

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

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11 Non-Voting
12 Members Present: Jerdy Gary (Grayson County Regional Mobility Authority), Bill
13 Giordanengo (TAPS)

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15 Staff Present: Robert Wood, Wally Johnson, Dr. Susan Thomas

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17 Guests Present: Jeff Miller (City of Sherman), Kevin Harris (TxDOT), Kevin Farley (City
18 of Pottsboro), Noel Parahanantham (TxDOT), Kathy Williams (Herald
19 Democrat), Tom Speakman (City of Denison), Diane Lann (TxDOT), John
20 Boswell (SEDCO)

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22 **I. Call to Order -**

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24 Chairman Bill Magers called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

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26 **II. Acknowledgment of Quorum by Chairman -**

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28 Chairman Magers declared a quorum of the TPB present.

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30 **III. Approval of Minutes -**

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32 Motion was made by Bobby Littlefield, seconded by Commissioner Gene Short to approve the
33 February 25, 2009 TPB minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

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35 **IV. Discussion and Appropriate Action on request from Grayson County and the City of**
36 **Denison for Functional Classification Change for Theresa Dr.**

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38 Mr. Johnson presented the board with a request from the Grayson County and the City of
39 Denison to change the Functional Classification of Theresa Dr. At the request of a couple of
40 board members, he briefly described the need for using functional classification in the policy
41 decision making process. Functional classification is used in transportation planning, in roadway
42 design and for the allocation of state and federal roadway improvements funds. The process was
43 introduced by FHWA to develop guidelines for local governments and planning organizations to
44 use in maintaining the functional classification system in their own jurisdictions. Over time
45 traffic patterns on the roadway and/or the roadway's function can change thus requiring a

1 periodic review. The threshold for funding the network hierarchy is with collector and above.
2 Once the board approves the request it is sent to TxDOT for eventual review and approval by
3 FHWA.

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5 Chairman Magers asked if staff felt there was a need at the present time to look at other portions
6 of the network for consideration. Mr. Wood responded by saying that staff is currently working
7 on the model (Travel Demand) and once completed it would show where changes may need to
8 be made. Chairman Magers said he brought this up because of the new SH 289 extension which
9 may change the dynamics of traffic patterns of east/west roadways. Mr. Littlefield asked about
10 collectors being sub divided into major and minor thus affecting the stimulus funding. Diane
11 Lann responded stating that the classification he was asking about only affected rural areas. That
12 sub classification is not part of the urban classification. Mr. Littlefield stated that he wanted to
13 be sure everybody understood that collector roads (off system roads) or higher within the MPO is
14 where we can use state and federal monies through this process.

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16 Mr. Johnson went on to explain that as a result of the development of Texoma Medical Center
17 which is occurring in the northeast corner of US 75/FM 691 and its potential and planned
18 development in the northwest quadrant and subsequent development, the traffic patterns within
19 that area would be affected. These changes have resulted in a need to reclassify Theresa Dr.
20 from 'local' to 'collector'. The initial request also included the downgrading of classification of
21 Park from collector to local. Diane Lann suggested that the classification of Park remain as
22 'collector' being that it would not greatly affect the current balance. The board concurred.
23 After some discussion on the proposed change to upgrade Theresa Dr. in Denison from FM 691
24 to SP 503, Mayor Brady made a motion to make Theresa Dr. a collector St., seconded by
25 Commissioner Gene Short. Chairman Magers asked for further discussion, there being none, the
26 motion passed unanimously.

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28 **V. Discussion and Appropriate Action on draft FY 2010 – 2011 Unified Planning Work**
29 **Program (UPWP).**

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31 Mr. Johnson used a PowerPoint presentation to provide a summary of what the UPWP entails
32 including sub-tasks, revenues and expenditures. Mr. Wood explained that the state funds are 'in-
33 kind', not actual dollars. It is calculated as match. Federal dollars is an 80% (federal) - 20%
34 (state) program. Most of the 20% comes from the state (TxDOT – 'in-kind'). Staff requested
35 approval to open a public comment period extending through May 20, 2009. A public notice
36 will run in the *Herald Democrat* in April and May inviting comments. The UPWP will be
37 submitted to Transportation Planning and Programming (TPP) in Austin for review in early June.
38 Final approval is required by August 1, 2009. Motion made by Commissioner Short to publish
39 draft UPWP for public review. It was seconded by Bobby Littlefield. Motion passed
40 unanimously.

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42 **VI. Discussion and Appropriate Action on draft 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan**
43 **(MTP)**

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45 Mr. Johnson presented the draft 2035 MTP highlighting planning elements including: Public
46 Involvement meeting dates (to be determined), Purpose, Study Area, Demographics,

1 Employment, Environmental Issues, Land Use, Freight, Air, Public and Pedestrian
2 Transportation, Financial Plan and Transportation Network. Mr. Wood interjected that while
3 the document (MTP) is long; every component presented is dictated or suggested by the Feds in
4 order to get it approved. Commissioner Short asked that the map of the proposed toll way be
5 updated to reflect its terminus closer to the US 75/Red River. Mr. Johnson acknowledged the
6 request and would make the change. Mr. Littlefield interjected that the listing of projects in the
7 ‘Unfunded’ portion of the draft may need to be again reconsidered. Mr. Johnson stated that the
8 staff was seeking approval to go before the public and present the draft document. After the
9 presentation Chairman Magers asked the matter be tabled so the board may again review
10 priorities at the next meeting if need be. This review would be before the board authorizes
11 public review. Mr. Johnson reminded the board that even though projects may be shifted, the
12 document must remain financially constrained. The dollar cost as listed in the plan is based on
13 the anticipated let dates which if changed would affect the cost of the project due to increased
14 inflation.

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16 **VII. Public Comment Period**

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18 Mr. Littlefield asked Noel Paramanathanam (TxDOT) to give the board an update on FM 691/US
19 75 project. Mr. Paramanathanam stated that they were almost 95% complete and would be
20 turning in the documents to the Paris District Office next week. The review meeting would be
21 scheduled the 24th of April. It is all on schedule for an August letting. Chairman Magers asked
22 Mr. Littlefield where we were as far as the stimulus money for projects priorities two and three.
23 Mr. Littlefield stated that this (the amount approved) was all we were getting unless something
24 around the state falls out. The commission (Texas Transportation Commission) is looking more
25 in the region. We are in the North Region so if something in this region does not make the cut
26 (deadline), they would be looking to backfill with our secondary projects. We have the ramp
27 reversal on the secondary list. Chairman Magers made a clarification with regards to state
28 ‘normal’ funding. Mr. Littlefield stated that he still has normal funding. Chairman Magers
29 asked if Mr. Littlefield knew what amount that was. Mr. Littlefield stated that he did not have
30 discretionary money this year. It was pulled. Had the stimulus money not come along, the FM
31 691 project would have had that money and would have had to be let in the next fiscal year
32 (September 2009). Chairman Magers then asked, “The earliest the projects on our wish list
33 would be FY 10”. Chairman Magers asked if he knew what that amount was at this time, Mr.
34 Littlefield said no. Mr. Littlefield explained that by statute every district in the state is allocated
35 \$2.5 million (discretionary) per year based on cash flow.

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37 **VIII. Adjournment -**

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39 The TPB meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.