

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

Wednesday, March 6, 2024 9:30 AM

# **Regular Meeting**

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

#### **Technical Advisory Committee Voting Members**

Bob van Til – City of Belton Bobby Lewis – City of Copperas Cove Kristina Ramirez – City of Harker Heights Jason Deckman – City of Temple Bryan Neaves – Bell County Judge Roger Miller – Coryell County Darrell Burtner – Hill County Transit District Mayra Cantu – City of Bartlett

#### **Non-Voting Members**

Gene Roberts for Brian Dosa – Fort Cavazos Justin P. Morgan – FHWA – TX Division Kara Escajeda – City of Nolanville

#### **Additional Attendees**

Teresa Chandler – City of Nolanville
Gary Smith – City of Troy\*
Geary McCabe – Sun Country Cycling
Jodie Kelly – TxDOT Brownwood District\*
Allen Matthews – TxDOT Waco District\*
Amanda Mooney – TxDOT Waco District\*
Daniel Davila – TxDOT Waco District\*

Nicole Gray – TxDOT Waco District\*
S. Copeland – Halff Associates\*
James McGill – KTMPO
Anita Janke – KTMPO
Callie Tullos – KTMPO
Hope Davis – KTMPO\*
Kendra Coufal – KTMPO\*

\*Denotes online attendee

# Meeting Minutes:

- 1. Call to Order: James McGill called the meeting to order at 9:35a.m.
- 2. Opportunity for Public Comment: No comments were made by the public.
- 3. Staff Update: Meeting Schedule; Other Updates; Air Quality.

James McGill reminded the TAC of upcoming KTMPO meetings through April and shared the topics for the upcoming TEMPO March meeting, including updates on a new MPO, greenhouse gas measures, and an

update on the Manuel on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. The maximum ozone air quality readings for the month of February were 48 parts per billion (ppb) at the Temple station and 51 ppb at the Killeen station.

**4. Action Item:** Approve minutes from the February 14, 2024, meeting.

Jason Deckman made a motion to approve the February 14, 2024, meeting minutes, seconded by Darrell Burtner; the motion passed unanimously.

**5. Discussion and Action Item:** Regarding recommending approval of Resolution 2024-04 recognizing April 2024 as National Distracted Driving Awareness Month.

James McGill presented Resolution 2024-04, recognizing April 2024 as National Distracted Driving Awareness Month. Mr. McGill highlighted the statistics surrounding distracted driving in Texas, as well as statistics specific to the KTMPO region.

Mayra Cantu made a motion to recommend the approval of Resolution 2024-04 recognizing April 2024 as National Distracted Driving Awareness Month, seconded by Bobby Lewis; the motion passed unanimously.

**6. Discussion and Action Item:** Regarding recommending approval of amendments to the FY23-26 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

James McGill presented the TAC with the FY23-26 TIP and 2045 MTP amendments, informing the TAC that one comment has been received to-date for the public comment period for the amendments. Mr. McGill reminded the TAC that the public comment period would end on March 11, 2024, and emphasized that the proposed TIP and 2045 MTP amendments have no fiscal impact on the KTMPO budget.

Jason Deckman made a motion to recommend the approval of amendments to the FY23-26 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), seconded by Darrell Burtner; the motion passed unanimously.

**7. Discussion and Action Item:** Regarding recommending initiation of public involvement for the FY2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

James McGill provided background on the 2025-2028 TIP and initiated public involvement for the FY2025-2028 TIP. Mr. McGill shared the 30-day public comment period schedule and announced two upcoming public meetings on April 3, 2024, and April 18, 2024, with the locations and times yet to be determined.

Bobby Lewis made a motion to recommend the approval of initiation of public involvement for the FY2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), seconded by Bryan Neaves; the motion passed unanimously.

8. Discussion Item: Regarding draft project scores from the 2023 KTMPO Project Call.

James McGill provided an update on the 2023 KTMPO Project Call, sharing all the scores KTMPO has received. Mr. McGill updated the TAC on the last criterion needed for completion and outlined a potential timeline for its fulfillment. Mr. McGill reminded the TAC that scores are not yet finalized, allowing members to submit their scores if they have not yet done so. The floor was then opened for discussion.

9. Discussion Item: Regarding an update on the KTMPO MTP Steering Committee.

James McGill provided an update on the last MTP Steering Committee meeting and informed the TAC the next meeting will follow the March TPPB meeting.

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

James McGill provided an update on the SS4A Grant and informed the TAC the next Safety Task Force meeting will be held next week. Judge Roger Miller also informed the TAC that individual cities can also apply for federal funds through the SS4A Grant.

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

James McGill provided an update regarding the MPO Boundary Expansion, informing the TAC that Coryell and Lampasas Counties have already obtained funding for projects that have not let. Mr. McGill noted that if the MPO Boundary were to expand, these projects would lose their funding. Mr. McGill explained that KTMPO will not consider expanding its boundary until after these projects have let.

12. Discussion Item: Regarding the April 8, 2024, Solar Eclipse event.

Judge Roger Miller addressed the TAC, providing an update on the local preparation for the expected increase in tourism due to the Solar Eclipse. Darrel Burtner explained that HCTD will be canceling transit services on April 8, 2024, except for a few buses allocated for emergency service use if needed.

13. Discussion Item: Regarding public input received through February 2024.

James McGill shared the public comment received through February, noting that the area of jurisdiction mostly applied to issues outside of KTMPO's jurisdiction. Mr. McGill informed the TAC that staff responded to the commenter and directed them to the MPO within the appropriate jurisdiction.

### 14. Member Comments:

Darrell Burtner updated the TAC on HCTD's pilot launch at Fort Cavazos, introducing their micro-transit services. Mr. Burtner expressed optimism about the region's transition to micro-transit services following the success of the pilot launch.

15. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 10:33a.m.

These meeting on April 3 2020

Uryah Nelson, KTMPO Directo