

AGENDA ITEM IV - ACTION

February 3, 2010

Enhancement Projects

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Transportation Enhancement (TE) program provides federal highway funds for projects that strengthen the cultural, aesthetic, or environmental value of our transportation system. Typical projects may include sidewalk and streetscape, construction, bike lanes and shared-use paths and historic preservation of transportation-related structures and buildings.

In November 2009 the MPO agreed to support candidate projects via a letter from the Chairman to the nominating entities and place them in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) if approved by TxDOT.

Two candidate projects were submitted as follows:

- *Pottsboro Pedestrian Walkway*
- *Downtown Sherman Streetscape Enhancement*

Per the TxDOT "Transportation Enhancement Program 2009" presentation in Paris on October 16, 2009... ***"If the MPO elects to rank their nominations, they may later submit their ranking to the District that will coordinate submission with the Division. Due date to TxDOT Design Division (DES) is no later than February 15, 2010."***

OPTION 1

The board may consider total blanket support for all candidate projects. However, the TxDOT Paris District coordinator indicated that the TE review committee would look at this support in terms of the total cost of all projects vs. single project cost. In other words, each stand alone project has a better chance of being selected vs. the group as a whole.

OPTION 2

The MPO may choose to prioritize these projects, the prioritization will be by the Delphi Method (board consensus) or by results of the "Enhancement Project Ranking Form" scoring.

Staff Recommendation:

That the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) consider the submitted projects and suggested options. If in agreement, to approve the draft letter.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Enhancement Transportation Project Ranking Form
- Candidate Projects (Pottsboro, Sherman)
- DRAFT letter of prioritization