Jefferson-Orange-Hardin Regional Transportation Study

Transportation Conformity Report

JOHRTS FY 2019-2022 TIP Amendment #1
JOHRTS MTP-2045

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Metropolitan Planning Organization (SETRPC-MPO)
for the Jefferson-Orange-Hardin Regional Transportation Study (JOHRTS) Area

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Glossary of Abbreviations

ACS	American Community Survey
CAAA	Clean Air Act Amendments
DOT	US Department of Transportation
EPA	US Environmental Protection Agency
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
IAC	Interagency Consultation
JOHRTS	Jefferson-Orange-Hardin Transportation Study
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
MTP	Metropolitan Transportation Plan
NAAQS	National Ambient Air Quality Standards
NOx	Oxides of nitrogen
PPP	Public Participation Plan
SETRPC	South East Texas Regional Planning Commission
SIP	State Implementation Plan
TAZ	Traffic Analysis Zone
TCEQ	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
TCM	Transportation Control Measure
TDM	Travel Demand Model
TIP	Transportation Improvement Program
TPC	Transportation Planning Committee
TxDOT-TPP	Texas Department of Transportation-Transportation Planning and Programming Division

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TXSDC	Texas State Data Center
UTSA	University of Texas-San Antonio
VMT	Vehicle Miles Traveled
VOC	Volatile organic compounds

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Chapter 1: Executive Summary

1.1 Conformity Overview

Section 176(c)(4) of the Clean Air Act Amendments (CAAA) of 1990 requires Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) for areas designated as nonattainment or maintenance for the pollutant ozone to conduct an air quality conformity analysis to ensure metropolitan transportation plans (MTPs) and transportation improvement programs (TIPs) are consistent with the region's air quality goals. Recent court rulings in the *South Coast Air Quality Management District vs EPA (South Coast II)* case have affected the status of areas such as the Jefferson-Orange-Hardin Regional Transportation Study (JOHRTS) area which was re-designated to attainment with a maintenance plan for the 1997 8-hour Ozone NAAQS in 2010 and was designated attainment/unclassifiable for the 2008 8-hour Ozone NAAQS and 2015 8-hour Ozone NAAQS.

The court rulings have resulted in such areas, known as 'orphan' areas, having to demonstrate conformity under their previous designation for the 1997 8-hour Ozone NAAQS. Based on the November 2018 EPA guidance document *'Transportation Conformity Guidance for the South Coast II Court Decision,'* a regional emissions analysis is not required for this conformity demonstration. This document details this effort by the South East Texas Regional Planning Commission-MPO (SETRPC-MPO), with technical assistance from the Texas Department of Transportation – Transportation Planning and Programming Division (TxDOT-TPP), to perform the air quality conformity analysis and obtain a conformity determination.

1.2 Maintenance Area

The Beaumont-Port Arthur area (Hardin, Jefferson, and Orange Counties) was re-designated from nonattainment to attainment-maintenance for the 1997 8-hour Ozone NAAQS, effective November 19, 2010. The area was initially designated attainment/ unclassifiable for the 2008 8-hour Ozone NAAQS and remains in attainment for that standard as well as the new 2015 8-hour Ozone NAAQS. When the 1997 8-hour Ozone NAAQS was revoked by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), transportation conformity requirements for the 1997 8-hour Ozone NAAQS were also revoked (effective 4/6/2015). Due to its designation as attainment/unclassifiable for the 2008 8-hour Ozone NAAQS and current 2015 8-hour Ozone NAAQS, the Beaumont-Port Arthur area has not been subject to transportation conformity requirements since 2015. The court's decision in *South Coast II* reinstated the conformity requirements for the area as part of maintenance for the 1997 8-hour Ozone NAAQS. The EPA's November 2018 guidance document for areas affected by the *South Coast II* decision includes the conformity criteria that the EPA considers applicable to 'orphan' areas.

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1.3 Conformity Criteria

As per the EPA guidance referenced in Section 1.2, conformity for the 1997 8-hour Ozone NAAQS can be demonstrated by the SETRPC-MPO, with technical assistance from TxDOT-TPP, by meeting 1) use of the latest planning assumptions, 2) consultation requirements, 3) fiscal constraint requirements of MTPs and TIPs, and 4) if applicable, timely implementation of Transportation Control Measures (TCMs). As the JOHRTS region has no TCMs, requirement 4) is not part of the conformity criteria for the region.

1.4 MTP & TIP Conformity

Results of the transportation conformity determination demonstrate that the JOHRTS MTP-2045 and the JOHRTS Revised FY 2019-2022 TIP meet all transportation air quality conformity requirements of the CAAA and the *South Coast II* guidance. This conformity determination involved Interagency Consultation (Chapter 7) and Public Participation (Chapter 8).

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Chapter 2: Air Quality

2.1 Air Pollution

Based on the CAAA, the EPA sets national standards, known as National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS), for six criteria pollutants: ozone, particulate matter, carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides and lead. In the JOHRTS region, the primary pollutant issue is ozone. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), in concert with the MPO, is responsible for attributing NOx and VOC amounts to on-road vehicles. Ground level ozone is known to trigger a variety of health problems. It is particularly harmful for children, older adults and people of all ages who have lung diseases such as asthma.

2.2 Background

The Beaumont-Port Arthur area (Hardin, Jefferson, and Orange Counties) was re-designated from nonattainment to attainment-maintenance for the 1997 8-hour Ozone NAAQS, effective November 19, 2010. The area was initially designated attainment/ unclassifiable for the 2008 8-hour Ozone NAAQS and remains in attainment for that standard as well as the new 2015 8-hour Ozone NAAQS. When the 1997 8-hour Ozone NAAQS was revoked by the EPA, transportation conformity requirements for the 1997 8-hour Ozone NAAQS were also revoked (effective 4/6/2015). Due to its designation as attainment/unclassifiable for the 2008 8-hour Ozone NAAQS and current 2015 8-hour Ozone NAAQS, the Beaumont-Port Arthur area has not been subject to transportation conformity requirements since 2015.

The court's decision in the *South Coast II* case reinstated the conformity requirements for the area as part of maintenance for the 1997 8-hour Ozone NAAQS. The EPA's November 2018 guidance document for areas affected by the *South Coast II* decision includes the conformity criteria that the EPA considers applicable to 'orphan' areas. As a result of a court case and subsequent rulings, it has been determined by EPA that transportation conformity applies for the revoked 1997 8-hour Ozone NAAQS and that these areas must demonstrate transportation conformity of MTPs and TIPs that are in place as of February 16, 2019.

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Chapter 3: Conformity

3.1 Transportation Conformity

Transportation conformity establishes the framework for improving air quality to protect public health and the environment. Specifically, the CAAA section 176(c) requires that federally funded or approved highway and transit activities are consistent with ('conform to') the purpose of the SIP.

Conformity to the purpose of the SIP means the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding and approvals are given to highway and transit activities that will not cause new air quality violations, worsen existing air quality violations, or delay timely attainment of the relevant air quality standard, or any interim milestone.

3.2 Purpose

This report and its supporting appendices explain the conformity determination for the JOHRTS MTP-2045 and the JOHRTS Revised FY 2019-2022 TIP with respect to the requirement of transportation conformity for 'orphan' areas such as the JOHRTS region. See Section 1.1 Conformity Overview; Section 1.2 Maintenance Area; Section 2.2 Background; and Section 3.3 Criteria for further explanation regarding 'orphan' areas.

3.3 Criteria

As a result of the *South Coast II* decision, transportation conformity for the 1997 8-hour Ozone NAAQS will again apply in 'orphan' areas as of February 16, 2019. This includes the JOHRTS region as an Orphan Maintenance Area e.g., 1997 maintenance yet 2008 attainment.

As an Orphan Maintenance Area, transportation conformity for the MTP and TIP for the 1997 8-hour Ozone NAAQS can be demonstrated without a regional emissions analysis. As no regional emissions analysis is required, there is no requirement to use the latest emissions model, or use either the emissions budget test or interim emissions test. As no regional emissions analysis is required, there is by extension is no requirement to perform regional travel demand modeling specifically to support a regional emissions analysis.

Based on the *South Coast II* decision, transportation conformity for the 1997 8-hour Ozone NAAQS can be demonstrated, without a regional emissions analysis as per guidance referenced in Section 1.2, by:

- Use of the latest planning assumptions, including TCMs;
- Meeting consultation requirements; and
- Meeting fiscal restraint requirements.

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Documentation of SETRPC-MPO actions to demonstrate adherence to the three above criteria are contained in subsequent chapters of this document.

3.4 Document Format

This Transportation Conformity Report is a streamlined version of the Model Conformity Documentation outline adopted by the Technical Working Group for Mobile Source Emissions. As this conformity does not require a regional emissions analysis, the Transportation Conformity Report does not contain a section on emissions modeling. Additionally, the Travel Demand Model section describes the status of the validated travel demand model (TDM) and does not include discussion pertaining to use of the TDM to develop inputs to the regional emissions analysis.

3.5 Electronic Data Submittal

The MTP, TIP, and Transportation Conformity Report are available in PDF format on SETRPCs website: http://www.setrpc.org/planning/ or by calling (409) 899.8444 x7520.

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Chapter 4: MTP & TIP Conformity

4.1 Overview

The MTP is the official multimodal transportation plan for the JOHRTS area and addresses a 20-year planning horizon. The MTP includes goals and objectives that reflect regional values and long-term regional transportation needs. The MTP underscores the vital role transportation plays in the social, environmental, and economic health of the area. The fiscally constrained MTP is the Jefferson-Orange-Hardin Regional Transportation Study Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2045 (JOHRTS MTP-2045).

The JOHRTS Revised FY 2019-2022 TIP presents the various highway and transit projects that are expected to be let for construction or implementation within the next four years. Regional transportation projects and programs are identified and prioritized in the TIP. The fiscally constrained TIP is the Jefferson-Orange-Hardin Regional Transportation Study Revised Fiscal Years 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (JOHRTS Revised FY 2019-2022 TIP).

4.2 Submittal Frequency

For nonattainment and maintenance areas subject to conformity requirements, regional transportation conformity analysis is required to be performed on a 4-year cycle. As the JOHRTS MTP-2045 and JOHRTS Revised FY 2019-2022 TIP are newly developed and adopted in July 2019, this conformity determination represents the first conformity determination of the JOHRTS MTP-2045 and the JOHRTS Revised FY 2019-2022 TIP.

As the region remains designated attainment for the 2008 8-hour Ozone NAAQS and the 2015 8-hour Ozone NAAQS, the region is required to update the MTP on a 5-year cycle.

4.3 Regionally Significant Projects

The networks used in the TDM consist of existing and planned future roadways. Functionally classified roadways (collector and above) or projects seeking federal funding are considered regionally significant. Most of the roadways contained in the model networks are regionally significant. Some roadways are included that are not regionally significant but are necessary to define the traffic analysis zone (TAZ) structure used in the TDM. Networks for the 2016, 2021, 2026 and Forecast Year 2045 were developed to support the JOHRTS MTP-2045 and JOHRTS Revised FY 2019-2022 TIP.

The specific funding for a project was originally noted in the annotation for each project. The funding was identified as Federal, State or Local. With recent changes to the TxDOT funding categories, the distinction between Federal and State funding has become more difficult. Therefore, most projects are simply identified as either Federal or Local funding.

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While the cities in the JOHRTS region have public transit systems and while there are rural transit systems in the lesser populated portions of the three-county area; these systems do not represent a significant portion of the Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT). Therefore, mode choice was not used in this TDM.

See JOHRTS MTP-2045 (Appendix 9.2) and JOHRTS Revised FY 2019-2022 TIP (Appendix 9.3) for the area's project listing.

4.4 Latest Planning Assumptions

The JOHRTS MTP-2045 was developed using the latest demographic and roadway activity assumptions at the time of its development in 2018 and 2019. As the JOHRTS Revised FY 2019-2022 TIP is drawn from the JOHRTS MTP-2045, the JOHRTS Revised FY 2019-2022 TIP is based on these same planning assumptions. Details of the development of these planning assumptions are provided in the context of discussion of the regional travel demand model (Chapter 5).

4.5 Non-Federal Projects

The MTP must include the design concept and descriptions for all existing and proposed regionally significant transportation projects, regardless of funding source (23 CFR 450.324(f)(9)). Further, it must also identify all necessary financial resources from public and private sources that are reasonably expected to be available to carry out the plan. Such regionally significant projects are included within the conformity determination of the MTP.

Non-federal projects funded by sources such as local governments and local transportation authorities, such as signal improvements, intersection improvements and local roadway widening, may be of insufficient scale or scope to require inclusion within a transportation conformity regional emissions analysis. These 'non-regionally significant' projects that do not require any federal project approval actions (i.e. environmental clearance or permit approvals) are not individually listed within the MTP or TIP.

4.6 Exempt Projects/Programs

Highway and transit projects characterized as Safety, *Mass Transit,* Air Quality or *Other* (40 CFR 93.126) are exempt from the requirement to determine conformity. Absent Consultative Partner consensus that such projects have the potential for adverse emissions impacts, these projects may proceed to the project development process even in the absence of a conforming MTP and TIP.

Projects exempt from Regional Emission Analysis (40 CFR 93.127) include: intersection channelization projects; intersection signalization projects at individual intersections; interchange reconfiguration projects; changes in vertical and horizontal alignment; truck size and weight

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inspection stations and bus terminals and transfer points. Absent Consultative Partner consensus that such projects have the potential for regional impacts, these projects may also proceed to the project development process even in the absence of a conforming MTP and TIP.

For SETRPC projects, as described above, see JOHRTS MTP-2045 and JOHRTS Revised FY 2019-2022 TIP.

4.7 Constraints

One of the key requirements of the MTP and TIP is financial constraint, which is intended to ensure that the total estimated cost of projects included in the MTP does not exceed reasonably available estimated revenues. A conformity determination on financially constrained plans ensures that conformity findings are based on realistic plans and programs and that any TCMs and other projects that may be beneficial to air quality are funded.

4.7.1 Long-Range Financial Constraint (MTP)

The JOHRTS MTP-2045 financial element identifies all sources of funds reasonably expected to be available and any innovative financial strategies that may be necessary to implement the MTP. The financial element of the MTP is documented in JOHRTS MTP-2045 (Chapter 11).

4.7.2 Short-Range Financial Constraint (TIP)

Financial constraint is also required for a conforming TIP, with funds programmed being equal to the total funds available. The JOHRTS Revised FY 2019-2022 TIP comprises the first four years of transportation activities in the JOHRTS MTP-2045, and the requirement of financial constraint ensures that those activities committed to be funded in that timeframe have the financial resources available for implementation.

4.8 Summary Statement

The JOHRTS MTP-2045 and the JOHRTS Revised FY 2019-2022 TIP adhere to the conformity requirements as described in EPA's November 2018 guidance. The JOHRTS MTP-2045 and, by extension, the JOHRTS Revised FY 2019-2022 TIP were developed based on the latest planning assumptions at the time of MTP development in 2014. The JOHRTS MTP-2045 and JOHRTS Revised FY 2019-2022 TIP meet the fiscal constraint requirements. The conformity process was completed for the JOHRTS MTP-2045 and JOHRTS Revised FY 2019-2022 TIP following the required consultative process described in the Texas Conformity SIP.

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Chapter 5: Travel Demand Model

5.1 Overview

The JOHRTS regional TDM is used to estimate and forecast vehicular traffic patterns and roadway volumes in the Jefferson-Orange-Hardin county region. This model is a Trans CAD-based model cooperatively developed by TxDOT-TPP, the SETRPC-MPO and the TxDOT-Beaumont District.

To establish that the JOHRTS model is suitable for forecasting future traffic, the model is validated to match observed conditions in a current year. In the case of the version of the JOHRTS model used in development of the JOHRTS MTP-2045, the validation year is the year 2016 as it was the year for which the most current set of non-state roadway and state roadway traffic counts that are critical to a robust validation were available.

5.2 Modeling Process

The JOHRTS TDM uses the traditional three-step process of trip generation, trip distribution and traffic assignment to estimate and forecast travel patterns and traffic volumes. The 'mode-choice' step of the process is excluded in the JOHRTS model given the very small amount of transit demand in the region.

The critical inputs to the three-step process are Traffic Analysis Zone (TAZ) demographics and the model networks. Both inputs are developed locally in cooperative fashion by the SETRPC-MPO and the TxDOT-Beaumont District.

5.2.1 Demographic Development

Demographic data inputs to the development of JOHRTS MTP-2045 involved creation of population and employment estimates for the year 2016 and forecasts for the years 2021, 2026 and 2045. The demographic inputs were submitted to TxDOT-TPP, who developed and validated the model for use in MTP development.

The year 2016 population demographics were based on two sources of Census data. The 2016 Census American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year block group data were used and supplemented by block-level 2010 Census data to establish TAZ level population and households. Targeted review of aerial photos, previous data sources along with internet searches, and phone calls were performed to obtain information on group quarters, schools, and special generators.

Year 2016 employment demographics were developed based on data from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). Due to schedule challenges in TxDOT's transition from TWC-based employer data to InfoUSA employer data for the model year 2016, TxDOT and SETRPC along with staff from the Texas State Data Center at University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) developed an approach to

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make use of latest available TWC data. The latest available TWC data for the region was year 2013 data. That data as a basis for estimating 2016 data. SETRPC then performed review of aerial photos, Census data, and previous model data to determine areas of growth and developed growth rates by employment category based on observed growth areas. The growth rates were applied to each category of employment to develop the estimated 2016 data and reviewed the resultant data for reasonableness in numeric growth and in its relationships to other TAZs and to adjacent residential growth.

Both the population and employment demographics were adjusted to match the county-level control totals which were provided by the Texas State Data Center through TxDOT. The control totals provided both numeric targets for each category and established the relationships between the demographic elements which were followed.

Forecasts of population, households and employment were developed by SETRPC at the TAZ level to serve as inputs for travel model forecasting to support development of the JOHRTS MTP-2045. Using county-level control totals for population, households and employment provided by the Texas State Data Center, SETRPC developed TAZ level demographics through allocation of county totals informed by the 2016 base year data, local knowledge of development since 2016, and planned future development and development constraints. The TAZ-level demographics for 2021, 2026 and 2045 were provided to TxDOT-TPP for review and use in application in the JOHRTS travel model that was validated to the year 2016.

5.2.2 Network Development

Along with TAZ demographics for the base and future years, SETRPC developed model networks for the base year 2016 and future years 2021, 2026 and 2045. Using an already-existing validated year 2013 network, SETRPC added completed roadway projects on regionally significant facilities to bring the network up to a representation of the year 2016.

The future year networks were created by adding projects from the JOHRTS Revised FY 2019-2022 TIP and JOHRTS MTP-2045 to the base year 2016 network in the future years as projects became operational. These networks are used in the JOHRTS TDM to develop estimated and forecasted travel patterns and traffic volumes in the 3-county region.

5.3 Model Validation

The model was validated by TxDOT-TPP to within 1.5% of observed traffic counts at the regional level for the year 2016. As the model is validated to recent observed conditions and in keeping with traditional use of regional travel models, the JOHRTS TDM is applied to the forecast future travel demand in the JOHRTS region for the MTP year of 2045.

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Chapter 6: Transportation Control Measures

6.1 Description of TCM status

The JOHRTS region is not required to have, nor has TCMs.

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Chapter 7: Interagency Consultation

7.1 Description of Interagency Consultation Including Process

Specific consultative procedures are specified for the transportation conformity process. The procedures provide a means for ensuring input from the public and other government agencies in the MTP development process. Under these procedures, the SETRPC-MPO public involvement policy is published in the JOHRTS MTP-2045 and is available online at http://www.setrpc.org/ during the public comment period. All posted meetings are open to the public. Federal, State, and local agencies, as well as citizens, are given an opportunity to see which projects are being proposed in the TIP and the MTP, to comment on the effect that these projects will have on the region's air quality, and to propose projects during the designated project selection process each year. The MTP and the conformity statement itself must also go through an additional thirty-day public and interagency review process before final approval.

The Texas consultative procedures specifically require coordination with the following government agencies during the transportation conformity process and for the interagency review: TxDOT-TPP; TCEQ; FHWA; FTA; and EPA.

The purpose of this group is to ensure that the modeling methodology utilized in this conformity analysis is consistent with the on-road modeling utilized in the SIP and that the most recent planning assumptions were used. The IAC partners were consulted regularly during the conformity process, and Table 7-1 summarizes the meetings that occurred before local determination of this conformity document by the MPO TPC. The SETRPC-MPO committee structure helps to ensure that the consultative requirements are met during the transportation conformity determination development process.

The consultative procedures require that copies of the conformity determination to be submitted to TxDOT-TPP, who forwards copies to the IAC partners for a ninety-day review period. After addressing IAC partner comments and, if necessary, revising the Transportation Conformity Report, the SETRPC-MPO then submits the report to the IAC partners along with JOHRTS MTP-2045 and the JOHRTS Revised FY 2019-2022 TIP, a copy of all comments received during the public comment period and, a summary of any action which was taken to address the comments received.

Draft copies of the JOHRTS MTP-2045, the JOHRTS Revised FY 2019-2022 TIP, and the Transportation Conformity Report are sent to all required agencies during the interagency review process.

Table 7-1 summarizes the IAC partner meetings held as part of SETPRC's consultative process. From December 4, 2018 to May 2, 2019, the SETRPC-MPO provided multiple opportunities for consultation on the MTP, TIP, and conformity.

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Table 7-1: Interagency Consultation Meetings

DATE	MPO	TxDOT	TCEQ	FHWA	EPA	SUBJECT
December 4, 2018	X	X	X	X	X	Transportation Conformity for 2040 and 2045 MTP EPA November Guidance *South Coast II*
May 2, 2019	X	X	X	X	X	Transportation Conformity – Pre-Analysis Consensus Plan

At the conclusion of the MTP, TIP and Transportation Conformity Report public involvement period, the three documents were provided to the IAC partners for an iterative 90-day review and comment period. Following FHWA, EPA, TxDOT-TPP and TCEQ concurrence, USDOT issues a Conformity Determination letter.

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Chapter 8: Public Participation

8.1 Process Description

Appendix A of the JOHRTS MTP-2045, provides detailed descriptions of the JOHRTS public involvement process. The JOHRTS Public Participation Plan was revised and released for public comment and was approved by the JOHRTS TPC in December 17, 2017. Chapter 11, 11.6 in the JOHRTS MTP-2045, describes the project selection process used for the preparation of the JOHRTS MTP-2045. Public comments received during the public involvement period are contained in Appendix A of the JOHRTS MTP-2045.

The JOHRTS public involvement process is designed to provide proactive public involvement in the transportation planning process. This process was used throughout the development of the JOHRTS MTP-2045 and JOHRTS Revised FY 2019-2022 TIP, including the project selection process and MTP/TIP public reviews.

For each meeting, a notice was sent to the four newspaper editors (Beaumont Enterprise, Port Arthur News, Orange Leader, and The Examiner) in the JOHRTS region for public posting. Also, the meetings and comment periods shown in Table 8-1 were advertised in the retail sections of several daily and weekend issues of the area newspapers.

Locations of public meetings, as well as MTP and TIP public involvement periods, were evaluated as steps toward enhancing public involvement under environmental justice directives. The public meetings were increased to four meetings during the public involvement period, and public access was enhanced by relocating meetings in the major cities throughout the JOHRTS region.

Table 8-2 provides a list of the JOHRTS TPC meetings. The TPC meetings ensure a transportation planning process that is comprehensive, cooperative, and continuing in nature, by providing a forum for both the public and city/county officials to decide on the shape and scope of transportation plans, programs, and projects in the JOHRTS region. Notices for the TPC meetings were sent to the city clerks (Beaumont, Orange, and Port Arthur), county clerks (Jefferson, Orange, and Hardin), and the regional newspapers.

Table 8-3 provides a list of the JOHRTS Technical Committee meetings.

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Table 8-1: JOHRTS MTP-2045 & JOHRTS Revised FY 2019-2022 TIP Conformity Public Involvement Meetings

DATE	TOPICS
June 3 2019	Transportation Conformity
June 4, 2019	Transportation Conformity
June 5, 2019	Transportation Conformity
June 6, 2019	Transportation Conformity

Table 8-2: JOHRTS TPC Activities

DATE	MEETING TOPICS
December 8, 2016	Population & Employment Control totals for travel demand model for JOHRTS MTP-2045
April 25, 2017	Status Report on development of JOHRTS MTP-2045
December 7, 2017	Revised JOHRTS Public Participation Plan (PPP)
April 26, 2018	Report on development of the JOHRTS MTP-2045
June 21, 2018	Report on development of the JOHRTS MTP-2045
July 26, 2018	Review of the JOHRTS Project Scoring Process and the development of the JOHRTS MTP-2045
August 30, 2018	Update on development of the JOHRTS MTP-2045
October 25, 2018	Discussion of Transportation Conformity on the JOHRTS MTP-2045
November 29, 2018	Projects Scored for inclusion in the JOHRTS MTP-2045
February 28, 2019	Transportation Conformity Process

Table 8-3: JOHRTS Technical Committee Activities

DATE	MEETING TOPICS
October 20, 2016	Travel Demand Model Update
December 1, 2016	Control Totals for new demographic base year for JOHRTS MTP-2045
March 21, 2017	Report on JOHRTS MTP-2045 development
June 29, 2017	Presentation of draft 2017 update of the JOHRTS Project Selection Process
August 17, 2017	Status report on development of JOHRTS MTP-2045
November 7, 2018	Scoring of submitted projects for JOHRTS MTP-2045
November 28, 2018	Review of results of Project Scoring for the JOHRTS MTP-2045
May 29, 2019	Update on Transportation Conformity and JOHRTS MTP-2045

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Resolution

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JOHRTS MTP-2045

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JOHRTS Revised FY 2019-2022 TIP

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JOHRTS Transportation Planning Committee
Agenda and Minutes

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TENTATIVE AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC) MEETING

JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (JOHRTS) AREA

South East Texas Regional Planning Commission
Homer E. Nagel Conference Room

Thursday, December 8, 2016
10:00 a.m.

I. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

IV. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (July 28, 2016)

V. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

Adam Jack – Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT– Beaumont District

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF UPDATES TO THE JOHRTS 2017-2020 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

VII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)-2040

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

VIII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE POPULATION AND EMPLOYMENT CONTROL TOTALS FOR UPDATING THE JOHRTS TRAVEL DEMAND MODEL (TDM) AN INTEGRAL PART OF DEVELOPING OUR JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)-2045

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

IX. CONTRACTOR'S PERSPECTIVE ON CONSTRUCTING MAJOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS IN SOUTHEAST TEXAS

Kal Kincaid-APAC Texas

X. OTHER BUSINESS

XI. SET NEXT MEETING DATE-OPEN

XII. ADJOURNMENT

MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING MINUTES
OF THE
JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY
(JOHRTS) AREA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC)

DATE: December 8, 2016

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC)
Homer E. Nagel Conference Room, Beaumont, TX

I. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, called the meeting to order, welcomed guests, requested introductions, and certified the presence of a quorum.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, recommended the adoption of the agenda as presented. There were no objections.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

IV. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – July 28, 2016

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, called for a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Don Rao, Director of Engineering, Jefferson County made the motion and Commissioner L. W. Cooper, Hardin County, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

V. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Scott Ayers- Planning Engineer, TxDOT-Beaumont District

STATUS ON SETRPC-MPO PLANNING ACTIVITIES

The South East Texas Regional Planning Commission – Metropolitan Planning Organization (SETRPC-MPO) staff continued work on the following activities:

1. SETRPC staff attended a TEMPO meeting on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 in Austin.

2. SETRPC staff attended a TxDOT 2017 UTP/District Engineer's and MPO Director's meeting on Wednesday, October 5, 2016 in Austin.

3. SETRPC staff held a JOHRTS Technical Committee meeting on Thursday, October 20, 2016.

4. SETRPC staff attended a TxDOT sponsored Trans-Cad training course during the 2nd week of November in Tyler.

5. SETRPC staff completed a timeline for developing the JOHRTS Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)-2045.

6. SETRPC staff held the comment period for the Draft Revised JOHRTS 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Draft Revised JOHRTS Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)-2040 and held four public meetings during the third week of November to gather public input on the documents.

7. SETRPC staff attended a Regionally Coordinated Transportation Planning Workshop in Austin on November 3rd & 4th, 2016.

8. SETRPC staff attended a TEMPO meeting on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 in Austin.

9. SETRPC staff held a JOHRTS Technical Committee meeting on Thursday, December 1, 2016.

Scott Ayers, Planning Engineer, TxDOT-Beaumont District reports updates are:

- November let of the next section of the IH-10 widening in Orange from FM 1442 to east of FM 3247, from 4 to 6 lanes, with an expected 2 years to complete.
- November public meetings held for the next piece of widening IH-10 from Hamshire Road to FM 365, from 4 to 6 lanes. Consultants are working on this now with the project to let in July 2017.
- Consultants just started working on the section of widening from Hwy 365 to Walden Road, will let in the summer of 2018.
- Pine Island frontage road project to connect the frontage roads with a bridge over Pine Island Bayou, will let in the summer of 2017.
- The section of Hwy 69 from the interchange with IH-10 N to Tram Road, from 4 to 6 lanes, will let in the summer of 2018.

He also advised that TxDOT has just been made aware of another Transportation Alternative Program call. Upcoming projects of interest, which will be approved by the Commission at the December meeting next week, include projects for construction of on-road bicycle improvements and off-road shared use paths, conversion of abandoned railroad corridors to provide a shared use path, sidewalks, infrastructure improvements to provide single routes to school, and infrastructure related projects to improve safety for non-drivers. Notice will be given to local governments regarding the meetings to be held in mid-January or early February to provide information about the program. He advised that if anyone has any questions to call him or Lisa Collins.

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF UPDATES TO THE JOHRTS 2017-2020 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson advised the committee that the updates to the JOHRTS 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is in need of an amendment due to the City of Port Arthur receiving grant funding to replace six transit buses, construct an alternative fueling station, and replace eight para transit buses. In this case, a 32-day public comment period was held from October 21, 2016 through November 21, 2016, four public meetings were held in three counties, and notices were placed in advance on the SETRPC website and in newspapers.

All regional transportation projects and programs are required to be identified and prioritized in the TIP in order to be eligible for Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds.

The JOHRTS MTP-2040 has also been revised since the updates to the JOHRTS 2017-2020 TIP is a subset to the JOHRTS MTP-2040.

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, called for a motion to approve the updates to the JOHRTS 2017-2020 TIP. Don Surratt, Mayor, City of Lumberton, made the motion. Commissioner L. W. Cooper, Hardin County, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

VII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson explained that due to projects added to the JOHRTS 2017-2020 TIP, it is necessary to revise and approve the JOHRTS MTP-2040. The process for the revisions to the JOHRTS MTP-2040, Amendment #5, is the same as was followed for the updates to the JOHRTS 2017-2020 TIP, Amendment #1.

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, called for a motion to approve the revisions to the JOHRTS MTP-2040. Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County, made the motion. Don Surratt, Mayor, City of Lumberton, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

VIII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE POPULATION AND EMPLOYMENT CONTROL TOTALS FOR UPDATING THE JOHRTS TRAVEL DEMAND MODEL (TDM) AN INTEGRAL PART OF DEVELOPING OUR JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)-2045

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson stated that two Technical Committee meetings have been held to cover components that have to be completed for a new JOHRTS MTP-2045. SETRPC works with the Texas Department of Transportation-Traffic Analysis Division in Austin to update the Travel Demand Model and is required to develop certain socio economic data to input into the TDM.

Mr. Dickinson requested Mr. Madhu Narayanasamy, Project Manager, CDM Smith to give his presentation.

Mr. Narayanasamy's topics were:

- 2016 Travel Demand Model
  - Base year finalized to be 2016
  - Future year finalized to be 2045
  - Inputs will be developed 2016-2017 time frame
  - TxDOT-Transportation Planning and Programming (TPP) will finalize the model in 2018
  - Travel Demand Model can be used for 10 years
- Socio Economic Data Development
  - 2016 and 2045 Control Total
  - Meeting with local representatives to identify recent, planned, and probable development
- Project and distribute the anticipated growth
- Historic growth
- Recommended control total for population
- Recommended control total for employment
- Traffic analysis zone update
- Next steps
- Network update

***All meeting materials can be viewed on the SETRPC's website**

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, called for a motion to approve the population and employment control totals for updating the JOHRTS Travel Demand Model. Commissioner L. W. Cooper, Hardin County, made the motion. Gerald Robinson, Public Works Director, City of Bridge City, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

IX. CONTRACTOR'S PERSPECTIVE ON CONSTRUCTING MAJOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS IN SOUTHEAST TEXAS

Kal Kincaid-APAC Texas

Mr. Kal Kincaid, Division President, Oldcastle Materials-Gulf Coast began his presentation by explaining the recent name change of the company from APAC to Oldcastle Materials-Gulf Coast.

Mr. Kincaid's other topics were:

- Understanding the Oldcastle Materials-Gulf Coast structure
- Products and types of work involved in
- Who local customers are
- Reviewing current and future projects

He included photos of the current project for the Port of Beaumont, the US 69 ramp reversal, US 190 bridge, FM 365 bridge, and the FM 2626 bridge.

***All meeting materials can be viewed on the SETRPC's website**

X. OTHER BUSINESS

For informational purposes Mr. Dickinson directed the committee member's attention to the packet handouts of the public meetings flyer, the November Regional Transportation Projects Status Map, and a condensed demographics data summary.

XI. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date is undetermined at this time. Mr. Dickinson stated it will possibly be the third or fourth Thursday in April.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County, made the motion. Don Surratt, Mayor, City of Lumberton, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Eddie Arnold	Commissioner, Jefferson County
Jody Crump	Commissioner, Orange County
L. W. Cooper	Commissioner, Hardin County
Taylor Shelton	Public Works Director, City of Port Neches
Steve Hamilton	Public Works Director, City of Nederland
Kelvin Knauf	Director of Planning & Community Development, City of Orange
Don Surratt	Mayor, City of Lumberton
Gerald Robinson	Public Works Director, City of Bridge City
Jon Sherwin	Public Works Supervisor, City of West Orange
Troy Foxworth	Public Works Director, City of Groves

GUESTS PRESENT

Scott Ayers	Planning Engineer, TxDOT-Beaumont District
Mansour Shiraz	MPO/Rural Planning Coordinator, TxDOT
Don Rao	Director of Engineering, Jefferson County
Steven Stafford	Engineering Supervisor, Jefferson County
Tim Juarez	MPO Coordinator, TxDOT-TPP
Kal Kincaid	President-Gulf Coast, Oldcastle Materials
Mike Lund	Superintendent of Water & Sewer, City of Bridge City
Madhu Narayanasany	Project Manager, CDM Smith
John Spikes	Solid Waste Fleet Supervisor, City of Groves
Chace Mann	Engineer, City of Beaumont
Scott Blanchard	Estimating Manager-Gulf Coast, Oldcastle Materials
Ellen Buchanan	Citizen, Big Thicket National Heritage Trust

SETRPC STAFF PRESENT

Bob Dickinson	Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Robert Grimm	Operations Manager, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Jimmie Lewis	Transportation Planner III, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Paige Callaway	Administrative Assistant, Transportation and Environmental Resources

TENTATIVE AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC) MEETING

JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (JOHRTS) AREA

South East Texas Regional Planning Commission
Homer E. Nagel Conference Room

Tuesday, April 25, 2017
2:00 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

IV. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (December 8, 2016)

V. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

Adam Jack – Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT– Beaumont District

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF UPDATES TO THE JOHRTS 2017-2020 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

VII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)-2040

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

VIII. STATUS REPORT ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)-2045

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

IX. STATUS REPORT ON HB20 REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

Adam Jack – Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT– Beaumont District

X. OTHER BUSINESS

XI. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

XII. ADJOURNMENT

MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING MINUTES
OF THE
JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY
(JOHRTS) AREA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC)

DATE: April 25, 2017

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC)
Homer E. Nagel Conference Room, Beaumont, TX

I. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County, called the meeting to order, welcomed guests, requested introductions, and certified the presence of a quorum.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County, called for a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton made the motion and Clint Woods, Public Works, City of Groves, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

IV. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – December 8, 2016

Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County, called for a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Taylor Shelton, Public Works Director, City of Port Neches made the motion and Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

V. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Adam Jack- Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT-Beaumont District

STATUS ON SETRPC-MPO PLANNING ACTIVITIES

The South East Texas Regional Planning Commission – Metropolitan Planning Organization (SETRPC-MPO) staff continued work on the following activities:

1. SETRPC staff attended the Texas Transportation Forum from February 5-7, 2017 in Austin.

2. SETRPC staff attended a TEMPO meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 in Austin.

3. SETRPC staff held a Hike and Bike Workshop on Thursday, February 9, 2017 in Beaumont.

4. SETRPC held a TxDOT sponsored Freight Mobility Plan Update Stakeholder Workshop in Beaumont on Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

5. SETRPC staff attended TxDOT training on Decision Lense, a new project selection tool, in Austin on February 27-28, 2017.

6. SETRPC staff held a Hike and Bike Workshop on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 in Beaumont.

7. SETRPC staff held 4 public meetings during the third week of March to give the public the opportunity to learn about and to comment on proposed amendments to the JOHRTS MTP-2040 and the JOHRTS 2017-2020 TIP.

8. SETRPC staff held a JOHRTS Technical Committee meeting on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 in Beaumont.

9. SETRPC staff will participate in a Federal MPO Metropolitan Planning Program Review with FHWA and FTA staff on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 and Thursday April 6, 2017 in Beaumont.

10. SETRPC staff will attend a TxDOT sponsored public hearing for proposed U.S. 69 at Pine Island Bayou Improvement Project on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 in Beaumont.

Scott Ayers, Planning Engineer, TxDOT-Beaumont District reports updates are:

- Public meetings were held for the Pine Island frontage road project to connect the frontage roads with a bridge over Pine Island Bayou, will let in June 2017.

- The next piece of widening IH-10 from Winnie to Beaumont, Hamshire Road to FM 365, from 4 to 6 lanes, will let in July 2017.

- Consultants continue to work on the section of widening from Hwy 365 to Walden Road, from 4 to 6 lanes, will let in the summer of 2018.

- At the March Texas Transportation Commission meeting, funding for several projects in our area were approved. Two in the JOHRTS area are one piece of the US 69 corridor in Hardin County and Tyler County, together equal $140 million, is tentatively scheduled to let in 2020.

- Also $40 million of funding was approved for the project to complete the last section of IH-10 from Orange to the Louisiana state line, widening from 4 to 6 lanes, in 2019.

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF UPDATES TO THE JOHRTS 2017-2020 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson advised the committee of the need to amend the JOHRTS 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). He referred the committee to the first pages of the Draft revised JOHRTS 2017-2020 TIP, Amendment #2, which shows the projects that four public meetings, in three counties, were held during the third week of March. Notices were placed in advance on the SETRPC website and in newspapers.

He stated that any amendments, modifications, or deletions to transportation planning documents, require public meetings and a 30-day public comment period. After committee approval, a packet is put together and is submitted to the Texas Department of Transportation in Austin.

All regional transportation projects and programs are required to be identified and prioritized in the TIP in order to be eligible for Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds. The JOHRTS MTP-2040 has also been revised since the updates to the JOHRTS 2017-2020 TIP is a subset to the JOHRTS MTP-2040.

Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County, called for a motion to approve the updates to the JOHRTS 2017-2020 TIP. Clint Woods, Public Works, City of Groves, made the motion. Don Surratt, Mayor, City of Lumberton, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

VII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson explained that due to the need to amend the JOHRTS 2017-2020 TIP, it is necessary to revise and approve the JOHRTS MTP-2040. The process for the revisions to the JOHRTS MTP-2040, Amendment #6, is the same as was followed for the updates to the JOHRTS 2017-2020 TIP, Amendment #2.

Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County, called for a motion to approve the revisions to the JOHRTS MTP-2040. Kelvin Knauf, Director of Planning & Community Development, City of Orange, made the motion. Tucker Ferguson, District Engineer, TxDOT-Beaumont District, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

VIII. STATUS REPORT ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)-2045

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson stated that the process for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)-2045 has begun. The first part of the process is to update the Travel Demand Model (TDM) as we work with the Texas Department of Transportation-Traffic Analysis Division in Austin. Our Consultant, CDM Smith, works with us to develop certain socio economic data to input into the TDM. The region is divided up into areas for specific study. In the December meeting, there was an overall estimate of population that is used for the demographic part of the TDM that the committee approved. Some modifications were made in the Lumberton and Beaumont area. Progress has been made and is on schedule. A timeline was also included in the packet.

Mr. Dickinson advised in the Spring of 2018 the development of the MTP-2045 will begin, which will require a call for projects and a revised project selection process. The goal will be to have a JOHRTS MTP-2045 in the late Spring of 2019.

IX. STATUS REPORT ON HB20 REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Bob Dickinson-Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

Adam Jack-Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT-Beaumont District

Mr. Dickinson explained that HB20 has specific requirements that pertain to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO's). TxDOT will be required to comply with several performance-based and planning requirements as to how they will expend their future funding and the MPO's will be required to develop a 10-year plan to show

how allocations of money, out of various Federal CAT funding categories, will be expended in the three-county region. This 10-year plan is a requirement to meet a Texas Legislature mandate for all MPO's in the State of Texas.

This will be a process that TxDOT and the MPO's will work through to adhere to the guidelines of this new legislation.

***All meeting materials can be viewed on the SETRPC's website**

X. OTHER BUSINESS

For informational purposes Commissioner Eddie Arnold directed the committee member's attention to a memo in the packet regarding heavier-truck proponents that are back in Washington lobbying a substantial increase in weight limitations. Should this bill pass, it will create additional expense for maintenance of city, county, and State highways.

He also noted the packet included a Project Fact Sheet and April Status Map.

XI. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date will be on Thursday, July 13, 2017 here at SETRPC.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County, adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Eddie Arnold	Commissioner, Jefferson County
L. W. Cooper	Commissioner, Hardin County
Taylor Shelton	Public Works Director, City of Port Neches
Steve Hamilton	Public Works Director, City of Nederland
Kelvin Knauf	Director of Planning & Community Development, City of Orange
Don Surratt	Mayor, City of Lumberton
Jon Sherwin	Public Works Supervisor, City of West Orange
Carlos Aviles	Roadway Designer, City of Beaumont
Rawetts Baaheth	Assistant City Engineer, City of Port Arthur
Tucker Ferguson	District Engineer, TxDOT-Beaumont District
Robert Viator	Mayor, City of Vidor
Clint Woods	Public Works, City of Groves

GUESTS PRESENT

Scott Ayers	Planning Engineer, TxDOT-Beaumont District
Sarah Dupre	Public Information Officer, TxDOT

SETRPC STAFF PRESENT

Bob Dickinson	Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Robert Grimm	Operations Manager, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Jimmie Lewis	Transportation Planner III, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Paige Callaway	Administrative Assistant, Transportation and Environmental Resources

TENTATIVE AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC) MEETING

JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (JOHRTS) AREA

South East Texas Regional Planning Commission
Homer E. Nagel Conference Room

Thursday, December 7, 2017
10:00 a.m.

I. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

IV. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (October 19, 2017)

V. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

Adam Jack – Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT– Beaumont District

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE "DRAFT" UPDATED 2017 JOHRTS PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN (JOHRTS PPP)

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

VII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE "DRAFT" UPDATED 2017 SETRPC-MPO TITLE VI/ ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PROGRAM

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

VIII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF UPDATES TO THE JOHRTS 2017-2020 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

IX. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)-2040

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

X. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE "DRAFT" SETRPC-MPO 10 YEAR TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

XI. BRIEFING BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY (USGS)-HURRICANE HARVEY IMPACTS ON SOUTHEAST TEXAS

David Brown – Associate Director, Gulf Coast Texas Program, U.S. Geological Survey

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

XIII. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING MINUTES
OF THE
JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY
(JOHRTS) AREA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC)

DATE: December 07, 2017

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC)
Homer E. Nagel Conference Room, Beaumont, TX

I. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County, called the meeting to order, welcomed guests, requested introductions, and certified the presence of a quorum.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County, called for a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, made the motion and Taylor Shelton, Public Works Director, City of Port Neches, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

IV. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – October 19, 2017

Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County, called for a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Taylor Shelton, Public Works Director, City of Port Neches, made the motion and Robert Woods, Public Works Director, City of Nederland, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

V. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Scott Ayres- Planning Engineer, TxDOT-Beaumont District

STATUS ON SETRPC-MPO PLANNING ACTIVITIES

The South East Texas Regional Planning Commission – Metropolitan Planning Organization (SETRPC-MPO) staff continued work on the following activities:

1. SETRPC staff held a public meeting on Wednesday, October 25, 2017 to give the public the opportunity to learn about and to comment on the JOHRTS 2017 "Draft" Public Participation Plan update.

2. SETRPC staff held a Regional Public Transportation Coordination Steering Committee meeting on Thursday, October 26, 2017 in Beaumont.

3. SETRPC staff held a JOHRTS Technical Committee meeting on Thursday, November 2, 2017 in Beaumont.

4. SETRPC staff held 4 public meetings during the third week of November to give the public the opportunity to learn about and to comment on proposed amendments to the JOHRTS MTP-2040 and the JOHRTS 2017-2020 TIP.

5. SETRPC staff testified before a Texas Senate Transportation Committee on the impact of Hurricane Harvey on the state's transportation infrastructure in our southeast Texas region on Wednesday, November 15, 2017 in Austin.

6. SETRPC staff attended a TxDOT Public Transportation Division Regional Coordination Transportation Planning Workshop 2017 on Wednesday, November 29, 2017 in Austin.

Scott Ayres, Planning Engineer, TxDOT-Beaumont District report updates are:

- TxDOT had a public meeting for the IH-10 widening project from FM 365 to Walden Road on December 5, 2017.

- TxDOT project that was to let in July 2018, widening Major Drive to four lanes between IH-10 and SH 124, let yesterday, December 6, 2017.

- Upcoming projects on US 69:

    - From IH-10 interchange north to Tram Road, or as far as the funds will take it, is to let in June 2018
    - A plan to re-stripe from FM 421 in Lumberton south to US 69 will let in August 2018
    - A Consultant has been selected for a project on the US 69 corridor from the northern part of Hardin county to the southern part of Tyler county.
    - The Consultant fee negotiations are to begin soon and will take several months. The let will be in late Spring or Summer 2018 for US 69 corridor development

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE "DRAFT" UPDATED 2017 JOHRTS PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN (JOHRTS PPP)

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson advised the committee that the JOHRTS Public Participation Plan (PPP) contains the guidelines and expectations for public involvement during the transportation planning and development processes. In particular, the plan outlines the procedures and expectations for public outreach and education on transportation issues.

Some of the goals of the Public Participation Plan are to:

- Identify affected public groups
- Be responsive to Title VI, including Environmental Justice directives and Limited English Proficiency guidance
- Engage the community in the transportation planning process
- Incorporate public feedback in the decision making process

He advised that a 45-day public comment period was held on the draft document from October 10-November 23, 2017. Also, a public meeting was held on Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at the SETRPC office to solicit the public's ideas and input on public participation. The FAST Act requirements are addressed in the draft document and measures of effectiveness have been developed and designed to measure the effectiveness of public participation for all persons and organizations.

Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County, called for a motion to approve the "Draft" Updated 2017 JOHRTS Public Participation Plan. Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, made the motion. Zheng Tan, Traffic Engineer, City of Beaumont, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

VII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE "DRAFT" UPDATED 2017 SETRPC-MPO TITLE VI/ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PROGRAM

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson advised the committee of the need to update the JOHRTS SETRPC-MPO Title VI/Environmental Justice Program policies and procedures to be certain the SETRPC is meeting the FAST Act requirements. Federal laws and orders seek to prevent any form of discrimination and to ensure certain populations are not disproportionately adversely affected by plans, programs, and projects implemented by public agencies.

Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County, called for a motion to approve the "DRAFT" Updated 2017 SETRPC-MPO Title VI/Environmental Justice Program. Zheng Tan, Traffic Engineer, City of Beaumont, made the motion. Rawetts Baaheth, Assistant City Engineer, City of Port Arthur, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

VIII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF UPDATES TO THE JOHRTS 2017-2020 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson advised the committee of the need to amend the JOHRTS 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). He referred the committee to the first pages of the "DRAFT" Revised JOHRTS 2017-2020 TIP, Amendment #5, which shows the projects that four public meetings, in three counties, were held for in early November. Notices were placed in advance on the SETRPC website and in newspapers.

He stated that any amendments, modifications, or deletions to transportation planning documents, require public meetings and a 30-day public comment period. After committee approval, a packet is put together and is submitted to the Texas Department of Transportation in Austin.

All regional transportation projects and programs are required to be identified and prioritized in the TIP to be eligible for Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds. The JOHRTS MTP-2040 has also been revised since the updates to the JOHRTS 2017-2020 TIP is a subset to the JOHRTS MTP-2040.

Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County, called for a motion to approve updates to the JOHRTS 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Rawetts Baaheth, Assistant City Engineer, City of Port Arthur, made the motion. Zheng Tan, Traffic Engineer, City of Beaumont, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

IX. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)-2040

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson explained that due to the need to amend the JOHRTS 2017-2020 TIP, it is necessary to revise and approve the JOHRTS MTP-2040. The process for the revisions to the JOHRTS MTP-2040, Amendment #9, is the same as was followed for the updates to the JOHRTS 2017-2020 TIP, Amendment #5.

Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County, called for a motion to approve revisions to the JOHRTS Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)-2040. Mayor Robert Viator, City of Vidor, made the motion. Zheng Tan, Traffic Engineer, City of Beaumont, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

X. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE "DRAFT" SETRPC-MPO 10 YEAR TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson explained that the SETRPC-MPO 10 Year Transportation Plan is an evolving ten-year capital improvement document that will be updated on an annual basis. It is a requirement of House Bill 20 and identifies and denotes the scheduling and funding of construction projects across the MPO region over a 10-year period. Ongoing projects are maintained and updated while new projects are added as funding from state and federal sources are applied against the requests. The 10-year plan includes project description and termini, estimated total cost, and estimated letting date.

Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County, called for a motion to approve the "DRAFT" SETRPC-MPO 10 Year Transportation Plan. Taylor Shelton, Public Words Director, City of Port Neches, made the motion. Jon Sherwin, Public Works Supervisor, City of West Orange, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

XI. BRIEFING BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY (USGS)-HURRICANE HARVEY IMPACTS ON SOUTHEAST TEXAS

David Brown – Associate Director, Gulf Coast Texas Program, U.S. Geological Survey

Mr. David Brown presented data about the impact of Hurricane Harvey in southeast Texas. He advised that on August 25, 2017 Hurricane Harvey, a category 4 hurricane, made landfall at 10:00 p.m. and slowly moved north of Victoria. Strong rain bands on the east side of circulation caused tremendous rainfall and flash flooding in Fort Bend, Brazoria, and Harris counties. The center of Harvey slowly moved east-southeast and back offshore, only to come ashore a second time just west of Cameron, Louisiana as Tropical Storm Harvey in the early morning hours of August 30, 2017.

Over the period from August 24th to September 1st, the highest rainfall totals were recorded in Nederland at an unbelievable 60.58 inches, with Groves a close second at 60.54 inches.

Much of southeast Texas was overtaken by floodwaters that claimed lives and displaced thousands. Harvey has been categorized as being one of the worst weather disasters in U.S. history.

Mr. Brown stated the USGS provides flood information about the natural hazards that threaten lives and livelihoods to local, state, and federal partners as well as emergency responders and the public.

***All meeting materials can be viewed on the SETRPC's website**

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Dickinson referred to the meeting packet which includes the November Status Map, provided by TxDOT, of projects currently underway.

XIII. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date is February 22, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

XIV. ADJOURMENT

Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County, adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Eddie Arnold	Commissioner, Jefferson County
Robert Woods	Public Works Director, City of Nederland
Jon Sherwin	Public Works Supervisor, City of West Orange
Rawetts Baaheth	Assistant City Engineer, City of Port Arthur
Taylor Shelton	Public Works Director, City of Port Neches
Don Surratt	Mayor, City of Lumberton
Zheng Tan	Traffic Engineer, City of Beaumont
Robert Viator	Mayor, City of Vidor

GUESTS PRESENT

Scott Ayres	Planning Engineer, TxDOT-Beaumont District
Sarah Dupre	Public Information Officer, TxDOT-Beaumont District
David Brown	Associate Director, Gulf Coast Program, U.S. Geological Survey
Todd Carlson	Research Scientist, Texas Transportation Institute
Jerry Hood	Assistant General Manager, Orange County Drainage District
Tyler Hargraves	Operator, SETCAST
Jennifer Pate	Director of Community Relations, Old Castle Materials-Gulf Coast

SETRPC STAFF PRESENT

Bob Dickinson	Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Robert Grimm	Operations Manager, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Jimmie Lewis	Transportation Planner III, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Paige Callaway	Administrative Assistant, Transportation and Environmental Resources

TENTATIVE AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC) MEETING

JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (JOHRTS) AREA

South East Texas Regional Planning Commission
Homer E. Nagel Conference Room

Thursday, April 26, 2018
10:00 a.m.

I. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

IV. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (February 22, 2018)

V. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

Adam Jack – Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT– Beaumont District

VI. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE SOUTH EAST TEXAS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (SETRPC) METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO), THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT), BEAUMONT MUNICIPAL TRANSIT (BMT) PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION OPERATOR, PORT ARTHUR TRANSIT (PAT) PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION OPERATOR, AND SOUTH EAST TEXAS TRANSIT (SETT) PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION OPERATOR

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

VII. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF PM3 TRAVEL TIME PERFORMANCE AND TARGET SETTING FOR MPO'S

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
Dr. Tim Lomax, Research Fellow, Texas Transportation Institute

VIII. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE JOHRTS (MTP)-2045 AND THE REGIONAL FREIGHT PLAN

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
Madhu Narayanasamy, Project Manager, CDM Smith
Roger Schiller – Planner, CDM Smith

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

X. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING MINUTES
OF THE
JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY
(JOHRTS) AREA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC)

DATE: April 26, 2018

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC)
Homer E. Nagel Conference Room, Beaumont, TX

I. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, called the meeting to order, welcomed guests, requested introductions, and certified the presence of a quorum.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, called for a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County, made the motion and Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

IV. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – February 22, 2018

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, called for a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Commissioner L. W. Cooper, Hardin County, made the motion and Taylor Shelton, Public Works Director, City of Port Neches, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

V. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Adam Jack- Director of Planning & Development, TxDOT-Beaumont District

STATUS ON SETRPC-MPO PLANNING ACTIVITIES

The South East Texas Regional Planning Commission – Metropolitan Planning Organization (SETRPC-MPO) staff continued work on the following activities:

1. SETRPC staff held a JOHRTS MTP-2045 Call for Projects workshop on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

2. SETRPC staff attended a FHWA sponsored Greater Texas Region Multi-Jurisdictional Coordination Workshop on March 28-29, 2018 in Houston.

3. SETRPC staff in conjunction with the TxDOT Beaumont District staff are developing the draft JOHRTS FY 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program.

4. SETRPC staff finished the FHWA CMAQ project reporting for 2018.

5. SETRPC staff has been working with local transit providers and TxDOT to adopt a Memorandum of Understanding to meet federal transportation planning guidelines and requirements of the FAST Act.

6. SETRPC staff is working with the Texas A&M Transportation Institute to create a website with traffic safety data on the region.

7. SETRPC staff continued preparation on activities related to the development of the JOHRTS Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)-2045 and revisions to the (MTP)-2040.

8. SETRPC staff is holding 4 public meetings, April 23-26, 2018, to give the public the opportunity to learn about and to comment on proposed amendments to the JOHRTS MTP-2040 and the draft JOHRTS FY 2019-2022 TIP.

Adam Jack- Director of Planning & Development, TxDOT-Beaumont District report updates are:

- TxDOT is holding a public hearing today at 5:30 pm, Guess Elementary School, regarding the widening of US 69, IH-10 North to Tram Road, from 4 lanes to 6 lanes.

- A second public hearing will be held on May 1, 2018 at 5:30 pm, Ford Park, regarding the widening of IH-10, Hwy 365 to Walden Road, from 4 lanes to 6 lanes.

Mr. Jack stated that he appreciated Mr. Dickinson's assistance in putting together the new project call and extending the deadline date. Due to new requirements, additional time is needed to generate the information. The deadline extension will allow TxDOT to meet the new date.

VI. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE SOUTH EAST TEXAS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (SETRPC) METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO), THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, (TxDOT), BEAUMONT MUNICIPAL TRANSIT (BMT) PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION OPERATOR, PORT ARTHUR TRANSIT (PAT) PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION OPERATOR, AND SOUTH EAST TEXAS TRANSIT (SETT) PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION OPERATOR

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson stated that the purpose of this memorandum is to make provisions for cooperative mutual responsibilities in carrying out the metropolitan transportation planning process and performance based planning and programming in the southeast Texas metropolitan planning area and to provide a single agreement between the parties in accordance with current federal transportation legislation.

He explained that for many years SETRPC has informally worked with the cities, counties, TxDOT, and the public transit operators to carry out our regional transportation planning process. Due to the new federal transportation planning regulations, the FAST Act, and dealing with the performance based planning and programming for the metropolitan planning area, a formal outline of the responsibilities of all the parties is in this document. Once all signatures have been obtained the Memorandum of Understanding will be sent to TxDOT for the Beaumont District Engineer to sign.

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, called for a motion to adopt the memorandum of understanding. Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County, made the motion. Adam Jack, Director of Transportation & Planning Development, TxDOT-Beaumont District, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

VII. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF PM3 TRAVEL TIME PERFORMANCE AND TARGET SETTING FOR MPO'S

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC
Dr. Tim Lomax, Research Fellow, Texas Transportation Institute

Mr. Dickinson invited Mr. Tim Lomax with the Texas Transportation Institute to give the committee an overview of PM3 Travel Time Performance and Target Setting that the MPOs are required to establish.

Overview of the PowerPoint Presentation:

- 4 Federal System Performance Measures
  - Designed around data set characteristics
- Required to report to FHWA, not required to use, no penalty for not meeting targets, designed to "incite" measurement
- Data source:
  - National Perf Measure Research Data Set-from Univ. of Maryland via TxDOT purchase of usage rights
  - 2014, 2015, 2016 data uses 2013 roadway as the base
  - 2017 uses 2015 road network as the base
- TTI Process
  - Local inputs for growth rate and other elements
  - Roll up MPO values into state totals

VIII. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE JOHRTS (MTP)-2045 AND THE REGIONAL FREIGHT PLAN

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC
Madhu Narayanasamy, Project Manager, CDM Smith
Roger Schiller – Planner, CDM Smith

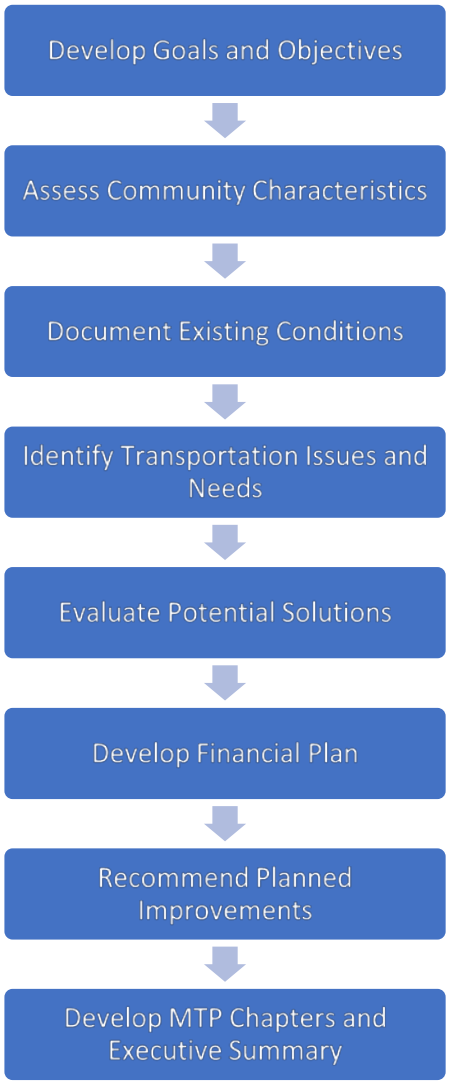
Mr. Dickinson introduced Madhu Narayanasamy and Roger Schiller with CDM Smith to give a presentation on the development of the JOHRTS MTP-2045 and the Regional Freight Plan.
A condensed version of the presentation to the committee:

Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update and Regional Freight Plan

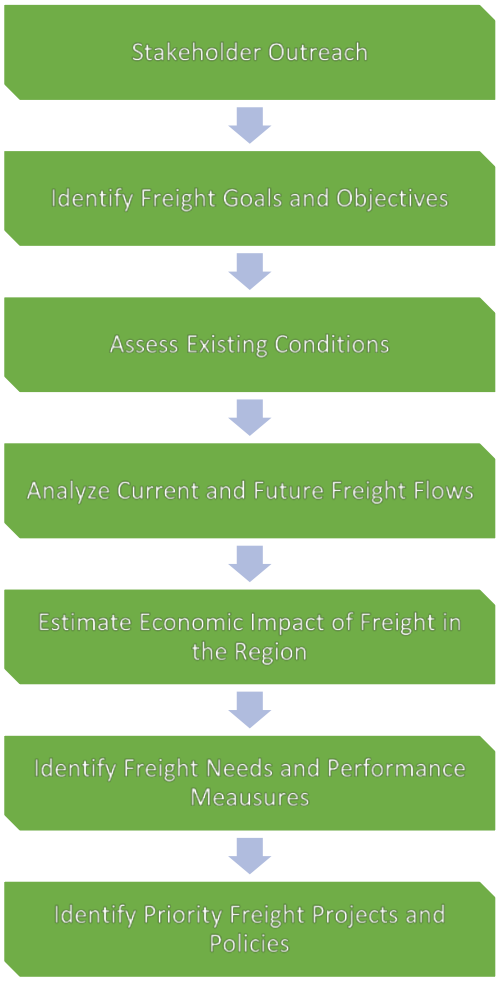
Transportation Planning Committee Meeting

April 26, 2018

Planning Process for 2045-MTP Update



Approach for Regional Freight Plan



Public Outreach for 2045-MTP Update

- Two (2) series of three (3) public meetings
  - Located in Hardin, Jefferson, and Orange counties
  - First (1) series – identify goals and objectives
  - Second (2) series – open house to present draft MTP
- Roundtables by mode or topic
  - Transit, bike/ped, freight, highway, economic development

Freight Data Sources

- TRANSEARCH
- Ports – PIERS, Corps of Engineers, USA Trade Online, AAPA, MARAD, Freight Analysis Framework
- Pipelines – need a local source

Freight Issues and Concerns

- What are the regional freight issues that need to be addressed?
- What freight projects would you like to execute?

***All meeting materials can be viewed on the SETRPC's website**

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

For informational purposes Mr. Dickinson directed the committee member's attention to the packet handout of the April Regional Transportation Projects Status Map.

X. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting dates are set for June 21, 2018 and July 26, 2018.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner L. W. Cooper, Hardin County, made the motion. Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Woods	Public Works Director, City of Nederland
Eddie Arnold	Commissioner, Jefferson County
Rawetts Baaheth	Assistant City Engineer, City of Port Arthur
Taylor Shelton	Public Works Director, City of Port Neches
Don Surratt	Mayor, City of Lumberton
Jody Crump	Commissioner, Orange County
Troy Foxworth	Public Works Director, City of Groves
Kelvin Knauf	Director of Planning & Community Development, City of Orange
L.W. Cooper	Commissioner, Hardin County

GUESTS PRESENT

Sarah Dupre	Public Information Officer, TxDOT-Beaumont District
Mansour Shiraz	MPO/Rural Planning Coordinator, TxDOT
Adam Jack	Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT
Dr. Tim Lomax	Research Fellow, Texas Transportation Institute
Madhu Narayanasany	Project Manager, CDM Smith
Roger Schiller	Planner, CDM Smith
Steven Stafford	Engineering Supervisor, Jefferson County

SETRPC STAFF PRESENT

Bob Dickinson	Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Paige Callaway	Administrative Assistant, Transportation and Environmental Resources

TENTATIVE AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC) MEETING

JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (JOHRTS) AREA

South East Texas Regional Planning Commission
Homer E. Nagel Conference Room

Thursday, June 21, 2018
10:00 a.m.

I. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

IV. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (April 26, 2018)

V. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

Adam Jack – Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT– Beaumont District

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT EXEMPT JOHRTS 2019-2022 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

VII. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE DRAFT SETRPC (MPO) SOUTH EAST TEXAS HIKE & BIKE PLAN

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

VIII. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)-2045 AND THE REGIONAL FREIGHT PLAN SCHEDULE

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

X. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING MINUTES
OF THE
JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY
(JOHRTS) AREA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC)

DATE: June 21, 2018

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC)
Homer E. Nagel Conference Room, Beaumont, TX

I. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, called the meeting to order, welcomed guests, requested introductions, and certified the presence of a quorum.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, recommended the adoption of the agenda as presented. There were no objections.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

IV. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – April 26, 2018

Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, called for a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Taylor Shelton, Public Works Director, City of Port Neches, made the motion and Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

V. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Adam Jack- Director of Planning & Development, TxDOT-Beaumont District

STATUS ON SETRPC-MPO PLANNING ACTIVITIES

The South East Texas Regional Planning Commission – Metropolitan Planning Organization (SETRPC-MPO) staff continued work on the following activities:

1. SETRPC staff in conjunction with the TxDOT Beaumont District staff developed the draft Exempt JOHRTS FY 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program.

2. SETRPC staff attended a TxDOT sponsored public hearing on the proposed IH-10 improvements from FM 365 east to Walden Road in Beaumont on May 1, 2018.

3. SETRPC staff attended a MARAD M69 and Strongports Workshop in Houston on May 16, 2018.

4. SETRPC staff attended the 2018 Texas Demographic Conference in Austin on May 23-24, 2018.

5. SETRPC staff is working with the TxDOT Transportation Planning and Programming Division (TP&P), the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the Environmental Protection Agency-Dallas Regional Office, the Federal Highway Administration-Austin Division, and the Federal Transit Administration-Fort Worth Regional Office to lay out the requirements for completing the air quality conformity analysis on the JOHRTS MTP-2040.

6. SETRPC staff continued preparation on activities related to the development of the JOHRTS Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)-2045 and revisions to the MTP-2040.

7. SETRPC staff held 4 public meetings, May 29-June 1, 2018, to give the public the opportunity to learn about and to comment on proposed amendments to the JOHRTS MTP-2040 and the draft Exempt JOHRTS FY 2019-2022 TIP.

Adam Jack- Director of Planning & Development, TxDOT-Beaumont District report updates are:

- TxDOT recently completed a process with Texas A&M-Kingville developing a scoping guidebook for MPO transportation projects. The guidebook was passed around for all to see and a copy, if interested, in sharing with staff members.

- TxDOT to start a new research project with the University of Texas-Austin to install more stream monitoring gages within the district along the IH-10 corridor to get a better handle on how to speculate flooding at Taylors Bayou, the Neches and Sabine Rivers, and possibly Cow Bayou.

Mr. Jack also thanked Mr. Dickinson and staff for their hard work and diligence with regard to the Gulf Coast EPA ruling as well as separating the exempt and non-exempt projects, as this impacts the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program's approval.

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT EXEMPT JOHRTS 2019-2022 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson advised that due to a law suit filed and won against the Environmental Protection Agency over air quality issues, the MPO was required to develop a draft Exempt JOHRTS 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program which prohibits any added capacity projects.

This document needs to be tabled since it was determined by staff members of the FHWA Texas Division-Austin and TxDOT Transportation Planning and Programming Division-Austin, that the best action to be taken is to adopt a draft Resolution to continue our current JOHRTS FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program with amendments for inclusion in the SETRPC (MPO) portion of the TxDOT FY 2019-2022 STIP. This will enable the TxDOT Beaumont District to continue with the listed added capacity projects remaining in FY 2019-2020, including the administrative modification, as shown in Exhibit A of the draft Resolution.

The JOHRTS 2017-2020 TIP, with its amendments, will be effective until December 2019 for such time as the SETRPC (MPO) demonstrates conformity of the FY 2019-2020 JOHRTS TIP and the JOHRTS MTP-2040 with federal transportation conformity rules and regulations.

Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, called for a motion to table the approval of the draft Exempt JOHRTS 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County, made the motion. Commissioner L. W. Cooper, Hardin County, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mayor Surratt also called for a motion to adopt the draft Resolution to continue our current JOHRTS FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program with amendments for inclusion in the SETRPC (MPO) portion of the TxDOT FY 2019-2022 STIP. Commissioner L. W. Cooper, Hardin County, made the motion. Robert Woods, Public Works Director, City of Nederland, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

VII. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE DRAFT SETRPC (MPO) SOUTH EAST TEXAS HIKE & BIKE PLAN

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson referred the committee to the draft South East Texas Hike & Bike Plan included in the packet for review and comments. The SETRPC (MPO) partnered with the Texas Target Communities at Texas A&M University to create a planning task force to develop a "draft" Hike and Bike Plan for our region. A Hike and Bike Plan Advisory Committee was formed and met four times in the Spring of 2017. After feedback is processed, the hope is to adopt the draft South East Texas Hike & Bike Plan at the next TPC meeting.

The plan will act as a roadmap or blueprint to assist area jurisdictions in planning new and improved hike and bike routes and facilities in our three-county region and is vital when applying for grants such as TxDOT's Transportation Alternative Programs.

VIII. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION ON THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION (MTP)-2045 AND THE REGIONAL FREIGHT PLAN

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson stated that work continues with consultant CDM Smith on the development of the JOHRTS MTP-2045 and public meetings will be held in early September for the public's input. In addition, the Regional Freight Plan is making progress and notes that this plan will also be support to area ports when applying for state or federal grants.

***All meeting materials and live streaming video of the meeting can be viewed on the SETRPC's website**

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

For informational purposes Mr. Dickinson directed the committee member's attention to the packet handout of the June Regional Transportation Projects Status Map.

X. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date is July 26, 2018.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County, made the motion. Commissioner L. W. Cooper, Hardin County, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Woods	Public Works Director, City of Nederland
Eddie Arnold	Commissioner, Jefferson County
Alberto Elefano	City Engineer, City of Port Arthur
Taylor Shelton	Public Works Director, City of Port Neches
Don Surratt	Mayor, City of Lumberton
Kelvin Knauf	Director of Planning & Community Development, City of Orange
L.W. Cooper	Commissioner, Hardin County
Robert Viator	Mayor, City of Vidor
Xavier Pulido	Roadway Designer, City of Beaumont

GUESTS PRESENT

Sarah Dupre	Public Information Officer, TxDOT-Beaumont District
Mansour Shiraz	MPO/Rural Planning Coordinator, TxDOT
Adam Jack	Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT
Gordon Williams	Videographer, Lamar University

SETRPC STAFF PRESENT

Bob Dickinson	Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Paige Callaway	Administrative Assistant, Transportation and Environmental Resources

TENTATIVE AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC) MEETING

JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (JOHRTS) AREA

South East Texas Regional Planning Commission
Homer E. Nagel Conference Room

Thursday, July 26, 2018
10:00 a.m.

I. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

IV. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (June 21, 2018)

V. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

Adam Jack – Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT– Beaumont District

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE "DRAFT" FY 2019 JOHRTS UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

VII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS TO THE JOHRTS 2017-2020 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

VIII. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE PROJECT SCORING PROCESS FOR USE IN DEVELOPING THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)-2045

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

IX. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)-2045 AND THE REGIONAL FREIGHT PLAN SCHEDULE

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

X. OTHER BUSINESS

XI. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

XII. ADJOURNMENT

MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING MINUTES
OF THE
JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY
(JOHRTS) AREA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC)

DATE: July 26, 2018

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC)
Homer E. Nagel Conference Room, Beaumont, TX

I. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, called the meeting to order, welcomed guests, requested introductions, and certified the presence of a quorum.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, recommended the adoption of the agenda as presented. There were no objections.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

IV. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – June 21, 2018

Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, called for a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Commissioner L. W Cooper, Hardin County, made the motion and Tucker Ferguson, District Engineer, TxDOT, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

V. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Adam Jack- Director of Planning & Development, TxDOT-Beaumont District

STATUS ON SETRPC-MPO PLANNING ACTIVITIES

The South East Texas Regional Planning Commission – Metropolitan Planning Organization (SETRPC-MPO) staff continued work on the following activities:

1. SETRPC staff held a Regional Public Transportation Coordination Steering Committee meeting on July 18, 2018.

2. SETRPC staff attended a TEMPO meeting in Austin on July 25, 2018.

3. SETRPC staff is working with the TxDOT Transportation Planning and Programming Division (TP&P), the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the Environmental Protection Agency-Dallas Regional Office, the Federal Highway Administration-Austin Division, and the Federal Transit Administration-Fort Worth Regional Office to lay out the requirements for completing the air quality conformity analysis on the JOHRTS MTP-2040.

4. SETRPC staff continued preparation on activities related to the development of the JOHRTS Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)-2045 and revisions to the MTP-2040.

Adam Jack- Director of Planning & Development, TxDOT-Beaumont District reports that project letting in July reached historical proportions of $178 million. The updates are:

- IH-10 from Hamshire Road to Walden Road at $132 million. That section of roadway most likely to be awarded to Johnson Brothers out of Fort Worth.

- Old Castle submitted a bid of $31 million to widen US 69 from IH-10 N to the LNVA. This is $6 million over the budgeted amount.

- Orange County has other projects as well.

Mr. Jack also thanked Mr. Dickinson and staff for their continued hard work and diligence with regards to the administrative modifications to the JOHRTS 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Plan. Without the modifications the letting of the above projects would not have been possible.

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE "DRAFT" FY 2019 JOHRTS UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson advised the committee that the "DRAFT" FY 2019 JOHRTS Unified Planning Work Program is a required Federal document describing the transportation planning activities to be undertaken in the JOHRTS area for a given one-year period. The FY 2019 UPWP covers the period from October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019.

He explained that the planning of various modes of transportation must be a coordinated effort to avoid an ineffective and inadequate transportation system. All forms of transportation are interrelated and must interact properly to provide a coordinated transportation system. He stated that the UPWP is prepared for the specific purpose of showing the various transportation planning activities that are expected to be accomplished in the coming year. Each activity will be integrated into the JOHRTS comprehensive transportation planning process.

Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, called for a motion to approve the "DRAFT" FY 2019 JOHRTS Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Taylor Shelton, Public Works Director, City of Port Neches, made the motion. Tucker Ferguson, District Engineer, TxDOT, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

VII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS TO THE JOHRTS 2017-2020 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson stated that an administrative modification to the JOHRTS FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program is necessary since the City of Port Arthur Transit Department advised the MPO of the need for additional funding for its project 17003-FXX. The project called for the replacement of eight paratransit buses in the amount of $994,186.00. Port Arthur Transit has requested to add 2

support vehicles to the project and increase the funding by 49%, $487,151, for a total expenditure of $1,481,337.

Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, called for a motion to approve the Administrative Modifications to the JOHRTS 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Commissioner L. W. Cooper, Hardin County, made the motion. Tucker Ferguson, District Engineer, TxDOT, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

VIII. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION ON THE PROJECT SCORING PROCESS FOR USE IN DEVELOPING THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION (MTP)-2045

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson stated that as a part of the development of the JOHRTS MTP-2045 a call for projects was initiated and a workshop was held on March 7, 2018 to review the JOHRTS Project Selection Process and to answer questions regarding potential project submittals. The call for projects deadline was April 20, 2018, but then was extended to May 30, 2018 to provide additional time for participants to prepare candidate projects.

He advised that 10 projects were submitted, nine from TxDOT and one from the City of Port Neches. These projects will be evaluated and scored by the Technical Committee sometime in September.

IX. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)-2045 AND THE REGIONAL FREIGHT PLAN SCHEDULE

Mr. Dickinson brought the Committees attention to the flyer in the packet providing information regarding public meetings to be held in early September for the public's input and opinions on the proposed projects.

Also, for informational purposes, Mr. Dickinson referred to the July Regional Transportation Projects Status Map of completed and ongoing projects in the three-county region.

***All meeting materials and live streaming video of the meeting can be viewed on the SETRPC's website**

X. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business

XI. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date is set for August 30, 2018.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Woods	Public Works Director, City of Nederland
Alberto Elefano	City Engineer, City of Port Arthur
Taylor Shelton	Public Works Director, City of Port Neches
Don Surratt	Mayor, City of Lumberton
Kelvin Knauf	Director of Planning & Community Development, City of Orange
L.W. Cooper	Commissioner, Hardin County
Tucker Ferguson	District Engineer, TxDOT
Joseph Majdalani	Public Works Director, City of Beaumont
Jon Sherwin	Public Works Supervisor, City of West Orange
Steven Stafford	Engineering Supervisor, Jefferson County

GUESTS PRESENT

Sarah Dupre	Public Information Officer, TxDOT-Beaumont District
Mansour Shiraz	MPO/Rural Planning Coordinator, TxDOT
Adam Jack	Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT
Gordon Williams	Videographer, Lamar University
Phillip Tindall	MPO Field Representative, TxDOT-TPP

SETRPC STAFF PRESENT

Bob Dickinson	Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Jimmie Lewis	Transportation Planner, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Paige Callaway	Administrative Assistant, Transportation and Environmental Resources

TENTATIVE AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC) MEETING

JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (JOHRTS) AREA

South East Texas Regional Planning Commission
Homer E. Nagel Conference Room

Thursday, August 30, 2018
10:00 a.m.

I. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

IV. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (July 26, 2018)

V. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

Adam Jack – Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT– Beaumont District

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TRANSIT ASSET CONDITION TARGETS ESTABLISHED BY BEAUMONT MUNICIPAL TRANSIT, PORT ARTHUR TRANSIT, AND SOUTH EAST TEXAS TRANSIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS IDENTIFIED AS PART OF THE FIXING AMERICA'S SURFACE TRANSPORTATION (FAST) ACT

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
Bin Wang-Transportation Planner, CDM Smith

VII. OVERVIEW OF TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY PROCESS

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
Todd Carlson – Assistant Research Scientist, Texas A&M Transportation Institute, Arlington

VIII. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)-2045 AND THE REGIONAL FREIGHT PLAN SCHEDULE

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
Madhu Narayanasamy - Project Manager, CDM Smith

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

X. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING MINUTES
OF THE
JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY
(JOHRTS) AREA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC)

DATE: August 30, 2018

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC)
Homer E. Nagel Conference Room, Beaumont, TX

I. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, called the meeting to order, welcomed guests, requested introductions, and certified the presence of a quorum.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, called for a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Commissioner L. W. Cooper, Hardin County, made the motion and Adam Jack, Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT-Beaumont District, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

IV. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – July 26, 2018

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, called for a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Adam Jack, Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT-Beaumont District, asked for a correction to the July 26, 2018 minutes prior to adoption. Minutes will be edited accordingly. Taylor Shelton, Public Works Director, City of Port Neches, made the motion and Kelvin Knauf, Director of Planning & Community Development, City of Orange, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

V. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Adam Jack- Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT-Beaumont District

STATUS ON SETRPC-MPO PLANNING ACTIVITIES

The South East Texas Regional Planning Commission – Metropolitan Planning Organization (SETRPC-MPO) staff continued work on the following activities:

1. SETRPC staff is continuing to work with the TxDOT Transportation Planning and Programming Division (TP&P), the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the Environmental Protection Agency-Dallas Regional Office, the Federal Highway Administration-Austin Division, and the Federal Transit Administration-Fort Worth Regional Office to lay out the requirements for completing the air quality conformity analysis on the JOHRTS MTP-2040 and the draft JOHRTS 2019-2022 TIP.

2. SETRPC staff continued preparation on activities related to the development of the JOHRTS Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)-2045 and the JOHRTS Regional Freight Mobility Plan.

3. SETRPC staff met with Beaumont Municipal Transit and Port Arthur Transit staff to discuss their Transit Asset Management (TAM) plan and the SETRPC Regional Transit Asset Condition Targets.

Adam Jack, Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT-Beaumont District reports updates are:

- TxDOT is continuing to develop added capacity projects even though environmental clearance cannot be obtained at this time and is advancing the designs pending the outcome of the model and the lawsuit.
- Today the Transportation Commission is moving to adopt the 10-year Unified Transportation Plan. The Beaumont District has asked for the two IH-10/US 69 interchanges to be funded and will receive a total of $500 million if adopted.
- The flooding of one year ago has two research projects underway. Beaumont was chosen as one of the locations to start looking at advanced technology to speculate roadway flooding and for a system to alert the public of the possible flooding of roadways.

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TRANSIT ASSET CONDITION TARGETS ESTABLISHED BY BEAUMONT MUNICIPAL TRANSIT, PORT ARTHUR TRANSIT, AND SOUTH EAST TEXAS TRANSIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS IDENTIFIED AS PART OF THE FIXING AMERICA'S SURFACE TRANSPORTATION (FAST) ACT

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC
Bin Wang-Transportation Planner, CDM Smith

Mr. Dickinson asked Ms. Bin Wang, Transportation Planner, CDM Smith, to explain what a Transit Asset Management Plan is, the overall flow of the program, the timeline, and performance targets.

Mr. Dickinson requested the committee to review and adopt a resolution of the transit asset condition targets established by Beaumont Municipal Transit, Port Arthur Transit, and South East Texas Transit.

He stated that the Transit Asset Condition Performance Rule establishes requirements to assess the condition of regional transit networks relative to a FTA definition of State of Good Repair (SGR). SGR is the condition in which a capital asset is able to operate at a full level of performance. The premise of the rule is condition of assets should guide funding prioritization. The rule outlines the process for State DOTs, MPOs, and transit systems to establish and report their transit asset condition targets, and the process FTA will use to assess whether transit systems have met or made significant progress toward meeting their transit asset condition targets.

Beaumont Municipal Transit, Port Arthur Transit, and South East Texas Transit approved transit asset condition targets for four federally required transit asset performance measures. The MPO can either adopt a separate set of targets for transit assets or support the targets approved by the transit agencies.

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, called for a motion to adopt the Resolution adopting the transit asset condition targets established by Beaumont Municipal Transit, Port Arthur Transit, and South East Texas Transit in accordance with requirements identified as part of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. Commissioner L. W. Cooper, Hardin County, made the motion and Adam Jack, Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT-Beaumont District, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

VII. OVERVIEW OF TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY PROCESS

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC
Todd Carlson, Assistant Research Scientist, Texas A&M Transportation Institute, Arlington

Mr. Dickinson introduced Mr. Todd Carlson, Research Scientist, Texas A&M Transportation Institute, Arlington, to give a brief presentation on transportation air quality and conformity planning.

Topics of the presentation were:

- What is Conformity
- Clean Air Act Requirements
- Purpose of Transportation Conformity
- Conformity and Planning
- Transportation Actions Subject to Conformity
- Who is Responsible for Conformity
- Mobile Source Emissions Inventory
- VMT Estimates
- Emissions Estimates
- Air Quality Modeling
- When is Conformity Required
- Conformity Determination

VIII. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)-2045 AND THE REGIONAL FREIGHT PLAN SCHEDULE

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC
Madhu Narayanasamy, Project Manager, CDM Smith

Mr. Dickinson directed the committee's attention to the SETRPC-MPO JOHRTS MTP-2045 & Regional Freight Plan handout in the packet. Mr. Madhu Narayanasamy, Project Manager, CDM Smith, will give an overview of the MTP-2045 and Regional Freight Plan update.

Topics of the presentation were:

- MTP-2045 Update and Regional Freight Plan
    - Planning Approach
    - MTP-2045 Update Goals
    - MTP-2045 Update Status

- Project Schedule
- Call for Projects
    - Project Selection Process
    - Two Evaluation Tracks
- Existing Conditions
    - Population
    - Income
    - Crashes
    - Transearch Truck Density and Commodities
    - Transearch Rail Density and Commodities
    - USACE Ports and Waterways
    - USACE WCS, Port Commodities
- Public Meetings
    - Monday, September 10, 2018, City of Orange Library
    - Tuesday, September 11, 2018, Bowers Civic Center
    - Wednesday, September 12, 2018, Lumberton City Hall
    - Thursday, September 13, 2018, MCM Elegante Hotel

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IX. OTHER BUSINESS

For informational purposes, Mr. Dickinson referred to a flyer with the public meetings scheduled for September 10-13, 2018, to gather input on the JOHRTS MTP-2045, an article in the Orange Leader seeking comments on the Hike and Bike Plan 2037, and the August Regional Transportation Projects Status Map of completed and ongoing projects in the three-county region.

X. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date is set for October 25, 2018.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:23 a.m. Adam Jack, Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT-Beaumont District, made the motion and Robert Woods, Public Works Director, City of Nederland, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Woods	Public Works Director, City of Nederland
Alberto Elefano	City Engineer, City of Port Arthur
Taylor Shelton	Public Works Director, City of Port Neches
Jody Crump	Commissioner, Orange County
Kelvin Knauf	Director of Planning & Community Development, City of Orange
L.W. Cooper	Commissioner, Hardin County
Jon Sherwin	Public Works Supervisor, City of West Orange
Robert Viator	Mayor, City of Vidor

GUESTS PRESENT

Adam Jack	Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT-Beaumont District
Gordon Williams	Videographer, Lamar University
Phillip Tindall	MPO Field Representative, TxDOT-TPP
Todd Carlson	Research Scientist, Texas A&M Transportation Institute
Madhu Narayanasany	Project Manager, CDM Smith
Johnny Trahan	Commissioner, Orange County
Bin Wang	Transportation Planner, CDM Smith
Robert Guthart	Transportation Planner, CDM Smith

SETRPC STAFF PRESENT

Bob Dickinson	Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Paige Callaway	Administrative Assistant, Transportation and Environmental Resources

TENTATIVE AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC) MEETING

JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (JOHRTS) AREA

South East Texas Regional Planning Commission
Homer E. Nagel Conference Room

Thursday, October 25, 2018
10:00 a.m.

I. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

IV. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (August 30, 2018)

V. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

Adam Jack – Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT– Beaumont District

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PM3 TRAVEL TIME SYSTEM PERFORMANCE RELIABILITY TARGETS ESTABLISHED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS IDENTIFIED AS PART OF THE FIXING AMERICA'S SURFACE TRANSPORTATION (FAST) ACT

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

VII. UPDATE ON TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE JOHRTS AREA-RECENT D.C. COURT RULING SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT VS EPA

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

IX. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

X. ADJOURNMENT

MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING MINUTES
OF THE
JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY
(JOHRTS) AREA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC)

DATE: October 25, 2018

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC)
Homer E. Nagel Conference Room, Beaumont, TX

I. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, called the meeting to order, welcomed guests, requested introductions, and certified the presence of a quorum.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, called for a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Commissioner L. W. Cooper, Hardin County, made the motion and Tucker Ferguson, District Engineer, TxDOT-Beaumont District, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

IV. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – August 30, 2018

Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, called for a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Taylor Shelton, Public Works Director, City of Port Neches, made the motion and Robert Woods, Public Works Director, City of Nederland, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

V. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Adam Jack- Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT-Beaumont District

STATUS ON SETRPC-MPO PLANNING ACTIVITIES

The South East Texas Regional Planning Commission – Metropolitan Planning Organization (SETRPC-MPO) staff continued work on the following activities:

1. SETRPC staff is continuing to work with the TxDOT Beaumont District and TxDOT Transportation Planning and Programming Division (TP&P), the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the Environmental Protection Agency-Dallas Regional Office, the Federal Highway Administration-Austin Division, and the Federal Transit Administration-Fort Worth Regional Office to lay out the requirements for completing the air quality conformity analysis on the JOHRTS MTP-2045 and the draft revised JOHRTS 2019-2022 TIP.

2. SETRPC staff attended a meeting of the Technical Working Group in Austin on September 6, 2018.

3. SETRPC staff held four public meetings, September 10-13, to give the public the opportunity to learn about and to give input into the development of the JOHRTS MTP-2045.

4. SETRPC staff attended a pilot FHWA Environmental Justice Training Class in Austin on September 18-19, 2018.

5. SETRPC staff attended a TEMPO meeting and the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) National Conference in San Antonio on September 25-28, 2018.

6. SETRPC staff attended a TxDOT key stakeholder meeting for the IH-10 widening project in Orange County on October 10, 2018

7. SETRPC staff held a Regional Freight Mobility Plan kickoff meeting in Beaumont on October 18, 2018.

Adam Jack, Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT-Beaumont District reports updates are:

- TxDOT held a key stakeholder meeting in Orange on the IH-10 project segment that starts at Adams Bayou to the Sabine River.
- The IH-10 widening project from FM 365 to Walden Road has been awarded. Construction has been delayed until after the holidays. Also, TxDOT will be adding traffic cameras to all interstate and US 69 projects which will expand the capability of watching traffic in real time at major interchanges.
- Information from the US 69 corridor round table meeting held in Woodville last week summarizing the status from Lumberton to the northern edge of the District which is near the Neches River include:
    - an overall map of segments
    - a draft newsletter being released in the next month
    - a presentation
    - an Alternative Delivery Program-Discussion Document which includes the $500 million IH-10 interchange reconfigurations in Beaumont
    - an annual meeting will be held to brief elected officials on the overall progress of the corridor since it is the primary evacuation route for this area

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PM3 TRAVEL TIME SYSTEM PERFORMANCE RELIABILITY TARGETS ESTABLISHED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS IDENTIFIED AS PART OF THE FIXING AMERICA'S SURFACE TRANSPORTATION (FAST) ACT

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson explained that the System Performance rule (PM3) establishes performance measure requirements to assess the performance of the National Highway System (NHS) and to assess freight movement on the Interstate System. These measures focus on evaluating travel time reliability and travel delay on interstate, freeway, and principal arterial class facilities to determine whether the magnitude of travel time variability is considered unreasonable. The objective of the rule is to ensure efforts to improve unreasonable travel delay and expedite the movement of people and goods, furthering the national goal of improving the efficiency of the surface transportation system.

He stated that the Texas Department of Transportation adopted travel time reliability targets for three performance measures. The MPO can either adopt a

separate set of travel time reliability targets or support the targets approved by TxDOT.

Mr. Dickinson requested the committee to review and adopt a resolution of the PM3 travel time system performance reliability targets established by the Texas Department of Transportation.

Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, called for a motion to adopt the Resolution adopting the PM3 travel time system performance reliability targets established bythe Texas Department of Transportation in accordance with requirements identified as part of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. Steve Stafford, Engineering Supervisor, Jefferson County, made the motion and Commissioner L. W. Cooper, Hardin County, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

VII. UPDATE ON TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE JOHRTS AREA-RECENT D.C. COURT RULING SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT VS EPA

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson advised that due to a September 14, 2018 D.C. Circuits Court ruling in the South Coast Air Quality Management District vs EPA, the Court denied the petitions for rehearing except for the vacatur of the rule that exempts orphan areas, which includes the JOHRTS region, from transportation conformity requirements until February 16, 2019 meaning that we can proceed with all planning and project development in our JOHRTS region, taken prior to February 16, 2019, and not be subject to transportation conformity requirements for the 1997 ozone standard.

Mr. Dickinson informed the committee that due to this action, a 30-day public comment period will be held from October 15, 2018 through November 14, 2018, for the Revised "DRAFT" Jefferson-Orange-Hardin Regional Transportation Study Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2040 (JOHRTS MTP-2040) Amendment #10 and the "DRAFT" JOHRTS FY 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and that a preliminary draft of these documents are available on the South East Texas Regional Planning Commission's website, http://setrpc.org/.

Additionally, he pointed out that the SETRPC staff is continuing to work with the TxDOT Beaumont District and TxDOT Transportation Planning and Programming Division (TP&P), the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the Environmental Protection Agency-Dallas Regional Office, the Federal Highway Administration-Austin Division, and the Federal Transit Administration-Fort Worth

Regional Office to lay out the requirements for completing the air quality conformity analysis on the JOHRTS MTP-2045 and the "DRAFT" revised JOHRTS 2019-2022 TIP.

***All meeting materials and live streaming video of the meeting can be viewed on the SETRPC's website**

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

For informational purposes, Mr. Dickinson referred to a flyer and a press release with the public meetings scheduled for October 29-31, and November 1, 2018, to gather input on the Revised "DRAFT" JOHRTS MTP-2040 Amendment #10 and the "DRAFT" JOHRTS FY 2019-2022 TIP, the October Regional Transportation Projects Status Map of completed and ongoing projects in the three-county region, and a schedule of future transportation meetings.

IX. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date is set for November 29, 2018.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, adjourned the meeting at 11:47 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Woods	Public Works Director, City of Nederland
Alberto Elefano	City Engineer, City of Port Arthur
Taylor Shelton	Public Works Director, City of Port Neches
Kelvin Knauf	Director of Planning & Community Development, City of Orange
L.W. Cooper	Commissioner, Hardin County
Jon Sherwin	Public Works Supervisor, City of West Orange
Tucker Ferguson	District Engineer, TxDOT-Beaumont District
Troy Foxworth	Public Works Director, City of Groves
Steve Stafford	Engineering Supervisor, Jefferson County
Don Surratt	Mayor, City of Lumberton

GUESTS PRESENT

Adam Jack	Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT-Beaumont District
Gordon Williams	Videographer, Lamar University
Sarah Dupre	Public Information Officer, TxDOT
Jennifer Pate	Director, Community Relations, Gulf Coast
Kaitlin Bain	The Beaumont Enterprise

SETRPC STAFF PRESENT

Bob Dickinson	Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Paige Callaway	Administrative Assistant, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Jimmie Lewis	Transportation Planner, Transportation and Environmental Resources

TENTATIVE AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC) MEETING

JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (JOHRTS) AREA

South East Texas Regional Planning Commission
Homer E. Nagel Conference Room

Thursday, November 29, 2018
10:00 a.m.

I. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

IV. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (October 25, 2018)

V. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

Adam Jack – Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT– Beaumont District

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF JOHRTS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON PROJECTS SCORED FOR INCLUSION IN THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)-2045

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

VII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)-2040

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

VIII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE "DRAFT" JOHRTS 2019-2022 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

IX. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING PM2 PAVEMENT AND BRIDGE TARGETS ESTABLISHED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS IDENTIFIED AS PART OF THE FIXING AMERICA'S SURFACE TRANSPORTATION (FAST) ACT

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

X. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING SAFETY PERFORMANCE TARGETS ESTABLISHED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS IDENTIFIED AS PART OF THE FIXING AMERICA'S SURFACE TRANSPORTATION (FAST) ACT

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

XI. UPDATE ON TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE JOHRTS AREA-RECENT D.C. COURT RULING SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT VS EPA

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

XIII. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING MINUTES
OF THE
JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY
(JOHRTS) AREA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC)

DATE: November 29, 2018

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC)
Homer E. Nagel Conference Room, Beaumont, TX

I. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, called the meeting to order, welcomed guests, requested introductions, and certified the presence of a quorum.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, called for a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County, made the motion and Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

IV. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – October 25, 2018

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, called for a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County, made the motion and Commissioner L. W. Cooper, Hardin County, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

V. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Adam Jack- Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT-Beaumont District

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2. SETRPC staff held four public meetings during the last week of October to give the public the opportunity to learn about and to comment on the proposed amendments to the JOHRTS MTP-2040 and the "DRAFT" JOHRTS 2019-2022 TIP.

3. SETRPC staff held a JOHRTS Technical Committee meeting on November 7, 2018.

4. SETRPC staff held a JOHRTS Technical Committee meeting on November 28, 2018.

Adam Jack, Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT-Beaumont District reports updates are:

- The $500 million project for interchange improvements on IH-10 at Cardinal Drive and the Eastex Freeway are advancing. A Community Advisory Committee has been established for guidance throughout the process. The first public meeting will be held in early 2019 with the project going to construction in 2021.

- TxDOT is working with private groups and the Big Thicket to come up with new creative ways to redesign a dualization two lane road to a four-lane divided parkway style facility, that is largely environmentally focused, in the northern portion of US 69 in Hardin county. Also, in the beginning of 2019 public meetings will begin.

- After several meetings with drainage districts, as well as the release of the new rainfall intensity documentation from NOAA, TxDOT is looking at all construction contracts along IH-10 to assess the feasibility of adding an additional large box culvert under the interstate, for future use, while the current construction is in process. The culverts would not be open for use until the drainage districts provide a hydraulic study to ensure no negative impact would be experienced downstream if the added capacity is tied into the drainage districts infrastructure.

- TxDOT Beaumont District is in communication with the Rail and Freight Division in Austin about the possibility of a public/private partnership to build a second railroad lift span over the Neches River.

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF JOHRTS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON PROJECTS SCORED FOR INCLUSION IN THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)-2045

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson requested the committee to review and adopt the JOHRTS Technical Committee's recommendations on projects scored for inclusion in the JOHRTS Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)-2045.

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, called for a motion to adopt the JOHRTS Technical Committee's recommendations on projects scored for inclusion in the JOHRTS Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)-2045. Commissioner L. W. Cooper, Hardin County, made the motion and Adam Jack, Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT-Beaumont District, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

VII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)-2040

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson informed the committee that anytime a new Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is adopted it is necessary to revise and approve the JOHRTS Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)-2040. This will be the tenth amendment since the JOHRTS MTP-2040 was originally adopted in July of 2014. The process for the revisions to the JOHRTS MTP-2040, Amendment #10, is the same as was followed for the "DRAFT" JOHRTS 2019-2022 TIP.

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, called for a motion to adopt the revisions to the JOHRTS Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)-2040. Adam Jack, Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT-Beaumont District, made the motion and Robert Woods, Public Works Director, City of Nederland, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

VIII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE "DRAFT" JOHRTS 2019-2022 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson explained that the SETRPC-MPO's short-range transportation plan is the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which presents the various highway and transit projects that are expected to be let for construction or implementation within the four-year time frame covered.

Mr. Dickinson advised the committee of the need to adopt the "DRAFT" JOHRTS 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The 30-day public comment period was from October 15, 2018-November 14, 2018 and four public meetings, in three counties, were held during the last week of October. Notices were placed in advance on the SETRPC website and in newspapers.

All regional transportation projects and programs are required to be identified and prioritized in the TIP in order to be eligible for Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds. The JOHRTS MTP-2040 has also been revised since the "DRAFT" JOHRTS 2019-2022 TIP is a subset to the JOHRTS MTP-2040.

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, called for a motion to adopt the "DRAFT" JOHRTS 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County, made the motion and Taylor Shelton, Public Works Director, City of Port Neches, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

IX. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING PM2 PAVEMENT AND BRIDGE TARGETS ESTABLISHED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS IDENTIFIED AS PART OF THE FIXING AMERICA'S SURFACE TRANSPORTATION (FAST) ACT

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson stated that the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act requires the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to demonstrate a performance-based decision process that ties back to regional performance targets. The FAST Act requires MPOs to establish regional performance standards and to meet subsequent reporting requirements. These standards can be to support those adopted by either the State DOT or regional transit agencies, whichever is applicable.

The Pavement and Bridge Condition Rule establishes performance requirements to assess conditions on the National Highway System (NHS) and outlines the process for State DOTs and MPOs to establish targets and report conditions. TxDOT adopted 2022 pavement and bridge condition targets on June 21, 2018. MPOs are required to adopt regional targets within 180 days of TxDOT adoption.

Mr. Dickinson requested the committee to review and adopt the Resolution adopting PM2 pavement and bridge targets established by the Texas Department of Transportation in accordance with requirements identified as part of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act.

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, called for a motion to adopt the Resolution adopting PM2 pavement and bridge targets established by the Texas Department of Transportation in accordance with requirements identified as part of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, made the motion and Commissioner L. W. Cooper, Hardin County, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

X. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING SAFETY PERFORMANCE TARGETS ESTABLISHED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS IDENTIFIED AS PART OF THE FIXING AMERICA'S SURFACE TRANSPORTATION (FAST) ACT

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson mentioned, as above, that the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act requires the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to demonstrate a performance-based decision process that ties back to regional performance targets. The FAST Act requires MPOs to establish regional performance standards and to meet subsequent reporting requirements. These standards can be to support those adopted by either the State DOT or regional transit agencies, whichever is applicable.

The Safety Performance Rule establishes safety performance requirements to assess fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads. It also outlines the process for State DOTs and MPOs to establish and report their safety targets, and the process that FHWA will use to assess whether State DOTs and/or MPOs have met or made significant progress toward meeting their safety targets.

TxDOT adopted 2019 safety performance targets for Texas in August 2018 for five federally required safety performance measures. These targets are applicable to all public roads in Texas regardless of ownership. By supporting TxDOT targets, the MPO would evaluate projects within the MTP and TIP based on whether they assist TxDOT in achieving their safety targets. The FAST Act requires MPO action regarding safety targets on or before February 27, 2019.

Mr. Dickinson requested the committee to review and adopt the Resolution adopting safety performance targets established by the Texas Department of Transportation in accordance with requirements identified as part of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act.

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, called for a motion to adopt the Resolution adopting safety performance targets established by the Texas Department of Transportation in accordance with requirements identified as part of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. Commissioner L. W. Cooper, Hardin County, made the motion and Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

XI. UPDATE ON TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE JOHRTS AREA-RECENT D.C. COURT RULING SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT VS EPA

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson reported that the SETRPC staff is continuing to work with the TxDOT Beaumont District and TxDOT Transportation Planning and Programming Division (TP&P), the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the Environmental Protection Agency-Dallas Regional Office, the Federal Highway Administration-Austin Division, and the Federal Transit Administration-Fort Worth Regional Office to lay out the requirements for completing the air quality conformity analysis on the JOHRTS MTP-2045 and the "DRAFT" revised JOHRTS 2019-2022 TIP. To be on the proactive side, Mr. Dickinson feels we must proceed even though things could change at any time.

***All meeting materials and live streaming video of the meeting can be viewed on the SETRPC's website**

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

For informational purposes, Mr. Dickinson referred to a TCEQ new release in the packet that published the final VW Beneficiary Mitigation Plan for Texas. The plan sets out the state's strategy for distributing more than $209 million received in settlement of claims relating to emissions control defeat devices on Volkswagen's light-duty diesel vehicles. Also included was the November Regional Transportation Projects Status Map of completed and ongoing projects in the three-county region.

XIII. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be in January or February.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m. Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, made the motion and Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Woods	Public Works Director, City of Nederland
Alberto Elefano	City Engineer, City of Port Arthur
Taylor Shelton	Public Works Director, City of Port Neches
Kelvin Knauf	Acting City Manager, City of Orange
L.W. Cooper	Commissioner, Hardin County
Jon Sherwin	Public Works Supervisor, City of West Orange
Troy Foxworth	Public Works Director, City of Groves
Steve Stafford	Engineering Supervisor, Jefferson County
Don Surratt	Mayor, City of Lumberton
Eddie Arnold	Commissioner, Jefferson County
Jody Crump	Commissioner, Orange County
Adam Jack	Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT-Beaumont District

GUESTS PRESENT

Gordon Williams	Videographer, Lamar University
Sarah Dupre	Public Information Officer, TxDOT
Scott Ayres	Planning Engineer, TxDOT-Beaumont District
Sade' Chick	Manager Corporate Affairs, Port of Beaumont
Clark Slacum	County Engineer, Orange County
Johnny Trahan	Commissioner, Orange County

SETRPC STAFF PRESENT

Bob Dickinson	Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Paige Callaway	Administrative Assistant, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Jimmie Lewis	Transportation Planner, Transportation and Environmental Resources

TENTATIVE AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC) MEETING

JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (JOHRTS) AREA

South East Texas Regional Planning Commission
Homer E. Nagel Conference Room

Thursday, February 28, 2019
10:00 a.m.

I. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

IV. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (November 29, 2018)

V. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

Adam Jack – Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT– Beaumont District

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TRANSIT ASSET CONDITION TARGETS ESTABLISHED BY BEAUMONT MUNICIPAL TRANSIT, PORT ARTHUR TRANSIT, AND SOUTH EAST TEXAS TRANSIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS IDENTIFIED AS PART OF THE FIXING AMERICA'S SURFACE TRANSPORTATION (FAST) ACT

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

VII. PRESENTATION ON TXDOT STATE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK PROGRAM

Deborah Fleming –Manager, State Infrastructure Bank, TxDOT-Austin

VIII. UPDATE ON TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR ORPHAN MAINTENANCE AREA UNDER THE NOVEMBER 18 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY GUIDANCE REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE D.C. COURT RULING SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT VS EPA

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
Andy Mullins – Research Scientist, Texas A&M Transportation Institute-Houston

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

X. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING MINUTES
OF THE
JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY
(JOHRTS) AREA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC)

DATE: February 28, 2019

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC)
Homer E. Nagel Conference Room, Beaumont, TX

I. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, called the meeting to order, welcomed guests, requested introductions, and certified the presence of a quorum.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, called for a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Jefferson County, made the motion and Commissioner L. W. Cooper, Hardin County, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

IV. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – November 29, 2018

Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, called for a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Taylor Shelton, Public Works Director, City of Port Neches, made the motion and Tucker Ferguson, District Engineer, TxDOT-Beaumont District, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

V. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Adam Jack- Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT-Beaumont District

STATUS ON SETRPC-MPO PLANNING ACTIVITIES

The South East Texas Regional Planning Commission – Metropolitan Planning Organization (SETRPC-MPO) staff continued work on the following activities:

1. SETRPC staff is continuing to work with the TxDOT Beaumont District and TxDOT Transportation Planning and Programming Division (TP&P), the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the Environmental Protection Agency-Dallas Regional Office, the Federal Highway Administration-Austin Division, and the Federal Transit Administration-Fort Worth Regional Office to lay out the requirements for completing the air quality conformity determination on the JOHRTS MTP-2045 and the JOHRTS FY 2019-2022 TIP.

2. SETRPC staff attended a Technical Working Group meeting in Austin on December 6, 2018.

3. SETRPC staff attended a TEMPO meeting in Arlington on December 10, 2018.

4. SETRPC staff attended the Texas Transportation Forum in Austin on January 7-8, 2019.

5. SETRPC staff hosted a TxDOT Truck Parking and Freight Design Workshop in Beaumont on January 22, 2019.

6. SETRPC staff attended a TxDOT Open House on the US 69 Corridor improvements in Warren on February 19, 2019.

Adam Jack, Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT-Beaumont District reports updates are:

- Public meetings
    - TxDOT held a public meeting on February 19, 2019, in Warren on the proposed widening and design improvements of the US 69 Corridor: Gateway to the Big Thicket segment, from FM 1003 (north of Kountze in Hardin County) to FM 1943 (near Warren in Tyler County). Over 300 people attended.
    - Prior to February 19th another well attended public meeting was held in Orange regarding the IH-10 widening project to six lanes all the way to the Louisiana border.
    - Tentatively scheduled for April 16th at the Civic Center in Beaumont is a public meeting on one of the biggest projects that the District will be doing in Beaumont. This upcoming $500 billion project is the IH-10 interchanges on US 69, Cardinal Drive and the Eastex Freeway.
    - Within the next 3 months, there will be public meetings held on the US 69/SH 73 interchange project in Port Arthur, as well as the widening FM 105 from Beaumont to Sour Lake.

- The Neches River Bridge West bound span is open. Feedback from Vidor has been overwhelmingly positive. Also, the new frontage road bridges have been opened at Pine Island Bayou on US 69 going to Lumberton enabling traffic diversion if necessary.

- The District will be getting more than $3 million in landscaping funds over the next 4 years. A planning process will be started to involve the public for input.

- Since the public has expressed their resistance to the closure, TxDOT has worked with the City of Beaumont for an interim solution to the Delaware exit ramp backup from northbound US 69. Frontage road traffic will yield to the off ramp, the intersection will be widened, lanes will be extended for more storage capacity at the traffic signal, and the City will re-time the signal system so that traffic will not get backed up on the ramp. This is a temporary provision until the rebuild of the US 69/IH-10 interchanges are completed. A public meeting will be held on April 15th to demonstrate alternatives.

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TRANSIT ASSET CONDITION TARGETS ESTABLISHED BY BEAUMONT MUNICIPAL TRANSIT, PORT ARTHUR TRANSIT, AND SOUTH EAST TEXAS TRANSIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS IDENTIFIED AS PART OF THE FIXING AMERICA'S SURFACE TRANSPORTATION (FAST) ACT

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson requested the committee to review and approve the resolution adopting the transit asset condition targets established by Beaumont Municipal Transit, Port Arthur Transit, and South East Texas Transit.

The Transit Asset Condition Performance Rule establishes requirements to assess the condition of regional transit networks relative to an FTA definition of State of Good Repair (SGR). SGR is the condition in which a capital asset is able to operate at a full level of performance. The premise of the rule is condition of assets should guide funding prioritization. The rule outlines the process for State DOTs, MPOs, and transit systems to establish and report their transit asset condition targets, and the process FTA will use to assess whether transit systems have met or made significant progress toward meeting their transit asset condition targets.
Beaumont Municipal Transit, Port Arthur Transit, and South East Texas Transit approved transit asset condition targets on January 1, 2019 for four federally required transit asset performance measures. The MPO can either adopt a separate set of targets for transit assets or support the targets approved by the transit agencies.

Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, called for a motion to approve the Resolution adopting the transit asset condition targets established by Beaumont Municipal Transit, Port Arthur Transit, and South East Texas Transit. Commissioner Johnny Trahan, Orange County, made the motion and Commissioner L. W. Cooper, Hardin County, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

VII. PRESENTATION ON TXDOT STATE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK PROGRAM

Deborah Fleming –Manager, State Infrastructure Bank, TxDOT-Austin

Ms. Fleming explained that the State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) program is much like a private bank, the SIB offers eligible customers a range of loans and credit enhancement services. The SIB will offer its services to finance or financially enhance only transportation projects that meet its selection criteria. SIB loans can be used for right-of-way agreements, utility relocations, advance funding

agreements, and local roadways. Since inception (1997) there have been 117 SIB loans in the amount of $616 million. $411 million have been repaid, and as loans are repaid to the SIB, additional assistance will be granted for more transportation projects, therefore in effect, a revolving loan fund.

Ms. Fleming advised the advantages of borrowing from the SIB are:

- Interest calculated on a 30/360-day count basis
- Loan amortization schedules have some flexibility for debt service pinch points
- No fees for loan application
- No loan handling charges
- Prepayments can be made at any time
- At or below market interest rates.

In closing, Ms. Fleming added that support is available with the loan application process, Web-Ex meetings for general staff training, and in person meetings at the District for general or project specific information.

VIII. UPDATE ON TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR ORPHAN MAINTENANCE AREA UNDER THE NOVEMBER 18 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY GUIDANCE REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE D.C. COURT RULING SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT VS EPA

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC
Andy Mullins – Research Scientist, Texas A&M Transportation Institute-Houston

Mr. Dickinson referred the committee to a copy of the revised draft South East Texas Regional Planning Commission-MPO JOHRTS Transportation Conformity Pre-Analysis Consensus Plan for the Beaumont-Port Arthur Orphan Maintenance Area under the November 2018 U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) guidance regarding the implementation of the District of Columbia Circuit Court's February 16, 2018 decision.

He stated that the SETRPC-MPO is working to complete a Transportation Conformity Determination for the existing revised JOHRTS Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)-2040 and the JOHRTS FY 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Additionally, the SETRPC-MPO is working to complete an update of the JOHRTS Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)-2040 by July 31, 2019.

To complete this process the SETRPC-MPO developed a draft Transportation Conformity Pre-Analysis Consensus Plan for review and comment by the consultative partners and is proceeding to do a Transportation Conformity Determination on the draft JOHRTS Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)-2045 and the draft revised JOHRTS FY 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Also, Mr. Dickinson referred to a copy of a draft timeline that shows the process to complete the Transportation Conformity Determination on the current revised JOHRTS MTP-2040 and the JOHRTS FY 2019-2022 TIP and the Transportation Conformity Determination on the draft JOHRTS MTP-2045 and the draft revised JOHRTS FY 2019-2022 TIP, to be completed later in the year.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

For informational purposes, Mr. Dickinson included in the packet a TxDOT flyer for a public meeting held on February 19, 2019, in Warren on the proposed widening and design improvements of the US 69 Corridor: Gateway to the Big Thicket segment, from FM 1003 (north of Kountze in Hardin County) to FM 1943 (near Warren in Tyler County).

Also included was the February Regional Transportation Projects Status Map of completed and ongoing projects in the three-county region.

***All meeting materials and live streaming video of the meeting can be viewed on the SETRPC's website**

X. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be on April 18, 2019.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton, called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:14 a.m. Commissioner L. W. Cooper, Hardin County, made the motion and Robert Woods, Public Works Director, City of Nederland, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Woods	Public Works Director, City of Nederland
Rawetts Baaheth	Assistant City Engineer, City of Port Arthur
Taylor Shelton	Public Works Director, City of Port Neches
Jim Wolf	Public Works Director, City of Orange
L.W. Cooper	Commissioner, Hardin County
Jon Sherwin	Public Works Supervisor, City of West Orange
Troy Foxworth	Public Works Director, City of Groves
Steve Stafford	Engineering Supervisor, Jefferson County
Don Surratt	Mayor, City of Lumberton
Eddie Arnold	Commissioner, Jefferson County
Alberto Elefano	City Engineer, City of Port Arthur
Tucker Ferguson	District Engineer, TxDOT-Beaumont District
Johnny Trahan	Commissioner, Orange County
Kimberly Stiebig	Mayor, City of Vidor
Mike Kunst	City Manager, City of Vidor

GUESTS PRESENT

Deborah Fleming	Manager, State Infrastructure Bank, TxDOT-Austin
Adam Jack	Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT-Beaumont District
Andy Mullins	Research Scientist, Texas A&M Transportation Institute
Jennifer Pate	Director Community Relations, Gulf Coast
Phillip Tindall	MPO Field Rep., TxDOT-Austin
Anthony Jones	Transportation Planner, Federal Highway Administration

SETRPC STAFF PRESENT

Bob Dickinson	Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Paige Callaway	Administrative Assistant, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Jimmie Lewis	Transportation Planner, Transportation and Environmental Resources

Appendix 9.5

JOHRTS Technical Committee
Agenda and Minutes

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TENTATIVE AGENDA

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (JOHRTS) AREA

South East Texas Regional Planning Commission
Transportation Conference Room

Thursday, October 20, 2016
10:00 a.m.

I. DEVELOPMENT OF THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)-2045
-Bob Dickinson, Director, South East Texas Regional Planning Commission

II. SETRPC MPO/TXDOT TRAVEL DEMAND MODEL UPDATE PROJECT
-Andy Mullins, Texas A&M Transportation Institute

- Purpose
- Components
- Role/responsibilities
- Timeframe

III. SETRPC MPO/TXDOT TRAVEL DEMAND MODEL UPDATE EFFORTS
-Madhu Narayanasamy, Project Manager, CDM Smith

- Components
- Process
- Needed input from Committee
- Schedule
- Next Steps

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

V. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

VI. ADJOURNMENT

JOHRTS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES
OCTOBER 20, 2016
10:00 A.M

I. Welcome and Introductions
Bob Dickinson, MPO Director called the meeting to order and welcomed those present.

II. Bob Dickinson introduced Andy Mullins of TTI who presented a power point presentation explaining the purpose of traffic modeling and its role in the "Draft" MTP-2045

III. Bob Dickinson introduced Charlie Sullivan of CDM Smith who presented a power point presentation explaining the interaction between the MTP and the TIP. Also, the process through which a proposed highway project is developed and seen to construction.

Bob Dickinson- SETRPC MPO
Paige Callaway- SETRPC MPO
Jimmie Lewis- SETRPC MPO
Robert Grimm- SETRPC MPO

Scott Ayres- TxDOT Beaumont District
Mansour Shiraz- TxDOT

Leslie Barras- Citizen

Steve Hamilton- City of Nederland
Kelvin Knauf- City of Orange
Don Rao- Jefferson County
Gerald Robinson- City of Bridge City
Taylor Shelton- City of Port Neches
Clark Slacum- Orange County
Zheng Tan- City of Beaumont
Robert Viator- City of Vidor
Andy Mullins- Texas A&M Transportation Institute
Madhu Narayansamy- CDM Smith
Chris Nazar- CDM Smith

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TENTATIVE AGENDA

Jefferson-Orange-Hardin Regional Transportation Study

JOHRTS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC)
Transportation Conference Room
2210 Eastex Freeway
Beaumont, TX

Thursday, December 1, 2016
10:00 a.m.

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

II. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION OF CONTROL TOTALS FOR NEW DEMOGRAPHIC BASE YEAR (2016) ESTIMATES AND HORIZON YEAR FORECASTS FOR UPDATING THE JOHRTS TRAVEL DEMAND MODEL (TDM) AN INTEGRAL PART OF UPDATING OUR JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)-2045
-Madhu Narayanasamy, Project Manager, CDM Smith

III. DISCUSSION OF PROCESS FOR ALLOCATING CONTROL TOTALS AND GROWTH ASSUMPTIONS
-Madhu Narayanasamy, Project Manager, CDM Smith

IV. DISCUSSION OF OUTSTANDING DATA NEEDS FOR PERFORMING ALLOCATION
-Madhu Narayanasamy, Project Manager, CDM Smith

V. QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

JOHRTS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES
DECEMBER 1, 2016
10:00 AM AND 1:00 PM

I. Welcome and Introductions

Bob Dickinson, MPO Director called the meeting to order and welcomed those present.

II. Bob Dickinson introduced Madhu Narayanasamy of CDM Smith who presented a power point presentation discussing the control totals needed to update the travel demand model for the "draft" MTP-2045.

III. Madhu Narayanasamy proceeded to discuss the process of allocating control totals and growth assumptions to use for updating the travel demand model. Items discussed were socio economic data such as population estimates, employment trends based on past growth and development.

IV. Madhu Narayanasamy discussed with the Committee options for population growth, migration, and employment estimates to use for control totals. After the discussion the Committee decided on the data to use for the future control totals.

Bob Dickinson- SETRPC MPO
Paige Callaway- SETRPC MPO
Jimmie Lewis- SETRPC MPO
Robert Grimm- SETRPC MPO

Tim Juarez- TxDOT Austin District
Mansour Shiraz- TxDOT
Lisa Collins- TxDOT Beaumont District
Scott Ayres- TxDOT Beaumont District
Adam Jack- TxDOT Beaumont District

Jessica Hill- Orange County EDC

Steve Hamilton- City of Nederland
Kelvin Knauf- City of Orange
Mike Lund- City of Bridge City
Don Rao- Jefferson County
Gerald Robinson- City of Bridge City
Taylor Shelton- City of Port Neches
Clark Slacum- Orange County
Zheng Tan- City of Beaumont
Robert Viator- City of Vidor
Andy Mullins- Texas A&M Transportation Institute
Madhu Narayanasamy- CDM Smith

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Jefferson-Orange-Hardin Regional Transportation Study

JOHRTS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC)
Transportation Conference Room
2210 Eastex Freeway
Beaumont, TX

Tuesday, March 21, 2017
10:00 a.m.

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

II. STATUS REPORT ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)-2045
-Bob Dickinson, Director, South East Texas Regional Planning Commission

III. STATUS REPORT ON SETRPC MPO/TXDOT TRAVEL DEMAND MODEL
-Model Data Inputs, Charlie Sullivan, Sr. Transportation Planner, CDM Smith
-Model Status Update, Andy Mullins, Texas A&M Transportation Institute

IV. QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

V. OTHER BUSINESS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

JOHRTS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES
MARCH 21, 2017
10:00 AM

I. Welcome and Introductions
Bob Dickinson, MPO Director called the meeting to order and welcomed those present.

II. Bob Dickinson introduced Charlie Sullivan of CDM Smith who presented a power point presentation update on the Traffic Demand Model for the "draft" MTP-2045. The presentation included information on the basics of a travel demand model, its development and the current status of the JHORTS travel demand model.

III. Bob Dickinson introduced Andy Mullins of TTI who presented a power point presentation explaining the interaction between Travel demand model and the MTP and TIP. Also a description of the base year and forecast year inputs for the traffic demand model.

Bob Dickinson- SETRPC MPO
Paige Callaway- SETRPC MPO
Jimmie Lewis- SETRPC MPO
Robert Grimm- SETRPC MPO

Steve Hamilton- City of Nederland
Kelvin Knauf- City of Orange
Don Rao- Jefferson County
Clark Slacum- Orange County
Rawetts Baaheth-City of Port Arthur

Jesse Fleming- TxDOT Beaumont District
Scott Ayres- TxDOT Beaumont District
Adam Jack- TxDOT Beaumont District

Andy Mullins- Texas A&M Transportation Institute
Elizabeth Amar- CDM Smith
Charlie Sullivan- CDM Smith

TENTATIVE AGENDA

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (JOHRTS) AREA

South East Texas Regional Planning Commission
Transportation Conference Room

Thursday, June 29, 2017
10:00 a.m.

I. PRESENTATION ON WEB-BASED TRANSPORTATION PROJECT VIEWER FOR THE JOHRTS AREA

-Robert Benz, Texas A&M Transportation Institute

II. PRESENTATION ON JOHRTS UPWP WORK TASK 5-SPECIAL STUDIES-TRAFFIC DATA COLLECTION

-Andy Mullins & Tracy Zhou, Texas A&M Transportation Institute

- Vehicle Classification Data Collection
- Origin/Destination & Travel Time Data Collection

III. PRESENTATION ON DRAFT 2017 UPDATE OF THE SETRPC PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS

-Madhu Narayanasamy, Project Manager, CDM Smith

IV. STATUS REPORT ON SETRPC MPO/TxDOT TRAVEL DEMAND MODEL

- *Charlie Sullivan, Sr. Transportation Planner, CDM Smith*

V. OTHER BUSINESS

VI. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

VII. ADJOURNMENT

JOHRTS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES
JUNE 29, 2017
10:00 AM

I. Welcome and Introductions

Bob Dickinson, MPO Director called the meeting to order and welcomed those present.

II. Bob Dickinson introduced Robert Benz of TTI who made a presentation about the development of a web-based project viewer that the MPO staff has asked him to prepare. He stated that the viewer could be used to show many activities and could be easily access by the public.

III. Bob Dickinson introduced Andy Mullins and Tracy Zhou of TTI who discussed traffic data collection which would generate the data to be initially placed on the project viewer discussed in the previous presentation. The data collected would include items such as traffic counts, vehicle classification, origin-destination and travel times.

IV. Bob Dickinson introduced Madhu Narayanasamy of CDM Smith who introduced a draft of the 2017 SETRPC Project Selection Process. He told the Committee 2017 Project Selection Process had been amended to meet all of the requirements of the FAST Act.

V. Bob Dickinson introduced Charlie Sullivan of CDM Smith who briefed the Committee on the status of the MPO travel Demand Model.

Bob Dickinson- SETRPC MPO
Paige Callaway- SETRPC MPO
Jimmie Lewis- SETRPC MPO
Robert Grimm- SETRPC MPO

Scott Ayres- TxDOT Beaumont District
Adam Jack- TxDOT Beaumont District

Kelvin Knauf- City of Orange
Don Rao- Jefferson County
Clark Slacum- Orange County
Rafael Miranda- City of Port Arthur
Taylor Shelton- City of Port Neches
Steve Stafford- Jefferson County
Zheng Tan- City of Beaumont
Andy Mullins- Texas A&M Transportation Institute
Charlie Sullivan- CDM Smith
Madhu Narayanasamy- CDM Smith
Robert Benz- Texas A&M Transportation Institute
Tracy Zhou- Texas A&M Transportation Institute

TENTATIVE AGENDA

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (JOHRTS) AREA

South East Texas Regional Planning Commission
Homer E. Nagel Conference Room

Thursday, August 17, 2017
10:00 a.m.

I. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON DRAFT 2017 UPDATE OF THE SETRPC-MPO PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS

-Bob Dickinson, Director, South East Texas Regional Planning Commission
-Madhu Narayanasamy, Project Manager, CDM Smith

II. STATUS REPORT ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)-2045

-Bob Dickinson, Director, South East Texas Regional Planning

III. OTHER BUSINESS

IV. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

V. ADJOURNMENT

JOHRTS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES
August 17, 2017
10:00 AM

I. Welcome and Introductions
Bob Dickinson, MPO Director called the meeting to order and welcomed those present.

II. Bob Dickinson introduced Charlie Sullivan of CDM Smith who reviewed the 2017 Project Selection Process with the Committee. He stated that the new 2017 version was expanded from the last version of the PSP used by the Technical Committee and the TPC to meet new FAST Act requirements. After much discussion and after Committee members concerns were addressed the Committee unanimously agreed to forward the 2017 PSP to the TPC for adoption.

III. Bob Dickinson next presented an update on the development of the "draft" MTP-2045.

Bob Dickinson- SETRPC MPO
Paige Callaway- SETRPC MPO
Jimmie Lewis- SETRPC MPO
Robert Grimm- SETRPC MPO

Steve Hamilton- City of Nederland
Kelvin Knauf- City of Orange
Don Rao- Jefferson County
Clark Slacum- Orange County
Rawetts Baaheth-City of Port Arthur

Jesse Fleming- TxDOT Beaumont District
Scott Ayres- TxDOT Beaumont District
Adam Jack- TxDOT Beaumont District

Andy Mullins- Texas A&M Transportation Institute
Elizabeth Amar- CDM Smith
Charlie Sullivan- CDM Smith

SETRPC
SOUTH EAST TEXAS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

DATE: October 24, 2018

TO: Jefferson-Orange-Hardin Regional Transportation Planning Study (JOHRTS) Technical Committee Members

FROM: Bob Dickinson, Director
Transportation & Environmental Resources

SUBJECT: Scoring of Proposed Projects for the JOHRTS MTP-2045

Projects have been submitted for inclusion in the JOHRTS Metropolitan Transportation Plan-2045 (MTP-2045). As part of the JOHRTS Project Selection Process, it is necessary that the submitted projects in Category 2 be scored by the JOHRTS Technical Committee.

The JOHRTS Technical Committee will meet on Wednesday, November 7, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the Large Conference Room of the City of Port Neches-City Hall, 1005 Merriman Street, to score all projects in the above-mentioned category.

Anyone wishing to present information to the JOHRTS Technical Committee about a project will be given 2-4 minutes to do so.

It is extremely important that you participate in the scoring of the projects submitted for the JOHRTS MTP-2045.

If any questions arise, please feel free to contact me at (409) 899-8444, ext. 7520.

BD:pc

Please note meeting location

President – Chris Kirkendall, Hardin County | 1st VP – John Gothia, Orange County | 2nd VP – Rebecca Ford, Bevil Oaks
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JOHRTS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES
NOVEMBER 7, 2018
10:00 AM

I. Welcome and Introductions

Bob Dickinson, MPO Director called the meeting to order and welcomed those present.

II. Bob Dickinson then introduced Charlie Sullivan of CDM Smith who reviewed the PSP and assisted the Committee in ranking the projects.

III. Upon completion of the scoring Bob Dickinson stated that staff would compile and prepare the scores for review by the Committee on November 28, 2018.

Bob Dickinson- SETRPC MPO
Paige Callaway- SETRPC MPO
Jimmie Lewis- SETRPC MPO

Dr. Joseph Majdalani- City of Beaumont
Joe Moreno- City of Silsbee
Don Rao- Jefferson County
Taylor Shelton- City of Port Neches
Steve Stafford- Jefferson County
Roberts Woods- City of Nederland
Ernie Crochet- City of Beaumont
Troy Foxworth- City of Groves
Mike Lund- City of Bridge City

Scott Ayres- TxDOT Beaumont District

Charlie Sullivan- CDM Smith

SETRPC
SOUTH EAST TEXAS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

DATE: November 14, 2018

TO: Jefferson-Orange-Hardin Regional Transportation Planning Study (JOHRTS) Technical Committee Members

FROM: Bob Dickinson, Director
Transportation & Environmental Resources

SUBJECT: Results of Project Scoring for the JOHRTS MTP-2045

Projects will be submitted for inclusion in the JOHRTS Metropolitan Transportation Plan-2045 (MTP-2045). As part of the JOHRTS Project Selection Process, it is necessary that Category 2 project scoring results be reviewed by the JOHRTS Technical Committee.

The JOHRTS Technical Committee will meet on Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. in the SETRPC Transportation Conference Room to review the scoring results of all projects in the above-mentioned category.

It is extremely important that all committee members that submitted projects be present.

Lunch will be provided.

If any questions arise, please feel free to contact me at (409) 899-8444, ext. 7520.

BD:pc

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JOHRTS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES
November 28, 2018
11:30 AM

I. Welcome and Introductions

Bob Dickinson, MPO Director called the meeting to order and welcomed those present.

II. Bob Dickinson reviewed the project scoring with the Committee and stated that all of the projects would be included in the "Draft" JOHRTS MTP-2045 upon approval by the TPC.

III. The Committee then unanimously agreed to forward the project scoring as they received it to the TPC.

Bob Dickinson- SETRPC MPO
Paige Callaway- SETRPC MPO
Jimmie Lewis- SETRPC MPO

Taylor Shelton- City of Port Neches
Clark Slacum- Orange County
Steve Stafford- Jefferson County
Roberts Woods- City of Nederland
Troy Foxworth- City of Groves
Kelvin Knauf- City of Orange

Scott Ayres- TxDOT Beaumont District

Summary of SETRPC 2045 MTP Project Scoring

The SETRPC Technical Committee met on November 7, 2018 to score projects which were submitted in the Call For Projects. Project were scored following the process established in the adopted Project Selection Process (PSP). Nine members of the Technical Committee were present, which met the requirements to establish a quorum.

The PSP specifies two separate evaluation tracks tailored to the characteristics of different types of projects. The Road Evaluation Track is designed to evaluate projects which are oriented towards vehicle use, and the Transportation Choices & Livability Evaluation Track is designed to evaluate projects for active transportation modes and social benefits.

Within each evaluation track, there are objective and subjective criteria. Objective criteria can be exactly measured with planning tools, and are scored by the staff of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The subjective criteria cannot be directly measured, but depend on contextual knowledge and opinions. The Technical Advisory Committee prepares the subjective scoring portion of the PSP. The objective scores and the average of the subjective scores from all Technical Committee members are totaled to derive the final score and ranking for each project.

Nine projects were evaluated under the Road Evaluation Track, with the scores and rank as shown.

Road Track Project Scoring Summary	Objective Score	Subjective Score	Total Score	Rank
US 69 Cardinal Dr Widening	97	33	130	1
IH 10 Widening & Interchange	87	36	123	2
US 69 at SH 73 Interchange	84	34	118	3
SH 105 Widening	70	33	103	4
US 69 Widening	62	35	97	5
SH 87 Widening	68	28	96	6
SH 62 Widening	63	27	90	7
US 69 Lumberton Bypass	57	30	87	8
FM 364 / Major Dr Widening	60	25	85	9

Only one project was evaluated under the Transportation Choices & Livability Evaluation Track.

Choices & Livability Track Project Scoring Summary	Objective Score	Subjective Score	Total Score	Rank
Port Neches Sidewalks	21	28	49	1

Following the scoring process, the total project scores and rankings were submitted to the MPO board for their approval and final ranking.

Appendix 9.6

Interagency Consultative Process Meetings Summaries

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South East Texas Regional Planning Commission-
Metropolitan Planning Organization (SETRPC-MPO)
Transportation & Environmental Resources Division

JOHRTS TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY PRE-ANALYSIS CONSENSUS PLAN INTERAGENCY CONSULTATION CONFERENCE CALL

THURSDAY, May 2, 2019

11:30 A.M.

AGENDA

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

II. PURPOSE

III. DRAFT SETRPC-MPO JOHRTS TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY PRE-ANALYSIS CONSENSUS PLAN FOR THE DRAFT JOHRTS MTP-2045 AND THE DRAFT REVISED JOHRTS FY 2019-2022 TIP

IV. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

V. NEXT STEPS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

JOHRTS TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY PRE-ANALYSIS CONSENSUS PLAN
INTERAGENCY CONSULTATION CONFERENCE CALL
May 2, 2019
11:30 A.M

SETRPC-MPO
Bob Dickinson

TxDOT Austin
Jackie Plough

TTI
Dr. Dennis Perkinson
Andy Mullins
Todd Carlson

TxDOT Beaumont District
Scott Ayres
Leanna Sheppard

EPA
Jeff Riley

TCEQ
Jamie Zech
Mary McGary-Barber
Aaron Slevin

FHWA
Anthony Jones
Barbara Maley
Jose Campos

Bob Dickinson began the meeting by mentioning that the SETRPC-MPO has completed the first step in the planned '2-stage' process of the JOHRTS MTP-2040 and the JOHRTS FY 2019-2022 TIP conformity analysis with the approval by the JOHRTS TPC of the conformity analysis for the JOHRTS MTP-2040 and the JOHRTS FY 2019-2022 TIP on April 23rd. The SETRPC then transmitted the conformity analysis documentation to the consultative partners for the official review process as called for in the Conformity SIP.

Bob explained that as decided based on prior discussion, upon submittal of conformity analysis & documentation for the JOHRTS MTP-2040 and the JOHRTS FY 2019-2022 TIP, SETRPC is now beginning to work on the conformity for the Draft JOHRTS MTP-2045 and Draft Revised JOHRTS FY 2019-2022 TIP. Bob stated that this effort is the main purpose of this call. SETRPC has completed and sent out for review by partners an initial draft of a conformity Pre-Analysis Consensus Plan. Bob mentioned that SETRPC plans to begin a public comment period for the Draft JOHRTS MTP-2045 and Draft Revised JOHRTS FY 2019-2022 TIP conformity on May 31 and close the public comment period on July 1. Following the public comment period, Bob said the SETRPC TPC would be asked to adopt the Draft JOHRTS MTP-2045 and Draft Revised JOHRTS FY 2019-2022 TIP. Bob stated this schedule is important as there are a couple of important large TxDOT projects in the TxDOT STIP/TIP and that the deadline for inclusion of projects in that document is August 2019.

Bob then invited FHWA staff to offer their comments on the draft Pre-Analysis Consensus Plan.

Jose Campos offered the following comments.

> *Page 1 – remove the term 'Draft' from references to the JOHRTS MTP-2045 and Revised JOHRTS FY 2019-2022 TIP. The conformity analysis will not be on 'draft' documents but will be on the final documents.*

Bob Dickinson responded that the term 'draft' would be removed.

> *Page 2 – regarding listing of 2020-2045 being the years covered by the MTP in Table 2, Jose asked in what way would the remainder of FY 2019 be covered as the JOHRTS MTP-2045 and Revised JOHRTS FY 2019-2022 TIP will be approved in July 2019.*

Bob Dickinson replied that he would check to see where 2019 would be located relative to the MTP years.

> *Tables 3 and 4 – Jose commented about the 'n/a's shown in these tables might benefit from adding an explanation as to why there was no need to include this information. Jose noted that the explanation that the November conformity guidance allowed for conformity determinations without regional emissions analysis was included in other portions of the Pre-Analysis Consensus Plan document – for instance ahead of Table 5. Jose stated that he felt it would be appropriate to include that same explanation ahead of Table 3.*

Bob Dickinson replied that the explanation regarding the November conformity guidance not requiring emissions analysis could be added ahead of these tables.

Jose asked about use of the term 'air quality network' in the description of Regionally Significant Projects in Table 7. Jose asked if that term was accurate since the network is a travel demand model dataset and perhaps a more accurate term would be something like 'travel model network'.

Andy Mullins responded by saying that the term 'air quality network' should be changed to 'model network' and would be changed.

Jose concluded his comments by saying the need for explanation of the reason for the term 'n/a' already discussed also applied to the table (Table 17) on the last page of the document.

Bob Dickinson then asked if others had comments.

Jamie Zech stated she had no comments

Jeff Riley said he had no comments

Phillip Tindall said he concurred with Jose's comments

Bob Dickinson then reminded the group that SETRPC-MPO was operating under the assumption that, like the JOHRTS MTP-2040 and the JOHRTS FY 2019-2022 TIP conformity documentation, the consultative partners agreed to an accelerated timeline (parallel processing) to review the SETRPC-MPO Transportation Conformity document, the Draft JOHRTS Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP-2045) and the Draft Revised JOHRTS FY 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Bob Dickinson then asked FHWA staff if they could state a time estimate for the formal review of the JOHRTS MTP-2040 and the JOHRTS FY 2019-2022 TIP conformity document package that was recently submitted.

Barbara Maley responded by asking if the comments FHWA had added to the draft document which they provided to the SETRPC-MPO were included in the submitted document. Bob Dickinson stated that the comments were incorporated into the final document. Barbara Maley replied that she would be able to compare the submitted document to the document in which they commented and make verification easier.

Jamie Zech stated that she has already initiated the review process and started routing the approval memo.

Anthony Jones responded to Bob by stating there may be some new possible language that needs to be added to the package given that the JOHRTS MTP-2040 document was developed some time ago and may not include some newer required language. Anthony stated that he would be getting with Barbara and Jose about this possible language and get back with Bob.

Bob Dickinson stated that SETRPC would revise the Draft Pre-Analysis Consensus Plan based on comments during this call and re-transmit to the consultative partners.

FHWA staff asked Bob when the JOHRTS TPC is scheduled to approve the JOHRTS MTP-2040 and the JOHRTS FY 2019-2022 TIP conformity.

Bob Dickinson replied the date is July 18th for that approval.

FHWA staff asked about the question of timing and the need to have the 2 projects be able to be added to the August STIP. FHWA asked if the region was at risk for losing any funds.

Bob Dickinson stated that there was no risk of losing funds.

Bob Dickinson thanked all participants and concluded the conference call @ 12:02 PM.

Appendix 9.7

Public Participation Process Documents

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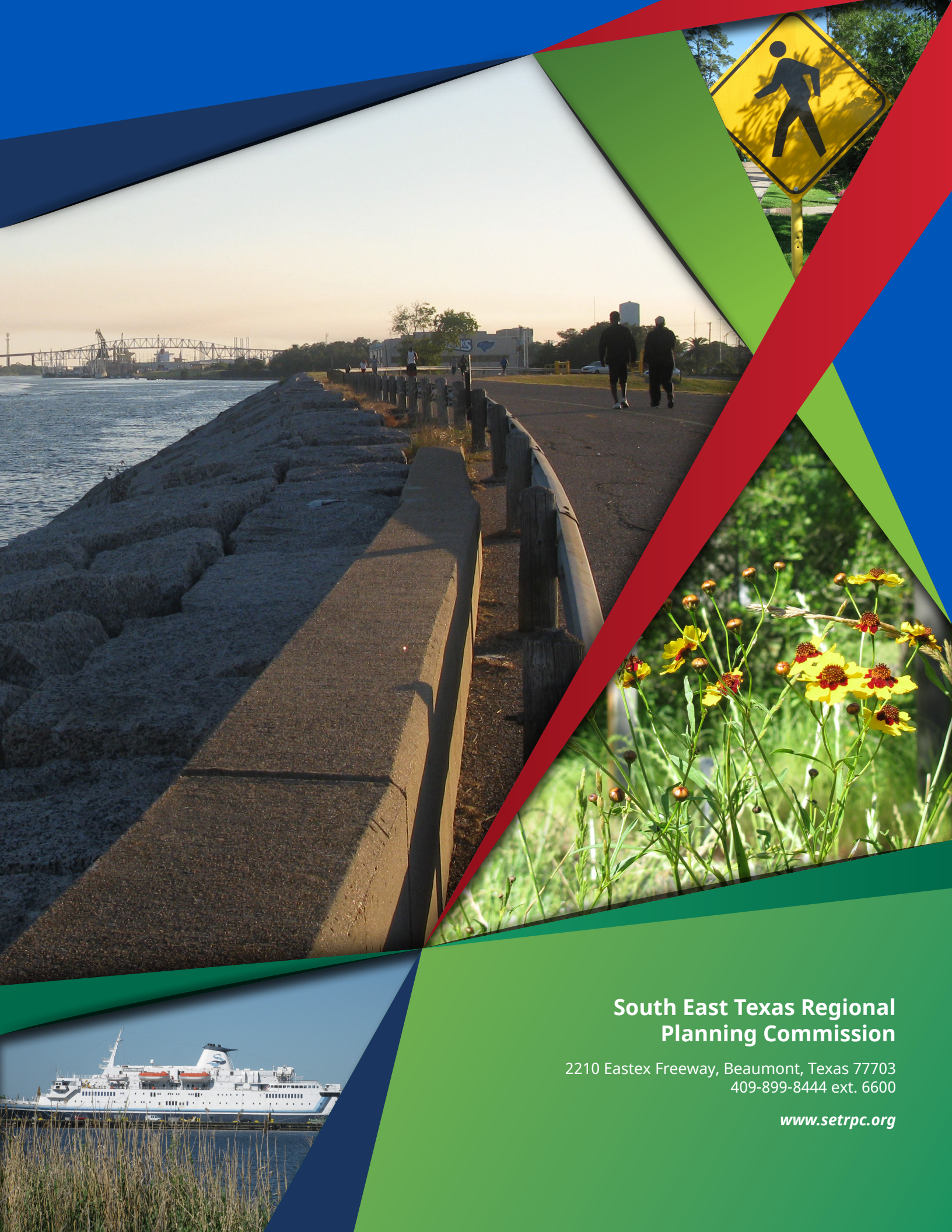

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