

**TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2024
TYLER DEVELOPMENT CENTER, LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM
423 WEST FERGUSON, TYLER, TEXAS**



Members Present:

Don Warren, Chair; Ed Broussard; Darin Jennings; Dee Roden; Neal Franklin; Frank Davis; and Vernon Webb

Members Absent:

Pam Frederick; Carolyn Caldwell; Gary Halbrooks; and Leslie Black.

Staff Present:

Michael Howell; Heather Nick; Rupini RV; and Joyce-Lynn Davis.

Others Present:

Alex de Rovel, citizen

Don Warren called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M.

Approval of Minutes:

Darin Jennings moved, seconded by Ed Broussard, to approve the minutes from August 1, 2024. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Action 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 Technical Advisory Committee met on September 12, 2024 to review the staff's draft listing. The TAC generally approved of the results but did recommend edits which included funding only the portion of FM 2964 (Rhones Quarter Rd) from Hwy 110 (Troup Hwy) to Grande Blvd. Instead of funding the other portions of FM 2964, the TAC recommended funding the widening of SL 124 (Old Henderson Hwy) between Hwy 64 and Hwy 31 to accommodate the new Chapel Hill being constructed.

The TAC also recommended that a currently unfunded project to construct an overpass at the intersections of Hwy 110 and ESE Loop 323 be removed and recommended that a study be performed on south Loop 323 from Hwy 155 (Frankston Hwy) to Spur 248 (University Blvd). The intent is that the study would develop a holistic solution for the corridor that will be separated into individual projects based on the results. In addition to the TAC's recommendation, Mr. Howell said the staff suggests also removing the project for various intersection improvements on Loop 323.

Edward Broussard asked if the order of projects shown on the list represented the project rankings. Mr. Howell responded saying that the order of projects shown reflected the projects closest to be ready for construction.

Dee Roden made a comment about the new industry development close to Hwy 155 and I-20 expressing concerns that the current infrastructure could not accommodate the development. Vernon Webb responded saying that both TxDOT and the County were making improvements to widen the county road to provide turn lanes and add a traffic signal.

Mr. Howell said that the Technical Advisory Committee recommends approval of the draft project list being presented for public review and comment.

Neal Franklin moved, seconded by Frank Davis, to approve the draft project list being presented for public review and comment. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Staff Updates:

1. Director's Report

Michael Howell notified the Committee that the draft MTP was 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 Technical Advisory Committee meeting on November 7, 2024, and the next Transportation Policy Committee meeting scheduled on November 21, 2024.

The meeting adjourned at 2:27 P.M.