

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024
REGULAR MEETING, TDC LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM
423 W. FERGUSON, TYLER, TEXAS**



Members Present:

Michael Howell, Ethan Sukiennik, Heather Nick, Stephanie Franklin, Cameron Williams, Kyle Kingma, Burren Reed, Leroy Sparrow, Doug Nicholson, Shane Cunningham, Scott Martinez

Others Present:

Justin Morgan, FHWA; Dylan McCord, TxDOT

Michael Howell called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Leroy Sparrow moved, seconded by Kyle Kingma, to approve the minutes from January 7, 2024.
Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Presentation Items:

1. Review the Draft Fiscal Year 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program

Michael Howell gave a presentation outlining upcoming projects for the fiscal year 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Plan.

Mr. Howell explained that the following list outlines the projects intended to improve safety and reduce congestion. Appendix A of the TIP also lists miscellaneous maintenance projects including street overlays, bridge maintenance and safety improvements which are not individually being called out.

Highway Projects

- 2025
 - No current Highway Projects scheduled for FY 2025
- 2026
 - Widen FM 756 from CR 1167 to FM 346
 - Construct Interchange at FM 756 and FM 346
 - Widen FM 2493 from Loop 323 to FM 2813
- 2027
 - No current Highway Projects scheduled for FY 2027
- 2028
 - Widen FM 2964 from SH 110 to FM 346
 - Widen IH 20 from Harvey Rd to US 69

Transit Projects

- Capital expenses on new buses
- Preventative maintenance expenses for current buses
- Operating expenses such as personnel salaries, fuel, utilities, etc.
- Equipment and software upgrades

- Planning and administrative costs

Stephanie Franklin asked if it was normal for there to be no new highway projects in a fiscal year, Shane Cunningham explained that there were no projects in two of the fiscal years because of projects being pushed back due to increased costs.

Action Items:

1. Consider approving amendments to the Fiscal Year 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program to program rollover transit funds from prior fiscal years into fiscal year 2024

Michael Howell explained that the amendment is to program unspent Federal Transit Administration dollars from previous years into fiscal year 2024. During the COVID pandemic, the federal government provided additional funding to transit agencies through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The purpose of the CARES funding was to supplement the transit agencies and keep them operating despite their loss of revenue due to reduced ridership. While most federal funding given to transit agencies has a requirement for a local match, CARES dollars did not have this requirement which is why CARES funding was used before any other funding sources. The utilization of CARES is what led to the unspent federal funds from other revenue sources. The amount of unspent fund amounts and their associated funding categories are listed below.

Funding Category 5339: \$ 1,930
Funding Category 5307: \$1,044,724

Programming the unspent funds into the current budget will still require the typical local match in order to use the funding.

Shane Cunningham moved, seconded by Leroy Sparrow, to approve the amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Staff Updates:

1. MPO Director's Report

Mr. Howell explained ATG is working with HALFF Associates who will be conducting the stakeholder and public involvement portion of the update. Most TAC and Policy Committee members should expect to be contacted in the near future to set up a stakeholder meeting.

There will also be a project scoring session later this spring.

2. Upcoming Meeting Dates

Mr. Howell provided notice of the upcoming Policy Committee Meeting on March 28th, 2024, and the next Technical Advisory Committee meeting scheduled on May 2nd, 2024. Mr. Howell stated that the Policy Committee Meeting will likely be rescheduled.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.