



Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Agenda

Tuesday, July 11, 2023 @ 9:00 A.M.

Brazos Transit District

Marvin Tate Administration Building Conference Room

2117 Nuches Lane

Bryan, Texas 77803

AGENDA

1) Welcome and Open Meeting

2) Approval of Minutes from the May 18, 2023 TAC Meeting

Action Required. (See attachment.)

3) Amendment Five to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan

*-The Texas Transportation Commission is set to adopt the FY 2024 Unified Transportation Program (UTP) in late August. As part of that adoption process, the TxDOT Transportation Planning and Programming has requested that MPOs in the state modify their Metropolitan Transportation Plans (MTP) to show significant increases in funding for projects. This will ensure that the MTP will align with the UTP and thus facilitate the approval process with the Federal Highway Administration. The State Highway 6 project is anticipated to receive a substantial infusion of Category 12 (Commission Strategic Priority) funds and other projects have minor increase and their letting schedule has been modified. The attached table reflects the changes in funding levels for the affected projects and are highlighted in yellow. Staff is requesting that the TAC recommend Amendment Five to the Policy Board for adoption and to direct staff to begin a 30 day public comment period for citizen input. **Action Required.** (See attachment.)*

4) FY 2023 – FY 2026 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Two

-The Texas Transportation Commission is set to adopt the FY 2024 Unified Transportation Program (UTP) in late August. As part of that adoption process, the TxDOT Transportation Planning and Programming has requested that MPOs in the state modify their Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to show significant increases in funding for projects. This will ensure that the MTP will align with the TIP, and by association the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), and thus facilitate the approval process with the Federal Highway Administration. The State Highway 6 project is anticipated to receive a substantial infusion of Category 12 (Commission Strategic Priority) funds and other projects have minor increases. TIP Amendment Two, which is reflected in the attached document, reflects the changes in funding levels for the affected projects and are highlighted in yellow. Staff is requesting that the TAC recommend TIP Amendment Two to the Policy Board for adoption

*and to direct staff to begin a 15 day public comment period for citizen consideration. **Action Required.** (See attachment.)*

5) Agency Reports

6) Staff Report/Upcoming Events

- The next MPO Policy Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, August 16 at 9:30. A speaker is needed.
- FHWA and Brazos County have jointly executed the Safe Streets and Roads For All grant agreement. The County has set up a separate account for the grant and placed \$20,000 in the account as the County's share. Invoices have been sent to the City of Bryan and the City of College Station for their share of the local match. The Federal Highway Administration's Office of Federal Projects has stated that the Texas A&M Transportation Institute does meet the parameters of a sole source and that the MPO should proceed with an RFQ. The RFQ was/will be published on July 7. Once the consultant is selected, the MPO will have one year to complete the process.
- The Mock Transportation Management Area Certification Review took place on June 14th and 15th. Staff from the MPO and Brazos Transit District worked with our federal partners at the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration during the on-site review. The draft certification report contains 13 recommendations and 30 commendations, but most importantly, no corrective actions.

7) Adjourn

Technical Advisory Committee Workshop

1. Regional Transit Discussion

Following our last TAC workshop, MPO staff developed a white paper analyzing key areas for consideration for transit services and transit designated recipient as a result of being reclassified as a Transportation Management Area. Once the draft white paper is complete, the document will be sent to TAC members and interested parties in a separate e-mail.