

**MINUTES OF THE SAN ANGELO
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
POLICY BOARD**

August 17, 2023

The San Angelo MPO Policy Board met at 8:30 A.M. August 17, 2023

Voting Members Present:

Chris Cowen, TxDOT

Daniel Valenzuela, City of San Angelo

John DeWitt, Director of Transportation Planning and Development, TxDOT

Mayor Brenda Gunter, Mayor, City of San Angelo

John Austin Stokes, Executive Director, CVCOG/CVTD

Voting Members Absent:

Lane Carter, County Judge, Tom Green County

Walter Koenig III, San Angelo Chamber of Commerce

Proxy Members Present:

Rick Bacon, County Commissioner, Tom Green County

Shane Kelton, City of San Angelo

Jeff York, CVTD General Manager

Michael Looney, Chamber of Commerce

Harry Thomas, City of San Angelo Councilman

Others Present:

Larry Miller, City of San Angelo Councilman

Shawn Nanny, County Commissioner, Tom Green County

Russell Pell, TxDOT

MPO Staff members present:

Major Hofheins, Director

Pete Madrid, Planner/ Project Coordinator

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Brenda Gunter called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. Public Comment.

No Public Comment

3. Consideration of approval of the Minutes of the May 11, 2023 Policy Board meeting.

Motion to accept as presented by Rick Bacon

Second by John Austin Stokes

Passed by unanimous vote

4. Representative Reports:

• **Shane Kelton, City of San Angelo**

College Hills is going well, curbs are installed almost all the way to Oxford. Hopefully finished to Oxford including the intersection in the next 30 to 45 days. Expecting to finish the pavement phase in late September or Early October to Millbrook. Underground culverts about two blocks off of Sunset for drainage of Sunset are about complete. Utility work should be finished by the end of this week. Still currently ahead of schedule. Howard Street Reconstruction work to start this week. Now working Utilities one block at a time. Once that is complete then Reece Albert

can move in to start the actual reconstruction project. Jackson Street between the railroad tracks and Knickerbocker was just let, awarded to Reece Albert. Expecting project start in April of 2024. Southwest project, a signal in at Walnut Hill which created a new crosswalk system for the children going to school. Currently, waiting McDonalds to finish up their flatwork around their property so we can finish the channel improvements. Finished up water project on A&M. Going back with a mill and overlay on that section. North Chadbourne from 7th street all the way to 43rd street should be out for bid by the end of this month. Utility work is already done. Sealcoat project finishing up this week. Expecting the poles for the traffic light at Knickerbocker and Twin Mountain to be in in October. Old Christoval Road utilities work by City will be first phase. Sunset Drive is in design phase right now. Avenue N at Johnson St. will be next project for design.

Question by Alvin New on Jonson St. between railroad tracks and Knickerbocker. Will the intersection be redone? Shane, new signalized lighting will be installed but the intersection itself will not be redone.

- **Chris Cowen, TxDOT**

Bryant and Avenue L replace signal and upgrade the pedestrian elements. That work is ongoing and on schedule. Should be complete by the end of this calendar year. There is ongoing work at the Bell St. frontage roads. Those intersections were hot mix and have now been upgraded to concrete.

Question by Brenda Gunter about Bryant, Avenue Q and Knickerbocker. What is the game plan for that area? John DeWitt, at this point there is no momentum on widening the radius of the turn off Bryant onto Ave Q. We do have a signalization project coming up for that intersection and pedestrian elements.

Chris, Main Street bridge on Loop 306 was damaged this year and we are working on those repairs. Phase 1 work is complete. Phase two will be to repair the beams that should happen in September hopefully wrapped up in October. Oakes Street bridge, the contractor is working on the deck area on top. Once that is complete then they must go down under the bridge and work on those repairs. Do not expect those repairs to be done until sometime next spring. Pedestrian elements at various locations is at 19th street right now, this project is taking a little longer than predicted but is going well. Arden Rd and Ave. N we had delivered a project in the spring to letting that there were no bidders on. It has been relet this August and we had two bidders. The commission met and awarded the project. Lead time of approximately 7 months due to signal equipment delivery. Nasworthy bridge. The contractor was working to rehabilitate the existing structure. While they were accomplishing that work, they found some damage to one of the box beams. We are working with the Bridge Division, and they have provided us with some guidance in addition to this guidance they calculated some load conditions and found that with those box beams the load rating on that bridge needs to be reduced at least in the short term. We have a contractor there now working with the Bridge Division, hopefully to bring that bridge back out of load post. If no alternatives can be found it will be load posted until we can replace the bridge or come up with some new repairs.

- **John DeWitt**

We had the first scoping meeting with those that will be working on schematic development and environmental for the northern segment of the relief route. We should have more public involvement this winter. Also just kicking off the final plan development for the next connecting segment of the relief route (US 277) from US 67 to north of FM2105.

Question by Alvin New about consideration for possibly using the State Infrastructure Bank for a possible future rail spur project into the Industrial Park. John DeWitt, the possible future project has been talked about and we have had a visit from the State Infrastructure Bank officials to explain how it works and the possibilities that it creates.

- **Rick Bacon**

Sealcoat project is complete in the county.

- **John Austin Stokes**

Broadband funding assistance for local and small providers to navigate funding process. Be mindful of any decisions at this point and hopefully the COG will come out with some guidance about support and limitations for those that will be asked for their political and local support.

- **Jeff York**

Fixed Route ridership is up 5% over last month.

ASU ridership is up 131%

Goodfellow ridership is still down

Demand Response ridership is up 14% over last month.

On-time performance is at 97%

Going to make some changes to existing route. Route 7 and the Goodfellow route will be changed to an on-demand service.

Maintenance facility out on Link Road construction should start in January or February.

Expecting a 12 month to completion time frame. The bus parking lot here at the East end of the property is under A&E for design and engineering. Bid went out for installation of bus shelters with no responses received. Revisiting this project to package it with something else to maybe get some contract response. John Austin, we had a lot of trouble with concrete grades in the past so we are working on that and we are definitely getting some interest now. The shelters are actually in town now so that is a delay that we will no longer have to deal with. Jeff, we are working on a grant to get bus shelters for the 5310 service. These will be targeted shelters for areas where our 5310 program serves regularly.

- **Michael Looney**

We have had a definite increase in prospects for the rail port. Currently have three prospects since the last time we met. One is a manufacturer and two are office warehouse distribution facilities designed for regional distribution of products made across the border and other locations in North America. The Rail Port has definitely been the magnet for these interested parties. Another warehouse distribution/logistics facility for the Industrial Park. Report on the rail bridge in Presidio has not changed much since our last meeting. It is encouraging that some movement is taking place with CBP on the U.S. side.

5. Action Items:

1. Adoption of 2424 UPWP

Motion to approve as presented by John Austin Stokes.

Seconded by Rick Bacon.

Passed by unanimous vote.

2. CVCOG Lease Agreement

Motion to accept and approve as presented by Rick Bacon

Second by John DeWitt

Passed by unanimous vote.

6. Information Items:

Presentation of the FHWA/FTA Enhanced Planning Review Draft.

Presentation of the 2023-2026 and 2025-2028 TIP Amendment timeline.

Thanks for a successful June 21, 2023 working group session.

7. Opportunity for members of the Policy Board or MPO Staff to recommend topics for future discussion or action.

Nothing requested

8. Next Scheduled Meeting- October 12, 2023 @ 8:30AM

- **Adjournment @ 10:05 AM**

Mayor, Brenda Gunter, Chairman

Major Hofheins, Director