



MINUTES
TYLER AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
Friday, December 4, 2009, 2:00 p.m.
Tyler Development Center
423 W. Ferguson, Tyler, Texas

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Bass called the meeting to order at 2:02 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
*Doug Nicholson	County Road Administrator, Smith County
*Randy Hopmann, P.E.	Engineer, TxDOT Tyler District
*Mike Peterson	Interim City Manager, City of Whitehouse
*Gary Halbrooks	North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority
Barbara Holly	Executive Director, Tyler Area MPO

POLICY BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

*Jeff Warr	County Commissioner, Smith County
*Carter Delleney, P.E.	City Engineer, City of Tyler

***Denotes voting member**

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kristy Range	Paratransit Education and Advocacy Collaborative
Jeff Austin, III	North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority
Vernon Webb	TxDOT Tyler District
Tony Filippini	Tyler Area MPO
Heather Nick	Tyler Area MPO
Casey Murphy	Tyler Morning Telegraph
Bobby Garmon	Smith County
Dale Booth	TxDOT Tyler District
Jamal Moharer	NDMJ & North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority
Brooke Fletcher	Bucher, Willis & Ratliff
Glen Cowart	Bucher, Willis & Ratliff
Gary Graham	Bucher, Willis & Ratliff

III. Consideration of Minutes from the previous meetings of the Tyler Area Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting: November 12, 2009

On motion by Gary Halbrooks seconded by Mark McDaniel and carried unanimously, the Policy Committee approved the November 12, 2009, meeting minutes as presented.

IV. Presentation: Consider Hearing a Presentation on Loop 49 Segment 3B from the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority

Jeff Austin, Chair of the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority presented the progress of Segment 3B of Loop 49 from State Highway 31 to Interstate 20.

V. Discussion and Action: Consider Adopting the 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Ms. Barbara Holly introduced Glen Cowart of Bucher, Willis and Ratliff to present the Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2035. Glen Cowart reviewed the project listings and project priorities. He presented the addition of the transit projects into the plan along with identified funding. On motion by Vice-Chairperson Joel Baker seconded by Mark McDaniel and carried unanimously, the Policy Committee approved the Metropolitan Transportation Plan as presented.

VI. Discussion and Action: Consider Adopting Revisions to the 2010-2011 Unified Planning Work Program

Ms. Barbara Holly presented the revisions to the 2010-2011 Unified Development Planning Work Program. Ms. Holly presented the letter of approval from the Federal Highway Administration along with the conditions of the approval. Revisions to the 2010-2011 Unified Development Planning Work Program addressed these conditions. On motion by Gary Halbrooks seconded by Randy Hopmann and carried unanimously, the Policy

Committee approved the revisions to the 2010-2011 Unified Planning Work Program as presented.

VII. Discussion and Action: Consider Adopting Revisions to the Tyler Area Metropolitan Planning Organization By-Laws

Ms. Barbara Holly presented the proposed revisions to the Tyler Area Metropolitan Planning Organization By-laws. The Texas State Legislature amended Section 472.034, Standards of Conduct; Ethics Policy, of the Texas Transportation Code. The amendment requires the policy committee to adopt a code of ethics into the by-laws of the metropolitan planning organization and that all policy committee members and employees of the metropolitan planning organization be given a copy of the MPO ethics policy. On motion by Doug Nicholson seconded by Randy Hopmann and carried unanimously, the Policy Committee approved the revisions to the Tyler Area Metropolitan Planning Organization By-Laws as presented.

VIII. Discussion and Action: Consider Adopting a Resolution to Support the 2010 United State Census and Establishing Membership of the Smith County Complete Count Committee

Ms. Barbara Holly presented a committee to serve as a Complete Count Committee to serve the 2010 United State Census. On motion by Mark McDaniel seconded by Owen Scott and carried unanimously, the Policy Committee resolved to support the 2010 United States Census and approved the membership of the Complete Count Committee.

IX. Discussion and Action: Consider Adopting a Resolution to Support the Application by Smith County for a Feasibility Study and Plan for a Tyler Multi-Modal Facility Transit Hub and Coordinated Traveler Management System.

Ms. Barbara Holly presented the grant by the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority for preparatory work and planning of a Smith County intermodal transit facility and coordinated traveler management system. On motion by Mark McDaniel seconded by Gary Halbrooks and carried unanimously, the Policy Committee resolved to support the grant application for the preparatory work and planning of a Smith County intermodal transit facility and coordinated traveler management system as applied for by the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority.

X. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:51 p.m.