

WICHITA FALLS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Transportation Policy Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, January 28, 2015

Voting Members Present:

Glenn Barham, Mayor, City of Wichita Falls
Dennis Wilde, North Texas Regional Planning Commission
Jeff Watts, City of Pleasant Valley, Representative
Larry Tegtmeier, TxDOT
Russell Schreiber, City Public Works Director
Tim Ingle, City Council Representative
Woodrow "Woody" Gossom, Wichita County Judge

MPO Staff:

Lin Barnett, WFMPPO, Transportation Planning Director
Jaimie Lee, Wichita Falls MPO, Transportation Planner II
Donald Arbeau, Beau & Sons, Ltd., Planning Consultant

Absent:

Jim Henson, Mayor, Lakeside City
Michael Smith, City Council Representative

Visitors:

Barbara Maley, FHWA
Danny Brown, TxDOT, Director of TP&D
Jennifer Smith, Senator Craig Estes
Tammy Marlow, TxDOT, TP&P

I. Welcome & Introduction

Mayor Barham, the TPC chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

II. Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Mayor Barham asked for any public comments on agenda and non-agenda items. None were received.

III. Review and Approve the Transportation Policy Committee's October 29, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Mayor Barham directed the committee's attention to page 6 of the meeting packet. He asked for any comments or questions regarding the TPC October 29, 2014 meeting minutes. Receiving none, he asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Judge Gossom made the motion to approve. Mr. Watts seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

IV. Review and Approve the Transportation Policy Committee's December 17, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Mayor Barham directed the committee's attention to page 12 of the meeting packet. He asked for any comments or questions regarding the TPC December 17, 2014 meeting minutes. Receiving none, he asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Judge Gossom made the motion to approve. Mr. Tegtmeier seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

V. Review and Comment Regarding the Technical Advisory Committee's January 20, 2015 Meeting Minutes - No Action Required

Mayor Barham directed the committee's attention to page 15 of the meeting packet. He asked for any comments or questions regarding the TAC January 20, 2015 minutes. Mr. Barnett briefly outlined the main points of the meeting to the Policy Board. After receiving no further comment, Mayor Barham moved on to the next agenda item.

VI. Review and Approve the FY 2015 Unified Planning Work Program Budget Amendment

Mayor Barham directed the committee's attention to page 20 of the meeting packet. Mr. Barnett reviewed the changes to the FY 2015 UPWP budget. He stated this budget amendment reflects all authorized and carry over funding amounts for use in FY 2015. Mr. Barnett stated the FY 2015 budget, which includes 5307 public transportation funds, is \$227,733.10 He asked for any comments or questions regarding the FY 2015 Unified Planning Work Program budget amendment. There was none. Mayor Barham asked for a motion to approve the budget amendment. Mr. Schreiber made the motion to approve. Mr. Watts seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

VII. Review and Approve the 2015-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update

Mayor Barham directed the committee's attention to the enclosed 2015-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update binder. Mr. Barnett informed the committee that MPO staff revised the document based on input received for the TAC and TPC committee meetings back in December of 2014. Mr. Barnett stated that MPO staff posted the document for public review and comment, which ran from December 19, 2014 to January 19, 2015. Mr. Barnett received three recommendations from Councilor Ingle. He presented the revisions to the Policy Board, which they reviewed, discussed, and approved. Mayor Barham asked for a motion to approve the 2015-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Update with revisions. Judge Gossom made the motion to approve. Mr. Wilde seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

VIII. Update on Proposition 1 Funding of Local TxDOT Projects

Mayor Barham directed the committee's attention to page 29 of the meeting packet. Mr. Barnett updated the committee on Proposition 1 funding stating that on December 19, 2014, he received a letter from the Director of Planning for TxDOT Austin informing him that WFMPO would receive \$3,120,000 in funding for FY 2015. Mr. Barnett stated the funding would go towards two projects from the MTP Project List. Mr. Brown informed the committee the two projects were FM 369 Corridor Drainage Ditch Enclosure and a Diamond Grind/Full Depth Concrete Pavement Repair at various locations within the MPO. He stated a third

project, US 287 Corridor Roadway Lighting installation, would receive funding in 2016.

Mayor Barham asked for any comments or questions regarding the Proposition 1 Funding. Receiving none, the committee moved on to the next agenda item.

IX. Progress Report on the Transit Oriented Development Study

Mayor Barham directed the committee's attention to page 34 of the meeting packet. Mr. Barnett informed the committee that Freese and Nichols, Inc. was in the process of completing their final presentation of the TOD study and finalizing the document for review and discussion. He stated the MPO would hold special TAC and TPC meetings in February to review and discuss the final report. Mayor Barham asked for any comments regarding the Transit Oriented Development Study. Receiving none, the committee moved on to the next agenda item.

X. Other Business

a. Discussion & Overview of Progress on Local Transportation Projects – City and TxDOT staff (Quarterly Review)

TxDOT: Mr. Brown reported on US 82 from Galveston to McKinney road and stated this project was complete. He stated FM 369 from McNeil was a project connected to the city's drainage ditch project and was currently under construction. Future projects include FM 369 at SH 240 to US 287 district wide seal coat, City View Drive to I-44 overlay, FM 171 Old Friberg Road to Clay County paved surface width, SH 240 bridge replacement, FM 2650 extend culverts and add shoulders, FM 369 at Fairway to McNeil drainage ditch enclosure and LP 473 Hatton Road place curb and gutter.

City: Mr. Schreiber reported that the 2015 Street Rehab mill and overlay projects for 2014 were complete. He reported the McNeil Drainage and Southwest Parkway Intersection Improvements were approximately 50% complete.

b. MPO Quarterly Financial Report (4th Quarter FY 2014 –July, August, September)

Mr. Barnett reported on the fourth quarter expenses for the MPO. He stated that the MPO had spent 111.64% of its allocation for FY 2014. Mr. Barnett said this amount was based on estimated funding. He informed the committee of the actual authorized and expended amounts for 2014 on page 40 of the meeting packet stating that WFMPO spent 92.28% of its actual funding allocation in FY 2014. He asked for any comments or questions on the fourth quarter financial report. He received none.

c. Grouped TxDOT CSJ Projects Report

Mr. Barnett reported on the grouped TxDOT CSJ report on page 41 of the meeting packet. He stated MPO staff added 7 new projects for this quarter. He asked for any comments or revisions to the report. There was none.

d. Other Items

Mr. Barnett directed the committee's attention to page 42 of the meeting packet. He informed the committee of the TxDOT Transportation

Alternatives Program (TAP) Call for Projects, which provides funding for a variety of alternative transportation projects, including hike and bike and Safe Routes to School infrastructure projects. Mr. Barnett stated an estimated \$52 million in federal funds are anticipated to be available to fund authorized TAP projects submitted under the Call for Projects.

Mr. Barnett informed the committee of a meeting held with city officials including Mr. Mark Beauchamp, Traffic Engineering, Mr. Jack Murphy, Director of Parks and Recreation, Mr. Davis Powell, City Engineer, Ms. Montgomery-Gagne, Senior Community Development Planner, Mr. Terry Points, Parks and Recreation, and Ms. Pat Hoffman, Property Administrator.

He stated the meeting was to discuss potential bicycle and pedestrian projects for TAP application submission. The TAP Development Committee selected six projects. Mr. Barnett stated the City would submit the six projects, along with the required support materials, by the deadline of May 4, 2015. Mayor Barham asked for comments and questions regarding the TxDOT TAP program. There was none.

XI. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

Honorable Glenn Barham
Mayor Wichita Falls