



Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
November 5, 2009
Minutes

Opening:

A meeting of the MOTOR MPO Technical Advisory Committee was called to order at 8:30 AM on November 5, 2009 in the conference room of the Wright Office Complex by Melba Owens, MOTOR Executive Director.

Technical Advisory Committee Members Present:

Melba Owens	Executive Director, MOTOR MPO
Marwan Khoury	Director of Planning, City of Odessa
Matt Squyres	Director of Public Works, City of Odessa
Gary J. Law	Director of TP&D, TxDOT-Odessa District
Rick Crownover	Director of Development Services, City of Midland

Technical Advisory Committee Members Not Present:

Felipe Acosta	Superintendent, Midland County Road & Bridge
Fred Crawford	Director, Ector County Public Works
Bryan Raschke	Director of Operations, TxDOT Odessa District
Alfredo Gonzales	Public Transportation Coordinator, TxDOT-Odessa District
Edward Esparza	General Manager, MOUTD
Cameron Walker	Planning Division Manager, City of Midland

Others in Attendance:

Robert Wall	Transportation Planner, MOTOR MPO/WTO
Angela Wolf	Administrative Planning Assistant, MOTOR MPO
Stephanie Fuentes	Senior Transportation Planner, MOTOR MPO
Matt Carr	Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT-Odessa District
Bill Hodge	GIS Division Manager, City of Midland
Sharon Oldaker	Engineering Specialist, TxDOT-Odessa District

Agenda Item

2. Announcements and Introductions

No announcements or introductions given.

3. Approval of Minutes for October 16, 2009 TAC Meeting

The motion was made to approve the minutes by Marwan Khoury and seconded by Matt Carr (voting for Brian Raschke at this meeting). The motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of an amendment to the MOTOR By-laws

The MOTOR by-laws have been updated to show that the MOTOR Executive Director, TxDOT Advance Planning Engineer, and FHWA Field Representative are non-voting members of the Technical Advisory Committee. The motion to approve this amendment was made by Matt Squyres and seconded by Gary Law. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Approval of revised form 1586 (ARRA)

The three ARRA funded projects in the MPO boundary went to letting recently. All three came in under budget. This left almost \$3,000,000 of ARRA funds to allocate to new projects. The limits of the FM 307 project had been cut back based on funds available for that project. The one mile segment that had been removed from that project will be picked up with some of the \$3 million. Also, some work will be done on the SH 349 Reliever Route at the intersection with FM 1788/CR 60. This work will make the intersection easier to navigate until money is available to construct the ultimate overpass for the intersection. In order to use the \$3 million for these two projects, they must be added to FHWA's 1586 form. The form must also be approved by the Policy Board, along with a resolution, and then sent to TxDOT and FHWA for approval. The motion was made to approve the 1586 by Rick Crownover and seconded by Gary Law. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Approval of an amendment to the 2008-2011 TIP

The 2008-2011 TIP must be updated to reflect the changes to ARRA funded projects, and to add in the projects presented in the previous agenda item. Also, the SH 349 Reliever Route/SH 158 interchange needs to be updated to show actual funding sources (District Discretionary instead of ARRA funds). This amendment will go through the Policy Board for approval and release for public review. We do not know for sure when the next amendment cycle will be, but in preparation for an out-of-cycle revision, we are getting everything in place to be ready in case an out-of-cycle revision does come up. At the very latest, this revision will go through the scheduled revision cycle in late January or early February. The motion was made to approve the revision by Rick Crownover and seconded by Matt Carr (for Brian Raschke). The motion passed unanimously.

7. Approval of an amendment to the 2005-2030 MTP

The MTP must be consistent with the approved TIP. The changes presented in items 5 and 6 must be consistent with the MTP. The current (2005-2030) MTP will expire before the TIP revision would be adopted. Because of this, changes to the TIP will be incorporated into the new (2010-2035) MTP instead. The 2010-2035 MTP must be adopted on or before December 8, 2009. No action was taken on this item as the 2010-2035 MTP is still in the public comment period. The changes will be incorporated along with any public comments received.

8. MPO Staff Reports

a. TxDOT call for enhancement projects

Applications are due December 18th to TxDOT. (This date is incorrect. Applications are actually due on December 11th to TxDOT.) Main Street Odessa is submitting an application for funding for the 5th St. streetscaping

project. The City of Midland is interested in submitting an application for funding of a bike route around the west and north sides of Midland.

b. Safe Routes to School projects

Applications are due at the end of November.

c. Intercity Transit Service update

A new appendix has been added to the end of the Intercity Transit Feasibility Study with additional demographic data. All Aboard America is interested in running a pilot program for this service that may not require a local match (due to in-kind matches that could take the place of cash matches). This in-kind match could come from donation of land for a park and ride lot. The local (in-kind or monetary) match could come from a private entity as well. The cities are supportive of this as long as it does not require a monetary match from them. In order to get funding for the pilot program, a grant must be submitted by December 21st. Bill Hodge expressed concern about the timing of this project. Gary Law stated that this project needs the support of elected officials. He believes that if this program does not work, it may cause support for EZ-Rider to be totally lost.

d. Mobility Management Workshop

A workshop was held with Jim McCleery last Wednesday, then he gave a shorter version of the workshop presentation for several TAC members and other community leaders.

e. FM 1788 Stakeholders Meeting

A presentation was given to the Midland City Council on the work that has been accomplished through the FM 1788 Stakeholders Group. The speed limit along FM 1788 will be reduced to 65 mph soon, and Truck Crossing signs with flashing beacons have been installed.

f. Pictometry Imagery

The City of Odessa attorney has reviewed the contract with Pictometry and recommended a few changes. These changes were sent to Pictometry and they do not see a problem with incorporating them into the contract. We don't have a revised contract back at this time.

9. Project Reports

a. TxDOT – Odessa District

- i. Gary Law announced that the “Funding the Future” document should be used as common forecasting assumptions for the financial projections for the MTP. If the document is not used, it could open TxDOT up for an audit by the State Auditing Office. This means that the number of funded projects listed in the MTP might have to be reduced.
- ii. On Friday, November 6, the Advance Funding Agreement and a check are being mailed for the JBS south project.
- iii. A public meeting is currently being scheduled for the Northeast Loop 338 widening project
- iv. Construction on the addition of a left turn lane on Faudree Road (ARRA project) will begin in late January.

b. City of Midland

None given

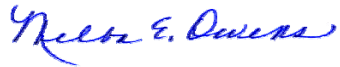
c. County of Midland

- None given
- d. **City of Odessa**
None given
- e. **County of Ector**
None given

10. Adjourn

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM by Melba Owens. The next TAC meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 30, 2009, in the MOTOR Conference Room of the Wright Office Complex. Time is to be determined.

Approved by: Melba E. Owens



MOTOR MPO Executive Director