

BRYAN / COLLEGE STATION METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

## **Technical Advisory Committee Agenda**

Thursday, February 16, 2017 @ 8:30 a.m. Brazos Transit District Conference Room 1759 N. Earl Rudder Freeway, Bryan, TX 77803

## **AGENDA**

- 1) Welcome and Open Meeting
- 2) Minutes from January 19, 2017 Technical Advisory Committee meeting *Consider adoption -* Action Required. (See attachment.)
- 3) Agency Reports (Updates from members on transportation related activities)
- 4) Staff Report
  - Website Update
  - FM 60 Bicycle and Pedestrian Access and Safety Concepts
  - FM 2818 Corridor Study Update
- 5) Category Two Funding Formula Minority Report

The Texas Association of MPO's (TEMPO) has been meeting for several months to develop a recommendation to the Texas Transportation Commission on a new funding formula for distribution of Category Two funds. TEMPO concluded its discussions on January 6, 2017 by reaching a consensus on a new formula. Under the old formula, the Bryan/College Station MPO would receive \$132,762,500 over a ten-year period. Under the new formula, the B/CSMPO would receive \$108,679,274 over the ten-year period. Under TEMPO's agreement with the Commission, the B/CS MPO may file a Minority Report stating what objections they have with the new formula and how the formula should be modified. Staff has looked at both the revised funding split and the formula to determine what factors best address the primary purpose of Cat 2 funds, which is to construct projects that alleviate congestion/enhance mobility. Action Required. (See attachment.)

6) Public Engagement Plan

MPO staff, in association with the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) have developed a revised public participation process to guide how MPO documents will be reviewed by the general public. The engagement plan also adds a review process to ensure that the public is actually taking the opportunity to review MPO documents and how staff should modify the process if they are not making comments. Finally, the plan

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incorporates the new website into the process so that the improved functionality allows for the public to submit electronic comments through our website. Action Required. (See attachment.)

7) Ten-year Category Two Project List and Programming

The TAC and the Active Transportation Advisory Panel (ATAP) have developed a list of projects for funding using our Category Two allocation(s). The project costs have been revised from the cost estimates contained in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), and the projects assigned to specific fiscal years for funding. The TAC and ATAP used the existing priority rankings contained in the MTP (which includes the performance-based project prioritization methodology) to select the highest priority projects that can meet the financial-constraint requirements specified under federal law. In the case of State Highway 6, the project is included both because it is a high priority and to leverage potential available Category 12 funds which are at the discretion of the Texas Transportation Commission. Action Required. (See attachment.)

- 8) Future Activities
  - University Drive Stakeholder Meetings and Field Observations (February 22-23)
  - Special Meeting for FM 2818 Workshop (Week of February 27-March 3)
  - Final Revisions Meeting for the Major Thoroughfare Concept (March 1)
  - Joint TAC and ATAP Meeting foe University Drive Project (March 16 TAC meeting)
- 9) Adjourn

## Workshop Items

• Draft 2050 Major Thoroughfare Concept Map Revisions (See attachment.)