



MINUTES
TYLER AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, February 25, 2010, 2:00 p.m.
Tyler Development Center
423 W. Ferguson, Tyler, Texas

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Bass called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.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
*Jeff Warr	County Commissioner, Smith County
*Mark McDaniel	City Manager, City of Tyler
*Owen Scott	City Manager, City of Lindale
*Mike Turman	Mayor, City of Nooday
*Randy Hopmann, P.E.	Engineer, TxDOT Tyler District
*Gary Halbrooks	North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority
*Carter Delleney, P.E.	City Engineer, City of Tyler
Barbara Holly	Executive Director, Tyler Area MPO

POLICY BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

*Mike Peterson	Interim City Manager, City of Whitehouse
*Doug Nicholson	County Road Administrator, Smith County

***Denotes voting member**

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kristy Range	Paratransit Education and Advocacy Collaborative
Tony Filippini	Tyler Area MPO
Jamal Moharer	NDMJ
Casey Murphy	Tyler Morning Telegraph
Chris Chandler	
Vernon Webb	TxDOT Tyler District
Dale Booth	TxDOT Tyler District
Justin Smith	City of Tyler
Scott Reily	BGC
John O. Hedrick	East Texas Council of Governments
Marty Allen	TxDOT Tyler District
Sue Barham	Tyler Transit

Mayor Bass introduced Sue Barham, the Transit Operations Coordinator of Tyler Transit, to the committee.

III. Consideration of Minutes from the previous meetings of the Tyler Area Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting: December 4, 2009

On motion by Randy Hopmann seconded by Jeff Warr and carried unanimously, the Policy Committee approved the December 4, 2009, meeting minutes as presented.

IV. Presentation: Consider Hearing a Presentation on Loop 49 from the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority

Gary Halbrooks of the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority presented the progress of Loop 49.

V. Discussion: List of Projects for Urban Area (Non TMA) Corridor Projects Funding

Ms. Barbara Holly presented the projected funding levels for the Tyler Area MPO funding under the Urban Area (Non TMA) Corridor Projects category, also referred to as Category 3 funding. Ms. Holly said that the Tyler Area MPO may consider moving the bridge reconstruction and widening of Loop 323 from Bellwood Road to State Highway 31 into the short range projects to be funded with this category of funding.

It was also mentioned that the Federal Government is debating a second stimulus bill that potentially may include funding for transportation projects. The current surface transportation authorization bill, titled the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU, is currently being extended through a continuing resolution and will expire at the end of this week. Congress must act before then to extend the authorization or transportation programming will be stalled.

The committee agreed to pursue amending the project listings of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2035 to include the Loop 323 project into the State Sponsored Short-Term Projects list.

VI. Staff Update

Ms. Barbara Holly presented the status of the Transit Route Study and the status of the Pedestrian Access Study.

Randy Hopmann announced that the Texas Department of Transportation will be holding a town hall meeting on June 10, tentatively scheduled from 6-9 p.m. The meeting will be located at the University of Texas at Tyler Library and will be hosted in part by the Cities of Tyler and Longview.

VII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:39 p.m.