

KILLEEN-TEMPLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (KTMPO)

Transportation Planning Policy Board (TPPB)

Wednesday, March 20, 2024 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
Mayor David Leigh – City of Belton
Councilmember Fred Chavez – City of Copperas Cove
Mayor Michael Blomquist – City of Harker Heights
Councilmember Riakos Adams – City of Killeen
Councilmember Ramon Alvarez – City of Killeen

Jason Deckman for Mayor Tim Davis – City of Temple
James Billek for Councilmember Mike Pilkington –
City of Temple

Victor Goebel for Stan Swiatek – TxDOT Waco District Jason Scantling for Greg Cedillo – TxDOT Brownwood District*

Non-Voting Members

Brian Dosa - Fort Cavazos

Additional Attendees

Bob van Til – City of Belton
Ryan Haverlah – City of Copperas Cove
Kristina Ramirez – City of Harker Heights
Darrell Burtner – Hill Country Transit District
Brenton Lane – TxDOT Waco District*
Keith Sledd – HOTDA
Amanda Mooney – TxDOT Waco District*
Allen Matthews – TxDOT Waco District*
Nicole Gray – TxDOT *
Michael Yates – TxDOT *
*Denotes online attendee

Jodie Kelly – TxDOT *
Daniel Davilla – TxDOT *
Todd Gibson – TxDOT TPP *
Uryan Nelson – KTMPO Director
James McGill – KTMPO
Anita Janke – KTMPO
Callie Tullos – KTMPO
Anna Barge - KTMPO*
Hope Davis – KTMPO*
Kendra Coufal – KTMPO*

Meeting Minutes:

- **1. Call to Order:** With the absence of a Chair or Vice Chair present, the TPPB voted for Mayor David Leigh to preside over the meeting. Mayor Leigh called the meeting to order at 9:43 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 provided the schedule for the upcoming KTMPO meetings. Mr. Nelson provided an update on the TEMPO March Meeting and the AMPO Legislative Priorities updates, reminding the TPPB the AMPO National Conference will be held in September 2024, in Salt Lake City, Utah. Mr. Nelson gave an update on the MTP 2050 update, informing the TPPB the KTMPO 2045 MTP will lapse. Mr. Nelson emphasized that staff do not wish to rush through the drafting process for the 2050 MTP. Mr. Nelson explained staff have been in contact with TxDOT, FTA, and FHWA, and the lapse should not affect the region's current projects. Mr. Nelson explained extending the current MTP's timeline is not an option according to the FHWA. 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. At 9:52 am, Judge Roger Miller arrived at the end of the staff updated and assumed the role of Chair during the remainder of the TPPB meeting.

4. Action Item: Approve minutes from the February 21, 2024, meeting.

Councilmember Riakos Adams made a motion to approve the January 24, 2024, meeting minutes, seconded by Councilmember Fred Chavez; the motion passed unanimously.

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

Uryan Nelson presented the TPPB with Resolution 2024-04 recognizing April 2024 as National Distracted Driving Awareness Month. James McGill informed the TPPB that TxDOT recently published a media release regarding pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities; the release stated pedestrian fatalities increased by 30 percent and bicyclist fatalities increased by 28 percent since 2018.

Councilmember Riakos Adams made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-04 recognizing April as National Distracted Driving Awareness Month, seconded by Councilmember Fred Chavez; the motion passed unanimously.

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

James McGill provided an update on the amendments to the FY23-26 and 2045 MTP, reminding the TPPB of the 15-day public comment period. Mr. McGill stated the projects would be submitted before May 15, 2024, when the 2045 MTP lapses. Mr. McGill also explained these amendments would be the last amendments able to be submitted within the 2045 MTP timeline before submitting the new FY25-28 TIP and 2050 MTP.

Mayor Micheal Blomquist made a motion to approve the amendments to the FY23-26 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), seconded by Councilmember Riakos Adams; the motion passed unanimously.

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

James McGill provided an update on the FY25-28 TIP, reminding the TPPB the FY25-28 TIP was presented to the TPPB last month. Mr. McGill also gave clarification that the FY25-28 TIP will cover the years 2025-2028. Mr. McGill provided a list of the dates and locations of the upcoming public meetings.

Mayor David Leigh made a motion to approve the initiation of public involvement for the FY2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), seconded by Councilmember Ramon Alverez; 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. Mr. McGill explained there is one criterion that has yet to be completed and explained once the final criterion has been completed staff will share all scores with the TPPB, along with different funding scenarios.

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

James McGill informed the TPPB there will be a MTP Steering Committee following the TPPB meeting. Mr. McGill shared staff have draft Vison and Goal statements for review and invited the TPPB members to attended the meeting.

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

James McGill provided an update regarding potential projects for the SS4A implementation projects. Mr. McGill stated that staff will share this list of potential projects with the TAC and TPPB next month. Uryan Nelson explained to the TPPB that CTCOG/KTMPO SS4A Grant is specifically for developing a plan for the region and individual cities can apply for implementation grants, independently. The floor then opened for discussion.

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

Uryan Nelson provided an update on the MPO Boundary Expansion. Mr. Nelson explained the boundary expansion would negatively impact Lampasas and Coryell County as it would cause the counites to lose funding on several projects that have not let. Mr. Nelson stated staff will provide quarterly update on the MPO Boundary Expansion to the TPPB as more discussions are held, emphasizing the desire that the expansion is mutually beneficial. The floor was then opened for discussion.

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

James McGill shared the public input received through February 2024. Anita Janke presented the public comments received via Facebook regarding the HCTD's recent announcement of their move to a microtransit system.

14. Member Comments:

Darrell Burtner updated the TPPB 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 10:36 a.m.

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

Judge Roger Miller, Chair Uryan Nelson, KTMPO Director

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