



**MINUTES OF THE ABILENE
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
CALLED MEETING
AUGUST 5, 2019**

The Abilene MPO Transportation Policy Board met at 10:00 a.m. Monday, August 5, 2019, in the South Branch Library Conference Room, 4310 Buffalo Gap Road, Abilene, Texas.

Members Present:

Councilman Shane Price, City of Abilene (*Policy Board Chairman*)
Mr. Carl Johnson, P.E., TxDOT Abilene District Engineer
Judge Dale Spurgin, Jones County
Mayor Anthony Williams, City of Abilene

Members Absent

Judge Downing Bolls, Taylor County (*Policy Board Vice-Chairman*)

Staff of Member Agencies in Attendance:

Ms. Kelley Messer, City of Abilene First Assistant City Attorney
Mr. Charlie Thomas, P.E., City of Abilene Interim City Engineer
Mr. Nick Page, TxDOT TP&P MPO Coordinator
Ms. Peggy Thurin, TxDOT Systems Planning Section Director
Mr. Tommy Downing, Dyess Air Force Base Community Planner
Mr. Michael Rice, P.E., City of Abilene, Assistant City Manager
Mr. Paul Norman, P.E., TxDOT Abilene Area Engineer
Ms. P.J. Sumner, WCTCOG Environmental Program Coordinator

MPO Staff in Attendance:

Ms. E'Lisa Smetana, Abilene MPO Executive Director
Mr. Ed McRoy, Abilene MPO Transportation Planner II

1. Call to Order.

Chairman Price called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. He announced that public comment could be taken on any item appearing on the agenda during the discussion of that item.

2. Discussion and action on Resolutions of Support for the City of Abilene's Submittal for the Texas Department of Transportation's Safe Routes to School (SRTS) "School Zone Flasher Upgrade Program" and the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program "South 11th Street Sidewalk Project".

Ms. Smetana, reported that on February 8, 2019 the City of Abilene applied to have two projects considered for the State's Transportation Alternatives (TA) and Safe Routes to School (SRTS) programs. She noted that both of these requests for consideration were accepted by the State and so now the second and more intense application phase is applicable. The City is now moving forward with a formal application for funding of their proposed S 11th St Sidewalk Improvement project and their proposed Abilene School Zone Flasher Upgrade Program project. As a part of this process the City is requesting formal resolutions from the Policy Board indicating that if they receive funding for this projects the MPO will accept them into the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Ms. Smetana explained that the S. 11th St. Sidewalk Improvement project is a \$564,468.75 project

and the Abilene School Zone Flasher Upgrade Program is a \$476,536.50 project. She noted that no MPO funds are being requested as a part of these projects. The only commitment by the MPO would be to add these into the TIP. Two resolutions are included in the packet (Resolution No R-2019-04 and R-2019-05) related to this agenda item.

Judge Spurgin made a **motion** to approve both resolutions included in the packet, with a **second** by Mayor Williams. *Motion carried (4-0).*

3. Adjournment.

With no further discussion, actions, or items pending, Chairman Price declared the meeting adjourned. *Meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.*