



**Technical Advisory Committee Meeting  
February 19, 2009  
Minutes**

**Opening:**

A special called meeting of the MOTOR MPO Technical Advisory Committee was called to order at 8:30 AM on February 19, 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
Fred Crawford	Project Manager, Ector County Public Works
Matt Carr	Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT-Odessa District
Mike McAnally	Director of Operations, TxDOT-Odessa District
Alfredo Gonzales	Public Transportation Coordinator, TxDOT-Odessa District

**Technical Advisory Committee Members Not Present:**

Cameron Walker	Planning Division Manager, City of Midland
Edward Esparza	General Manager, MOUTD
Vacant	City of Midland
Felipe Acosta	Superintendent, Midland County Road & Bridge

**Others in Attendance:**

Bill Hodge	GIS Division Manager, City of Midland
Doug Eichorst	TxDOT-Odessa District
Robert Wall	Transportation Planner, MOTOR MPO/WTO
Angela Wolf	Administrative Planning Assistant, MOTOR MPO
Stephanie Fuentes	Senior Transportation Planner, MOTOR MPO

**Agenda Item**

**2. Announcements and Introductions**

There were no announcements or introductions.

**3. Approval of Minutes from January 12, 2009 TAC Meeting**

Motion to approve minutes was made by Mike McAnally. The motion was seconded by Marwan Khoury and passed unanimously.

**4. Approval of Minutes from January 26, 2009 TAC Meeting**

Motion to approve minutes was made by Mike McAnally. The motion was seconded by Marwan Khoury and passed unanimously.

**5. Presentation of expected funding from Economic Stimulus Package and approval of a revised project list and TIP**

The MPO has been told to expect funding from the Economic Stimulus Bill of \$9.92 Million. Previously we were told to expect approximately \$6.1 Million. Even with the additional funding, there will not be enough money to fund the Midkiff Road at IH 20 interchange reconstruction. However, the project will be left in the TIP at this time in anticipation of the possibility of leveraging funds to complete the project. \$1.2 Billion will be available as discretionary money for the Texas Transportation Commission. These are the funds to be requested by leveraging.

Mike McAnally suggested that Midkiff be dropped from the list of projects submitted to Austin, and funds be requested to finish the FM 307 job. He felt this would give MOTOR the best chance at receiving a portion of the discretionary funds. He suggested sending a list of several alternatives for leveraging for the commission to choose from.

Several members of the TAC asked about the potential to move the Northeast Loop 338 widening into the list of Stimulus Projects. TxDOT representatives explained that there is not enough money or time available to complete the ultimate phase of construction for this project because of right-of-way and environmental clearance concerns. If a part of the project were started in the existing right-of-way, there would be a lot of throwaway costs involved.

Four scenarios were developed to present to TxDOT-Austin. These scenarios are detailed on the attached page.

The motion to approve the four scenarios and send them forward to the Policy Board was made by Fred Crawford. The motion was seconded by Marwan Khoury and passed unanimously.

A second motion was made to send a list of projects (prioritized by the TAC) to the Policy Board. In the event that funding should come available, this prioritized list will be used to expend the funds. The list sent to the Policy Board is attached. The motion was made by Marwan Khoury, seconded by Fred Crawford, and passed unanimously.

**6. Presentation of Pictometry and approval to move forward with participation in the purchase of Pictometry software/images.**

Bill Hodge, City of Midland GIS Division Manager, made a presentation to the Committee explaining Pictometry. He is attempting to bring several entities together to share in the cost of this project. He has several groups committed to this cost share already. The base cost for one county would be approximately \$100,000. Several "extras" are available for purchase with this software as well. The TAC did not take action on this item.

**7. MPO Staff Reports**

**a. Implementation of project reporting system**

Examples from other MPOs were presented to the TAC. All agreed that a project reporting system would be a good idea.

**b. Intercity Bus Route Feasibility Study update**

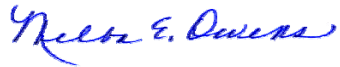
Not given at this meeting.

- 7. **Project Reports - TxDOT-Odessa District - none**
  - City of Midland - none
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  - City of Odessa - none
  - County of Ector - none

**8. Adjourn**

The Meeting was adjourned by Melba Owens. The next TAC meeting is scheduled for 8:30 AM on Thursday, April 2, 2009, in the MOTOR Conference Room of the Wright Office Complex.

Approved by: Melba E. Owens



MOTOR MPO Executive Director