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AMARILLO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

The Policy Committee for the Amarillo Metropolitan Planning Organization met at 1:00 p.m., May 21, 2015, in Room 306 of City Hall, 509 South East 7th Avenue, Amarillo, Texas.

Voting members present were: Paul Harpole, Jarrett Atkinson, H.R. Kelly, Kyle Ingham, Dick Davis, Ernie Houdashell, and Mark Benton

Voting members not present were: Nancy Tanner, Ellen Robertson Green, Gus Khankarli, and Ron Johnston.

Staff coordinators were: Gary Holwick and Travis Muno.

Item 1. Consider approval of the April 16, 2015 meeting minutes.

Paul Harpole, City of Amarillo Mayor, advised the minutes of the previous meeting on April 16, 2015 were ready for consideration. There were no corrections to the minutes.

Jarrett Atkinson, City of Amarillo City Manager, made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Dick Davis, Chamber of Commerce, seconded the motion. A vote of 7:0 carried the motion.

Item 2. Consider project for the 2015 TIGER Grant Program.

Gary Holwick, MPO Director, spoke about the 2015 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program. He said it is a federal grant program that originated from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Mr. Holwick said these funds are intended for projects that leverage resources, encourage partnership, assist investment and growth, or provide substantial benefit to the area in which the project is located. He said state, local, or tribal governments, transit agencies, and port authorities were eligible to submit projects for funding. Mr. Holwick said eligible projects could be highway or bridge projects, including bicycle and pedestrian related projects, intermodal projects, public transportation projects, and passenger or freight rail projects. He stated that projects needed endorsement by an MPO.

Mr. Holwick then asked Ms. Melissa Dailey of the Downtown Amarillo Inc. to present information about a proposed Downtown Amarillo Complete Streets Initiative project for the 2015 TIGER Program Call. Ms. Dailey presented a complete streets project design to revitalize Polk St from SW 11th Ave to SW 3rd Ave and along SW 6th Ave from the eastern terminus of the Amarillo Rock Island Rail Trail at SW 7th Ave and Crockett St to the proposed Intermodal Transportation Center at Grant St and SW 4th Ave. The project includes traffic lanes, bicycle lanes, and on-street parking while establishing a pedestrian safe environment within the current right-of-way. Much discussion was held among the MPO Policy Committee and the general consensus of the group was overall support of the project.

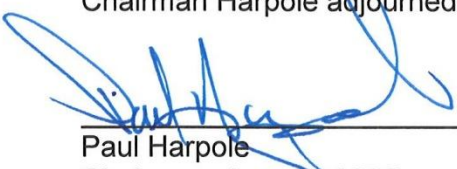
Kyle Ingham, Local Government Services Director from PRPC, introduced his motion with the following statement. In light of the fact the City of Amarillo has some new Council members and will be hearing the presentation for the first time, the possibility of a seven figure match requirement, and if funded, the City Council would have the opportunity to accept or reject the contract at a later date, Mr. Ingham made a motion, contingent upon Amarillo City Council approval, for the MPO Policy Committee to offer a letter of support (Attachment A) for the 2015 TIGER Grant Program application. H.R. Kelly, Potter County Commissioner, seconded the motion, and the motion carried 7:0.

Item 3. 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 4. Adjournment.

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



Paul Harpole
Chairman, Amarillo MPO

Amarillo Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee Meeting Attendance Record

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509 SE 7th Ave, Amarillo, TX

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4	Joe Price	PRPC		
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May 21, 2015

Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: TIGER VII Grant Application: Downtown Amarillo Complete Streets Initiative

Dear Secretary Foxx,

The City of Amarillo is submitting an application to the FY 2015 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant Program. This project proposes to revitalize Polk Street and SW 6th Avenue in Amarillo's Central Business District. This Complete Streets Design project creates inviting, pedestrian safe corridors connecting Amarillo's downtown neighborhoods to retail shopping and regional medical facilities via the local transportation network and the Amarillo Rock Island Rail Trail.

Members of the Amarillo MPO Policy Committee generally support the project as one that will enhance the quality of life for a wide range of multi-modal transportation users. We urge your favorable consideration of this application.

Paul Harpole, Mayor, City of Amarillo
Chair, Amarillo MPO Policy Advisory Committee