

MPO Policy Board
Thursday, January 18, 2024
 South Waco Community Center
 Large Conference Room, 1:30 p.m.
 2815 Speight Ave, Waco, Texas



Waco Metropolitan Planning Organization

Summary Notes

Policy Board Members Present:

Andrea Barefield	Council Member District One, City of Waco
Jacob Bell	Citizen Representative, City of Waco
Josh Borderud	Council Member District Three, City of Waco
Kevin Evans	City Manager, City of McGregor
Darius Ewing	Council Member District Four, City of Waco
Scott Felton	County Judge, McLennan County
Calvin Hodde	City Manager, City of Lacy Lakeview
Jim Jaska	Mayor, City of Ross
Will Jones	County Commissioner, Pct. 3, McLennan County
Craig Lemin	City Manager, City of Robinson
Stan Swiatek	District Engineer, Texas Dept. of Transportation, Waco District
Everett "Bo" Thomas	City Manager, City of Hewitt

Policy Board Members Absent:

Deidra Emerson	Deputy Manager, City of Waco
Ross Harris	Plan Commission, City of Waco
Jim Holmes	Council Member District Five, City of Waco
Dillon Meek	Mayor, City of Waco
Shawn Oubre	City Manager, City of Hewitt
Yost Zakhary	City Manager, City of Bellmead

Staff Present:

Mukesh Kumar	Director, Waco MPO
Arthur Chambers	Senior Planner, Waco MPO
Annette Polk	Senior Planner, Waco MPO
Nora Roy	Senior Planner, Waco MPO

Others Present:

Jennifer Boen	STV Engineering Group,
Amy Burlarley-Hyland	Director of Public Works, City of Waco
Paul Cain	Assistant City Manager, City of Waco
Zane Dunnam	County Engineer, McLennan County
Victor Goebel	Director, Transportation Planning and Programming, Texas Dept. of Transportation, Waco District
Matt Kyle	Reporter, Waco Tribune-Herald

Brenton Lane*	Planning and Programming Engineer, Texas Dept. of Transportation, Waco District
Dominique Leh	Reporter, Channel 25 News
Barbara Maley*	Transportation Planning Coordinator, Federal Highway Administration, Texas Division
Clayton Zacha	Waco Area Engineer, Texas Dept. of Transportation, Waco District

*Attended virtually

1. Call to Order, Roll Call of Members, Proof of Posting.

Chair Josh Borderud called the January 18, 2024, meeting of the MPO Policy Board to order at 1:32 p.m. A quorum of members was met.

Meeting agendas were posted on the MPO website on January 10, 2024 and at the City of Waco website on January 11, 2024 noting a possible quorum of the Waco City Council.

Council Member Josh Borderud called a January 18, 2024 meeting of the City Council of the City of Waco to order at 1:42 p.m. A quorum of members was met.

2. Public Hearing.

Visitors were invited to address the Policy Board regarding any action or discussion item identified on this agenda. No visitors approached the Board.

3. Approval of the November 16, 2023 meeting minutes.

Minutes were approved as submitted.

4. Review, Discussion, and Action regarding project funding strategies for immediate short-term projects.

a. [Background](#)

Directive Action: Direct MPO Staff & TxDOT District Staff to program available \$48M of Category 2 dollars for May revision of FY 2023 – 2026 TIP as follows:

- 1st Priority: Apply \$26M to SH Twin Bridges \$26M funding gap
- 2nd Priority: Apply remainder to NE Loop 340 \$108M funding gap

RESULT:	Directive Action approved with a unanimous yea vote
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5. Consideration and Action regarding approval of [Resolution 2024-1](#): Adoption of [Amendment 5](#) to Connections 2045: The Waco Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

a. [Background](#)

b. Public Hearing

Chairman Borderud opened the public hearing at 1:57 p.m.
No visitors submitted comments for or against this item.
Chairman Borderud closed the public hearing at 1:58 p.m.

c. Consideration and Action

RESULT:	Motion to approve passed with a 12 - 0 [Unanimous]
MOVER:	Andrea Barefield
SECONDER:	Will Jones

6. Consideration and Action regarding approval of [Resolution 2024-2](#): Adoption of [Amendment 2](#) to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

a. [Background](#)

b. Public Hearing

Chairman Borderud opened the public hearing at 2:02 p.m.
No visitors submitted comments for or against this item.
Chairman Borderud closed the public hearing at 2:02 p.m.

c. Consideration and Action

RESULT:	Motion to approve passed with a 12 - 0 [Unanimous]
MOVER:	Darius Ewing
SECONDER:	Jacob Bell

7. Update and Discussion on public engagement related to proposed [PPP Amendment](#).

a. [Background](#)

For information and discussion only. Update provided by Mukesh Kumar.

RESULT:	Discussed
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8. Review, Discussion, and Action regarding a recommendation from the Waco MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to begin public engagement concerning proposed annual performance targets.

a. [Background](#)

Directive Action: Direct MPO Staff to begin public engagement concerning proposed 2024 transportation system performance targets.

RESULT:	Directive Action approved with a unanimous yea vote
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9. Update and Discussion on 2050 MTP Development Process.

For information and discussion only. Update provided by Mukesh Kumar

RESULT:	Discussed
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10. Update and Discussion on current grant efforts.

For information and discussion only. Update provided by Mukesh Kumar

RESULT:	Discussed
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11. Update and Discussion on the MPO redesignation.

For information and discussion only. Update provided by Mukesh Kumar.

RESULT:	Discussed
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12. Update and Discussion from the Technical Advisory Committee.

For information and discussion only. Update provided by Zane Dunnan, McLennan County Engineer.

RESULT:	Discussed
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13. Update and Discussion from the Texas Department of Transportation regarding significant highway construction within the Waco Metropolitan Area.

For information and discussion only. Update provided by Clayton Zacha, Waco Area Engineer, TxDOT, Waco District.

RESULT:	Discussed
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14. Work Group Updates.

Citizen's Participation Work Group – not currently active
Bicycle and Pedestrian Work Group – update of current efforts provided during prior meeting
Connected and Automated Vehicle Work Group – update provided by Mukesh Kumar
Mobility, Land Use and Transportation Work Group – not currently active

For information and discussion only.

RESULT:	Discussed
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15. MPO Monthly Report.

- a. Local Fund update
- b. RAISE grant team formation

For information and discussion only.

RESULT:	Discussed
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16. Announcements.

- a. The next meeting of the Waco MPO Policy Board is scheduled for Thursday, February 15, 2024, at 1:30 pm
- b. No requests received for agenda items to be considered for future meetings.

17. Hearing of Visitors Regarding Any Item of Business Not Identified on This Agenda.

Chairman Borderud opened the public hearing at 2:38 p.m.

No visitors submitted comments for or against this item.

Chairman Borderud closed the public hearing at 2:38 p.m.

Note: The Policy Board cannot respond to comments received during this public hearing.

18. Adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m.