

**MPO POLICY BOARD MEETING  
LONGVIEW METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
Wednesday, April 20, 2022  
2:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

With a quorum of the Longview Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board present, the meeting was called to order by Vernon Webb, TxDOT District Engineer, at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, in the Council Chambers located in the Jo Ann Metcalf Municipal Building, 300 W. Cotton Street, Longview, Texas.

In attendance were:

*Vernon Webb	TxDOT – Tyler District
*Rolin McPhee	City of Longview
*Michael Shirley	City of Longview
*Dwayne Archer	City of Longview
*Scott Owens - proxy	Mayor-Elect of Gladewater
*Phillip Mauldin	Harrison County Commissioner
*Deanne Simmons - proxy	TxDOT – Atlanta District
Bryan McBride	Longview MPO
Sharon McCord	Longview MPO
Ingrid Self	COL
Stacy Wylie	TxDOT
Tequita Dudley	Longview Transit
Dan Droege	NET RMA
Paul Jaap	S&B Infrastructure
MaryAnn Hagenbucher	City of Longview

\* denotes Policy Board voting member

**Item I. Call meeting to order and welcome**

Vernon Webb, TxDOT District Engineer, called the meeting to order.

**Item II. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance**

Michael Shirley provided the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Item III. Citizen comment**

No citizen comments.

**Item IV. Approval of the February 16, 2022 meeting minutes**

Bryan McBride announced that the minutes were provided to the board members prior to the meeting and then asked the board if there were any changes or revisions to the minutes.

Vernon Webb asked for comments and with no comments he asked the board for a motion.

Rolin McPhee made the motion and Dwayne Archer seconded the motion.

All were in favor and the motion carried (7-0).

#### **Item V. Approval of revisions to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Bryan McBride presented the revisions to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program. Recently, the City of Longview applied and received funding through the Transportation Alternatives Program (Category 9 Funding) to enhance the bond project approved by the City. This program granted approximately 2.88 million dollars for the Longview – Mobberly Avenue Complete street project. Anytime funding is allocated from the Federal Highway Administration, Transit Administration or TxDOT, that said funding must be captured in the TIP for transparency as well as project letting. The new Infrastructure Bill outlines complete streets as being a hot topic to provide transportation for all modes. A slide of a complete street was shown as part of the presentation. Being that these funds are coming from the Federal Highway Administration and TxDOT, the MPO has to indicate it in our documents.

The Technical Committee and staff recommend approval.

Vernon Webb asked for comments and with no comments he asked the board for a motion. Michael Shirley made the motion and Dwayne Archer seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried (7-0).

#### **Item VI. Approval of revisions to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) 2045**

Bryan McBride explained that the Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2045 revision is to reflect the Mobility Project Modifications that are similar to what was approved with the TIP. For clarity, the MTP is the long range 25 year plan while the TIP is the short range 4 year plan. If we make changes to one document, typically, we have to make changes to the other one for consistency. The complete street project is already outlined in the long range plan but we need to update the funding table to capture the additional funds received from the Transportation Alternative Funding.

The Technical Committee and staff recommend approval.

Vernon Webb asked for comments and with no comments he asked the board for a motion. Phillip Mauldin made the motion and Michael Shirley seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried (7-0).

#### **Item VII Approval of the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Bryan McBride presented the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program. The TIP is the short range plan that indicates the projects that will be letting within the fiscal years 2023 through 2026. These projects include either regionally significant projects within our boundaries as well as grouped projects, such as bridge maintenance and seal coats, to show transparency. A slide was shown with all the surface transportation projects, within the MPO boundary, included in the 2023-2026 Longview TIP. These projects include Bicycle and Pedestrian, Grouped and Mobility projects within this area. The key Highway Projects include US 271 & Loop 485 (Phase I and Phase II) and State Hwy 42. George Richey Road Phase 1 and 2 (Gilmer Road to Pine Tree Road as well as Pine Tree road to White Oak Road to let in 2025. In 2025 we will also start to see movement on IH 20/SH 31 Interchange, which is a significant project occurring in our area. It has a focus on safety, which is a top priority within the MPO. It is awesome to see the collaboration along IH 20 to promote safety. Fiscal year 2026 will see Phase III and Phase IV of US 271 & Loop 485. Additionally the Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobberly Complete Street has been included since it is occurring in 2024 and will overflow into both Transportation Improvement Programs. That is the Bicycle and Pedestrian Project that is happening in our area. Also in our Transportation Improvement Program we have to capture our Transit partnership funding. We are expecting about

22 Grouped Projects in our area. Examples are seal coats, lighting, bridge maintenance, sidewalks, medians and overlays. The funding is a joint effort by the Federal and State as well as some contributions from the local governments. It is a collaboration between all three parts.

The Technical Committee and MPO recommend approval.

Vernon Webb asked for comments and with no comments he asked the board for a motion.

Dwayne Archer made the motion and Phillip Mauldin seconded.

All were in favor and the motion carried (7-0).

**Item VIII. MPO Staff Updates**

Bryan McBride recognized the Longview Transit for receiving the Texas Transit Association Outstanding Small Urban Transit System Award.

Bryan McBride reported that the MPO is about to kick off the Community Engagement for the E Loop 281 Corridor Study. A consultant has been hired to analyze this area and meet with stakeholders and the Steering Committee. May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> are the dates for the Community Engagement at the East Texas Builders Association. More information will be available on the MPO website. Public information will be available for all individuals.

**Item IX. Adjournment**

Vernon Webb adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m.



Respectfully submitted,  
Bryan McBride, Director  
Longview Metropolitan Planning Organization

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