

MINUTES
AMARILLO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

The Policy Committee for the Amarillo Metropolitan Planning Organization met at 8:30 a.m., January 16, 2020, in Room 275 of the Simms Building, 808 South Buchanan, Amarillo, Texas.

Voting members present were: Mark Benton, H.R. Kelly, Jared Miller, Kyle Ingham, Brian Crawford, Kit Black, Ernie Houdashell, Ginger Nelson, Eddy Sauer, Joe Price and Nancy Tanner.

Voting members not present were:

Non Members Present were:

Staff coordinators were: Travis Muno, Cody Balzen, and Devin Jones

Item 1. 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.

There was no new business for the open forum.

Item 2. Discuss and Consider Approval of the October 19, 2018 meeting minutes.

Mayor Ginger Nelson opened the floor to discussion on the minutes from the October meeting Mark Benton moved to approved Nancy Tanner Seconded. Motion passed 9-0

Item 3. Discuss and Consider Safety Performance Measures 2020

Travis Muno showed a slide show of information, showing how the TAC Committee reviewed the information to determine whether to support the state Safety Targets or to develop our own. The TAC committee determined that we are still well beneath the State targets, and suggest that we support the state rather than to create our own.

Travis also showed comparable city sizes and where The Amarillo MPO sits as far as MPO's of other sizes. Travis also showed that statewide, Texas is having a downward trend.

Kyle Ingham asked what they attributed the downward curve of fatalities to. Travis said, they don't have enough information to attribute to the downward curve, but that time will tell once we have more information.

Kit Black asked if the MPO has only supported the state targets. Travis said yes, and that all MPOs in Texas are following the state standards.

Kyle Ingham asked if there have been any consequences for not meeting these standards. Travis explained that no, there have not, and that consequences are at the state level, not the MPO level.

Item 4. Update on Draft 2021 – 2024 TIP

Travis explained that the MPO Staff is getting ready to do the first set of public meetings for the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) on January 28th at the Amarillo Central Public Library, and on January 30th at the Canyon Cole Community Center.

Kyle asked what the new projects were funded by. Travis explained they were mostly Category 2, and 12.

Item 5. Update on Multi Modal Plan

Travis explained that the sub Committee that is looking over the RFQ for the Multi Modal plan will meet on January 22nd to look over it, and then will be taken to City Council to be approved since they are our fiscal agent.

Kit Black asked about a timeline for when the plan would start being worked on. Travis explained that it would be about April once the plan was started.

Item 6. Update on Construction Projects

Corky Neukem from TxDOT presented the updates of the projects that have continued to be worked on since October.

Ross Arthur Bridge has been completed. HWY 60 – I40 Overlay has been completed. The HWY 60 Loop 335 portion, the widening section has been paved, and has been given a partial acceptance. The HWY 60 project outside of Canyon is behind schedule due to bad weather.

I-27 and Hollywood Bridge splitting traffic by the end of January. By February of this year, they plan to put traffic on the frontage road to begin construction on the Coulter St. Bridge. On B2 Phase 2, they are hanging beams for the bridges. The 6 bridges at Whittaker, Lakeside, and Pullman, have traffic on the decks, pouring deck on Lakeside soon, followed by Whittaker. At Whittaker have hung beams, and working on retaining walls.

Ginger Nelson asked about B-2 Phase 2. Kit explained that they open bids in February and after 120 days, they should have construction starting.

Item 7. Discuss Future Agenda Items.

No future items were brought up.

Item 8. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned with no further business to discuss.

Ginger Nelson, Chairman
Amarillo MPO