

A Quarterly Review of the  
Lubbock Metropolitan  
Planning Organization

## Citibus Routes to Remain at 30 Minute Intervals But Not Without A Fare Increase!

Due to budget constraints the City proposed to cut Citibus routes from a 30 minute service at the bus stop to an hour between buses. A public hearing was held in August and more than a dozen people voiced their opinions in front of the Transit Advisory Board about the issue. The public argued that the 30 minute service already was not enough and to change the service to an hourly service would be detrimental to a majority of people who depend on transit to travel to school and work, as well as medical appointments and other timed errands. Citibus also pointed out that 16 people at Citibus would lose their jobs.

At the August 29th meeting the Lubbock City Council passed an amendment to keep the service at 30 minutes with no route cuts, along with a fare increase of twenty-five cents for regular riders and a fifty-cent rate increase for those who require special services. Special services are for riders that need additional care or attention and are transported by non-traditional buses. A second reading would take place in September before the final budget was adopted. The rate increase would help to offset some of the funds that needed to be cut.

On September 7, 2011 Citibus held its last public hearing before the final vote of the City Council. Several people spoke out against the increase citing the inability to afford such an increase when they are already paying all they can afford for public transportation. At their September 8, 2011 meeting, the Lubbock City Council passed the fare increase to begin on October 1, 2011.



Citibus Public Hearing August 23, 2011.

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## MPO News

This fiscal year will be a very busy one for the Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization. On July 20, 2011, the Transportation Policy Committee passed the FY 2012 Unified Planning Work Program, which is the LMPO's work plan and budget expenses for the fiscal year. In the FY 2012 year, the Lubbock MPO will be developing our new long-range transportation plan, the Metropolitan Transportation Plan: 2040. The MTP covers a period of "anticipated" projects for the years out to 2040 for highway and transit. The Congestion Management Process plan, which until now has been a stand-alone plan, will be put into the MTP. In conjunction with the MTP, the LMPO will also be revising our Transportation Improvement Program, which is our short-range plan, including projects that are anticipated to be built in the four year window of the plan. The Transportation Improvement Program also covers highway and transit projects. We will also update our bicycle and pedestrian plans. Functional Classification maps will also be revised.

As well, our Joint Certification Review by the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration will be held next summer. Preparations will begin when we receive our invitation from the FHWA and FTA, normally in the month of December. This review is held every four years to allow FHWA and FTA to review the LMPO's planning processes and ensure that Federal funds are being spent appropriately. The Review is generally held over a three day period, with a public hearing to allow public input on the planning process.

We are currently updating our Public Participation Database, which includes any public who wish to receive notices of our Transportation Policy Committee meetings and any public hearings or opportunities for the public to participate in the planning process. If you know anyone who is currently not on our participation list, we would be happy to add them. Send us an email with names and email addresses.



Concerned citizens address the Citibus' Transit Advisory Board at a public hearing regarding service cuts.

### Holiday Closings



Veteran 's Day, Friday, November 11, 2011



Thanksgiving, Thurs/Fri. November 24-25, 2011.



Christmas, Fri./Mon., December 23rd & 26th, 2011



New Year 's Holiday, Monday, January 2, 2012

### ADD ME TO YOUR LIST!



If you would like to be added to the electronic mailing list for the Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization, please send us your email address. You can either email Tera Davis at [tbdavis@mylubbock.us](mailto:tbdavis@mylubbock.us) with the address or you can call our office at (806) 775-1MPO (1676). We would love to add you to our list to receive newsletters, agenda listings and other news of the LMPO wherever you are.



# On The Horizon



A brief overview of various local MPO Transportation Projects in Lubbock County and the Metropolitan Area .

- US 87 From FM 1585 to Lynn County Line—Resurface Work
- West 4th Frankford to Upland—Underrun project from the UTP
- Spur 327 Interchange at Milwaukee—Marsha Sharp Freeway Phase V—Design Work
- South Slide From 98th Street to FM 1585—Cat 2 funding
- North Slide Marshall to Clovis Highway—Cat 7 funding
- Milwaukee From 114th to FM 1585—Cat 7 funding
- Quaker/Erskine/Loop 289 exchange—Prop 12 funding



## Mobility Man and the Chuggingtons

In an effort to improve our outreach to the public, the Lubbock MPO has created a “Google Site” at:

<https://sites.google.com/site/lubbockmpo/>

This site has the Lubbock MPO’s main documents as well as some information on Distracted Driving currently. The site also has a special page for kids and the person who walks them through some safety issues is Mobility Man. Mobility man was created from our newsletter Eye on Mobility. Those eyes became the focus for “Mobility Man” to be created. Mobility Man is a bit of a transportation safety hero and at the current time he is working hard with the Chuggington family to point out safety to kids. Please visit the site with your kids and be sure and watch the Chuggington’s safety information!



# Mobility Man

## Metropolitan Transportation Plan: 2040

**A Call for Projects will be released around December 15th for submission of projects to be included in the MTP: 2040. Visit our website at: [www.lubbockmpo.org](http://www.lubbockmpo.org) after December 15th for instructions on how to submit a project for inclusion!**

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## COMMITTEE MEETING

### SCHEDULE

October, November, December and January 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

October 18, 2011 — 8:30 a.m.

November 15, 2011 — 8:30 a.m.

December 20, 2011 — 8:30 a.m.

January 17, 2012—8:30 a.m.

Transportation Advisory Committee

October 4, 2011 —2:00 p.m.

November 1, 2011— 2:00 p.m.

December 6, 2011 — 2:00 p.m.

January 3, 2012—2:00 p.m.

## COMMITTEE CORNER



L. C. Childers was elected as the Vice-Chairman of the Transportation Policy Committee in June 2003. He served as Vice-Chairman until October 2004. Mr. Childers is the Mayor of the City of Wolfforth. He has served as Mayor since 2002. Before becoming the Mayor, Mr. Childers served on the Wolfforth City Council for nine years.

Mr. Childers is a retired farmer. He has been married to his wife, Doris, for thirty-six years.



Steve Shatley is the other new member to the TAC. Lt. Shatley has been with the Texas Department of Public Safety since January 1982, serving as a Highway Patrol Trooper, Safety Education Trooper, Safety Education Lieutenant, and presently as a Highway Patrol Lieutenant. He is responsible for the operations of the Safety Education function of the Texas Highway Patrol service for the entire 60 county area of DPS Region 5. Lt. Shatley received his Bachelors of Science from North Texas State University. He currently serves on the South Plains College Law Enforcement Advisory Committee and the Local Employee Committee of the State Employee Charitable Campaign. Steve is a member of Southcrest Baptist Church. He and his wife, Hallie, have three children.

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The Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization would like to wish you and yours a very happy holiday season and a wonderful New Year!