

**Northern Oklahoma Regional Transportation Planning Organization
Technical Committee Meeting
September 3, 2020**

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1. Call to Order/Introduction of Guests

Payton Herron called the NORTPO Technical Committee meeting to order at 1:05 PM. Present via Videoconferencing & NODA Conference Room: Jason Brinley (Alt.), Vicki Eggers, Adam Gentis, Cecil Michael, and Tiffany Plunkett. Absent: Scott Armstrong, Joe Schneider, Tyler Schroder and Valerie Snethen. A quorum was present. Staff Present: Payton Herron, Patti Lickliter, and Devon Westbrook. Guests: none.

2. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes from July 9, 2020

Eggers moved to approve the minutes from the July 9, 2020, Technical Committee meeting, seconded by Brinley. Motion carried. Aye: Brinley, Eggers, Gentis, Michael, Plunkett. Nay: none.

3. Business (to meet, discuss, approve and/or consider recommending to the NORTPO Policy Board)

A. Introduction of New Transportation Planner, Devon Westbrook

Eggers introduced Devon Westbrook, NORTPO's new transportation planner. Westbrook briefly described his background including he had interned for a sister council of government (ACOG). Members welcomed him to NORTPO

B. Discussion of Regional Employment and Population Data

Herron explained the need to go back and "touch up" the data in older LRTPs. Some of the data can be collected before the Census is complete. Gentis advised that it could/should be updated every five (5) years. Herron is to go back and look to see what LRTPs need to be updated with more recent data. Discussions were about the definition of a major employer and ODOT's answer; was: if the employer were removed, how detrimental would it be to the community? There is no exact number of employees to decide a major employer; it varies by community size and situation. No action taken.

C. Discussion of Regional Long Range Transportation Plan

Gentis advised to stick with the timeline and outline of the Regional Plan from ODOT for guidance. It was also discussed if covid pandemic should be a part of the Regional LRTP along with more Transit data. The committee expressed concerns with public outreach during this time and offered several suggestions as to work with the public safely. One suggestion was updating how we collect and disperse surveys. Staff will continue working on this. No action taken.

4. Updates/Reports/Comments

Gentis advised that the SPR agreements have been approved and the COGS should be getting the documents soon and the budget was approved with no changes.

5. Adjourn

Michael moved to adjourn, seconded by Gentis. Motion carried. Aye: Brinley, Eggers, Gentis, Michael, Plunkett. Nay: none. Meeting adjourned at 1:36 PM.



Patti Hobbs, Planning Coordinator