

Minutes
of the
Transportation Policy Committee
Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization
February 16, 2009

The meeting of the Transportation Policy Committee of the Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization was held in Room 103 at 1625 13th Street, at 8:30 a.m. on February 16, 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
L.C. Childers, Mayor, City of Wolfforth
Paul R. Beane, 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
Mitch Satterwhite, City of Lubbock
Bryan Wilson, TxDOT, Lubbock District

Call to Order.

Mr. Leonard called the meeting to order at 8:30 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. Mr. Leonard welcomed Mr. Beane to the Transportation Policy Committee.

The Committee moved to the next item.

Approval of the January 19, 2010 minutes of the Transportation Policy Committee Meeting.

Mr. Leonard asked for any corrections to the minutes. Mr. Leonard asked that a correction be made to Page 2 of the minutes. The word “decision” was left out of the sentence stating “Mr. Leonard stated that

he was disappointed with Mr. Gilbreath's *decision* as he has been a benefit to the organization..." in the third paragraph. Ms. Davis stated that she would make the correction.

Tom Martin made a motion to approve the January 19, 2010 minutes of the Transportation Policy Committee Meeting with the above stated correction. Patti Jones seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The Committee moved to the next item.

Discuss and take action on a contingency plan for Jobs for Main Street Act 2010.

Mr. Jones stated that Congress is still discussing surface transportation funding issues to date, the House has passed the Jobs for Main Street Act 2010. Mr. Jones said that it is still uncertain what the Senate plans to pass on their side. Mr. Jones explained that in the House bill, the allocations and sub-allocations would be approximately the same as the first economic stimulus act; however in this bill the projects must be ready to go to contract within 90 days. Mr. Jones stated there are not a lot of projects that could qualify for this funding with the 90 day restriction. Mr. Jones asked Mr. Warren to present the item.

Mr. Warren stated that as it stands the economic stimulus two, or the Jobs for Main Street Act 2010 would demand rapid action. Mr. Warren reminded the TPC that we were very successful in the first round and took advantage of it to complete a 'bucket of projects'. Mr. Warren stated that in this round there are only two projects that could possibly meet the requirements and only one of the two meet the 50% requirement.

Mr. Warren stated that the FM 2255 project would require Category 11 funds as the MPO amount would only equal around \$6.5 million and the cost projection is \$8 million. This project could meet the 50% requirement. The second project, North Slide Road, would include \$1.5 million from a developer but does not meet the 50% requirement at this time. Mr. Warren stated that he would like direction from the TPC on which project to recommend for stimulus 2 funding.

Ms. Dumbauld stated that Ms. Reed had suggested that it is possible that the legislation could contain the 120 day implementation requirement. Mr. Warren stated that even if it is 120 days it is unlikely that the North Slide project would be ready. Mr. Warren stated that at this time TxDOT and the City of Lubbock have been unable to execute an agreement.

Mr. Leonard stated that he appreciated Mr. Warren looking forward to a plan as without a plan there would be no moving forward. Mr. Leonard asked Mr. Eichorst if he felt there would be Category 11 funds available for the FM 2255 project. Mr. Eichorst stated that it would be fine.

Mr. Martin explained to Mr. Beane that projects utilizing Federal funds must have NEPA clearance whereas projects that use only local funding are not subject to NEPA clearance. He stated that it is a year long process and so most projects would not qualify, especially with the 90 day or even 120 day requirement.

Mr. Warren stated that when the bill passes we will have to move quickly to meet the requirements. Mr. Eichorst stated that you almost have to send the plans to Austin the first day as there are advertising requirements, letting requirements and other contractual requirements that take time.

Tom Martin made motion to move forward with the FM 2255 (4th Street) Project as the contingency plan for the Jobs for Main Street Act 2010. John Wilson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned.

The meeting of the Transportation Policy Committee adjourned at 8:46 a.m.