



RESOLUTION 2020-10

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, 23 CFR 450.316 requires each MPO to establish a Public Participation Plan (PPP) to identify the process it intends to follow to solicit input from interested persons and stakeholders into transportation decision making on the part of the MPO Policy Board; and,

WHEREAS, MPO staff periodically reviews the requirements identified within the PPP to determine their effectiveness in soliciting public input; and,

WHEREAS, due to the establishment of social distancing requirements as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in several changes to soliciting public comment and the conducting of public meetings; and,

WHEREAS, advice provided from the US Department of Transportation suggested that continued use of these changes would require an amendment to the Public Participation Plan; and,

WHEREAS, upon review of the current Public Participation Plan and the effectiveness of strategies included within, MPO staff concluded a rewrite of the Public Participation Plan would provide better opportunities for interested parties to participate within the transportation planning process, make more effective and efficient use of MPO staff time and allow for the incorporation of virtual meeting strategies as a result of social distancing requirements.

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

That the Waco MPO Policy Board hereby adopts the 2020 update to the Waco MPO Public Participation Plan.

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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 were met and completed.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 19th day of November 2020.



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

ATTEST:



Christopher Evilia, AICP
Director