MPO Policy Board

Thursday, June 26, 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:

Jacob Bell	Citizen Representative, City of Waco
Josh Borderud	Council Member District Three, City of Waco
Scott Felton	County Judge, McLennan County
Calvin Hodde	City Manager, City of Lacy Lakeview
Jim Holmes	Mayor, City of Waco
Jim Jaska	Mayor, City of Ross
Will Jones	County Commissioner, Pct. 3, McLennan County
Bryan LeMeilleur	City Planner, City of McGregor
Craig Lemin	City Manager, City of Robinson
Kevin Neal	City Manager, City of Lorena
Stan Swiatek	District Engineer, Texas Dept. of Transportation, Waco District
Everett "Bo" Thomas	City Manager, City of Hewitt
Yost Zakhary	City Manager, City of Bellmead

Policy Board Members Absent:

Andrea Barefield	Council Member District One, City of Waco
Adam Niolet	Assistant City Manager, City of Woodway
Paul Cain	Assistant City Manager, City of Waco
Jed Cole	Plan Commission, City of Waco
Darius Ewing	Council Member District Four, City of Waco

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
Devon Legare	Administrative Assistant, Waco MPO

Others Present:

William Conrad	City of Waco, Legal
Jennifer Boen	Waco Area Group Leader, STV
Victor Goebel	Director of Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT Waco District
Kyla Wilson	ACCVC
Sam Shaw	Community Reporter
Pat Curry	District 56
Rick Tullis	Baylor University, Retired
Clayton Zacha	Waco Area Engineer, TxDOT Waco District
Josh Garcia	Strong Towns
Anna McAuley	UT CTR
Amit Bhasin	UT CTR
Morgan Avera	UT CTR
Mansour Shiraz*	MPO Coordinator, TxDOT

**Attended Virtually*

1. **Call to Order, Proof of Posting.**
   Chair Everett "Bo" Thomas called the June 26, 2025, meeting of the MPO Policy Board to order at 1:35 p.m. A quorum of members was met. Waco City Council was also called into session.

   Meeting agendas were posted on the MPO website on June 24, 2025 and at the City of Waco website on June 25, 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.

3. **Approval** of the May 15, 2025 meeting minutes.

   Minutes were approved as submitted.

4. **Consideration and Possible Action** regarding approval of Resolution 2025-12: Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2026 and 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

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

   a. Background

b. **Public Hearing**
Chairman Thomas opened the public hearing at 1:44 p.m.
No visitors submitted comments for or against this item.
Chairman Thomas closed the public hearing at 1:45 p.m.

c. **Consideration and Action**

RESULT:	Passed with a 13 – 0 vote [Unanimous]
MOVER:	Will Jones
SECONDER:	Scott Felton

5. **Consideration and Possible Action** regarding approval of Resolution 2025-13: Authorization of MPO Director to execute contract agreement to undertake planning activities included in the FY 2023 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant and to issue a Notice to Proceed upon execution of the contract agreement.

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

   a. Background

   b. **Public Hearing**
   Chairman Thomas opened the public hearing at 1:50 p.m.
   No visitors submitted comments for or against this item.
   Chairman Thomas closed the public hearing at 1:51 p.m.

   c. **Consideration and Action**

RESULT:	Passed with a 13 – 0 vote [Unanimous]
MOVER:	Jim Holmes
SECONDER:	Josh Borderud

6. **Consideration and Possible Action** regarding approval of Resolution 2025-14: Adoption of Waco MPO Speed Feedback Trailer Loan Agreements

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

a. Background

b. **Public Hearing**
Chairman Thomas opened the public hearing at 1:55 p.m.
No visitors submitted comments for or against this item.
Chairman Thomas closed the public hearing at 1:56 p.m.

c. **Consideration and Action**

RESULT:	Passed with a 13 – 0 vote [Unanimous]
MOVER:	Yost Zakhary
SECONDER:	Jim Holmes

7. **Review, Discussion, and Directive Action** regarding the Convey 2050 Symposium and authorization of MPO staff to utilize Local Fund for the Convey 2050 Symposium expenses.

   a. **Background**

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

RESULT:	Discussed & voted on & approved…Mover: Scott Felton…. Seconder: Josh Borderud

8. **Review, Discussion, and Directive Action** regarding an administrative modification to Amendment 1 of the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program requested by the Texas Department of Transportation.

   a. Background

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

RESULT:	Discussed. All agreed.

9. **Update and Discussion** on a Transportation Planning Agreement between the Waco MPO, the City of Waco, and the State of Texas, acting by and through the Texas Department of Transportation.

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

RESULT:	Discussed.

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

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

RESULT:	Discussed.

11. **Update and Discussion** on MPO Redesignation.

For information and discussion only. Update provided by Mukesh Kumar

RESULT:	Discussed.

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

For information and discussion only. Update provided by Mukesh Kumar on behalf of Amy Burlarley-Hyland.

RESULT:	Discussed.

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.

RESULT:	Discussed.

14. **Work Group Updates.**
Citizen's Participation Work Group
Bicycle and Pedestrian Work Group
Mobility, Land Use and Technology Work Group

For information and discussion only. Updates provided by Josh Gracia & Kyla Wilson.

RESULT:	Discussed.

15. **MPO Monthly Report.**

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

RESULT:	Discussed.

16. **Announcements.**

    a. The next meeting of the Waco MPO Policy Board is scheduled for Thursday, September 11, 2025, 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 MPO business not identified on this agenda.

    Chairman Thomas opened and closed the public hearing at 2:36/2:37 p.m. No visitor comments were submitted.

18. **Adjournment.**

    There being no further business, the meetings were adjourned at 2:37 p.m.