

WICHITA FALLS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Technical Advisory Committee
Minutes

Wednesday, January 7, 2004

Voting Members Present:

Darron Leiker – City of Wichita Falls – ACM/Dir. Aviation, Traffic & Trans., Interim MPO Director
Dave Clark – City of Wichita Falls, Dir. of Community Development
James Kelly – TxDOT, Area Engineer
Jeff Hogan - City of Wichita Falls, City Engineer
Joe Anderson – TxDOT, Director of Construction
Karen Montgomery-Gagné – City of Wichita Falls MPO, Planner III
Phillip Lujan – TxDOT, District Planning Engineer (Design) Interim for John Barton
Tim Hertel – TxDOT, Director of Operations

Others Present:

Carolyn Askins – TxDOT, Transportation Planning Assistant
Lin Barnett – City of Wichita Falls MPO, Transportation Planner II

Highway Needs Committee Members:

J.W. Martin

Visitors:

Absent:

I. Welcome & Introduction.

Mr. Leiker, the interim MPO Director, began the meeting at 8:31 a.m.

II. Approval of the October 1st and December 5th TAC meeting minutes

The minutes were approved as presented.

III. Review and comment regarding the TPC's October 24th and December 19th meeting minutes - No Action Required

No comments or questions were received.

IV. Review and Comment on the FY 2003 Annual Performance and Expenditure Report – No Action Required, For Informational Purposes Only

Mr. Barnett gave a brief summary of the report and explained that a copy was sent to TxDOT (TPP) in Austin on December 31st. No comments or questions were received but Mr. Leiker directed the members to contact Mr. Barnett if they should have any in the future.

V. Review and Comment on the Revised Request For Proposal for a Qualified Consultant to Complete the 2005 – 2030 MTP update – No Action Required, For Informational Purposes Only

No comments or questions were received concerning the RFP that was mailed out on January 2nd.

VI. Discussion and recommendation on an amendment to Appendix J of the FY 2004 UPWP – the Environmental Justice Target Area Map

Mr. Barnett gave a brief description on the changes made to the Environmental Justice Target Area map compared to the version in Appendix J of the 2003 UPWP. He explained that the area was determined using the latest information obtained from the Planning Division in Community Development. Their information was obtained from HUD, which breaks down the data from the U.S. Census Bureau in a more detailed form than does Health and Human Services (HHS) for low to moderate income populations. Mr. Barnett explained the target area was a combination of several GIS shapefiles including: HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2000, Texas Qualified Census Tracts (QCT) 2003, U.S. Census 2000 Census Tracts, and the City of Wichita Fall's Parcels information.

Mr. Clark and Ms. Gagné pointed out there have been updates to the source information used and that the map would need to be revised. Mr. Barnett stated he would make the revisions and present the map at the next TAC meeting.

No further comments were received and the item was tabled for the next TAC meeting.

VII. Discussion and Recommendation on February amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program

Ms. Askins explained that most of the projects were statewide CSJ's and that only two required revisions. The statewide CSJ's required no revisions and were included for informational purposes only. The two projects requiring revision were listed on the TIP FY 2006 Projects by State Category as funding category 11 District Discretionary and referred to construction of the direct connect for the interchange.

Mr. Leiker asked the representatives from TxDOT to forward him more information concerning the safety lighting projects listed in the TIP. Ms. Gagné asked about the status of the Kell Interchange project now moved to funding year 2006, its state funding position, and what priority level it currently occupied. Mr. Lujan commented that the project was listed in the TIP for letting in September of 2005 but funding from Austin (TTC) was still undetermined as of this time. There still remained a possibility the project could be moved further out.

Mr. Clark inquired about the letting of the landscaping contracts for the Maurine Street overpass and the fountain entrance project to the city. Mr. Hertel stated he knew the fountain entrance project had been let and Mr. Kelley commented that

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Maurine Street had not been let in September. Mr. Clark stated City Council wanted to know when the Maurine Street project would start. Mr. Leiker directed the TxDOT members to investigate this item and report back their findings before the next TPC meeting.

IX. Other Business:

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

Mr. Hogan gave a brief update on projects currently in process around the city including: the Faith Village Phase One drainage project, which had been moved back to June for completion; the regular city street overlay had been postponed until March 1st; a contract letting for 2005 for the CDBG streets in April and the larger, more inclusive, city street overlay in June.

Mr. Kelley gave a brief update on TxDOT projects including: FM 369, Lake Road, the Jefferson Street and Business 287 overpass, the overlay on State 79 and US 287 towards the Clay county line.

Mr. Leiker gave an update on the installation on the video detection units being installed at key intersections around the city, which were a 50-50 split between the MPO and the City. The units should be installed by summer of 2004.

b. TEMPO Contract Meeting, January 12-13, 2004, Austin CAMPO Offices – Purpose: Discussion of Roles, Responsibilities, and Relationship of the MPO, MPO Policy Committee, Fiscal Agent and Transportation Planning Director

Mr. Leiker stated he would be attending this meeting and would report back at the next TAC meeting with any pertinent information.

c. Other

IX. Public comment on any item not on the agenda

No comments were received.

X. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Darron Leiker
Interim MPO Director, TAC Chairperson
ACM, Director of Traffic, Transportation and Aviation