

**STATEWIDE  
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT  
PROGRAM  
FY 2008-2011**



**AMARILLO DISTRICT  
TRANSIT**

**MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup> OUT- OF - CYCLE REVISIONS**

# amarillo mpo inter-agency memo

**TO:** David Miller, TxDOT District Planner  
Lori Morel, TxDOT TPP

**FROM:** Gary Holwick, MPO Director

**DATE:** March 16, 2009

**SUBJECT:** March 11, 2009 Amarillo MPO Policy Committee Meeting Minutes  
Amarillo MPO 2005-30 Metropolitan Transportation Plan revision  
Amarillo MPO 2008-11 Transportation Improvement Program revision

I am emailing you a copy of the Amarillo MPO Policy Advisory Committee meeting minutes including revisions of the 2005-30 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the 2008-11 Transportation Improvement Program for the March 20, 2009 Out Of Cycle revisions. The revisions pertain to roadway and transit projects eligible for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 2009 funds. Greater detail of these actions can be found within the meeting minutes. The MPO Policy Advisory Committee approved each of these items at its March 11, 2009 meeting. Copies of the meeting minutes, attendance record, and attachments are enclosed. Please forward these documents on for further processing.

~~Please call me at 378-6293, extension, if you have any questions.~~



**Gary Holwick**

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**AMARILLO MPO ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE PROJECT LIST**

**TRANSIT PROJECT LISTING**

**AMARILLO TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

March 11, 2009

Amarillo

YOE = Year of Expenditure

| <u>General Project Information</u> |  | <u>Funding Information (YOE)</u> |             |
|------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Project Sponsor                    | Amarillo City Transit                      | Federal Funding Category         | 5307        |
| MPO Project/Reference Number       | A5A-T-02SER1(09)                           | Federal Share                    | \$2,680,000 |
| Apportionment Year                 |  | 2009 State Funds from TxDOT      | \$0         |
| Project Phase                      |  | Local Funds                      |             |
| Brief Project Description          | Replace Bus Vehicles <30 ft                | Fiscal Year Cost                 | \$2,680,000 |
|                                    | This project is contingent upon receipt of | Total Project Cost               | \$2,680,000 |
|                                    | ARRA 2009 Funds                            | Trans. Dev. Credits Requested    | \$0         |
|                                    |  | Trans. Dev. Credits Awarded      |             |
| Sec 5309 ID # if applicable        | N.A.                                       | (Date & Amount)                  | \$0         |
| Amendment Date & Action            |  |                                  |             |

| <u>General Project Information</u> |  | <u>Funding Information (YOE)</u> |          |
|------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|----------|
| Project Sponsor                    | Amarillo City Transit                      | Federal Funding Category         | 5307     |
| MPO Project/Reference Number       | A5A-T-02SER2(09)                           | Federal Share                    | \$25,000 |
| Apportionment Year                 |  | 2009 State Funds from TxDOT      | \$0      |
| Project Phase                      |  | Local Funds                      |          |
| Brief Project Description          | Replace Support Vehicles                   | Fiscal Year Cost                 | \$25,000 |
|                                    | This project is contingent upon receipt of | Total Project Cost               | \$25,000 |
|                                    | ARRA 2009 Funds                            | Trans. Dev. Credits Requested    | \$0      |
|                                    |  | Trans. Dev. Credits Awarded      |          |
| Sec 5309 ID # if applicable        | N.A.                                       | (Date & Amount)                  | \$0      |
| Amendment Date & Action            |  |                                  |          |

| <u>General Project Information</u> |  | <u>Funding Information (YOE)</u> |           |
|------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Project Sponsor                    | Amarillo City Transit                      | Federal Funding Category         | 5307      |
| MPO Project/Reference Number       | A5A-T-04SER1(09)                           | Federal Share                    | \$233,500 |
| Apportionment Year                 |  | 2009 State Funds from TxDOT      | \$0       |
| Project Phase                      |  | Local Funds                      |           |
| Brief Project Description          | Support Facilities & Equipment             | Fiscal Year Cost                 | \$233,500 |
|                                    | This project is contingent upon receipt of | Total Project Cost               | \$233,500 |
|                                    | ARRA 2009 Funds                            | Trans. Dev. Credits Requested    | \$0       |
|                                    |  | Trans. Dev. Credits Awarded      |           |
| Sec 5309 ID # if applicable        | N.A.                                       | (Date & Amount)                  | \$0       |
| Amendment Date & Action            |  |                                  |           |

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|------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Project Sponsor                    | Amarillo City Transit                      | Federal Funding Category         | 5307      |
| MPO Project/Reference Number       | A5A-T-04SER2(09)                           | Federal Share                    | \$490,996 |
| Apportionment Year                 |  | 2009 State Funds from TxDOT      | \$0       |
| Project Phase                      |  | Local Funds                      |           |
| Brief Project Description          | Communications Equipment                   | Fiscal Year Cost                 | \$490,996 |
|                                    | This project is contingent upon receipt of | Total Project Cost               | \$490,996 |
|                                    | ARRA 2009 Funds                            | Trans. Dev. Credits Requested    | \$0       |
|                                    |  | Trans. Dev. Credits Awarded      |           |
| Sec 5309 ID # if applicable        | N.A.                                       | (Date & Amount)                  | \$0       |
| Amendment Date & Action            |  |                                  |           |

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|------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|----------|
| Project Sponsor                    | Amarillo City Transit                      | Federal Funding Category         | 5307     |
| MPO Project/Reference Number       | A5A-T-04SER3(09)                           | Federal Share                    | \$19,800 |
| Apportionment Year                 |  | 2009 State Funds from TxDOT      | \$0      |
| Project Phase                      |  | Local Funds                      |          |
| Brief Project Description          | Computer Equipment                         | Fiscal Year Cost                 | \$19,800 |
|                                    | This project is contingent upon receipt of | Total Project Cost               | \$19,800 |
|                                    | ARRA 2009 Funds                            | Trans. Dev. Credits Requested    | \$0      |
|                                    |  | Trans. Dev. Credits Awarded      |          |
| Sec 5309 ID # if applicable        | N.A.                                       | (Date & Amount)                  | \$0      |
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| <u>General Project Information</u> |  | <u>Funding Information (YOE)</u> |           |
|------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Project Sponsor                    | Amarillo City Transit                      | Federal Funding Category         | 5307      |
| MPO Project/Reference Number       | A5A-T-05SER1(09)                           | Federal Share                    | \$125,000 |
| Apportionment Year                 |  | 2009 State Funds from TxDOT      | \$0       |
| Project Phase                      |  | Local Funds                      |           |
| Brief Project Description          | Passenger Amenities                        | Fiscal Year Cost                 | \$125,000 |
|                                    | This project is contingent upon receipt of | Total Project Cost               | \$125,000 |
|                                    | ARRA 2009 Funds                            | Trans. Dev. Credits Requested    | \$0       |
|                                    |  | Trans. Dev. Credits Awarded      |           |
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Total American Recovery & Reinvestment Act 2009 Funds \$3,574,296

**Transit Financial Summary  
Amarillo MPO**

**FY 2008 - 2011 Transportation Improvement Program - including American Recovery & Reinvestment Act Section 5307 Funds in FY 2009**

All Figures In Year of Expenditure (YOE) Dollars

Current as of March 11, 2009

| Transit Program                                    | FY 2008            |                    |                    | FY 2009            |                    |                    | FY 2010            |                    |                    |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|  | Federal            | State/Local        | Total              | Federal            | State/Local        | Total              | Federal            | State/Local        | Total              |
| 1 Sec. 5307 - Urbanized Formula >200K              | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  |
| 2 Sec. 5307 - Urbanized Formula <200K              | 2,432,525          | 2,108,926          | 4,541,451          | 6,128,448          | 2,215,346          | 8,343,794          | 2,681,860          | 2,335,043          | 5,016,903          |
| 3 Sec. 5309 - Discretionary                        | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  |
| 4 Sec. 5310 - Elderly & Individuals w/Disabilities | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  |
| 5 Sec. 5311 - Nonurbanized Formula                 | Programmed by PTN  |                    |                    | Programmed by PTN  |                    |                    | Programmed by PTN  |                    |                    |
| 6 Sec. 5316 - JARC >200K                           | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  |
| 7 Sec. 5316 - JARC <200K                           | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  |
| 8 Sec. 5316 - JARC Nonurbanized                    | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  |
| 9 Sec. 5317 - New Freedom >200K                    | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  |
| 10 Sec. 5317 - New Freedom <200K                   | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  |
| 11 Sec. 5317 - New Freedom Nonurbanized            | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  |
| 12 Other FTA                                       | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  |
| 13 Regionally Significant or Other                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  |
| <b>Total Funds</b>                                 | <b>\$2,432,525</b> | <b>\$2,108,926</b> | <b>\$4,541,451</b> | <b>\$6,128,448</b> | <b>\$2,215,346</b> | <b>\$8,343,794</b> | <b>\$2,681,860</b> | <b>\$2,335,043</b> | <b>\$5,016,903</b> |
| Transportation Development Credits Requested       |                    |                    | \$0                |                    |                    | \$0                |                    |                    | \$0                |
| Awarded  |                    |                    | \$0                |                    |                    | \$0                |                    |                    | \$0                |

All Figures In Year of Expenditure (YOE) Dollars

| Transit Program                                    | FY 2011            |                    |                    | Total               |                    |                     |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
|  | Federal            | State/Local        | Total              | Federal             | State/Local        | Total               |
| 1 Sec. 5307 - Urbanized Formula >200K              | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   |
| 2 Sec. 5307 - Urbanized Formula <200K              | 2,815,952          | 2,455,575          | 5,271,527          | 14,058,785          | 9,114,890          | 23,173,675          |
| 3 Sec. 5309 - Discretionary                        | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   |
| 4 Sec. 5310 - Elderly & Individuals w/Disabilities | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   |
| 5 Sec. 5311 - Nonurbanized Formula                 | Programmed by PTN  |                    |                    | Programmed by PTN   |                    |                     |
| 6 Sec. 5316 - JARC >200K                           | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   |
| 7 Sec. 5316 - JARC <200K                           | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   |
| 8 Sec. 5316 - JARC Nonurbanized                    | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   |
| 9 Sec. 5317 - New Freedom >200K                    | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   |
| 10 Sec. 5317 - New Freedom <200K                   | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   |
| 11 Sec. 5317 - New Freedom Nonurbanized            | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   |
| 12 Other FTA                                       | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   |
| 13 Regionally Significant or Other                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   |
| <b>Total Funds</b>                                 | <b>\$2,815,952</b> | <b>\$2,455,575</b> | <b>\$5,271,527</b> | <b>\$14,058,785</b> | <b>\$9,114,890</b> | <b>\$23,173,675</b> |
| Transportation Development Credits Requested       |                    |                    | \$0                |                     |                    | \$0                 |
| Awarded  |                    |                    | \$0                |                     |                    | \$0                 |

## MINUTES

### AMARILLO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

The Policy Advisory Committee for the Amarillo Metropolitan Planning Organization met at 1:30 p.m., March 11, 2009, in the Amarillo Civic Center Heritage Room, 401 South Buchanan Street, Amarillo, Texas.

Voting members present were: Alan Taylor, Howard Holland, Kenneth Petr, Ernie Houdashell, Debra McCartt, H.R. Kelly, Brian J. Eades and Robert Karrh.

Voting members not present were: Arthur Ware.

Staff coordinators present: Gary Holwick and Travis Muno.

Debra McCartt, City of Amarillo Mayor, introduced herself as the new Chairman of the Policy Advisory Committee as well as the three new committee members: H.R. Kelly, Potter County Commissioner, Brian J. Eades, City of Amarillo Commissioner, and Robert Karrh, Randall County Commissioner.

#### **Item 1. Consider approval of the January 22, 2009 meeting minutes.**

Mayor McCartt called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous meeting on January 22, 2009, were presented. She asked if there were any changes or deletions; there were none. Ernie Houdashell, Randall County Judge, made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Alan Taylor, City of Amarillo City Manager, seconded the motion. The motion was carried on an 8:0 vote.

#### **Item 2. Consider revision of the 2005-30 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.**

Travis Muno, MPO Senior Planner, presented the proposed revisions to the FY 2005-30 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. The revisions, shown in Attachment A, included a railroad relocation project on the BNSF railroad. This project (MPO ID # A5A67S) is to relocate the BNSF line, which parallels SE 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave in Amarillo, east from Manhattan St to Big Texan Road. The second revision is a project (MPO ID # A5A68S) to upgrade Loop 335, south from SW 45<sup>th</sup> Ave, east to Western St, to an urban section. This is multiphase project, with the first phase from SW 45<sup>th</sup> Ave to SW 83<sup>rd</sup> Ave. The next MTP revision is the Hillside Rd project from Loop 335 to Helium Road, new four-lane arterial (MPO ID # A5A57L). The revision changes this project to a multiphase project, with phase one from Loop 335 to Nancy Ellen St. The Amarillo City Manager, Alan Taylor, was asked to present information on each of the MTP revision projects to the committee.

Mr. Taylor spoke about the project to relocate the existing BNSF Rail Line. He said that the rail line is an east/west line that runs through Amarillo and has a long history of access and safety issues. He told the committee that this rail is not just important to Amarillo, but it is a major corridor for the region, the state, and has international significance. He said it carries approximately 40 trains per day with an average length of 8300 feet at five miles per hour. There are two fuel depots nearby, which necessitate the slow speeds the trains must travel. The trains frequently block traffic at Grand St & SE 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave and Eastern St & SE 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, resulting in delays for citizens who must travel to work, home, shopping, medical care, etc., plus significant delays for emergency access by ambulance, fire, and police services. Building a bridge or overpass would be a possible solution, but the costs are prohibitive. He said that there are other factors such as limited right-of-way availability at Grand Street & SE 3<sup>rd</sup> and the classification of the former Texaco Refinery as a Superfund Site, which negatively impact the feasibility of a bridge. He pointed out the area is economically disadvantaged. He said the area is one of few in the community zoned for heavy industrial uses, but limited access by police and fire, made this area undesirable by business. He stated that the City had paid a consultant, Hanson-Watson for a study and analysis of the relocation project, which estimated the cost to be \$27,000,000. He stated that he thought Burlington Northern would contribute monies toward the relocation, and asked PAC members to allocate a minimum of \$3,000,000 from the stimulus funds for the project. He stated the relocation project had local, regional, statewide, and national implications. He expressed his belief that any environmental issues raised by TxDOT could be overcome.

The committee chair asked for other committee comment. Howard Holland, TxDOT Amarillo District Engineer, expressed concerns about project funding and the time limitations of one year to begin the project. He stated Fund Six monies could not be used for rail relocation. He told the committee that the project was eligible for the federal economic stimulus funds. He spoke of the need for compliance with NEPA requirements. He suggested backup plans be made for other projects if the relocation project could not be undertaken so that stimulus funds would not be forfeited.

Gary Holwick, MPO Director, stated that these three projects would need to be moved into the MTP and three existing projects would need to be moved to an illustrative status, as shown in the attachment, in order to maintain financial constraints.

The Mayor asked for citizen comment about the rail relocation project. Mary Roman, with the Amarillo College Community Link at 2412 N Grand, urged MPO members to consider funding the relocation. She said that Amarillo College Community Link works with over 150 students including refugees of diverse nationalities who speak many languages. Residents in this economically disadvantaged area must travel to other parts of the city for employment, shopping, medical care, and entertainment, resulting in isolation, depression, and crime issues. She said delays from the rail lines affect residents of the northeast quadrant of the city as well as with her students and staff on a daily basis.

Mr. Taylor then presented the second project to be considered, phase 1 of upgrading Loop 335 (Soncy Road) from SW 45th Avenue to SW 83rd Avenue to an Urban Section with curb and gutters.

Bo Wolfram with J. Gaut & Associates appeared and said there was resistance to development on Loop 335 (Soncy Rd) south of SW 45th Ave. He expressed concern over the restrictive access to commercial businesses and inquired about long-range roadway projects.

Ben Womack appeared and suggested one-way access roads be used on both sides of Soncy Rd as had been used on other major arterials.

Pete Vaughn with Pete's CarSmart, a local car dealer, appeared and inquired about the time line for roadway projects on the Loop 335. He expressed concern over safety and accessibility issues.

Mr. Taylor presented the third project to be considered, a new four-lane arterial on Hillside from Loop 335 (Soncy Road) to Nancy Ellen Dr. He said that a new Canyon Elementary School is under construction and scheduled to open in August 2009, and school bus access to the school is a critical need.

Mr. Holland reported that TxDOT had authorized a signal project at Soncy and Hillside along with lane reconstruction. The project was let this week and construction should begin within 45-60 days. He had been contacted by Canyon ISD and was assured that Canyon school buses would use Hillside Rd, turning west toward the school only at the new signal at Loop 335 and Hillside Rd.

Perry Williams, a landowner and developer in the subject area, appeared and stated that Hillside Terrace Addition is the fastest growing subdivision in the city. He said there are 400 units at the present time with a potential of 18,000 units. He stated that a 400-unit apartment complex is under development with frontage along Hillside Rd. He emphasized that road construction on Hillside west of Loop 335 is crucial to provide access to the new school in the neighborhood and that he would commit to building roads within the Hillside Terrace subdivision that would tie to Hillside Road.

Mrs. McCart asked if anyone had other comments; there were none. Mr. Taylor made a motion to accept the revisions for the 2005-30 MTP as shown in Attachment A. Judge Houdashell seconded the motion, which carried on a 8:0 vote.

### **Item 3. Consider revision of the 2008-11 Transportation Improvement Program.**

Mr. Holwick gave the committee members a brief description and purpose of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mr. Holwick presented the revisions of the 2008-11 Transportation Improvement Program as shown in Attachment B. He told the committee these revisions were needed to advance projects eligible for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 2009 (ARRA) funding. He first presented the transit needs, explaining these included replacement of buses and support vehicles, support facilities and equipment, communication equipment, computer equipment, and passenger amenities. The chair asked if all participating entities had had an opportunity to submit projects. Mr. Holwick said yes and that the TxDOT Amarillo District Offices had submitted a list of projects for rural transit outside the Amarillo MPO boundary also. He stated that all the transit projects listed in the attachment are contingent upon receipt of the ARRA funds.

Mr. Holland made a motion to approve the TIP revision for the associated transit project list as shown in Attachment B. Judge Houdashell seconded the motion, and the motion carried 8:0.

Next, Mr. Holwick presented roadway projects for revision in the 2008-11 Transportation Improvement Program. He briefly covered projects selected by the Texas Transportation Commission for funding by that commission's discretionary funds. He told the committee that the Amarillo MPO had been awarded \$8,446,978 for projects in the MPO study area. He then spoke about MPO study area roadway projects, which are eligible for receipt of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 2009 funds. He said the projects included in the TIP revision need discussion by the committee. He explained that eligible projects should not have any right-of-way or utility issues since the projects are required to be construction ready within a period of twelve months or funding will be forfeited. He said the MPO Technical Committee had reviewed the project listing and added two

additional projects for discussion by the Policy Committee. He said today the committee should determine which projects would be advanced for funding by the ARRA.

Mrs. McCartt said that during her visit to Austin to present information about Amarillo's BNSF Railroad Relocation ARRA project to the Texas Transportation Commission, she learned that two members of the Texas Transportation Commission would be visiting Amarillo in the next few weeks to consider funding for the railroad relocation project.

Mr. Taylor addressed the committee with project recommendations for the MPO ARRA allocation. That list of recommendations and funding included Loop 335 from SW 45<sup>th</sup> Ave to SW 83<sup>rd</sup> Ave – Upgrade to Urban Section, \$2.5 million; Hillside Rd from Loop 335 to Nancy Ellen St – Rehabilitate Existing 2-lane Roadway, \$450,000; Georgia St from SW 58<sup>th</sup> Ave to South City Limits – Widen to 4-lane Arterial, \$1.94 million; Georgia St from 0.3 mile North of Farmers Ave to Loop 335 – Overlay, \$250,000; Hastings Ave from River Rd (Loop 434) to Grand St – Overlay, \$250,000; the BNSF Railroad Relocation project along SE 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave from Manhattan St to Big Texan Rd – BNSF Railroad Relocation, \$3 million. He offered the suggestion should the rail project not be ready to go within the time constraints of ARRA, that money be applied to another project ready-to-go and approved by the Policy Committee. He said these totaled \$8.39 million, leaving about \$56,000 that could be used for the project along IH 27 at Western, Georgia, and Rebecca Streets – Curb Ramps & Miscellaneous Work, \$130,000.

Howard Holland proposed that the curb ramps at Loop 335 and SW 45<sup>th</sup> Ave be included if other work along the Loop was going to be done and Mr. Taylor agreed. Mr. Holland then asked about funding a rehab on Hillside Rd from Western St to Bell St, if the BNSF Railroad Relocation project could be completed within the ARRA time constraints. The committee made the decision to include the projects proposed by Mr. Taylor and the project on Hillside Rd from Western St to Bell St – Rehab Existing Roadway. These projects totaled \$11.52 million. The provision was made that the Hillside Rd Rehab Existing Roadway project would be done if the BNSF RR relocation could not be funded or ready for the ARRA funding. The list of projects for this 2008-11 TIP revision is shown in Attachment B. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the list as proposed. Howard Holland seconded the motion, and the motion carried 8:0.

**Item 4. Consider citizen representation and appointment for the Amarillo MPO Policy Committee.**

Mayor McCartt addressed the committee's desire to include citizen representation on the MPO Policy Committee. Alan Taylor said that when changes for the MPO Policy Committee were proposed and later adopted, those changes addressed a need for more elected officials and citizen representation, rather than staff members on the committee. He spoke about the selection of members from the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce, City of Amarillo Traffic Commission, City of Amarillo Planning & Zoning Commission, or Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC). He said that two representatives from the City of Canyon were included as ex-officio members, pending inclusion of Canyon in the Amarillo MPO boundary after Census 2010. Mr. Holwick told the committee that he was looking for someone to present training and information on the MPO process to the Policy Committee. However, his efforts were not yet complete. He hoped training would be available for the April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of the MPO Policy Committee. Kyle Ingham, PRPC Local Government Services Director, spoke about that agency's involvement in regional transportation issues. He said that PRPC welcomed the opportunity to participate in the MPO planning process.

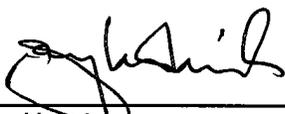
After further discussion, Debra McCartt recommended a voting member of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC) serve on the committee. Robert Karrh made a motion to select two citizens, one from the PRPC and another from the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce, for the MPO Policy Committee. Mr. Holland seconded the motion, and the motion carried 8:0.

**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.**

Mayor McCartt asked if any member of the committee or anyone from the audience had any comment or concerns to address. No one from the public or the committee offered any further comments.

**Item 6. Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned with no further business to discuss.



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Gary Holwick  
Director, Amarillo MPO

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

Date: March 11, 2009  
Time: 1:30 P.M.

Place: Amarillo Civic Center Heritage Room  
401 S Buchanan St, Amarillo, TX

|    | Name            | Organization Represented | Phone Number | E-mail Address            |
|----|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| 1  | RANDY GEISWEIL  | CITY OF CANYON           | 655-5000     |                           |
| 2  | Cheryl Kuther   | TxDOT                    | 356 3249     | ckuther@dot.state.tx.us   |
| 3  | DAVID MILLER    | TxDOT                    | 356 3246     | dmiller@dot.state.tx.us   |
| 4  | Kenneth Petr    | TxDOT                    | 356-3202     | kpetr@dot.state.tx.us     |
| 5  | Karen Welch     | Globe-News               | 345-3359     | karen.welch@amarillo.com  |
| 6  | Quinn Aht       | City of Canyon - mpx     | 655-3500     | galaxandrae@banyon.com    |
| 7  | Taylor Withrow  | City of Amarillo         | 378-9218     |                           |
| 8  | PETE VAUGHAN    | PETE'S CALSMOFT KIR      | 351-1122     | petes@calsmoftkir@aol.com |
| 9  | Myle Ingram     | PRPL                     |              |                           |
| 10 | Travis Muno     | MPO                      | 378-4219     |                           |
| 11 | Martin Rodin    | City of Amarillo         | 570-0114     | martin.rodin@amarillo.gov |
| 12 | Donna Makkhavan | CA                       |              |                           |

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|    | Name             | Organization Represented                      | Phone Number | E-mail Address               |
|----|------------------|---|--------------|------------------------------|
| 13 | KENNETH D GRAHAM | COA TRAFFIC COMMISSION<br>OLD TASCOSA CYCLING | 356-7792     | graham.kenneth@sbeglobal.net |
| 14 | Paul F Braun     | TxDOT   | 356-3256     | pb6boy99@hotmail.com         |
| 15 | DAN REESE        | CITY OF CANYON                                | 655-5000     |                              |
| 16 | Debra McCarth    | City of Amarillo                              | 378-3010     | debra.mccarth@amarillo.gov   |
| 17 | Emma Habelshel   | Randall Co                                    | 488 5500     |                              |
| 18 | ROBERT KAREN     | RANDALL COUNTY                                |              |                              |
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Place: Amarillo Civic Center Heritage Room  
401 S Buchanan St, Amarillo, TX

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**Amarillo Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2005-2030 (MTP)  
March 11, 2009 Revision**

| MPO ID   | Facility   | From Limit                                  | To Limit       | Project Description   | Status | Timing    | YOE Total Project Cost X 1000 |          |
|--|------------|---|----------------|---|--------|-----------|-------------------------------|----------|
|  |            |   |                |   |        |           | Illustrative                  |          |
| A5A67S   | VA         | On SE 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave From Manhattan St | Big Texan Road | BNSF Railroad Relocation  | Short  | 2008-2011 |                               | \$27,000 |
| NOTES: Insert / Update Project YOE Cost. Relocate existing BNSF Rail Line.   |            |   |                |   |        |           |                               |          |
| A5A68S   | LP 335     | SW 45 <sup>th</sup> Ave                     | Western St     | Upgrade to Urban Section  |        |           |                               | \$8,500  |
| NOTES: Insert / Update YOE Project Cost. This is a multiphase project. Phase 1 is from SW 45 <sup>th</sup> Ave to SW 83 <sup>rd</sup> Ave. |            |   |                |   | Short  | 2008-2011 | \$3,500                       |          |
| Future Phase(s) from SW 83 <sup>rd</sup> Ave to Western St.  |            |   |                |   | Long   | 2016-2030 | \$5,000                       |          |
| A5A57L   | Hillside   | Loop 335 (Soncy Rd)                         | Helium Rd      | New 4-Lane Arterial   |        |           |                               | \$3,270  |
| NOTES: Update to reflect this as a multiphase project. Phase 1 is from Loop 335 (Soncy Rd) to Nancy Ellen St.                              |            |   |                |   | Short  | 2008-2011 | \$900                         |          |
| Future Phase(s) from Mary Ellen Dr. to Helium Rd.  |            |   |                |   | Long   | 2016-2030 | \$2,370                       |          |
| A5A11L   | Grand St   | SE 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave                      | BNSF RR        | Construct New Overpass:<br>(Industrial St to 1000' South of SE 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave) | Long   | 2016-2030 | \$14,862                      |          |
| NOTES: Moved from Active MTP to Illustrative List.   |            |   |                |   |        |           |                               |          |
| A5A60L   | Eastern St | BNSF RR @ 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave               |                | Construct Bridge  | Long   | 2016-2030 | \$11,890                      |          |
| NOTES: Moved from Active MTP to Illustrative List.   |            |   |                |   |        |           |                               |          |
| A5A61L   | Eastern St | BNSF RR @ Amarillo Blvd                     |                | Construct Bridge  | Long   | 2016-2030 | \$11,890                      |          |
| NOTES: Moved from Active MTP to Illustrative List.   |            |   |                |   |        |           |                               |          |

VA – Various Locations

Year of Expenditure (YOE) costs – Converting all costs and revenues to YOE dollars presents a more accurate picture of costs over the term of the MTP.

Total project costs (TPC) – The estimated costs of all project phases, including: Construction, PE, ROW, Bond Finance, CE, Contingencies, & Indirect costs.

Illustrative Listing – These are projects that would be included in the MTP if reasonable additional resources, beyond those identified in the financial plan, were available. To enable accurate financial constraint and determinations, the illustrative projects must be clearly documented as separate and distinct from the MTP project list. These are projects important to the transportation network within the MPO boundary, however, the revenue sources identified in the plan will not provide for the current development of these projects. The MPO will consider these projects for funding when additional or alternative financial support becomes available.

R E V I S I O N S

ILLUSTRATIVE

**AMARILLO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING  
March 11, 2009**

| <b>AMARILLO TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM 2008-2011<br/>MARCH 2009 REVISION<br/>March 11, 2009</b> |                     |   |   |
|---|---------------------|---|---|
| MPO ID Number   | TxDOT CSJ<br>Number | Location/Description  | Revision  |
| <b>Roadway Projects</b>   |                     |   |   |
| FY 2010   |                     |   |   |
| A5A67S-000  | 0904-02-902         | On BNSF RR along SE 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave, from Manhattan St to Big Texan Rd – BNSF Railroad Relocation | Add ARRA 2009 project   |
| A5A47S-015  | 0904-02-903         | On Hastings Ave, from Loop 434 (River Rd) to Grand St – Overlay                                       | Add ARRA 2009 project   |
| A5A68S-000  | 2635-03-900         | On Loop 335, from SW 45 <sup>th</sup> Ave to 83 <sup>rd</sup> Ave – Upgrade to Urban Section          | Add ARRA 2009 project   |
| A5A47S-013  | 0904-11-900         | On Hillside Rd, from Loop 335 West to Nancy Ellen St – Rehab Existing Roadway                         | Add ARRA 2009 project   |
| A5A19S-000  | 0904-11-022         | On Georgia St, from SW 58 <sup>th</sup> Ave to South City Limits – Widen to 4-Lane Arterial           | Add ARRA 2009 project   |
| A5A47S-005  | 0904-11-901         | On Hillside Rd, from S Western St to S Bell St – Rehab Existing Roadway                               | Add ARRA 2009 project<br>Alternate Project for A5A67S-000                     |
| A5A47S-000  | 0168-09-153         | On IH 27, at Western St, Georgia St, and Rebecca St – Curb Ramps and Miscellaneous Work               | Add ARRA 2009 project   |
| A5A47S-014  | 0904-11-904         | On Georgia St, from 0.3 mile North of Farmers Ave to Loop 335 – Overlay                               | Add ARRA 2009 project   |
| <b>Transit Projects</b>   |                     |   |   |
| FY 2009   |                     |   |   |
| A5A-T-02S-ER1 (09)  |                     | Replace Bus Vehicles <30 ft   | Project addition. This project is contingent upon receipt of ARRA 2009 Funds. |
| A5A-T-02S-ER2 (09)  |                     | Replace Support Vehicles  | Project addition. This project is contingent upon receipt of ARRA 2009 Funds. |
| A5A-T-04S-ER1 (09)  |                     | Support Facilities & Equipment  | Project addition. This project is contingent upon receipt of ARRA 2009 Funds. |
| A5A-T-04S-ER2 (09)  |                     | Communications Equipment  | Project addition. This project is contingent upon receipt of ARRA 2009 Funds. |
| A5A-T-04S-ER3 (09)  |                     | Computer Equipment  | Project addition. This project is contingent upon receipt of ARRA 2009 Funds. |
| A5A-T-05S-ER1 (09)  |                     | Passenger Amenities   | Project addition. This project is contingent upon receipt of ARRA 2009 Funds. |