



Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Agenda

Wednesday, November 1, 2023 @ 9:30 A.M.

Brazos Transit District

Marvin Tate Administration Building Conference Room

2117 Nuches Lane

Bryan, Texas 77803

REGULAR MEETING

1) **Welcome and Open Meeting**

2) **Approval of Minutes from the September 21, 2023 TAC Meeting**

Action Required. (See attachment.)

3) **Designated Recipient Issues**

*-The Policy Board met on Thursday, October 19th to discuss a path forward for naming a designated recipient. As a result of that workshop, three key issues have been resolved. The attached document highlights what has been discussed and the path moving forward. **This item could be an information item for TAC members to verify or the TAC may want to put the verbal discussion into a written document to share with the Policy Board. Action May Be Required.** (See attachment.)*

4) **Designated Recipient Resolution**

*-As part of the requirements of being redesignated a Transportation Management Area, the designated recipient for Federal Transit Administration funds shifts from the Governor of Texas to a locally eligible transit provider or local jurisdiction. This entity must be identified through a resolution from the Policy Board to the Governor AND a letter of concurrence from the local general public transportation provider. The Policy Board had indicated their desire to accept TAC's recommendation on naming Brazos Transit District as the designated recipient subject to the agreed upon parameters established at the workshop and discussed in the Designated Recipient Issues document above. Staff has drafted a resolution for the TAC to review. Staff is requesting that the TAC make any necessary changes to the resolution and forward the document to the Policy Board for adoption. **Action May Be Required.** (See attachment.)*

5) **Urbanized Area Committee Bylaws**

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

6) Agency Reports

7) Staff Report/Upcoming Events

- The next MPO Policy Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, November 8 at 9:30. TxDOT has signaled an initial interest to present on the I-14 study and the results of the public meeting on October 25th.
- The Safe Streets and Roads for All contract was awarded to Kimley-Horn based on on-site interviews. A contract has been issued and a kick-off is/was being held on November 2 between MPO staff and Kimley-Horn.
- The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration will be conducting a Transportation Management Area Certification Review of the Bryan/College Station MPO. 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. Please mark your calendars.
- As part of being redesignated as a Transportation Management Area, the Bryan/College Station MPO is required to adopt a Congestion Management Process (CMP) for the urbanized area. The CMP is a document that specifies what types of transportation system management and transportation demand management strategies will be used in lieu of mainline capacity expansion. Under federal law, the CMP strategies must be documented and modeled before a roadway widening project can be considered. Staff has drafted a Congestion Management Process for the TAC to discuss (See Attachment). Feedback from TAC will be used to modify the draft CMP so that it can be considered for recommendation by the TAC to the Policy Board for adoption at a later date. The MPO has until the May Policy Board meeting to adopt the CMP. We will begin our discussion at the next TAC meeting.

8) Adjourn