



Meeting Synopsis

Tuesday, October 4, 2005
Room 2.120, Joe C. Thompson Center
University of Texas Campus
Dean Keeton (26th Street) and Red River Streets
Austin, Texas
10:00 a.m.

MPO Representatives

Robert Allen	Abilene MPO
Harold McDaniel	Amarillo MPO
Bob Dickenson	Beaumont – Port Arthur MPO
Mark Lund	Brownsville MPO
Linda LaSut	Bryan-College Station MPO
Michael Aulick	Capital Area MPO
Tom Niskala	Corpus Christi MPO
Roy Gilyard	El Paso MPO
Juan Sanchez	Harlingen – San Benito MPO
Drew Canon	Hidalgo County MPO
Alan Clark	Houston - Galveston Area Council of Governments
Shannon Mattingly	Killen – Temple MPO
Karen Owen	Longview MPO
Sam Woods	Lubbock MPO
Dan Kessler	North Central Texas Council of Governments
E'Lisa Smetana	San Angelo MPO
Joanne Walsh	San Antonio – Bexar County MPO
Bob Wood	Sherman – Denison MPO
Brad McCaleb	Texarkana MPO
Heather Nick	Tyler MPO
Christopher Evilia	Waco MPO

Other Attendees

Ben Finley	Abilene MPO
Maureen McCoy Daniel	Capital Area MPO
Ricardo Dominguez	El Paso MPO
Jeanne Geiger	San Antonio – Bexar County MPO
Sid Martinez	San Antonio – Bexar County MPO
Clifford Gholson	Waco MPO
Ed Kabobel	TxDOT
Ed Collins	TxDOT – Austin

Joon Kim	TxDOT – Austin
Darcie Schipull	TxDOT – Austin
Carol Nixon	TxDOT - Houston
Dale Spitz	TxDOT - Tyler
Karen Dunlap	TxDOT - PTN
John Bendele	TxDOT - TPP
Tim Juarez	TxDOT - TPP
Diane Lann	TxDOT - TPP
Jesse Balleza	FHWA
Jose Campos	FHWA

1. Welcome and Introduction

Michael Aulick convened the meeting at 10:20 a.m. Mr. Aulick asked that all in attendance introduce themselves.

2. Approval of minutes from July 19, 2005 Meeting

ACTION:

Sam Woods made the motion for approval of the TEMPO minutes for the July 19, 2005 meeting; Bob Dickenson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as presented.

3. Election of three members to the Executive Committee (the terms of E’Lisa Smetana, Chris Evilia, and Sam Woods expire in October)

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Aulick informed the TEMPO members that as of October 1, 2005 the Executive committee membership of Sam Woods, a TMA and Chris Evilia, a non-TMA as well as E’lisa Smetana had expired. Nominations would open for a TMA and two Non-TMA members to sit on the TEMPO Executive Committee.

The nomination for the Non-TMA position (Number 1) was opened: E’lisa Smentana of the San Angelo MPO was nominated. Hearing no other nominations for a Non-TMA, a motion was requested.

ACTION:

A motion to elect E’lisa Smentana, non-TMA to the TEMPO executive committee was seconded and passed unanimously by a voice vote.

DISCUSSION:

Nomination for the non-TMA position (Number 2) opened. Linda LaSut of the Bryan – College Station MPO was nominated and Chris Evilia of the Waco MPO were nominated.

ACTION:

Chris Evilia was elected to the Executive Committee by closed balloting.

DISCUSSION:

Nomination for a TMA member to the Executive Committee was opened. Roy Gilyard, El Paso MPO; Sam Woods, Lubbock MPO and Joanne Walsh, San Antonio – Bexar County MPO, were nominated.

ACTION:

Joanne Walsh was elected to the Executive Committee by closed ballot.

4. Discussion of funding formula allocation including paying dues to the Association of Metropolitan

Michael Aulick presented a summary of the current funding formula and four principles that the Executive Committee agreed to the previous day:

- No MPO should receive less in the future than it does today
- Air quality status should be considered -- what areas have to do because of non-attainment, maintenance or EAC areas
- A minimum allocation to MPOs and
- Maintaining a per capita balance in the PL funds

CAMPO staff explained the existing formula (Attachment A). General discussion followed about the approach to be taken, PL and FTA 5303 funds, ability of TxDOT to continue to provide the non-federal match for PL and FTA funds, the need for continuing discussions with TxDOT, FTA and FHWA, payment of AMPO dues and the need for staff for TEMPO.

5. Consider recommending a funding formula to FHWA, FTA and TxDOT including paying dues to the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organization

At the July 19, 2005 TEMPO meeting it was agreed that statewide AMPO dues would be paid prior to the annual distribution of PL funds. For this to happen, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is requiring that all 25 MPOs concur with this approach.

ACTION:

The following recommendation for the future distribution of PL and FTA 5303 planning funds was agreed to:

- Subtract statewide AMPO dues and TEMPO administrative funds prior to distribution of funds to the MPOs;
- Use the existing FTA and PL funding formulas -- with the addition of a \$200,000 set aside for areas with Early Action Compacts (a minimum of \$25,000 to each of the four areas and the remaining \$100,000 distributed by percent of population in the four areas) in the PL distribution;
- For the areas that do not reach \$180,000, seek to use GTPF dollars to bring those areas to \$180,000; and
- Include Maintenance Areas in the Non-Attainment set aside.

The TEMPO membership voted to recommend this formula to TxDOT and the Federal Highway and Transit Administrations. The recommendation is to be forwarded to the Texas Transportation Commission for consideration at its November 17th meeting. Attachment B is a table illustrating the funding distribution based on the TEMPO recommendation.

Also, a signature sheet was circulated that will be given to FHWA to indicate the concurrence of all Texas MPOs to paying annual AMPO dues before distributing funds based on the formula.

6. Discussion of Status of Planning Contract

Michael Aulick informed the MPOs that the recommendations for amendments to the planning contract have been submitted to TxDOT. We now must wait for the planning contracts to be distributed by TPP to each of the MPOs.

7. Other business and open discussion

Jose Campos informed the MPOs that all the State UPWPs have been approved and letters will be sent to each MPO informing them of the approval.

Jose Campos also informed the MPOs that Mitch Batuzich is coordinating two workshops to be held December 14 and 15.

Mr. Aulick adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Michael Aulick, TEMPO Executive Director

Attachment A

Scenarios	Column	Description	Effects
Current Formula Based			
FY 2004	5	Used existing formula with no set aside for near non-attainment areas	Done
FY 2005	6	Used existing formula with no set aside for near non-attainment areas	Done
No Change	7	Near non-attainments getting \$50k and maintenance areas added to non-attainment status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic formula already adopted • 5 MPOs don't get \$200k
Minimum \$100k to all MPOs	8	Instead of the current \$50k minimum allocation, each MPO is given \$100k	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$50k more before allocated on population • Mid-size MPOs benefit • Not advantageous to large population areas (5 largest MPOs lose \$\$\$) • 3 MPOs don't reach \$200k
Minimum \$100k to all MPOs but no TMA or non-attainment minimum allocations	9	Instead of the current \$50k minimum allocation, each MPO is given \$100k; \$1m for TMAs and \$1m for non-attainment areas distributed solely on population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two largest MPOs gain • Smaller TMAs lose because population isn't sufficient to offset the loss of the set asides
Minimum \$100k to MPOs and TMAs (Sam's)	10	Instead of the current \$50k minimum allocation, each MPO is given \$100k; the minimum allocation to each TMA is increased to \$100k	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benefits smaller TMAs
Minimum \$200k	11	After running the PL and FTA formulas, those MPOs not reaching \$200k were given \$200k; remaining MPOs received proportionate share based on population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 MPOs that wouldn't have gotten \$200k were increased to \$200k

Scenarios	Column	Description	Effects
Population Based			
Population only	12	Funds were distributed solely based on the MPO's % share of the state's urbanized area population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Largest MPOs gain over current formula • 8 MPOs don't reach \$200k
Population based with minimum \$200k	13	Funds were distributed based on the MPO's % share of the state's urbanized area population; those MPOs not reaching \$200k were given \$200k; remaining MPOs received proportionate share based on population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Largest MPOs gain over current formula • All MPOs reach at least \$200k
Robin Hood	14	Funds were distributed based on the MPO's % share of the state's urbanized area population; those MPOs not reaching \$200k were increased to \$200k and the funds were taken from NCTCOG and HGAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Largest MPOs gain • NCTCOG and HGAC each contribute approximately \$200k so that the smallest MPOs all reach at least \$200k • All MPOs reach at least \$200k

Attachment B

Attachment 1 -TEMPO Executive Committee Recommendation for Distribution of PL and FTA Funds

9/30/2005

Figures based on information available September 30, 2005

Total PL Apportionment	\$ 21,816,295	Area Type	# of Areas	Minimum Allocation	Funds Distributed by Allocation	Funds Distributed by Population	Total PL Funds Distributed
TEMPO Dues	\$ 10,000	MPO	25	\$ 50,000	\$ 1,250,000	\$ 18,306,700	\$ 19,556,700
AMPO Dues	\$ 59,595	TMA	8	\$ 50,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 1,000,000
Total PL Funds Distributed	\$ 21,746,700	NAA	4	\$ 50,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 800,000	\$ 1,000,000
Difference from current formula		NNAA	4	\$ 25,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 200,000
		Totals		\$ 175,000	\$ 1,950,000	\$ 19,806,700	\$ 21,756,700

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Study Areas	2000 Urbanized Population	FY 2004	FY 2005	Average of FY 2006 to FY 2009	Executive Committee Recommendation	FY 2004 v FY 2005	FY 2004 v Executive Committee Recommendation
Abilene	107,041	\$ 183,065	\$ 216,009	\$ 225,569	\$ 224,122	\$ 32,944	\$ 41,056
Amarillo	179,312	\$ 271,712	\$ 326,877	\$ 342,582	\$ 340,158	\$ 55,166	\$ 68,446
Austin	901,920	\$ 1,258,357	\$ 1,535,836	\$ 1,614,827	\$ 1,665,075	\$ 277,479	\$ 406,718
Brownsville	165,776	\$ 254,974	\$ 305,976	\$ 320,494	\$ 318,254	\$ 51,002	\$ 63,280
Bryan-College Station	132,500	\$ 213,830	\$ 254,595	\$ 266,199	\$ 264,408	\$ 40,764	\$ 50,577
Corpus Christi	293,925	\$ 477,494	\$ 567,922	\$ 593,664	\$ 589,691	\$ 90,427	\$ 112,197
Dallas-Fort Worth	4,500,007	\$ 6,306,857	\$ 7,691,300	\$ 8,085,416	\$ 8,024,588	\$ 1,384,443	\$ 1,717,732
El Paso	648,465	\$ 1,037,222	\$ 1,236,724	\$ 1,293,519	\$ 1,284,753	\$ 199,502	\$ 247,531
Harlingen-San Benito	110,770	\$ 186,962	\$ 221,041	\$ 230,742	\$ 229,245	\$ 34,079	\$ 42,283
Houston-Galveston	4,136,557	\$ 5,809,593	\$ 7,082,219	\$ 7,444,505	\$ 7,388,590	\$ 1,272,626	\$ 1,578,997
Jefferson-Orange-Hardin	253,960	\$ 435,309	\$ 513,441	\$ 535,683	\$ 532,250	\$ 78,132	\$ 96,941
Killeen-Temple	239,913	\$ 346,641	\$ 420,451	\$ 441,463	\$ 438,220	\$ 73,810	\$ 91,579
Laredo	175,586	\$ 267,104	\$ 321,124	\$ 336,502	\$ 334,128	\$ 54,020	\$ 67,024
Longview	78,070	\$ 146,531	\$ 170,549	\$ 177,386	\$ 204,572	\$ 24,018	\$ 58,041
Lubbock	202,225	\$ 359,724	\$ 421,938	\$ 439,650	\$ 436,916	\$ 62,215	\$ 77,193
Mc Allen-Pharr (Hidalgo Co.)	523,144	\$ 771,886	\$ 932,834	\$ 978,652	\$ 971,580	\$ 160,947	\$ 199,694
Midland-Odessa	210,616	\$ 310,418	\$ 375,214	\$ 393,660	\$ 390,813	\$ 64,797	\$ 80,396
San Angelo	87,969	\$ 158,769	\$ 185,833	\$ 193,537	\$ 192,348	\$ 27,064	\$ 33,579
San Antonio	1,327,554	\$ 1,805,009	\$ 2,213,435	\$ 2,329,704	\$ 2,391,866	\$ 408,426	\$ 586,858
Sherman-Denison	56,168	\$ 122,585	\$ 139,918	\$ 145,648	\$ 144,889	\$ 17,333	\$ 22,304
Texarkana (TX Only)	48,747	\$ 115,629	\$ 130,716	\$ 136,371	\$ 135,712	\$ 15,087	\$ 20,083
Tyler	101,494	\$ 175,493	\$ 206,718	\$ 215,607	\$ 243,448	\$ 31,225	\$ 67,955
Victoria	61,529	\$ 127,610	\$ 146,565	\$ 152,350	\$ 151,518	\$ 18,955	\$ 23,909
Waco	153,198	\$ 239,423	\$ 286,555	\$ 299,972	\$ 297,901	\$ 47,132	\$ 58,479
Wichita Falls	99,396	\$ 172,899	\$ 203,478	\$ 212,184	\$ 210,840	\$ 30,579	\$ 37,941
Totals	14,795,842	\$ 21,555,093	\$ 26,107,266	\$ 27,405,886	\$ 27,405,886	\$ 4,552,173	\$ 5,850,793

* Figures based on current formula