

## MINUTES

### AMARILLO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

The Policy Committee for the Amarillo Metropolitan Planning Organization met at 1:30 p.m., April 16, 2015, in Room 306 of City Hall, 509 South East 7th Avenue, Amarillo, Texas.

Voting members present were: Paul Harpole, Jarrett Atkinson, Nancy Tanner, H.R. Kelly, Kyle Ingham, Ellen Robertson-Green, Dick Davis, Gus Khankarli, and Ron Johnston.

Voting members not present were: Ernie Houdashell, and Mark Benton

Staff coordinators were: Gary Holwick and Travis Muno.

#### **Item 1. Consider approval of the January 15, 2015 meeting minutes.**

Paul Harpole, City of Amarillo Mayor, advised the minutes of the previous meeting on January 15, 2015 were ready for consideration. There were no corrections to the minutes.

Dick Davis, Chamber of Commerce, made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. H.R. Kelly, Potter County Commissioner, seconded the motion. A vote of 9:0 carried the motion.

#### **Item 2. Consider projects for the 2015 Transportation Alternatives Program Call.**

Gary Holwick, MPO Director, spoke about the 2015 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Call. He said these are non-traditional transportation projects, such as the preservation of Historic Route 66, the Rock Island Rail Trail (RIRT), or the Downtown Streetscape. Mr. Holwick gave Committee members additional details about the grant process. He said a grant workshop took place in Lubbock on February 23, 2015 and that approximately \$50 million was available in Texas for this call. He stated that each project needed a local sponsor and support & endorsement from the MPO. Mr. Holwick then asked Ms. Rebecca Woods of the City of Amarillo Planning Department to present information about a proposed rails-to-trails project for the 2015 Program Call. Ms. Woods presented the history of the City of Amarillo Rock Island Rail Trail (RIRT) Phase I and its development. Ms. Woods said staff combined efforts with the Planning and Zoning Commission, Traffic Advisory Board, and Parks and Recreation Board to create a long-range comprehensive Master Plan to improve the RIRT, and to create a connectivity corridor. The Master Plan included goals and objectives, existing conditions, possible solutions/alternatives, and an implementation plan. Ms. Woods stated the implementation plan identified recommended actions, associated costs, a short, mid and long-range timeline, City departments responsible for implementation, and possible funding sources. Ms. Woods explained one possible funding source for the RIRT is the TAP. She reiterated the TAP and the RIRT project both focus on non-traditional transportation alternatives and encourages specific goals such as the improvement of safety and connectivity for bicycle and pedestrian trails. She stated because the RIRT project and the TAP grant share the above goals, the City plans to submit a TAP grant application. Ms. Woods then asked the Policy Committee for their support and to place the project in the Transportation Improvement Program, should the project be selected for TAP funding.

Nancy Tanner, Potter County Judge, made a motion to endorse the Rock Island Rail Trail project. Ellen Robertson-Green, City Commissioner, seconded the motion, and the motion carried 9:0.

#### **Item 3. Receive Project Status Update from TxDOT – Amarillo District staff.**

Terry Nix, TxDOT Amarillo District Planner, reported on a variety of projects including those on IH-40, SL335 and the Soncy Corridor. The committee was interested in and supportive of

the projects discussed. Mr. Nix also presented information on the FY 2019 project on RM 1061 and the need to move that funding to a proposed project on the northwest quadrant of State Loop 335. Mr. Nix advised this project would be discussed in Agenda Item #6.

**Item 4. 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 six projects in the MTP. He said, with the revision, five projects would be added to the list of active projects. He said the scope for another project would be revised as well. The 2015-40 MTP project revisions are shown in Attachment A.

Dick Davis, made a motion to accept the action as presented. Kyle Ingham, Local Government Services Director from PRPC, seconded the motion. A vote of 8:0 carried the motion, as H.R. Kelly was not present for the vote.

**Item 5. Consider 2015-18 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) revision.**

Mr. Muno explained the need for revision of the 2015-18 Transportation Improvement Program. He said several changes were necessary due to the advancement of new projects or the revision of the scope of work in others. Overall, the revision modifies project funding amounts, project limits, or added projects to the document. The 2015-18 TIP revision is shown in Attachment B.

Kyle Ingham, made a motion to accept the action as presented. Ellen Robertson-Green, seconded the motion. A vote of 8:0 carried the motion.

**Item 6. Consider TxDOT Unified Transportation Program (UTP) revision.**

Mr. Nix explained the need for a revision of TxDOT's Unified Transportation Program. He said the change is necessary to move FY 2019 funding from a proposed project on RM 1061 (CSJ #1245-02-032) to a proposed project on State Loop 335 (CSJ #2635-04-031). Overall, the revision replaces one project with another in the UTP.

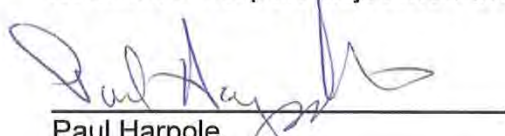
Dick Davis, made a motion to accept the action as presented. Nancy Tanner, seconded the motion. A vote of 8:0 carried the motion.

**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.**

No comments were received from Committee members or citizens attending the meeting.

**Item 8. Adjournment.**

Chairman Harpole adjourned the meeting with no further business to discuss.



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Paul Harpole  
Chairman, Amarillo MPO

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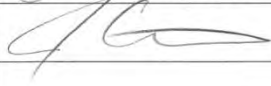
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