MPO Policy Board

Thursday, September 11, 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:

Josh Borderud	Council Member District Three, City of Waco
Scott Felton	County Judge, McLennan County
Jim Holmes	Mayor, City of Waco
Jim Jaska	Northern Cities Representative
Will Jones	County Commissioner, Pct. 3, McLennan County
Bryan LeMeilleur	Assistant City Manager, 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
Yost Zakhary	City Manager, City of Bellmead
Andrea Barefield	Council Member District One, City of Waco
Adam Niolet	Assistant City Manager, City of Woodway
Jed Cole	Plan Commission, City of Waco
Paul Cain	Assistant City Manager
George Chase	Council Member

Policy Board Members Absent:

Kevin Neal	City Manager, City of Lorena
Darius Ewing	Council Member District Four, City of Waco
Jacob Bell	Citizen Representative, City of Waco
Calvin Hodde	City Manager, City of Lacy Lakeview

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

Others Present:

Robbie Shockey	Waco Area Group,STV
Jennifer Boen	Waco Area Group Leader, STV
Victor Goebel	Director of Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT Waco District
Kyla Wilson	ACCVC
Kiyah Hardwrick	ACCVC
Chad Ashworth	Waco Police Department
Suzette May	Mobilize Waco
Clayton Zacha	Waco Area Engineer, TxDOT Waco District
Amy Hyland	McLennan County
Josh Garcia	Strong Towns
Heidi Ross	AtkinRealis*
Scott Holt	City of Lorena*

**Attended Virtually*

1. **Call to Order, Proof of Posting.**
   Chair Everett "Bo" Thomas called the September 11, 2025, meeting of the MPO Policy Board to order at 1:36 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 August 29, 2025 and at the City of Waco website on August 29, 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 June 26, 2025 meeting minutes.

   Minutes were approved as submitted.

4. **Election** of Policy Board Officers for FY 2026

   a. **Review Standards of Conduct**

      i. Background

RESULT:	Discussed and collected affidavits for members in attendance

b. Election of Officers

i. Background

Term of office: October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026.

Policy Board Chair Election:

Motion to nominate Mr. Everett "Bo" Thomas to serve as Board Chair for FY 2026.

MOVER:	Jim Holmes, Former Mayor, City of Waco
SECONDER:	Yost Zakhary, City Manager, City of Bellmead

No other nominations submitted.

RESULT:	Elected with a vote of 15 - 0 [Unanimous]

Policy Board Vice Chair Election:

Motion to nominate Ms. Andrea Barefield to serve as Policy Board Vice Chair for FY 2026.

MOVER:	Josh Borderud, Council Member District Three, City of Waco
SECONDER:	Adam Niolet, Assistant City Manager, City of Woodway

No other nominations submitted.

RESULT:	Elected with a vote of 15 - 0 [Unanimous]

5. **Update and Discussion** on the Waco Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board Ethical Standards Affidavit and enforcement of Policy Board Bylaws.

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

RESULT:	Discussed.

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

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

RESULT:	Discussed.

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

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

RESULT:	Discussed.

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

   For information and discussion only. Update provided by Amy Hyland.

RESULT:	Discussed.

9. **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.

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

    For information and discussion only. Updates provided by Jennifer Bolen, Josh Garcia, & Kyla Wilson.

RESULT:	Discussed.

11. **MPO Monthly Report.**

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

RESULT:	Discussed.

12. **Announcements.**

    a. The next meeting of the Waco MPO Policy Board is scheduled for Thursday, October 16, 2025, at 1:30 pm.
    b. No requests received for agenda items to be considered for future meetings.

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

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

Chairman Thomas opened and closed the public hearing at 2:30/2:31 p.m. No visitor comments were submitted.

14. **Adjournment.**

There being no further business, the meetings were adjourned at 2:32 p.m.