

1 TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
2 SHERMAN-DENISON MPO
3 Eisenhower Room
4 Texoma Council of Governments
5 June 3, 2009 9:00 a.m.
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7 Members Present: Mayor Bill Magers (City of Sherman), Mayor Robert Brady (City of
8 Denison), Mayor Frank Budra (City of Pottsboro), Bobby Littlefield
9 (TxDOT)

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11 Non-Voting
12 Members Present:

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14 Staff Present: Robert Wood, Wally Johnson, Ryan Gleeson
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16 Guests Present: Jeff Miller (City of Sherman), Kevin Harris (TxDOT), Kevin Farley (City
17 of Pottsboro), Kathy Williams (Herald Democrat), Tom Speakman (City
18 of Denison), Diane Lann (TxDOT)
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20 **I. Call to Order** -
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22 Chairman Bill Magers called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.
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24 **II. Acknowledgment of Quorum by Chairman** -
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26 Chairman Magers declared a quorum of the TPB present.
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28 **III. Approval of Minutes** -
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30 Motion was made by Robert Brady, seconded Frank Budra to approve the April 1, 2009 TPB
31 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
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33 **IV. Endorsement of proposed draft 2035 MTP projects** -
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35 Mr. Johnson began the discussion on the draft 2035 MTP projects by reminding them that at the
36 prior meeting the draft metropolitan transportation plan had been reviewed in detail and the
37 discussion of today's meeting dealt mainly with the specific projects in the document. He was
38 requesting that the board endorse the projects for public review and comment in a series of
39 meetings to be held prior to final approval in December. At this point Chairman Magers asked
40 where we were as far as the top four projects which included the ramp reversal, the two projects
41 on Canyon Grove, FM 131 and the FM 691/US 75 project. He directed his question to Mr.
42 Littlefield. Mr. Littlefield stated that the FM 691/US 75 project would be funded for (FY) '09.
43 Mr. Johnson stated that he would pull the project from the current list of 2035 projects.
44 Chairman Magers asked if we would be able to do the ramp reversal in lieu of the FM 691/US 75
45 project being removed from the list. Mr. Littlefield said that the ramp reversal at this point is

1 scheduled for 2010 with or without stimulus money. This money coming from discretionary
2 money. Chairman Magers then asked if the ramp reversal could be moved to the top of the list.
3 Mr. Littlefield reminded him that the list in the long range plan is not in priority order. Chairman
4 Magers reiterated that he preferred that the ramp reversal be listed as the top project on the list.
5 And to make sure that when it is listed on the TIP (Transportation Improvement Program) it will
6 be number one. Mr. Wood explained that the let date on the TIP determine the priorities. Mr.
7 Johnson stated that he would make that change.

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9 After some extensive discussions, Mayor Brady asked that FM 120 from York Street to US 69 be
10 moved to the unfunded portion of the MTP because it requires the city to purchase right-of-way.
11 He commented that it (purchase of right-of-way) would not be happening. Mr. Wood
12 commented since we are moving this project to the unfunded section of the MTP, we could add
13 another project. In lieu of this project Mayor Brady asked (at Tom Speakman's
14 recommendation) that Theresa Dr. from FM 691 to SP 503 be added to that section of the
15 document. Mr. Littlefield reminded the board that Theresa Dr. was an 'off-system' project. A
16 motion was made by Mayor Budra to endorse the draft document for public review and
17 comment. The motion was seconded by Mayor Brady. The motion passed unanimously.

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19 **V. Discussion and Appropriate action on the Administrative Change (addition of non-**
20 **capacity projects) to the FY 2008 – 2011 TIP**

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22 Mr. Johnson presented administrative changes to the board including: six seal coat projects and
23 two left turn lane projects (FM 1417 @ Park Street – Sherman / FM 84 @ FM 406 west of
24 Denison). He explained that since these are 'non-capacity' changes they do not require board
25 approval but are presented to the board for its acknowledgement of the changes. Kevin Harris
26 (TxDOT) asked that FM 1417 @ Luella Road be added to the list of turn lane projects. Mr.
27 Littlefield said they would provide the exact limits. Mr. Johnson said he would add the project
28 to the list to be sent to TxDOT – Austin. These are all safety bond projects. Even though a vote
29 was not required Mr. Wood commented that it would not hurt to have a vote. A motion to accept
30 the changes was made by Mayor Budra and seconded by Mayor Brady. The motion passed
31 unanimously.

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33 **VI. Endorse Proposed Amendment to the FY 2008 – 2011 TIP**

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35 Mr. Johnson identified the proposed changes to include a grade separation at the intersection of
36 US 82 and FM 1417 East. He stated that this project would require public involvement and it
37 would be dovetailed with the public involvement for the MTP. After some discussion a motion
38 to endorse the proposed amendment for public review and comment was made by Mayor Brady
39 and seconded by Mayor Budra.

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41 **VII. Discussion and Appropriate action on TIGER Discretionary grant**

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43 Mr. Wood explained to the board the parameters of the Transportation Investment Generating
44 Economic Recovery (TIGER) grants. Basically we are in competition with every MPO in the
45 United States. Among some of the requirements would be that the project benefits the nation.
46 Mr. Wood suggested that a section of US 75 might be a good candidate. Mayor Brady asked

1 who would make a determination in the state as to who would get these monies. Mr. Wood
2 explained that this is a federal grant thus decisions would come from the Department of
3 Transportation in Washington not Austin (TxDOT). The amount of time spent on preparing this
4 document many not generate the desired end result. After some discussion, Chairman Magers
5 suggested that MPO staff get together with area TxDOT staff to consider recommendations. Mr.
6 Littlefied agreed with the recommendation that staff come back and discuss action at the August
7 meeting. Chairman Magers stated that the board would 'put the ball in your (MPO/TxDOT)
8 hands' to come up with a recommendation. To find a project that the staff agrees is the way to
9 go and whether we can get moving on it or not. If there is a need to have an emergency meeting
10 for this we would have one.

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12 **VIII. Public Comment**

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14 There was no public comment.

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16 The TPB meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.