



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

Wednesday, July 20, 2022

9:30 AM

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

Policy Board Voting Members Present

Chair Mayor Spencer H. Smith – City of Harker Heights

Vice Chair Judge Roger Miller – Coryell County

Bob van Til for Councilmember David Leigh – City of Belton

Ryan Haverlah for Mayor Dan Yancey – City of Copperas Cove

Mayor Tim Davis – City of Temple

Councilmember Susan Long – City of Temple

Anthony Woolstrum – Bell County

Derek Czapnik for Darrell Burtner – Hill Country Transit District

Victor Goebel for Stan Swiatek – TxDOT Waco District

Policy Board Non-Voting Members Present

Kristina Manning – Fort Hood*

Justin P. Morgan – FHWA*

Others Present

Bobby Lewis – City of Copperas Cove*

Kristina Ramirez – City of Harker Heights*

Andrew Zagars – City of Killeen*

Kara Escajeda – City of Nolanville

Jason Deckman – City of Temple

Roque Aguon – GRK

Brenton Lane – TxDOT Waco District

Johan Vasquez – TxDOT SIB

Dallas Teston – TxDOT SIB

Stephen Kasberg – TxDOT

Gary Rushing – TxDOT Waco District*

Rachael Perry – TxDOT Waco District*

Amanda Mooney – TxDOT Waco District*

Austin Valentine – TxDOT Waco District*

Erika Kunkel – TxDOT Waco District*

Keith Sledd – HOTDA*

Katerina Dittmore – GDS*

Uryan Nelson – KT MPO Director

Connie Quinto – KT MPO

James McGill – KT MPO

Hope Geiger – KT MPO

**Denotes online attendee*

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order: Mayor Spencer Smith called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

2. Opportunity for Public Comment: No public comments.

3. Staff Update: Meeting Schedule; Other Updates; Air Quality.

Uryan Nelson informed the Board of upcoming KTMPO meetings through September. Mr. Nelson reported that it will be closer to the 90 days before we receive the preliminary report from the Federal Certification Review. Mr. Nelson gave a brief TIP/STIP update, noting that the submission of the FY23-26 TIP is currently delayed and reminded the board that officer elections are scheduled for the September Policy Board meeting. Mr. Nelson informed the board of the upcoming stakeholder meetings on July 26 and 27 for the Bell County Thoroughfare Plan. Mr. Nelson updated the board on several grant programs, the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Program, National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Program, and Carbon Reduction Program. Mr. Nelson noted two more funding opportunities, the TxDOT Highway Safety Improvement Program and Bridge Investment Program. Mr. Nelson shared the possibility of going on a tour of Texas A&M's Rellis Campus on November 8th or 9th. Maximum ozone air quality readings for the month of June were 79 parts per billion (ppb) at the Temple station and 73 ppb at the Killeen station.

4. Action Item: Approve minutes from the May 25, 2022, meeting.

Mayor Tim Davis made a motion to approve the May 25, 2022, meeting minutes, seconded by Ryan Haverlah; the motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion and Action Item: Regarding Resolution 2022-07 supporting KTMPO's application for a Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A) Action Plan Grant.

Uryan Nelson provided the Board an update on KTMPO's plan for applying for the SS4A. Mr. Nelson explained that KTMPO intends to submit a joint application with CTCOG and local cities and counties for Action Plan funding, with a request of \$1 million for the KTMPO area and \$200,000 each for the other 6 counties in the CTCOG region. Mr. Nelson mentioned that the grant does have a 20% match requirement and that the next action item would be to create a working group to come up with the match formula to contribute to the 20% match.

Judge Roger Miller informed the boards that Coryell County will be submitting their own application and is supportive of the KTMPO efforts to create a joint plan. Ryan Haverlah clarified that there is a funding component to this grant.

Mayor Tim Davis made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-07, seconded by Councilmember Susan Long; the motion passed unanimously. Judge Roger Miller and Victor Goebel abstained from voting.

6. Discussion and Action Item: Regarding designations for a KTMPO work group to develop the SS4A grant application match formula.

Uryan Nelson shared that the idea of creating a work group consisting of 3-5 Policy Board members to develop the SS4A grant match formula, with the assistance of KTMPO staff. Mayor Tim Davis raised a question on how projects will be selected in the plan. Mr. Nelson stated that if awarded funding, staff and the consultant will work with stakeholders to identify those projects. After discussion Ryan Haverlah and Mayor Tim Davis volunteered to be in the working group, and the board determined that two spaces needed to be reserved for a representative from Killeen and a representative from Bell County.

Judge Roger Miller made a motion to approve the creation of the SS4A Match Formula Work Group consisting of Ryan Haverlah, Mayor Tim Davis, a representative from Killeen, and a representative from Bell County, seconded by Ryan Haverlah; the motion passed unanimously.

7. Discussion and Action Item: Regarding an amendment to Project N40-05, FM 439 Spur Connectivity in the FY21-24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

James McGill presented a brief overview of this project. The City of Nolanville submitted Project N40-05 for funding consideration in November 2020 and was awarded \$564,270 of Cat 9 funding in July 2021. Mr. McGill stated that since November 2020, the estimated project cost increase by 41% from the original,

and that the city of Nolanville has requested additional Category 9 MPO funding in the amount of \$232,185 for a new total of \$796,455 to match the revised estimated project cost. Uryan Nelson made the board aware that there are enough Cat 9 funds to cover this cost increase. Mr. Nelson stated that KTMPO staff will be working on guidance for financial amendments due to inflation since this request will likely be common going forward.

Kara Escajeda noted that the project is scheduled to let in August and can't be delayed. Judge Roger Miller confirmed that the 20% local match will also increase and Councilmember Susan Long commented that inflation does not diminish the importance of a project in the region.

Councilmember Susan Long made a motion to approve amendment to Project N40-05, seconded by Ryan Haverlah; the motion passed unanimously.

8. Discussion Item: Regarding amending the UPWP to shift funds from Special Studies to other tasks in support of staff needs.

Uryan Nelson brought several upcoming UPWP amendments to the Board's attention including shifting unused dollars from Task 5, Special Studies to Task 1, Administration to allow greater flexibility in hiring. Mr. Nelson added that additional staff will help the MPO be better able to respond to the large amounts of funding coming down the pipeline from the recently passed IJA/BIL.

9. Discussion Item: Regarding presentation on the State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) Loan program.

Dallas Teston with TxDOT's SIB gave a presentation on the SIB Loan Program.

10. Discussion Item: Regarding updates from TxDOT on major construction and project planning/development in the KTMPO area.

Stephen Kasberg and Victor Goebel gave brief updates on various road and construction projects within the KTMPO planning area. Both Mr. Kasberg and Mr. Goebel highlighted two things affecting the industry, inflation and supply chain shortages. Mr. Goebel noted several ways that TxDOT is adjusting projects to deal with inflation and how local governments can do the same.

11. Discussion Item: Regarding public input received through June 2022.

One new comment came in from Coryell County, regarding BUS 190 Construction.

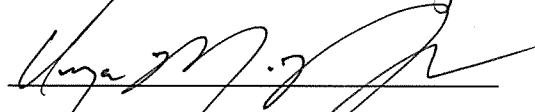
12. Member Comments: None at this time.

13. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

These meeting minutes were approved by the TPPB members at their meeting on August 17, 2022.



Mayor Spencer H. Smith, Chair



Uryan Nelson, KTMPO Director