

MINUTES
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Transportation Technical Committee meeting held June 28, 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 10:00 a.m. by Janet Smith.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jay Earp
 Ryan Landers
 Sara McElroy (by Phone)
 Richard Rogalski for Joe Painter
 Janet Smith
 Larry Wolcott
 Tom Zigler

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dontria Davis
 Barbara McNally
 Debra Porter
 Krista Ratcliff

ALSO PRESENT: Jonathon Stone, Planner
 Kameron Good, Planner II
 Charlotte Brown, Plans Supervisor

2. Verify posting of meeting.

Recommended Action: Verification of posting time and date.

Posted at 9:45 a.m. on June 7, 2022

3. Establish Quorum.

Recommended Action: Establish that a quorum is present.

Six (6) of the eleven (11) members were present and one member (1) by phone.

4. Introductions.

Recommended Action: Introduction of all individuals present.

None to be made.

5. Approval of Minutes.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve minutes from the March 15, 2022, meeting.

Motion by Rogalski, **Second** by Zigler, to approve the minutes of March 15, 2022 as written. **Aye:** Earp; Landers; Rogalski; Smith; Wolcott; Zigler. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

6. **Cancel the Transportation Technical Committee meeting of July 5th, 2022.**
Recommended Action: Cancel July 5th Technical Committee meeting.

Smith stated we are asking that you cancel the July 5th meeting due to the holiday.

Motion by Zigler, **Second** by Wolcott, to cancel the July 5, 2022 meeting. **Aye:** Landers; Rogalski; Smith; Wolcott; Zigler; Earp. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

BUSINESS

7. **Consider recommending to the Transportation Policy Board approval of a resolution adopting the Fiscal Year 2023 Unified Planning Work Program for the Lawton Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process.**
Recommended Action: A motion to recommend to the Transportation Policy board approval of the resolution adopting the FY23 UPWP.

Smith stated we need to approve this to name a list of projects for the coming year. There are a couple of things we have prioritized.

Stone stated we are rolling the traffic flow study over to this year. Start date is April of 2023. We will be continuing several projects such as the food desert analysis, study of the parking downtown, and studying the pedestrian facilities. The large project is the RFP for a travel demand consultant for the 2050 MTP. That has to be approved by December 2024. I have prepared a couple of options for the redesign of downtown.

Smith stated you see we have hire and monitor EST for a traffic flow improvement study. At the next meeting we will go into details of the contract. We had a meeting with them to downsize the scope. Phase I still covers some of the same area.

Rogalski stated we are making it affordable.

Smith stated yes, it was extremely unaffordable. We have defined the scope of four (4) areas that are important for this plan. We are continuing to work with Kimley Horn on the zero emission bus study and will have a slide presentation at the next meeting to give more details. Basically, what we have done is look at all the projects and prioritized them. One is the food desert analysis. We feel this is important especially with the relocation of our LATS transfer station. We need to see how close we have food stores to where we intend to locate the transfer center. Is there anything you believe we missed or something we should redefine.

Rogalski stated your listing here are not prioritization it is just happenstance.

Smith stated correct.

Rogalski stated on the right-of-way width are you aware engineering has auto cad maps to some extent.

Smith stated yes, we will provide that to EST.

Rogalski asked is the right-of-way study something EST is doing.

Smith stated no.

Rogalski stated they are too expensive.

Smith stated absolutely, but we have information we want to be able to provide to those doing any type of analysis if it is helpful.

Rogalski asked what about the website posting.

Stone stated that is included but not on this list.

Smith stated it is in the UPWP.

Stone stated we had one from Back Forty Design to post the website saying the technology they use to host is updated and they redesigned it.

Smith asked are there any other questions.

Motion by Wolcott, **Second** by Zigler, to approve the Transportation Policy Board approval of a resolution adopting the Fiscal Year 2023 Unified Planning Work Program for the Lawton Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process. **Aye:** Rogalski; Smith; Wolcott; Zigler; Earp; Landers. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

CONSENT

(all items are in support of the FY23 UPWP)

8. **Consider recommending to the Transportation Policy Board approval of the Annual Agreement between the Oklahoma Department of Transportation and the Lawton Metropolitan Planning Organization for transportation planning.**

Recommended Action: A motion to recommend to the Policy Board approval of the Annual Agreement for Transportation Planning.

9. **Consider recommending to the Transportation Policy Board approval of the annual Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Agreement between the Oklahoma Department of Transportation and the Lawton Metropolitan Planning Organization for air quality planning.**

Recommended Action: A motion to recommend to the Policy Board approval of the Annual CMAQ Agreement.

10. **Consider recommending to the Transportation Policy Board approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Lawton and the Lawton Metropolitan Planning Organization for metropolitan transportation planning for Fiscal Year 2023.**

Recommended Action: A motion to recommend to the Policy Board approval of the FY23 MOU for Transportation Planning between the City of Lawton and the LMPO.

11. **Consider recommending to the Transportation Policy Board approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Lawton and the Lawton Metropolitan Planning Organization for transit planning for Fiscal Year 2023.**

Recommended Action: A motion to recommend to the Policy Board approval of the FY23 MOU for Transit Planning between the City of Lawton and the LMPO.

12. **Consider recommending to the Transportation Policy Board approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Lawton and the Lawton Metropolitan Planning Organization for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality programs and projects during Fiscal Year 2023.**

Recommended Action: A motion to recommend to the Policy Board approval of the FY23 MOU for CMAQ programs between the City of Lawton and the LMPO.

13. **Consider recommending to the Transportation Policy Board approval of the annual Joint Certification Statement for the Lawton Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process.**

Recommended Action: A motion to recommend to the Policy Board approval of the annual Joint Certification Statement for the LMPO's Transportation Planning Process.

14. **Consider recommending to the Transportation Policy Board approval of the Federal Transit Administration Certifications and Assurances for Fiscal Year 2023.**

Recommended Action: A motion to recommend to the Policy Board approval of the FTA Certifications and Assurances for FY23.

Motion by Zigler; Second by Rogalski, to approve the consent agenda. **Aye:** Rogalski; Smith; Wolcott; Zigler; Earp; Landers. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

15. **Reports or Comments.**

Smith stated ODOT has funds that they are going to allocated for the land use plan. We are excited about that. Our land use plan was adopted some years ago. I came across Project Finance by the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration of ODOT. Thankfully we were able to piggyback onto that to get some allocation funding to help move us forward. Council will be meeting today to approve the items you just approved.

Rogalski stated this body approved recommending approval to the next body.

Smith stated yes.

Earp stated ODOT is in the middle of rebalancing our eight (8) year work plan for 2023 to 2030. We don't have our budget numbers yet so we are tentatively looking at future projects and trying to shuffle them anticipating each year's budget. The Lawton area has several significant projects. The Goodyear extension is in our eight (8) year work plan for 2025, the Rogers Lane safety improvement, the bridge over east Cache Creek on Highway 7 and we have some overlay projects. One (1) is Highway 62 at the flyover bridge headed towards Cache. This is a very costly overlay and that is the reason it is in the eight (8) year plan.

Rogalski asked which lanes are you overlaying.

Earp stated all four (4) from the flyover bridge ramps west to Cache.

Rogalski asked would it be possible to redo the shoulders. Who sweeps those on that section of highway ODOT or the county. I know in the past the county used to mow there.

Earp stated one (1) time we worked with Hawthorne to mow for an event. As far as route maintenance I think we have once. We have lots of miles we would have to mow.

Rogalski stated that is an assigned bike lane. I rode it Saturday and it is really bad. There are giant pieces of tires. Normally we would have taken Lee Boulevard, but we have Lee torn up and it is not available.

Earp asked are they not going out towards Cache.

Rogalski stated they do, but they go down Lee to Highway 115 and then north. They take Lee instead of Highway 62, but Lee is torn up from 67th to Goodyear.

Earp stated I see, because of the tire rubber on the shoulders.

Rogalski stated and the trucks. The people don't feel safe due to the speed of the trucks. We had the idea of the bike path along Rogers Lane and put it in our funding, but I don't see it happening.

Earp stated you never know.

Rogalski stated it was a hope and a prayer. I think it would be a great project if we can get it done and will keep people off the highway.

Wolcott asked is the Highway 7 bridge project a total reconstruction.

Earp stated yes, we will move the traffic to the eastbound bridge during construction.

Rogalski asked will you do both bridges.

Earp stated no, the eastbound is newer.

Rogalski asked are we looking at creating anymore capacity. Does that bridge ever overtop.

Earp stated the bridge doesn't but the rallies do. You would have to build a bridge like the Mississippi River to make enough capacity.

Rogalski stated we are thinking long term. It is bad that part of our city is isolated when we flood. Vehicles can't get across to include emergency vehicles. We need at least one (1) road that is high and dry. We are looking at that. Twenty (20) years from now we might have a high and dry road. That is how long it takes for this kind of project.

Earp stated I don't know what year event overtops the highway.

Rogalski stated yes, but we have had 5 of them since I have been here.

Earp stated we designed that highway for a fifty (50) year event. Say you tackle Gore Boulevard or Rogers Lane. You have to far exceed any design criteria the roadway is designed for. We can't afford to build a road for a hundred (100) year event. Even the interstate floods when the water is let out of the dams. We have to close off I-44.

Rogalski asked has this been recently. I don't know if I have ever seen it closed.

Landers stated in 2015 it was closed.

Earp stated I believe it was closed once after that. If water is let out of both lakes we have to close I-44.

Wolcott asked which location on I-44.

Earp stated there is a low spot north of Key Gate.

Wolcott stated okay.

Earp stated that concludes my report.

Smith stated okay, is there anyone else.

16. Adjournment.

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