

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2018  
REGULAR MEETING, TDC LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM  
423 W. FERGUSON, TYLER, TEXAS**



**Members Present:**

Heather Nick, Michael Howell, Paul Schneider, Leroy Sparrow, Brent Nelson and Bill Lewis.

**Others Present:**

Bill Tobin, TxDOT.

**Heather Nick called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.**

**Approval of Minutes:**

Bill Lewis moved, seconded by Paul Schneider, to approve the minutes from July 5, 2018. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**Action Items:**

**1. Consider recommending approval of a new Metropolitan Planning Area Agreement between the MPO, the City of Tyler and the Texas Department of Transportation**

Mr. Howell presented the item stating that the purpose of the agreement was to clearly identify each entity's responsibilities for cooperatively carrying out transportation planning and programming within the MPO boundary. The current agreement would expire on September 30, 2018 and the new agreement would expire on September 30, 2022. Staff recommended approval of the new agreement.

Brent Nelson moved, seconded by Bill Lewis, to recommend approval of the Metropolitan Planning Area Agreement. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**2. Consider recommending amendments to the FY18-19 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

Mr. Howell presented the item stating that the amendment was to add additional funding in fiscal years 2018 and 2019 for Geographic Information System (GIS) work that has been related to the 2020 Census. The revenue forecast for fiscal year 2019 was also increase based on the most recent projections. Staff recommended approval of the amendments.

Mr. Lewis asked for clarification on the source of the MPO's revenue. Mr. Howell replied that it was Federal funds given to the State and apportioned to the MPOs throughout the State by a formula. Mr. Lewis asked if there was a general up trend in the revenue. Mr. Howell said yes.

Bill Lewis moved, seconded by Brent Nelson, to recommend approval of the amendments to the FY18-19 Unified Planning Work Program. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

## **Exercise:**

### **1. Provide comments on Active Tyler draft network**

Mr. Howell presented draft network maps of Tyler and Smith County for the Committee to review before they were sent out to the general public for comments. Mr. Howell pointed out comments that the staff had already made and asked the Committee for additional feedback.

Mr. Lewis asked how the recommendations may affect the Tyler bike stripe project. Mr. Howell replied that the bike stripe scope was locked in with the grant application, but the plan can make proposals outside of the area which would be future projects.

Mr. Schneider reminded the group that various types of bike paths could be used such as off road trails and on road lanes. Mr. Howell acknowledged Mr. Schneider's comments and reiterated that the plan will recommend various types of facilities. Mr. Howell pointed out the staff's recommendation for a road diet on Gentry Parkway. He mentioned that the excess lanes could easily be repurposed for bicycles.

Mr. Lewis asked if he could discuss the proposal at an upcoming Tyler Bicycle Club meeting. Mr. Howell said he could. Mr. Schneider also asked for time to review the maps with other staff at the TxDOT district office. Mr. Howell a one week deadline to have comments back to the consultants.

## **Staff Updates:**

### **1. Executive Director's Report**

Ms. Nick notified the Committee that Alliance Transportation Group was deemed to be the most qualified firm to perform the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan update, and the recommendation from the grading committee would be presented to the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) for approval at the next meeting.

Ms. Nick also gave notice that TxDOT would be presenting the MPO traffic model at the next TPC meeting and invited the Technical Advisory Committee members to attend.

### **2. Upcoming Meeting Dates**

Ms. Nick provided notice of the upcoming Policy Committee Meeting on September 20, 2018 and the next Technical Advisory Committee meeting scheduled on November 1, 2018.

**The meeting adjourned at 2:36 p.m.**