

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2017
REGULAR MEETING, TDC LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM
423 W. FERGUSON, TYLER, TEXAS**



Members Present:

Michael Howell, Peter Eng, Kyle Kingma, Adrienne Leach, Jeffrey Harmon, Brooke Droptini, Leroy Sparrow.

Others Present:

Brent Bradberry, Tyler Area MPO, James Torres, Blayne Hayes.

Michael Howell called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm.

Approval of Minutes:

Leroy Sparrow moved, seconded by Peter Eng, to approve the minutes from May 4, 2017. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Public Hearings:

1. Discussion and Action: Consider recommending adoption of the FY 2018-2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Mr. Howell presented the item stating that this was the final review of the proposed FY 2018-2019 UPWP. The initial draft was presented to the Technical Advisory Committee on May 4, 2017, the Transportation Policy Committee on May 25, 2017, and submitted to TxDOT for comments on June 1, 2017. No comments were received from TxDOT.

He mentioned the two major work items in the proposed budget were the hiring of a consultant to create an Active Transportation Plan (Task 5.1) in 2018 and the five-year update to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (Task 4.1) in 2019.

Mr. Howell noted the document also reflected changes to the membership on the Transportation Policy Committee and Technical Advisory Committee. In accordance with MPO Bylaws, the two-year rotating term, currently held by Bullard, was moving to another city. The mayor of Troup, Joe Carlyle, had expressed interest in filling the seat for the next two-year term.

Kyle Kingma moved, seconded by Jeffrey Harmon to recommend adopting the FY2018-2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

2. Discussion and Action: Consider recommending an amendment to the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Howell presented the item stating that the proposed changes consisted of providing additional funding for Planning and Technical Studies for transit projects. The majority of the proposed changes occurred in FY 17 and FY 18. He said that due to a change in management, more time would be dedicated to planning, and the Planning and Technical Studies categories had a larger

reimbursement rate potentially saving Tyler money from having to contribute to the local match as previously proposed.

Leroy Sparrow moved, seconded by Adrienne Leach to recommend approving the amendments to the FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Staff Updates:

1. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Howell informed the Committee that proposed amendments were being made to the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). He said that MPO and TxDOT staff had identified a group of projects currently being developed that needed updates to align with TxDOT's long range plans. Mr. Howell said the proposed amendments would be presented Technical Advisory Committee at the regularly scheduled meeting on September 7th and presented to the Policy Committee for final approval at its regularly scheduled meeting on September 28th.

2. Upcoming Meeting Dates

Mr. Howell provided notice of the upcoming Policy Committee Meeting on July 27, 2017 and the next Technical Advisory Committee meeting scheduled on September 7, 2017.

The meeting adjourned at 2:09 p.m.