

MINUTES
AMARILLO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

The Policy Committee for the Amarillo Metropolitan Planning Organization met at 1:30 p.m., January 21, 2016, in Room 306 of City Hall, 509 South East 7th Avenue, Amarillo, Texas.

Voting members present were: Paul Harpole, Terry Childers, H.R. Kelly, Ernie Houdashell, Kyle Ingham, Dick Davis, Mark Benton, Nancy Tanner, and Gus Khankarli.

Voting members not present were: Marty Smith, and Mark Nair.

Staff coordinators were: Gary Holwick and Travis Muno.

Item 1. Consider approval of the October 15, 2015 meeting minutes.

Paul Harpole, Mayor, City of Amarillo, advised the minutes of the previous meeting on October 15, 2015 were ready for consideration. Mr. Harpole asked if there were any corrections to the minutes; there were none.

Dick Davis, Chamber of Commerce, made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Mark Benton, Randall County Commissioner, seconded the motion. A vote of 9:0 carried the motion.

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

Gus Khankarli, TxDOT Amarillo District Transportation Planning & Development Director, gave an overview of projects inside the Amarillo MPO planning area. Terry Nix, TxDOT Amarillo District Planner, gave an in depth report on a variety of projects including those on IH-40, IH-27, SL335, and the Soncy Corridor. The committee was interested and supportive on the projects discussed. Additionally, Terry gave the committee a preview of a newly developed Loop 335 Website, www.theamarilloloop.com.

Mr. Nix invited the committee members and the public to a meeting on January 26th for the proposed improvements at SL 335 (Lakeside) and IH-40 on the east side of the City. He said the proposed projects include a new multi-level interchange at that location. The meeting is to gather and present information, as well as obtain public input regarding the project proposal.

Mr. Nix also spoke briefly about Category 2U projects on the northwest quadrant of State Loop 335 in FY2019 and the need to move that funding to projects on the southeast quadrant of Loop 335. He said this would be addressed in Agenda Item 5.

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 revisions were needed to add or revise the scope of several projects within the document. Mr. Muno addressed several projects in the MTP. He said all the projects were on the IH-40 and IH-27 corridors. The 2015-40 MTP project revisions are shown in Attachment A.

Mark Benton, made a motion to accept the action as presented. Dick Davis seconded the motion. A vote of 9:0 carried the motion.

Item 4. Consider 2015-18 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) revision.

Mr. Muno explained the need for revision of the 2015-18 Transportation Improvement Program. He said the changes were necessary due to revised funding amounts from the Federal Transit Administration. Overall, the revision modifies funding amounts available to Amarillo City Transit for the fiscal year 2015. The 2015-18 TIP revision is shown in Attachment B.

Kyle Ingham, Local Government Services Director from PRPC, made a motion to accept the action as presented. H.R. Kelly, Potter County Commissioner, seconded the motion. A vote of 9:0 carried the motion.

Item 5. Consider TxDOT Unified Transportation Program (UTP) revision.

Mr. Nix told the Committee this is the action item for projects on NW and SE quadrants of SL 335 he presented in Agenda Item #2. This action will move funds in FY 2019 from the Northwest Quadrant of State Loop 335 to Southeast Quadrant of State Loop 335. These changes will aid project development on SL 335 / IH-40 and future funding for SL 335.

H.R. Kelly, made a motion to accept the action as presented. Mark Benton, seconded the motion. A vote of 9:0 carried the motion.

Item 6. Presentation of the DRAFT FY2017-20 Transportation Improvement Program.

Mr. Muno gave an overview of the Transportation Improvement Program and its relation to other planning documents required of the Amarillo MPO. He spoke about the development of the draft 2017-20 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). He said that MPO staff had conducted a public meeting on November 12, 2015 to receive comments from the public. Travis told the committee that no comments had been received from that meeting.

Mr. Muno identified each project eligible for the draft TIP document, including public transportation and local maintenance projects. He said, of the TIP roadway projects identified, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) members agreed the funded projects should be included on the list

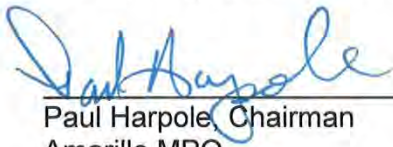
Travis said a 30-day public comment period on the draft 2015-2018 TIP would begin on February 12 and end on March 14, 2016, with another public meeting on February 24, 2016. He encouraged the public to attend all future meetings and participate in the transportation planning process.

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.

Alan Finegold, 2601 N. Grand St, Amarillo, TX, suggested there should be an external audit of Amarillo City Transit and perhaps a consultant be hired to review the local public transportation system.

Item 8. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned with no further business to discuss.



Paul Harpole, Chairman
Amarillo MPO