

***Bryan/College Station Metropolitan Planning Organization
Special Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes***

June 4, 2020

Certification of Quorum:

The following TAC Members participated: Paul Kaspar, Chair, City of Bryan; Jason Schubert, City of College Station; Prarthana Banerji, Brazos County; Doug Marino, TxDOT-Bryan District; and Wendy Weedon, Brazos Transit District. The following MPO staff participated: Dan Rudge, Bart Benthul, and Lisa Lyon. Additional meeting participants included Nancy Berry, Lauren Blackman, Mark Everett, Maury Jacob, Jeff Leugers, John Nichols, Haley Partin, Mark Poage, Matt Prochaska, Juan Quiroz, Neal Riddle, Madison Thomas, and Phillip Tindall.

1. Welcome and Open Meeting

Paul Kaspar called to order a special meeting of the MPO Technical Advisory Committee at 1:00 p.m. on June 4, 2020. Because of constraints due to COVID-19, the meeting was hosted by TxDOT and held via WebEx.

2. Minutes from the February 4, 2020 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes from the February 4, 2020, Technical Advisory Committee Meeting were considered for adoption. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jason Schubert. The motion was seconded by Prarthana Banerji. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

3. Minutes from the April 6, 2020 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes from the April 6, 2020, Technical Advisory Committee Meeting were considered for adoption. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jason Schubert. The motion was seconded by Doug Marino. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

4. Draft FY 2021 2024 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Rudge presented the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The MPO is required to produce the TIP every two years and it includes highway projects, bicycle-pedestrian projects, and transit projects which are broken out because they are chosen by someone other than TxDOT. The grouped projects are primarily TxDOT projects that require MPO approval which is completed with the adoption of the TIP. The following items were clarified during this discussion:

- The Texas Avenue (Business Route 6) project, the portion from Old Hearne Road to 15th Street should be shown in FY 2021.
- The FM 2818 project will let in September 2020, which remains in the Federal FY 2020 fiscal year, so it would not be shown in FY 2021.
- The William Joel Bryan project needs to be added, and because of right-of-way changes needs to be put in FY 2022.
- Adding project limits for Business 6 project from 15th Street to Old Hearne Road which is what was adopted in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

- In a future amendment, add a paragraph at the beginning stating what projects were let prior to FY 2021, but are continuing construction in 2021 through 2024. At the end of the document, add a concluding paragraph that says construction will continue beyond FY 2024 for the following projects.
- The grouped projects, which is an appendix to the document, have not be updated yet due to problems with the TxDOT computer system. Since it is an appendix, changes do not trigger an amendment. Grouped projects are projects that are generally selected and funded based on allocations to the TxDOT districts and can change frequently based on needs.
- Under the section “purpose”, second paragraph, it currently has 201-2024, and should be 2021-2024.
- Public comment dates will be updated.
- Wellborn Road widening from Highway 40 to Greens Prairie is in FY 2024 in the MTP; however, the project is not listed in the TIP because for now it looks like it may let in FY 2026 which will require an amendment to the MTP. MTP changes won't be made until after the Texas Transportation meets in August to finalize funding. Other projects could be affected depending on their decision.
- Continue narrative required by FAST Act regarding how program and projects are contributing to performance targets.

Jason Schubert made the motion to recommend the Draft FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program to the Policy Board for their consideration subject to the revisions of adding in FY 2021 Business Route 6 project from Old Hearne Road to 15th Street, adding the William J Bryan project in FY 2022, and updating the FY 2021-224 grouped projects and the resulting changes and begin the 30-day public comment period. The motion was seconded by Doug Marino. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

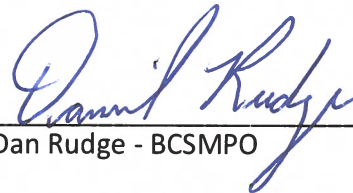
5. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

ATTEST:



 Technical Advisory Committee Chair/Vice-Chair
 Bryan-College Station
 Metropolitan Planning Organization



 Dan Rudge - BCSMPO

8/26/2020

 Date