
**TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE (TPC) MEETING
WICHITA FALLS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

December 3, 2004

Present:

Mayor Bill Altman, Chairperson	◆ Members
Charles Elmore, City Council Representative	◆
Dennis Wilde, NORTEX Regional Planning Commission	◆
Don Sheppard, Lakeside City	◆
Larry Tegtmeyer, TxDOT, District Engineer	◆
Scott Taylor, Director of Public Works	◆
Carolyn Askins, TxDOT, TxDOT Transportation Planning Assistant	◆ Staff
Dave Clark, Director of Community Development	◆
Danny Brown, TxDOT, Director of Trans. Planning and Development	◆
Darron Leiker – City of Wichita Falls – ACM/Dir. Aviation, Traffic & Trans. (Interim MPO Director & TAC Chairperson)	◆
Donnie Arbeau, Transportation Planner I	◆
James Kelley, TxDOT, Area Engineer	◆
Lin Barnett, Transportation Planner III	◆
None	◆ Ex-officio
None	◆ HNC
Tim Kroeker, Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam, Inc.	◆ Guests
Jon Möller, Citizen Stakeholder	◆
Jeff Watts, City of Pleasant Valley	◆ Absent
Linda Ammons, City Council Representative	◆
Woodrow (Woody) Gossom, County Judge, Vice-Chairperson	◆

I. Welcome & Introduction.

Mayor Altman began the meeting at 9:05 a.m. with introductions around the room.

II. Discussion, Review and Revision of the Draft 2005 – 2030 MTP Project List

Mr. Leiker briefly discussed the reasons for the project list, the progress on it thus far and the due date for the entire MTP update in January 2005. He commented the project was on schedule and that staff would be forwarding the entire completed MTP draft to all TAC and TPC members, once the project list had been reviewed, revised and approved by TPC, as soon as Lockwood, Andrews and Newnam, Inc. made the updates and changes. He stated the goal of staff was to put the draft into the hands of TAC and TPC as quickly as possible in order to give each board adequate time for review. The same draft would be placed on the MPO/Transportation web page for public review and comment, as well as a hard bound copy on file in the Transportation Planning Division's office for anyone wishing to come by and review it. Mr. Leiker then asked Mr. Brown to present the content of the list.

Mr. Brown explained the purpose of the project list and how it was organized. He stated the list would allow anyone to know what projects were being proposed and it would also list any new projects added by addendum. He commented that staff had devised a simpler way to move and track smaller projects without having to modify the plan each and every time the opportunity to let a project presented itself. Mr. Brown then explained the eleven funding categories used by TxDOT, and how most of the projects would fall under the umbrella of state-wide CSJ's. He then explained the use of the appendices in the back of Chapter 8 – Financial Analysis, and how anyone can find a specific project in them. He explained that Category 3 (Urban Area [Non-TMA] Corridor Projects) and Category 11 (District Discretionary) projects were listed separately because they did not fit anywhere under the state-wide CSJ umbrella. He then discussed the various city and county projects included in the appendices and the reason for the Kell Interchange project being listed in both Category 3 and Category 11.

Mr. Tegtmeyer and Mr. Brown discussed the advantages of using the state-wide CSJ's for tracking the projects and for obtaining a marginal increase of funding for projects. Councilor Elmore asked that Wellington be added to the project list. Mr. Taylor stated he would run a cost estimate and have it added to the City of Wichita Falls project list. Mr. Taylor also inquired how unmet needs would be listed, whether altogether or in separate state and city unmet needs lists. Mr. Taylor stated the City of Wichita Falls projects should be listed as "un-funded" rather than "funded". Mr. Brown stated Lake Side City and Pleasant Valley should be listed the same way.

The board discussed various terminologies and typographical errors that should be corrected. The board had no objections to the methodologies used for developing the project list and, by consensus, gave approval to MPO staff to go forward with the current list plus the changes discussed during today's meeting.

The board decided to change the January 20, 2005 TPC meeting time and place from 8:30 a.m. at City Hall to 1:30 p.m. at NORTEX Regional Planning Commission.

III. Public Comment on Anything Not on the Agenda

Mr. Tegtmeyer gave an update on the Pass-Through Tolling issue concerning the Kell Interchange.

IV. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Mayor Bill Altman, TPC Chairperson