

KILLEEN-TEMPLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (KTMPO) Transportation Planning Policy Board (TPPB)

Wednesday, October 25, 2023 9:30 AM

Special Meeting

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

Policy Board Voting Members

Vice Chair Councilmember Susan Long – City of Temple Mayor David Leigh – City of Belton Ryan Haverlah for Mayor Dan Yancey – City of

Copperas Cove Kristina Ramirez for Mayor Michael Blomquist – City of Harker Heights Councilmember Riakos Adams – City of Killeen Councilmember Jessica Gonzalez – City of Killeen Jason Deckman for Mayor Tim Davis – City of Temple Bobby Whitson for Judge David Blackburn – Bell County Raymond Suarez – Hill County Transit District

Stan Swiatek - TxDOT Waco District

Non-Voting Members

Kristina Manning - Fort Cavazos

Additional Attendees

Bob van Til – City of Belton
Bobby Lewis – City of Copperas Cove*
Darrell Burtner – HCTD
Derek Czapnik – HCTD
Keith Sledd – HOTDA*
Todd Gibson – TxDOT TPP*
Michael Yates – TxDOT Belton Area Engineer
Brenton Lane – TxDOT Waco District*
Nicole Gray – TxDOT Waco District

Austin Valentine – TxDOT*
Daniel Davila – TxDOT Waco District*
Allen Matthews – TxDOT*
Rachelle Sandel – TxDOT*
Michael Boehme – TxDOT*
Uryan Nelson – KTMPO Director
James McGill – KTMPO
Hope Davis – KTMPO
Anita Janke – KTMPO
Tane'ya Floyd – KTMPO

*Denotes online attendee

Meeting Minutes:

- 1. Call to Order: Councilmember Susan Long 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: Meeting Schedule; Other Updates; Air Quality.

Uryan Nelson informed the Policy Board of upcoming KTMPO meetings through December. Mr. Nelson reminded the board that the KTMPO Project Call applications are due Friday, October 27th. Mr. Nelson informed the Policy Board of two TIP administrative amendment, one for project C45-02 (SH 9 Turnaround) to decrease funding by 117,600 to match the approved UTP amount and one for Project W35-07 (Loop 363 – Lucius McCelvey & Industrial) to change the let date change from 2026 to 2024 due to TxDOT funding acceleration. Maximum ozone air quality readings for the month of August were 79 parts per billion (ppb) at the Temple station and 80 ppb at the Killeen station.

4. Action Item: Approve minutes from the September 20, 2023, meeting.

Ryan Haverlah made a motion to approve the September 20, 2023, meeting minutes, seconded by Kristina Rameriz; the motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion and Action Item: Regarding approval of an amendment to the Congestion Management Process (CMP).

James McGill provided the Policy Board an update on the public comment period for the CMP. Mr. McGill shared that three public comments in the form of survey responses were received and they were all neutral or positive. Mr. McGill stated that FHWA has reviewed the draft appendix and informed staff that it will satisfy the corrective action once approved.

Raymond Suarez made a motion to approve the amendment to the Congestion Management Process, seconded by Ryan Haverlah; the motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion Item: Regarding the approval of proposed revisions to the KTMPO Bylaws.

Uryan Nelson presented the proposed revisions to the KTMPO Bylaws including:

- addition of one Policy Board member from Temple.
- not including incarcerated persons in population counts in case the MPO boundary is expanded.
- the addition of a Small and Rural representative to the Technical Advisory Committee for entities without a current voting member.
- addition of language specifying the KTMPO Director will fill the role of Chairperson of all TAC Meetings.
- addition of language requiring a review of the Bylaws at least once every 5 years, within 6 months
 of the release of relevant census data.

Commissioner Bobby Whitson asked to clarify the term limits on the Small and Rural representative, if one year was an adequate amount of time. Mr. Nelson stated that each member on TAC is reappointed by their representing entity each year, so it only seems fair for the term limit to be one year.

Commissioner Bobby Whitson made a motion to approve the proposed revisions to the KTMPO Bylaws, seconded by Councilmember Riakos Adams; the motion passed unanimously.

7. Discussion and Action Item: Regarding adoption of the KTMPO 2020 Adjusted Urbanized Areas recommended from TxDOT.

James McGill provided a history of why TxDOT updates the official urbanized areas after each census data, to make the planning boundaries contain all designated urban areas and are aligned with natural physical boundaries. Mr. McGill presented the two small areas suggested for changes in the KTMPO boundaries. Mr. McGill explained that if we do decide to accept these changes then the MPO is required to update

our boundaries to include these new areas. Mr. McGill stated that staff do not see any significant impact of adding these boundaries.

Councilmember Riakos Adams made a motion to approve the proposed KTMPO 2020 Adjusted Urbanized Areas recommended from TxDOT, seconded by Mayor David Leigh; the motion passed unanimously.

8. Discussion and Action Item: Regarding the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update and the creation of a steering committee.

James McGill provided information on the current status of the MTP update and how staff are planning to move forward. Mr. McGill mentioned that staff is wanting to receive input on the front end of this process on the goals and objectives of the MTP. Mr. McGill mentioned the idea of creating a steering committee to meet a couple of times to help make some recommendations on updates. Uryan Nelson suggested that this committee could be comprised of 3 TAC and 3 Policy Board members.

The floor opened for discussion was opened on the creation of a steering committee and what the intended outcome of the committee would be. Mayor David Leigh suggested that the committee have a clear objective and goals if created. Bob van Til asked for clarification on whether the committee would be reviewing all the projects submitted during the project call.

Mayor David Leigh made a motion to create a steering committee of 3 members from TAC and 3 from Policy Board to review the MTP goals and objectives, seconded by Councilmember Riakos Adams; the motion passed unanimously.

9. Discussion Item: Regarding a presentation from Hill Country Transit District about new micro-transit services and partnership with Fort Cavazos.

Darrell Burtner and Raymond Suarez from Hill County Transit District presented on their new micro transit system and partnership with Fort Cavazos.

10. Discussion Item: Regarding the Bylaws, Safety, and Project Scoring Working Groups.

James McGill shared that the Safety working group is meeting following the Policy Board meeting on November 15, 2023. Mr. McGill shared that the plan is to have a draft proposal for targets finalized in December and a resolution adopting those targets included on the January agenda.

11. Discussion Item: Regarding an update on the Safe Streets & Roads For All (SS4A) Grant.

Uryan Nelson shared that staff have been working with Kimley-Horn to finalize the Plan's High Injury Network. Mr. Nelson noted that staff have sent emails to county leadership about setting up meetings and have identified potential safety champions from major stakeholders. Mr. Nelson mentioned that on November 6, 2023 there will be a safety transportation summit. Mr. Nelson also mentioned that KTMPO will be meeting with the consultant and FHWA on how to track in-kind dollars.

12. Discussion Item: Regarding possible MPO Boundary Expansion Update.

Uryan Nelson shared that there are currently no new updates on the possible MPO Boundary Expansion. Mr. Nelson stated that KTMPO has a new TxDOT MPO coordinator, so this conversation has been brought to his attention.

13. Discussion Item: Regarding public input received through September 2023.

James McGill shared all five new comments received since the last meeting.

14. Member Comments:

15. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

These meeting minutes were approved by the TPPB members at their meeting on December 13, 2023.

Judge Roger Miller, Chair

Uryan Nelson, KTMPO Director