

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2015
REGULAR MEETING, TDC LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM
423 W. FERGUSON, TYLER, TEXAS**



Members Present:

Heather Nick, AICP, Michael Howell, Nick Page, Michael Wilson, P.E., Vernon Webb, P.E., Carol Coffman, Peter Eng, P.E., Stephanie Rollings, Shane Cunningham, P.E., Brooke Droptini, P.E., Mike Butler

Others Present:

Kevin Molina, City Of Tyler;

Heather Nick called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm.

Approval of Minutes:

Mike Butler moved, seconded by Peter Eng, to approve the minutes from September 3, 2015. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Public Hearings:

1. Discussion and Action: Consider Amendment to the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

Mr. Howell presented a proposal for the amendment of the MTP to include two projects for a corridor acquisition and inclusion on a locally funded expansion of Toll 49. Mr. Howell stated that the corridor, currently owned by Union Pacific Railroad, is an approximate length of 7.25 miles stretching from Hagen Road in Whitehouse to FM 346 in Troup. Mr. Howell explained how the abandoned right of way would be used for multimodal transportation uses. Mr. Howell stated that the federal contribution for the acquisition is \$400,000 which is available in the currently forecasted transportation revenue funds. The remaining \$100,000 is being supplied by local entities. Mr. Howell continued to explain the second project being the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authorities proposal to extend Toll 49 north from its intersection with Interstate 20 and connect to US Highway 69 north of Lindale.

Mr. Butler moved, seconded by Michael Wilson to approve the amendment to the MTP. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Each board member filled out a hand out that ranked the new projects prioritization. Mr. Howell explained that the prioritization rankings was not a ranking of when the projects would be completed.

2. FY 2015 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program Third Amendment

Mr. Howell proposed for the third amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include adding an additional highway project in Fiscal Year 2016 and edits to the transit funding in Fiscal year 2015 and 2016.

Mr. Butler moved, seconded by Michael Wilson to approve the amendment to the TIP. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

3. Staff Updates

Mr. Howell provided an update on the status of the Old Jacksonville Corridor study and provided the MPO's Executive Director's Report. Mr. Howell explained how MPO Planner Erik Bird had taken another job in California and the position should soon be filled.

4. Upcoming Dates

Mr. Howell provided notice of the upcoming Policy Committee Meetings on being rescheduled from November 19, 2015 to November 12, 2015.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m