

1 TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
2 SHERMAN-DENISON MPO
3 City of Sherman Council Chambers
4 February 5, 2009 9:00 a.m.
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7 Members Present: Mayor Bill Magers, Commissioner Gene Short, Mayor Robert Brady, Mayor
8 Frank Budra, Bobby Littlefield
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10 Non-Voting
11 Members Present: Mike Shahan, Grayson County Regional Mobility Authority; Jerdy Gary,
12 Grayson County Regional Mobility Authority; Bill Giordanengo, TAPS
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14 Staff Present: Robert Wood, Wally Johnson, Dr. Susan Thomas, Sue Ann Stephens
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16 Guests Present: Diane Lann (TxDOT), Jeff Miller (City of Sherman), Kevin Harris (TxDOT),
17 Rick Mackey, TxDOT; Kevin Farley, City of Pottsboro; Noel Parahanantham,
18 TxDOT, Penny Sansom, TxDOT; Chris Schmitt, Teague Nall Perkins; David
19 Dryden, Teague Nall & Perkins; Tom Speakman, City of Denison.

20 **I. Call to Order -**
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22 Chairman Bill Magers called the meeting to order at 9:00 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 Mayor Robert Brady, seconded by Mayor Frank Budra to approve the December
31 3, 2008 TPB minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
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33 **IV. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Proposed Projects for the Economic Stimulus**
34 **Recovery –**
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36 Mr. Johnson reported that the current financial crisis which has enveloped the United States has
37 prompted the president and congress to “jump start” the economy by developing an Economic Stimulus
38 recovery (ESR) plan. The assumption is that Texas’ portion of the package will be approximately \$2.5
39 billion for highways and bridges. Part of the criteria is that the projects must be available or ready-to-
40 go within 90 days of enactment, obligated within six months and constructed within two years. A draft
41 list of ‘ready-to-go projects was developed for submittal to Austin. Mr. Johnson detailed the allocation
42 dollars to Texas those being approximately \$2.2 to \$2.4 billion for highways and bridges. 50% which
43 must be obligated in the first 90 to 180 days. The remainder within one year or by August 2010 and
44 completed within 3 years. The portion for the Sherman-Dension MPO is approximately \$1.6 million.
45 Mayor Brady asked if the \$1.6 was discretionary money for the board. Mr. Johnson said yes. Mr.
46 Wood interjected and said that that was for highways. We do not know what we will get for transit (as

1 of yet). Commissioner Short asked what that \$1.6 million be used for. Mr. Wood explained that it
2 would be for 100% federally funded. For any federal aided project. Chairman Magers asked what the
3 difference between highway and transit funding was. Mr. Wood explained the money for federal
4 transit will flow down to here for transit possibly for additional vehicles, maintenance, software, etc.
5 He explained that he had met with Mr. Girodenango. Chairman Magers asked if we (MPO) had
6 anything to do with transit. Mr. Wood explained that any federal money that passes through the urban
7 area must come through the MPO. Commissioner Short commented..."I thought we tried to change
8 that." Mr. Wood explained that there was a difference between the MPO and the fiscal agent. The
9 MPO through the MTP & TIP process must identify and approve any transit projects.

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11 The TPB reviewed the list of ESR projects. Motion was made by Mayor Robert Brady, seconded by
12 Commissioner Gene Short to change order of first four ESR Projects to:

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14 1. FM 691 – From 2000' W. of US 75 to 2000' E. of US 75 - 4 lane section w/flush median
15 2. US 75 From US 82 to Loy Lake Rd. - Ramp Reversal
16 3. Canyon Grove Rd. – From: Existing Canyon Grove to US 82 WB Fron. Rd. - New 2 lane
17 section
18 4. FM 131 & US 82 - FM 131/US 82 - Build Turn Lanes
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20 The remainder of the list will stay the same. Motion passed unanimously.
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22 **V. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Proposed Amendments to the 2030 Metropolitan**
23 **Transportation Plan (MTP)**
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25 Mr. Johnson reported that the current Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) which includes planned
26 and proposed projects through the year 2030 was adopted by the TPB on December 1, 2004. From
27 time to time it becomes necessary to update the MTP to reflect changing needs provided that the fiscal
28 constraint of the document is not compromised.
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30 Only July 2, 2008, the TPB voted to prioritize Category 3 (Urban Mobility) projects based on a funding
31 allocation approved by the Texas Transportation Commission on April 24, 2008 and provided to MPOs
32 on a statewide basis by TxDOT. These projects were not anticipated to go to letting until FY 2010 and
33 therefore were not part of the current 2030 MTP but are included in the draft 2035 MTP which will be
34 updated in December of 2009. Pressing developments have necessitated the amending of the current
35 2030 MTP.
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37 In an effort to address prevailing developments and let projects within a reasonable timeframe, the
38 current MTP will need to add the following projects:
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- 40 • Canyon Grove Road (Sherman) – From: Canyon Grove Road To: US 82 WB FR / New
41 Location- \$333,971
42 • FM 131 (Sherman) - @ US 82 Frontage Roads – Construct Turn Lanes - \$634,545
43 • FM 131 (Sherman) – From: Lamberth St. To: Taylor St. / Widen Non-Freeway - \$2,665,857
44 • US 75 Ramp Reversal (Sherman) – From: Intersection of US 82 and US 75 SB To: Intersection
45 of Loy Lake RE and US 75 SB / Reverse Existing Ramp Configuration - \$2,538,180
46 • SH 91 (Denison) - @ UP RR / Construction Overpass of UP Railroad, eliminating at-grade
47 crossing - \$9,411,462

1 In addition to this public involvement meeting, a second one scheduled for February 11, 2008 is being
2 planned. Proposed changes will be presented.

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4 Motion was made by Commissioner Gene Short, seconded by Mayor Robert Brady to approve draft list
5 of projects for review by the public before for inclusion as an amendment to current MTP as presented.

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7 Motion passed unanimously.
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9 **VI. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Proposed Amendment to the FY 2008-2011**
10 **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

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12 Mr. Johnson reminded the Board that in order for projects to go to construction, they must be included
13 in the TIP. The current TIP does not include the following high priority projects:

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25 planned. Proposed changes will be presented.

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27 Motion was made by Mayor Robert Brady, seconded by Commissioner Gene Short to approve
28 amendment to include presented listed project in current FY 2008-2011 TIP. Motion passed
29 unanimously.
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31 **VII. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Proposed Draft 2035 MTP Projects –**

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33 Mr. Johnson reported to the Board that per the SAFTEA- LU metropolitan and statewide transportation
34 planning requirements Subsection 450.322 of the Federal Register 23 CFR Part 450, 49 CFR Part 613/
35 Statewide Planning; Metropolitan Planning Rules....*The metropolitan transportation planning process*
36 *shall include the development of a transportation plan addressing at least a twenty year planning*
37 *horizon. The plan shall include both long-range and short-range strategies/ actions that lead to the*
38 *development of an integrated intermodal transportation system that facilitates the efficient movement*
39 *of people and goods. The transportation plan shall be reviewed and updated at least triennially in*
40 *nonattainment and maintenance areas and **at least every five years in attainment areas** to confirm its*
41 *validity and its consistency with current and forecasted transportation and land use conditions and*
42 *trends to extend the forecast period. The transportation plan must be approved by the MPO.*
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44 The draft 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan is being updated in accordance with federal planning
45 rules for attainment areas. A series of public involvement meetings will be used to present the plan to
46 the general public for input. The final document Must be approved by the TPB no later than December
47 1, 2009.

1 The Board was provided and reviewed the draft document. There was no action taken on this item.

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3 **VIII. Public Comment Period-**

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5 The Board recognized Dr. Susan Thomas, Executive Director at TCOG. There was no other public
6 comment.

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8 **IX. Adjournment -**

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10 The TPB meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m.