



## Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Agenda

Thursday, September 21, 2023 @ 9:00 A.M.

Brazos Transit District

Marvin Tate Administration Building Conference Room

2117 Nuches Lane

Bryan, Texas 77803

### TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORKSHOP AGENDA

#### 1. Regional Transit Discussion

The discussion will initially focus on the Transit White Paper. Depending on direction of the discussion, staff **may** present documents on potential bylaws for an urbanized area board and how the MPO-Brazos Transit District-TxDOT written agreement can be modified. **Action May Be Required.**

### REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

#### 1) Welcome and Open Meeting

#### 2) Approval of Minutes from the August 17, 2023 TAC Meeting

**Action Required.** (See attachment.)

#### 3) Consider TAC Action After Workshop

**This may include:**

#### 4) Transit White Paper

*-After the last TAC meeting, staff met with the Policy Board to get direction on some of the decisions that will need to be made as we transition to a large urban transit system. The Policy Board agreed with all of the recommendations in the earlier white paper that required TAC decisions. The Policy Board also gave direction on the make-up of a board to oversee urban area operations. Staff has revised the white paper to highlight the discussions the TAC has had on this matter and modified the document to reflect the Policy Board direction on an urban area board. However, that direction is an ongoing discussion between the MPO and Brazos Transit District. Staff from both the MPO and Brazos Transit District will provide updates on the most recent discussions **and ask for TAC guidance on how to move forward.** **Action May Be Required.** (See attachment.)*

5) **MPO Bylaws Amendment**

*-As a requirement for being redesignated a Transportation Management Area, the composition of the Policy Board needs to be revised to include the local general public transportation provider, Brazos Transit District. Staff has amended the bylaws to include Brazos Transit District as a full voting member. Staff is requesting that the TAC recommend the revised Bylaws to the Policy Board for adoption. **Action May Be Required.** (See attachment.)*

6) **Memorandum of Understanding**

*-The MPO, Brazos Transit District and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Bryan District enter a written agreement to work together for transportation planning purposes. Staff has prepared a revised memorandum of understanding to include an urbanized area board for planning activities at Brazos Transit District, **however, this will be modified after the workshop discussion.** **Action May Be Required.** (See attachment.)*

7) **Urbanized Area Board Bylaws**

*-Staff at the MPO and Brazos Transit District have drafted a set of bylaws to govern the Urbanized Area Board. **The TAC is being asked to consider these bylaws and recommend modifications based on our workshop discussions.** (See attachment.)*

8) **Agency Reports**

9) **Staff Report/Upcoming Events**

- The next MPO Policy Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, October 11 at 9:30. A speaker is needed.
- The Safe Streets and Roads For All RFQ submissions were due on August 14. A subcommittee to review the proposals was formed and resulted in a tie score for best submittal. The subcommittee is holding in-person interviews on September 20 and staff will report on who was selected to begin negotiations with for completion of the grant requirements. Once the consultant is selected, the MPO will have one year to complete the process.
- The Texas Innovation Alliance Invitational Follow-up presentation were held on September 19 in Austin. 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 AND explore innovative technologies for traffic management. Three teams will be selected by TxDOT leadership on September 19 to receive TxDOT grant writing services for their Innovation Alliance grant ideas and staff will report on how the presentation was received.
- Staff is drafting a response to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) recommendations developed as a result of the “Mock” Certification Review. (See attachment.) In lieu of a public hearing, FHWA and FTA have requested MPO staff to put together a focus group that includes all TAC members and other planning partners for the afternoon of November 15 at 4:30.

10) **Adjourn**