

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2019
REGULAR MEETING, TDC LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM
423 W. FERGUSON, TYLER, TEXAS**



Members Present:

Heather Nick, Michael Howell, Kyle Kingma, Stephanie Franklin, Leroy Sparrow, Paul Schneider, and Bill Lewis.

Others Present:

Robert Gill, Tyler Transit; James Torres, Tyler Transit; Bill Tobin; and Kevaughn Evans, Tyler Area MPO.

Heather Nick called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Leroy Sparrow moved, seconded by Paul Schneider, to approve the minutes from November 1, 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 proposed Safety Performance Targets and stated that new targets will be adopted every January. He stated that data from 2018 is still being collected. States are mandated to adopt statewide performance targets. 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.

Mr. Howell stated that after discussing the performance measure with the local TxDOT office, staff recommends the adoption of the statewide safety performance targets.

Bill Tobin, asked for clarification that the 2018 would be used when available. Mr. Howell explained that the target setting is based on five-year rolling average such that in 2020 the 2018 data would be complete and the chart would then include data from 2016 through 2018 and use targets for 2019 and 2020.

Kyle Kingma suggested a target of zero fatalities. Mr. Howell mentioned “End the Streak”, which refers to ending the streak of one fatality every day involving vehicles. He also explained that the ultimate goal was to reach zero fatalities, and the target represented an incremental improvement to reach that goal. Ms. Nick suggested including a disclaimer for the desire of zero fatalities. Mr. Howell stated that this can be done with item number three as part of Transportation Improvement Program.

Kyle Kingma moved, seconded by Stephanie Franklin, to recommend the adoption of the 2019 Safety Targets established by TxDOT. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

2. Consider recommending the MPO adoption of 2019 Transit Asset Management Performance Targets established by Tyler Transit

Mr. Howell presented the proposed Transit Asset Management Performance Targets. Similar to the safety performance targets, the MPOs are required to either formally adopt the targets or set their own. Since Tyler Transit has already adopted a Transit Asset Management Plan, the Tyler Area MPOs recommendation is to adopt the Tyler Transit Asset Management Plan and Performance Targets.

Leroy Sparrow moved, seconded by Kyle Kingma, to recommend adoption of 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 proposed amendments to the 2019-2022 TIP. 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.

Heather Nick reiterated the previous discussion of a proposed text amendment to clarifying that zero fatalities was the ultimate goal for the safety targets and asked if anyone wanted to make that motion.

Kyle Kingma moved, seconded by Stephanie Franklin, to recommend amendments to the 2019-2022 Transition Improvement Program (TIP), noting the safety target intent has an ultimate goal of zero fatalities or injuries. 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 explained the Metropolitan Transportation Plan project scoring exercise and its categories. New categories are Tourism and Resiliency. Mr. Howell suggested that the committee combine similar categories, an example is Safety and Security categories. Staff has considered specialization scoring where particular members of TAC focus on the scoring of categories that fall under their field. Other options include the Committee giving direction for the staff to score and be presented back to the Committee to be accepted or edited.

Stephanie Franklin asked if the consultants could make a proposed ranking for the TAC to consider, but also expressed favor for specialized groups to score projects. She asked if all the projects are street projects. Mr. Howell stated that all projects are widening projects but other project types to be considered include: overpasses, bicycles, and bus turnouts as part of the Call for Projects.

Ms. Franklin asked how the recommendations from Active Tyler would be incorporated into this plan. Mr. Howell replied that the project descriptions in the MTP would be revised to include the

recommendations from Active Tyler. Bill Lewis asked if the projects has be constructed in the order of highest scoring to move onto the funded list. Mr. Howell stated that the unfunded projects have yet to be ranked. Ms. Nick stated that only funded projects were ranked in the current plan, but the proposal was to rank all projects for this update. Mr. Lewis asked if an unfunded bicycle project could be combined with a funded street widening project. Mr. Howell clarified that the intent was not to have the Active Tyler projects identified as separate projects but incorporated into the projects on the list. Mr. Kingma asked if both funded and unfunded project descriptions with be updated. Mr. Howell confirmed and recommended to start with the CIP list to create a new Illustrative Project List. Ms. Nick suggested incorporating Active Tyler into the descriptions and funding plans.

Ms. Franklin asked if the local projects connect to TX DOT facilities. The committee discussed the funding of projects in relation to TXDOT facilities. Mr. Howell stated that at the next meeting he will present the recommended specialized groups for project scoring.

Staff Updates:

1. MPO Executive Director's Report

Ms. Nick notified the Committee of the MTP Social Media Campaign Kick-Off. She stated that there will be a public meeting in March for needs assessment. Mr. Howell stated that there is a Facebook Page that links to the Project Website that includes a GIS map, Survey, and other interactive MPO activities.

2. Upcoming Meeting Dates

Ms. Nick provided notice of the upcoming Policy Committee Meeting on January 24, 2019 and the next Technical Advisory Committee meeting scheduled on March 7, 2019.

The meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.