

**FY 2011-2014**

**STIP**

STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION  
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM



**TRANSIT**

**Amarillo District**

**August II Quarterly Revisions**

August 25, 2011

**Amarillo MPO  
August 4, 2011 Revision  
2011-14 Transportation Improvement Program**

**AMARILLO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING  
August 4, 2011**

<b>AMARILLO MPO TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM 2011-2014</b>			
<b>REVISION</b>			
August 4, 2011			
MPO ID Number	TxDOT CSJ Number	Location/Description	Revision
<b><i>Transit Projects</i></b>			
FY 2011			
AMA-T-05S(11)		Amarillo Multi-Service Center for the Aging – Section 5310 – Purchase Vehicles	<b>Add Project</b>
AMA-T-06S(11)		Amarillo Multi-Service Center for the Aging – Section 5310 – Preventative Maintenance	<b>Add Project</b>

**FY 2011 TRANSIT PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS  
AMARILLO TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Amarillo		YOE = Year of Expenditure	
<b><u>General Project Information</u></b>		<b><u>Funding Information (YOE)</u></b>	
<b>Project Sponsor</b>	Amarillo City Transit	<b>Federal Funding Category</b>	<b>5307</b>
<b>MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)</b>	AMA-T-01S(11)	<b>Federal (FTA) Funds</b>	\$2,269,571
		<b>State Funds from TxDOT</b>	410,583
		<b>Other Funds - Local Match</b>	2,039,648
<b>Apportionment Year</b>	2011	<b>Fiscal Year Cost</b>	<b>\$4,719,802</b>
<b>Project Phase</b>			
<b>Brief Project Description</b>	Operating Expenses	<b>Total Project Cost</b>	\$4,719,802
		<b>Trans. Dev. Credits Requested (Date &amp; Amount)</b>	\$0
<b>Sec 5309 ID Number</b>	N.A.	<b>Trans. Dev. Credits Awarded</b>	\$0
<b>Amendment Date &amp; Action</b>			
<b><u>General Project Information</u></b>		<b><u>Funding Information (YOE)</u></b>	
<b>Project Sponsor</b>	Amarillo City Transit	<b>Federal Funding Category</b>	<b>5307</b>
<b>MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)</b>	AMA-T-02S(11)	<b>Federal (FTA) Funds</b>	\$290,146
		<b>State Funds from TxDOT</b>	0
		<b>Other Funds - Local Match</b>	59,427
<b>Apportionment Year</b>	2011	<b>Fiscal Year Cost</b>	<b>\$349,573</b>
<b>Project Phase</b>			
<b>Brief Project Description</b>	Replace Bus Vehicles	<b>Total Project Cost</b>	\$349,573
		<b>Trans. Dev. Credits Requested (Date &amp; Amount)</b>	\$0
<b>Sec 5309 ID Number</b>	N.A.	<b>Trans. Dev. Credits Awarded</b>	\$0
<b>Amendment Date &amp; Action</b>			
<b><u>General Project Information</u></b>		<b><u>Funding Information (YOE)</u></b>	
<b>Project Sponsor</b>	Amarillo City Transit	<b>Federal Funding Category</b>	<b>5307</b>
<b>MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)</b>	AMA-T-03S(11)	<b>Federal (FTA) Funds</b>	\$240,000
		<b>State Funds from TxDOT</b>	0
		<b>Other Funds - Local Match</b>	60,000
<b>Apportionment Year</b>	2011	<b>Fiscal Year Cost</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>
<b>Project Phase</b>			
<b>Brief Project Description</b>	Passenger Amenities	<b>Total Project Cost</b>	\$300,000
		<b>Trans. Dev. Credits Requested (Date &amp; Amount)</b>	\$0
<b>Sec 5309 ID Number</b>	N.A.	<b>Trans. Dev. Credits Awarded</b>	\$0
<b>Amendment Date &amp; Action</b>			
<b><u>General Project Information</u></b>		<b><u>Funding Information (YOE)</u></b>	
<b>Project Sponsor</b>	Panhandle ILC	<b>Federal Funding Category</b>	<b>5317</b>
<b>MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)</b>	AMA-T-04S(11)	<b>Federal (FTA) Funds</b>	\$77,127
		<b>State Funds from TxDOT</b>	0
		<b>Other Funds - Local Match</b>	20,032
<b>Apportionment Year</b>	2011	<b>Fiscal Year Cost</b>	<b>\$97,159</b>
<b>Project Phase</b>			
<b>Brief Project Description</b>	Travel Training	<b>Total Project Cost</b>	\$97,159
		<b>Trans. Dev. Credits Requested (Date &amp; Amount)</b>	\$0
<b>Sec 5309 ID Number</b>	N.A.	<b>Trans. Dev. Credits Awarded</b>	\$0
<b>Amendment Date &amp; Action</b>			

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Amarillo		YOE = Year of Expenditure	
<u>General Project Information</u>		<u>Funding Information (YOE)</u>	
Project Sponsor	Amarillo MultiSvc Cntr	Federal Funding Category	<b>5310</b>
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	AMA-T-05S(11)	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$196,025
		State Funds from TxDOT	
		Other Funds - Local Match	
Apportionment Year	2011	Fiscal Year Cost	<b>\$196,025</b>
Project Phase			
Brief Project Description	Purchase Vehicles	Total Project Cost	\$196,025
		Trans. Dev. Credits Requested	\$33,324
Sec 5309 ID Number	N.A.	(Date & Amount) <b>June 30, 2011</b>	
		Trans. Dev. Credits Awarded	\$33,324
Amendment Date & Action			
<u>General Project Information</u>		<u>Funding Information (YOE)</u>	
Project Sponsor	Amarillo MultiSvc Cntr	Federal Funding Category	<b>5310</b>
MPO Project Information (reference number, etc)	AMA-T-06S(11)	Federal (FTA) Funds	\$19,602
		State Funds from TxDOT	
		Other Funds - Local Match	\$3,920
Apportionment Year	2011	Fiscal Year Cost	<b>\$23,522</b>
Project Phase			
Brief Project Description	Preventative Maintenance	Total Project Cost	\$23,522
		Trans. Dev. Credits Requested	\$0
Sec 5309 ID Number	N.A.	(Date & Amount)	
		Trans. Dev. Credits Awarded	\$0
Amendment Date & Action			

**Transit Financial Summary**  
**AMARILLO MPO**  
**FY 2011 - 2014 Transportation Improvement Program**

All Figures in Year of Expenditure (YOE) Dollars

Current as of August 4, 2011

Transit Program	FY 2011			FY 2012			FY 2013		
	Federal	State/Other	Total	Federal	State/Other	Total	Federal	State/Other	Total
1 Sec. 5307 - Urbanized Formula >200K			0			0			0
2 Sec. 5307 - Urbanized Formula <200K	2,799,717	2,569,658	5,369,375	2,799,717	2,586,963	5,386,680	2,799,717	2,615,533	5,415,250
3 Sec. 5309 - Discretionary			0			0			0
4 Sec. 5310 - Elderly & Individuals w/Disabilities	215,627	3,920	219,547			0			0
5 Sec. 5311 - Nonurbanized Formula			0			0			0
6 Sec. 5316 - JARC >200K			0			0			0
7 Sec. 5316 - JARC <200K			0			0			0
8 Sec. 5316 - JARC Nonurbanized			0			0			0
9 Sec. 5317 - New Freedom >200K			0			0			0
10 Sec. 5317 - New Freedom <200K	77,127	20,032	97,159	79,095	20,524	99,619	79,487	20,621	100,108
11 Sec. 5317 - New Freedom Nonurbanized			0			0			0
12 Other FTA			0			0			0
13 Regionally Significant or Other			0			0			0
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$3,092,471</b>	<b>\$2,593,610</b>	<b>\$5,686,081</b>	<b>\$2,878,812</b>	<b>\$2,607,487</b>	<b>\$5,486,299</b>	<b>\$2,879,204</b>	<b>\$2,636,154</b>	<b>\$5,515,358</b>
Transportation Development Credits Requested			\$33,324			\$0			\$0
Awarded			\$33,324			\$0			\$0

All Figures in Year of Expenditure (YOE) Dollars

Transit Program	FY 2014			Total		
	Federal	State/Other	Total	Federal	State/Other	Total
1 Sec. 5307 - Urbanized Formula >200K			0	0	0	0
2 Sec. 5307 - Urbanized Formula <200K	2,799,717	2,644,532	5,444,249	11,198,868	10,416,686	21,615,554
3 Sec. 5309 - Discretionary			0	0	0	0
4 Sec. 5310 - Elderly & Individuals w/Disabilities			0	215,627	3,920	219,547
5 Sec. 5311 - Nonurbanized Formula			0	0	0	0
6 Sec. 5316 - JARC >200K			0	0	0	0
7 Sec. 5316 - JARC <200K			0	0	0	0
8 Sec. 5316 - JARC Nonurbanized			0	0	0	0
9 Sec. 5317 - New Freedom >200K			0	0	0	0
10 Sec. 5317 - New Freedom <200K			0	205,709	61,177	296,886
11 Sec. 5317 - New Freedom Nonurbanized			0	0	0	0
12 Other FTA			0	0	0	0
13 Regionally Significant or Other			0	0	0	0
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$2,799,717</b>	<b>\$2,644,532</b>	<b>\$5,444,249</b>	<b>\$11,620,204</b>	<b>\$10,481,783</b>	<b>\$22,131,987</b>
Transportation Development Credits Requested			\$0			\$33,324
Awarded			\$0			\$33,324

## MINUTES

### AMARILLO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

The Policy Committee for the Amarillo Metropolitan Planning Organization met at 1:30 p.m., August 4, 2011, in Room 306 of City Hall, 509 South East 7th Avenue, Amarillo, Texas.

Voting members present were: Paul Harpole, Jarrett Atkinson, Dick Davis, Howard Holland, H.R. Kelly, Ernie Houdashell, and Robert Karrh.

Voting members not present were: Brian Eades, Kyle Ingham, Tracy Cain, and Arthur Ware.

Staff coordinators were: Gary Holwick and Travis Muno.

The July 14, 2011 meeting of the Amarillo Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee was cancelled due to lack of a quorum. Agenda items for that meeting are included in today's business.

#### **Item 1. Consider approval of the April 7, 2011 meeting minutes.**

Paul Harpole, Mayor, City of Amarillo, called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous meeting on April 7, 2011 were presented. Mr. Harpole asked if there were any corrections to the minutes; there were none.

Ernie Houdashell, Randall County Judge, made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Dick Davis, Amarillo Chamber of Commerce, seconded the motion. A vote of 6:0 carried the motion.

#### **Item 2. Consider the draft FY2012 Unified Planning Work Program.**

Gary Holwick, MPO Director, presented the FY 2012 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), shown in Attachment A. He first spoke to the Committee about what purpose the MPO serves and briefly summarized the major planning programs for which the MPO is responsible, the MTP, TIP, and UPWP. Mr. Holwick then explained the purpose of the UPWP and discussed each of the five work elements contained in the UPWP. He explained that the UPWP is a federally required document which serves as the MPO's annual budget. He talked about the source of planning funds from both FHWA and FTA. He told the committee that funding was again limited to previous levels and that little had changed from the preceding fiscal year's UPWP. He said that no comments were received during a 30-day public comment period for the FY 2012 UPWP. He told the committee that when approved, the UPWP would be submitted to TxDOT and FHWA. Mr. Harpole asked if there were any questions or comments.

Ken Graham asked about pedestrian traffic counts in the downtown area, school zones, and elsewhere within the city. Dick Davis, Chamber of Commerce, said that there hadn't been sufficient staff to conduct pedestrian or bicycle counts in the same manner in which regular vehicular traffic counts were done. He said that if specific locations were identified for pedestrian/bicycle counts they could be done as part of larger traffic studies. Mr. Graham suggested that perhaps grant funds might be available to conduct the counts. Mr. Harpole asked for a motion to accept the UPWP.

Robert Karrh, Randall County Commissioner, made a motion to approve the FY 2012 Unified Planning Work Program as presented. Dick Davis seconded the motion. A vote of 6:0 carried the motion.

#### **Item 3. Consider a revision of the FY2011-14 Transportation Improvement Program.**

Travis Muno, MPO Senior Transportation Planner, spoke to the committee about transit projects in a 2011-14 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) revision. He said a project utilizing FTA Section 5310 funding for the purchase of vehicles for elderly and disabled public transportation was being added. In addition, these Section 5310 funds provided for preventative maintenance for the vehicles. He explained these funds would be administered by TxDOT and the Amarillo Multi-Service Center. He said the addition of these projects, identified as MPO ID #A0ASEC5310-1S, would require action by the Committee to be implemented in the TIP. Details of the TIP revision are shown in Attachment B.

Howard Holland, TxDOT Amarillo District Engineer, made a motion to accept the 2011-14 Transportation Improvement Program revision. This motion was seconded by Ernie Houdashell, and carried 6:0.

#### **Item 4. Consider eligible projects for Proposition 12 funding.**

Mr. Holwick gave the Committee a brief introduction to the Proposition 12 Funding category and asked Howard Holland to present information about how the Prop 12 funding could benefit the Amarillo MPO and the Panhandle Region. Mr. Holland stated the goal is to spend Prop 12 funds, \$61.86 million in our region over the next two years, in significant ways that will most impact the transportation system. Of the

\$61.86 million, \$4.77 million has been allocated to the Amarillo MPO, with the remaining \$57 million to the Amarillo District for allocation in cooperation with other community leaders throughout the district. Mr. Holland said that the Loop 335 Corridor around Amarillo could become a more viable truck relief route as plans move forward with the downtown re-development. Currently no funds are allocated for Loop 335 east of IH-27, particularly that portion east of Western St and north to IH-40. He said that a project here presents an opportunity for the allocation of Prop 12 funds. He stated that it is imperative we protect this corridor and maintain its feasibility as a relief route for trucking, especially while discussing the Ports to Plains Corridor and developing 4 lane highways in the region.

Mr. Holland said there were two projects identified on Loop 335. He hoped the Policy Committee would consider using Prop 12 funds for these two projects, otherwise funding for the projects would not be until 2014. The funds currently scheduled for those projects would then be available to the MPO for allocation to other projects, hopefully for work on the Loop 335 Corridor. He said strong public support has been shown for the area of SW 34<sup>th</sup> Ave to IH-40 and could be considered as a new project. Mr. Holland reminded the board \$57 million has been allocated to the Amarillo District. Approximately \$27 million of the Amarillo District allocation may be spent on US Highway 87 between Dumas and Hartley, and a proposal exists to provide \$12.5 million for the Ports to Plains Corridor to help complete a 2 lane facility serving as a reliever route around Big Spring, Texas. Thus leaving \$18 million, Mr. Holland is proposing these funds be allocated for developing the Loop 335 Corridor east and north from Western St to IH-40. The amounts are tentative and will be discussed later by the Texas Transportation Commission.

Judge Houdashell asked if we are trying to divert the Ports to Plains Corridor traffic from the downtown area. Mr. Holland responded we are trying to give trucks an option to use Loop 335 when headed to or from IH-27. City Manager Jarrett Atkinson spoke endorsing Mr. Holland's proposal of reviewing the eastern portion of Loop 335 as the MPO's first item on the table for available funds. Dick Davis asked if an addendum needed to be added to Item 4, or what could the MPO actually accomplish today on this item. Mr. Holwick stated the proposal is to advance the existing two projects. Mr. Holland commented the Commission has requested all projects be identified by September 7, 2011 to begin a selection process. Mr. Holland stated he would be back to the MPO Committee at a later date with specific projects and dollar amounts. Kelley Shaw, Planning Director also spoke endorsing Mr. Holland's proposal of preserving the south eastern quadrant of Loop 335. Mr. Shaw reiterated that the MPO must recognize this window of opportunity or Loop 335 will have issues as those that are found on Loop 335 from IH-40 south to SW 34<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Thus, the projects for consideration using Prop 12 funds were: on Loop 335 from SW 77<sup>th</sup> Ave to IH-27 (CSJ #2635-03-015) & from IH-27 to Western St (CSJ #2635-02-025), in FY2012 (these could be advanced from FY2014 using the MPO allocation); a new project on Loop 335 from IH-40 to SW 77<sup>th</sup> Ave & from Western St to Georgia St, in FY2013 using the TxDOT Amarillo District allocation; and a project to further develop the southeast quadrant of Loop 335, in FY2014 using both MPO and TxDOT Amarillo District funds.

Ernie Houdashell, Randall County Judge, made a motion to schedule the Prop 12 funded projects as presented. This motion was seconded by Dick Davis, Amarillo Chamber of Commerce, and carried 7:0, H.R. Kelly, Potter County Commissioner, was present for this item.

**Item 5. Open Forum, time reserved for anyone to speak on any transportation related item; however, no action can be taken on items not on the agenda.**

Ken Graham addressed the Committee regarding the old Soncy Road alignment. He asked that TxDOT, Potter County, and the City of Amarillo recognize this roadbed as an official trail: Old Soncy Trail. He said the trail was important to many pedestrians and bicyclists in the area and that the trail was identified in the City of Amarillo Hike & Bike Master Plan. He asked that the entities give the trail official recognition, establish a financial plan for trail improvements, work with non-profit donors to enhance the trail amenities, and provide funding to match donor amounts. No action was taken on this matter.

**Item 6. Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned with no further business to discuss.



Gary Holwick  
Director, Amarillo MPO

**Amarillo Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee Meeting Attendance Record**

Date: August 4, 2011  
Time: 1:30 P.M.

Place: Room 306 City Hall,  
509 SE 7<sup>th</sup> Ave, Amarillo, TX

	Name	Organization Represented	Phone Number	E-mail Address
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3	Blair Johnson	TxDOT	356-3247	blair.johnson@txdot.gov
4	Yann Ranaivo	Amarillo Globe-News	345-3398	yann.ranaivo@amarillo.com
5	Dean Durey	Share the Road	236-3989	hdriders994@hotmail.com
6	Jim HAMMEAS	AMARILLO CITIZENS <sup>PROTECT</sup> <sub>RIGHTS</sub>	223 9443	
7	Mike Fowler	TxDOT	356-3291	mike.fowler@txdot.gov
8	Gary E. Denton	COA Utilities	378-9307	gary.denton@amarillo.gov
9	Tiffany Pulliam	TxDOT	356-3274	Tiffany.A.Pulliam@txdot.gov
10	Travis Munn	MPO	378-4219	Travis.Munn@amarillo.gov
11	Jan Sanders	Planning		
12	Paul Haggard	Amar. Mayor	679 0911	paul@haggsauto.com

**Amarillo Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee Meeting Attendance Record**

Date: August 4, 2011  
Time: 1:30 P.M.

Place: Room 306 City Hall,  
509 SE 7<sup>th</sup> Ave, Amarillo, TX

	Name	Organization Represented	Phone Number	E-mail Address
13	KEN GRAHAM	Share the Road!	626-9351	kgraham.kenneth@sbcglobal.net
14	ROBERT KARRH	RANDALL CO	654-5955	
15	Jamie Allen	PRPC		
16	Nick Davis	C of C		
17	RON CONNALLY	REDSTONE DEV.	672-1400	ronconnor@sbcglobal.net
18	Drew Mettelle	Totus Totum	373-4351	gm@totustotum.com
19	Howard Holman	TxDOT		
20	Jarrett Atkinson	COA		
21	ERNIE HODASHELL	RANDALL COUNTY		
22	HR KELLY	POTTER COUNTY		
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