

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024
REGULAR MEETING, TDC LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM
423 W. FERGUSON, TYLER, TEXAS**



Members Present:

Michael Howell, Ethan Sukiennik, Kyle Kingma, Jimmy Toler, Leroy Sparrow, Doug Nicholson, Adrienne Leach, Mike Butler, Colleen Colby, Eric Fisher

Others Present:

None

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

Approval of Minutes:

Doug Nicholson moved, seconded by Colleen Colby, to approve the minutes from March 7, 2024.

Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Action Items:

- 1. Consider approving amendments to the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan to update estimated projects costs and edit a description to match the Transportation Improvement Program**

Michael Howell explained that the proposed amendments are to update project costs in accordance with the latest estimates. The amendment is also to revise the description of the Old Jacksonville 6-lane widening project to match the description listed in the TIP.

Kyle Kingma moved, seconded by Doug Nicholson, to approve the amendments to the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

- 2. Consider adopting the 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 Highway Projects Scheduled for FY 2025
- 2026
 - Widen FM 756 from Jeff Davis to FM 346
 - Construct Interchange at FM 756 and FM 346
- 2027
 - No Highway Projects Scheduled for FY 2027
- 2028
 - Widen FM 2493 from Loop 323 to FM 2813

Kyle Kingma asked if the purpose of the transit projects was to maintain current services or expand new ones. Leroy Sparrow explained that the current funding was going towards maintaining current services; however, if new funding became available, it could be used towards new services.

Leroy Sparrow moved, seconded by Kyle Kingma, to adopt the Fiscal Year 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

3. Consider approving amendments Unified Planning Work Program related to the required amount of resources programmed for Complete Streets Planning

Michael Howell explained that the Texas Administrative Code requires MPOs to document planning activities in a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to indicate who will perform the work, the schedule for completing it, and all products that will be produced. The current UPWP covers fiscal years 2024-2025 and was adopted by the Policy Committee on May 25, 2023.

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act requires that MPOs program a minimum 2.5% of its PL funds to Complete Streets Planning. TxDOT's Transportation Planning and Programming division has notified the MPO of its FY 2025 PL funding allocation and has determined the Complete Street Planning minimum allocation to be \$6,672.83

Kyle Kingma asked what the 2.5% was being used for. Michael Howell explained that it was for any planning that was not vehicle-related, such as transit stops, sidewalk connections, and trails.

Mike Butler asked if the funds could only be used to determine feasible projects. Michael Howell explained that the funding could be used for plans and studies, not designs or construction.

Leroy Sparrow moved, seconded by Jimmy Toler, to approve the Unified Planning Work Program amendments related to the required amount of resources programmed for Complete Streets Planning. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Staff Updates:

1. MPO Director's Report

Mr. Howell gave an update on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. He explained that The public outreach to solicit input on the public's priorities for transportation projects was kicked off on April 16th. The local branch of HALFF Associates is conducting stakeholder meeting and reporting the results back to ATG. Most TAC and Policy Committee members should expect to be contacted in the near future to set up a stakeholder meeting.

Furthermore, he explained a judge has struck down FHWA's greenhouse gas performance measure which means that the MPO will not be required to adopt measures and targets and incorporate them into the TIP and MTP. The staff will keep the MPO committees notified if there are any future updates.

2. Upcoming Meeting Dates

Mr. Howell provided notice of the upcoming Policy Committee Meeting on May 23, 2024, and the next Technical Advisory Committee meeting scheduled on July 11, 2024.

The meeting adjourned at 2:24 p.m.