MPO Policy Board

Thursday, February 20, 2025

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:

Paul Cain, proxy for Andrea Barefield	Council Member District One, City of Waco
Jacob Bell	Citizen Representative, City of Waco
Dr. James Fulton, proxy for Josh Borderud	Council Member District Three, City of Waco
George Chase	Council Member District Five, City of Waco
Jed Cole	Plan Commission, City of Waco
Deidra Emerson	Deputy Manager, City of Waco
Darius Ewing	Council Member District Four, City of Waco
Scott Felton	County Judge, McLennan County
Calvin Hodde	City Manager, City of Lacy Lakeview
Jim Holmes	Mayor, City of Waco
Will Jones	County Commissioner, Pct. 3, McLennan County
Bryan LeMeilleur	City Planner, City of McGregor
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:

Jim Jaska	Mayor, City of Ross
Adam Niolet	Assistant City Manager, City of Woodway
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
Daniela Gallegos	Engagement Specialist, Waco MPO
Devon Legare	Administrative Assistant, Waco MPO

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Others Present:

Jennifer Boen	Waco Area Group Leader, STV
Nathan Boone	Arkansas Office Director, Toole Design
Jared Draper	Owner & Director of Operations, Southern US, Toole Design
Victor Goebel*	Director of Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT Waco District
Andrew Howard*	Principal Owner, Team Better Block
Suzette May	Mobilize Waco
Michael Rhodes	Senior Environmental Planner, HNTB
Serena Stevenson*	General Manager Waco Transit, RATP Dev USA
Rachel Williams	Project Engineer, Public Works Department, City of Waco
Clayton Zacha	Waco Area Engineer, TxDOT Waco District

**Attended Virtually*

1. **Call to Order, Proof of Posting.**
   Chair Everett "Bo" Thomas called the February 20, 2025, meeting of the MPO Policy Board to order at 1:32 p.m. A quorum of members was met. No other meetings were called into session.

   Meeting agendas were posted on the MPO website on February 12, 2025 and at the City of Waco website on February 13, 2025 noting a possible quorum of the Waco City Council.

2. **Public Hearing** regarding any discussion or action item on this agenda.

   Visitors were invited to address the Policy Board regarding any action or discussion item identified on this agenda. Daniela Gallegos read the announcement in Spanish. No visitors approached the Board.

3. **Approval** of the January 16, 2025 meeting minutes.

   Minutes were approved as submitted.

4. **Consideration and Action** regarding regional transportation performance targets for the 2025 calendar year. For information and discussion only. Update provided by Mukesh Kumar.

   a. Roadway Safety Background, PTASP Background, TAM Background

      A meeting of the Waco City Council was opened at 1:45 p.m. upon the arrival of Mayor Jim Holmes.

b. **Public Hearing**

Chairman Thomas opened the public hearing at 1:46 p.m.
No visitors submitted comments for or against this item.
Chairman Thomas closed the public hearing at 1:46 p.m.

c. **Consideration and Action**

i. **Resolution 2025-4: Roadway Safety Performance Targets**

RESULT:	Motion to approve passed with a 15 – 0 vote [Unanimous]
MOVER:	Deidra Emerson, Deputy Manager, City of Waco
SECONDER:	Jim Holmes, Mayor, City of Waco

Resolution 2025-5: Public Transportation Safety Performance Targets

RESULT:	Motion to approve passed with a 15 – 0 vote [Unanimous]
MOVER:	Deidra Emerson, Deputy Manager, City of Waco
SECONDER:	Jim Holmes, Mayor, City of Waco

Resolution 2025-6: Public Transportation Asset Management Performance Targets

RESULT:	Motion to approve passed with a 15 – 0 vote [Unanimous]
MOVER:	Deidra Emerson, Deputy Manager, City of Waco
SECONDER:	Jim Holmes, Mayor, City of Waco

5. **Review, Discussion, and Directive Action** regarding a recommendation from the Waco MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to begin public engagement concerning submissions received during the 2025 Call for Plan and Program Amendments.

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

   a. Background

RESULT:	Discussed. Motion made by Will Jones, second made by Deidra Emerson. Directed staff to begin public comment period.

6. **Update and Discussion** on annual local fund contributions and status.

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

   a. Background

RESULT:	Discussed.

7. **Update and Discussion** on current grant efforts.

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

RESULT:	Discussed. Jared Draper and Nathan Boone from Toole Design were introduced to the Policy Board.

8. **Update and Discussion** on MPO redesignation.

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

RESULT:	Discussed.

9. **Update and Discussion** from the Technical Advisory Committee.

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

RESULT:	Discussed.

10. **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.

RESULT:	Discussed.

11. **Work Group Updates.**
    Citizen's Participation Work Group
    Bicycle and Pedestrian Work Group
    Connected and Automated Vehicle Work Group
    Mobility, Land Use and Transportation Work Group – not currently active

    For information and discussion only. Updates provided by Mukesh Kumar and Suzette May.

RESULT:	Discussed.

12. **MPO Monthly Report.**

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

RESULT:	Discussed.

13. **Announcements.**

a. The next meeting of the Waco MPO Policy Board is scheduled for Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 1:30 pm.

b. No requests received for agenda items to be considered for future meetings.

14. **Hearing** of visitors regarding any item of MPO business not identified on this agenda.

Chairman Thomas opened and closed the public hearing at 2:16 p.m. Daniela Gallegos read the announcement in Spanish. No visitor comments were submitted.

15. **Adjournment.**

There being no further business, the meetings were adjourned at 2:17 p.m.