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AMARILLO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY COMMITTEE WORKSHOP

The Policy Committee for the Amarillo Metropolitan Planning Organization met at 8:30 a.m., October 17, 2019, in Room 275 of the Simms Building, 808 South Buchanan, Amarillo, Texas.

Voting members present were: Kyle Ingham, Nancy Tanner, HR Kelly, Mark Benton, Kit Black, Jared Miller, Ginger Nelson, Eddie Sauer, Brian Crawford, John Behrns and Ernie Houdashell

Staff coordinators were: Travis Muno, and Cody Balzen

Item 1. Open Forum

There was no business for the open forum

Item 2. Consider the July 19, 2019 meeting minutes

Jared asked for a motion to Approve. Mark Benton moved to approve the minutes as is. Eddie Sauer seconded. Motion carried with a 9-0 vote.

Item 3. Discuss and Consider 2020-2045 MTP

Travis Muno presented on the 2020-2045, asking the policy board to recall the draft MTP which had been brought before the board at the previous policy board meeting to review. He explained that many changes had been made, including the fact that the MTP now had to be FAST act compliant, instead of MAP 21, and expanding the MAB boundary.

Ginger asked for a motion to approve the MTP. Nancy Tanner motioned, and Jared Miller seconded. Motion carried with an 11-0 vote.

Item 4. Discuss and Consider 2019-2022 TIP Revision

Travis went over the revisions needing to be added to the TIP document, including the new funding that had been added from the most recent UTP.

Kyle Ingham asked for clarifications that the documentation that they were looking at was just the TIP revisions. Travis confirmed this information. Kyle then asked if the full TIP was available to view to see where the revisions fit in. Travis stated that the TIP was available on the MPO website, as well as in office.

Mark Benton asked about about where the loop connects with I-40. Kit Black explained that level one will be loop frontage roads at grade, I-40 will be level two, and then the main lanes of the loop will be the third level.

Travis also explained the Transit updates that needed to be added to the TIP as well. Kyle Ingham asked about 5310 services in the new transit facility, and Marita stated that two regional services would have bays in this new facility as well.

Jared Motioned to approve, Eddie Sauer seconded. Motion carried 11-0

Item 5. Update on Draft UTP Funding

Travis explained what the funding from the new TxDOT UTP would go towards. Kyle Ingham asked what category this funding came from, and Travis explained it came from Category 12.

Brian Crawford suggested some projects to turn in as prioritized projects for the next years UTP.

Ginger Nelson brought up the crossing at 9th and the safety concerns that the citizens have, as a high school student lost his life there earlier this year, and it was asked if anything could be done about a sign or light there. It was explained that not much could be done, as by the time a something was put in, the intersection would be due to be completely redone.

Item 6. Discussion on TxDOT Mowing and Cleanliness of Construction Sites

Ginger talked about the fact that many citizens complained about the cleanliness of the construction sites were, because the contractors were not mowing due to the construction. TxDOT is looking into changing contracts so that the areas were clean even during construction.

Item 7. Discussion on Commissioner Ryan's Visit

Ginger talked about Commissioner Ryan's visit, and explaining how she was very impressed with how open minded she was. She explained that the panhandle seemed to be a new experience. She seemed very excited about the loop project and where the money that the commission approved was going.

Item 8. Update on TxDOT Construction Projects


Corky Neukem gave a presentation on the active projects in the Amarillo Area. I-40 Ross-Arthur bridges should be finished sometime in November. I-27 and 26th street exit, is now completed. SL335 from Washington –I-40 is now paved, and they have removed concrete barriers, and are moving on to overlay. B-1 Phase 1 at I-27 and loop, the project was behind schedule. TxDOT is moving traffic on the overpass at Coulter to the frontage road to hopefully get the center bridge built, and bring the project forward by 5 months. I-40 last 6 bridges, Whittaker, Lakeside and Pullman bridges, traffic pushed to one side, and a little behind. Traffic has been changed over on Pullman, but they are hoping to encourage contractor to work on Lakeside and Whittaker to get the traffic pushed over on the other side. The project is 279 days behind schedule. The current projected end date is March for traffic being moved to the new pavement, and hopefully lane rentals will get the contractor's attention to get moving on finishing the project.

Item 9. Discuss Future Agenda Items.

Changing the time frame on the priority list to September as opposed to Spring.

Item 10. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned with no further business to discuss.



Ginger Nelson, Chairman
Amarillo MPO