

**MPO POLICY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2015
REGULAR MEETING, TDC LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM
423 W. FERGUSON, TYLER, TEXAS**



Members Present:

Martin Heines, Chair; Joel Baker; Jeff Warr; Edward Broussard; Craig Lindholm; Dennis Cooley, P.E.; Frank Davis, P.E.; Gary Halbrooks

Others Present:

Michael Howell, Tyler Area MPO; Kevin Molina, City of Tyler

Mayor Martin Heines called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

Minutes:

The minutes from the July 28th, 2015 Policy Committee Meeting were presented for approval.

Gary Halbrooks moved, seconded by Jeff Warr, to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Public Hearings:

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

Mr. Howell presented the proposed amendment which included providing for the purchase of approximately 7.25 miles of abandoned railroad right-of-way currently owned by Union Pacific Railroad connecting Hagen Road in Whitehouse to FM 346 in Troup.

Gary Halbrooks moved, seconded by Craig Lindholm, to approve the amendment to the 2040 MTP. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

2. Discussion and Action: Consider amendment to the 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Howell presented the proposed amendment which included providing for the purchase of approximately 7.25 miles of abandoned railroad right-of-way currently owned by Union Pacific Railroad connecting Hagen Road in Whitehouse to FM 346 in Troup. The amendments also included an update to the Transit financial summary to reflect actual spending during Fiscal Year 2015 and making adjustments to the current Fiscal Year.

Jeff Warr moved, seconded by Frank Davis, to approve the amendment to the 2015-2018 TIP. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

3. Staff Updates

Mr. Howell provided an update on the status of the Old Jacksonville Corridor study. He notified the Committee of an upcoming public open house to be held on December 8th. The consultants, Brown and Gay Engineers (BGE), will conduct the meeting to receive feedback on potential long range implementations along the corridor.

Mr. Howell also gave an update that MPO staff member Erik Bird had taken a new position and that a new planner named Carlos Espinoza would be taking his place.

The meeting adjourned at 2:29 p.m.