

# amarillo mpo inter-agency memo

**TO:** MPO Policy Committee Members  
**FROM:** Travis Muno, MPO Administrator  
**DATE:** May 21, 2020  
**SUBJECT:** MPO Policy Committee Meeting

The Amarillo Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee will meet **Thursday, May 21, 2020** at **8:30 A.M.**, Via Zoom Meeting using the link: <https://amarillo.zoom.us/j/98688558590?pwd=UzJRM09DOVhSRS9reDZ1Vy81OE9WZz09>. I am sending you the agenda and information packet for the meeting.

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# AMARILLO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

## AGENDA

**PLACE:** THE MPO POLICY Committee will meet Via Zoom Meeting using the link:  
<https://amarillo.zoom.us/j/98688558590?pwd=UzJRM09DOVhSRS9reDZ1Vy81OE9WZz09>

**DATE:** 5/21/2020

**TIME:** 8:30 AM

**ITEMS:**

- 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.
- Item 2: [Consider the January 16, 2020 Minutes](#)
- Item 3: [Discuss and Consider Revision to 2020-2045 MTP](#)
- Item 4: [Discuss and Consider Revision to 2019-2021 TIP](#)
- Item 5: [Discuss and Consider 2021-2024 Draft TIP](#)
- Item 6: [Update on Multi Modal Plan](#)
- Item 7: [Presentation on Annual List of Projects](#)
- Item 8: [Update on Current Construction Projects](#)
- Item 9: [Discuss Future Agenda Items](#)
- Item 10: Adjournment.

The Amarillo Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee may take up items out of the order shown on the agenda. The Policy Committee reserves the right and hereby gives notice that it may conduct an executive session, as the Amarillo Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee may find necessary, on any item of business listed in this agenda for which state law authorizes an executive session, even if such item is not specifically designated to be an executive session item.

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**Consider the January 16, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

**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 28<sup>th</sup> at the Amarillo Central Public Library, and on January 30<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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Ginger Nelson, Chairman  
Amarillo MPO



## Agenda Item 3 – Briefing

**Presentation: Travis Muno, MPO**

Item 3 Discuss and Consider Revisions to 2020-2045 MTP:

This revision is mostly just housekeeping. It is to align the projects in the 21-24 TIP with the MTP. The first project is on SL 335 at FM 2590, this is the tie in project. The change that is being made is to adjust the description in the MTP to match the description in the TIP. The second project that is being revised is on SL 335, the C-1 project. There is a typo in the limits it should read to FM 1719 not FM 1219. The next project is on the widening of IH 27 between Sundown and Canyon. One of the phases of this project had the wrong limits, it should read from north of US 60/87 interchange to south of US 60/87 interchange. This phase will reconstruct the interchange at US 60 / 87. The last project is in FY 24. It is on SL 335 at IH 40. This is the project to construct the third level of the interchange. This project will take SL 335 over IH 40. This revision will adjust the total cost to match what is allocated in the 21-24 TIP.

This revision will require action by the Policy Committee.

<b>AMARILLO 2020-2045 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN</b>		
<b>August 2020 REVISION</b>		
MPO ID Number	Location/Description	Revision
<b><i>Roadway Projects</i></b>		
A20002	SL 335 Fr: West of FM 2590 South to SW 9 <sup>th</sup> Ave; B-2: Construct 4 new Mainlanes, Ramps and Grade Separations and 2 lane Frontage Rds	Update info
A20003	SL 335 Fr: SW 9 <sup>th</sup> Ave to FM 1719 (Western); C-1 Phase I: Upgrade to 4-lane divided from SW 9 <sup>th</sup> Ave to RM 1061, Upgrade to freeway From RM 1061 to FM 1719	Update info
A20021	IH 27 Fr: North of US 60/87 interchange to South of US 60/87 Interchange; Reconstruct US 60/IH 27 interchange	Update info
A20004	SL 335 Fr: .2 M North of 34 <sup>th</sup> Ave to .4 M NE BI 40D; B-2 Phase III: Construct SL 335 3 <sup>rd</sup> level mainlane bridge at IH 40, 4 new mainlanes ramps, and BI 40-D grade separation	Update info





## **Agenda Item 4 – Briefing**

### **Presentation: Travis Muno, MPO**

Item 4 Discuss and Consider Revisions to the 2019-2021 TIP:

We find ourselves at one of those odd times. If all goes well, the new 2021-24 TIP (new plan) will take effect in October, however we no longer can make revisions to the 2019-22 TIP (current plan). If for some reason the new TIP is delayed the current plan will remain in effect until the new plan is approved. Since we have a project scheduled to let in November we need to have the current plan align with the letting. Further revisions are not allowed in the current TIP, but we can make administrative changes when they meet certain restrictions. As a backup plan, we need to add an additional \$1.9 million to the project on SL335 at FM 2590, the tie in project. Then in September we will need to add an additional \$1.6 million to the same project. This should get us to where we need to be on funding. If things go as scheduled then the new plan will be approved and become effective October 1<sup>st</sup>, which will overwrite these changes and things will continue as originally planned.



## Agenda Item 5 – Briefing

### **Presentation: Travis Muno, MPO**

Item 5 Discuss Draft 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Plan:

The Transportation Improvement Plan is the MPOs short range plan. This document contains the projects that will be going to construction in the next 4 years. Although this plan covers a four year planning horizon the plan is redone every two years. This plan includes both highway and transit projects.

With the update to this plan we will be adding the FY 23 and 24 to the plan. Starting with FY 21, the first individually listed project is the project at Fm 2590 and Hollywood Road. This is the project referred to as the tie in project. It is the project that will tie the B-1 project to the B-2 project. This project will construct a grade separation at FM 2590 and will realign the intersection at FM 2590 and SL 335. SL 335 will then go over FM 2590. In FY 22 there are currently no individual listed projects. In FY 23, SL 335 will begin in the northwest quadrant.

Project C-1 will begin which starts at SW 9<sup>th</sup> Ave and continues to FM 1719 (Western St). This project will continue to make SL 335 a four lane divided highway, by creating frontage roads along the segment similar to the B-2 project. The main lanes will be added in a future phase. This phase will also allow for the reconstruction of the Tascosa bike trail. In FY 24 will be B-2 Phase III project. This project will be at I-40 and SL 335. This will be the third level of the interchange at I 40 and SL 335. This project will take the mainlanes of SL 335 over the I 40 mainlanes and Amarillo Blvd. Also in FY 24 is the project on I 27 from Sundown to the US 60/87 split just north of Kimbrough Stadium. This project will expand I 27 from four lanes to six lanes. This project is fully funded by Category 12 funds as approved by the Texas Transportation Commission.

This plan also adds FY 23 and 24 funds to Transit. Additionally, all performance measures were updated with the latest targets. This plan has had public involvement and two public comment periods during development. Today is an opportunity again to make comments on the program. The draft document may be found on our website.

Here is the link: [Plans & Programs | City of Amarillo, TX](#).

This will require action by the committee of adoption.



## **Agenda Item 6 – Briefing**

### **Presentation: Travis Muno, MPO**

Item 6 Update on Multi Modal Plan:

This will be an update on where we are in the RFQ process. The contract is with Kimley-Horn Inc. The negotiated price is \$330,000 which is \$40,000 less than what was set aside.



## Agenda Item 7 – Briefing

### Presentation: Travis Muno, MPO

#### Item 7 Annual List of Obligated Projects:

The federal transportation bill requires the MPO to report on projects inside the MPO boundary for which federal funds were either obligated or the obligation was increased each year. Some projects are primarily maintenance or rehabilitation in nature, others are of more regional significance. The list also includes projects like operating and capital funding for transit. A listing of the project from the Annual List of projects is found below.

Highway Projects					
MPO ID	CSJ	HWY			
A15164-000	2494-02-010	SL 335	From FM 2590 to FM 2186	B-2 Phase I : Construct 2-Lane Frontage Rds	\$9,982,118
A15008-000	0275-01-166	IH 40	From Helium to East of SL335	Relocate entrance & Exit Ramps, Misc	\$206,000
A15164-001	2635-05-001	SL 335	From FM 2186 to Potter Co. Line	B-2 Phase I: Construct 2 lane Frontage Rds	\$32,396,509
A15165-000	2635-06-001	SL 335	From Randall Co. Line to IH 40	B-2 Phase I: Construct 2 lane Frontage Rds	\$943,764

Transit Projects				
MPO ID	County		Work Type	
A0AT01S(19)	Potter & Randall	City of Amarillo FTA Funding	Operating Expenses	\$2,227,586
A0AT06S(19)	Potter & Randall	City of Amarillo FTA Funding	Preventative Maintenance	\$623,806
A0AT02S(19)	Potter & Randall	City of Amarillo FTA Funding	Replace Bus Vehicles	\$330,508
A0AT07S(19)	Potter & Randall	City of Amarillo FTA Funding	ADA	\$269,013
A0AT08S(19)	Potter & Randall	City of Amarillo FTA Funding	Training	\$8,400

Grouped Projects					
MPO ID	CSJ	HWY			
	0041-07-110	US 87	From FM 1719 to NE 12 <sup>th</sup> St	Highway improvement	\$989,041.50
	0275-01-196	IH 40	From BIH 40 D to SL 335 Soncy	ROW Acquisition & Utilities Adjust	\$3,418,000
A15151	0275-01-192	IH 40	From Whitaker to SS 468 (Airport Blvd)	Right of Way	\$1,100,000
	0090-05-096	BIH 40 D	From IH 40 to RM 1061	Sealcoat	\$604,335.18
	0275-01-018	IH 40	From Coulter (Frt Rd) to Whitaker Rd Frt (Rd)	Sealcoat	\$1,006,580.79
	0168-09-164	US 60	From IH 27 interchange to SP 48 in Canyon	Overlay	\$1,162,058.43
A15504-010	2635-01-032	SL 335	At drainage ditch 2.2 miles E of US 287	Bridge Maintenance	\$83,142.20
	0090-06-042	BI 40	At Draw 0.8 Mi NE of 9 <sup>th</sup> St	Bridge Maintenance	\$87,885.41
	2635-01-038	SL 335	From IH 40 to South of SH 136 (Divided Section)	Surfacing/Roadway Restoration	\$5,571,918.32
	1480-02-033	FM 1541	From IH 27 to SL 335	Surfacing/Roadway Restoration	\$2,556,690.67
	0041-07-107	US 87	From NE 15 <sup>th</sup> to FM 1719	Sealcoat NB & SB Frontage Rds	\$7,404,832.92
	0041-07-105	US 87	At drain ICT Loop 335	Bridge Maintenance	\$847,775.74

A public comment period was advertised in the Amarillo Globe News to gather public comments. The comment period began on February 17, 2020 and ended on February 27, 2020. MPO staff received no comment on the material presented in the Annual List of Projects. There is no formal action required for this item.





## **Agenda Item 8 – Briefing**

### **Presentation: Corky Newcomb, TxDOT**

Item 8 Update on Construction Projects:

This will be an update on where TxDOT is on construction projects.

**Discuss Future Agenda Items**

## **Agenda Item 9 – Briefing**

**Presentation: Travis Muno, MPO**

Item 9 Discuss Future Agenda Items:

Time for discussion on items the committee would like to see on future agendas.