

MINUTES
LAWTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TRANSPORTATION
POLICY BOARD
3RD FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
October 15, 2024

Minutes of the Lawton Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board special meeting held October 15, 2024, in the 3rd Floor Conference Room, City Hall, 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 am by Chairman Stan Booker.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Stan Booker, City of Lawton Mayor
David Denham, City Planning Commission, Chairman **
Bryce Lawson, ODOT Engineer, District VII
George Gill, City of Lawton, Council
Allan Hampton, City of Lawton Transit Trust
Steve LaForge, ODOT, District Transportation Commissioner
Johnny Owens, Comanche County Commissioner, Central District **
David Madigan, Lawton-Ft. Sill Regional Airport Authority

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kelly Harris, City of Lawton, Council
Isaac Akem, FHWA *
Laura Chaney, ODOT Multimodal and Planning Division *
Oklahoma State Senator *
Oklahoma House of Representative Member *
Marc Oliphant, Federal Transit Administration Region VI *
Fort Sill Commanding General *

ALSO PRESENT: Christina Ryans-Huffer, Recording Secretary
Christine James, Director of Planning
John Andrews, City Attorney
Jonathan Stone, Transportation Planner
Hope Davis, Transportation Planner
Susan Schlecht, Accountant City of Lawton Finance Department
Allison Fluitt, Kimley-Horn Consultant
Devon Westbrook, ODOT, MPO Coordinator

*Nonvoting Member

**Johnny Owens entered at 11:02 am

Verify posting of meeting.

The meeting was posted on October 9, 2024, at 8:56 am by Ashton Wall, City Clerk's Office.

Introductions.

All attendees gave introductions.

- 1. Consider approving minutes from the special scheduled meeting held on August 20, 2024.**

Motion by Denham, Second by Hampton to approve minutes from the special scheduled meeting held on August 20, 2024 **Aye:** Denham, Lawson, Gill, Hampton, Owens, Madigan, Booker **Nay:** None **Abstain:** Laforge **Motion Passed 7-0**

BUSINESS

- 2. Provide comments regarding the draft 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).**

The FY 2024 Unified Planning Work Program focused on developing the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) with the help of consultant Kimley-Horn, who was contracted on January 5, 2024. Kimley-Horn outlined their plan and public involvement strategy at the February 6, 2024, meetings. By May 7, 2024, staff had provided an update on the MTP and Travel Demand Model and shared initial public feedback from goal and objective surveys reaching 358 individuals. Kimley-Horn delivered an additional update on June 4, 2024.

In late July 2024, Kimley-Horn conducted a second public survey to rank project priorities, which concluded on August 5, 2024, with 159 responses reflecting diverse demographics. This feedback helped prioritize projects within the MTP, aligning with the approved project prioritization from the July 17 meeting. To date, more than 575 public responses have been collected, surpassing the February 6, 2024, goal of 500 responses. Further public engagement opportunities will continue in the upcoming month.

The public comment period is running from Monday, September 23, 2024, through Friday, November 1, 2024. During this time, staff will host three public meetings to review the MTP and gather feedback.

Emailed to the Board and available at the meeting is the draft 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Staff is requesting feedback from the Board regarding the draft plan. Kimley Horn will also be attending virtually to answer any questions the Board may have.

Booker stated there are some spots on here that I think ought to be marked Red that are not. One of the spots at Rogers Lane and 38th Street, the westbound lanes were backed up a half of a mile two days last week as I went through there. Also, I feel like Sheridan Road is extremely congested and it's marked Green. And Gore Boulevard by the Hospital. I do think our problems over the Interstate are Traffic Control issues that we are going to get solved. The Key Gate exit on I-44 is a problem and we are actually, the City of Lawton and Fort Sill, are writing a letter to ODOT to get special attention to it. So, I don't know but you do have some Red in that area but what looks like what actually might be the Key Gate Interchange, Key Gate doesn't actually show Red and there's a merging issue, with a short merging area.

Fluitt responded one thing I will say about the Travel Demand Model it's often best used on the overall corridor level and it doesn't do as good of a job if you drill down to a particular intersection or a particular ramp. With the Travel Demand Model, I want it to give me an overall impression of what that congestion level is looking like on that facility.

Gill asked for clarification on the environmental description on 38th Street from Gore Boulevard to Lee Boulevard.

James responded that the description of the environmental description for that roadway was based on the FEMA Map.

Booker encouraged all Board members to share this Draft MTP with their Committees and Boards to get feedback on this important document.

Reports or Comments.

Federal Highways-None

ODOT

Lawson stated the Rogers Lane Safety Improvement Project on track to be completed by late winter or early spring 2025. The Contactor has been moving from 52nd Street to 38th Street.

Additionally, the Gore Pedestrian Bridge is expected to be completed by the end of January or February 2025. The team is finishing the bridge foundations this week and next. The prefabricated superstructure is scheduled for delivery this Thursday, although installation will occur in about 2 to 3 weeks. The goal is to complete this project by January or February 2025, and the lane closure on Gore should reopen next week.

Fort Sill-None

Lawton Fort Sill Regional Airport

Madigan reported that the exterior construction of the terminal has started. The upgrades will take a few months.

LMPO Director

James reminded that the comment section on the MTP is November 1st.

Stone addressed the upcoming meeting that will include the TIP Amendment to include the grant that LATS just received for the buses.

LMPO Finances

Susan Schlecht stated financial report through July 30, 2024.

See attached Report.

City of Lawton Engineering-None

Comments from the public.

None

Adjournment.

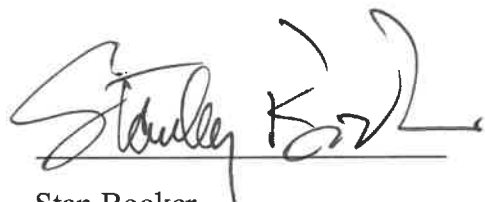
Motion by Gill. Second by Hampton to adjourn the meeting **Aye:**

Lawson, Gill, Hampton, LaForge, Owens, Madigan, Booker, Denham **Nay:** None

Motion Passed 8-0

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:44 am.

These meeting minutes were approved by the LMPO Policy Board members at their meeting on
11-19-2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stanley Booker", written over a horizontal line.

Stan Booker

Chairman

LAWTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
as of AUGUST 31, 2024

BANK DEPOSITS

Claim Type/Month	Claim Date	Amount	Deposit Date
CMAQ OCT23 - MAR24	June 21, 2024	51,423	August 2, 2024
FHWA-PL OCT23 - MAY24	June 27, 2024	13,810	August 2, 2024
MPO 5303 SEP21	March 25, 2022	13,015	August 30, 2024
MPO 5303 070123 - 072323	July 16, 2024	509	August 30, 2024
MPO 5303 072423 - 082023	July 17, 2024	1,609	August 30, 2024
MPO 5303 082123 - 091723	July 19, 2024	742	August 30, 2024
MPO 5303 091823 - 101523	July 19, 2024	1,896	August 30, 2024
MPO 5303 101623 - 111223	July 19, 2024	120	August 30, 2024
Total		83,124	

RECEIVABLES

Claim Type/Month	Claim Date	Amount	As of Date
CMAQ JUN24	July 31, 2024	9,208	August 31, 2024
FHWA-PL JUN24	July 31, 2024	99,194	
MPO 5303 111323 - 121023	July 22, 2024	616	
MPO 5303 121123 - 010724	July 22, 2024	200	
MPO 5303 010824 - 020424	July 31, 2024	682	
MPO 5303 020524 - 030324	July 31, 2024	745	
MPO 5303 030424 - 033124	August 1, 2024	1,470	
MPO 5303 040124 - 042824	August 1, 2024	32,221	
MPO 5305 042924 - 052624	August 5, 2024	864	
MPO 5303 052724 - 062324	August 5, 2024	595	
MPO 5303 062424 - 063024	August 5, 2024	194	
Total		145,989	

OUTSTANDING CHECKS

Check Number	Invoice Date	Amount	As of Date
1853	July 31, 2024	174.96	August 31, 2024
1854	July 31, 2024	1,680.00	
1855	August 31, 2024	335.00	
1856	August 31, 2024	150.00	
1857	August 31, 2024	584.78	
1858	August 28, 2024	136.90	
1860	August 31, 2024	125.00	
1861	August 31, 2024	233.28	
1862	August 31, 2024	1,578.00	

Bank Balance as of 07/31/2024	145,119.85
Minus Outstanding Checks	(4,997.92)
Adjusted Cash Balance	\$ 140,121.93
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Encumbered Funds-Kimley	(60,000.00)
HTG	(30,000.00)
Total Cash Available	\$ 50,121.93

List of Acronyms

MPO 5303	Metropolitan Planning Organization Transit Planning
CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality
FHWA PL	Federal Highway Administration Transportation Planning

LAWTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
as of SEPTEMBER 30 , 2024

BANK DEPOSITS

Claim Type/Month	Claim Date	Amount	Deposit Date
CMAQ JUN24	July 31, 2024	9,208	September 17, 2024
FHWA-PL JUN24	July 31, 2024	99,194	September 17, 2024
MPO 5303 111323 - 121023	July 22, 2024	615	September 18, 2024
MPO 5303 121123 - 010724	July 22, 2024	200	September 18, 2024
MPO 5303 010824 - 020424	July 31, 2024	682	September 18, 2024
MPO 5303 020524 - 030324	July 31, 2024	745	September 18, 2024
MPO 5303 030424 - 033124	August 1, 2024	1,470	September 18, 2024
Total		112,114	

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Claim Type/Month	Claim Date	Amount	As of Date
MPO 5303 040124 - 042824	August 1, 2024	32,221	September 30, 2024
MPO 5305 042924 - 052624	August 5, 2024	864	
MPO 5303 052724 - 062324	August 5, 2024	595	
MPO 5303 062424 - 063024	August 5, 2024	194	
CMAQ JUL24	September 5, 2024	1,059	
FHWA-PL JUL24	September 5, 2024	8,999	
Total		43,932	

OUTSTANDING CHECKS

Check Number	Invoice Date	Amount	As of Date
1860	August 25, 2024	125.00	September 30, 2024
1862	August 31, 2024	1,578.00	
1863	September 28, 2024	150.00	
1864	July 31, 2024	250.00	
1865	September 18, 2024	126.48	
1866	September 29, 2024	125.00	
1867	September 5, 2024	75.00	
1868	October 2, 2024	30.45	
1869	September 30, 2024	1680.00	
1870	September 30, 2024	250.00	
1872	October 14, 2024	49,815.00	
		145,119.85	
Minus Outstanding Checks		(54,204.93)	
Adjusted Cash Balance		\$ 90,914.92	
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Encumbered Funds-Kimley		(10,185.00)	
HTG		(30,000.00)	
Total Cash Available		\$ 50,729.92	

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