

**TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2020
REGULAR MEETING, TDC LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM
423 W. FERGUSON, TYLER, TEXAS**



Members Present:

Martin Heines, Chair; Ed Broussard; Nathaniel Moran; Gary Halbrooks; Vernon Webb; Riley Harris; Frank Davis; and Carolyn Caldwell

Members Absent:

Lisa Crossman; Jeff Warr; and Leslie Black.

Staff Present:

Heather Nick; Michael Howell; Ryan Clark; Sam Brady; and Zach Clark.

Others Present:

Jeffrey Harmon, TxDOT; Robert Gil, Tyler Transit; and James Torres, Tyler Transit.

Martin Heines called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Ed Broussard moved, seconded by Gary Halbrooks, to approve the minutes from November 21, 2019. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Presentation Items:

1. Updates on work performed to support the 2020 Census

Mr. Howell gave a brief overview of how the MPO uses census data and notified the Committee of what steps the staff had performed to support an accurate count. He discussed the various outreach resources that were available and encouraged all attendees to share the resources to support the Census effort.

2. Report on 2018 Safety Performance

Mr. Howell presented the item discussing the current transportation bill, Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, requires states and MPOs to adopt targets to benchmark and examine success. Mr. Howell noted 2018 was the first year performance targets had been set and they were just receiving that data. Mr. Howell stated that the Tyler MPO area ranked 17th in population in MPOs, and second in fatalities per 1,000 persons. Mr. Howell showed heat maps which highlighted crash "hotspots" and noted that multiple upcoming projects were located in those hotspots.

Mr. Heines asked if this ranking looked at the population commuting in Tyler. Mr. Howell clarified the data that was analyzed at the time did not take that into consideration, however staff would be able to look more into that.

Mr. Halbrooks asked if the weather was reported at these fatalities. Mr. Howell noted that the DPS officer may have recorded the weather but that it is not always recorded.

Action Items:

1. Consider recommending the Policy Committee adopt 2020 Safety Targets established by TxDOT

Mr. Howell presented the item stating that the FAST Act requires states and MPOs to adopt targets to benchmark and examine success. He stated that TxDOT had adopted statewide targets and recommended that the MPO adopt the state targets.

Mr. Howell stated that the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) reviewed this item during their meeting on January 9, 2020, no comments were made about the proposal, and the TAC unanimously recommended approval of the 2020 Safety Targets established by TxDOT.

Gary Halbrooks moved, seconded by Nathaniel Moran, to adopt 2020 Safety Targets established by TxDOT as recommended. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

2. Consider recommending the Policy Committee adopt 2020 Transit Asset Management Performance Targets established by Tyler Transit

Mr. Howell presented the item stating the MPO has to adopt targets in order to benchmark and examine success. Robert Gil discussed the techniques used to establish these goals. Mr. Gil noted they looked at outdated vehicles and are trying to replace them so they can meet their vehicle life expectancy.

Mr. Howell stated that the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) reviewed this item during their meeting on January 9, 2020, no comments were made about the proposal, and the TAC unanimously recommended approval of the 2020 Transit Asset Management Performance Targets established by Tyler Transit.

Riley Harris moved, seconded by Ed Broussard, to adopt 2020 Transit Asset Management Performance Targets established by Tyler Transit. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

3. Consider recommending the Policy Committee adopt amendments to the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)

Mr. Howell presented the item stating that performance targets had to be included in the TIP, and the amendment was to update the document to reflect the 2020 safety and transit asset management targets. No other amendments were being recommended.

Frank Davis moved, seconded by Ed Broussard to adopt amendments to the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Staff Updates:

1. MPO Executive Director's Report

Ms. Nick noted that the Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association had selected Tyler as their recipient for a pilot program "Plan4Health" which aims to create a cross-disciplinary task

forces to implement land-use interventions that support physical activity through active-friendly routes.

Ms. Nick stated that a Request For Qualifications (RFQ) and a Request For Proposal (RFP) had been posted online for the Master Street Plan update as well as for the Transit Route Study which would be open through February 7, 2020.

2. Upcoming Meeting Dates

Ms. Nick provided notice of the upcoming Technical Advisory Committee meeting on March 5, 2020 and the next Transportation Policy Committee meeting scheduled on March 26, 2020.

The meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.