

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



Members Present:

Michael Howell, Joyce Davis, Cameron Williams, Jimmy Toler, Burren Reed, Leroy Sparrow, Doug Nicholson, Eric Fisher, Colleen Colby, Justin Morgan

Others Present:

Amy Downey, TxDOT

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

Approval of Minutes:

Leroy Sparrow moved, seconded by Cameron Williams, to approve the minutes from September 12, 2024. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Discussion Items:

1. Consider adopting the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

Michael Howell explained that the current MTP was adopted on December 4, 2019, and the revision is scheduled to take effect on December 4, 2024. The 5-year update to the MTP was kicked off in October of 2023 and has included input from staff, MPO committee members, community stakeholders and the public.

The final draft of the plan was released for public review and comment on October 10, 2024 to kick off the 30-day public review and comment period. No formal comments have been received, but general comments made at the public meeting supported the projects slated for construction.

Cameron Williams noted that two of the transportation alternative projects listed in the unfunded needs list had been let for construction. These projects were FY25 and FY27 traffic signal projects which had been funded using Category 10 Carbon Reduction funds. Michael Howell suggested that the projects be removed from the listing because they were awarded contracts. Motion by Cameron Williams to approve the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan with the removal of the FY25 and FY27 traffic signal projects and seconded by Doug Nicholson.

Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

2. Consider approving an amendment to the FY24 and FY24 Unified Planning Work Program to allocate additional funds to Task 4.1 to pay the remainder of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan consulting contract with ATG.

Michael Howell explained unspent funds from a fiscal year rolls over to the next, but the funds still must be programmed into the budget before they can be spent. There is currently \$12,612.67 remaining on the ATG contract that needs to be reflected in the FY 2025 budget. This cost is shown in Task 4.1 of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) which covers the cost for the

consultant and staff time charged to MTP work. Motion by Cameron Williams and seconded by Jimmy Toler to approve the amendments on the Unified Planning Work Program.

Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Staff Updates:

1. MPO Director's Report

Michael Howell gave an update on the Light Rail Study. He stated that a team has been formed to grade the proposals and interview the consultant teams. The contract is expected to be presented to the Tyler City Council for approval in January.

2. Upcoming Meeting Dates

Mr. Howell provided notice of the upcoming Policy Committee Meeting on November 21, 2024, and the next Technical Advisory Committee meeting scheduled on January 9, 2025.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.