

**MPO POLICY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2016
REGULAR MEETING, TDC LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM
423 W. FERGUSON, TYLER, TEXAS**



Members Present:

Jeff Warr, Acting Chair; Edward Broussard; Carolyn Caldwell; Frank Davis, P.E.; Gary Halbrooks; Aaron Smith;

Others Present:

Nick Page, TxDOT; Heather Nick, AICP, Tyler Area MPO; Michael Howell, Tyler Area MPO; Tharani Devi Krishnakumar, Tyler Area MPO;

Commissioner Jeff Warr called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm.

Minutes:

The minutes from the September 22nd, 2016 Policy Committee Meeting were presented for approval.

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

The minutes from the October 13th, 2016 Policy Committee Meeting were presented for approval.

Ed Broussard moved, seconded by Aaron Smith, 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 amendments to the MTP. He stated that this amendment was to update funding forecasts to take into account State funds generated by Proposition 1 and Proposition 7. He clarified that the forecasted values were consistent with the financial projections listed in the Unified Transportation Program (UTP) from TxDOT. The forecasts showed an approximate 285% increase in State funding which allowed for an preview and reprioritization of projects. The major changes include:

1. Adding the widening of FM 2964 (Rhones Quarter Road) from East Grande Blvd to FM 346;
2. Removing the widening of FM 14;
3. Expediting the widening of FM 745 (Paluxy Drive) and extending the limits to FM 344;
4. Adding the widening of the FM 2493 from Loop 323 to Toll 49;
5. Adding the widening of the Loop 323 extension;
6. Adding the widening of 155 North from US 271 to IH 20;

7. Adding the widening of SH 110 North from Loop 323 to FM 2016; and
8. Adding the extension of Earl Campbell Parkway to the locally funded projects list.

Gary Halbrooks moved, seconded by Carolyn Caldwell, to approve amendments to the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

2. Staff Updates

Mr. Howell gave notice that the MPO staff were working on an amendment to the MPO boundary based on comments received from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). He stated that the item would be presented at the January 26th, 2017 meeting for consideration.

Ms. Nick gave an update on the status the staff's work with other MPOs in the state to update the funding allocation formulas for transportation funding.

The meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.