



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

Wednesday, May 5, 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	Judge Roger Miller – Coryell County
Jason Deckman – City of Temple	Bryan Neaves – Bell County Engineer
Kristina Ramirez – City of Harker Heights	Victor Goebel – TxDOT Waco District
Bob van Til – City of Belton	Derek Czapnik for Darrell Burtner – Hill Country Transit District

Additional Attendees

Ryan Haverlah – City of Copperas Cove	Brigida Gonzalez – TxDOT TPP
Kara Escajeda – City of Nolanville	Michael Love – Fort Hood
Tony McIlwain – City of Killeen	Charlie Sullivan – CDM Smith
Don Ferguson – Village of Salado	Janet Sheguit – MRB Group
Brenton Lane – TxDOT Waco District	Aaron Tuley - Halff
Christi Bonham – TxDOT Waco District	Uryan Nelson – KTMPPO
Erika Kunkel – TxDOT Waco District	Kendra Coufal – KTMPPO
Allen Duncan – TxDOT Waco District	James McGill – KTMPPO
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; Air Quality.

Uryan Nelson informed the TAC of upcoming board and advisory committee meetings through July. Mr. Nelson stated that staff anticipates the meeting from to shift by the end of the schedule. Mr. Nelson

informed the TAC that an updated MTP schedule was included in the packet and new developments with additional transit funding availability. Air quality readings for the month of March were 63 parts per billion (ppb) at the Temple station and 70 ppb at the Killeen station.

4. Action Item: Approve minutes from the April 7, 2021 meeting.

Robert Lewis made a motion to approve the March 7, 2021 meeting minutes, seconded by Judge Roger Miller; the motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion and Action Item: Regarding recommendation of approval to allocate funding for FY21 Special Studies in the FY22-23 UPWP.

Uryan Nelson informed the group that after the April Policy Board meeting staff discussed the timeline for Special Studies and decided they were going to start close to the next fiscal year. Mr. Nelson requested that the TAC recommend moving the studies into the FY22-23 UPWP so that the funding will not be split over separate fiscal years. Jason Deckman asked if that would require an amendment to the UPWP. Kendra Coufal stated that it would not because funds had only been recommended for funding and not actually programmed yet.

Jason Deckman made a motion to recommend approval to allocate funding for the FY21 Special Studies in the FY22-23 UPWP, seconded by Robert Lewis; the motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion and Action Item: Regarding the awarding of bonus points and resulting project rankings from the April 2021 TAC meeting.

Kendra Coufal summarized the discussion on bonus points at the previous TAC meeting and recommendation to give 3 points each to projects C45-02 and T45-18. Ms. Coufal stated that following the meeting staff received several requests to revisit the topic to further clarify the criteria for bonus points. Uryan Nelson stated that staff brought back this discussion to clarify that these projects meet the criteria to merit bonus points. The floor opened for discussion.

Ryan Haverlah shared that he is not convinced that bonus points should have been awarded to either project. Mr. Haverlah stated that proper documentation was not provided by either entity for bonus points and either no points should be awarded, or every entity should be offered the opportunity to submit proper documentation for bonus points. Kara Escajeda agreed and added that a narrative justifying the need for points should be submitted beforehand. Jason Deckman shared that the T45-18 project was important to the City from a safety standpoint. Mr. Deckman stated that he also wants everyone to buy into the process and if it does not seem fair, then he is willing to back out if the group decides that. Mr. Nelson stated that Ms. Escajeda brought up a valid argument that written reasons for why bonus points are merited should be submitted prior to the awarding of points. Ms. Escajeda clarified that if bonus points are going to be awarded there needs to be a process and information needs to be distributed to the TAC for review prior to the meeting, especially since many of the projects are close in score and 3 bonus points is a lot. Bryan Neaves agreed and stated that he does not care for bonus points because we have an already developed project scoring process and people put in a lot of time to create strong projects that can just be swept aside if bonus points are awarded. Mr. Nelson said that is the type of discussion on this topic needed so staff can know how the TAC wants to proceed with this bonus points issue.

Robert Lewis made a motion to remove the bonus points added to projects T45-18 and C45-02, seconded by Kristina Ramirez; the motion passed unanimously.

Kristina Ramirez made a motion to approve the final project rankings for the Reprioritization of the 2045 MTP, seconded by Jason Deckman; the motion passed unanimously.

7. Discussion and Action Item: Regarding approval of prioritized project rankings for the 2045 MTP Reprioritization.

Kendra Coufal stated that with the newly ranked projects there is one final step of prioritizing the rankings if that is deemed necessary. Ms. Coufal informed the TAC that they have the opportunity to develop a prioritized list that will be used when determining the funding of projects. Ms. Coufal stated that this may be the same as the approved project list or may include additional adjustments. Ms. Coufal shared that in the past the TAC had adjusted the order to move everyone is #1 priority project to the top of the list. The floor opened for discussion.

Bob van Til asked for clarification on why this step is taken. Ms. Coufal further explained that this step is to allow projects to be given priority over other projects for any reason other than the project scoring criteria if the TAC agrees. Ms. Coufal also stated that this step can help the region's smaller cities whose projects may not have the criteria to score well be given a boost on their most important project, so they are not left on the bottom every time. Jason Deckman asked to see the Livability project list with the #1 projects at the top because that was discussed with BPAC as an option. Mr. Deckman clarified that all of the #1 projects are ranked in their original order at the top. Mr. van Til commented that it seems like this step of moving all the #1 projects up just throws out the entire project scoring process out. Mr. van Til shared with the group that he thinks this conversation needs to happen when the funding for projects is identified and not now by arbitrarily moving projects up and throwing out the ranking process. Ms. Coufal agreed Mr. van Til that KTMPO wants to assist entities with as many channels of funding as possible, but that in respect to Categories 2, 7, & 9 these are the guaranteed channels of funding that the MPO can allocate through. Victor Goebel suggested in future cycles, entities be allowed to a certain amount of bonus points to be allocated to their top project. Mr. Deckman also suggested increasing the weightings for local priority during the next scoring round. Ryan Haverlah agreed and shared that the reason this step was taken last time is because the scoring process did not appease anyone during that round of ranking. Mr. van Til shared that it's hard to see the impact without dollar amounts present.

Robert Lewis made a motion to use the local priority ranking list as the final prioritized project list, seconded by Kristina Ramirez; the motion passed with 3 nays.

8. Discussion Item: Regarding Categories 2, 7, and 9 funding allocations for the 2045 MTP Reprioritization.

Kendra Coufal explained to the TAC how the MPO receives funding and the estimated funding amounts from the UTP. Ms. Coufal stated that funding scenarios would be developed by staff in the coming weeks based on the prioritized list approved by TAC. Ms. Coufal explained the assumptions for these funding scenarios and an example of scenarios from the 2018 Reprioritization.

9. Discussion Item: Regarding the Final Report for the Regional Freight Transportation and Parking Study.

James McGill notified the group that CDM Smith had completed the Final Report for the Regional Freight Parking Study they had been conducting over the past 9 months. Mr. McGill shared that the Final Report has been posted on the website and can be viewed there.

10. Public input received through April 2021.

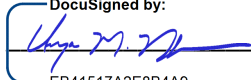
Public input received through April 2021 was presented to the TAC. One new comment from a resident in Harker Heights was submitted by email regarding Warriors Path.

11. Member Comments:

Jason Deckman stated that the first public meeting for Temple's Mobility Master Plan will be held online on Wednesday, May 19th. Victor Goebel stated that the first public meeting for the FM 2271 Extension Feasibility Study was going live at 5pm on May 5th.

12. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

These meeting minutes were approved by TAC at their June 2, 2021 meeting.

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Uryan Nelson, KTMPO Director