

**MINUTES**  
**AMARILLO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**  
**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Policy Committee for the Amarillo Metropolitan Planning Organization met at 1:30 p.m., October 19, 2017, in Room 306 of City Hall, 509 South East 7th Avenue, Amarillo, Texas.

Voting members present were: Ginger Nelson, Jared Miller, Nancy Tanner, Kit Black, HR Kelly, Kyle Ingham, Dick Davis, Mark Benton, and Brian Crawford.

Voting members not present were: Ernie Houdashell, Eddy Sauer.

Staff coordinators were: Gary Holwick, Travis Muno, and Devin Jones.

**Item 1. Consider approval of the July 20, 2017 meeting minutes.**

Mayor Nelson thanked the staff from TxDOT, and the MPO, for being at the meeting, and gave the floor to Gary Holwick for a quick overview of the agenda for the day. Gary gave a quick overview of the agenda, and returned the floor to Mayor Nelson.

Mayor Nelson advised the minutes of the previous meeting on July 20, 2017 were ready for consideration. Mayor Nelson asked if there were any corrections to the minutes; Kyle Ingham mentioned item 3 needed more about the discussion regarding SL335 continuity.

Mr. Kyle Ingham made a motion to accept the action as presented. Mark Benton seconded the motion. A vote of 8:0 carried the motion.

**Item 2. Receive Project Status Update from TxDOT – Amarillo District staff.**

Terry Nix, TxDOT Amarillo District Planner, reported on a variety of topics, the first being a review on the 2018 UTP and how it effects the funding of projects for FY2018. Terry explained to the Committee that when new funds are approved, existing funds can be revised as they need. He also spoke on the fact that the project list for CAT 2U, CAT 4 and CAT12 funding was approved. Mr. Nix discussed a variety of projects on SL335, as well as the delay of a Soncy Rd project. He then showed a visual tabulation explaining when each item was to be let, and where the funding for each project was coming from.

Jared Miller noted that the SL335 B1 project was listed as being in Potter County not Randall, and Terry noted the mistake for correction. Kyle Ingham asked when we should begin trying to seek funding for our unfunded projects in future years of the MTP. Brian Crawford answered that working on getting projects funded was something that should be done as soon as possible, and mentioned a UTP update in December. It was mentioned that there was \$70 billion for the entirety of funding, and that there was \$4 billion left unallocated. Kyle Ingham asked if there was any way for the Committee to be a part of the discussions on allocating the rest of the funds. Terry replied that it was possible.

Jared Miller asked to have a few bullet points made available to give to legislators regarding the MPO's projects. Mr. Holwick agreed. Mayor Nelson said that she has invited Chairman Bruce Bugg for a visit. Dick Davis asked for a copy of the list of projects so that he could stay on top of things, and commented on how blessed the city is to have the funding we need. Kyle Ingham said that he believed the MPO has a responsibility to keep pushing for funding because the projects being discussed were so important to the entire region.

**Item 3. Consider 2015-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) revision.**

Mr. Travis Muno, MPO Senior Planner, gave an overview of the need for revision of the 2015-40 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). He said the changes were needed to add or revise the scope or funding of several projects within the document, and needed to be revised due to the additional funding awarded by the 2018 UTP.

Mr. Muno addressed projects in the MTP. He said several changes were necessary due to advancement of projects or revision of funding or scope of work in others. Overall, these revisions modify project scope of work, project limits, funding amounts, or add projects to the document. The 2015-40 MTP revisions are shown in Attachment A.

Mr. Dick Davis made a motion to accept the MTP revision as presented. H.R. Kelly seconded the motion. A vote of 7:0 carried the motion.

**Item 4. Consider 2017-20 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) revision.**

Mr. Muno explained the need for revising the 2017-20 Transportation Improvement Program. He said several changes were necessary due to advancement of projects, revision of funding or scope of work in others. Overall, the revisions modify project scope of work, project limits, funding amounts, or added projects to the document. The 2017-20 TIP revision is shown in Attachment B.

Kyle Ingham expressed concern for the increase in funding for projects listed in the revisions. Travis explained that the changes were needed for additional costs, but that it was mostly just money moving around to adjust project funds due to refined estimates.

Kyle Schniederjan brought Mr. Russell Sahn, who was concerned on the wording for work to be done on the bridges along IH-40 at Whitaker Rd and SL335, specifically, the ramps included in that project. Kit Black explained that there was work being done on some of the ramps on that corridor, but not any of those west of Whitaker Rd. It was agreed that the wording did not need to be changed, as the project did include ramps, but not all of them.

Mr. Davis made a motion to accept the TIP revision as presented. Judge Nancy Tanner seconded the motion. A vote of 7:0 carried the motion.

**Item 5. Consider the Amarillo MPO Public Participation Plan.**

Mr. Holwick presented the new Public Participation Plan shown in Attachment C. He explained that the 45-day public comment period had been met. There were no public comments received. Kyle Ingham asked if the Mayor felt that the PPP followed with the City Policy, Mayor Nelson agreed that it reflected City Policy.

Mr. Ingham made a motion to accept the Public Participation Plan as is. Judge Tanner seconded the motion. A vote of 7:0 carried the motion.

**Item 6. Presentation of the FY 2017 Annual List of Projects.**

Mr. Muno presented information on the FY 2017 Annual List of Projects. Kyle Ingham asked for a copy of the chart for the Annual List of Projects. Mark Benton and Dick Davis also requested a copy.

**Item 7. Open Forum, time reserved for anyone to speak on any transportation related item; however, no action can be taken on items not on the agenda.**

Gary Holwick, MPO Director, said that tentative meeting dates for the 2018 calendar year are included in the Committee's packet. He also touched on a few important dates as far as the March 29<sup>th</sup> Priority Workshop, and future initiatives for a workshop sometime in the spring. Gary also spoke about the MPO Program Review currently being worked on by the MPO with assistance from Bill Frawley and Matt Miller with TTI as the Amarillo MPO moves forward toward TMA status.

Kyle Schniederjan said that the City of Amarillo did apply for the TIGER grant for the project on Polk Street from SE 2<sup>nd</sup> to SE 11<sup>th</sup> Avenues and along 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Crockett Street to Grant Street and that if this grant was awarded the City would ask for the project's inclusion in the MTP and TIP.

**Item 8. Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned with no further business to discuss.



Ginger Nelson, Chairman  
Amarillo MPO