

**TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2021
REGULAR MEETING, TDC LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM
423 W. FERGUSON, TYLER, TEXAS**



Members Present:

Don Warren, Chair; Ed Broussard; Cameron Williams; Leslie Black; Dennis Ford; Gary Halbrooks.

Members Absent:

Nathaniel Moran; Cary Nix; Frank Davis; Carolyn Caldwell and Vernon Webb.

Staff Present:

Heather Nick; Michael Howell and Shelia Henderson.

Others Present:

Gaylord Hughey

Don Warren called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Gary Halbrooks moved, seconded by Cameron Williams, to approve the minutes from July 22, 2021. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Action Items:

1. Consider adopting revised performance measures and targets related to Infrastructure (PM2) and System Performance (PM3)

Mr. Howell presented the item stating that federal law required States and MPOs to adopt performance metrics to be able to report on the condition of infrastructure (i.e. bridge and pavement conditions) and system performance (travel time reliability) to aid in the project selection decision making process. The provision of the regulation requires that each State set its own performance measures. The MPOs are then required to either adopt the State's target or set their own. Mr. Howell stated that TxDOT had adopted statewide performance measures and targets for infrastructure and system performance and that the TAC had recommended the Policy Committee support those targets.

Ed Broussard moved, seconded by Gary Halbrooks, to approve the revised performance measures and targets related to Infrastructure (PM2) and System Performance (PM3). Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

2. Consider adopting a resolution of support for the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) developed by Tyler Transit

Mr. Howell presented the item stating that the FAST Act mandates providers of public transportation to adopt a Public Transit Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) and that MPOs are required

to either adopt the targets as established by the transportation provider or set their own. Mr. Howell stated that Tyler Transit adopted a PTASP on July 8, 2020 and that the TAC recommended that the Policy Committee support those targets.

Ed Broussard moved, seconded by Cameron Williams, to approve the resolution of support for the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) developed by Tyler Transit. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

3. Consider adopting amendments to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Howell presented the item stating that local TxDOT staff notified the MPO that revenue forecast updates necessitated revisions to two projects listed in the current TIP. The first project was the four-lane widening of FM 2493 in Bullard which needed to be delayed to fiscal year 2023. The second amendment was to the City of Tyler's Legacy Trail extension which also needed to be moved to fiscal year 2023. Mr. Howell noted that the staff held an open house to receive public input on the proposed amendments and received no comments. He stated that the TAC recommended that the Policy Committee adopt the amendments.

Mr. Halbrooks asked if the projects being moved to 2023 were both fully funded. Mr. Howell confirmed that they were. Mr. Broussard asked if the City's engineering and site acquisition processes would be ready by 2023. Cameron Williams said he believed the process would be complete and gave a brief status of the project.

Cameron Williams moved, seconded by Leslie Black, to approve amendments to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Staff Updates:

1. MPO Executive Director's Report

Ms. Nick stated that the staff has launched our website. The goal was to make information easier to find. New features included a dashboard summarizing the population data from the 2020 Census and a new interacting map featuring the Master Plan data for streets and trails.

Ms. Nick provided notice that TxDOT was conducting a virtual open house to get input on proposed improvements to the 6-lane widening of FM 2493 from Loop 323 to FM 2813 in Gresham. She mentioned the materials from the open house were available on the project website and the public comment window would close Friday November 19th. She also noted that the open house was part of the work TxDOT was doing to finalize the NEPA environmental study for the project.

2. Upcoming Meeting Dates

Mr. Howell provided notice of the next regularly scheduled Technical Advisory Committee meeting on January 6, 2022 and the next Transportation Policy Committee meeting scheduled on January 27, 2022. He noted that there were not items currently scheduled for action and said that the January meetings would likely be cancelled and the next meetings would be in March.

The meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m.