

A Quarterly Review of the
Lubbock Metropolitan
Planning Organization

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SAFETEA-LU Extension

SAFETEA-LU, the transportation bill that was signed into law on August 10, 2005 expired in September of 2009. Since that time the government has issued continuations of the bill to keep transportation funded and moving. The latest extension of the bill was set to expire on March 4, 2011. With the clock ticking down on the future of federal highway and transit funding, the United States Congress and House of Representatives yesterday both voted to extend funding through September 30, the end of the fiscal year. This measure has now officially been signed into law by President Barack Obama and will cover funding related to highway, highway safety, and transit programs.

This funding, which goes toward surface transportation maintenance, development, and construction, has been kept afloat by multiple continuing resolutions typically ranging from four-to-seven weeks and keep funding at current levels.

This measure marks the seventh extension of federal transit funding since SAFETEA-LU expired on September 30, 2009.

It is, of course, hoped that by the September 30, 2009 deadline a new transportation bill could be passed. There is a plan that has been drafted for the new bill but it remains unknown if it will be passed by the end of the latest extension.



President Obama signing the extension of the SAFETEA-LU transportation bill.

Mobility in View

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MPO News

Travel Demand Model

Two people from the Texas Department of Transportation and one from the Texas Transportation Institute visited the Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization's office in April to discuss discrepancies in the base year 2006 demographics to begin the update of the travel demand model. They have also resolved the issue of missing links on the network as a result of extending the TAZ boundaries to the county line.

Kick-Off for Loop 289 Study—Phase II

The Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Tech University and the Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization had a kick-off meeting in April for the Loop 289 Study—Phase II. The final product will be an analysis of the optimal configurations that could be implemented along the corridor from Quaker Avenue to Indiana Avenue, Indiana Avenue to University Avenue and University Avenue to IH-27.

National Work Zone Safety Week

TxDOT joins the Federal Highway Administration and other transportation partners this week to observe the 12th annual National Work Zone Awareness Week.

Work zones can be hazardous for both motorists and highway crews working to improve Texas' highways. Since 1938, there have been 270 TxDOT employees killed, with 200 of those deaths occurring in work zones. In 2009, 108 people were killed in highway construction and maintenance zones in Texas. However, because of TxDOT's increased safety measures and public outreach, the 2009 statistic represents a 35-percent decrease in work zone fatalities from the previous year.

"One work zone fatality is one too many," Texas Transportation Commissioner Fred Underwood said. "We are continuing our efforts to educate motorists on the dangers of speed and distracted driving in work zones."

Unified Planning Work Program

The Unified Planning Work Program is the yearly budget and planning funds for the LMPO. Each year the LMPO is required to develop a budget process and a work program of how planning funds will be spent. The FY 2011 Unified Planning Work Program was approved on July 20, 2010 by the Transportation Policy Committee.

Holiday Closings



Good Friday April 22, 2011



Memorial Day, Monday May 30, 2011

Talk.Text.Crash—Distracted Driving

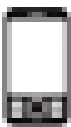
April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month and TxDOT is launching the Talk. Text. Crash. campaign to raise awareness of the dangers associated with distracted driving and to encourage Texans to put down their cell phones while driving.

Distracted driving is becoming increasingly common and dangerous, causing traffic crashes and fatalities. Data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) shows the proportion of fatalities reportedly associated with driver distraction increased from 10 percent in 2005 to 16 percent in 2009. In fact, 20 percent of injury crashes nationally in 2009 involved reports of distracted driving.

This deadly trend is mirrored in Texas, where nearly one in four crashes involves driver distraction, according to TxDOT. In 2009 alone, over 100,000 vehicles were involved in crashes where distraction in vehicle, driver inattention or cell phone use was cited. Sadly, 408 of those crashes were fatal.

The Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization is reminding everyone to not text while you are driving!

Just put it down!

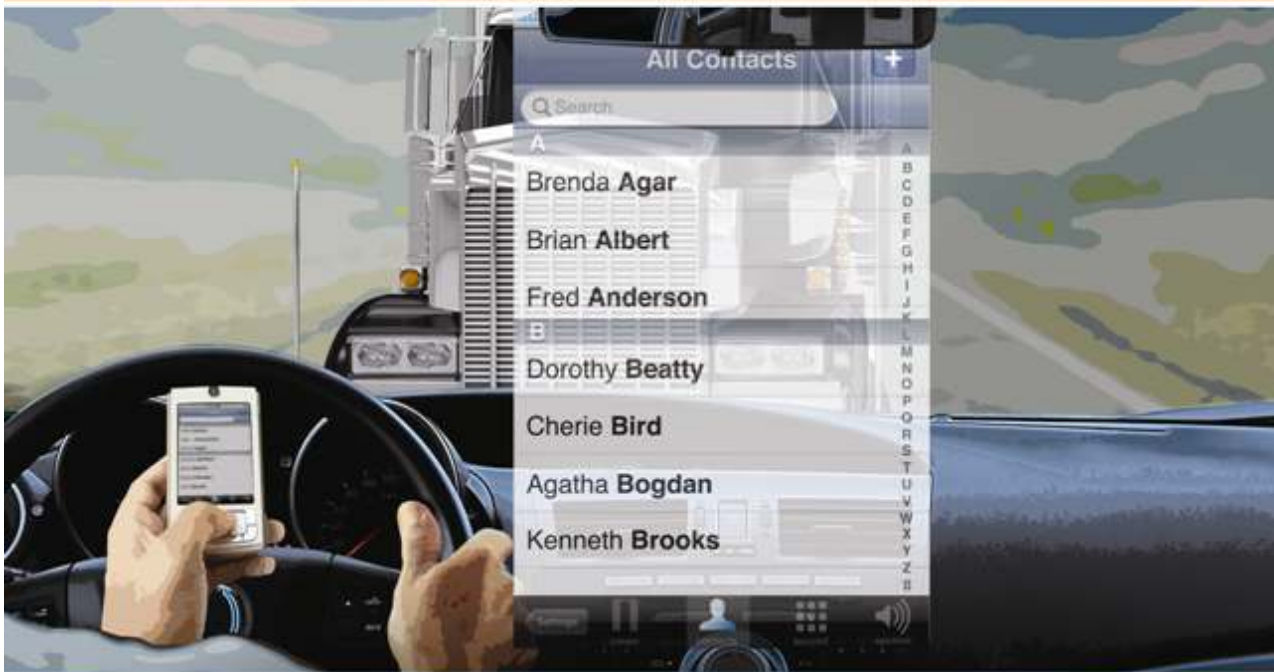
put  it down

ADD ME TO YOUR LIST!



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DO YOU SEE THE 18 WHEELER?



OF COURSE YOU DON'T

Your hand may be on the wheel, but your mind is definitely not on the road. In fact, using your cell phone while driving quadruples your chances of being involved in a crash. Hang up and drive. It's the right call.

TALKTEXTCRASH

Save a Life
From the Department of Transportation

DO YOU SEE THAT GUY ON THE BIKE?



DIDN'T THINK SO

If you're texting while driving, you're twenty three times more likely to be involved in a crash. Is killing or seriously injuring someone your idea of LOL? Hang up and drive. :)

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COMMITTEE MEETING

SCHEDULE

May, June, July meetings

TPC meetings will be held in Committee Room 103 in the City of Lubbock Municipal Building, 1625 13th Street. TAC meetings will be held in the 2nd Floor Auditorium of the Courthouse Annex Building, 916 Main Street.

Transportation Policy Committee

April 19, 2011 — 8:30 a.m.

May 17, 2011 — 8:30 a.m.

June 21, 2011 — 8:30 a.m.

Transportation Advisory Committee

April 5, 2011—2:00 p.m.

May 3, 2011— 2:00 p.m.

June 7, 2011 — 2:00 p.m

COMMITTEE CORNER



Brad Patrick is the Compliance and Procurement Officer for Citibus in Lubbock. He was born in Lubbock and graduated with honors from Monterey High School in 1998. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 2003 from Texas Tech University College of Architecture. Brad has served within the public transportation sector in various capacities since 2004 when he was first hired by Citibus as Paratransit Supervisor before accepting the position of Operations Director for Texarkana Urban Transit District. In 2006 he was named General Manager Abilene Transit Management. Under his guidance, CityLink Transit restructured the route system for the first time in two decades and replaced over \$2.76M in outdated transit vehicles. Brad returned to Citibus in 2010 where he is responsible for compliance, grants, planning, procurement, and regional coordination activities.



Karen Gibson joined the Transportation Policy Committee on November 16, 2010. Karen began working in banking in 1982 and worked in financial institutions for more than 10 years. She later began working with her husband Scott at Gibson's Plumbing, Heating & A/C, Inc. In 2004, Karen and Scott purchased the business when Scott's parents retired. Karen and Scott also own Success in Investments, LLC, a property management company. Karen serves in the community and believes that public service is not a duty, but an honor. Karen volunteers for Buckner Ministries serving as a member of the Ambassador Council and a teacher at My Father's House. She has previously served as a chairperson for the Madison Hope National Memorial Scholarship fund for three years. Karen and Scott work with Buckner Ministries in Cusco, Peru; they are house parents for a transition house in Peru. Karen graduated from Coronado High School in 1980. She has been married for twenty-three years to Scott and they have two sons, Blaine and James. Karen and Scott have one granddaughter, Emily.

Meeting dates and times are subject to change. Notices are posted at the City of Lubbock, Lubbock County, the City of Wolfforth and public libraries. You may also call our office at