



Technical Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 30, 2009

Voting Members Present:

Dean Danos
Renee Green, P.E.
Trish Wallace, AICP
Christina Delacruz, P.E.
Blake Partridge
Richard LaBiche
Ken Zigrang
Christina Castaño-Perez

Alamo Area Council of Governments
Bexar County
City of San Antonio Planning Department
City of San Antonio Public Works Dept.
Northeast Partnership
Private Transportation Providers
Texas Department of Transportation
VIA Metropolitan Transit

Voting Members Absent:

Manuel Longoria

Greater Bexar County Council of Cities

Others Present:

Peter Bella
Steven Smeltzer
Patrick Irwin, P.E.
Milo Nitschke
Richard Higby
Mary Frances Teniente
Scott Ericksen
Jeanne Geiger
Zack Graham
Lydia Kelly
Stephanie Lee
Sid Martinez
Kelly Marquis
Nick Page

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Renee Green called the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Jeanne Geiger called roll. A quorum was present.

2. Citizens to be Heard

There were none.

3. Approval of the September 11, 2009 and October 9, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Dean Danos moved and Richard LaBiche seconded the motion to approve the September 11, 2009 and October 9, 2009 meeting minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Air Quality Planning

Steven Smeltzer from the Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG) presented on work completed to date for Subtask 3.3 Air Quality Planning.

Smeltzer explained the trend analysis and historical reviews of emission inventories of 1996, 1999, 2002, 2005, 2013 and 2018 and the Sensitivity Model Runs with the removal of all anthropogenic emissions. In addition, Smeltzer reviewed the Control Strategy Model Runs based on the removal of VOC and NOx precursor emissions, the removal of 20 tons of VOC and NOx precursor emissions by source category, hourly on-road emission reduction model runs, and individual on-road control strategy model runs.

In addition, he reviewed the Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS). He stated the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will announce that it will reconsider the 2008 revisions to the ozone NAAQS. The EPA felt that the standard set in 2008 was not as protective as what was recommended by the EPA's Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC). The CASAC recommended a primary standard for eight-hour average ozone from 0.060 ppm to 0.070 ppm. The final rule will be issued by August 2010.

Smeltzer stated that the draft standard will be announced in December 2009 while the Federal Register publication will take place in early 2010.

Smeltzer summarized the Photochemical Modeling Episodes from September 13-20, 1999 and May 31-June 15, 2006. The 1999 model does not meet all recommended criteria for episode selection under the 2007 EPA modeling guidance for attainment demonstrations. It can also be used in combination with the May 31-June 15, 2006 photochemical model for SIP demonstrations and control strategy analysis. The 2006 Model episode features all primary and secondary selection criteria under the 2007 EPA modeling guidance, including several periods of high ozone in Austin, Dallas, and San Antonio. In addition, the 2006 Model provides a base case for future SIP modeling work and control strategy analysis.

For review and discussion only. Action will be requested on the final report at the January TAC meeting.

5. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Amendments to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program

Jeanne Geiger stated this agenda item was to review amendments to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The amendments were included in the meeting package materials. Geiger stated the draft amendments include adding projects that were allocated Proposition 12 funding from the Texas Transportation Commission (TTC) in November. In addition, Geiger stated the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) requested to include the IH 10 projects into

the TIP as “back-up” American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funded projects in the event the currently funded economic stimulus projects, locally or statewide, cannot make the necessary implementation deadlines.

Geiger stated the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (ARMA) has also submitted amendments but the MPO is waiting to hear from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) as to the eligibility of the amendments at this time due to financial constraint issues with the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Patrick Irwin and Milo Nitschke, from the Alamo RMA briefly presented the amendments to the US 281, Loop 1604 and IH 35 projects but after discussion withdrew the request for amending the TIP and MTP.

For review and discussion only. Action will be requested at the January TAC meeting.

6. Discussion and Appropriate Action on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan “Mobility 2035”

Jeanne Geiger presented this item and stated that, with some minor updates, the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) document and project list (“Mobility 2035”) had not changed since the MTP Workshop held on November 16th.

Geiger reviewed the chapter contents, maps and tables with TAC. It was noted that some of the tables in Chapter 7 Roadway System were missing information. Geiger responded that the modeling work was not yet complete. TAC recommended not transmitting the Roadway chapter to the Transportation Policy Board until the modeling work was complete and the tables correctly filled in.

Discussion continued on the Alamo RMA’s requested amendments. The result was that the projects in the MTP would be amended per the RMA’s request but the projects in the TIP would not be amended until the financial issues associated with the STIP were settled.

Christina Castaño-Perez stated VIA Metropolitan Transit will be sending a letter to Transportation Policy Board members recommending the Plan be adopted and establishing a process to successfully implement the growth scenario adopted by the Transportation Policy Board.

Trish Wallace moved and Richard LaBiche seconded the motion to recommend the Transportation Policy Board adopt “Mobility 2035”, the MPO’s Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

A roll call vote was requested:

Roll Call Vote:

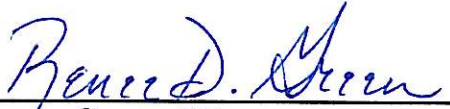
Dean Danos	Yea
Renee Green	Yea
Trish Wallace	Yea
Christina Delacruz	Yea
Richard LaBiche	Yea
Blake Partridge	Nay
Ken Zigrang	Yea
Christina Castañ0-Perez	Yea

The motion passed.

7. Announcements

There were none.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.



Renee D. Green
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Chair

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