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REGULAR MEETING TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE November 18, 2019

The meeting was called to order by LMPO Director Richard Rogalski at 10:00 A.M. in the 3rd Floor Conference Room, City Hall, 212 SW 9th Street, Lawton, Oklahoma. Meeting notice and agenda were posted on the City Hall notice board as required by State Law.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Rogalski, Planning Director, City of Lawton
Larry Wolcott, Public Works Director, City of Lawton
George Hennessee, City Engineer, City of Lawton
Braden Cale, ODOT MPO Coordinator
Ryan Landers, General Manager, LATS
Brenda Spencer-Ragland, Lawton Fort Sill Chamber of Commerce
Tom Zigler, ASCOG
Jay Earp, ODOT Division VII Engineer
Barbara McNally, Lawton Fort Sill Regional Airport
Isaac Akem, FHWA*

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Simpson, Hwy Engineer Anadarko Area, BIA*
Adrian Tehauno, Comanche Nation*
Ronald C. Ahtone, Apache Tribe*
Chuck Tsoodle, Kiowa Tribe*
Pearlie Tiggs, FTA Community Planner*
Randy Butler, Fort Sill Public Works

ALSO PRESENT: Debbie Dollarhite, Assistant LMPO Director
Travis Estep, Transportation Planner
Jonathan Stone, Transportation Planner
Tammy Anderson, Recording Secretary

*Non-Voting

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 19 AND SEPTEMBER 16, 2019 MEETINGS.

MOTION by McNally, SECOND by Landers, to approve the minutes of the August 19 and September 16, 2019 meetings.

AYES: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIED.

3. CONSIDER RECOMMENDING TO THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2045 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN.

The metropolitan transportation plan (MTP) is reviewed and updated every five years and covers at least a 20-year planning horizon. The 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan, the previous MTP, was approved on April 14th, 2015 by the LMPO Transportation Policy Board. The 2045 MTP incorporates federal mandates from the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST Act) including performance measures.

A travel demand model was created by Tim Padgett with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for both the base year of 2017 and the projected year of 2045. From this model, areas with “levels of service” of less than rank “D” were evaluated and listed for consideration—with street segments possessing such levels of service being considered as congested. In the projected year of 2045, the model predicted less than one total mile of roadway at LOS E and no roadways at LOS F. Based on projected population estimates incorporated from the Oklahoma Department of Commerce and Woods & Poole Economics, Inc., growth was distributed in areas of the study area with consideration given to existing patterns of expansion and expectations of in-fill development.

Staff will conduct three public meetings throughout the study area to review the contents of the 2045 MTP and generate public feedback during the public comment period which will be open from November 8th, 2019 until December 10th, 2019. These public meetings will be held on November 21st at MacArthur High School, November 26th at Lawton City Hall, and a date to be coordinated with Eisenhower High School.

The 2045 MTP includes goals and planned improvement projects. The Technical Committee reviewed the proposed projects in September 2019. The recommendations of the Technical Committee were forwarded to the Policy Board. An online survey regarding the proposed improvement projects was conducted for two weeks in October with feedback included in the plan. The list of projects included in the draft 2045 MTP is the projects approved by the Policy Board.

Ragland asked if the MTP is generally adhered to.

Rogalski said generally yes, but occasionally projects get rearranged due to unforeseen circumstances.

Earp asked if staff received ample feedback from the public.

Estep said staff took a new approach to solicit community feedback by posting a survey on social media. He said community response was positive overall.

Akem commended staff for their work on the MTP.

MOTION by Earp, SECOND by Landers, to recommend to the Transportation Policy Board approval of a resolution adopting the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.
AYES: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIED.

4. REPORTS

Akem said their new fiscal year has started, and he will keep staff informed of any MPO related information.

Dollarhite said the transit system will be under a new management firm. Ryan Landers will remain the general manager of LATS, but the new firm will be Hendrickson Transportation Group. The contract is for a five year period.

Hennessee said anomalies were identified on both sides of Rogers Lane, and staff has approached Dan Wiggington to access his property.

Hennessee said 52nd Street and SE Larrance are both under construction. Hennessee said there will be a meeting on Thursday to discuss the railroad crossing on 52nd Street.

Wolcott said City Council awarded the contract for installation of a traffic signal at NE Flowermound and NE Cache Road. Wolcott said the traffic volume during peak hours is what warranted this traffic signal.

McNally said the fire station project is still ongoing.

McNally said the terminal project is on hold, awaiting additional federal funding.

Landers said LATS is undergoing a transition period after the management contract was awarded to Hendrickson Transportation Group.

Dollarhite asked about the new rapid transit that is being offered in the Tulsa area.

Landers said he will obtain more information about this and bring it to a future meeting.

Zigler said ASCOG will be reviewing grants this Thursday, and they are currently looking for a new planner.

Ragland said the Chamber obtained 25 new members in the past three weeks, to include Firehouse Subs.

Ragland said the Chamber recently achieved 5-star accreditation for the first time in history.

Earp said SE 45th Street is near completion. The contractor is finished with changing out a fence from pine to cedar.

Earp said Rogers Lane is complete and in the audit stage.

Cale said he plans on reaching out to all the MPOs to set up a meeting for the second or third week of December. He said his division was approached by Federal Highways with a risk assessment survey, and they need to obtain information from the MPOs regarding this survey.

5. COMMENTS

None.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

RICHARD ROGALSKI, CHAIRMAN

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