



Policy Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, March 1, 2017, 9:00 AM
Brazos County Commissioners' Courtroom
200 South Texas Avenue, Bryan, Texas 77803

AGENDA

- 1) Welcome and Open Meeting
-Pledge of allegiance to the United States and Texas Flags and Invocation.
- 2) Public Comments regarding items not on the agenda
-Individuals who wish to address the Policy Board must fill out a Public Comment Card describing the topic(s) they wish to address. Public Comment Cards may be obtained from Lisa Lyon of the MPO staff prior to the start of the meeting. Please limit your comments to three minutes per topic. Additional time will be allotted if Policy Board members have questions.
- 3) Minutes from the February 1, 2017 Policy Board meeting.
*-Consider adoption - **Action Required.** (See attachment.)*
- 4) Staff Report
 - Website Update
 - FM 60 Bicycle and Pedestrian Access and Safety Concepts
 - FM 2818 Corridor Study
 - Brazos Transit District Demographics and Operations Study
 - Major Thoroughfare Concept Meetings
- 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. TEMPO's agreement with the Commission allows any MPO that disagrees with TEMPO's recommendation may file a Minority Report stating what objections they have with the new formula and how the formula should be modified. At the February Policy Board meeting, staff was directed to work with the Technical Advisory Committee to draft a minority report. 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. Working with the TAC, the Minority Report drafted by staff and approved by the TAC focuses on the factors that best address three main areas that Category Two funds are intended to address: 1) Congestion; 2) Safety; and 3) Efficiency. Under the new B/CSMPO proposed formula the funds allocated to our MPO would rise to \$121,171,192. **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 an annual review process to determine if 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 incorporates the new website into the process so that the improved functionality allows for the public to submit electronic comments through our website. The Policy Board will be asked to direct staff to open the 45 day public comment period so that the document is available for review and can be brought back to the Policy Board for adoption at their May 3, 2017 meeting. **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 Transportation Project Update

-Mr. Gary W. Schatz, P.E., PTOE, PTP Transportation Engineering Consultant for the City of Bryan will present the progress to date on the city's Downtown Railroad Quiet Zone project.

9) Adjourn