

**TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 2019
REGULAR MEETING, TDC LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM
423 W. FERGUSON, TYLER, TEXAS**



Members Present:

Nathaniel Moran, Acting Chair; Martin Heines; Ed Broussard; Carolyn Caldwell; Glenn Green; Gary Halbrooks; Frank Davis; Aaron Smith; Joe Carlyle; and Scott Taylor.

Staff Present:

Heather Nick, Michael Howell, and Kevaughn Evans.

Others Present:

Jeffrey Harmon, TxDOT and Dale Booth.

Nathaniel Moran called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Frank Davis moved, seconded by Scott Taylor, to approve the minutes from November 15, 2018. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Action Items:

- 1. Consider recommending the MPO adoption of 2019 Safety Targets established by TxDOT**
Mr. Howell presented the item stating that States are mandated to adopt statewide performance targets and MPOs are required to either adopt the statewide targets or set their own. The purpose of the targets are to measure the performance of the system for informational purposes. It is not a mechanism by which the MPO will be graded or penalized by the State, Federal Highway Administration or Federal Transit Administration if a target is not met. The Technical Advisory Committee unanimously recommended adoption of the 2019 Safety Targets.
- 2. Consider recommending the MPO adoption of 2019 Transit Asset Management Performance Targets established by Tyler Transit**
Mr. Howell presented the item stating that the Targets are the same as the previously adopted 2018 Targets. Providers of public transportation are mandated to adopt performance targets. MPOs are required to either adopt the targets or set their own. The Technical Advisory Committee unanimously recommended adoption of the revised 2019 TAM plan.

Frank Davis moved, seconded by Martin Heines, to adopt the 2019 Transit Asset Management Performance Targets established by Tyler Transit. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

3. Consider recommending amendments to the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Howell presented the item stating that minor amendments were made to the five-year targets and that a disclaimer was suggested by the Technical Advisory Committee indicating that the ultimate target goal is zero crashes and fatalities. TxDOT has developed statewide safety performance targets and Tyler Transit has developed an asset management plan for 2019. The approved targets are required to be outlined in the TIP. This amendment is to revise the TIP to include the 2019 Safety and TAM targets. The Technical Advisory Committee unanimously adopted the statewide targets.

Heather Nick clarified the reasoning behind the disclaimer stating that it would benefit the public's understanding of the non-zero targets.

Frank Davis moved, seconded by Scott Taylor, to adopt the amendments to the TIP. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Discussion Items:

1. Discuss the upcoming call for projects and subsequent project scoring exercise for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update

Mr. Howell presented the item suggesting that unfunded projects be categorized similar to funded projects, he asked for the Committee to think of other project descriptions that could be added to or removed from the plan or if they would want to re-categorize everything from scratch.

Gary Halbrooks suggested that the Committee take the information they have now and discuss their decision at a later meeting. Nathaniel Moran suggested that the Committee not start from scratch but utilize their time finding new projects to be added and sending them to Mr. Howell to be discussed at the following meeting. Mr. Howell asked the Committee how they would like to propose their project nominations. Mr. Moran and Mr. Halbrooks suggested that the Committee send all nominations to Mr. Howell through email. Ms. Nick suggested that Mr. Howell send an email along with a deadline to the Committee for them to respond to with their suggestions.

Glenn Green asked how the Technical Advisory Committee would be involved with the project lists. Mr. Howell stated that the updated list would be sent to the Technical Advisory Committee for submission review and scoring before coming back the Policy Committee.

The Committee discussed the need for scoring funded and unfunded projects in relation to local and state funding.

Staff Updates:

1. Executive Director's Report

Ms. Nick stated that the staff has kicked off a social media campaign to solicit feedback on transportation to incorporate into the MTP Update. There will be a public meeting and a presentation of the needs assessment to the Policy Committee which is tentatively being scheduled for March. The Technical Advisory Committee will be invited to attend the Policy Committee meeting to receive the updates.

Mr. Howell mentioned that the Technical Advisory Committee has available positions available. Ms. Nick suggested that anyone appointee suggestions should be emailed to Mr. Howell.

Mr. Howell gave an update their proposal to have Tyler as a designated Control City with TxDOT and their goal is to have designation by October.

2. Upcoming Meeting Dates

Mr. Howell provided notice of the upcoming Technical Advisory Committee meeting on March 7, 2019 and the next Transportation Policy Committee meeting scheduled on March 28, 2019.

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.