

MINUTES
LAWTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
3RD Floor Conference Room
February 4, 2025

Minutes of the Transportation Technical Committee special meeting held February 4, 2025 in the 3RD Floor Conference Room, 212 SW 9th Street, Lawton, Oklahoma 73501.

The agenda for the meeting was posted on the bulletin board in City Hall in compliance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am by Barbara McNally.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Woodhams, ODOT Transit Programs Division
 Jay Earp, ODOT Division VII Engineer
 Ryan Landers, LATS Director
 Devon Westbrook, ODOT, MPO Coordinator **
 Barbara McNally, Lawton-Fort Sill Regional Airport Manager
 Cliff Haggemiller, City of Lawton Deputy Director Public Works
 Ronald Peel, ASCOG

MEMBERS ABSENT: Christine James, City of Lawton Planning Director
 Mike Jones, City of Lawton City Engineer
 John Michael Montgomery, Lawton-Ft Sill Chamber of Commerce
 Isaac Akem, FHWA*
 FTA Region VI*
 Comanche Tribe, Transportation Director*
 Apache Tribe, Transportation Director*
 Kiowa Tribe, Transportation Director*

ALSO PRESENT: Christina Ryans-Huffer, Recording Secretary
 Jonathan Stone, Transportation Planner
 Hope Davis, Transportation Planner
 Julie Sanders, SORTPO *

*Nonvoting member

** Devon Westbrook entered at 10:15am

Verify posting of meeting.

The meeting was posted on January 28, 2025 at 1:46 pm by Ashton Wall, City Clerk's Office.

All attendees gave introductions.

1. **Consider approving minutes from the regular scheduled meeting held on November 5, 2024.**

Motion Earp. Second by Landers to approve the minutes from the regular scheduled meeting held on November 5, 2024 as written **Aye:** Woodhams, Earp, Landers, McNally, Haggenmiller **Nay:** None **Abstained** Peel **Motion Passed 5-0**

2. **Consider electing a Vice-Chair for the Transportation Technical Committee.**

Motion by Earp. Second by Haggenmiller to elect Barbara McNally as Vice-Chair for the Transportation Technical Committee **Aye:** Earp, Landers, McNally, Haggenmiller, Peel, Woodhams **Nay:** None **Motion Passed 6-0**

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3. **Consider recommending the LMPO Policy Board approve a letter to the Oklahoma Department of Transportation stating the LMPO's choice to support the targets established by the LATS 2024 Transit Asset Management Plan and recommend authorizing the Director to sign.**

23 CFR 490 addresses requirements regarding the creation, monitoring, and reporting of performance measures. The LATS 2024 Transit Asset Management Plan has established targets for the transit system. The Lawton Metropolitan Planning Organization has supported these targets in the past, at the November Policy Board meeting it was recommended by ODOT that the MPO regularly support the targets as part of the 5 year MTP process.

The Targets are:

1. Decrease the number of at fault accidents by 10% each year.
2. No vehicles shall be out of service for more than 30 days in a row.
3. No more than 5 missed runs (due to breakdowns) in a 30 day period.
4. Start process of replacing vehicles that are past their useful life by the end of 2026.

Motion by Haggenmiller. Second by Woodhams to recommend the LMPO Policy Board approve a letter to the Oklahoma Department of Transportation stating the LMPO's choice to support the targets established by the LATS 2024 Transit Asset

Management Plan and recommend authorizing the Director to sign **Aye:** Landers, McNally, Haggenmiller, Peel, Woodhams, Earp **Nay:** None **Motion Passed 6-0**

4. Provide a recommendation to the Policy Board on projects to be included in the FY26 Unified Planning Work Program.

As part of the UPWP process, Staff has coordinated with LATS, ODOT, and the City of Lawton Engineering and Public Works Departments. Some projects are continuations of projects in the FY25 UPWP and some are new projects. Proposed list of projects includes:

Continuing projects:

1. Air Quality awareness campaign
2. Bicycle Safety campaign
3. Data collection and analysis on transportation systems
4. Review and update of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan
5. New projects proposed by Staff:
 1. Pay for traffic signal improvements that will reduce congestion outlined in studies of Lawton intersections
 2. Complete streets project, staff time evaluating existing sidewalks (prioritize updating existing information and sidewalks near schools)
 3. Start update of school walkability report

5. Motion by Earp. Second by Landers to recommend to the Policy Board on projects to be included in the FY26 Unified Planning Work Program and also include the Oklahoma Safe Challenge event and with the expanded walkability report to include the entire City **Aye: McNally, Haggenmiller, Peel, Woodhams, Earp, Landers **Nay:** None **Motion Passed 6-0****

Reports or Comments.

Earp reported the Rogers Lane Safety Improvement Project we expect to be complete, weather permitting, by the end of February 2025.

Earp added the Gore Pedestrian Bridge, we expect full completion by the end of next week. Also, we have a couple of areas on I-44 where we are working, down on 11th Street and then we are about to start up at Quinnett Road, which is a road that goes underneath I-44 on Fort Sill. We are going to be doing some bridge deck work, which will impact your traffic on I-44. It will be down to 1 lane for a short duration.

Earp reiterated Gore Boulevard between 82nd and 67th Street is progressing. There were a few utilities encroaching on underground drainage structures but they are ahead of schedule and they hope to have a substantial completion by Mid-April.

Landers updated that there will be a meeting with the Committee on the 30% design for the Transfer Center in tomorrow.

McNally reported the Terminal project is still on going completion date for the new entry should be April.

Woodhams updated that the secondary 5303 Grant is in FTA's hands, we are not real sure if it will go through, however once that is released to us there will be a secondary grant sent here for signatures and execution.

Peel introduced himself to the Committee and that he was representing ASCOG and taking over Mr. Zigler's position.

Comments from the Public.

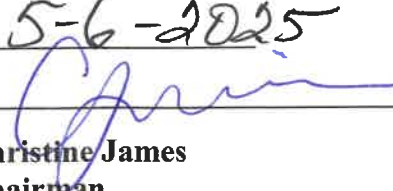
None

Adjournment.

Motion by Earp Second by Landers to adjourn the meeting **Aye:** McNally, Haggemiller, Peel, Woodhams, Earp, Landers, Westbrook **Nay:** None **Motion Passed 7-0**

With no further business meeting was adjourned at 10:18 am.

These meeting minutes were approved by TTC members at their meeting on

5-6-2025


Christine James
Chairman