff to send out the limits for the projects. Other questions that were asked was timelines and how changes may affect funding. Staff will continue to look into this process.

8. Discussion Item: Public input received through January 31, 2019.

Public input received through January 31, 2019 were presented to the TAC.

9. Member Comments:

Joseph Molis stated that the City of Harker Heights is working with the US Corp. of Engineers in creating a mountain bike trail along a fire break. Mr. Molis also provided an update on the status of the Harker Heights Roundabout.

10. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

These meeting minutes were approved by TAC at their

meeting

Jim Reed, Interim KTMPO Director