



**Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
 Transportation Policy Board Meeting
 Held remotely online and by phone in accordance with local and
 state Stay at Home Orders - Livestream at www.campotexas.org
 Meeting Minutes
 August 10, 2020 – 2:00 p.m.**

1. Certification of Quorum – Quorum requirement is 11 members
Commissioner Cynthia Long, Chair

The CAMPO Transportation Policy Board was called to order by the Chair at 2:03 p.m.

The roll was taken and a quorum was announced present.

	Member	Representing	Member Attending	Alternate Attending
1	Cynthia Long, Chair	Commissioner, Williamson County	Y	
2	Ann Kitchen, Vice-Chair	City of Austin, District 5	Y	
3	Steve Adler	Mayor, City of Austin	Y	
4	Alison Alter	City of Austin, District 10	Y	
5	Clara Beckett	Commissioner, Bastrop County	N	
6	Gerald Daugherty	Commissioner, Travis County	Y	
7	Sam Biscoe	Judge, Travis County	Y	
8	Tucker Ferguson, P.E.	TxDOT-Austin District	Y	
9	Jimmy Flannigan	City of Austin, District 6	Y	
10	Troy Hill	Mayor, City of Leander	Y	
11	Jane Hughson	Mayor, City of San Marcos	Y	
12	Mark Jones	Commissioner, Hays County	Y	
13	Rudy Metayer	City of Pflugerville, Place 4	Y	
14	Terry Mitchell	Capital Metro Board Member	Y	
15	Travis Mitchell	Mayor, City of Kyle	Y	<i>*Ex-Officio/Non-Voting Member</i>
16	Craig Morgan	Mayor, City of Round Rock	Y	
17	James Oakley	Judge, Burnet County	Y	
18	Dale Ross	Mayor, City of Georgetown	N	
19	Brigid Shea	Commissioner, Travis County	Y	
20	Edward Theriot	Commissioner, Caldwell County	Y	
21	Jeffrey Travillion	Commissioner, Travis County	N	Judge Sam Biscoe
22	Corbin Van Arsdale	Mayor, City of Cedar Park	Y	

2. Public Comments

The Chair recognized the following individuals who offered public comments:

1. Mr. David King, Private Citizen
2. Ms. Rosalind Alexander-Kasparik, Private Citizen
3. Ms. Zenobia Joseph, Private Citizen

The Board noted that Ms. Alexander-Kasparik offered public comment three (3) times on the potential encroachment of US 183S on the Alexander Farm and the Alexander family cemetery due to the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT's) planned expansion. Following further discussion, the Board requested an agenda item for the next meeting to receive a briefing on the matter from the TxDOT – Austin District.

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3. Chair AnnouncementsCommissioner Cynthia Long, Chair

There were no announcements by the Chair.

4. Report from the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Chair

In the absence of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Chair, Mr. Chad McKeown, CAMPO Executive Director reported that the TAC did not convene in July.

Mr. McKeown reported that a workshop facilitated by CAMPO was held via Webex in place of the July TAC meeting. Represented by their consultant firm, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) presented modifications to the National Highway System (NHS). Mr. McKeown informed the Board that the workshop was open for participation to all TAC members. Mr. McKeown noted that only a small number of agencies requested NHS changes.

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5. Executive Session

An Executive Session was not convened.

6. Discussion and Take Appropriate Action on June 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes

The Chair recognized Ms. Rosalind Alexander-Kasparik who provided comments on the June 8, 2020 meeting minutes. Ms. Alexander-Kasparik on behalf of the Alexander family requested an amendment to the June 8, 2020 meeting minutes to include a statement of non-support by Commissioner Brigid Shea regarding the encroachment or bulldozing of land at the Alexander Farm and family cemetery as the result of TxDOT's planned US 183 expansion project.

Commissioner Shea stated, “For the record if the plan ultimately goes through this farm and destroys some of it, I will not be supporting that.”

The Chair entertained a motion for approval of the minutes for the June 8, 2020 as amended to include comments by Commissioner Brigid Shea.

Judge James Oakley moved for approval of the June 8, 2020 meeting minutes, as amended to include comments by Commissioner Brigid Shea.

Mayor Craig Morgan seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed unanimously.

Ayes: Commissioner Cynthia Long, Council Member Ann Kitchen, Mayor Steve Adler, Council Member Alison Alter, Judge Sam Biscoe (Proxy for Commissioner Jeffrey Travillion), Commissioner Gerald Daugherty, Mr. Tucker Ferguson, P.E., Council Member Jimmy Flannigan, Mayor Troy Hill, Mayor Jane Hughson, Commissioner Mark Jones, Council Member Rudy Metayer, Mr. Terry Mitchell, Mayor Craig Morgan, Judge James Oakley, Commissioner Brigid Shea, Commissioner Edward Theriot, and Mayor Corbin Van Arsdale

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent and Not Voting: Commissioner Clara Beckett and Mayor Dale Ross

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7. Discussion and Take Appropriate Action on Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between CAMPO, the City of Round Rock, and TxDOT

The Chair recognized Mr. Ryan Collins, Short-Range Planning Manager who informed the Board that transit providers that directly receive Section 5307 funding are required to adopt a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with regards to the metropolitan transportation planning and programming process. Mr. Collins added that CAMPO currently has an MOU in place with Capital Metro. Mr. Collins reported that a standard MOU has been developed now that the City of Round Rock has become a direct recipient of Section 5307 funding and begun transit operations. Mr. Collins noted that it is a joint MOU between CAMPO, the City of Round Rock and TxDOT and briefly highlighted the terms of the document as included in the meeting materials.

The Chair entertained a motion for approval of the MOU between CAMPO, the City of Round Rock, and TxDOT.

Mayor Craig Morgan moved for approval of the MOU Between CAMPO, the City of Round Rock, and TxDOT.

Judge Sam Biscoe seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed unanimously.

Ayes: Commissioner Cynthia Long, Council Member Ann Kitchen, Mayor Steve Adler, Council Member Alison Alter, Judge Sam Biscoe (Proxy for Commissioner Jeffrey Travillion), Commissioner Gerald Daugherty,

Mr. Tucker Ferguson, P.E., Council Member Jimmy Flannigan, Mayor Troy Hill, Mayor Jane Hughson, Commissioner Mark Jones, Council Member Rudy Metayer, Mr. Terry Mitchell, Mayor Craig Morgan, Judge James Oakley, Commissioner Brigid Shea, Commissioner Edward Theriot, and Mayor Corbin Van Arsdale

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent and Not Voting: Commissioner Clara Beckett and Mayor Dale Ross

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8. Discussion and Take Appropriate Action to Formally Change CAMPO Transportation Policy Board Meeting Start Times to 2:00 P.M.

The Chair recognized Ms. Zenobia Joseph, Private Citizen who offered public comments on the Discussion to Take Appropriate Action to Formally Change CAMPO Transportation Policy Board Meeting Start Times to 2:00 p.m. Ms. Joseph also offered public comments on the passing of a resolution by the City of Austin and Capital Metro for Project Connect as it relates to leaving and maintaining the regional and local bus network as is, ridership, and coverage for Black and brown patrons of Capital Metro.

The Chair addressed the change in start time for the CAMPO Transportation Policy Board meetings since changing to the virtual platform as a result of COVID-19. The Chair reported that there was a discussion of potentially changing the meeting start time prior to COVID-19. The Chair also confirmed that it has since been discovered that the 2:00 p.m. start time works well for everyone's schedule and provides the availability for technical staff to support the meetings. The Chair later called attention to the survey included in the meeting materials which provides the meeting start times for MPO Boards across the state.

Following further discussion by the Board and Mr. Tim Tuggey, CAMPO Legal Counsel, the Chair moved for approval to continue the 2:00 p.m. start time for the CAMPO Transportation Policy Board meetings until in-person or partial in-person meetings are resumed in the future.

Judge James Oakley seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed unanimously.

Ayes: Commissioner Cynthia Long, Council Member Ann Kitchen, Mayor Steve Adler, Council Member Alison Alter, Judge Sam Biscoe (Proxy for Commissioner Jeffrey Travillion), Commissioner Gerald Daugherty, Mr. Tucker Ferguson, P.E., Council Member Jimmy Flannigan, Mayor Troy Hill, Mayor Jane Hughson, Commissioner Mark Jones, Council Member Rudy Metayer, Mr. Terry Mitchell, Mayor Craig Morgan, Judge James Oakley, Commissioner Brigid Shea, Commissioner Edward Theriot, and Mayor Corbin Van Arsdale

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent and Not Voting: Commissioner Clara Beckett and Mayor Dale Ross

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9. Discussion and Take Appropriate Action on Amendments to the CAMPO National Highway System (NHS) Network

The Chair recognized Ms. Akila Thamizharasa of TxDOT who provided a brief summary of the National Highway System (NHS). Ms. Thamizharasa informed the Board that TxDOT has conducted a statewide evaluation of the NHS in determining if modifications are needed for the NHS network. Ms. Thamizharasa highlighted a timeline for the NHS Study which included subsequent meetings with CAMPO staff, TAC and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) review of the modification requests, and discussion of the revised modifications and recommendations.

Mr. Curtis Jones, Project Manager briefly discussed the NHS evaluation process, NHS modifications requests, and the MPO review and concurrence process.

The presentation concluded with a request for approval of amendments to the to the CAMPO NHS Network and accompanying Resolution 2020-8-9.

The Chair later entertained a motion to approve amendments to the CAMPO NHS Network and accompanying Resolution 2020-8-9.

Council Member Rudy Metayer moved for approval of amendments to the CAMPO NHS Network and accompanying Resolution 2020-8-9.

The Chair seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed unanimously.

Ayes: Commissioner Cynthia Long, Council Member Ann Kitchen, Mayor Steve Adler, Council Member Alison Alter, Judge Sam Biscoe (Proxy for Commissioner Jeffrey Travillion), Commissioner Gerald Daugherty, Mr. Tucker Ferguson, P.E., Council Member Jimmy Flannigan, Mayor Troy Hill, Mayor Jane Hughson, Commissioner Mark Jones, Council Member Rudy Metayer, Mr. Terry Mitchell, Mayor Craig Morgan, Judge James Oakley, Commissioner Brigid Shea, Commissioner Edward Theriot, and Mayor Corbin Van Arsdale

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent and Not Voting: Commissioner Clara Beckett and Mayor Dale Ross

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10. Discussion and Take Appropriate Action on Amendments to the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)

The Chair recognized Mr. Ryan Collins who highlighted and discussed amendments to the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Mr. Collins briefly discussed out of cycle amendment requests as received from the City of San Marcos, City of Leander, and

TxDOT for the 2019-2022 TIP. Mr. Collins also briefly discussed out of cycle amendment requests as received from Hays County and TxDOT for the 2045 RTP.

The Chair entertained a motion for approval of amendments to the 2019-2022 TIP and 2045 RTP and accompanying Resolution 2020-8-10.

Judge James Oakley moved for approval of amendments to the 2019-2022 TIP and 2045 RTP and accompanying Resolution 2020-8-10.

Commissioner Mark Jones seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed unanimously.

Ayes: Commissioner Cynthia Long, Council Member Ann Kitchen, Mayor Steve Adler, Council Member Alison Alter, Judge Sam Biscoe (Proxy for Commissioner Jeffrey Travillion), Commissioner Gerald Daugherty, Mr. Tucker Ferguson, P.E., Council Member Jimmy Flannigan, Mayor Troy Hill, Mayor Jane Hughson, Commissioner Mark Jones, Council Member Rudy Metayer, Mr. Terry Mitchell, Mayor Craig Morgan, Judge James Oakley, Commissioner Brigid Shea, Commissioner Edward Theriot, and Mayor Corbin Van Arsdale

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent and Not Voting: Commissioner Clara Beckett and Mayor Dale Ross

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11. Presentation on Benefits of a Potential Open Roads Policy for the CAMPO Region

The Chair recognized Mr. Tom Fowler of Kimley Horn & Associates who provided a brief overview of the Benefits of a Potential Open Roads Policy for the CAMPO Region. Mr. Fowler informed the Board that Kimley Horn & Associates is working with CAMPO and the TxDOT – Austin District to implement some of the recommendations that came out of CAMPO’s 2018 Regional Incident Management Strategic Plan. Mr. Fowler added that only 6 (six) of the recommendations were targeted for implementation of which the development of an Open Roads Policy to better facilitate traffic incident management became a focus. Mr. Fowler later provided a brief overview of the draft policy and summarized its benefits.

The Chair offered comments regarding her experience with the City of Austin’s Police Department timely incident management process.

Mr. Ashby Johnson, CAMPO Executive Director informed the Board that the draft Open Roads Policy will be presented to the TAC for recommendation and later to the Transportation Policy Board for approval. Mr. Johnson added that the draft policy will serve as a precursor to the work on the IH-35 Project.

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12. Update on FY 2019 Audit Finding Results

The Chair recognized Ms. Theresa Hernandez, Finance & Administration Manager who informed the Board that CAMPO received a clean audit for FY 2019. Ms. Hernandez reported that the audit was performed, completed, and submitted to the federal clearing house by Montemayor Britton Bender PC. Mr. Archie Montemayor of Montemayor Britton Bender PC provided a brief overview of the audit finding results.

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13. Executive Director's Report on Transportation Planning Activities

a. Update on the Draft 2021 Unified Transportation Program (UTP)

Mr. Ashby Johnson provided an update on the current status of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, federal transportation bill and briefly discussed a potential transportation stimulus bill anticipated for March 2021. Mr. Johnson also highlighted CAMPO's upcoming fall planning activities.

Mr. Chad McKeown later provided a brief overview of TxDOT's Unified Transportation Program (UTP). Mr. McKeown reported that CAMPO staff has been requested to review the draft 2021 UTP to ensure that the IH-35 Capital Express Project was fully funded. Mr. McKeown confirmed that the remaining funding delta of \$301 million has been included in the 2021 UTP as Category 12 Strategic Priority funds. Mr. McKeown also reported that the Texas Transportation Commission is scheduled to consider adoption of the 2021 UTP at its August 27, 2020 meeting.

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14. Announcements

The Chair announced that the next Technical Advisory Committee Meeting will be held on August 24, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. and the next Transportation Policy Board Meeting will be held on September 14, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

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15. Adjournment

The August 10, 2020 meeting of the Transportation Policy Board was adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

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