

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

Wednesday, November 16, 2016 @ 10:00 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 September 21, 2016 meeting notes of the TAC meeting.
- IV. Review and Recommend Approval of 2040 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments to Include Projects for the Texoma Area Paratransit System (TAPS)

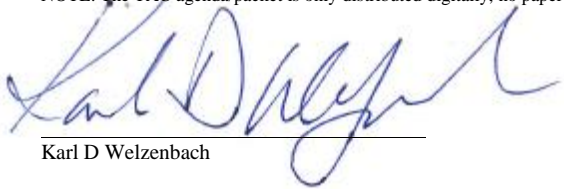
Information/Presentation Items:

- V. US 75 Corridor Study Update – Presentation on Evaluation Matrix for Project Selection
- VI. Announcements
(*Informal Announcements, Future Agenda Items, and Next Meeting Date*)
 - TAC Next meeting January 18, 2017
 - MPO Policy Board Next meeting December 7, 2016
- VII. Announcements by TAC members
- VIII. 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 September 21, 2016 10:00 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	Judson Rex
14 City of Howe	Joe Shephard
15 Grayson County	Bill Benton
16 TAPS	Josh Walker

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18 **Committee Members Absent:**

19 None

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21 **Non-Voting Members Absent:**

22 Texas Department of Transportation	Nick Page
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25 **Guests Present:**

26 Larry Cooper	Mayor, City of Van Alstyne
27 John Ho	Huff-Zollars
28 Larry Redden	IEA
29 Rich Renton	IEA
30 Anthony Karlinski	IEA
31 Arun Orlarnrat	Jacobs
32 Vinod Eodavalli	Jacobs
33 Ed Pultorak	Jacobs
34 Ben Bryce	Half Associates
35 Len McManus	McManus & Johnson

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37 **I. Call to Order -**

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39 Mr. Welzenbach called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.
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41 **II. Acknowledgement of Quorum by Chairman**

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43 Mr. Welzenbach declared that a quorum and that Mr. Mackey is on the way but running a little
44 late.

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2 **III. Review and Approval of Meeting Notes for May 18, 2016 meeting**

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4 Mr. Barnett made a motion to accept the meeting notes from the May 18th meeting. Mr. Benton
5 seconded the motion. Motion passed.
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8 **IV. Discussion on Proposed 2017-2020 TIP Amendment**

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10 Mr. Welzenbach referred to the spreadsheet that had been distributed with the Agenda packet.
11 He noted that his original intention was to have the TAC review the list and modify it as needed
12 to have a recommendation for the MPO Policy Board to put out for public review and comment
13 so that we could proceed with a November TIP amendment. However, after discussion with
14 other MPO directors he stated that this effort might be premature. Mr. Welzenbach stated that,
15 as he understands the issue, the projected revenue stream is just that ... a projection for the
16 Unified Transportation Plan. The UTP has not been adopted by the Commission and the
17 Legislature has not met to set a budget. Since he sent out the agenda packet he has been
18 informed that it might be getting a little too far out in front to begin working on a TIP
19 amendment. In fact he has been informed that the amendment might not take place until this
20 time next year.
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22 Mr. Welzenbach stated that it is still worthwhile to begin this exercise and asked for any
23 suggestions and/or modifications to the list. Mr. Bloom suggested that the improvements to FM
24 691 should terminate at Theresa Road instead of Pool Road. Mr. Bloom suggested that the SH5
25 project should have more rational termini such as FM 121. There was also clarification on the
26 proposed new FM roadway west of Gunter. Mr. Welzenbach stated that the cost of construction
27 would be shared equally between the MPO and TxDOT.
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29 There followed some discussion regarding the engineering studies and the funding set aside for
30 those studies.
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32 **V. US 75 Corridor Study Update**

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34 Mr. Welzenbach then introduced Ricky Mackey to kick off the next portion of the meeting which
35 is the US 75 Corridor study update. Ricky introduced Larry Redden. Mr. Redden stated that
36 today they, the consulting team, wanted to make sure that they had captured all of the
37 suggestions and issues that had been raised at the previous workshop. He went on to state that
38 they had brought maps that had been marked up with all of the suggestions from the previous
39 meeting and that he would like for each of the communities to step up and review the maps and
40 make sure that all of their issues and suggestions had been accurately reflected.
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42 Mr. Benton asked whether or not there might come a point when the consulting team makes
43 recommendations to TxDOT regarding specific projects and/or the timing of implementation.
44 Mr. Redden replied that yes that is part of the scope of work as outlined by TxDOT. Mr. Rich
45 Renton said that they plan on bringing back a list of recommendations by September.
46 They also intend to break US 75 up into segments as well as identify those projects that need to

1 be done before any critical widening takes place ... projects such as the railroad bridge and
2 pedestrian bridge in Sherman. Those will have to be adjusted or removed before the actual
3 roadway work would begin. Mr. Barnett raised the issue of ramps and accessibility ... not just in
4 Sherman but all along US 75. Mr. Redden replied that that is an issue that will be addressed and
5 that they, the consulting team, would be looking again to the locals to provide input.

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7 The TAC members then proceeded to review the maps of US 75 from the southern communities
8 north.

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10 The group then came back together again to discuss the idea of a survey to ascertain some of the
11 issues that the general public might have. The additional goal is to ascertain some demographic
12 information as well as mobility issues and perhaps O-D identities. Mr. Barnett raised the issue of
13 the specificity of the survey but also how and who these surveys would be distributed to since a
14 significant portion of users of US 75 are from Oklahoma. The response was to utilize the
15 TxDOT websites as well as work with the local governments to place the survey on their
16 websites and/or facebook pages. Mr. Welzenbach wondered how we can reach out to those
17 people that are from out of state and not just the locals. Mr. Barnett suggested that the consulting
18 team look into some way to reach out to those individuals. Mr. Welzenbach also wondered what
19 the intent of the survey was. Mr. Redden responded that they wanted to gather the opinions of
20 the users of US 75 – those people that utilize the corridor on a daily basis.

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22 Mr. Barnett suggested that perhaps an online survey that, depending on how the first question is
23 answered the survey then directs the individual to the next question. Mr. Welzenbach also
24 suggested that he could provide the consulting team with the results of the Household Travel
25 Survey that TxDOT completed within the last two years. Mr. Barnett also suggested that MPO
26 Staff could provide the consulting team with the survey questions and responses that came from
27 the MTP.

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29 Mr. Redden stated that perhaps at the end of this process we will have a corridor map that has the
30 projects identified with estimated costs and perhaps a timeline as well. These will initially be
31 rather high level cost estimates since for some of these projects won't begin for some time and
32 therefore the costs will change.

33 34 **VI. Informal Announcements**

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36 Mr. Welzenbach stated that, for those who had not heard yet, he will be leaving the SDMPO and
37 taking a position at the Rogue Valley Council of Governments in Medford, Oregon. He stated
38 that he had greatly appreciated and enjoyed working with the TAC members, the members of the
39 public and the Policy Board. He noted that Mr. Clay Barnett had agreed to conduct any future
40 TAC meetings until such time as a replacement could be found.

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42 The Board will meet Wednesday, October 12, 2016.

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44 The next meeting of the TAC will be on Wednesday, November 16, 2016.

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46 **VII. Adjournment** – Mr. Welzenbach adjourned the meeting at 10:31 am.

Sherman-Denison Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

AGENDA ITEM IV

REVIEW & RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE 2017-2020 TRANSPORTATION
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) TO INCLUDE PROJECTS FOR THE TEXOMA AREA
PARATRANSIT SYSTEM (TAPS)

November 16, 2016

BACKGROUND:

The Texoma Area Paratransit System has spent the last 8 months rebuilding after a period of great uncertainty. TAPS staff intends to pursue standard operations and administrative efforts to continue the process. As part of that TAPS requires that the Sherman-Denison MPO include in its 2017-2020 TIP those projects for the Fiscal Year 2017.

Provided below are the associated excel spreadsheets identifying the projects and funding summary.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Recommend that Policy Board approve the amendment to the 2017-2020 TIP.

ATTACHMENTS:

- [*Project Cost Spreadsheet for TAPS*](#)
- [*Cost Summary Spreadsheet for TAPS*](#)

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FY 2017 TRANSIT PROJECT LISTING
(Sherman-Denison MPO) TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Paris YOE = Year of Expenditure

<u>General Project Information</u>		<u>Funding Information (YOE)</u>	
Project Sponsor	Texoma Area Paratransit Systems	Federal Funding Category	5307
MPO Project/Reference Number		Federal Share	\$256,224
Apportionment Year	2017	State Funds from TxDOT	\$248,000
Project Phase	n/a	Local Funds	\$8,224
Brief Project Description		Fiscal Year Cost	\$512,448
	Transit Operations (50/50)	Total Project Cost	\$512,448
Sec 5309 ID # if applicable		Trans. Dev. Credits Requested	\$0
Amendment Date & Action		Trans. Dev. Credits Awarded	
		(Date & Amount)	\$0

<u>General Project Information</u>		<u>Funding Information (YOE)</u>	
Project Sponsor	Texoma Area Paratransit Systems	Federal Funding Category	5307
MPO Project/Reference Number		Federal Share	\$614,938
Apportionment Year	2017	State Funds from TxDOT	\$0
Project Phase	n/a	Local Funds	\$153,734
Brief Project Description		Fiscal Year Cost	\$768,672
	Administration (80/20)	Total Project Cost	\$768,672
Sec 5309 ID # if applicable		Trans. Dev. Credits Requested	\$0
Amendment Date & Action		Trans. Dev. Credits Awarded	
		(Date & Amount)	\$0

All Figures in Year of Expenditure (YOE) Dollars

Transit Program		FY 2017		
		Federal	State/Local	Total
1	Sec. 5307 - Urbanized Formula >200K			0
2	Sec. 5307 - Urbanized Formula <200K	871,162	409,958	1,281,120
3	Sec. 5309 - Discretionary			0
4	Sec. 5310 - Elderly & Individuals w/Disabilities			0
5	Sec. 5311 - Nonurbanized Formula			0
6	Sec. 5316 - JARC >200K			0
7	Sec. 5316 - JARC <200K			0
8	Sec. 5316 - JARC Nonurbanized			0
9	Sec. 5317 - New Freedom >200K			0
10	Sec. 5317 - New Freedom <200K			0
11	Sec. 5317 - New Freedom Nonurbanized			0
12	Other FTA			0
13	Regionally Significant or Other (incl FHWA transfers)			0
Total Funds		\$871,162	\$409,958	\$1,281,120
Transportation Development Credits				
	Requested			0
	Awarded			0