

**WICHITA FALLS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**  
**Technical Advisory Committee**  
Minutes

Wednesday, November 17, 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 Kelley – 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  
Mark Beauchamp – City of Wichita Falls, Traffic Superintendent  
Tim Hertel – TxDOT, Director of Operations

***Others Present:***

Carolyn Askins – TxDOT, Transportation Planning Assistant  
Donnie Arbeau – City of Wichita Falls MPO, Transportation Planner I  
Lin Barnett – City of Wichita Falls MPO, Transportation Planner III

***Highway Needs Committee Members:***

None

***Visitors:***

Tim Kroeker – Lockwood, Andrews and Newnam, Inc. – Project Consultant

***Absent:***

Danny Brown – TxDOT, Director of Trans. Planning and Development

---

**I. Welcome & Introduction.**

Mr. Leiker, the interim MPO Director and TAC Chairperson, began the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

**II. Discussion, Review and Revision of the Draft MTP Project List for Subsequent Review and Approval by TPC at the December 3, 2004 Special Called TPC Meeting**

Ms. Askins outlined the project list and how it was constructed stating that most of the projects were located within the statewide CSJ's. She discussed the MPO Identification Legend and the importance of having all potential projects located somewhere in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) document. If a project is not located in the MTP then it cannot be brought forward into the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) when

funding becomes available. Ms. Askins explained the new identifier schema for the project lists. She discussed the project lists that MPO staff had used from other MPO's around the state as samples for creating the new project list. She explained that by putting the majority of projects into Appendix A and linking them back to the statewide CSJ's it eliminated the need for amending the MTP and TIP every time a change took place. Projects that did not fit into one of the CSJ categories would then be located either in Category 3 – Urban Area (non-TMA) Corridor Projects, Category 11 – District Discretionary Projects or one of the remaining appendices. The appendices were created primarily for public information purposes.

Mr. Barnett stated Mr. Kroeker, Ms. Askins and he would pursue acquiring projects for appendices E, F, and G, Lakeside City, Pleasant Valley and Wichita County, respectively. Ms. Gagne suggested including the Clyde Morgan road, the next north-south road west of Sisk Road. It would become a major collector in the system.

Mr. Hogan stated everything in Appendix C was located in the Public Works Capital Improvement Plan and that Appendix D was located farther out into the future. Mr. Clark stated some of the projects on "D" may be questionable. He stated that the Thoroughfare Plan would be presented at a special Planning and Zoning Commission meeting on November 30<sup>th</sup> for a public hearing with hopes for adoption. He stated once the plan is adopted then it should help to answer some questions.

Mr. Kelley inquired about plans for Windthorst Road and its development, specifically the bridge going across US 287. Mr. Kelley asked that Windthorst Road – widening and bridge construction – be added to the list under Unmet Needs.

Mr. Leiker inquired about the direct connect Kell Interchange project and why it was listed two times: once in Category 3 and then again in Category 11 using different CSJ numbers. Ms. Askins explained the project was listed twice because the former TP&D Director had arranged for \$17 million to be allocated towards the Kell Interchange. Later, the local TxDOT District agreed to allocate \$5 million in District Discretionary funding for the project, which raised the cost to \$22 million. Mr. Brown recently determined the actual cost will increase by another \$4 million up to \$26 million.

Mr. Barnett stated he would incorporate all of the comments, changes and additions and forward them to TAC for final approval before presenting them to TPC on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **III. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

---

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