

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2016  
REGULAR MEETING, TDC LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM  
423 W. FERGUSON, TYLER, TEXAS**



**Members Present:**

Michael Howell, Tom Mullins, William Lewis, Peter Eng, P.E., Brooke Droptini, P.E., Vernon Webb, P.E., Shane Cunningham, P.E.

**Others Present:**

Tharani Devi Krishnakumar, Tyler Area MPO

**Michael Howell called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm.**

**Approval of Minutes:**

Tom Mullins moved, seconded by Peter Eng, to approve the minutes from January 14, 2016. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**Public Hearings:**

**1. Discussion and Action: Old Jacksonville Corridor Study Recommendations**

Mr. Howell summarized the amended draft report after the addition of comments for the Old Jacksonville Corridor Study prepared by Brown and Gay Engineers (BGE). Mr. Webb stated that the short-term recommendation does not cater to the proposed long-term recommendations. Mr. Eng agreed that the committee should prioritize long term recommendations with the construction of six lanes. Also, Mr. Eng pointed out that crash rate in the corridor was way below the 2014 TxDOT crash rate average for Farm to Market roads in an urban environment based on the report by BGE.

Funding options were discussed for both short and long term. The committee agreed that funding might be difficult to obtain twice for the construction of both short and long term. Mr. Webb suggested to postpone the short and proceed with the long term recommendations. A proposal of no build option with the addition of deterrents like removable delineators and to study the traffic patterns was suggested as an Option D.

Peter Eng moved, seconded by William Lewis to approve the study with the addition of a no build Option D with delineators. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**2. Staff Updates**

Mr. Howell delivered the Director's report in the absence of Ms. Heather Nick. The staff is collaborating with other MPO's on sending counter proposals with regards to the legislation on allocating the Category 2 funding to TMA's and MPO's. Currently, TMA's receive 87% of all transportation funding and have proposed to increase to 89%.

Mr. Howell introduced Tharani Devi Krishnakumar, the new MPO planner to the Committee members.

**3. Upcoming Dates**

Mr. Howell provided notice of the upcoming Policy Committee Meetings on March 24, 2016 and the next TAC meeting scheduled on May 5, 2016.

**The meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.**