



**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
 October 12, 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	N	Council Member Paige Ellis
5	Clara Beckett	Commissioner, Bastrop County	Y	
6	Gerald Daugherty	Commissioner, Travis County	N	
7	Sam Biscoe	Judge, Travis County	N	
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	N	Council Member Marci Cannon
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	N	<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	Y	
19	Brigid Shea	Commissioner, Travis County	N	
20	Edward Theriot	Commissioner, Caldwell County	Y	
21	Jeffrey Travillion	Commissioner, Travis County	Y	
22	Corbin Van Arsdale	Mayor, City of Cedar Park	Y	

2. Public Comments

The Chair recognized the following individuals who offered public comments on the potential encroachment of the Alexander Farm and Alexander family cemetery due to the US 183 South Project.

1. Ms. Rosalind Alexander-Kasparik, Private Citizen
2. Mr. Marcellus Alexander, Jr., Private Citizen
3. Ms. Winell Alexander Herron, Private Citizen

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3. Chair AnnouncementsCommissioner Cynthia Long, Chair

The Chair announced that the Executive Committee will convene in October. The Chair informed the Board that she will work with Ashby Johnson, CAMPO Executive Director and Kimberly Petty, Executive Assistant to the CAMPO Executive Director for scheduling.

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

Vice Chair, Ms. Julia Cleary provided a report from the September 28, 2020 meeting.

Ms. Cleary reported that the TAC took action to approve the minutes from the May 18, 2020 meeting. Ms. Cleary also reported that the TAC received presentations on the following information items:

1. Discussion of Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Program Criteria
2. Discussion on Fall Amendment Cycle for Transportation Improvement Program and Regional Transportation Program
3. Discussion on Potential Open Roads Policy

Ms. Cleary summarized the discussions and comments from each presentation.

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5. Executive Session

An Executive Session was not convened.

6. Discussion and Take Appropriate Action on August 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes

The Chair entertained a motion for approval of the minutes for the August 10, 2020 as presented.

Judge James Oakley moved for approval of the August 10, 2020 meeting minutes, as presented.

Council Member Rudy Metayer seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed unanimously.

Ayes: Commissioner Cynthia Long, Council Member Ann Kitchen, Mayor Steve Adler, Commissioner Clara Beckett, Council Member Marci Cannon (Proxy for Mayor Troy Hill), Council Member Paige Ellis (Proxy for Council Member Alison Alter), Mr. Tucker Ferguson, P.E., Council Member Jimmy Flannigan, Mayor Jane Hughson, Commissioner Mark Jones, Council Member Rudy Metayer, Mr. Terry Mitchell, Mayor Craig Morgan, Judge James Oakley, Mayor Dale Ross, Commissioner Edward Theriot, Commissioner Jeffrey Travillion, and Mayor Corbin Van Arsdale

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent and Not Voting: Judge Sam Biscoe, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty, and Commissioner Brigid Shea

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7. Discussion and Take Appropriate Action on FY 2020 & 2021 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment #3

The Chair recognized Ms. Theresa Hernandez, Finance & Administration Manager who highlighted and discussed carryover funding from FY 2020 to FY 2021 by project. Ms. Hernandez also identified projects receiving additional funding in FY 2021. Ms. Hernandez later summarized corrections to the FY 2020 & 2021 UPWP not included in the meeting materials and requested approval of FY 2020 & 2021 UPWP Amendment #3 and accompanying Resolution 2020-10-7.

The Chair entertained a motion for approval of FY 2020 & 2021 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment #3 and accompanying Resolution 2020-10-7.

Judge James Oakley moved for approval of FY 2020 & 2021 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment #3 and accompanying Resolution 2020-10-7.

Mayor Craig Morgan seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed unanimously.

Ayes: Commissioner Cynthia Long, Council Member Ann Kitchen, Mayor Steve Adler, Commissioner Clara Beckett, Council Member Marci Cannon (Proxy for Mayor Troy Hill), Council Member Paige Ellis (Proxy for Council Member Alison Alter), Mr. Tucker Ferguson, P.E., Council Member Jimmy Flannigan, Mayor Jane Hughson, Commissioner Mark Jones, Council Member Rudy Metayer, Mr. Terry Mitchell, Mayor Craig Morgan, Judge James Oakley, Mayor Dale Ross, Commissioner Edward Theriot, Commissioner Jeffrey Travillion, and Mayor Corbin Van Arsdale

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent and Not Voting: Judge Sam Biscoe, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty, and Commissioner Brigid Shea

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8. Discussion and Take Appropriate Action on 2021 Transportation Policy Board Meeting Schedule

The Chair advised the Board to add the proposed meeting dates to their calendar and entertained a motion for approval of the proposed meeting dates for calendar year 2021, as presented.

Mayor Craig Morgan moved for approval of the proposed meeting dates for calendar year 2021, as presented.

Mayor Jane Hughson seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed unanimously.

Ayes: Commissioner Cynthia Long, Council Member Ann Kitchen, Mayor Steve Adler, Commissioner Clara Beckett, Council Member Marci Cannon (Proxy for Mayor Troy Hill), Council Member Paige Ellis (Proxy for Council Member Alison Alter), Mr. Tucker Ferguson, P.E., Council Member Jimmy Flannigan, Mayor Jane Hughson, Commissioner Mark Jones, Council Member Rudy Metayer, Mr. Terry Mitchell, Mayor Craig Morgan, Judge James Oakley, Mayor Dale Ross, Commissioner Edward Theriot, Commissioner Jeffrey Travillion, and Mayor Corbin Van Arsdale

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent and Not Voting: Judge Sam Biscoe, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty, and Commissioner Brigid Shea

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9. Briefing on US 183 South Study and Alexander Farm

The Chair informed the Board that public comment will follow the conclusion of the briefing on the US 183 South Study. The Chair introduced Ms. Heather Ashley-Nguyen, Director of Transportation Planning & Development of the TxDOT Austin District as presenter.

Ms. Ashley-Nguyen informed the Board that the purpose of the US 183 South Study is to explore potential improvement to US 183 (between SH 71 to SH 130) and the goal is to enhance safety, mobility and access within the project area. Ms. Ashley-Nguyen identified and discussed the study area, population and traffic growth in the corridor, and project development process. Ms. Ashley-Nguyen concluded the briefing with a summary of the public involvement and public outreach process and timeline for the US 183 South Study.

The Chair recognized the following individuals who offered public comments on the potential encroachment of the Alexander Farm and the Alexander family cemetery due to the US 183 South Study.

1. Ms. Rosalind Alexander Kasparik
2. Ms. Elizabeth Merritt
3. Ms. Donna Carter
4. Ms. Winell Alexander Herron

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10. Discussion on Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Program Criteria

The Chair recognized Mr. Ryan Collins, Short-Range Planning Manager who provided an overview of the current criteria for the FTA Section 5310 Program. Mr. Collins reminded the Board that the FTA Section 5310 Program is a grant program which allocates nearly \$1 million in funding annually for transportation programs that serve the elderly and individuals with disabilities. Mr. Collins reported that CAMPO is currently using the project selection criteria that was approved in 2012. Mr. Collins further reported that the Board has since directed CAMPO to reevaluate and update the Section 5310 scoring criteria.

Mr. Collins later provided a high-level overview of the current criteria followed by a brief discussion of the recommended changes. Mr. Collins informed the Board that the current Section 5310 criteria was reviewed by the TAC which recommended changing the schedule for the FTA Section 5310 Program project call to biannual. Mr. Collins noted that staff supports the recommendation by the TAC. The presentation was concluded by a detailed discussion with comments by the Board.

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11. Discussion on 2021 Transportation Alternative Set-Aside (TASA) Program Project Call

The Chair recognized Mr. Ryan Collins who informed the Board that a project call for the 2021 TASA Program will be held in early 2021. Mr. Collins reminded the Board that the TASA Program is a pull-out from the Surface Transportation Block (STGB) funding received by the region. Mr. Collins reported that TxDOT administers TASA funding in small-urbanized and rural areas of the region for smaller scale transportation projects and activities. Mr. Collins noted that TASA funding lapses if it is not obligated after four (4) years of being authorized.

Mr. Collins later informed the Board that CAMPO anticipates approximately \$10 million in available TASA funding for FY 2023-2026. Mr. Collins added that the project selection process used for the 2018 TASA Program project call will be used for the 2021 project call. Mr. Collins identified and discussed the following options for the 2021 TASA Project Call with consideration for specific deferred projects for the City of Austin and Travis County:

1. Option 1 – Allocate entirety of anticipated funding to new projects
2. Option 2 – Allocate funding to eligible projects from deferred list (subject to readiness evaluation and sponsor coordination) remainder of funding to new projects

Mr. Collins informed the Board that staff is recommending Option 2.

Mr. Ashby Johnson, CAMPO Executive Director offered comments on the purpose for providing options for initiating the 2021 TASA Project Call, noting the time limit on TASA funding. Mr. Johnson offered “Option 3 - Do nothing this year” as an additional option.

The presentation was concluded by brief comments by the Board.

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12. Executive Director's Report on Transportation Planning Activities

a. Update on Effects on the Region's Transportation System during the Pandemic

Mr. Nirav Ved, Special Assistant to the Executive Director of CAMPO presented and provided a brief overview on the data received in reporting the effects on the region's transportation system during the COVID -19 pandemic. Mr. Ved discussed the decrease in collected revenue for FY 2020 since the pandemic and its impact on major sources of the State Highway Fund. Mr. Ved also highlighted and discussed data comparisons which included computer and internet availability for the working from home option, commute modes by race, use of public transportation by industry, working from home by industry. The report was concluded by comments from the Board and Mr. Ashby Johnson.

b. Project Progress Reports

Mr. Ryan Collins reported that staff was informed that some of the project progress reports included in the meeting materials for this item did not update correctly. Mr. Collins added that updated project progress reports will be forwarded to the Board for their review. Mr. Collins briefly highlighted tracking information included in the reports. Mr. Collins also reported that a presentation on the progress of the region is forthcoming. The report was concluded by comments from the Board and Mr. Ashby Johnson.

c. Miscellaneous

1. CAMPO Executive Director Facilitates National Academy of Science Panel on Equity in Transportation

This item first in the Executive Director's Report on Transportation Planning Activities.

Mr. Ashby Johnson reported that he was selected to facilitate a panel by the Transportation Research Board for the National Academy of Sciences on Equity in Transportation. Mr. Johnson informed the Board that the purpose of the panel was to develop research ideas on equity that could be threaded into the National Academy of Sciences' research work for the next three (3) to four (4) years. Mr. Johnson further reported that the panel was attended by individuals from across the country representing transit operators, state highway departments of transportation, and researchers.

The Chair commended Mr. Johnson on his participation on the panel and noted that it is a testimony to the respect earned in the State and the nation. The Chair commented that it makes CAMPO and the region look good and further commended Mr. Johnson on his leadership of CAMPO.

2. CTRMA receives Engineering News Record Recognition for Construction of SH 45SW

Mr. Johnson also recognized and congratulated the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (CTRMA) as an award recipient from Engineering News Record for its work on the planning and construction of SH 45SW.

Mr. Johnson later reported that staff is reviewing the deferred projects list to develop a prioritization process for the items that were not discussed in today's meeting. Mr. Johnson noted that this request was a topic of discussion with Vice Chair Ann Kitchen. Mr. Johnson further reported that the results of that work is anticipated to be presented for review at the November Board meeting.

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13. Announcements

The Chair announced that the next Technical Advisory Committee Meeting will be held on October 19, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. and the next Transportation Policy Board Meeting will be held on November 2, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

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14. Adjournment

The Chair entertained a motion to adjourn the October 12, 2020 meeting of the Transportation Policy Board.

Commissioner Jeffrey Travillion moved for approval to adjourn the October 12, 2020 meeting of the Transportation Policy Board.

Mayor Jane Hughson seconded the motion.

The October 12, 2020 meeting of the Transportation Policy Board was adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

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