



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

Tuesday, February 3, 2009, 11:30 a.m.

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

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Bass called the meeting to order at 11:41 a.m.

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

POLICY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

*Barbara Bass	Mayor, City of Tyler
*Joel Baker	County Judge, Smith County
*Mark McDaniel	City Manager Designate, City of Tyler
*Carter Delleney, P.E.	City Engineer, City of Tyler
*Owen Scott	City Manager, City of Lindale
*Randy Hopmann, P.E.	Engineer, TxDOT Tyler District
*Doug Nicholson	County Road Administrator, Smith County
Barbara Holly	Executive Director, Tyler Area MPO

POLICY BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

*Ronny Fite	City Manager, City of Whitehouse
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OTHERS PRESENT:

Dale Booth, P.E.	Adv. Project Development Engineer, TxDOT
Fred Marquez	Transportation Planner, TxDOT
Dale Spitz	Transportation Administrator, TxDOT
Greg Lancaster	TxDOT
Gabe Contrerus	TxDOT
Any Mullins	TTI
Gary Rushing	City of Tyler/Tyler Transit
Clay Evers	Freese & Nichols
Justin Smith	City of Tyler
Michael Wilson	City of Tyler
Vernon M. Webb	TxDOT – Tyler District TP&D

Sarai R. Ahes
Stephanie Rollings
Mark Priestner
Heather Nick
Tony Filippini
Krystin Bridges
Alex Johnson

Adams Engineering
Planning Concepts
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Tyler Area MPO
Tyler Area MPO
City of Tyler
Citizen

***Denotes voting member**

III. Consideration of Minutes from the previous meetings of the Tyler Area Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting: September 19, 2008

On motion by Mark McDaniel seconded by Vice-Chairperson Baker and carried unanimously, the Policy Committee approved the September 19, 2008 meeting minutes as presented.

IV. Discussion and Action: Presentation of the Regional Trail Plan

Ms. Stephanie Rollings of Planning Concepts presented the Regional Trail Plan. The Plan is currently a draft document and is scheduled to be completed during the spring of 2009.

V. Discussion and Action: Presentation of the Base Year Model

Mr. Gabe Contrerus of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Planning and Programming Division (TP&D) presented the Tyler area base year travel demand model.

VI. 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 quorum from five members to six. Motion made by Carter Delleney, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Baker, and carried unanimously.

VII. Discussion and Action: Consider Adoption of Revisions to the 2008 – 2009 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Motion was made to adopt the revisions to the 2008 – 2009 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Baker, seconded by Randy Hopmann, and carried unanimously.

VIII. Discussion and Action: Consider Adoption of Tyler Area Projects Prioritized for the Federal Economic Stimulus Package

On a motion made by Mark McDaniel to adopt the Tyler Area projects prioritized for the Federal Economic Stimulus Package with the following changes: removal of Loop 49

Segment 5, FM 344, FM 14, and the addition of eligible signal projects, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Baker, and carried unanimously.

IX. Staff Update

Ms. Barbara Holly presented to the Policy Board that a public comment period is on the horizon to include adopted projects intended for the American Recovery and Reinvestments Act of 2009 into the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Ms. Barbara Holly presented work done regarding a mileage based user fee study in conjunction with the Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) and other state MPOs. The study explored taxing transportation based on Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) in place of the flat gas tax.

Mr. Tony Filippini presented the status of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) 2035 Update. The MTP contract had been awarded to Butcher, Willis, and Ratliff (BWR) in October 2008. Work is ongoing and the public participation will be starting in the coming two months. The MTP update has a Federal deadline of December 7, 2009.

X. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 12:34 p.m.