

**Minutes**  
**of the**  
**Transportation Policy Committee**  
**Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization**  
**December 8, 2009**

The meeting of the Transportation Policy Committee of the Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization was held in Room 103 at 1625 13<sup>th</sup> Street, at 8:30 a.m. on December 8, 2009.

Required notices were given to the members of the Committee and the public. The following Transportation Policy Committee members were present:

John Leonard, City Council, City of Lubbock  
Patti Jones, Commissioner, Lubbock County  
Tom Martin, Mayor, City of Lubbock  
Jim Gilbreath, City Council, City of Lubbock  
Lee Ann Dumbauld, City Manager, City of Lubbock  
Doug Eichorst, District Engineer – TxDOT Lubbock District  
John Wilson, General Manager, Citibus

Visitors/Staff: David Jones, Lubbock MPO  
Darrell Westmoreland, Lubbock MPO  
Tera Davis, Lubbock MPO  
Jonathan Ziegler – Parkhill, Smith & Cooper  
Sharmon Owens, City of Lubbock  
Norma Johnson, Lubbock Chamber of Commerce  
Mitch Satterwhite, Assistant City Attorney, City of Lubbock

**Call to Order.**

Mr. Leonard called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

**The Committee moved to the next item.**

**Acknowledgement of Quorum by Chairman.**

Mr. Leonard acknowledged a quorum of the Transportation Policy Committee.

**The Committee moved to the next item.**

**Public Comment Opportunity / Acknowledgment of Guests**

Mr. Leonard asked for any comment from the public. No comment was made.

**The Committee moved to the next item.**

**Approval of the October 27, 2009 minutes of the Transportation Policy Committee Meeting.**

Mr. Leonard asked for any corrections to the minutes. No corrections were made.

***Patti Jones made a motion to approve the October 27, 2009 minutes of the Transportation Policy Committee Meeting. John Wilson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.***

The Committee moved to the next item.

**Progress Report on the 2005 Transportation Funding Plan by Steve Warren.**

Mr. Warren said he is sure that the TPC understands that Lubbock has made significant progress with the Transportation Funding Plan but is not sure that they know the magnitude of the progress. Mr. Warren gave two handouts, one showing the amounts and progress on the Marsha Sharp Freeway and the other showing all other projects that were listed in red on the Texas Mobility Fund.

Mr. Warren explained that with the local innovative financing and the partnership with the City of Lubbock, the City of Wolfforth and TxDOT, along with having projects ready when calls were given has allowed us to complete or bring to construction all of the listed projects except three in a four year period. Mr. Warren gave special thanks to the City of Lubbock for their commitment and innovations.

Mr. Gilbreath pointed out that the Mayor was the one who came up with the Gateway Streets idea. Mr. Martin gave a quote from "Operation Petticoat" saying "In confusion, there is profit". He said that Lubbock has taken advantage of the confusion by having projects ready and come out ahead.

Mr. Gilbreath and Mr. Martin agreed that the priorities may change if a second stimulus materializes, or if other funding were to become available, and the TPC might want to move the North Quaker part of the Northwest Passage ahead of Phase 5 of the Marsha Sharp Freeway.

Mr. Warren stated that this has been a "good success story" and that he is proud and congratulates the MPO partners on a job well done and wishes for great success in the future.

The Committee moved to the next item.

**Consider and take action on a request for a letter of support for a Transportation Enhancement Project for the City's Traffic Engineering Department.**

Ms. Dumbauld stated that the City Council approved this request at their last meeting and that is her recommendation to go forward.

***Leeann Dumbauld made motion for the TPC to approve the letter of request in support of a Transportation Enhancement Project for the City's Traffic Engineering Department. Patti Jones seconded and the motion passed unanimously.***

The Committee moved to the next item.

**Consider a Resolution amending the Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization's Bylaws by including Standards of Conduct and Ethics Policy pursuant to SB585.**

Mr. Jones stated that Senate Bill 585, sponsored by Senator Corona, requires that a Standard of Conduct and Ethics Policy be added to the Bylaws of all Metropolitan Planning Organizations. He stated that an Ethics Policy was already included, but the new bill adds all employees as well as Board members. The Lubbock MPO's Bylaws state that a change will be discussed at one regularly scheduled meeting and action may not be taken until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Mr. Gilbreath asked if the nature of his business put him in conflict with the bill. Mr. Satterwhite will look into it before the next meeting.

## REPORTS

- A. **TxDOT**
  - **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act**
  - **Prop 12**
  - **Prop 14**
  - **Outer Route Study**
  
- B. **City of Lubbock**
  - **Streets Projects from Bond Election**
  
- C. **Director's**
  - **Status of Transportation Bill**
  - **Status of Unified Transportation Plan Financial Constraint**

### TxDOT

#### ARRA

Mr. Warren stated that bids will go out in January for the Northwest Passage project.

#### Prop 12

Mr. Warren said the E. 19<sup>th</sup> (Idalou Highway) project was set for an April letting schedule.

#### Prop 14 - Marsha Sharp Freeway

Mr. Warren said that Phase 4 is scheduled to go to construction on March 1, 2010 with clearance to proceed.

#### Outer Route Study

Mr. Warren said they are currently trying to schedule a stakeholder meeting and hope to have one this month. He said the next public meeting should be sometime in January.

Mr. Martin said he remembers looking at a design that included flyovers and wondered if they were taken out for cost reasons. Mr. Warren said it was an accessibility issue and they would not be put back in.

### City of Lubbock

#### Streets Projects from Bond Election

Ms. Dumbauld said the City Council has approved for the bond package to go forward. She said they are currently preparing a Request for Proposal and public meetings will be held. Mr. Leonard asked if a "Business Owner" meeting was scheduled. Ms. Dumbauld said she would check on that.

### Director

#### Transportation Bill

Mr. Jones said no transportation bill has been passed. A six month extension was brought up and on the floor for discussion but was stopped. There is talk of a two year interim bill. The current extension expires on December 18, 2009.

#### Unified Transportation Plan

Mr. Jones said that FHWA has informed TxDOT that with the reductions in funding the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program is no longer fiscally constrained. TxDOT agreed with this finding and has called for an updated UTP and STIP. All MPOs will be required to redo their MTP's and TIP's to bring them into financial constraint when the new numbers are released after the first of the year. The Lubbock MPO will be required to update their TIP to a 2011- 2014 this year but will not have to do a complete rewrite to the MTP as we did a full blown MTP to comply with SAFETEA-LU in 2007. Mr. Jones told the TPC that the MPO will try to make this as painless as possible. The MPO hopes to have a draft ready for the TPC to review for public comment at their February meeting. Mr. Warren stated that there will be a meeting in Austin on December 22<sup>nd</sup> and that the MPOs and TxDOT will discuss the numbers at that time.

#### **Hold and executive session in accordance with V.T.C.A. Government Code, Section 551.074(a)(1), to discuss personnel matters. (Transportation Planning Director).**

Mr. Leonard adjourned to executive session at 9:32 a.m.

#### **Consider and take action on a Resolution amending the Executive Director's Professional Service Agreement.**

Mr. Leonard reopened the meeting at 9:39 a.m.

***Jim Gilbreath made motion amend the Executive Director's Professional Service Agreement. Patti Jones and Tom Martin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.***

#### **Meeting Adjourned.**

***The meeting of the Transportation Policy Committee adjourned at 9:40 a.m.***