

MINUTES
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
3rd Floor Conference Room
March 7, 2023

Minutes of the Transportation Technical Committee meeting held March 7, 2023, 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 10:02 am by Charlotte Brown.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charlotte Brown
Jay Earp
Ryan Landers
Sarah McElroy
Joseph Painter
Krista Ratliff
Barbara McNally

MEMBERS ABSENT: Larry Wolcott
Debra Porter
Tom Ziegler

ALSO PRESENT: Madison Aust, Recording Secretary
Gregory Gibson, City Attorney
JLyn Jorgenson, City Attorney
Jonathan Stone Senior Transportation Planner
Candace Smith, Transportation Planner I

2. Verify posting of meeting

The meeting was posted on March 3, 2023 at 10:41am by Tammy Branstetter

3. Introductions

4. Election of Vice Chair

_____ stated I nominate Jay.

Earp responded I'm on to many boards now. It needs to be someone with, it was Barbara last time.

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McNally responded I don't mind it. I will start coming to the meetings again now that my schedule has straightened out. I'd be happy to volunteer.

Motion by Earp, Second by Painter, to elect Barbara McNally as Vice Chairman for the Transportation Technical Committee. **Aye:** Earp, Landers, McElroy, McNally, Painter, Brown
Nay: None **Motion Passed.**

BUSINESS

5. Consider recommending to the LMPO Policy Board, approval of the Request for Qualifications for the development of the 2050 Land Use Plan, to the composition of a review committee for the RFG and authorize staff to issue the RFQ.

Brown stated so we put together an RFQ to go out to hire a consultant to create our 2050 Land Use Plan. We are way out of date with the 20230 Land Use Plan it should have been updated a long time ago.

Painter asked, when was the last time?

Brown responded 2008. It is supposed to be update every 5 years. The previous one we were to use some ODOT funding, and we have been given permission to use ODOT funding again.

Painter asked, how much?

Stone and Brown responded \$75,000.

Stone stated that's for this fiscal year.

Brown responded right.

Painter asked, what do we think this is going to cost?

Brown responded we don't know yet.

Earp asked how do you think it will cost?

McNally responded \$300,000.

Painter stated more than \$75,000.

Brown stated it probably will be.

Stone stated it will run into the next fiscal year.

Painter stated since it hasn't been done in so long, it's a major operation.

Brown responded well; staff has been updating stuff.

Painter stated have you. Drawings, maps, and database?

Brown stated at one point when Debbie Dollarhite was still here, there were committees that were being done they were going through maps and stuff like that. That probably needs to be

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done again. But we've been updating the language when the former Community Services Director was here, she had sent different chapters out to different parts in the city to update information.

Painter asked, is that on GIS database, any of the land use stuff?

Brown responded yes, it's on the GIS maps and stuff. You can look at zoning or land use. Maps were there and stuff, we just have to move forward with doing it. We've got two, one of the things we have to discuss is who will interview the top 3 firms that submit. Committee, subcommittee, staff recommendation.

Painter stated I'd like to be apart of that.

Brown responded yes definitely. I think it needs to be a subcommittee with staff and board members to do that. But that will be up to you guys if that's you're recommendation. We'll take it to the policy board and then we will get this out. Our plan is to get this out no later than tomorrow, with proposals due on April 10 back to staff and we will the interviews for consultants and bring it back to the board before the award.

McNally asked so you need authorization to move forward with the RFQ?

Brown responded yes, to recommend it the LMPO board.

McNally stated okay I will make that motion.

Motion by McNally, **Second** by Painter, to approve the Request for Qualifications for the development of the 2050 Land Use Plan, to the composition of a review committee for the RFG and authorize staff to issue the RFQ. Aye: Brown, Ratliff, Painter, McNally, McElroy, Landers, Earp **Nay: None Motion Passed**

6. Reports or Comments

McNally stated terminal project still going on. Have another year before we have a boarding gate, but when we're done, we'll have a boarding gate with a loading bridge, and it will be so pretty. Be patient with me.

Earp stated we're going to be getting on the Roger's Lane Safety Improvement Project. We're going to be getting into our plan to notify the public of our improvement ideas so that's going to be coming in the next probably two months. On how we and our a, I don't know if its going to a website yet or a mailout but probably a website where they can probably go look at the plans. Just wanted to let the Technical Committee know that the Safety Improvement Project is still in the late design stage, and we are about to notify the public of the ideas. We did a quick maintenance repair on I-44 north of town apologize if any of you were caught in a long lane closures. They're done. We have a joint repair job on I-44 on the southern as you go south from Lee and the. How's do any of you go that way? Has traffic been impacted to bad?

Brown stated I don't think so.

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Painter asked who goes that way?

Earp stated seems like south of Lee we could close a lane any time and its not that much of a hardship. North of Rogers Lane it's a definite hardship. That's all my reports.

Landers stated hopefully today they vote on a location for the transfer center. We had public meeting last night that was interesting.

Painter asked how did that go? You're here, you're not tired and feathered or anything.

Brown stated we had three people show up.

Landers stated it was the same three people that show up to all the meetings.

Painter asked were they mad?

Brown responded well, two of them were mad and the other one just wanted information .

McNally asked what are they mad about?

Landers responded they were mad at we transport LPS students, that we are using federal dollars.

McNally stated what?

Landers responded I know, we almost got into a political debate.

McNally stated I am so sorry. Goodness.

Painter asked so where is your funding coming from?

Brown responded 80 percent of it is federal funds FTA funds that we are going to be going out for grants.

Painter asked the 80 percent.

Brown responded yes and the 20 percent city match.

Painter stated match. Where does the match come from?

Brown responded CIP.

Painter stated sure.

Landers stated 2016 and 2019.

Painter stated so we need to discuss that.

Brown stated we are still looking at another year or so out

Painter responded yeah but you're not. We've done fifteen years out.

McNally asked have they settled on a location?

Landers responded there's two Midtown Square and the old Police Station.

McNally stated Midtown Square that makes sense.

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Brown stated well yeah and that's a.

Painter stated I don't have a problem.

Landers asked can you be there at 3 o'clock?

McNally responded I can. Do you want me to be? I will be the distraction.

Brown stated transit trust is meeting this afternoon, we've got a special meeting then transit trust meeting after that. We are hoping they will finally pick a location.

McNally stated good deal. It's been a conversation for years now. Way to long.

Landers stated way to long. Pretty excited about that. We will be applying or hoping to apply for the Low/No grant which is a low to zero emission grant to go after for electronic on demand vehicles.

McNally stated wow, really.

Landers stated it's a start. That about it right now.

Ratliff stated we have our community revitalization, its ongoing. It was a very long day in which we met with over 40 stakeholders in our community, community leaders, decision makers in their organizations both with the municipality and the private sector, and the nonprofit world of course. Overall, I think the feedback was positive. I'm meeting with the Mayor, Richard, and couple of other partners today to discuss potentially funding opportunities. There is some road conversations that we have obviously discussed some one way things, that we're looking to push back, and Stan said that was an easy win why don't we do that tomorrow. No no, you might think that is any easy win but it's not an easy win.

Brown stated it's an easy do but it's not an easy sell.

Ratliff responded yes, it's an easy do but not an easy win. I think it went very well. Don't you think so? What's your thoughts?

Brown stated I think it went very well. I think the road diets will be interesting.

Ratliff stated we are looking at taking C and Ferris and making it from a two lane or 4 lane or a 5 lane which C is and making it down into a two lane with parking on the sides and a center median with trees and landscaping. I don't think Gore center median, I think we're thinking lush trees and brush to separate the esthetic views, so you're forced to look at the right and slow down traffic on those roads for businesses.

Painter asked who is the road guy?

Brown responded the consultant that they hired.

Ratliff stated the road guy.

Painter asked who is it exactly?

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Ratliff responded it's Tradesman. They are the same people that have done FISTA and did 2nd Street originally as FSB, but they separated ways from FSB and went out on their own Tradesman.

Painter responded okay.

Ratliff asked thoughts.

Painter responded well it's not any. We've got a lot of plans, a lot of work, a lot of budgeting and it's the first I've heard of it so.

Ratliff stated we are still in the early phases.

McNally asked how was the DC trip?

Ratliff responded thank you for asking. It was very long, 21-hour days. It was really well received really great meetings. Looks like we've got some funding opportunities that they have verbally committed to. So, we're excited about that through the NDAA. It was really beneficial; we went for two days. Every year the chamber flies in with a group of community leaders, citizens, city employees everyone pays for their own way just for the record, because that came out on the news that our taxpayers pay for everything. The taxpayers pay for nothing, everyone pays for their own way. We meet with legislators; we meet on the hill at the capital. We had a private tour at 11 o'clock at night at the capital.

McNally stated I saw the pictures so cool.

Ratliff responded it was so cool. It was so neat going on the Senate floor and see it at midnight and things like that. It was tiring and long but so worth it.

McNally stated you needed a nap when you came home.

Ratliff responded literally yes.

McNally responded DC trips are long. The first few times I wore heels and that was a mistake. We walked like 10 miles a day back and forth.

Ratliff stated they were laughing because I showed up in tennis shoes.

McNally responded smart girl.

Ratliff stated I lived in DC for seven years, so I know to wear tennis shoes with my suit. You're the fools not me.

McNally stated I'm glad it was a good trip.

Ratliff stated but everyone is invited next year if you weren't already tracking that already, reach out, and around the December timeframe we schedule our trip.

Brown stated I don't really have anything. We are still on going with the transfer center of course and we'll get the RFQ out. Candace is the new transportation planner; we hired a planner 1 as well so we're almost back to full staff downstairs. That's all I've got.

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7. **Adjournment**

Motion by Ratliff, **Second** by Landers, to adjourn the meeting. Aye: Earp, Landers, McElroy, McNally, Painter, Ratliff, Brown **Nay:** None **Motion Passed**