



RESOLUTION 2020-5

WHEREAS, the Waco Metropolitan Planning Organization was established to identify and support the implementation of regionally significant transportation projects to address future mobility needs of the Waco Region; and,

WHEREAS, the Waco Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board is composed of representatives appointed by the elected City Councils and Counties located within the jurisdiction of the MPO as well as the Texas Department of Transportation; and,

WHEREAS, the operations of the Waco MPO are funded through an annual allocation of planning funds provided by the US Department of Transportation and passed through the Texas Department of Transportation; and,

WHEREAS, Section 134, Title 23, USC requires a comprehensive and continuing transportation planning process must be carried out cooperatively in order to ensure funds for transportation projects are effectively allocated to the Waco Metropolitan Area; and,

WHEREAS, Section 450, Title 23, USC requires the development of a Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the Waco Metropolitan Area to identify all regionally significant transportation needs and projects that can be reasonably funded within a minimum 20-year planning horizon; and,

WHEREAS, Section 450, Title 23, USC requires that the Metropolitan Transportation Plan be updated at least once every 5 years for urbanized areas that are designated as air quality attainment by the US EPA; and,

WHEREAS, the Waco Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board adopted Connections 2045: The Waco Metropolitan Transportation Plan on January 17, 2020 to satisfy the aforementioned federal statutory requirements; and,

WHEREAS, Waco Transit System, Inc. identified \$1,158,000 of funds from FTA section 5339 to purchase 3 buses for urban fixed route service; and,

WHEREAS, on August 23, 2019, the Texas Transportation Commission awarded \$231,605 in Transportation Development Credits (TDC) to the Waco Transit System to satisfy the local match requirement for the purchase of transit vehicles using federal funds; and,

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the Texas Transportation Commission awarded a total of \$3,019,599 in federal dollars to the Cities of Lorena and Waco through the Transportation Alternatives Set Aside Program and the Safe Routes to School Program for 3 bicycle / pedestrian projects to be matched with an additional 20% non-federal funds; and,

WHEREAS, all surface transportation projects utilizing federal funds within the Waco Metropolitan Area are considered regionally significant and required to be identified within the Metropolitan Transportation Plan prior to programming of funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE POLICY BOARD OF THE WACO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION:

That the Waco MPO Policy Board hereby amends Connections 2045: The Waco Metropolitan Transportation Plan with the following changes:

Amend Financial Forecast

Short Term (2020 to 2030)

Add \$3.5 million to bicycle and pedestrian funds

Add \$1.3 million to public transportation funds

Project Additions

Short Term Priorities (2020 to 2030)

Strategy 4: Improve Regional Livability

Project: BP-004

J H Hines Elementary Safe Routes to School Project

Garrison St, Elm Ave and Clifton St

Garrison St: J H Hines Elementary School to Taylor St

Elm Ave: Garrison St to Clifton St

Clifton St: Elm Ave to Chestnut St

Construct sidewalks along Garrison St from JH Hines Elem Sch to Taylor St; along Elm Ave at Garrison St to Clifton St; along Clifton St from Elm Ave to Chestnut St

Total Project Cost: \$829,938

Project BP-005

Lorena Elementary School & Middle School Safe Routes to School Project

Williams Rd and N Houston St

Williams Rd: Lorena Middle School to N Houston St

N Houston St: Williams Rd to Lorena Elementary School

Construct sidewalk along the south side of Williams Rd and along the west side of N Houston St

Total Project Cost: \$781,867

Project BP-006

Lorena Downtown Streetscape Project – Center Street

McBrayer St to Borden St

Construct ADA compliant sidewalks on both sides of Center St from McBrayer St to Borden St to include roadway bumpouts and ADA compliant parking spaces

Total Project Cost: \$1,849,942

Strategy 6: Provide Equal Access and Benefits

Project T-3U

Purchase of Transit Vehicles for Waco Transit System, Inc.

Total Project Cost: \$1,318,300

That it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by law.

That all public participation requirements identified within the Waco MPO Public Participation Plan related to this action by the Policy Board that are also consistent with social distancing requirements identified within the disaster declaration from the Governor of Texas were met and completed.

That the Waco MPO Policy Board additionally certifies this action complies with all applicable policies, procedures, and requirements identified within 23 CFR, Section 450, and Chapter 16 of Title 43 of the Texas Administrative Code.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 18th day of June, 2020.



Jacob Bell

Citizen Representative – City of Waco
Chair – Waco MPO Policy Board

ATTEST:



Christopher Evilia, AICP
Director