



The City of

# San Angelo, Texas

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**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
SAN ANGELO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
Thursday, March 30, 2011  
McNease Convention Center  
500 Rio Concho Drive**

**I. Call to Order.**

Meeting called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Chairperson, Mayor Alvin New.

Voting members present:

Alvin New, Mayor, City of San Angelo  
Mike Brown, Judge, Tom Green County  
Phil Neighbors, President, Chamber of Commerce  
Clinton Bailey, City Engineer, City of San Angelo  
Harold Dominguez, City Manager, City of San Angelo  
Aubrey deCordova, Commissioner, Tom Green County  
John Obr, District Engineer, TxDOT  
John DeWitt, Director of Transportation Planning and Development, TxDOT  
Shawn Lewis, Director of Development Services, City of San Angelo

Members not in attendance:

Luis Elguezabal, Airport Director, City of San Angelo  
Jeffrey Sutton, Executive Director, Concho Valley Council of Governments

Interested parties in attendance:

Dan Saluri, COSA  
Blake Wilde, COSA  
Sean Scott, CVTD  
Delma Childress, TxDOT  
Kristen Hereford, TxDOT  
Curtis Whitlock, TxDOT  
Montie Wade, TTI  
Walter McCullough

MPO Staff in attendance:

E'Lisa Smetana, Director-MPO  
Doray Hill, Jr., Transportation Planner  
Sarah Tackett, Transportation Planning Technician

**II. Pledge**

**III. Public Comment.**

Appreciation plaque presented to Ms. Smetana by MPO Board and staff.

**IV. Consideration of Approval of the Minutes for the February 10, 2011 MPO Policy Board Meeting.**

*Motion to approve minutes by Mr. Neighbors, seconded by Mr. Lewis and carried unanimously.*

**V. Discussion and Consideration of Approval of the Amendment to the MPO By-Laws.**

Mr. New stated that we have a few things to consider for this item. He explained that there is an opportunity to amend the By-Laws at this time. The Board also needs to discuss/decide if an executive and/or hiring committee needs to be put in place. If the decision is made to create either of these, an additional amendment will need to be made to the By-Laws. Mr. New stated that he thought the board was happy with the current process. Mr. Neighbors stated that he liked the idea of a selection committee; they could bring back a recommendation to the board. Judge Brown stated that to him it looked like the Executive Committee had the ability to take action which could put them in the realm of being subject to the Open-Meetings Act. Mr. Dan Saluri, Assistant City Attorney, explained that if Executive Committee is limited to making recommendations and the board has the final authority, then the Executive Committee is not subject to the Open-Meetings Act. The proposed amendments to the By-Laws were as follows: Article I – Re-designation, Article V (Section 5.01) – Senior Transportation Planner to Transportation Planning Coordinator and specify the liaison from the City of San Angelo, Article VII – Public Involvement Policy changed to Public Participation Plan, and Article IV (Section 4.07) & Article VIII – delete present.

Changes to amendments of By-Laws by board:

Article I – accept as is

Article III – Designate such Technical Committees or tasks force as necessary to carry out the work of the MPO.

Article IV & Article VIII – leave “present”

Article V (Section 5.01) – accept change of Senior Transportation Planner to Transportation Planning Coordinator, regarding the liaison (Item F) Maintain communication with the City Manager as the liaison between the MPO and the City of San Angelo with respect to the MOU between the MPO and the City of San Angelo.

Article VII – Public Involvement Plan to Public Participation Plan

*Motion to approve Amendments to the MPO By-Laws with changes as noted by Judge Brown, seconded by Mr. Lewis and carried unanimously.*

**VI. Presentation and Discussion on “Developing Bikeways on Angelo State University Campus and Connection to the City” by Christopher Knappe. (Thesis for Master of Landscape Architecture Degree at Texas Tech University in Lubbock)**

Ms. Smetana stated that the MPO was fortunate to have worked with Mr. Knappe on this study. Mr. Knappe put together an extensive survey; this information will be tied into the current Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan. The goal of his study was to strengthen the bicycle infrastructure on ASU’s campus and in San Angelo.

Mr. Knappe gave an overview of his survey, findings, and conclusions. There were no questions.

*No action taken.*

*(Item IX moved to Item VII, Item X moved to item VIII)*

**VII. Executive Session**

Executive Session under the provision of Government Code, Title 5. Open Government; Ethics, Subtitle A. Open Government, Chapter 551. Open Meetings, Subchapter D. Exceptions to requirement that Meetings be Open, Section 551.074 to deliberate personnel matters – to deliberate the appointment and duties of the interim MPO Director.

11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

**VIII. Consideration of matters discussed in Executive Session and any in action in connection thereto.**

Mr. New stated that Mr. Hill should consult TTI as needed with questions/concerns. Mr. New suggested that transportation projects be moved up on the agenda in the future.

*Motion to appoint Mr. Doray Hill as interim MPO Director with a 10% pay raise to \$41,037 per year by Mr. New, seconded by Mr. DeWitt and carried unanimously.*

**IX. MPO Staff Report:**

- MPO's Operations Report
- Collision Data for 2010
- Bicycle/Pedestrian Accident Data for 2003-2010
- MPO Project Updates and Task Management

**Meetings/Trainings**

- Laredo/Coahuila/Nuevo Leon/Tamaulipas Border Master Plan (Laredo – March 9-10, 2011)
- West Texas Rail Study Stakeholders Meeting (Odessa – March 22, 2011)

**Operations Report**

Included in packet.

**Collision Data for FY 2010**

Mr. Hill presented the collision data for January 2010 – December 2010. There were a total of 2,946 vehicle collisions; five fatalities occurred during this time period. The top locations of 2010 were very similar to 2009; Sherwood Way appeared frequently. This data also included motorcycles; a total of 30 for 2010. Mr. Hill presented a list of the top 29 locations; maps were shown with locations noted. Contributing factors of top locations were also presented.

**Bicycle/Pedestrian Accident Data for 2003 - 2010**

Mr. Hill presented the updated data; data includes January 2003 – December 2010. During these years, there were a total of 352 collisions; eight fatalities occurred during these years. Pedacyclist injuries were double pedestrian injuries. The updated map showing all collisions was also presented.

**MPO Project Updates and Task Management**

Ms. Smetana presented a project file schedule; this document outlines all pending projects, grants, and presentations that the MPO currently has. A project list for transportation planning was also presented. This list outlines all normal activities for the MPO in a year. The MPO is also going to meet with TTI this afternoon to refine both lists. This will help the MPO in the interim.

### **Meetings/Trainings**

Border Master Plan – Ms. Smetana explained that the working group looked at criteria/weights to rank projects. She explained that some of these projects are very important to the Ports-to-Plains route.

West Texas Rail Study – Ms. Smetana stated that she and Mr. Hill had attended this meeting. There were discussions continued on the feasibility of having a rail line from Del Rio to Seagraves. Topics included rail infrastructure, financing options, and benefits of rail. The group looked at existing rail lines in Texas; many run east to west but none run north to south. The final stakeholder meeting is scheduled for July.

*Mr. New left the meeting at 11:20 a.m.*

### **X. Discussion and Review of Transportation Projects and any action in connection thereto:**

**Mr. Curtis Whitlock presented the following information:**  
(as of February 28, 2010)

#### **Loop 306 at F.M. 388 (TxDOT) - \$15,683,540.07**

Limits: From 2.929 Miles North of US 87 to 5.177 Miles North of US 87.  
Contractor has been paid \$13,068,736.56.  
Time set for project = 480 working days.  
Contractor has used = 375 working days.  
Project is 83.18% complete.  
Contractor has used 78.13% of time set.  
Project is ahead of schedule by 5.05%.  
Project is ahead by 24 working days.

#### **American Recovery and Reinvestment Projects Update:**

#### **RM 584 Overlay Project - \$1,036,943.88**

Limits: From US 87 to Red Arroyo  
Contractor has been paid \$972,264.77.  
Time set for project = 38 working days.  
Contractor has used 27 working days.  
Project is 100% complete.  
Contractor has used 71.05% of time.

#### **Lone Wolf Historic Bridge (TxDOT) - \$1,768,601.86**

Limits: At Avenue K at South Concho River  
Contractor has been paid \$856,851.58  
Time set for project = 210 working days  
Contractor has used = 167 working days  
Project is 61.22% complete  
Contractor has used 79.52 % of time set for project  
Project is behind schedule by 18.00%  
Project is behind schedule by 38 working days

**Mr. Blake Wilde presented the following information:**

#### **Avenue N at College Hills Intersection (City Staff) - \$1,131,526.68**

Limits: West Avenue N from Sherwood Way to St. Marys Street  
Contractor has been paid \$1,302,602.02  
Percentage paid = 100%

Time set for project = 184 working days  
Contractor has used = 113 working days  
Percentage of time used = 61%  
Anticipated completion: October 13, 2010  
Summary: Project complete. TDLR ADA review complete.

#### **North Chadbourne Street Scape Project**

Limits: North Chadbourne Street from 18<sup>th</sup> Street to 20<sup>th</sup> Street  
Bid Amount = \$457,034.15  
Amount of Change Orders = \$5,750.00  
Adjusted Contract Amount to Include Change Orders = \$462,784.15  
Paid to date = \$0.00.  
Percentage Paid = 0.00%  
Notice to Proceed Date = January 20, 2011  
Contract days for completion = 90 working days.  
Number of days used = 12 working days.  
Percentage of time used = 13.00%.  
Anticipated completion = April 19, 2011.  
Summary: Notice to proceed issued January 20, 2011.

#### **50<sup>th</sup> Street Construction Project & Grape Creek Road Reconstruction Project**

Limits: 50<sup>th</sup> Street from Travis to Armstrong Street (SH 208)  
Bid Amount = \$3,546,612.86  
Amount of Change Orders = \$0.00  
Adjusted Contract Amount to Include Change Orders = \$3,546,612.86  
Paid to Date = \$0.00  
Percentage Paid = \$0.00  
Notice to Proceed Date = Not issued  
Contract Days for Completion = 360 for 50<sup>th</sup> & 180 for Grape Creek  
Number of Days Used = 0 for each  
Percentage of Time Used = 0.00%  
Anticipated Completion = NA  
Summary: The project was awarded on March 22, 2011 to Reece Albert, Inc. Completion of utility adjustments at 50<sup>th</sup> Street and Armstrong (SH 208) will delay construction activities in this area. Utility providers are currently working on the relocation of an overhead electrical transmission anchor pole and an underground gas transmission line at 50<sup>th</sup> Street. Construction activities on Grape Creek Road will start once a new water line is installed the length of the project.

#### **Airport Update (City Staff)**

Mr. Elguezabal

*Judge Brown left the meeting at 11:35 a.m.*

#### **Public Transit Update (CVTD)**

- Multi-Modal Terminal  
Ms. Smetana stated that the construction is underway and on schedule. There are two facilities under construction. One building will house the Concho Valley Transit District, MPO Offices, and the two inter-city bus carriers. The other building will be a shell; currently there are no plans to finish the interior. There are two other potential locations for expansion if the demand is there.

- Concho Valley Regional Coordination Planning Committee  
Mr. Hill stated that the MPO is still working with the CVTD regarding the Regional Coordination. At the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Meeting the committee discussed creating a new needs assessment survey to identify transportation needs. The committee will work collectively to develop; possibly work with ASU. The survey will be distributed by mail, email, and online. The next meeting is June 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

**XI. Announcements and/or Suggestions of Future Agenda Items.**

**XII. Adjournment of Policy Board meeting.**

*Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.*

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Mayor, Alvin New  
Chairman