



**MINUTES
TYLER AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Friday, September 19, 2008, 10:00 a.m.

**Tyler Development Center
423 W. Ferguson, Tyler, Texas**

I. Call to Order

Mayor Bass called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

II. Proof of Posting, Determination of a Quorum and Introductions

POLICY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

*Barbara Bass	Mayor, City of Tyler
*Ronny Fite	City Manager, City of Whitehouse
*Joel Baker	County Judge, Smith County
*Mark McDaniel	City Manager Designate, City of Tyler
*Bill Ward, P.E.	Capital Projects, City of Tyler
Barbara Holly	Executive Director, Tyler Area MPO

POLICY BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

*Owen Scott	City Manager, City of Lindale
*Glenn Green, P.E.	Engineer, TxDOT Tyler District
*Bobby Van Ness	Commissioner, Smith County

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kirk Houser, P.E.	Traffic Engineer, City of Tyler
Dale Booth, P.E.	Adv. Project Development Engineer, TxDOT
Fred Marquez	Transportation Planner, TxDOT
Dale Spitz	Transportation Administrator, TxDOT
Tony Filippini	Tyler Area MPO
Krystin Bridges	City of Tyler

***Denotes voting member**

III. Consideration of Minutes from the previous meetings of the Tyler Area Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting: April 25, 2008

On motion by Ronny Fite, seconded by Joel Baker, and carried unanimously, the Policy Committee approved the April 25, 2008 meeting minutes as presented.

IV. Discussion and Action: Consider Adoption of Revisions to the Tyler Area MPO By-Laws

Motion was made to adopt the revisions to the Tyler Area MPO By-Laws as proposed by MPO Staff, with addition of changing Smith County Policy Board job title from “County Engineer” to “County Road Administrator or designee” under Article II Members and Meetings, A. Membership. Motion made by Joel Baker, seconded by Ronnie Fite, and carried unanimously.

V. Discussion and Action: Consider Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

Motion was made to elect City of Tyler Mayor Barbara Bass as Chairperson. Motion made by Joel Baker, seconded by Bill Ward, and carried unanimously.

Motion was made to elect Smith County Judge Joel Baker as Vice Chairperson. Motion made by Mark McDaniel, seconded by Bill Ward, and carried unanimously.

VI. Discussion and Action: Consider Adoption of Revisions to the 2008 – 2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

On motion by Mark McDaniel, seconded by Joel Baker, and carried unanimously, the Policy Committee approved the 2008 – 2011 Transportation Improvement Program revisions as presented.

VII. Staff Update

Ms. Holly presented information of the Federal Highway Trust Fund. She indicated that the federal fund has depleted at a faster rate than the US Department of Transportation had expected. President Bush has signed H.R. 6532, which transfers \$8.017 billion to the Highway Trust Fund from the Treasury General Fund.

Ms. Holly presented the Department of Transportation’s proposal for the new surface transportation program (Currently SAFETEA-LU). Ms. Holly highlighted that part of the proposal was to eliminate metropolitan planning organizations and expressed that the Tyler Area MPO is not in support of this proposal and would be asking for concurrence of other municipalities.

VIII. Open/Public Comment Period

None

IX. Adjourn

On Motion by Mark McDaniel, and seconded Joel Baker, and carried unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.