

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

Wednesday, December 13, 2023 9:30 AM

Regular Meeting

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

Policy Board Voting Members

Chair Judge Roger Miller – Coryell County
Vice Chair Councilmember Susan Long – City of
Temple
Mayor David Leigh – City of Belton
Ryan Haverlah for Mayor Dan Yancey – City of
Copperas Cove
Mayor Michael Blomquist – City of Harker Heights

Councilmember Riakos Adams — City of Killeen
Jason Deckman for Mayor Tim Davis — City of Temple
Bobby Whitson for Judge David Blackburn — Bell County*
Darrell Burtner for Raymond Suarez — Hill County Transit
District
Victor Goebel for Stan Swiatek — TxDOT Waco District
Greg Cedillo — TxDOT Brownwood District*

Non-Voting Members

Brian Dosa - Fort Cavazos

Additional Attendees

Bobby Lewis – City of Copperas Cove*
Gary Smith – City of Troy*
Keith Sledd – HOTDA*
Todd Gibson – TxDOT TPP
Michael Yates – TxDOT Belton Area Engineer
Jason Scantling – TxDOT Brownwood District*
Jodie Kelly – TxDOT Brownwood District*
Daniel Davila – TxDOT Waco District*

Allen Matthews – TxDOT Waco District*
Amanda Mooney – 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: Judge Roger Miller called the meeting to order at 9:32 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 reminded the Policy Board of upcoming KTMPO meetings through February. Mr. Nelson informed the board that KTMPO is going through an audit and will share the final report once it has been completed. Mr. Nelson shared information from the December TEMPO Meeting, highlighting discussions on the new greenhouse gas performance measures and the impacts of 1 new MPO and 2 new TMAs on the overall state planning budget. Mr. Nelson shared that he expects the discussions on these topics to continue at the March TEMPO Meeting. Mr. Nelson noted that the 2023 Project Call is closed and staff have begun the scoring process. Mr. Nelson shared that staff are making two administrative amendments in the MTP/TIP to projects N40-03 (Old Nolanville Rd Bridge) and C45-02 (SH 9 Turnaround). Mr. Nelson shared that the FY24 RAISE Grant has opened and that the MTP Steering committee has some Policy Board member openings. Maximum ozone air quality readings for the month of August were 49 parts per billion (ppb) at the Temple station and 49 ppb at the Killeen station.

4. Action Item: Approve minutes from the October 25, 2023, special meeting.

Councilmember Riakos Adams made a motion to approve the October 25, 2023, special meeting minutes, seconded by Ryan Haverlah; the motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion and Action Item: Regarding Resolution 2023-09 supporting Functional Classification Changes.

James McGill provided the Policy Board with background information on Functional Classification. Mr. McGill presented the two roadways requiring a functional classification change, the Copperas Cove Bypass, and Rogers Relief Route, and explained why each facility needed the change.

Mayor Michael Blomquist made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-09 supporting Functional Classification Changes, seconded by Councilmember Riakos Adams; the motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion and Action Item: Regarding 2023 Public Engagement Plan (PEP).

James McGill provided background on the Public Engagement Plan and highlighted several significant changes staff are proposing:

- Removing the requirement for TAC/PB to formally approve the initiation of required public involvement.
- The Progressive Levels of Public Involvement Chart.
- Tools for reviewing the effectiveness of public engagement efforts each fiscal year.

Mayor David Leigh asked if other safety checks would be put in place since formal approval of public involvement initiation is being removed. Mayor Leigh suggested adding a requirement to provide email notice to Policy Board members and Technical Advisory Committee members prior to going out for public comment. Mr. Nelson stated that staff would consider the request and that ultimately the Policy Board would have the final say on approving any amendment coming forward.

Councilmember Riakos Adams made a motion to initiate public involvement for the 2023 Public Engagement Plan (PEP) update, seconded by Mayor David Leigh; the motion passed unanimously.

7. Discussion and Action Item: Regarding approval of a nominee for the Small and Rural Representative on the TAC

Uryan Nelson presented the five nominees that were submitted for the position of Small and Rural Representative. Mr. Nelson stated that this term would be a shortened term this first appointment, the term would normally run October to September of each year to align with other terms.

The floor opened for discussion. The group determined that the position should be filled by a representative from one of the rural cities rather than the smaller urban cities.

Councilmember Riakos Adams made a motion to approve Mayra Cantu as the Small and Rural Representative on the TAC, seconded by Mayor David Leigh; the motion passed unanimously.

8. Discussion and Action Item: Regarding ratification of a contract with High Street Consulting for the 2023 KTMPO Project Call Objective Scoring.

Uryan Nelson provided information on the current state of scoring the call for projects. Mr. Nelson stated that only one consultant responded to the 2023 KTMPO Project Call Objective Scoring RFP and informed the board that the original proposal was negotiated down to \$45,000 which falls within the FY24 budget.

Judge Roger Miller stated that Mr. Nelson did contact him prior to signing the contract and advised that the contract fit into the budget and aligned with what the Policy Board had previously done.

Ryan Haverlah made a motion to ratify the contract with High Street Consulting for the 2023 KTMPO Project Call Objective Scoring, seconded by Victor Goebel; the motion passed unanimously.

9. Discussion Item: Regarding a presentation from Kimley Horn on the Safe Streets & Roads For All (SS4A) Safety Action Plan.

Dan Malson from Kimley-Horn presented on the SS4A Safety Action Plan development.

Uryan Nelson mentioned that the deadline for this next round of SS4A implementation grants has been accelerated from previous years. Mr. Nelson also stated that he has been in conversation with FHWA to extend our contract to allow more time for completing the action plan and identifying competitive projects for implementation grant funding.

10. Discussion Item: Regarding an update on KTMPO FY24 safety performance (PM1) target setting

James McGill provided background on the safety performance measures requirements and a brief recap of the conversations the safety working group and TAC had on the subject. Mr. McGill presented several different options for setting regional safety targets based on TxDOT's methodology, but utilizing local data.

The floor opened for discussion. The Policy Board stressed that there needed to be coordination between these safety targets and the SS4A safety policy commitment that had to be made as part of the Safety Action Plan. The group requested that staff have additional discussions with Kimley Horn about what methodology to use and to bring the item back in January.

11. Discussion Item: Regarding an update on the possible MPO Boundary Expansion

Uryan Nelson shared that he met with Brownwood District, and they reiterated their concerns about funding impacts but are still in support of exploring an expansion of the MPO's boundary. Mr. Nelson mentioned that he also heard from TxDOT in Austin that they are now processing KTMPO's request for funding scenarios if the MPO boundaries were to expand.

12. Discussion Item: Regarding TxDOT updates on major construction projects in the KTMPO area.

Michael Yates the TxDOT Bell County Area Engineer presented on major construction project progress in the KTMPO area.

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

James McGill shared all three new comments received since the last meeting, one comment is a roadway concern and two are ADA access concerns.

14. Member Comments:

15. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

These meeting minutes were approved by the TPPB members at their meeting on _____

Judge Roger Miller, Chair

Uryan Nelson, KTMPO Director