

**TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2019
REGULAR MEETING, TDC LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM
423 W. FERGUSON, TYLER, TEXAS**



Members Present:

Martin Heines, Chair; Ed Broussard; Lisa Crossman; Susan Hargis; Joe Carlyle; Gary Halbrooks; Glen Green; Frank Davis; Jeff Warr; and Nathaniel Moran.

Staff Present:

Heather Nick, Michael Howell, Sam Brady Ryan Clark, and Zach Clark.

Others Present:

Dale Booth, Bartlett and West; Jeffrey Harmon, TxDOT; Justin Morgan, FHWA; ReNissa Wade, City of Tyler; and Yolanda Prince.

Martin Heines called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Gary Halbrooks moved, seconded by Frank Davis, to approve the minutes from May 23, 2019. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Action Items:

1. Consider approving the revised FY 2020-2021 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Mr. Howell presented the item stating that the Unified Planning Work Program focused on route and special transit projects. This is the second time that the staff has heard the FY 2020-2021 UPWP, as the last time they focused on special projects and master street plans. Mr. Howell acknowledged that TxDOT has reviewed the update and that staff recommends approval.

Glenn Green mentioned that he had not had a chance to review the document and ask if it had been reviewed by everyone who was required to do so. Mr. Howell confirmed that the MPO's Transportation Planning & Programming representative from TxDOT, Nick Page, had reviewed the document and had no comments. Martin Heines said that the Committee could approve the UPWP and amend it at a later date if needed.

Joe Carlyle moved, seconded by Jeff Warr, to revise FY 2020-2021 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Presentation Items:

1. Present the results of the project scoring exercise for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update

Mr. Howell presented the item stating how the scoring system for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update. Mr. Howell explained how the public opinions as well as technical values were assigned to give the items a final score.

Mr. Green asked for clarification on how the items were scored. Mr. Howell explained how the community input was weighted with the technical scores provided by specialists to give one overall score.

Mr. Howell stated that, due to fiscal constraints, the projects were not required to be prioritized in the same order as the ranking order. Mr. Green expressed his concerns on how some projects were in various stages of development which was not being considered in the scoring. Mr. Howell stated the Technical Advisory Board could re-rank the projects if the Policy Committee decided it was necessary.

Mr. Heines proposed that the scoring process be revised to consider project readiness and suggested there be another meeting in one month to review the updated project scoring list. Nathaniel Moran inquired if the Committee had enough time to finalize the priorities before deadline to post the draft plan for public review. Mr. Howell clarified that, as long as the draft MTP was completed and ready to be posted by the beginning of October, the plan would be on target for being completed on time.

Yolanda Prince asked if the funding existed for these projects. Mr. Howell stated that the document projects future revenue and project costs based on previous years to put together a fiscally constrained list of projects.

Staff Updates:

1. Executive Director's Report

Ms. Nick provided an update on bills for the transportation projects. She mentioned that the Census Bureau has hired local residents to work on the 2020 Census at the local Area Census Office which is scheduled to open in October. Mr. Carlyle wanted to know if this was something that could be presented at public meetings. Ms. Nick and Mr. Howell responded that the staff would be able to give presentations on this.

2. Upcoming Meeting Dates

Mr. Heines provided notice of the upcoming Technical Advisory Committee meeting on September 5, 2019 and the next Transportation Policy Committee meeting scheduled on September 26, 2019.

The meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.