
AGENDA ITEM II - ACTION

August 8, 2007

Cities of Sherman Request for TIA
FY 2008 - 2009 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The cities of Sherman and Denison are requesting that the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) consider conducting a Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) at the intersection of US 75 and FM 691. The reasoning for this request is that the existing and proposed development in the area will have a definite impact on the infrastructure.

At the last TPB meeting a technical committee consisting of the cities of Denison and Sherman was formed to meet at a later date and discuss goals and objectives prior to developing a 'scope of work'. On June 12, 2007 staff met with the technical committee members and their support staff. The importance of meeting the state and federal requirements for conducting the study were briefly discussed.

Staff discussed study options with TxDOT and FHWA. It is the recommendation of FHWA that the UPWP be amended to include a sub-task addressing a corridor study.

Please reference attached draft sub task 5.5 Sub-Area Corridor Study.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The Transportation Policy Board (TPB) is requested to review and approve the administrative change to the draft FY 2008 - 2009 UPWP to include Sub-Task 5.5 Sub-Area Corridor Study.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Draft FY 2008 - 2009 UPWP Sub-Task 5.5

Sherman - Denison Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

AGENDA ITEM III - ACTION

August 8, 2007
PICTOMETRY

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Pictometry is a revolutionary new digital color imaging system and software program. This technology allows users to view high-resolution digital color images (aerial photos) of a community from an oblique angle view. The Grayson County Appraisal District (GCAD) has entered into a licensed agreement with the Pictometry Corporation to provide these high-resolution digital imagery and software tools for communities within the county.

The Pictometry imagery displays features such as buildings, land area, roads, and hydrology to be viewed from several directions and at different scales. It will allow a user to easily locate and accurately measure any feature. The software and aerial imagery data has proven to be beneficial to assessors, planners, engineers, conservation commissions, first responders and decision-makers.

With the expanded MPO boundary the MPO needs to expand its digital photography database to include this additional area.

Recently the 911 Manager for the Texoma Council of Governments took on the challenge of coordinating the efforts by several organizations in obtaining Digital images. This is a cost savings effort in order not to duplicate expenses. Since 2 of the 3 counties in the Texoma region already used Pictometry including Grayson Appraisal District it became evident that combining all the efforts of these agencies would result in the desired cost savings. Additionally Pictometry products is currently the only source of the images that integrate into 911 call taking equipment.

In 2003 the MPO acquired 1 foot resolution digital photography for the old boundary of 370 square miles for \$ 41,000. The new photographs with will include obliques as wells as Ortho photos will cost approximately \$ 22,160 for the new area of 554 square miles BEFORE cost sharing.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The Transportation Policy Board (TPB) is requested to:

- *Allow the Transportation Director to negotiate with the affected agencies in cost sharing.*

Sherman - Denison Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

AGENDA ITEM IV - ACTION

August 8, 2007

FY 2008 - 2009 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) consists of transportation planning projects within the Sherman-Denison metropolitan planning area for which federal assistance is sought. The UPWP includes detailed description of transportation and transportation planning activities for FY 2008 - 2009. The draft document was submitted to Transportation Planning and Programming (TPP) at TxDOT, Public Transportation Division (PTN) at FTA, and FHWA for their review and comments.

Two year UPWP facts:

- The funding cycle estimates cover a two year period
- Internally (fiscal agent administration) billings show expenditures against 2-year budgets
- The MPO/TPB has the flexibility of keeping the UPWP a dynamic document in that amendments can/will allow for adapting to changing needs/issues
- Annual Compliance Certifications are required.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The Transportation Policy Board (TPB) is requested to review and approve the document. After approval, the FY 2008 - 2009 UPWP will be submitted to TPP in Austin for implementation.

Vote: Motion by: _____	Seconded by: _____
Motion Description: _____ _____ _____	
Vote: For _____ Against _____	
Sherman-Denison Transportation Policy Board Chairman	
_____ Gene Short	/ _____ Date

ATTACHMENTS:

- FY 2008 - 2009 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Sherman - Denison Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

AGENDA ITEM V - INFORMATION/ACTION

August 8, 2007

**NORTH DALLAS TOLL ROAD EXTENSION into GRAYSON
COUNTY**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In the long range plan the tollway is discussed and recognized as a need. The RMA requests the MPO to consider placing the North Texas Tollway Road extension into Grayson County.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The board authorizes the staff to take the necessary steps to include the North Texas Tollway Road extension into Grayson County.

AGENDA ITEM VI - ACTION

August 8, 2007

City of Denison SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On May 29, 2007, the City of Denison submitted a grant request to the Texas Department of Transportation for the Safe Routes to School program. The purpose of the request was to prepare a plan to determine the needs for different modes of travel for students to and from school, needs of additional infrastructures and the level of interest for bike routes around their schools.

Should the plan be approved, they are requesting the MPO place this program in our planning documents.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The Transportation Policy Board (TPB) is requested to authorize the staff to place the Safe Routes to School program in the planning documents should the plan be approved.

Vote: Motion by: _____	Seconded by: _____
Motion Description: _____ _____ _____	
Vote: For _____ Against _____	
Sherman-Denison Transportation Policy Board Chairman	
_____ Gene Short	_____ Date

ATTACHMENTS:

City of Denison 'Safe Routes to School' grant application

AGENDA ITEM VII,a - ACTION

August 8, 2007

ROTATING SMALL CITIES POLICY

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Transportation Policy Board (TPB) previously approved a rotating schedule for a small cities representative.

According to the adopted policy... *“The term the representative serves should be for two year periods. The term would run concurrent with the adoption of the most current **biennial** Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)”*.

TPAC Minutes October 9, 2001

With the adoption of the new transportation bill, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) on August 10, 2005, the requirement for the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) changed from a two year cycle to a four year cycle.

Proposed amendment to the adopted policy:

*“The term the representative serves should be for ~~two~~ a **four** year period. The term would run concurrent with the adoption of the most current **biennial quadrennial** Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)”*.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The Transportation Policy Board (TPB) is requested to amend the ‘Rotating Small Cities’ policy to more closely reflect the changes as required by SAFETEA-LU.

AGENDA ITEM VII,b - ACTION

August 8, 2007

ROTATING SMALL CITIES REPRESENTATIVE

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The current rotating sequence calls for the city of Howe to assign a representative. On June 11, 2007, Chairman Short sent a letter to Mayor Mike Jones inviting them to send a representative. Staff has contacted the city manager, Mr. Steve McKay without a decision nor direction.

With the expansion of the MPO boundary, the revised alphabetized sequence effective with the fiscal year 2011 small cities representative will be as follows:

- Gunter
- Howe
- Pottsboro
- VanAlstyne

The FY 2008 - 2011 TIP was approved on April 11, 2007 and submitted to TxDOT before the May 1, 2007 deadline.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Staff is requesting that the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) table the selection of the next small cities representative or move on to the next city (Pottsboro).

ATTACHMENTS:

Letter to City of Howe from Chairman Short