



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

Wednesday, July 15, 2020

9:30 AM

Electronic Meeting

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

Policy Board Voting Members Present

Chair Mayor Tim Davis – City of Temple	Commissioner Bobby Whitson for Judge David
Danielle Singh for Vice-Chair Mayor Jose Segarra – City of Killeen	Blackburn – Bell County
Councilmember Susan Long—City of Temple	Judge Roger Miller – Coryell County
Councilmember David Leigh – City of Belton	Stan Swiatek – TxDOT Waco District
Joseph Molis for Mayor Spencer Smith – City of Harker Heights	Jason Scantling for Elias Rmeili – TxDOT Brownwood District
Bobby Lewis for Mayor Bradi Diaz – City of Copperas Cove	Darrell Burtner for Carole Warlick—Hill Country Transit District

Policy Board Non-Voting Members Present

Justin Morgan – FHWA

Others Present

Jason Deckman – City of Temple	Keith Sledd -- HOTDA
Cheryl Maxwell – City of Belton	Ron Bruggman – USACE
Brigida Gonzalez – TxDOT TPP	Mario Perez – Fort Hood
Victor Goebel – TxDOT Waco District	Curtis Jones – TxDOT TPP
Christi Bonham – TxDOT Waco District	Akila Thamizharasan – TxDOT TPP
Allen Duncan – TxDOT Waco District	Travis Norton – Jacobs Consulting
Brenton Lane – TxDOT Waco District	Alexandra Quintero – Jacobs Consulting
Erika Kunkel – TxDOT Waco District	Nishant Kukadia – Jacobs Consulting
Stephen Kasberg – TxDOT Bell County Area Engineer	Uryan Nelson – KTMPO
Austin Valentine – TxDOT Waco District	Kendra Coufal – KTMPO
	James McGill – KTMPO

In observance of State and Local directives regarding social distancing and travel; members participated via the live stream where possible.

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order: Mayor Tim Davis called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

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

3. Staff Update: Advisory Committees; Air Quality; Administrative Amendments.

Kendra Coufal informed the Board about upcoming KTMPO meetings. Air Quality readings for the month of June were 65 ppb in Killeen and 67 ppb in Temple. Ms. Coufal also stated that several administrative amendments were being made to the approved FY21-24 TIP following TxDOT and FHWA's review and that all of those amendments were available for review in the packet.

4. Action Item: Approve minutes from May 20, 2020 meeting.

Judge Roger Miller made a motion to approve the May 20, 2020 meeting minutes, seconded by Joseph Molis; the motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion and Action Item: Regarding approval Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment regarding Task 1, Subtask 1.4, and Task 3, Subtask 3.1.

Kendra Coufal informed the group that this amendment had been brought before the TAC and approved back in February. Ms. Coufal stated that the amendment had been tabled for the Policy Board to get further clarification and clearance from TxDOT for the amendment. Ms. Coufal then detailed the changes being made to the FY20-21 UPWP including budget changes to Task 1 and duplicate language being removed from Task 3.

Councilmember Susan Long made a motion to approve the amendments to the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), seconded by Councilmember David Leigh; the motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion and Action Item: Regarding final thresholds for Environmental Justice Areas.

James McGill informed the group that staff had been working with the TAC for the past several months to update the thresholds for KTMPOs EJ areas based on new census data from 2018. Mr. McGill stated that staff's recommendation was to keep the thresholds the same (Low Income – 85th percentile, Minority – 50%, and Hispanic/Latino – 35%) and that TAC had recommended approval at their July meeting. Mayor Tim Davis asked how these thresholds compare to other MPOs. Various members of the committee then engaged in a discussion about the usefulness of the tool and clarifying the validity of the chosen thresholds.

Councilmember David Leigh made a motion to approve the thresholds of Low Income greater than the 85th percentile, Minority population greater than 50%, and Hispanic/Latino population greater than 35% for Environmental Justice Communities of Concern (EJCOC), seconded by Councilmember Susan Long; the motion passed unanimously.

7. Discussion and Action Item: Texas NHS Update and approval of NHS Resolution.

Akila Thamizharasan and Curtis Jones of TxDOT Transportation Planning and Programming (TPP) gave a brief presentation and overview of a recent study to update the National Highway System (NHS) in Texas. Mr. Jones also informed the Board of TxDOT's recommendations for modifications in the KTMPO region as a result of the study. Mayor Tim Davis asked if the cities affected by the changes were notified of these recommended modifications. Uryan Nelson stated that there was an in-depth conversation at the July TAC meeting about the modifications and it was determined that this was the best action to take. Mr. Nelson also informed the board that the intermodal connectors being removed may be added back at a later date once there is supporting data.

Judge Roger Miller made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-05 for support of NHS modifications in the KTMPO Area, seconded by Councilmember David Leigh; the motion passed unanimously.

8. Discussion Item: Public input received through June 2020.

Public input received through June 2020 was presented to the TPPB. No input was received during the designated period.

9. Member Comments:

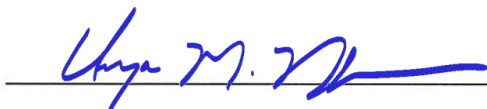
Keith Sledd thanked Uryan Nelson and Mayor Davis for the quick turnaround on the letter of support to Congress for the IH-14 designation from Fort Bliss to Georgia.

10. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

These meeting minutes were approved by the TPPB members at their meeting on August 19, 2020.



Mayor Tim Davis, Chair



Uryan Nelson, KTMPO Director