

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

March 9, 2023

The San Angelo MPO Policy Board met at 8:30 A.M. March 9, 2023

Voting Members Present:

John DeWitt, Director of Transportation Planning and Development, TxDOT
Mayor Brenda Gunter, Mayor, City of San Angelo
John Austin Stokes, Executive Director, CVCOG/CVTD
Walter Koenig III, San Angelo Chamber of Commerce

Voting Members Absent:

Chris Cowen, TxDOT
Lane Carter, County Judge, Tom Green County
Daniel Valenzuela, City of San Angelo

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
Will McLane, TxDOT

Others Present:

Larry Miller City of San Angelo Councilman
Todd Gibson, TxDOT
Shawn Nanny, County Commissioner, Tom Green County
Aspen Robert, CVTD
Steve Floyd, Coalition Commissioner, Gulf Coast Strategic Highway Coalition

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 8:32 a.m.

2. Public Comment.

No Public Comment

3. Representative Reports:

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

College Hills is on schedule, just about finished up on the East side of the St.

Working with the County on the sealcoat project for next year with a hopeful start of late summer.

Seeing movement with TxDOT rail division on property at Fifth St. and Chadbourne. Howard St. project in design stage.

Sunset design has started.

- **John DeWitt**
Old Christoval Rd. bids have been received. They are higher than expected, just short of \$40,000,000.00.
Kicking off the final plan development for the next segment of the relief route (US 277)
- **Rick Bacon**
Interlocal agreement with the City for the sealcoat project is the biggest thing going on at the moment.
- **Jeff York**
Fixed Route ridership is up 41% over last year.
ASU ridership is up 131%
Goodfellow ridership is down 49%
Jeff and City Councilman Larry Miller explained that there is a real problem with awareness of the service that is being provided from the students all the way to the top at the base. They have finally made some headway communicating with the Technical Training Group and have received positive responses that something will be done to make the students more aware. CVTD has responded with materials to be handed down to the students.
Demand Response ridership is up 43%
On-time performance is at 97%
- **Walter Koenig**
San Angelo is realizing and increase in National and International recognition and interest as a place to look at when creating, moving or expanding.
- **Michael Looney**
Several projects are in the works with industry for the rail port. Some will need rail right to their facility. The rail port has become the magnet for economic development that we had hoped it would. Brenda asked about the U.S. Customs facility at the Presidio Rail Bridge. Then she shared information that funding has been appropriated and a new director moved into place through Drew Darby's office. As a result, a new timeline schedule has been established.

4. Action Items:

1. MTP Amendments

Highway amendment to amend the description of the US 277 project to "Convert non-freeway to freeway and to amend the funding considering the recent funds assured by the TxDOT rail division. Transit amendments adjust CVTD Funding and expenditures for FY 2023 and 2024.

Motion to approve as presented by John Austin Stokes and seconded by Rick Bacon. Passed by unanimous vote.

2. TIP Amendments

Highway projects CSJ 0264-06-044 US 277. Description changed to "Convert Non-Freeway to Freeway. Cost reduced by the \$25,000,000 in funding being provided by the rail division. The Financial Summary was also amended to reflect the funding change as well.

Transit projects PT200-23-04, funding stripped to create project PT200-23-10 A&E project for paving and possible upgrades to Bus Parking Lot at the Depot. PT200-23-06, description and scope change to "purchase vehicles for urban" to provide more flexibility in purchases. PT200-23-09, project for paving and upgrades of bus parking lot. PT200-24-06 description and scope change to

“purchase of vehicles for urban” to provide more flexibility in purchases. PT200-24-10, new project to purchase rolling stock in FY2024. Financial Summary amended to reflect new projects.

Motion to approve as presented by John Austin Stokes and seconded by Rick Bacon. Passed by unanimous vote.

5. Information Items:

Start discussion on Canal Road/US 277 intersection.

John DeWitt explained that the contract for the feasibility of the Northern segment of the Relief Route had some funding unused, so they had asked Garver to do a very limited scan of the intersection and the safety data. The conversation branched out into a larger discussion about the possible interchange with US 87, US 277 and Loop 306. The conversation will continue in the near future.

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

Staff reminded the Policy Board members about the coming MPO101 workgroup with Kirk Fauver and William Frawley.

Rick Bacon asked that the Planning Area Boarders for the MPO be considered for expansion with the Northern segment and FM 2288 just outside the MPO boundaries but having a substantial impact on the area. Brenda asked that maps be made available at the next meeting.

7. Next Scheduled Meeting- May 11, 2023 @ 8:30AM

- **Adjournment @ 9:18 AM**

Mayor, Brenda Gunter, Chairman

Major Hofheins, Director