

Welcome to the Waco MPO Technical Committee Meeting

This meeting is being streamed live

Thursday, October 1, 2020

2:00 p.m..



Roll Call of Committee Members

- MPO Director will ask each Technical Committee member to respond “present”



Reading of Public Comments

- Under social distancing guidelines, visitors were requested to submit comments in advance
- MPO Staff will read into the record any comments received
- Visitors may watch the meeting, but will not have an opportunity to speak

Amendments to FY 2021-2024 TIP

- Consideration and Action regarding a recommendation to the MPO Policy Board regarding proposed amendments to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program



FY 2021-2024 TIP Amendments

- 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program adopted by MPO Policy Board on June 18, 2020
- August 18, 2020: TxDOT Districts informed that the Statewide TIP is significantly non-compliant with fiscal constraint
 - Several billion in highway projects need to be moved beyond FY 2024 before FHWA approval
 - Waco MPO: \$70 million required to be removed from TIP
- MPO Policy Board provided following direction on TIP priorities

FY 2021-2024 TIP Amendments

- Proposed Removals
 - IH-35 from Valley Mills Dr (Loop 396) to Irving Lee St
 - Construct continuous frontage roads and improve intersections
 - Cost: \$10,000,000
 - IH-35 from Irving Lee St to South Loop 340
 - Reconstruct frontage roads, reconfigure on/off ramps, improve intersections and replace main In bridges and approaches at New Rd
 - Cost: \$38,000,000
 - SH 6 from Spur 412 (McLaughlin Rd) to Lady Bird Rd
 - Widen from 2 lanes to 4 lanes with center turn lane
 - Cost: \$8,000,000

FY 2021-2024 TIP Amendments

- Proposed Changes

- SH 6 (West Loop 340) from US 84 to IH-35
 - Construct continuous frontage roads, replace main ln bridges and approaches, improve intersections and reconstruct on/off ramps
 - Changes:
 - Move from FY 2023 to FY 2021
 - Change cost from \$44.0 million to \$48.4 million to include \$4.4 million in incentives

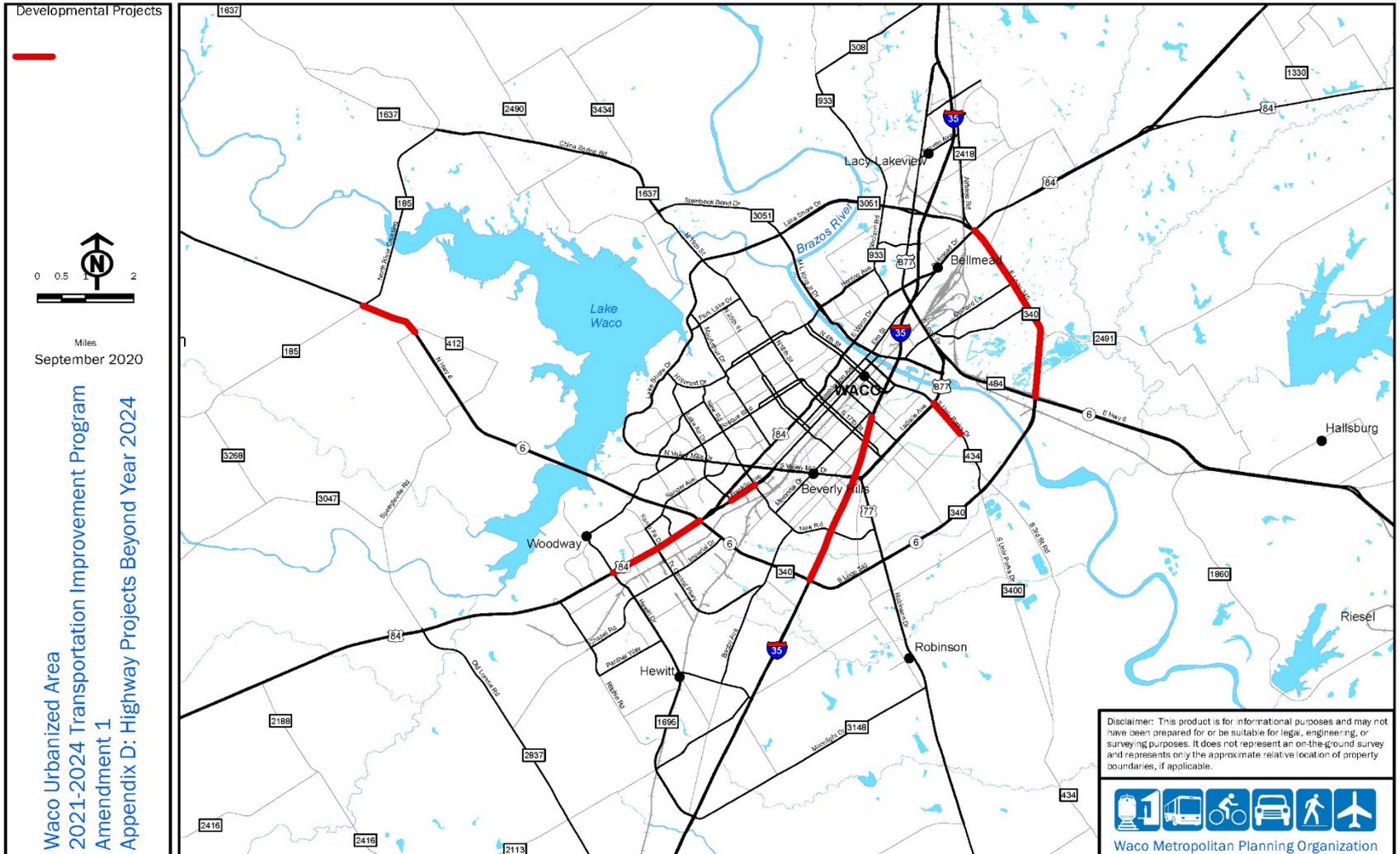
- No Change

- SH 31 overpasses at FM 2311 and FM 939 intersections
- *FM 2113 (Spring Valley Rd) from FM 2063 to FM 1695
 - *Sept 3, Tech Committee recommended removing from TIP
 - *Sept 15, Policy Board recommended keeping in TIP

FY 2021-2024 TIP Amendments

- Proposed Additions to Appendix D
 - SH 6 from Spur 412 (McLaughlin Rd) to Lady Bird Rd
 - Widen from 2 lanes to 4 lanes with center turn lane
 - Cost: \$8,000,000
 - IH-35 from S 12th St to South Loop 340 (4C)
 - Reconstruct all bridges and pavements, construct new northbound frontage road between Irving Lee St and Valley Mills Dr and widen main lanes from 6 to 8 lanes
 - Cost: \$250,000,000

FY 2021-2024 TIP: Revised Appendix D



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BREAKING NEWS!!!

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FY 2021-2024 TIP Amendments

- Latest update from TxDOT administration as of Sept 29, 2020
 - TxDOT will let projects out of the 2019-2022 STIP
 - Transit operations for Waco Transit
 - At this time there is no plan to revise the current STIP (except for administrative revisions).
 - TxDOT will provide guidance to MPOs and TxDOT Districts that need to further constrain their TIPs
 - Projects not currently included in the 2019-2022 STIP will need to be rescheduled
 - **TxDOT does not anticipate presenting the 2021-2024 STIP to the Commission for approval until March.**



FY 2021-2024 TIP Amendments

- Feedback from TxDOT Administration regarding Policy Board direction:
 - **MPO must adhere to \$70 million reduction of Cat 2**
 - Total available = \$50 million
 - Policy Board Direction = \$68.4 million
 - RESULT: Cannot program all 3 highway projects identified at this time
 - Waco District provided following concept to remain within funding restrictions

FY 2021-2024 TIP Amendments

- New Proposal for FY 2021
 - Spring Valley Rd (FM 2113) remove from TIP
 - Cat 2 Cost Removed: \$10,000,000
 - SH 31 overpasses
 - Only program bridge at FM 939
 - Remove bridge at FM 2311
 - Revised Cat 2 Cost: \$5,000,000
 - Move Mall to Mall project up to FY 21
 - Add \$2 million incentive to expedite construction (Max allowed)
 - Revised Cost: \$46,500,000
 - New Total: \$51,500,000



Future Funding Possibilities

- Current Waco MPO allocation 'adjusted' by \$14.7 million less due to IH-35 project
- This adjustment goes away for FY 22
- Additional Cat 2 dollars available for programming in 2 years.
 - Spring Valley and SH 31 / FM 2311 overpass could be considered next year or in 2022
 - SH 31 / FM 2311 overpass will still be considered for safety program funds

Future Funding Possibilities

- FAST Act reauthorization
 - Extended one fiscal year at 2020 levels
 - New authorization discussion will discuss higher spending levels
- Texas legislative session in Spring 2021
- Several new transportation funding opportunities during last decade

FY 2021-2024 TIP Amendments: Current Public Input and Adoption Schedule

- 15 Day Public Comment Period
 - Comments accepted through October 8, 2020
 - No formal comments received to date
- Public informational meetings
 - October 5, 2020 at 12:00 noon and 5:30 p.m.
- Public Hearing and Policy Board Adoption
 - Thursday, October 15, 2020
- Meetings will be conducted virtually

MPO Staff Recommendation

- New proposal is very different from the previous Policy Board direction
- MPO Staff recommends having the Policy Board revisit during October 15th meeting
- Conduct another public process in Late October / Early November
- Consider revised amendment during November 5th Technical Committee meeting
- Adoption by Policy Board on November 19th



TIP Amendments

Tech Committee Recommendation

- Consideration and Action regarding Proposed Amendments to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program

TxDOT Construction Update

- Discussion and Updates from the Texas Department of Transportation regarding significant highway construction within the Waco Metropolitan Area





TxDOT Waco Area Project Updates

Building the Texas Transportation System





ROADWAY: FM 1695, ETC

COST: \$862,612.40

LIMITS: Mars Dr to Panther Way

SCOPE: Construction of pedestrian sidewalks and curb ramps

TIMELINE: July 2020– Summer 2021

- Contractor began work in late July and has completed majority of new sidewalk work along Hewitt Dr between Mars Dr and Panther Way
- Contractor will begin work down Panther Way through the Fall
- Signal improvements will be made once majority of sidewalk work is completed.
- Total project completion expected by next Summer.



ROADWAY: FM 1637

COST: \$9,968,707.00

LIMITS: Bosque Co. Line/FM 185 TO FM 56

SCOPE: Hazard Elimination, shoulder widening, and overlay

TIMELINE: AUGUST 2019 – FALL 2020

- Contractor has completed majority of widening and overlay with the exception of between southern limits of project and Bob Johnson Rd.
- Work continues on new signal at Bob Johnson Rd.
- Total project completion expected in Fall 2020.



- Contractor has completed approximately \$190 million of work through July 2020
- Contractor's schedule still projects on-time finish
- Project Wide:
 - Water and Wastewater Relocations continue throughout the project – anticipate completing within next 6 months
 - 24" Waterline replacement scheduled for mid to late September and will impact 4th St for several weeks



- Southbound Frontage Road:
 - New concrete pavement has been installed the entire length of project. Anticipate opening section between 5th St and 12th St in early September. Work will continue on remaining section of SBFR through project limits.
- Northbound Frontage Road:
 - Paving operations have continued to progress at south end of project and north of US 84.
 - Paving will be ongoing between 4th St and U Parks and between Forrest and US 84 through the end of the year.
- Cross Streets:
 - University Parks: Expect to have new pavement and right turn lane opened this Fall.
 - BU 77: Paving new frontage road through east half of intersection this Fall.
 - US 84: Paving new frontage road through east half of intersection this Fall.



- Mainlanes:
 - Work continues on new southbound mainlanes through the project limits
 - All demo of existing bridges has been completed.
 - Constructing new bridges at 11/12th St, 4/5th St, University Parks, Brazos River, MLK Blvd, UPRR, BU 77, US 84, Behrens Circle, and LP 340. Beam deliveries expected to continue throughout the Fall and Contractor anticipates all new bridge decks to be completed by late 2020/early 2021.
 - New retaining wall continues to be installed throughout project limits.

Director's Report

- Request for agenda items to be considered for future meetings
 - Next Technical Committee meeting: Nov 5
 - FY 21-24 TIP Amendments
 - Draft results and outcomes of TxDOT Waco District Transportation Systems Management & Operation (TSMO) Program Plan
 - Discussion and Updates from TxDOT regarding significant highway construction
 - Meetings to be virtual for the foreseeable future



Technical Committee Meeting

Waco Metropolitan Planning Organization

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