



Policy Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, February 2, 2022 9:00 A.M.
Brazos County Commissioner's Courtroom
200 South Texas Avenue
Bryan, TX 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.

3) Minutes from the December 1, 2021 Policy Board Meeting.

*-Consider adoption - **Action Required.** (See attachment.)*

4) Staff Report

- Regional Access Management and Traffic Impact Analysis Standards
- Bipartisan Infrastructure Legislation

5) Grouped Projects Agreement

*-In February of last year, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) reached an agreement on what types of transportation projects can be included in the Grouped Projects list in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). FHWA is now requesting that all Metropolitan Planning Organizations adopt the agreement so that it is easier to ensure that local Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) and STIP's match. The TAC has recommended the FHWA-TxDOT Grouped Project Agreement be adopted by the Policy Board. **Action Required.** (See attachment.)*

6) Annual Listing of Projects for FY 2021 (ALOP)

*-The Annual Listing of Projects (ALOP) is required by TxDOT and FHWA. It requires the MPO to specify what projects were let using federal funds during the fiscal year. It also requires that any federal funds used on Transit Projects also be shown. This year, the TxDOT Transportation Planning and Programming office did the compilation for the ALOP so that the formatting and relationship to the Unified Transportation Program was consistent. Staff is requesting that the TAC recommend the 2021 Annual Listing of Projects to the Policy Board for approval. **Action Required.** (See attachment.)*

7) Setting FY 2022 Roadway Safety Performance Targets

*-Under FAST Act requirements, and now the new Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, state DOT's must set safety targets on an annual basis. The Texas Transportation Commission took action to set safety targets for 2022. MPOs have until February 27 of the calendar year to either adopt the state targets or set their own targets. Staff recommended to the TAC that the Bryan/College Station MPO mirror the state's Safety Targets. Each year the TAC has examined the safety targets, it has recommended that the MPO should support the state target and not try to set their own. As in previous years, the TAC has recommended that the Policy Board adopt/support the TxDOT safety targets. **Action Required.** (See attachment.)*

8) Freeport to Fort Worth Freight Corridor Study

*-The Freeport to Fort Worth Freight Corridor Study examines the viability of developing a roadway corridor from Port Freeport to the Alliance Rail Yard just north of Fort Worth. The corridor would include a new roadway, called 36A, from Rosenberg to Hempstead, connect to State Highway 6 passing through Bryan/College Station all the way to the Waco area, and then connecting to an extension of the Chisolm Trail Parkway. To determine the viability and reliability of the corridor, travel times on the corridor were estimated and compared to travel times on the existing corridor that relies on Interstate 45. The study shows that in many cases delays on the I-45 corridor due to congestion and accidents, the proposed corridor would be faster and more reliable. MPO staff prepared the Freeport to Fort Worth Corridor Study last fiscal year and asked other affected MPOs to provide comments. The comment period has been completed, TAC has reviewed the study, and has recommended that the Policy Board accept the study as work complete and to direct the Executive Director to forward the document to TxDOT Transportation Planning and Programming Division for incorporation in future statewide freight plans. **Action Required.** (See attachment.)*

9) Presentation on the Interstate 14 Corridor Study

-Mr. Juan Quiroz, Ph.D., P.E., District Planning Engineer, Texas Department of Transportation-Bryan District will provide an update on the I-14 Corridor Study, including the study objectives, a timeline for completion, and next steps following conclusion of the study.

10) Adjourn