

MINUTES
LMPO TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

Minutes of the LMPO Transportation Policy Board meeting held March 15, 2022, in the 3rd Floor Conference Room, 212 SW 9th Street, Lawton, Oklahoma.

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 11:00 a.m. by Mayor Stan Booker.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Stan Booker
 Allan Hampton
 Steve LaForge
 Ed Petersen
 Richard Rogalski for Jay Burk

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jay Burk
 David Denham
 Jay Earp
 Sean Fortenbaugh
 Johnny Owens
 Debra Porter

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Cleghorn, City Manager
 Janet Smith, Planning Director
 Jonathon Stone, Planner
 Kameron Good, Planner I
 Denise Ezell, Recording Secretary

2. Roll Call and Introductions

Mayor stated let's go around the room and introduce ourselves.

Ed Petersen representing the Airport Authority.
Janet Smith Director of City Planning.
Denise Ezell city staff.
Richard Rogalski Deputy City Manager.
Jonathan Stone Transportation Planner.
Steve LaForge ODOT Director for Division VII.
Allan Hampton Councilman Ward 5.
Ryan Landers LATS General Manager.
Tony Hansley Safety Coordinator for LATS.
Eric Swanson Southwest Ledger.
Michael Cleghorn City Manager.
Kameron Good City of Lawton Planner I.

3. Approve the minutes of February 1, 2022.

Motion by Rogalski, Second by Hampton, to approve the minutes of February 1, 2022 as written. **Aye:** Rogalski, Hampton, LaForge, Petersen, Booker. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

4. Consider approving the contract with Kimley-Horn for a Zero-Emission Bus Analysis and Rollout Plan for the Lawton Area Transit System.

Smith stated this is the proposal we received from Kimley-Horn. We received five (5) proposals and the committee reviewed all five (5). The committee agreed Kimley-Horn was the best proposal and the board agreed to start negotiating with them. What you are seeing is the actual contract for services. On the third page from the back, you see the cost analysis. There are five (5) different task and a lump sum of \$130,000. We will pay this over two (2) fiscal years. A portion of the funding will occur before June 15th. They will bill for services between \$50,000 and \$70,000 this fiscal year and the balance will come from the next fiscal year. We have also provided them the FTA requirements for the transition from gas to more than likely electric. We are looking at the hydrogen but will probably go electric.

Rogalski stated we are guessing we will go electric. They will do a whole analysis. The hydrogen technology has been out there a long time.

Booker stated there was an article in the paper this morning where it has passed the Senate to give some incentives for this. Apparently, Senator Montgomery had something to do with it. The AIC stated the funding is eighty (80) percent CMAQ and twenty (20) percent LMPO. What is CMAQ.

Rogalski stated Congestion Mitigation Air Quality.

Booker asked is that federal money.

Rogalski stated yes.

Booker asked and the twenty (20) percent from LMPO is also federal money.

Rogalski stated no, that is our local match. The city's match is all the MPO activities generally through the staff. The city funds the staff, and they count it at the end of the year.

Smith stated Jonathon keeps track of all our time we spend on a project. That is what we use as our local match. There are times LMPO ends up reimbursing the city. We have been passing this contract between attorneys. We are finally at the end stage. I just heard from the city attorney and if Kimley-Horn agrees to release the intellectual property as ours all is good.

Rogalski stated the Technical Committee recommends this body approve the contract subject to the city attorney's approval.

Motion by Petersen, Second by Hampton, to approve the contract with Kimley-Horn for a Zero-Emission Bus Analysis and Rollout Plan for the Lawton Area Transit System, subject to the approval of the city attorney. **Aye:** Hampton, LaForge, Petersen, Booker, Rogalski. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

5. Reports.

a. ODOT Division VII

Nothing to report.

b. Fort Sill

Not In attendance

c. Lawton Fort Sill Regional Airport

Petersen stated we are taking bids for the car rental wash facility. This will be paid for by the car rentals. The terminal funding is ongoing. We are getting a fourth flight starting in April and that is a major accomplishment. In the July August timeframe Fort Hood tank trucks are coming to purchase our gas to take back to Fort Hood. They will be purchasing 400,000 gallons of very high price aviation gas.

Booker stated would you brief us on what is happening at Lawton High.

Petersen stated Lawton High principal, Mr. Kirchen, has started an initiative to start an aviation program as an elective for students to start identifying their sophomore year. This would be a three (3) years commitment. The first year would be an overview of the various aspects of jobs in the aviation industry. He pointed out that there was either fourteen (14) or seventeen (17) high schools in the state of Oklahoma that has some kind of aviation program, but they are all directed towards pilots. The Lawton High initiative is going to be the entire gamete of jobs/careers that is available in the aviation industry. In their sophomore year they would get exposed to all of those to see what is offered before concentrating on one (1) or two (2) areas their final two (2) years. This is a very outstanding initiative. They just received a pilot simulator as a grant from the state aviation department. There were three (3) of those given and we were one of the recipients. Since we are not totally focusing on pilots that was kind of an interesting decision on their part. This is not going to be intergraded at this point into the Life Ready Center. The Life Ready Center does have an aviation elective in their catalog.

Booker stated it is exciting stuff.

Hampton stated they said that all the faculty was currently getting their pilot's license.

Petersen stated the six (6) or seven (7) faculty member that was at the meeting are getting their license or already have their license. This is everything from baggage handlers to airport manager to pilots. There were seventeen (17) different career fields and probably all those are represented

in our airport to include rental cars.

Booker stated this is very exciting.

d. LMPO Director

Smith stated yesterday was the deadline for the RFQ's on our traffic flow study. We received proposals from Kimley-Horn, EST, and TEC. Once we have reviewed those we will get back with the board. We are sharing funds in our budget this year. We have \$105,000 to split between the zero emission and traffic study. We are also doing some marketing with KSWO for our bike safety and air quality campaign. You will see some new advertisement before long on KSWO.

Booker asked with our clean air money are we still doing our intersection camera.

Stone stated we provided equipment for all the intersections the city requested them for. That is why we are working on these other projects.

Petersen asked at the intersection of Ferris and Sheridan headed west there is a red/green arrow. I have watched every manner of city, public schools, and individual cars turn right on the red arrow. I have asked the school bus coordinator and a police officer what is the right response and I get no consistency of answers. It is also not addressed in the Oklahoma driver's manual.

Rogalski asked is it a red right turn arrow.

Petersen stated yes.

Cleghorn stated right turn on red.

Rogalski stated but it isn't a red ball it is an arrow. It is specifically saying don't turn right. I'll have to look at that and talk with Larry. I don't know the right answer.

Petersen stated every time I stop on the red arrow I get honked at.

Rogalski asked is there a green ball at the time for the through traffic.

Petersen stated yes, but there is a green arrow at the time the opposing traffic is making a left turn.

Booker stated I'm still trying to get a grip on whether we have put up actuators at all the intersections that are needed.

Stone stated we have on the ones that the traffic engineer has identified.

Smith stated we did what they recommended and without their recommendation we can't put them up.

Booker asked who is they.

Smith stated Larry Wolcott.

Booker stated I want to know more about that.

Rogalski stated we can talk with Larry to find out why he didn't request more intersections.

e. LMPO Finances

Smith stated Susan is on vacation this week. We will present those next month.

6. Comments.

Booker stated I received eighteen (18) letters from students of the Lawton Academy Arts and Sciences about the intersection and queuing lane going westbound on Rogers Lane at 38th Street. Their concern was safety. I took the opportunity to go visit with them and let them ask questions. They were very interested in the unsafety of not only that intersection but all of Rogers Lane. I thought maybe Jay Earp could Zoom with them because it is really a great learning experience for the kids.

Rogalski stated

he has a current project of safety improvements on Rogers Lane. That might be an excellent opportunity for them to discuss that

Booker stated I told them that. I'll give Jay a call. Any other comments.

Landers stated we have our Try-Transit Week April 25th through the 30th. April 27th is LATS 20th Anniversary, and we are wanting to do a big presentation at the Farmers Market. At the end of the week, we are going to have a community event and invite every to thank them for riding LATS. We will have more information later this week.

7. Adjournment.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.