



**MINUTES OF THE ABILENE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD  
June 11, 2012**

The Abilene MPO Transportation Policy Board met at 1:30 p.m., Monday, June 11, 2012, in the City Council Chambers at Abilene City Hall, 555 Walnut Street, Abilene, Texas.

Members Present:

Mayor Norm Archibald, City of Abilene, Chair  
Councilman Joe Spano, City of Abilene  
Judge Downing Bolls, Taylor County  
District Engineer Lauren Garduno, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)  
Judge Dale Spurgin, Jones County

Members Absent:

None

Non-voting Members Present:

None

Others Present:

Mr. Chad Carter, City of Abilene  
Mr. James Condry, City of Abilene  
Mr. Blair Haynie, TxDOT, Abilene District  
Mr. Stan Smith, City of Abilene  
Mr. Mike McMahan, Chamber of Commerce  
Mr. Alan Hufstutler, TxDOT Area Engineer  
Mr. Ben Herr, CityLink  
Mr. Mike Vandervoot, National Federation of the Blind  
Ms. Deborah Turner, Citizen

MPO Staff in attendance:

Ms. E'Lisa Smetana, Abilene MPO Staff  
Mr. Thomas Cook, Abilene MPO Staff  
Mr. Dean Carter, Abilene MPO Staff

**1. Call to Order.**

Chairman Archibald announced that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 3:59 p.m.

**2. Consideration of Approval of the Minutes of the May 21, 2012 Meeting.**

Discussion was held on the minutes of the May 21, 2012 meeting. The motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Councilman Spano and seconded by Judge Bolls.

*Motion carried.*

**3. Discussion and Consideration of Approval of an Amendment to the FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Inclusion of Projects Selected for the \$2 Billion Statewide Funding Allocation.**

The recommendation from the Technical Advisory Committee for the \$3.971 million dollars that was allocated to the MPO from the \$2 billion statewide funding was presented. Their recommendation was to convert the existing two-way frontage roads to one-way operation at these three sites (in the following priority):

- 1) US 83 from Canyon Rock Drive to FM 707
- 2) Loop 322 from Maple Street to Lytle Creek
- 3) Loop 322 from Lytle Creek to SH 36

The preliminary cost estimate shows that these three projects would be around \$12.5 million to build so TxDOT staff will look at what could be accomplished with the money that we have. Ms. Smetana discussed the internal time line which includes the selection of projects, amending the MTP and the TIP if needed, posting the public notice in the newspaper, public comment period of not less than 10 days, board actions on final documents and submittal to the TxDOT District by June 14, 2012.

Mayor Archibald asked that TxDOT evaluate the necessary amount of work to accomplish the goal of converting to one-way so that we can maximize the money that we have and expedite the project all while maintaining the safety and integrity of the project. TxDOT will look at the cost estimates and see what can be done to accomplish the one-way conversion.

*Chairman Archibald stated that there would be no vote on this item until after the bus tour.*

**4. Discussion and Review of Reports:**

- **Director's Report**
- - **Funding Estimates for FY 2013**
  - **Transportation Reauthorization Bill/Legislative Update**

*No action was required or taken on this item.*

**5. Opportunity for Members of the Public to Make Comments on MPO Issues**

*No comments were received.*

**6. Opportunity for Board Members or MPO Staff to Recommend Topics for Future Discussion or Action.**

*No action was required or taken on this item.*

**7. Adjournment.**

Chairman Archibald adjourned the MPO Policy Board Meeting at 4:47 p.m.