

A Quarterly Review of the
Lubbock Metropolitan
Planning Organization

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Mobility in View

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Ports to Plains Annual Conference

The Lubbock MPO Staff attended the 12th Annual Ports to Plains Conference which was held in Lubbock at the Overton Hotel and Conference Center. The conference was full of valuable information regarding the Ports to Plains Alliance. Speakers included guests from the Province of Alberta, Canada who joined the Alliance earlier this year and guests from Nuevo Laredo and Mexico. The conference began with a member's workday on September 30, 2009 and the conference ran through October 2, 2009.

The Executive Director of the Heartland Expressway, which will be from Rapid City, South Dakota to Denver, CO, said that the Scottsbluff-Gering metropolitan area has been in consideration for several businesses, including those connected with energy but have not been able to see it through because they are not close enough to an interstate. He said that they view the Ports to Plains Alliance as a way to keep their communities thriving and growing and allow them to recruit businesses. Speaking for the Theodore Roosevelt Expressway, which encompasses highways in North Dakota, South Dakota and Montana, Cal Klewin spoke of their goals for the international trade corridor as one of the members.

John Bertsch was elected as the new chairman of the Ports to Plains Alliance Board of Directors, succeeding Sid Cauthorn. Mr. Cauthorn was elected to head the Board after the election of Randy Neugebauer to the U.S. House of Representatives. Mr. Bertsch is a Plainview City Councilman and also the reigning Man of the Year. Mr. Bertsch spoke of the organization's debt to both Mr. Cauthorn and Mr. Neugebauer and pledged to be a good steward of what is already built and to encourage additional growth of the Alliance. Mr. Neugebauer was scheduled to attend the conference; however, due to a medical issue he was unable to attend. He did, however, record a video message that was played at the conference.

Ports to Plains was excited to welcome representatives of the Province of Alberta to the conference. The Province joined the Alliance in May of this year. The Province of Alberta also hosted a reception during the conference.

A number of speakers from the Alliance spoke of transportation planning and federal money being crucial to the nation's economic future. Mr. John Adams who was a keynote speaker at the luncheon on the last day of the conference spoke of the regional importance of the projects and cautioned attendees not to approach funding proposals from a local standpoint. Social networking and the importance of web information was also presented during the conference. Mayor Tom Martin, who is also the vice-chairman of the Ports to Plains Alliance, closed the conference and thanked everyone for what they have done to this point and remained hopeful for a productive future for the Ports to Plains Alliance.



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MPO News

Phase 4 Marsha Sharp Freeway

Phase 4 of the Marsha Sharp Freeway was awarded on September 9, 2009. The award went to The Lane Construction Corporation of Cheshire, Connecticut. This phase will be built with Proposition 14 Funding. The project, when completed, will take the Marsha Sharp Freeway from U.S. 84 (Avenue Q) to 0.471 Miles East of Avenue A.

MTP: 2032 and FY 2008-2011 TIP Amendment

The Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization is currently in the public comment period for the amendment to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan: 2032 and the FY 2008—2011 Transportation Improvement Program. The public comment period will end on October 26, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. We would welcome any comments on the amendments to these documents. The project was originally scheduled to be built with local funding, but is now scheduled as our “Substitution Project—Plan B” with Economic Stimulus funding from underruns in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The project remains unchanged except for the funding category.

The public notice as well as the comment form are available on our website at www.lubbockmpo.org. You may also send a email to any of us with your comments, come by the office at 916 Main Street, Suite 706, or call us at (806) 775-1676 (1MPO) or (806) 775-1671 to speak to our director, David Jones. Email addresses are:

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There will be a final hearing at the Transportation Policy Committee meeting on October 27, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 103, 1625 13th Street.

REMEMBER: Public comment period closes at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 26, 2009.

Ports to Plains Annual Conference



Holiday Closings

Wednesday, November 11, 2009

Thursday and Friday, November 26-27th

Thursday and Friday, December 24-25th

Friday, January 1, 2010

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On The Horizon



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



- Phase 4 of the Marsha Sharp Freeway Awarded to Lane Construction
- West Loop Project
- Northwest Passage Mobility Project
- Safety upgrades to the Keuka Street overpass on I-27
- Loop 289 and US 87 bridges—preventative maintenance
- 50th Street widening



- Slide & Erskine Project—nearing completion
- Indiana—103rd to FM 1585
- 34th—University to Avenue Q
- 34th Street—Indiana to University
- Quaker—98th to 114th
- 114th Street—University to Slide
- Milwaukee—94th to 106th
- Milwaukee—strip paving south to 114th East to Juneau



- 6 hybrid electric buses
- 16 CitiAccess vans
- Renovation of the Downtown Transfer Plaza
- Renovation of administrative offices and maintenance facility



Citibus Parking Lot Expansion

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COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

October, November & December 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 27, 2009* — 8:30 a.m.

November 17, 2009 — 8:30 a.m.

December 15, 2009 — 8:30 a.m.

Transportation Advisory Committee

October 6, 2009 — 2:00 p.m.

November 3, 2009 — 2:00 p.m.

December 1, 2009 — 2:00 p.m.

*October meeting date changed from 20th



Meeting dates and times are subject to change. Notices will be posted at the City of Lubbock, Lubbock County, the City of Wolfforth and public libraries. You may also call our office at (806) 775-1MPO or visit our website at