

## MINUTES

### AMARILLO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

The Policy Committee for the Amarillo Metropolitan Planning Organization met at 1:30 p.m., October 20, 2016, in Room 306 of City Hall, 509 South East 7th Avenue, Amarillo, Texas.

Voting members present were: Paul Harpole, Terry Childers, Ernie Houdashell, Kyle Ingham, Dick Davis, Mark Benton, Kit Black, Brian Crawford and H. R. Kelly.

Voting members not present were: Nancy Tanner, and Mark Nair.

Staff coordinators were: Gary Holwick and Travis Muno.

#### **Item 1. Consider approval of the July 21, 2016 meeting minutes.**

Mayor Harpole thanked the staff from TxDOT, MPO, our state legislators, Chairman Lewis from TxDOT and others who have participated in various meetings these last few months in regards to funding and what the needs are to ensure the plan goes forward. Brian Crawford, TxDOT Amarillo District Engineer, introduced Kit Black, the TxDOT Amarillo District Transportation of Planning & Development Director to the committee.

Mayor Harpole advised the minutes of the previous meeting on July 21, 2016 were ready for consideration. Mayor Harpole asked if there were any corrections to the minutes; hearing none, they were approved as submitted.

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

Terry Nix, TxDOT Amarillo District Planner, reported on a variety of projects including those along IH-40, SL335, & the Soncy Road Corridor. The committee was interested, supportive of the projects discussed, and the general consensus was to proceed with the projects on the S. Loop corridor, which are identified in today's action items.

Terry Childers, Interim City Manager, City of Amarillo, then made a motion directing the MPO Technical Advisory Committee to continue development of the 10 year Transportation Plan as presented and to vigorously pursue additional funding to complete the project. Mark Benton, Randall County Commissioner, seconded the motion. Kyle Ingham, Local Government Services Director from PRPC, asked to amend the motion to include Cat 12 and other funding streams. A vote of 9:0 carried the motion. Dick Davis, Chamber of Commerce, requested going forward, a table explaining and outlining the different Category funds be placed in future agendas as a reference point for the committee.

#### **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.

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. Davis made a motion to accept the action as presented. Mr. Benton seconded the motion. A vote of 9:0 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.

Mr. Davis made a motion to accept the action as presented. Mr. Childers seconded the motion. A vote of 9:0 carried the motion.

#### **Item 5. Receive a presentation of the FY2016 Annual List of Projects.**

Mr. Muno presented the 2016 Annual List of Projects shown in Attachment C. He explained that each year the MPO is required to report on projects for which federal funding was obligated inside the MPO boundary. He stated that the list of projects included various roadway and transit projects. Mr. Muno advised the

committee that these projects were the subject of a public comment period that began on October 1, 2016 and ended October 10, 2016. He said no comments had been received during the comment period. He mentioned today's meeting was another opportunity for the public to comment on the 2016 Annual List of Projects.

**Item 6. Information regarding an Amarillo City Transit Feasibility Study.**

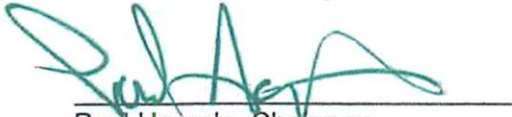
Mr. Muno presented information about a feasibility study being done for the City of Amarillo public transit system by the Barry Goodman Corporation. He said the study will be presented in 4 phases to address best practices and engage heavy public participation, explore other funding opportunities, and more fully integrate transit into the City's overall transportation master plans. He explained the overall goal is to review the operations, to better serve the public, increase ridership, and reduce delays while being cost efficient.

**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 2017 calendar year are included in the Committee's packet.

**Item 8. Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned with no further business to discuss.



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Paul Harpole, Chairman  
Amarillo MPO