

**MPO POLICY BOARD MEETING
LONGVIEW METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Wednesday, February 16, 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 Gregg County Judge Bill Stoudt at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 16, 2022, in the Council Chambers located in the Jo Ann Metcalf Municipal Building, 300 W. Cotton Street, Longview, Texas.

In attendance were:

*Bill Stoudt	Gregg County Judge
*Vernon Webb	TxDOT – Tyler District
*Rolin McPhee	City of Longview
*Michael Shirley	City of Longview
*Dwayne Archer	City of Longview
*Kyle Kutch	Mayor of White Oak
*J. D. Shipp	Mayor of Gladewater
Bryan McBride	Longview MPO
Sharon McCord	Longview MPO
Ingrid Self	City of Longview
Will Buskell	TxDOT
Brooke Droptini	Half Associates
Tequita Dudley	Longview Transit
Dan Droege	NETRMA

* denotes Policy Board voting member

Item I. Call meeting to order and welcome

Gregg County Judge Bill Stoudt 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 July 21, 2021 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.

Judge Stoudt asked for comments and with no comments made, he asked the board for a motion to consider approval of the July 21, 2021, Policy Board meeting minutes as presented.

Kyle Kutch made the motion and Michael Shirley seconded the motion.

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

Item V. Approval of a Resolution adopting the Texas Department of Transportation's 2022 Safety Performance Measure (PM1) Targets

Bryan McBride reviewed the PM1 Targets set by the State in compliance with the Federal Highways' requirements starting with the five safety measures. A PowerPoint table summarized TxDOT's established safety targets for 2022 as: Number of Fatalities, Number of Serious Injuries, Fatality Rate (fatalities per 100 million Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT)), Serious Injury Rate (serious injuries per 100 million VMT) along with Total Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries. This data comes from the State's Strategic Highway Safety Plan. The Texas Transportation Commission (TTC) adopted Minute Order 115481 in May of 2019, directing the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to work toward reducing the number of deaths on Texas roadways by half by the year 2035 and to zero by the year 2050. TxDOT has modified its performance measures and target calculations accordingly. The Longview MPO has continuously supported the state's efforts and methodology over the past few years. Adopting these targets shows that we will continue our support.

The Technical Committee recommends we continue to support these efforts.

Judge Stoudt asked for comments and with no comments made, he asked the board for a motion.

Michael Shirley made the motion and Rolin McPhee seconded.

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

Item VI. Approval of a Resolution adopting the revised Group Project Definitions and Notes

Bryan McBride said that FTA and FHWA agreed to revise the group project definitions and notes after consulting with TPWD and TxDOT. A PowerPoint slide outlined the definition changes to Preventive Maintenance and Rehabilitation, Bicycle and Pedestrian, Transit Improvements and Programs, Recreational Trails Program and changes to Notes 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. Other examples of group project categories consist of preliminary engineering, ROW acquisition, bridge replacement, safety, landscaping and intelligent transportation system (ITS). The Longview MPO chooses to continue to support this mechanism as it provides an efficient and streamlined method of programming and implementation of transportation projects.

Judge Stoudt asked for comments and with no comments made, he asked the board for a motion.

J. D. Shipp made the motion and Michael Shirley seconded.

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

Item VII MPO Staff Updates

Bryan McBride announced changes in the Policy Board membership. Former Director of Public Works, Rolin McPhee, is now the Longview City Manager and Dwayne Archer has moved to Director of Public Works.

The Loop 281 Corridor Study is currently in contract negotiations with the consultant. Hopefully, at the meeting in April we will know what the schedule will look like, amount of public involvement, locations, etc.

The 2021 Annual Project Listing (APL) has been submitted to the state for review. The APL basically outlines all the projects that have occurred with the allocated federal funds. These projects include Highway, Bicycle & Pedestrian, Group Projects and Transit with funding of \$23 million allocated to the Longview MPO in FY 21. Projects within that plan include Harrison Road construction beginning for phase 2 of that project, George Richey Road widening projects and White Oak Road sidewalks connecting mobility from George Richey to Hwy 80.

Item VIII. Adjournment

Judge Stoudt adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bryan McBride". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'B'.

Respectfully submitted,
Bryan McBride, Director
Longview Metropolitan Planning Organization

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