

2019 - 2022 Transportation Improvement Program

PUBLIC COMMENT SUMMARY May 1 – May 11, 2018

The Longview Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) held public participation in accordance with the requirements set by the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (Fast Act) for the draft 2019 - 2022 Longview Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP is a short-term transportation plan that identifies federally funded highways, bridges & Longview Transit public transportation projects to be constructed or implemented in the next four years.

A public comment and review period was held May 1 through May 11, 2018. In this period, the public was encouraged to send questions, comments, and/or concerns about the TIP to the Longview MPO. Several outlets were offered including receiving comments by mail, telephone, email, or in person at the Longview MPO offices or at two public meetings held. A public meeting was held at the Longview City Council Chamber on May 1, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was broadcast live on Channel 5 CityView Municipal TV and on the city's website. The meeting was rebroadcast on Channel 5 at various times of the day for several weeks and was available for viewing from the city's website. A second public meeting was held on May 23, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. during which the MPO Policy Board approved the 2019 – 2022 TIP. The public was given notice of the public comment period, as well as both public meetings, in accordance with the Longview MPO Public Participation Plan.

There were no comments received during the public comment and review period.



Public Notice

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April 25, 2018

Longview MPO Transportation Public Meeting

(Longview, TX) The Longview Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has scheduled a public meeting on Tuesday, May 1st at 5:30 p.m. in the Longview City Council Chambers located in the Jo Ann Metcalf Municipal Building, 300 W. Cotton St., Longview, TX 75601 to present the draft 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

The Longview TIP is a plan, which identifies federally funded highways, bridges, bicycle & pedestrian projects, and Longview Transit public transportation projects to be constructed or implemented in the next four years. The public is invited to attend and will be given an opportunity to provide comments at the meeting. The meeting will be live streamed on CityView Municipal TV LongviewTexas.gov/CityView and Longview Cable TV, Channel 5. After the meeting, citizens may view the recorded meeting online in the CityView Video Library.

A 10-day public comment review period for the Longview MPO TIP will be held from May 1st to May 11th. Comments and questions regarding the Longview TIP may be sent to the Longview MPO, P.O. Box 1952, Longview, 75606 or emailed to MPO@LongviewTexas.gov. The TIP is available for review online at LongviewTexas.gov/MPO and at the Longview Public Library located at 222 W. Cotton St., Longview, TX 75601. This public notice of public involvement activities and time established for public review and comments on the TIP development process will satisfy the FTA's program of the project requirements. Persons with disabilities who may need auxiliary aid or services at the meeting and persons needing a translator or interpreter are asked to contact Macie Wyers at 903-237-1005. Para información en español, por favor comuníquese con Natasha Jaime en 903-237-1060.

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Public Meeting

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

5:30 p.m.

Jo Ann Metcalf Municipal Bldg, 300 W. Cotton St.



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In Addition:

Karen Owen

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Rolin McPhee

City of Longview

**PUBLIC MEETING
LONGVIEW METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
May 1, 2018
5:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

A public meeting was held Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of the Jo Ann Metcalf Municipal Building, 300 W. Cotton Street, Longview, Texas, to present the 2019 – 2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). In attendance were:

Scott Lewis	Longview Transit
Will Buskell	TxDOT Longview
Michael Shirley	City of Longview
Alton Bradley	City of Longview
Ingrid Self	City of Longview
William McWhorter	Longview Chamber of Commerce
Jimmy Daniell Isaac	Longview News-Journal
Karen Owen	Longview MPO
Macie Wyers	Longview MPO
Rolin McPhee	City of Longview
Bill Tobin	TxDOT Tyler

Karen Owen, Transportation Planning Manager for the City of Longview, introduced herself and then explained she represents the Longview Metropolitan Planning Organization, which is a multi-agency team responsible for comprehensive transportation planning in the greater Longview area. She presented a map of the Longview MPO's planning boundary which includes the cities of Longview, White Oak, Gladewater; portions of Gregg, Harrison and Upshur counties.

2019-2022 TIP

Ms. Owen explained that the purpose of the meeting was to present the adoption of the 2019-2022 TIP. She noted that the TIP is a short-term plan that identifies federally funded highways, bridges & public transportation projects to be constructed or implemented over four years. Within the 2009-2022 TIP are a variety of projects, including the widening of FM 2206 and FM 2275. FM 2206 was identified as far back as 1994 in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and is also identified in the Thoroughfare Plan and the Comprehensive Plan. The first phase of widening 2206, from the Loop to Fisher Rd, is set to go to construction in 2019. Funding for this project will come from several sources: Current estimates are Federal \$17.9 Million, State \$4.5 million, Total \$ 22.4 million.

Ms. Owen presented a map identifying the connection points of major roadways. FM 2206 is an important east/west arterial that provides a direct link between W. Loop 281 traffic and State Highway 42: a primary connector to Interstate 20. The entire section of W. Loop 281, south of US 80, is a critical freight corridor linking the West Industrial District to this principal arterial, in and out of the Longview area.

Traffic on FM 2206 is presently at capacity or exceeds capacity, however, a significant portion of this is heavy truck traffic. Future traffic volumes are projected to have 11,000 plus vehicles per

day. A two-lane roadway can't handle this volume of vehicles, plus the heavy truck traffic.

Widening FM 2206 will greatly improve the freight mobility in and out of Longview AND for commercial businesses and manufacturers on Harrison & Fisher Roads. Phase I of Harrison Rd. will have a 5 foot sidewalks on one side & an extra wide 10 foot side path for bicyclists and pedestrians to serve residential areas in the vicinity.

The second phase of FM 2206 is scheduled to go to construction in 2020. The project's limits are from Fisher Rd. to SH 42. Funding for this project will come from several sources: Current estimates are Federal \$12.9 Million, State \$3.2 million for a total project cost of \$ 16.1 million.

The widening of 2206 will transform a two-lane, open ditch road into a new four-lane roadway, with a center turn lane for safer turning movements.

The widening of George Richey Rd. to 4 lanes, between SH 300 and Pine Tree Rd, is scheduled to go to construction in 2021. George Richey is being designed with and it'll have a combination of sidewalks, a sidepath & bike lanes for pedestrians and bicyclists. This project has a total cost of \$14.9 million.

The second phase of George Richey is set for 2022. Ms. Owen explained it will be widened from 2 to 4 lanes, with a center turn lane, and it'll have an extra wide 10 ft. sidepath for pedestrians and bicyclists. Funding is \$11.8 Million-Federal and \$2.9 Million-State, for a total of \$14.8 Million.

In the past two years, there have been two public meetings to gain public input and share with the public the preliminary plans to widen George Richey. The final alignment of this project has not been determined. TxDOT will be holding a 3rd public meeting sometime this summer to present a recommended alignment.

Ms. Owen presented a map showing US 271, which is set to be widened from 2 to 4 lanes, from the Smith/Gregg County line to Loop 485 in South Gladewater in 2022. This segment is roughly 2 miles in length. Federal \$23.4 Million, and State \$5.8 million for a total project cost of \$29.3 million.

Ms. Owen shared information about TxDOT's online Project Tracker program for those of interest. The preliminary plans and project details of these projects and others can be viewed on the web. TxDOT has created: Project Tracker, a gateway to information about more than 11,000 statewide projects. On the website, citizens can get a wealth of information such as: Project overview, Details, Schedule, Interactive maps and Schematics. Citizens can view the plans & schematics for FM 2206, George Richey and other projects that are in the 4-Year Transportation Plan.

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Next, Ms. Owen shared the details about the two Bicycle & Pedestrian projects in the 2019-2022 TIP.

The City of Longview applied and received an award of \$3.28 million for two (2) off-road shared use paths for pedestrians, runners and bicyclists. The local contribution is \$ 3.28 million. This project will complete two gap sections in the Guthrie Creek Trail System, as shown in blue. The concrete paths will be 12 ft. wide and will include five pedestrian bridges over creeks, crosswalks, warning signs at roadway crossings, as well as pedestrian underpasses at Judson & McCann. The solid black line on the map, shows the four existing trails and the dashed line is under construction. The blue Guthrie Trails segments will fill in the gaps and, ultimately, provide the city

with a continuous trail system of 10 miles. The blue segments are located between Eden & Johnson St. and from McCann Rd. to U.S. 80.

Also in 2019 is the White Oak sidewalks project. The City of White Oak applied for and received an award of \$712,540 to construct about one mile of sidewalks on the east side of White Oak Rd. between Bermuda Dr. and Center St. The local contribution by the City of White Oak is \$163,884. The project will be funded through TxDOT's Curb, Ramp & Pedestrian Improvement Program in 2019. This important pedestrian & bicycle link will connect White Oak neighborhoods to the schools, while encourage walking & bicycling.

There are numerous grouped projects within the 2019-2022 TIP. The 2019-2021 projects include:

Interstate 20 Frontage Road	Loop 281 to Gregg Co. Line	Rehabilitate south frontage road
FM 3272 / White Oak Rd.	US 80 to FM 2275	Repair & resurface roadway
S. High St. Railroad Bridge	At Union Pacific R.R.	Replace bridge & approaches
Interstate 20	At MLK Blvd & Estes Pkwy.	Replace two bridges
Interstate 20	at Lansing Switch Rd.	Replace bridge

Appendix D in the 2019-2022 TIP is a list of projects that are currently undergoing environmental assessment. Those projects include:

Interstate 20	At SH 31	Improve left exit interchange
SH 42	I-20 to US 80	Widen from 2 to 4 lanes
Loop 485	US 271 in S. Gladewater to US 80 in E. Gladewater	Widen from 2 to 4 lanes
Loop 485	US 80 in E. Gladewater, northerly to US 271 in N. Gladewater	Add a center turn lane
US 271	Loop 485 to Upshur Co. Line	Widen from 2 to 4 lanes
US 271	FM 2275 to SH 300 in Gilmer	Widen 4-lane undivided highway to 4-lane divided

Longview Transit Public Transportation

Public Transportation is an important part of the 4-Year Transportation Plan. Longview Transit offers a Fixed-Route bus program; Hours of Service are Monday thru Friday 6:15 a.m. to 7:15 p.m. and on Saturdays from 7:15 a.m. to 7:15 in the evening. Bus fares are \$1.25 for a 1-ride ticket and \$3.00 for an All Day Pass. They also have a Monthly Pass for \$40.

The annual Planning, Operating and Capital expenses of Longview Transit are:
Federal funding - \$ 1.2 million, State - \$ 370,000, City - \$ 125,000

In addition to the Fixed Route buses, Longview Transit offers a Paratransit program to citizens who are unable to ride the fixed route buses. Longview Transit was awarded \$108,000 for the purchase of two paratransit vehicles that doesn't require a local cash match that will be ordered in 2019. Recently, Longview Transit staff applied for a third paratransit vehicle. These vehicle

will replace aging equipment that's very old.

Last year, Scott Lewis with Longview Transit applied for and was awarded an Intercity Bus Grant from TxDOT for improvements to the Transportation Center. The award is for \$1 Million of funding to build a Bus Transfer Center on the east side of the Transit Building with a local match of \$108,000. It includes a Bus Terminal, a bus concourse, and extra parking. Construction is expected to begin next year.

On June 21st, Longview Transit joins other transit systems across the country to celebrate National "Dump the Pump" Day. Longview Transit will be offering free rides, all day long. Ms. Owen encouraged those in attendance to participate in "Dump the Pump" Day.

Ms. Owen explained that a Public comment and review period starts today and runs through May 11th and the MPO welcomes comments from the public. Comments can be mailed, emailed, or submitted by phone. The Longview MPO Policy Board will consider approval of this Transportation Plan on May 23rd, at 10:00 a.m. in the Longview Council Chamber.

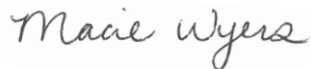
Citizens can access the draft transportation document on-line at LongviewTexas.gov/MPO

Ms. Owen concluded, if anyone wants to be added to our mailing list for upcoming transportation projects and meetings, please see me after the meeting or contact me by email or phone; and we'll get you added to the list.

Ms. Owen then asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the 2019 -2022 TIP.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Public Notice

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May 17, 2018

Longview MPO Policy Board Meeting

(Longview, TX) The Longview Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has scheduled a Policy Board meeting on Wednesday, May 23rd at 10:00 a.m. in the Longview City Council Chambers located in the Jo Ann Metcalf Municipal Building, 300 W. Cotton St., to consider approval of the 2019 – 2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Performance Based Planning.

The Longview MPO TIP is a plan, which identifies federally funded highways, bridges, bicycle & pedestrian projects, and Longview Transit public transportation projects to be constructed or implemented in the next four years. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan recommends ways to improve the safety, accessibility, and mobility of people biking and walking. The Plan proposes a comprehensive network of trails, sidewalks and bikeways, and recommends public policies, projects and programs. The MOU is to be executed between TxDOT, Longview Transit, and the MPO to meet the requirements of performance based planning as identified in the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act.

The public is invited to attend the meeting and will be given an opportunity to provide comments. The meeting will be live streamed on CityView Municipal TV LongviewTexas.gov/CityView and Longview Cable TV, Channel 5. After the meeting, citizens may view the recorded meeting online in the CityView Video Library. Copies of the 2019 – 2022 TIP and Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan can be reviewed online at LongviewTexas.gov/MPO and at the Longview Public Library, 300 W. Cotton St. in Longview. Comments and questions may be sent to the Longview MPO, P.O. Box 1952, Longview, TX 75606 or emailed to MPO@LongviewTexas.gov. This public notice of public involvement activities and time established for public review and comments on the TIP development process will satisfy the FTA's program of the project requirements. Persons with disabilities who may need auxiliary aid or services at the meeting and persons needing a translator or interpreter are asked to contact Macie Wyers at 903-237-1005. Para información en español, por favor comuníquese con Natasha Jaime en 903-237-1060.

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Policy Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 23, 2018

10:00 a.m.

Jo Ann Metcalf Municipal Bldg, 300 W. Cotton St.



Metropolitan Planning Organization

Name

Organization

Ricky Tow
Charles Smith
Scott Lewis
Hazel P. Miller
Bill Hicks
Jimmy Isaac
Deanne Simmons
JUSTIN P. MORGAN
William McWhorter
Marie Wyers

City of Gladewater
White Oak
Longview Transit
GLADWATER TX
HALFF ASSOCIATES
Longview News-Journal
TXDOT-ATL
FHWA-TX DIVISION
Longview Chamber
Longview MPO

In Addition:

Michael Shirley
Ingrid Self
Rolin McPhee
Glenn Green
Kyle Kutch
J.D. Shipp

City of Longview
City of Longview
City of Longview
TXDOT Tyler
White Oak Mayor
Gladewater Mayor

**MPO POLICY BOARD MEETING
LONGVIEW METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Wednesday, May 23rd, 2018
10:00 a.m.**

MINUTES

With a quorum of the Longview Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board present, the meeting was called to order by City of White Oak Mayor Kyle Kutch at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 in the Council Chambers located in the Jo Ann Metcalf Municipal Building, 300 W. Cotton Street. In attendance were:

Ricky Tow	City of Gladewater
Charlie Smith	City of White Oak
Scott Lewis	Longview Transit
Harold Wells	Citizen
Bill Hicks	Halff Associates
Jimmy Isaac	Longview News Journal
*Deanne Simmons, proxy	TxDOT – Atlanta District
Justin Morgan	FHWA – Texas Division
Williams McWhorter	Longview Chamber of Commerce
Macie Wyers	Longview MPO
*Michael Shirley	City of Longview
Ingrid Self	City of Longview
*Rolin McPhee	City of Longview
*Glenn Green	TxDOT – Tyler District
*Kyle Kutch	Mayor – City of White Oak
*J.D. Shipp	Mayor – City of Gladewater

* denotes Policy Board voting member

Item I. Call meeting to order and welcome

Mayor Kyle Kutch called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

Item II. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Kyle Kutch provided the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item III. Citizen comment

There were no citizen comments.

Item IV. Approval of the February 28, 2018 meeting minutes

New Policy Board member, Mayor J.D. Shipp, abstained from voting on this agenda item. Mayor Kyle Kutch announced that this agenda item would be tabled until the next MPO Policy Board meeting.

Item V. Approval of the 2019 – 2022 Transportation Improvement Program

Macie Wyers recognized the previous Mayor of Gladewater and MPO Policy Board member, Mr. Harold Wells, and presented him with a plaque and thanked him for his service on the Policy Board from 2014-2018. Mrs. Wyers also introduced Mayor J.D. Shipp, the new Mayor for the City of Gladewater, and welcomed him to the MPO Policy Board.

Macie Wyers presented the 2019 – 2022 Transportation Improvement Program for the board’s consideration for approval. Mrs. Wyers began her presentation by explaining that the 2019 – 2022 Transportation Improvement Program is the short-term transportation plan that identifies federal and state-funded highways, bridges, and Longview Transit’s public transportation projects to be constructed over the next four years. Two important projects are in the TIP over the next four years.

The first project is FM 2206, or Harrison Rd. Mrs. Wyers presented Phase I of Harrison Rd., which extends between Loop 281 and Fisher Rd. The project is scheduled to let in 2019 and this project will be the widening of the existing two lane roadway to four lanes. It will include a center turn lane and will also have a 10 ft. sidepath on one side of the roadway and a 5 ft. sidewalk on the other side. This project is exciting because it will improve the freight mobility in and out of Longview and for commercial businesses and manufacturers on Harrison Rd. and Fisher Rd. Current funding estimates for this project is Federal - \$17,855,000, State - \$4,464,000, for a total of \$22,319,000.

The second project is Phase II of Harrison Rd., with extents from Fisher Rd. to SH 42. This project is estimated to let for construction in 2020. This project is also a widening from the existing two lane facility to four lanes with a center turn lane to provide for safer turning movements. This project is currently estimated at Federal - \$12,914,000, State - \$3,229,000, for a total of \$16,143,000.

The next project is FM 2275, or George Richey Rd., and Phase I of this project has the extents from Gilmer Rd. (SH 300) to Pine Tree Rd. (FM 1845). Construction is estimated for 2021 and this project will include the widening from two to four lanes, will have a center turn lane, and will also have a combination of sidewalks, a sidepath, and bike lanes. Current funding estimates are Federal - \$11,918,000, State - \$2,979,000, for a total of \$14,897,000.

Phase II of the George Richey project has extents from Pine Tree Rd. to White Oak Rd. (FM 3272). This project is scheduled for construction in 2022. This project is also a widening from two to four lanes with a center turn lane and will include a sidepath on the south side of the roadway. TxDOT has held two public meetings over the last two years to gain public input on the project. The final alignment of this project has not yet been determined. TxDOT plans on holding a 3rd public meeting sometime this summer to present a recommended alignment. Current funding estimates are Federal - \$11,865,000, State - \$2,966,000, for a total of \$14,831,000.

Lastly, in the TIP Mobility section is US 271, which includes the extents from the Smith County line to Loop 485 in Gladewater. This project is scheduled to go to construction in 2022. This project will be a widening from two to four lanes and current estimates are Federal - \$23,413,000, State - \$5,853,000, for a total of \$29,266,000. Mrs. Wyers presented the TIP project extents on a map in red, as well as the full project extents from TxDOT in gold, which also includes Loop 485. TxDOT held a public meeting for the full extent of the project in Gladewater on April 24th to present three alignment alternatives.

Next, Mrs. Wyers presented the Bicycle & Pedestrian projects included in the TIP. The first project is the Guthrie Creek shared use paths. This project is the result of the City of Longview applying for and receiving an award of over \$3 million for two shared use paths for pedestrians, runners, as well as bicyclists. The local contribution is the same at just over \$3 million. This project will complete two gap sections in the Guthrie Creek trail system as shown in blue on the map presented by Mrs. Wyers. Existing trails were shown with a black solid line and trail segments under construction were shown in a dashed black line on the map. The completion of this project will result in approximately 10 miles of a continuous trail system in the community.

The next bicycle & pedestrian project is located on FM 3272 or White Oak Rd. This is a sidewalk project with extents between Bermuda Dr. to Center St. and is expected to go to construction in 2019. This was the result of White Oak applying for and receiving over \$700,000 to construct this sidewalk, which is about 1

mile in length. The local contribution from White Oak is just over \$160,000 and will be funded through TxDOT's Curb, Ramp, & Pedestrian Improvement Program in 2019. This is an exciting project for the City of White Oak as it will serve as an important connection between the schools and residential areas in the community.

The Grouped Highway projects are a list of projects financially constrained at the state level and allows for an efficient and streamlined method of programming and implementing transportation projects. The first listed project is on IH 20 with extents between Loop 281 and the Gregg County line to rehabilitate the south frontage road at an estimated cost of \$1.8 million. FM 3272 of White Oak Rd. with extents between US 80 and FM 2275 is a project to repair and resurface the roadway at a cost of \$3 million. In addition, four bridge projects are listed in the TIP under Grouped Projects, which includes the replacement of the Union Pacific Railroad bridge on S. High St. for \$7.8 million, the replacement of the MLK Blvd. and Estes Pkwy. bridges over IH 20 for \$6.5 million, and the replacement of the Lansing Switch Rd. bridge at IH 20 for just under \$8 million.

Mrs. Wyers explained that the next section of the TIP lists projects included in Appendix D, which allows for environmental review and facilitates project development for projects scheduled to let beyond 2022. These projects include improving the left exit interchange on IH 20 at SH 31, widening SH 42 to four lanes from IH 20 to US 80, widening Loop 485 to four lanes from US 271 in south Gladewater to US 80 in east Gladewater, adding a center turn lane on Loop 485 from US 80 in east Gladewater to US 271 in north Gladewater, widening US 271 to four lanes from Loop 485 to Upshur County line, widening US 271 to a divided four lane highway from FM 2275 to SH 300 in Gilmer, and widening the controlled access facility to six lanes on IH 20 from SH 31 to Harrison County line.

Public Transportation is an important part of the 4-year Transportation Plan. Longview Transit offers a fixed-route bus program and a paratransit program. Annual planning, operating, and capital expenses total to Federal - \$1.2 million, State - \$370,000, City - \$125,000. Longview Transit was awarded \$108,000 for the purchase of two paratransit vehicles that doesn't require a local cash match. These will be ordered in 2019. Longview Transit also applied for a third paratransit vehicle.

Last year, Scott Lewis with Longview Transit applied for and was awarded an Intercity Bud Grant from TxDOT for improvements to the Transportation Center. The award is for \$1 Million of funding to build a Bus Transfer Center on the east side of the Transit Building with a local match of \$108,000. It includes a Bus Terminal, a bus concourse, and extra parking. Construction is expected to begin next year.

Mrs. Wyers explained that a Public comment and review period was held from May 1st to May 11th. No comments were received.

The MPO Technical Committee met on April 18th and May 16th to review projects and has recommended the projects be brought to the board for approval.

Page 25 in the TIP document is the MPO self-certification page, which will be signed by the Policy Board Chairman Mayor Mack. This page certifies that the MPO and TxDOT's transportation planning process is addressing the transportation issues in the metropolitan planning area and the planning process is being conducted by federal requirements.

Mrs. Wyers concluded her remarks on the 2019 – 2022 TIP and opened the meeting to any questions or comments from the public or the Policy Board. There were no questions or comments. Judge Stoudt asked the board for a motion to consider approval of the 2019 – 2022 TIP as presented. Rolin McPhee made the motion and it was seconded by Glenn Green. All were in favor and the motioned carried.

Item VI. Approval of the Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan

Macie Wyers explained that the Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan includes a comprehensive set of bicycle & pedestrian infrastructure recommendations, as well as recommended policies and programs to assist with becoming a more bicycle and pedestrian friendly community.

Ms. Wyers introduced Adam Wood with Toole Design Group, who served as the lead consultant on the project. Adam Wood was in attendance to present more details about the Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan to the Policy Board.

Mr. Wood began his presentation by explaining why communities should invest in walking and biking. This includes economics benefits such as increased sales tax revenues in areas with more people walking and biking as well as property values increases from properties in close proximity to trails and other bicycle and pedestrian amenities. There are also health benefits as well, walking and biking results in greater cardiovascular health and lower instances of chronic disease.

The Plan has certain purposes to drive the development, which includes analyzing where people are most likely to walk, run and bike, assessment of the safety of streets and trails, definition of a bicycle and pedestrian network for transportation and recreational use, creation of a list of prioritized projects, and working to become a more walkable a bicycle friendly community.

Mr. Wood also explained that this Plan was designed for all users of the system including advanced bicyclists, families, and those with physical disabilities. This mindset let the team into the Public Engagement process, which included two Open House events in September, listening sessions with LeTourneau University and community groups, online crowd source mapping, an online survey with over 1,700 responses, and a final Open House in May to present the findings.

The goals incorporated into the Plan includes recommendations that provide a safe place for people of all ages and abilities, continuous and connected trails, sidewalks, and bikeways, priority on walking and biking infrastructure on routes where people want and need to go, equal opportunities for all users, public investments in walking and biking infrastructure with benefits that exceed their costs, and closely integrated connections with other modes to expand transit's reach, usefulness, and attractiveness.

Mr. Wood shared the four major components of the Plan document, which includes Assessment of existing conditions – Where are people most likely to walk or Bike? Where are the gaps? Where are safety concerns? There is also a Policy and Program Recommendations section to help with implementation and includes suggestions for law enforcement and code development. The most significant part of the Plan is the Infrastructure Recommendations, which includes specific locations for sidewalks, bike lanes, and other facility types. Lastly, the Implementation section addresses how much infrastructure improvements would cost and how projects will get prioritized.

Within the set of recommendations, Toole Design Group split the walking infrastructure from the biking infrastructure. Each set of recommendations are split into a priority network and a future network. This emphasizes the goal of connectivity and focuses the priority network on where people are most likely to walk and bike.

The types of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure improvements includes bike lanes and buffered bike lanes, paved shoulders, trails, bike boulevards, signed routes, and sidewalks. Facility types were recommended based on comfort level of streets.

Lastly, Mr. Wood explained the priorities considered as a listing a projects were created. This included improved safety, which addressed bicycling and pedestrian crashes in the past, where people are most likely to bike or walk (Demand), connectivity to existing system, and a project cost per mile analysis. These

priorities were analyzed on a quantitative basis to come up with a set of scores for projects to help with selection. Mr. Wood asked if there were any questions about the project. There were no questions or comments. Mayor Kutch asked the board for a motion to consider approval of the Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan as presented. Rolin McPhee made the motion and it was seconded by Michael Shirley. All were in favor and the motioned carried.

Item VII. Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding for Performance Based Planning

Macie Wyers presented the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for performance based planning for the board's consideration for approval. This MOU is for compliance with the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act, or the FAST Act. Performance Management is a new federal requirement of the FAST Act for MPOs as well as State DOTs. It's a performance based approach to planning road and highway projects and is a strategy that uses system information to make investment and policy decisions. This helps us to achieve national and state performance goals.

The purpose of the MOU is to provide a set of special provisions that outlines to roles and responsibilities for cooperatively developing and sharing information related to Performance Management. The agreement will be between the Longview MPO, TxDOT, and Longview Transit. The MPO Technical Committee met on May 16th to review the MOU and has recommended the agreement be brought to the board for approval.

Mrs. Wyers concluded her comments on the MOU and opened the meeting to any questions or comments from the public or the Policy Board. There were no questions or comments. Mayor Kutch asked the board for a motion to consider approval of the MOU for performance based planning as presented. Michael Shirley made the motion and it was seconded by Glenn Green. All were in favor and the motioned carried.


Item VIII. Staff comment

There were no staff comments.

Item IX. Adjournment

Mayor Kyle Kutch adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Longview Metropolitan Planning Organization

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