

WICHITA FALLS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Transportation Policy Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, April 22, 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
Jim Henson, Mayor, Lakeside City
Larry Tegtmeier, TxDOT
Michael Smith, City Council Representative
Russell Schreiber, City Public Works Director
Tim Ingle, City Council Representative
Woodrow "Woody" Gossom, Wichita County Judge

MPO Staff:

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

Visitors:

Barbara Maley, FHWA
David Rohmer, TxDOT
Donnie Arbeau, Beau & Sons
Jennifer Smith, Senator Estes
Mark McBurnett, SAFB
Mike Beaver, TxDOT

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 was received.

III. Review and Approve the Transportation Policy Committee's January 28, 2015 TPC Meeting Minutes

Mayor Barham asked for any comments or corrections to the January 28, 2015 TPC 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 February 26, 2015 TPC Meeting Minutes

Mayor Barham asked for any comments or corrections to the February 26, 2015 TPC meeting minutes. Receiving none, he asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr.

Watts made the motion to approve. Counselor Smith seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

V. Review and Comment Regarding the Technical Advisory Committee's April 8, 2015 Meeting Minutes – No Action Required

Mayor Barham asked for any comments or questions regarding the April 8, 2015 Technical Advisory Committee's meeting minutes. Mr. Barnett directed the committee's attention to the remarks in the TAC minutes regarding Proposition 1 funding. He stated this would be discussed in detail at a later meeting. Mayor Barham asked for any other comments or questions regarding the TAC meeting minutes. Receiving none, the committee moved on to the next agenda item.

VI. Review and Discussion of Progress on the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grants Development

Mr. Barnett reported on the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grants Development. He stated that the Texas Department of Transportation notified the City about the \$52 million dollar grant program in January. Mr. Barnett stated Mr. John Burrus, Director of Aviation, Traffic, & Transportation, presented the TAP resolution to City Council for review and approval on April 7, 2015 as a requirement for the TAP grants. Mr. Barnett gave a brief update on the six projects currently under development for the TAP grant and stated the cost for all projects is \$14,935,942 and requires a 20% local match of \$2,987,188. He stated the City and the TAP development committee had been working diligently to meet the May 4 deadline for submission of all six grant applications.

Mayor Barham asked for any comments or questions regarding the Transportation Alternatives Program Grants Development. Receiving none, the committee moved on to the next agenda item.

VII. Distribution to the Transportation Policy Committee of the Completed Transit Oriented Development Study with Review and Discussion to Follow

Mr. Barnett directed the committee's attention to the enclosed copy of the finalized Transit Oriented Development study to the TPC Committee. Mr. Barnett noted a few minor changes to the report regarding the WFMPO boundary expansion. He stated that towards the conclusion of the TOD study, the MPO expanded its boundary along its southern edge down to FM 1954. He commented that the boundary revision did not affect the TOD assessment and that Freese and Nichols, Inc. included a footnote near the beginning of the document referring to this change. The consultant also included an appendix at the back of the document that illustrated the MPO's new boundary in comparison to the original boundary. Mayor Barham asked for comments regarding the Transit Oriented Development Study. Judge Gossom noted some needed corrections to a few of the tables in the document. Specifically, change the titles for county references from "Wichita Falls County" to "Wichita County". Mr. Barnett noted these comments and stated that staff would make the revisions then forward the updated document to each board member. Mayor Barham asked for any further comments. Receiving none, the committee moved on to the next agenda item.

VIII. Review and Approval of the 2015 Environmental Justice Report

Mr. Barnett directed the committee's attention to the 2015 Environmental Justice Report. Mr. Arbeau gave a brief summary of the changes to the report. He stated that he updated the entire document from 2000 census data to 2010 census data. However, he commented that the biggest change was to the format of the document, which he discussed at length. Mayor Barham asked for comments and revisions. The committee

asked that all of the demographic maps in the appendices include a label for the James V. Allred unit so that the reader will understand why the prison is a part of the Environmental Justice area footprint even though it will have no bearing on future project development at the prison. Mr. Barnett stated that, although not required, the Technical Advisory Committee felt it prudent for the Policy Board to approve and adopt the Environmental Justice Report. The report will need updating annually. Mayor Barham asked for approval to adopt the 2015 Environmental Justice Report with revisions. Mr. Watts made the motion to adopt the document. Mr. Tegtmeyer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

IX. Other Business:

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

TxDOT: Mr. Rohmer reported on FM 369 at McNeil stating it was a project connected to the city's drainage ditch project, currently under construction, and should open up Southwest Parkway by the beginning of May. Future projects include: FM 369 at SH 240 to US 287 district wide seal coat; US 287 at Huntington Road bridge replacement; SH 240 bridge replacement; FM 2650 extend culverts and add shoulders; FM 369 at Fairway to McNeil drainage ditch enclosure; LP 473 Hatton Road place curb and gutter; and US 277/US 82 from 7th street to Galveston Street (North and South bound) bridge maintenance and repair.

City: Mr. Schreiber reported that the McNeil Drainage and Southwest Parkway Intersection Improvements were approximately 65% complete. He reported on the 2015 8th Street and Ohio Intersection Enhancement Project stating it was 65% complete. The Wichita Bluff Hike and Bike Trail was 10% complete. Scheduled projects include the 2015 Street Rehab Project at various locations across the city.

Mayor Barham asked for comments or discussion concerning any of the reports. Mr. Watts asked for a discussion concerning the southern section of Huntington Lane. He stated the sandpit at the end of this road had created an increase of truck traffic, which in turn had significantly damaged the road. Judge Gossom stated the company who leased the land from the owner of the property was obligated to repair the road. Several of the other Policy Board members offered suggestions as to how to recoup the damages from the users. They also discussed other funding mechanisms that might qualify to repair the road. Mr. Watts thanked the board for their insight and consideration of the problem.

b. MPO Quarterly Financial Report (1st Quarter FY 2015 – October, November, December)

Mr. Barnett reported on the first quarter expenses for the MPO. He stated the MPO had spent 43.16% of its allocation for FY 2015. He asked for any comments on the first quarter financial report. He received none.

c. Grouped TxDOT CSJ Projects Report

Ms. Lee reported on the Grouped TxDOT CSJ Projects Report. She stated no new projects have been added to the grouped list. Mayor Barham 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

X. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Honorable Glenn Barham
Mayor Wichita Falls