

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

Wednesday, April 7, 2021 9:30 AM

Electronic Meeting

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

Technical Advisory Committee Voting Members

Bobby Lewis – City of Copperas Cove Jason Deckman – City of Temple MD Hossain for Kent Cagle – City of Killeen

Bob van Til – City of Belton

Judge Roger Miller – Coryell County

Bryan Neaves – Bell County Engineer Victor Goebel – TxDOT Waco District

Jason Scantling – TxDOT Brownwood District
Darrell Burtner – Hill Country Transit District

Additional Attendees

Ryan Haverlah – City of Copperas Cove Brigida Gonzalez – TxDOT TPP

David Olson – City of Temple Mario Perez – Fort Hood

Kara Escajeda – City of Nolanville Michael Love – Fort Hood

Tony McIlwain – City of Killeen Charlie Sullivan – CDM Smith

Courtney Peres – City of Harker Heights Jim Harvey – ATG

Don Ferguson – Village of Salado

Brenton Lane – TxDOT Waco District

Christi Bonham – TxDOT Waco District

Erika Kunkel – TxDOT Waco District

Allen Duncan – TxDOT Waco District

Gandolf Burris – Grant Development Services

Aaron Tuley - Halff

Uryan Nelson – KTMPO

Kendra Coufal – KTMPO

James McGill – KTMPO

Stephen Kasberg – TxDOT Bell County Engineer

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: Uryan Nelson called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.
- 2. Opportunity for Public Comment: No comments were made by the public.
- **3. Staff Update:** Advisory Committees; 2045 MTP Reprioritization; Apportionment of Highway Infrastructure Program and Public Transit Funds; Administrative Amendments to the 2045 MTP; Projects Submitted to 2021 TxDOT TA Call for projects; Air Quality.

Uryan Nelson informed the TAC of upcoming board and advisory committee meetings through June. Mr. Nelson updated the TAC on the progress with the 2045 MTP Reprioritization and recent schedule changes. Mr. Nelson shared information regarding the apportionment of FHWA Highway Infrastructure Program funding and Public Transit funding related to the Covid-19 pandemic. Mr. Nelson stated that administrative amendments were made to 3 projects in the MTP and that 2 projects from the KTMPO region were submitted to the 2021 TxDOT TA Call for Projects. Air quality readings for the month of March were 63 parts per billion (ppb) at the Temple station and 64 ppb at the Killeen station.

4. Action Item: Approve minutes from the March 3, 2021 meeting.

Jason Deckman made a motion to approve the March 3, 2021 meeting minutes, seconded by Judge Roger Miller; the motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion and Action Item: Regarding approval of major activity centers in the KTMPO region and an addendum to the Project Scoring Process to include approved list with technical memo.

Kendra Coufal reminded the TAC that the KTMPO major activity centers list was brought before the TAC in March. Ms. Coufal stated that staff recommends using the 500+North Temple Industrial Park scenario for the Large Commercial Development threshold and recapped what the process has been so far. Various members provided comments for future revisions to the Major Activity Center list and making the criteria more equitable to the smaller cities.

Robert Lewis made a motion to approve the major activity centers list and an addendum to the Project Scoring Process including the list and technical memo, seconded by Jason Deckman; the motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion and Action Item: Regarding Q&A session with CDM Smith on project objective scores

Uryan Nelson stated that all objective scores have been completed and included in the meeting packet for review. Mr. Nelson opened a Q&A session for anyone with questions regarding the objective scores. Jason Deckman asked a question about all projects scoring low in Category 1B if that was unintentional or on purpose. Charlie Sullivan with CDM Smith and Jim Harvey with ATG both provided comments on why projects scored low in that category and how scoring can be more balanced.

7. Discussion Item: Regarding approval of final project rankings for the 2045 MTP Reprioritization.

Kendra Coufal explained that prior to the finalization of scores for the Reprioritization the TAC is given an opportunity to add bonus points to projects. Ms. Coufal stated this process is meant to only address exceptions, projects that had a critical element under evaluated in the formal scoring process. Jason Deckman with Temple requested 3 bonus points for project T45-18 and Bobby Lewis with Copperas Cove requested 3 bonus points for project C45-02. No opposition to their request was presented.

Jason Deckman made a motion to provide 3 bonus points to projects T45-18 and C45-02, seconded by Darrell Burtner; the motion passed unanimously.

8. Discussion Item: Regarding prioritization of final project rankings for the 2045 MTP Reprioritization.

Kendra Coufal explained that following the approval of project rankings, the next step is to prioritize the ranking list for the purposes of funding. Kara Escajeda expressed frustration at Nolanville's top project dropping because of the bonus points added. Jason Deckman asked if funding scenarios would be shown to the TAC. Ms. Coufal stated that they would.

9. Discussion and Action Item: Regarding prioritization and recommendation of approval of proposed FY21 Special Studies.

Kendra Coufal stated that the list of proposed FY21 Special Studies were included in the packet with a preliminary priority ranking from staff. Ms. Coufal requested feedback on the priority ranking for funding and informed the TAC that \$150,000 in funding for these studies is expected. Ms. Coufal also stated that if no feedback was offered, an option to continue with the order as listed by staff until funding has been used up.

Robert Lewis made a motion to approve the proposed list of FY21 Special Studies as prioritized by staff until funding has been depleted, seconded by Jason Deckman; the motion passed unanimously.

10. Discussion and Action Item: Regarding Resolution 2021-06 for May 2021 as National Bike Month.

James McGill informed the TAC that this Resolution for National Bike Month is brought up yearly for approval. Mr. McGill stated that BPAC also approves this resolution and collaborates to support events and activities that promote biking in the region.

Jason Deckman made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-06 for May 2021 as National Bike Month, seconded by Robert Lewis; the motion passed unanimously.

11. Discussion Item: Regarding TxDOT 2020 AADT Reviews.

James McGill stated that TxDOT has provided an opportunity to the MPO over the past several years to review the preliminary traffic count data collected from the previous year and provide any comments. Mr. McGill invited any cities interested in reviewing the data and providing comments to schedule a meeting with KTMPO staff. Jason Deckman communicated that Temple was interested.

12. Public input received through March 2021.

Public input received through March 2021 was presented to the TAC. No new comments were submitted since the last meeting.

13. Member Comments:

No member comments.

14. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

These meeting minutes were approved by TAC at their ______ May 5, 2021 _____ meeting.

Uryan Nelson, KTMPO Director