

WICHITA FALLS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Transportation Policy Committee

Minutes

Monday, April 17, 2017

Voting Members Present:

Stephen Santellana, Mayor, City of Wichita Falls
Dennis Wilde, North Texas Regional Planning Commission
Jeff Watts, City of Pleasant Valley, Representative
Jesse Brown, City Council Representative
Larry Tegtmeyer, TxDOT, District Engineer
Michael Smith, City Council Representative
Russell Schreiber, City Public Works Director
Woodrow "Woody" Gossom, Wichita County Judge

MPO Staff:

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

Absent:

Cory Glassburn, Mayor, Lakeside City

Visitors:

Glenn Allbritton, TxDOT, Director of Operations
John Overman, Texas Transportation Institute
Mark Beauchamp, Wichita County Commissioner
Mike Beaver, TxDOT, Director of TP&D

I. Welcome & Introduction

Mayor Santellana, the TPC chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

II. Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Mayor Santellana asked for any public comments on agenda and non-agenda items. None was received.

III. Review and Approve the Transportation Policy Committee's January 25, 2017 TPC Meeting Minutes

Mayor Santellana asked for any comments or corrections to the January 25, 2017 TPC meeting minutes. Receiving none, he asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Judge Gossom made the motion to approve. Mr. Smith seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

IV. Review and Comment Regarding the Technical Advisory Committee's April 6, 2017 Meeting Minutes – No Action Required

Mayor Santellana asked for any comments or questions regarding the April 6, 2017 Technical Advisory Committee meeting minutes. None were received. The committee moved on to the next agenda item.

V. Review and Approve the FY 2018-2019 Unified Planning Work Program

Mayor Santellana directed the committee's attention to the draft FY 2018-2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) enclosed in the meeting packet. Mr. Barnett summarized the revisions made to the new UPWP starting with implementation of the FAST Act (Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act that was signed into law on December 4, 2015). He stated the FAST Act will continue MAP-21's Planning and Emphasis areas and Performance Measure requirements. Mr. Barnett explained that one new change in Task 5.0 included hiring a qualified consultant to perform the Socioeconomic and Demographic Data Forecast update for the WFMPO. He continued on discussing minor updates to the subtasks. Mr. Barnett discussed TxDOT's Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TA-Set Aside). The program would provide funding for a variety of alternative transportation projects that improve mobility for non-motorized users. He stated the grant application is due May 22, 2017. Mr. Barnett discussed the Budget Summary Tables for FY 2018 and 2019 explaining the figures were just estimates. He asked for any comments or questions regarding the 2018-2019 Unified Planning Work Program. Receiving none, he asked for a motion to approve the 2018-2019 Unified Planning Work Program. Judge Gossom made the motion to approve the document. Mr. Brown seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

VI. Discussion: Unified Transportation Plan, Prop 1, Prop 7, Traditional Funding

Mr. Beaver reported on TxDOT's recently approved Unified Transportation Plan (UTP), Prop 1, Prop 7, and Traditional Funding. He stated TxDOT's 10-year plan, the UTP, was approved last year by the Texas Transportation Commission. The UTP contains fiscally constrained projects for the first four years of the plan. Mr. Beaver stated that TxDOT distributes its funding through 12 different categories. He discussed Category 4 funding projects, which include rural connectivity projects such as IH 35 upgrades, US 82 upgrades, and SH 114 upgrades. He discussed the Category 4(3C) funding projects located within the MPO, which are connectivity corridors. These include SH 79 widening, FM 369 widening, and US 82 turn lanes. Mr. Beaver asked for any comments or questions regarding the UTP, Prop 1, Prop 7, and Traditional Funding. Receiving none, the committee moved on to the next agenda item.

VII. Other Business:

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

TxDOT: Mr. Beaver reported that SH 240 at Sinclair Road drainage ditch, FM 171 at Old Friberg Road, FM 369 at Fairway near Hughes Street, FM 2650 from FM 369 to FM 1954, US 82 near McKinney Road, SH 79 at US 82, and US 287 at IH 44 SB were all complete. He reported that FM 369 near US 82/277 was on track. SH 79 on Professional Drive and FM 890 on IH 44 should complete by summer.

City: Mr. Schreiber reported the Wichita Bluff Hike & Bike Trail Phase 1 project was 85% complete. The City awarded the Falls' Bridge & Trail Improvements project and was currently working on the contract documents. The 2016 Drainage Project was

5% complete. The 2017 Asphalt Street Rehab at various locations across the city along with the 2017 Concrete Street Rehab was in the beginning stages of development. He reported scheduled projects include the Hike and Bike Trail Phase 2, Kemp Street Pedestrian Improvements, and future projects awaiting funding include two projects that will be submitted for grant funding for the TA-Set Aside program, the Hike and Bike trail from Loop 11 to Lucy Park and the Hike and Bike trail along BNSF railroad from Seymour Hwy. to Barnett Road.

b. MPO Quarterly Financial Report (1st Quarter FY 2017 – October, November, December)

Mr. Barnett reported on the 1st quarter expenses for the MPO. He stated that the MPO had spent approximately 20.45% of its total allocation for FY 2017. Mr. Barnett commented that the total programmed amount did not include the \$40,000 of State Planning and Research (SPR) funds. Mr. Barnett asked for any comments or questions on the first quarter financial report. He received none.

c. Grouped TxDOT CSJ Projects Report

Mr. Barnett reported there was only one new grouped TxDOT CSJ project.

d. Socioeconomic and Demographic Forecast Data Update – Progress Report

Mr. Barnett informed the committee that WFMPO selected the Walter P. Moore Company for the Socioeconomic and Demographic Data Forecast Update. He stated the kickoff meeting was held on March 30, 2017. MPO staff, TxDOT Modeling staff, and the consultant discussed the project scope of services, project schedule, and preliminary data needs. WFMPO will work with the consultant to supply them with all appropriate data for the update.

e. Other Items

Mr. Barnett and Mr. Schreiber reiterated the three projects the City of Wichita Falls will submit for funding through the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program. Mr. Schreiber stated the first project is the hike and bike trail along the BNSF railroad from Seymour Highway to Barnett Road, the second project is the hike and bike trail from Loop 11 to Lucy Park, and the third project is the hike and bike trail at Lake Wichita from the Marina to Lake Wichita Park. Mr. Barnett stated the deadline to submit all three project applications was May 22, 2017.

VIII. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Honorable Stephen L. Santellana
Mayor Wichita Falls