

Sherman – Denison Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)  
**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**AGENDA**

Wednesday, September 16, 2015 @ 9:00 am  
Texas Department of Transportation  
3904 US 75, Sherman, Texas

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- I. Call to order
- II. Acknowledgment of Quorum by Chairman

**Action Items:**

- III. Consider approval of August 11, 2015 meeting notes of the TAC meeting.
- IV. Review, discussion, and recommendation regarding listing of projects for Proposition 1 funds for inclusion into the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

**Information/Presentation Items:**

- V. Announcements  
(*Informal Announcements, Future Agenda Items, and Next Meeting Date*)
  - TAC Next meeting date TBD
  - MPO Policy Board Next meeting TBD
- VI. Announcements by TAC members
- VII. Adjournment

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Karl D Welzenbach

1 TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
2 SHERMAN-DENISON MPO  
3 Conference Room  
4 Texas Department of Transportation  
5 3904 US 75  
6 Sherman, TX 75090  
7 August 11, 2015 9:00 a.m.  
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9 **Committee Members Present:**

10 Texas Department of Transportation	Aaron Bloom
11 City of Sherman	Clay Barnett
12 Sherman-Denison MPO	Karl Welzenbach
13 City of Denison	Kyle Hockersmith
14 Grayson County	Bill Benton

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16 **Committee Members Absent:**

17 Texoma Area Paratransit System	Tim Patton
18 City of Howe	Joe Shephard

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20 **Non-Voting Members Absent:**

21 North Texas Regional Airport  
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24 **Guests Present:**

25 Texas Department of Transportation	Nick Page
26 City of Pottsboro	Kevin Farley
27 Munson & Munson	William "Ben" Munson
28 Freese & Nichols	Jerry Chapman
29 McManus & Johnson	Bob Johnson
30 McManus & Johnson	Scott Crawford

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33 **I. Call to Order -**

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35 Mr. Welzenbach called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.  
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37 **II. Acknowledgement of Quorum by Chairman**

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39 Mr. Welzenbach declared a quorum of the TAC Subcommittee present. He asked that everyone  
40 introduce themselves.  
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42 **III. Review and Approval of Meeting Notes for July 14, 2015 meeting**

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44 Mr. Welzenbach noted that he had distributed the meeting notes several weeks before so that the

1 members had sufficient opportunity to review and offer comments. Hearing no comments, Mr.  
2 Barnett made a motion to accept the meeting notes from the July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Benton  
3 seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.  
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#### 5 **IV. Review and discussion of project list as ranked by MPO staff**

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7 The ranked project list was distributed to those attending and then Mr. Welzenbach began by  
8 suggesting that, as tedious as it might be, the TAC allow him to go through the projects as  
9 submitted, one-by-one, and he would explain the score he had given each project and then listen  
10 to any alternative scores and any arguments in support of those scores.  
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12 The TAC, led by Mr. Welzenbach, reviewed each project as submitted by the sponsoring agency  
13 and discussed any differences and, as a group, came to an understanding on the criteria scores.  
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15 Upon reviewing all of the projects there were a few key points of discussion. The first dealt with  
16 the removal of the median along FM 120 in Pottsboro at the intersection of SH 289. Concern  
17 was expressed regarding the safety of such an effort and whether or not MPO funds should be  
18 spent on the project. Finally, the TAC agreed to include the project with the stipulation that  
19 further engineering analysis be completed. These additional analysis efforts should include  
20 options to alter the median in lieu of a simple and complete removal.  
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22 The second area of discussion centered around how to rank the new road or roadway extension  
23 projects. Mr. Barnett noted that for those roadways that are proposed but currently do not exist  
24 the costs of building those roads will continue to increase as time goes by primarily due to the  
25 cost of ROW. This issue was not resolved.  
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27 Another question raised was “How do we balance those projects that are the priorities of the  
28 sponsoring entities with the scores generated by the criteria matrix?” It became apparent that a  
29 number of the projects that rose to the top of the ranking list were not the projects that were  
30 considered higher priorities by the member local governments.  
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32 Mr. Welzenbach stated that he would, for the next meeting, provide two options regarding the  
33 breakout of Prop 1 projects into 5-year blocks. The first option will be to list the projects just as  
34 they are ranked (with minor modifications to ensure that all of the funds are spent for each 5-year  
35 increment). The second option will be an attempt to accommodate the known priorities of the  
36 member local governments.  
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38 The TAC agreed to meet in September on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at 9:00.  
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#### 40 **V. Informal Announcements**

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42 There were no informal announcements.  
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44 **VII. Adjournment** – Mr. Welzenbach adjourned the meeting at 11:04 am.

Sherman-Denison Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)  
Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)  
AGENDA ITEM IV  
DISCUSSION/ACTION

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September 16, 2015

**BACKGROUND:**

As previously discussed at the August 11, 2015 meeting of the TAC, this meeting is to review list of projects as organized in 5-year blocks for ultimate inclusion in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

MPO staff has provided two options:

- The first option is a simple exercise in fitting the projects as ranked into 5-year increments;
- The second option was an attempt to accommodate the priorities of the member local governments as they were made apparent to MPO staff

***ACTION REQUESTED:***

Recommendation for the MPO Policy Board as to which list of projects to move forward with.

**ATTACHMENTS:** *These will be provided under separate cover.*