

amarillo mpo inter-agency memo

TO: MPO Policy Committee Members
FROM: Travis Muno, MPO Administrator
DATE: June 18, 2020
SUBJECT: MPO Policy Committee Meeting

The Amarillo Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee will meet **Thursday, June 18, 2020 at 8:30 A.M.**, The MPO Policy Committee will meet Via Zoom Meeting using the link:
<https://amarillo.zoom.us/j/92919146325?pwd=SERXMm9FNW1RMHhLbzVCZ3V5T2ZiQT09>

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AMARILLO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

THE MPO POLICY BOARD WILL MEET AND HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORDER OF THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR ISSUED MARCH 16, 2020

AGENDA

PLACE: THE MPO POLICY Committee will meet Via Zoom Meeting using the link:
<https://amarillo.zoom.us/j/92919146325?pwd=SERXMm9FNW1RMHhLbzVCZ3V5T2ZiQT09>

DATE: 6/18/2020

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: Discuss and Consider January 16, 2020 Minutes
- Item 3: Discuss and Consider Revision to 2020-2045 MTP
- Item 4: Discuss and Consider 2021-2024 Draft TIP
- Item 5: Discuss Future Agenda Items
- Item 6: 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 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

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.

AMARILLO 2020-2045 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN		
August 2020 REVISION		
MPO ID Number	Location/Description	Revision
<i>Roadway Projects</i>		
A20002	SL 335 Fr: West of FM 2590 South to SW 9 th Ave; B-2: Construct 4 new Mainlanes, Ramps and Grade Separations and 2 lane Frontage Rds	Update info
A20003	SL 335 Fr: SW 9 th Ave to FM 1719 (Western); C-1 Phase I: Upgrade to 4-lane divided from SW 9 th 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 th Ave to .4 M NE BI 40D; B-2 Phase III: Construct SL 335 3 rd 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 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 9th 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.

Discuss Future Agenda Items

Agenda Item 5 – 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.