

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2024
REGULAR MEETING, TDC LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM
423 W. FERGUSON, TYLER, TEXAS**



Members Present:

Michael Howell, Ethan Sukiennik, Heather Nick, Cameron Williams, Kyle Kingma, Jimmy Toler, Burren Reed, Leroy Sparrow, Adrienne Leach, Eric Fisher, Colleen Colby, Stephanie Franklin

Others Present:

Gaylord Hughey, Attorney; Darrel Kotzur, City of Tyler; Bonnie Davis, UT Tyler

Michael Howell called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Leroy Sparrow moved, seconded by Colleen Colby, to approve the minutes from July 11, 2024. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Discussion Items:

1. Receive a presentation on the draft project descriptions, cost estimates, and updated rankings for the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Michael Howell explained that the MPO staff proposed a new data-based approach to project scoring which was presented to the TAC in July and received favorable comments. He stated that our consultants have taken the project scores and combined them with a weighting system based on public input to develop the 2024 project scores. Given the paradigm shift is the scoring methodology from 2019, the resulting 2024 project scores significantly differed. He explained that in order to bridge the gap between the current and proposed scores, the staff has developed a draft 2024 project ranking which maintains the priorities of the projects close to being construction ready and ranking the remaining projects in accordance to the results of the new scoring process.

Stephanie Franklin asked if funding availability had any impact on the ranking of projects, Michael Howell stated that it did not.

Kyle Kingma asked how projects are moved from the unfunded category to the funded category. Michael Howell explained that as projects begin construction, more projects can be added to the funded category.

Stephanie Franklin asked what the rankings for the bike and pedestrian projects were, Michael Howell stated that funding for those projects come from grants, so the MPO has no control over the submitted projects.

Cameron Williams called a motion to amend the project list. The committee suggested moving SL 124 into the funded category, moving FM 2964 from Grande BLVD to CR 2191 into the unfunded category, removing SL 323 at SH 110 overpass until a feasibility

study is completed for the corridor, and changing the limits for Legacy Trail Phase 3 to be from Three Lakes PKWY to SH 155. Stephanie Franklin seconded. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Staff Updates:

1. MPO Director's Report

Michael Howell gave an update on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update. He stated that the draft MTP is scheduled to be presented to the public on October 10th at the Rose Garden, kicking off a 30 day public comment period.

2. Upcoming Meeting Dates

Mr. Howell provided notice of the upcoming Policy Committee Meeting on September 26, 2024, and the next Technical Advisory Committee meeting scheduled on November 7, 2024.

The meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.