

WICHITA FALLS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Transportation Policy Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Voting Members Present:

Woodrow "Woody" Gossom, Wichita County Judge
Davis Powell, Proxy for Russell Schreiber, City Public Works Director
Jeff Watts, City of Pleasant Valley, Representative
Jim Henson, Mayor, Lakeside City
Joe Gambill, Proxy for Dennis Wilde, North Texas Regional Planning Commission
Larry Tegtmeyer, TxDOT, District Engineer
Michael Smith, City Council Representative

MPO Staff:

Jaimie Lee, Wichita Falls MPO, Transportation Planner II
Lin Barnett, WFMPPO, Transportation Planning Director

Visitors:

David Rohmer, TxDOT, Area Engineer

Absent:

Glenn Barham, Mayor, City of Wichita Falls
Tim Ingle, City Council Representative

I. Welcome & Introduction

Judge Gossom, the TPC chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

II. Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Judge Gossom asked for any public comments on agenda and non-agenda items. None was received.

III. Review and Approve the Transportation Policy Committee's July 22, 2015 TPC Meeting Minutes

Judge Gossom asked for any comments or corrections to the July 22, 2015 TPC meeting minutes. Receiving none, he asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Watts made the motion to approve. Mr. Smith seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

IV. Review and Comment Regarding the Technical Advisory Committee's October 16, 2015 Meeting Minutes - No Action Required

Judge Gossom asked for any comments or questions regarding the October 16, 2015 Technical Advisory Committee meeting minutes. Receiving none, the committee moved on to the next agenda item.

V. Review and Approve the Amendment in Section VI – Federally Funded Transit Projects – of the 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program: FY 2015 Section 5307 Transit Grant for the Wichita Falls Transit System

Judge Gossom directed the committee’s attention to page 17 of the meeting packet. Mr. Barnett stated the amendment programs actual federal, state and local funds for capital, preventive maintenance, operations and transit planning expenses for the Wichita Falls Transit System (WFTS). Mr. Barnett mentioned that WFTS continues to move closer to not needing General Fund contributions because of the different fare box funding streams currently in place. Mr. Barnett asked for any comments or questions regarding the amendment to FY 2015 of the Transportation Improvement Program. Receiving none, Judge Gossom asked for a motion to approve the amendment. Mr. Watts made the motion to approve. Mayor Henson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

VI. Review and Approve the WFMPO Prioritized Project List for Use in Calendar Year 2016

Judge Gossom directed the committee’s attention to the enclosed WFMPO Prioritized Project List. Mr. Barnett stated this was the second year utilizing the Prioritized Project List. He stated the TAC committee prioritized the projects in the document and held a project-vetting meeting on October 1, 2015. WFMPO staff applied all of the changes to the list and presented the draft document to the TAC committee at the October 16, 2015 Technical Advisory Committee meeting. On that day, the TAC committee reviewed the list and made its final revisions and recommendations. WFMPO staff then prepared the list for presentation to the Policy Board at today’s meeting.

Mr. Barnett gave a brief overview of the new projects added to the list for FY 2015 and discussed the changes to the new document. Mr. Barnett mentioned that two projects located in the Prioritized Project List were awarded funding from the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant. Mr. Barnett asked for any comments or questions regarding the WFMPO Prioritized Project List. Receiving none, Judge Gossom asked for a motion to approve the Prioritized Project List for use in calendar year 2016. Mr. Tegtmeyer made the motion to approve. Mr. Watts seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

VII. Discussion of Proposition 1 Project Funding

Mr. Barnett reported on the Proposition 1 Funding stating that TxDOT has allocated funds up through FY 2017. He stated the FY 2015 allocation for WFMPO was \$3,120,000 and the total cost of construction was \$3,426,496. Future projects include the US 287 Corridor Roadway Lighting project, intersection improvements on Southwest Parkway, McNeil drainage ditch enclosures, and an overlay on Interstate 44.

FY 2016 has an estimated MPO allocation of \$2,289,000 with a total of \$3,345,000 in scheduled construction. Projects for FY 2016 include illumination upgrades on US 82/287 from near McKinney Road to the Clay County Line, and SH 79 from US 82 to near BU 287J, and intersection improvements on FM 369 from near Kell Blvd. to near Jacksboro Highway.

FY 2017 has an estimated MPO allocation of \$1,200,000 with a total of \$4,500,000 in scheduled construction. Projects for FY 2017 include drainage ditch enclosures on FM 369 from near McNeil to near Rhea Road and again on FM 369 from near Rhea Road to near Kemp Blvd.

Mr. Barnett asked for any questions or comments regarding Proposition 1 Funding. Receiving none, the Policy Board moved on to the next agenda item.

VIII. Other Business:

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

TxDOT: Mr. Rohmer reported that FM 369 at McNiel connected to the city's drainage ditch was complete. US 287 at Huntington Road bridge replacement project is ahead of schedule. SH 240 at Sinclair Road drainage ditch has an AT&T utility delay and they were currently relocating the fiber optic line. IH 44 near SP 325/US 287 Wichita River was currently delayed. FM 171 Old Friberg Road to Clay County Line was currently under construction, but on schedule. FM 369 at Fairway near Hughes to McNiel is a section west of the FM 369 drainage ditch. FM 2650 from FM 369 to FM 1954 has not begun construction.

City: Mr. Powell reported that the McNiel Drainage and Southwest Parkway Intersection Improvements project was moving along well and was about 75% complete. The Hike and Bike Trail from Wichita Bluff was about 40% complete.

b. MPO Quarterly Financial Report (3rd Quarter FY 2015 –April, May, June)

Mr. Barnett reported on the third quarter expenses for the MPO. He stated the MPO had spent 92.57% of its allocation for FY 2015. He asked for any comments on the third quarter financial report. He received none.

c. Grouped TxDOT CSJ Projects Report

Mr. Barnett reported on the Grouped TxDOT CSJ Projects Report. He stated two new bridge projects have been added to the grouped list. Mr. Barnett asked for any comments or questions regarding the Grouped TxDOT CSJ Projects Report. None was received. The committee moved on to the next agenda item.

d. Other Items

There were no other items for discussion.

IX. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Honorable Glenn Barham
Mayor Wichita Falls