

**Northern Oklahoma Regional Transportation Planning Organization
Technical Committee Meeting
February 4, 2021**

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1. Call to Order/Introduction of Guests

Payton Herron called the NORTPO Technical Committee meeting to order at 1:07 PM. Present via Videoconferencing and NODA Conference Room: Jason Brinley, Vicki Eggers, Adam Gentis, Cecil Michael, and Tyler Schroder. Absent: Scott Armstrong, Tiffany Plunkett, Joe Schneider, and Valerie Snethen. A quorum was present. Staff Present: Payton Herron, Patti Hobbs, and Devon Westbrook. Guests: none.

2. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes from January 7, 2021

Schroder moved to approve the minutes from the January 7, 2021, Technical Committee meeting, seconded by Eggers. Motion carried. Aye: Brinley, Gentis, Eggers, Schroder, and Michael. Nay: none.

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

A. Base Year for Data

Westbrook discussed using 2020 as the base year for data in the regional plan. He mentioned it may result in longer wait times for new data but felt as though the consistency would be valuable, and committee members agreed. Gentis moved to approve using 2020 as the base year for the regional transportation plan, seconded by Eggers. Motion carried. Aye: Brinley, Gentis, Eggers, Schroder, and Michael. Nay: none.

B. NORTPO Website Update

Eggers shared with the committee the website is up and looks great, and that staff has been working to get all the wording correct, make sure files are in order and links are correct and active. Committee members were encouraged to look at the website and provide feedback. Eggers mentioned adding a page for TAP grants in the NORTPO region for citizens to view. It was also mentioned that staff would begin keeping up with the progress of previously approved TAP projects. No action needed.

C. Requirement for Technical Committee Members

Westbrook stated he would like to expand the representation of the technical committee. He initiated a conversation of requirements to serve and listed attendance and regional residency. Michael and Eggers brought up the technical committee bylaws, Eggers printed them, and Westbrook read what was said about

qualifications to serve. There was talk of wanting more OEDA representation on the committee. No action needed.

D. Future of Transportation Plans

Westbrook asked Gentis about ODOT's perception of the future of county specific transportation plan writing. Gentis said all of the RTPOs' focus should be on their regional plans, and they will likely be moving away from the county specific plans. ODOT wants engineers to be able to see prioritized projects on a regional scale. There was emphasis made that all existing county plans should align with the regional plan upon its completion. Michael added that we may still go forward with county plans for the OEDA district and group some of the less populated counties into one plan, given ODOT approval. Gentis thought that would be okay. Gentis mentioned a possible update to the RTPO Policy and Procedure Manual that requires a regional active transportation plan following the current plans' completion. No action needed.

4. Updates/Reports/Comments

Gentis gave a report that MYLEOnet, an ODOT database for section 5311 rural transit services to report data, may not be available to RTPOs' to access, given sensitive information is contained in it. Gentis said it is likely that ODOT will acquire the requested data on behalf of the RTPOs. This data is needed for the regional transportation plan.

Gentis discussed that future TAP grants are one to two years out and that ODOT is unsure which division it will fall under, Strategic Asset & Performance Management or Local Government. He mentioned an ODOT point of contact for TAP in their local government division and shared their contact information to get updates on the progress of TAP projects.

Gentis updated the committee on the status of the monthly RTPO meeting and that ODOT had almost completed the updated policy and procedure manual. They want that document reviewed by RTPO staff before the next meeting.

Herron and Gentis discussed grant opportunities, and that BUILD and INFRA grants are currently on hold. Gentis shared some requirements for the BUILD program.

Adjourn

Michael moved to adjourn, seconded by Schroder. Motion carried. Aye: Brinley, Eggers, Gentis, Michael, Schroder. Nay: none. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.



Devon Westbrook, Transportation Planner