



AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC) MEETING

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

Thursday, February 1, 2024
HOMER E. NAGEL ROOM
10:00 a.m.

1. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM
2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (November 16, 2023)
5. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
Lisa Collins, P.E., Director, Transportation Planning and Development, TxDOT– Beaumont District
6. ELECTION OF THE NEW JOHRTS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE OFFICERS FOR 2024-2025
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
7. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING SETRPC (MPO) SUPPORT OF SAFETY 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

8. STATUS REPORT ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP-2050)
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
9. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION TO THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN – 2045 (MTP), AMENDMENT #5 – BEAUMONT MUNICIPAL TRANSIT
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
10. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS TO THE JOHRTS FY 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP), AMENDMENT #1 – BEAUMONT MUNICIPAL TRANSIT.
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
11. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION TO THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN – 2045 (MTP), AMENDMENT #5 – PORT ARTHUR TRANSIT
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
12. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS TO THE JOHRTS FY 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP), AMENDMENT #1 – PORT ARTHUR TRANSIT
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
13. OTHER BUSINESS
Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC
14. SET NEXT MEETING DATE – To Be Determined
15. ADJOURNMENT



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

DATE: November 16, 2023

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC)
(Hybrid Meeting)

1. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

Commissioner Johnny Trahan, Orange County, called the meeting to order, welcomed guests and requested introductions.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Trahan called for a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Kelvin Knauf, Director of Planning & Community Development, City of Orange, made the motion. Mr. John Cannatella, Capital Improvement Projects Engineer, City of Port Arthur, seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – September 28, 2023

Commissioner Trahan called for a motion to adopt the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Mr. John Cannatella, Capital Improvement Projects Engineer, City of Port Arthur, made the motion. Mr. Robert Woods, City of Nederland, seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

5. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources

Lisa Collins, Director of Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT - Beaumont District

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 for completing the transportation air quality conformity determination on the JOHRTS MTP-2045 and the JOHRTS FY 2023-2026 TIP.
2. SETRPC staff continues to work with TxDOT-Beaumont District, TxDOT TP&P staff, WSP-USA Inc., and Texas A&M Transportation Institute to develop the JOHRTS MTP-2050.
3. SETRPC staff held a 45 public comment period from September 13, 2023, through October 27, 2023, on the JOHRTS "DRAFT" Public Participation Plan. A hybrid public meeting was held on Thursday, October 12, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. This meeting was designed to solicit the public's ideas and input on the Public Participation issues for our Transportation Planning Program.
4. SETRPC staff participated in a virtual Technical Working Group Advisory Committee meeting on Thursday, October 5, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.
5. SETRPC staff held a hybrid Regional Public Transportation Steering Committee Meeting on Thursday, October 5, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.
6. SETRPC staff held a hybrid JOHRTS Technical Committee Meeting on Thursday, October 26, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

Lisa Collins, Director of Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT – Beaumont District, updated the members on their progress:

- The district is working on the next call for projects that is Unified Transportation Program cycle to identify projects that need additional funding and make those requests.
- The district is working with JOHRTS to issue a November revision to the TIP to capture the increased funding amount for the Eastex Interchange project
- The FM 365 at Rhodair Gully project is still on track for letting and development is ongoing.

6. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE "DRAFT" JOHRTS PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson explained that every time SETRPC staff updates the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, they also have to update the Public Participation Plan. The main topic that needs updating is the addition of Jasper County into our JOHRTS Regional Transportation Planning Process. This will help expand the virtual toolbox options to solicit input and participation during our public meetings.

The SETRPC-MPO Public Participation Plan has been amended to include these tools for virtual public participation. The public review and comment period for the "Draft" Public Participation Plan is 45 days, which began on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, and ended on Friday, October 27, 2023. The SETRPC-MPO has summarized and addressed any public input received.

Commissioner Cooper called for a motion to adopt the "DRAFT" JOHRTS Public Participation Plan as presented. Mr. John Cannatella, Capital Improvement Projects Engineer, City of Port Arthur, made a motion. Judge Mark Allen, Jasper County seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

7. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE RESULTS OF PROJECT SCORING FOR THE JOHRTS MTP-2050

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

As part of JOHRTS MTP-2050 development, the South East Texas Regional Planning Commission – MPO conducted a Call for Projects between April 6, 2023, and May 31, 2023, to select the eligible projects for inclusion in the JOHRTS MTP-2050. During the call for projects period, SETRPC received four project submittals including three candidate projects from TxDOT and one candidate project from City of Port Arthur. The JOHRTS Technical Committee met on Wednesday, August 30, 2023, to score projects which were submitted in response to the Call for Projects.

The submitted projects were evaluated and scored by the JOHRTS Technical Committee following various criteria established in the adopted Project Selection Process (PSP) including safety, mobility, connectivity, accessibility, sustainability, environmental, equity, cost, etc.

The final scores and ranks are listed below:

Road Track Project Scoring Summary				
Project Name	Objective Score	Subjective Score	Total Score	Rank
US 69 S (FM 365 to SH 73) Widening	88	125	213	1
9th Avenue Paving and Drainage Improvements	85	123	208	2
US 69 N (SH 347 to FM 365) Widening	84	121	205	3
SH 105 (FM 770 to SH 326) Passing Lanes	84	113	197	4

The JOHRTS Technical Committee met on October 26, 2023, to review the scores and rankings of the submitted projects. These scores have been submitted today (November 16, 2023) to the JOHRTS Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) for their approval and final ranking.

Mr. Kelvin Knauf, City of Orange asked Mr. Dickinson why he thought there weren't more projects submitted. Mr. Dickinson's response was that it was due to the match criteria, not being able to be met by most entities. The match is often set at 80/20.

Commissioner Trahan called for a motion to adopt the Results of Project Scoring for the JOHRTS MTP-2050, as presented. Mr. Ernie Koch, Commissioner, Hardin County, made the motion, Mr. Robert Woods, City of Nederland seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

8. STATUS REPORT ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP-2050)

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

Bin Wang – Project Manager, WSP - USA

As an information item, Mr. Dickinson included an updated project timeline and stated that we are on track with federal transportation planning requirements to develop our JOHRTS MTP-2050.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

As an information item, Mr. Dickinson presented the October Planning Map.

10. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The next TPC meeting date has been set for Thursday, February 1st, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Trahan adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brandon Bellaire	Traffic Engineer, City of Beaumont
Ernie Koch	Commissioner, Hardin County
John Cannatella	Capital Improvement Projects Engineer, City of Port Arthur
Johnny Trahan	Commissioner, Orange County
Jon Sherwin	Public Works Director, City of West Orange
Kelvin Knauf	Dir. Of Planning & Community Dev., City of Orange
Martin Gonzalez	District Engineer, TxDOT
Mike Lund	Interim City Manager, City of Bridge City
Robert Woods	Public Works Director, City of Nederland

GUESTS PRESENT

Divon Williams	Deputy Director of Planning, City of Orange
Flozelle Roberts	Public Works Director, City of Port Arthur
Kevin Hall	Travel Forecasting Program Manager, Texas A&M - TTI
Lisa Collins	Dir. of Trans. Planning & Dev., TxDOT – Beaumont District
Mansour Shiraz	Planner, TxDOT
Mark Allen	County Judge, Jasper County
Nancy Peron	Planning Director, TxDOT
Phillip Tindall	Metropolitan Planning Branch Manager, TxDOT
Raymond Sanchez	Field Rep TxDOT TP&P, TxDOT
Sarah Dupre	Public Information Officer, Tx DOT
Sujan Sikder	Research Data Scientist, Texas A&M – TTI
Todd Carlson	Research Scientist, Texas A&M - TTI

SETRPC STAFF PRESENT

Bob Dickinson	Director, SETRPC
Lucie Michaud	Administrative Assistant, SETRPC
Rachael Robinson	Transportation Planner, SETRPC



February 1, 2024

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 for completing the Pre-Analysis Consensus Plan on the JJOHRTS MTP-2050 and the JJOHRTS FY 2025-2028 TIP.
2. SETRPC staff continues to work with TxDOT-Beaumont District, TxDOT TP&P staff, WSP-USA Inc., and Texas A&M Transportation Institute to develop the JJOHRTS MTP-2050 and the JJOHRTS FY 2024-2028 TIP.
3. SETRPC staff attended the TEMPO Executive Director Fall Meeting in Austin from November 30 to December 1, 2023.
4. SETRPC staff participated in a virtual Technical Working Group (TWG) Meeting on Thursday, December 7, 2023.
5. SETRPC staff participated in a Technical Working Group Virtual Advisory Committee meeting on Thursday, January 4, 2024.
6. SETRPC staff met with Beaumont Municipal Transit and Port Arthur Transit staff to discuss the development of the JJOHRTS Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050 and the JJOHRTS FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program document in early January.

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February 1, 2024

TO: Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) Members
FROM: Commissioner Johnny Trahan, Orange County
SUBJECT: Appointment of Nominating Committee

As required by the JOHRTS TPC Multimodal Transportation Planning Jefferson-Orange-Hardin County Urban Planning Region by-laws, and as the out-going 2022-2023 Chairman, I have appointed a nominating committee composed of myself, Mayor Glenn Johnson, City of Port Neches, and Mayor David Rutledge, City of Bridge City, for the purpose of recommending a slate of officers for the 2024-2025 TPC. The officers revolve between Jefferson, Hardin, and Orange counties; therefore, a representative from Jefferson County will serve as Chairman, a representative from Hardin County will serve as Vice-Chairman and a representative from TxDOT will serve as Secretary.

For your consideration, the recommended slate of TPC officers for 2024-2025 is as follows:

Chairman: Vernon Pierce, Commissioner, Jefferson County
Vice-Chairman: LD Cooper, Commissioner, Hardin County
**Secretary: Martin Gonzalez P.E., District Engineer, TxDOT -
Beaumont District**

If any questions arise, please feel free to contact Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation & Environmental Resources at (409) 899-8444, ext 7520.

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TO: TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC)

FROM: BOB DICKINSON, DIRECTOR
TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES DIVISION

SUBJECT: REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING SETRPC (MPO) SUPPORT OF SAFETY TARGETS ESTABLISHED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS IDENTIFIED AS PART OF THE FIXING AMERICA'S SURFACE TRANSPORTATION (FAST) ACT

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 the 2024 safety performance targets for Texas November 2023 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.

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Resolution

NO. 2024-1

**A RESOLUTION BY THE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE
JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY
ADOPTING THE SAFETY TARGETS ESTABLISHED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION**

WHEREAS, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act and subsequent Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act require the implementation of Performance Measures to assist in the transportation planning process; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Transportation has adopted its Strategic Highway Safety Plan, a data-driven statewide-coordinated safety plan to help reduce fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas Department of Transportation has established targets for 5 Safety Performance measures based on five-year rolling averages for:

1. Number of Fatalities,
2. Rate of Fatalities per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT),
3. Number of Serious Injuries,
4. Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million VMT, and
5. Number of Non- Motorized Fatalities and Non-Motorized Serious Injuries, and

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Transportation has officially established safety targets in the Highway Safety Improvement Program annual report dated August 31, 2023, and has adopted identical safety targets for number of fatalities, rate of fatalities, and number of serious injuries as set forth in the Strategic Highway Safety Plan, and as shown in APPENDIX A, attached hereto.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Transportation Planning Committee of the Jefferson-Orange-Hardin Regional Transportation Study hereby adopts and supports the Texas Department of Transportation's Safety Targets within the Metropolitan Area Boundary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the JOHRTS Transportation Planning Committee will plan and program projects that contribute to the accomplishments of said targets.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED BY THE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY ON THIS 1st DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Martin Gonzalez, P.E., Secretary
JOHRTS Transportation Planning Committee
TxDOT-Beaumont District Engineer

Johnny Trahan, Chairman
JOHRTS Transportation Planning Committee
Commissioner Orange County

APPENDIX A

TxDOT Established Safety Performance Targets for FY 2024

2024 Safety Targets	Number of Fatalities (FARS/CRIS/ARF DATA)	Rate of Fatalities (FARS/CRIS/ARF DATA)	Number of Serious Injuries (FARS/CRIS DATA)	Serious Injury Rate (CRIS DATA)	Total Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries (FARS/CRIS DATA)
2020	3,874	1.49	14,659	5.63	2,206
2021	4,486	1.70	19,434	7.35	2,628
2022	3,272	1.25	17,539	6.70	2,321
2023	3,159	1.20	17,819	6.77	2,340
2024	3,046	1.14	18,242	6.77	2,360
2024 Target as a 5-year Average:	3,567	1.36	18,096	6.64	2,371



February 1, 2024

TO: JOHRTS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC)

FROM: BOB DICKINSON, DIRECTOR
TRANSPORTATION & ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES DIVISION

SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENT OF THE JJOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN 2050 (MTP-2050), THE JJOHRTS FY 2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP 2025-2028) AND THE ASSOCIATED TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY DETERMINATION

In accordance with federal regulations, each metropolitan planning organization (MPO) must prepare a Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), also known as a Long-Range Transportation Plan, every five years, to identify projects and programs that meet the region's economic, transportation, development, and resiliency goals for a 20+ year planning horizon. Additionally, MPOs are obligated to develop a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), a list of upcoming transportation projects covering a period of at least four years. The SETRPC-MPO is working to complete a Transportation Conformity Determination on these two documents by November 21, 2024.

The SETRPC has been working with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Beaumont District and the TxDOT Transportation Planning and Program Division on the development of the JJOHRTS MTP-2050, the JJOHRTS FY 2025-2028 TIP and the Transportation Conformity Determination. These draft documents are anticipated to be completed by late March 2024.

A series of public meeting will be held in April 2024 as well as a 30-day comment period which will give the public the opportunity to review and comment on these drafts documents.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this important matter, feel free to contact me at 409-899-8444 x7520.

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Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050

Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

- SETRPC is the leading agency for the development of the JJOHRTS-2050.
- Also known as the long-range transportation plan, the MTP identifies how the region intends to invest in the transportation system.
- The JJOHRTS MTP-2050 aims to improve mobility for the region comprising of Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, and Orange Counties by promoting an efficient, effective, and multimodal transportation system that optimizes existing finances, protects the environment, and provides a net social benefit to users.
- Addresses a 25-year planning horizon, updated every five years.
- Provides a project list of transportation improvements selected to meet regional goals and objectives.
- Provides a framework for the allocation of federal, state and local funding resources to address those needs.
- The JOHRTS MTP-2045 was adopted in 2019.

2050 MTP Updates

- Conducted the Call for Projects
- Conducted cost estimates for candidate projects
- Conducted project scoring and prioritization
- Continued developing financial plan

Next Steps

- Complete financial plan
- Develop draft reports for MTP, TIP and associated conformity
- Continue coordination with government officials, stakeholders and interested parties.

MTP-2050 Tasks	2022			2023				2024			
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Incorporate Federal Initiatives	■										
Review of Partner Plans	■	■									
Goals and Objectives		■	▲ ▲								
Public Engagement				◆					◆		
Existing Conditions and Future Growth		■	■	■	■	■					
Project Selection and Evaluation						■	■				
Multimodal Recommendations							■	■			
Performance Measurement	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■			
Financial Plan							■	■			
MTP, TIP and Conformity Documentation							■	▲	■	▲	

▲ Draft Deliverable

▲ Final Deliverable

◆ Public Meeting



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November 20, 2023

Refer to: HDA-TX

South East Texas Regional Planning Commission
Metropolitan Planning Organization (SETPRC-MPO)
for the Jefferson-Orange-Hardin Regional Transportation Study (JOHRTS) Area
Transportation Conformity Determination
2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (2045 MTP) and
FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (FY 2023-2026 TIP)

Mr. Marc D. Williams
Executive Director
Texas Department of Transportation
125 E. 11th Street
Austin, TX 78701-2483

Dear Mr. Williams:

We have reviewed the documentation supporting the transportation conformity determination for the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (2045 MTP) and the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (FY 2023-2026 TIP) adopted by the South East Texas Regional Planning Commission Metropolitan Planning Organization's (SETRPC-MPO) Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) on August 30, 2023. Based upon our review and consultation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), we hereby find:

- that the 2045 MTP and FY 2023-2026 TIP meet all the requirements for making a joint conformity determination under the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

Additionally, we find:

- that the 2045 MTP satisfactorily complies with the requirements of 23 CFR §450.324 regarding the review and update of metropolitan transportation plans; and
- that the FY 2023-2026 TIP satisfactorily complies with the requirements of 23 CFR §450.326 regarding the update, public involvement, project inclusion, consistency with the plan, and fiscal constraint of TIPs.

The interagency consultative partners have indicated that they have no unresolved issues concerning this conformity determination in their letters dated: November 16, 2023, for TCEQ, November 16, 2023, for TxDOT, and November 17, 2023, for EPA. The conformity determination and procedures used to make this determination are in accordance with the provisions of the transportation conformity rule (40 CFR Parts 51 and 93), dated August 15, 1997, as amended.

This action restarts the time clock associated with the requirement to determine conformity no less frequently than every four years. Please note that this action does not restart the time clock associated with a five-year MTP update. Accordingly, an updated MTP and corresponding conformity determination is required by November 21, 2024.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) acts as executive agent for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on metropolitan transportation plan and transportation improvement program air quality conformity determinations. Accordingly, this letter will serve as a joint FHWA/FTA conformity determination.

Should you have any questions concerning this action, please contact Jose Campos at Jose.Campos@dot.gov or (512) 536-5932, Barbara Maley at Barbara.Maley@dot.gov or (972) 561-8025 or Krystal Lastrape at Krystal.Lastrape@dot.gov or (512) 536-5936.

Sincerely yours,

Carl M. Highsmith

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Port Arthur Transit (PAT)

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Commissioner Johnny Trahan Orange County; SETRPC-MPO Chairman
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January 5, 2024

In Reply Refer to:
HPP-TX

Federal Approval of the November 2023
Revisions to the FY 2023-2026 Statewide
Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Marc Williams, Executive Director
Texas Department of Transportation
125 E. 11th Street
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Mr. Williams:

We have reviewed the November 2023 revisions to the FY 2023-2026 STIP, transmitted on January 5, 2024, with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) approval letter (dated December 12, 2023), and the required revised supporting fiscal constraint documentation. Approval of the 2023 November revisions was delayed due to several factors impacting fiscal constraint. It was a large effort to resolve questions, correct documentation, and ensure fiscal constraint was maintained. Based upon our review and the updated fiscal constraint documentation (received 1/5/2024), the 2023 November revisions to the FY 2023-2026 STIP are hereby approved subject to the enclosed comments. Please note STIP approval of projects that are not federally funded is not intended to provide federal endorsement or action.

Portions of the FY 2023-2026 STIP for the Dallas-Fort Worth, El Paso, San Antonio non-attainment/maintenance areas, and the Beaumont-Port Arthur orphan area have been reviewed for consistency with their currently conforming Metropolitan Transportation Plans (MTPs). Based upon this review, we hereby find that the Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) for these areas conform, except as otherwise noted in the enclosed project specific comments.

Additionally, in accordance with our October 21, 2015, letter, TxDOT has been utilizing estimated Develop Authority (DA) to demonstrate the availability of sufficient project funding for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) clearance actions for projects in rural portions of the State not consistent with the fiscally constrained STIP. This demonstration of funding availability has been provided to FHWA and FTA and is accepted. NEPA clearance actions for projects utilizing DA should not be completed unless the project is consistent with a fiscally constrained Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) TIP/MTP or the rural DA project list provided with the November 2023 STIP revision.

To expedite the review and approval of the STIP/STIP revisions, TxDOT and FHWA initiated a new streamlined approach for Federal review of the 2023 November Revision to the FY 2023-2026 STIP highway entries. In short, if the total number of entries for any MPO or District area

exceeded 30 entries, then FHWA staff reviewed a statistically valid sample of entries for the area. Entries that were not identified as part of the sample for this new approach were designated with a comment. This comment helps to flag entries for additional TxDOT Transportation Planning and Programming Division (TPP) review. It also supports our State DOT partner in their responsibility to ensure proper authorization of Federal-aid funds.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact either Ms. Genevieve Bales of the FHWA Texas Division at (512) 536-5941 or Genevieve.Bales@dot.gov or Ms. Lynn Hayes of the FTA Region 6 office at (817) 978-0565 or Lynn.Hayes@dot.gov for additional information.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure

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December 12, 2023

TO: JOHRTS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC)

FROM: BOB DICKINSON, DIRECTOR
TRANSPORTATION & ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES DIVISION

SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION TO THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION
PLAN 2045 (MTP), AMENDMENT #5

Action Item
Presenter: Bob Dickinson

This memo is to inform the TPC that an administrative modification was made to add a transit project to the JOHRTS MTP 2045, Amendment #5. Beaumont Municipal Transit has made the MPO staff aware that federal grant funding has become available in this fiscal year to acquire five (5) new compressed natural gas busses to replace five (5) aged CNG busses.

The JOHRTS MPO Public Participation Plan allows the MPO to add new projects to the MTP if it is an exempt project which does not require an air quality transportation conformity determination.

The project descriptions are attached in Exhibit "A".

If any questions arise, feel free to contact me at 409-899-8444 or at bdickinson@setrpc.org.

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FY 2023 TRANSIT PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN 2045, AMENDMENT #5

Administrative Modification December 12, 2023

General Project Information		<u>Funding Information (YOE)</u>	
Project Sponsor	CITY OF BEAUMONT	Federal Funding Category	5339
PO Project Information (reference number, etc.)		Federal (FTA) Funds	\$2,819,460
FTA Apportionment Y	2023	State Funds from TxDOT	\$
Description	Low- and No Emission (Low-No) Vehicle Program	other Source	\$
Sec 5339 ID Number	TBD	Fiscal Year Cost	\$2,819,460.00
Amendment Date & Action		Total Project Cost	\$2,819,460.00
		Trans Dev Credit Requested	\$ 497,772.00
		Trans Dev Credit Awarded	\$ 497,800.00
		Date & Amount	
			\$ 3,317,260.00



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Action Item
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Action Item
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Project Sponsor	Port Arthur Transit	Federal Funding Category	5339 (c)
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	21003-TXXE	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$5,001,700
		State Funds from TxDOT	\$0
		Other Source	\$0
FTA Apportionment Y	2023	Fiscal Year Cost	\$0
1, Project Phase	Capital Assistance		
Description	Electric Vehicle (LoNo) project; bus purchase, electric chargers & facility/Infrastructure upgrades	Total Project Cost	\$5,001,700
		Trans Dev Credits Requested	\$702,505
Sec 5309 ID Number	TBD	Trans Dev Credits Awarded (Date & Amount)	\$702,505



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January Status Regional Transportation Projects

Jefferson, Orange, Jasper, Hardin



JEFFERSON COUNTY

J6- IH 10 0739-02-161
Hampshire to FM 365
Widen to six lanes
Let: July 2018
Total Cost \$108,315,367.97
77.35% Complete

J10- US 69 0200-11-095
LNVA Canal to IH 10
Widen to six lanes
Let: July 2018
Total Cost \$31,528,539.20
86.08% Complete

J11- IH 10 0739-02-162
FM 365 to Walden Rd
Widen to six lanes
Let: July 2018
Total Cost \$128,399,059.91
71.73% Complete

J21- US 69 0200-15-021 etc
N of Spurlock to 39th St
Mill and Overlay
Let: August 2021
Total Cost \$7,063,405.84
58.3% Complete

J22- US 69 0200-16-020
at SH 73
reconstruct cloverleaf
intersection to Turbine Design
Let: September 2021
Total Cost \$70,021,318.53
44.27% Complete

J24- FM 365 0932-02-052
at Pignut Gulley & Ditch
Bridge Replacement
Let: February 2022
Total Cost \$1,947,312.09
39.44% Complete

J25- IH 10 0739-02-140
Walden Rd to US 90
Add lanes, widen Rd
Let: March 2022
Total Cost \$307,243,558.40
32.38% Complete

J26 A/B- US 69 0200-14-093
NB Frontage Rd
0200-14-099 SB FR
SS 93 to SS 380
roadway restoration
Let: Aug/Oct 2022
Total Cost \$10,175,549.20
Total Cost \$12,100,656.82
44.06% Complete - A
35.63% Complete - B

J27- SH 124 0368-02-046
at Taylor's Bayou
Replace Bridge
Let: February 2023
Total Cost \$6,296,239.49
23.82% Complete

ORANGE COUNTY

O2- IH 10 0028-14-109
Adams Bayou to Sabine River
Reconstruct, Replace Bridges
Let: February 2014
Total Cost \$68,441,218.70
90.53% Complete

O18- IH 10 0028-14-091
E of FM 3247 to Sabine River
Widen to six lanes
Let: June 2020
Total Cost \$52,363,934.17
58.92% Complete

O21- FM 1442 2562-01-023
FM 105 to FM 408
Center turn lane
Let: August 2021
Total Cost \$7,694,479.73
73.14% Complete

O24- IH 10 0028-14-116
at Sabine River
Bridge Maintenance
Let: February 2023
Total Cost \$4,742,240.62
14.05% Complete

O25- BU 90Y 0028-15-059
16th St to Simmons Dr.
Surface/ restore
Let: February 2023
Total Cost \$2,977,919.30
98.17% Complete

JASPER COUNTY

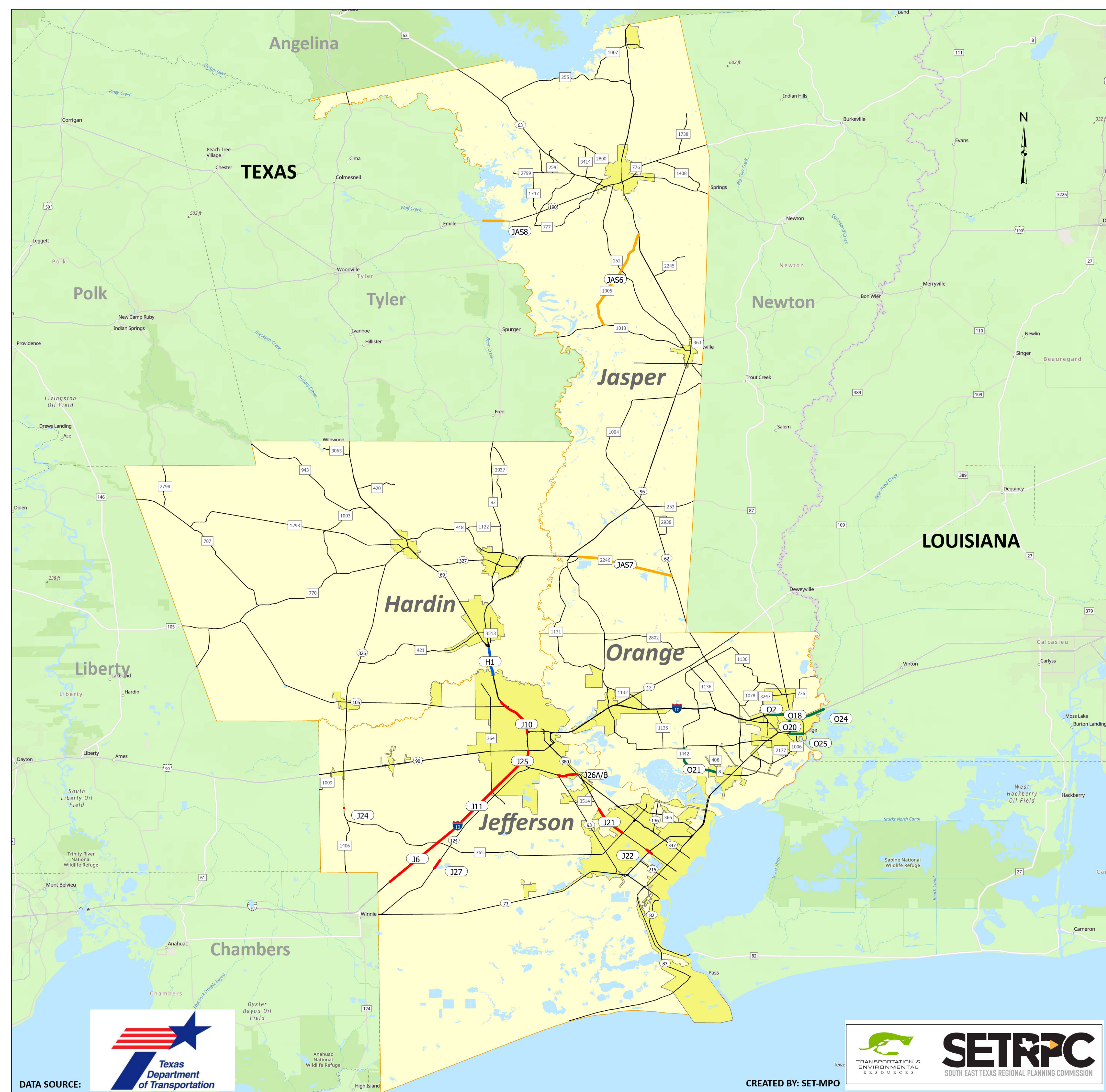
JAS6- FM 1005 1275-01-045
US 96 S TO FM 1013
Restore Roadway
Let: March 2023
Total Cost \$4,779,349.75
88.77% Complete

JAS7- FM 2246 2120-01-028
FM 1131 to SH 62
Rehab Roadway
Let: April 2023
Total Cost \$11,322,202.97
43.38% Complete

JAS8- US 190 0213-08-074
At Neches River
Replace Bridge
Let: June 2023
Total Cost \$37,497,100.90
0% Complete

HARDIN COUNTY

H1- US 69 0065-06-070, ETC.
69/96 Y to Tram Road
LNVA Canal to Delaware
Surfacing Roadway Restore
Let: March 2023
Total Cost \$12,495,080.67
48.01% Complete



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