

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2022  
REGULAR MEETING, TDC LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM  
423 W. FERGUSON, TYLER, TEXAS**



**Members Present:**

Michael Howell, Cameron Williams, Kyle Kingma, Jimmy Toler, Burren Reed, Leroy Sparrow and Paul Schneider.

**Others Present:**

Gaylord Hughey, Attorney

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

Kyle Kingma moved, seconded by Leroy Sparrow, to approve the minutes from September 1, 2022. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**Action Items:**

- 1. Consider adopting an amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to update the highway projects list to reflect the latest project information in TxDOT's Unified Transportation Plan (UTP)**

Mr. Howell presented the item stating that the fiscal year 2023 UTP had reapportioned funding for highway projects across the state based the latest forecasted project costs and funding availability. As a result, the MPO's TIP needed to be revised match the UTP. The update included removing the widening of FM 2964 (Rhones Quarter Road) from the list of upcoming construction projects and replacing the project with the construction of an overpass at the intersection of FM 756 (Paluxy Drive) and FM 346. Rhones Quarter and Paluxy are parallel roads that serve a large amount of school traffic. The proposed shift would prevent both arterials from be under construction at the same time. He noted other minor revisions were made to funding amounts and categories to other projects.

Cameron Williams asked for clarification that the scope of the TIP was only four years. Mr. Howell confirmed that the listing of upcoming construction projects was limited to four years, but additional projects in other phases of development are listed in the TIP as well. Mr. Williams stated his understanding that the overpass was fully funded but that the Rhones Quarter project was not. Mr. Howell said that was his understanding too.

Mr. Kingma asked if moving Rhones Quarter out of the highway projects caused any issues. Mr. Howell confirmed that it did not because the project was still listed in the long-range plan and the project is listed in the appendix of the TIP listing projects undergoing design and right-of-way acquisition.

Jimmy Toler moved, seconded by Cameron Williams, to approve the amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**2. Consider adopting an amendment to the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to dedicate a portion of the MPO's funding to Complete Streets Planning and to allocate funds to hire a consultant to perform a Railroad Inventory and Analysis**

Mr. Howell presented the item stating that the new federal transportation funding bill, called the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), required MPOs to dedicate a minimum of 2.5% of their overall Transportation Planning (PL) funds to Complete Streets Planning. Mr. Howell said the staff has created a new section called Task 4.2 Complete Streets Planning and allocated the required 2.5% of the total PL funds forecasted to be received in fiscal year 2023 to the new task which totaled \$8,878.

Mr. Howell went on to say that the amendments also dedicated \$150,000 for a new project called the Railroad Inventory and Analysis with the purpose of developing an inventory of rail lines to determine ownership, level of activity, and to perform an analysis of the rail and street intersections to determine the level of service at each site.

Mr. Kingma asked if there was a requirement for complete streets planning prior to the IIJA. Mr. Howell replied saying that complete streets planning was encouraged in the past, but IIJA was the first time that a mandated percentage be dedicate towards it. Mr. Kingma asked if the funding had to be dedicated toward a single project. Mr. Howell replied that there was no restrictions the number of projects the funding could be used to support. Mr. Kingma said he thought the total amount dedicated should be higher than the minimum, but because it was the first year of operating under the new requirement that the staff recommendation be accepted to see how the funds are spent in fiscal year 2023.

Kyle Kingma moved, seconded by Cameron Williams, to approve the amendments to the Unified Planning Work Program. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**Staff Updates:**

**1. MPO Director's Report**

Mr. Howell provided status updates on the Travel Demand Model and Downtown Tyler Traffic Study.

**2. Upcoming Meeting Dates**

Mr. Howell provided notice of the upcoming Policy Committee Meeting on November 17, 2022 and the next Technical Advisory Committee meeting scheduled on January 5, 2022.

**The meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m.**