



Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Agenda

Thursday, August 17, 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 July 11, 2023 TAC Meeting**

Action Required. (See attachment.)

3) **FY 2024 – FY 2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

*-The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is developed by staff every two years to specify how federal transportation planning funds will be spent in the subsequent two federal fiscal years. Highlights of the UPWP include the five-year Metropolitan Transportation Plan development, to be adopted in December of 2024, Complete Streets planning activities, support for the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant and safety measurement processes, and review and update of the resiliency plan, the draft Congestion Management Process, and the Leveraging Local Resources document. Included in the UPWP this cycle is funding to hire a consultant to complete most sections of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (excluding project call, project prioritization, and fiscal constraint). Staff is requesting that the Technical Advisory Committee recommend the draft UPWP for Policy Board adoption and to direct staff to open a 15-day public comment period. **Action Required.** (See attachment.)*

4) **Public Participation Procedures**

*-MPO staff regularly reviews the public participation procedures to determine if minor changes are needed. Every other year, staff completes a more rigorous review to determine if any major changes are needed, along with a review for minor changes. In completing the rigorous review in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, it was suggested that the public participation procedures be revised to include more opportunities for virtual public involvement. In addition, the procedures were modified to remove the requirement that Policy Board meetings be advertised in the Eagle since the newspaper no longer meets the definition of a widely read daily newspaper. Staff is requesting that the TAC recommend the revised Public Participation Procedures to the Policy Board for adoption and to direct staff to open the 45-day public comment period. **Action Required.** (See attachment.)*

5) **Agency Reports**

6) **Staff Report/Upcoming Events**

- The next MPO Policy Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, September 6 at 9:30. A speaker is needed.
- The Safe Streets and Roads For All RFQ submissions were due on August 14. A subcommittee of the TAC is requested to join the Director in reviewing and scoring proposals. Once the consultant is selected, the MPO will have one year to complete the process.
- The Texas Innovation Alliance Invitational was held in Austin on July 17-July 19. In cooperation with the Texas A&M Transportation Institute, MPO staff presented our need for a grant to provide real-time transportation information to the general public while SH 6 and the Bush/Wellborn Interchange are under construction at the same time. Team Bryan-College Station was invited to attend the September 19 formal presentation forum at the TxDOT Headquarters. Three teams will be selected by TxDOT leadership on September 19 to receive TxDOT grant writing services for their Innovation Alliance grant ideas.

7) **Adjourn**

Technical Advisory Committee Workshop

1. **Regional Transit Discussion**

MPO staff developed Version Two of our transit white paper analyzing key areas for consideration for transit services and determining the transit designated recipient as a result of being reclassified as a Transportation Management Area. MPO staff will share results of discussions between the Policy Board members on August 16. Version Two was e-mailed to TAC members on Friday, August 4. **Action May Be Required.**