

**CROSS PLAINS RURAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
MINUTES
January 17, 2013
Thursday, 9:30 a.m.
Nortex Regional Planning Commission Conference Room
4309 Jacksboro Highway - Wichita Falls, Texas 76302**

Voting Members

Judge Gary Beesinger, Archer County Judge, CPRTC Chairman
Judge Woody Gossom, Wichita County Judge, CPRTC Vice-Chairman
Judge Kenneth Liggett, Clay County Judge
Judge Trey Carrington, Throckmorton County Judge
Judge Greg Tyra, Wilbarger County Judge
Judge Linda Rogers, Baylor County Judge
Judge John Bullock, Young County Judge
Al Smith for Judge John Roane, Cooke County Judge
Howard Raeke, Mayor of Henrietta
Jim Henson, Mayor of Lakeside City
Curtis Warner, Mayor of Electra
Jeff Bearden, Mayor of Vernon
Lin Barnett for Mayor Glenn Barham, City of Wichita Falls
James Cantwell for Mayor Larry Cox, City of Bowie
James Yohe for Mayor Robert Fenoglio of Nocona
Mike Whaley for Mayor Carl Law, City of Burkburnett

Other Participants

Joe Gambill, Nortex Regional Planning Commission
Tim James, City of Burkburnett
Larry Pannell of Electra
Janis Crowley, Bowie EDC
Jennifer Foster for Senator Robert Duncan
Jennifer Smith for Senator Craig Estes
Rhonda Poirot for Representative James Frank
Mike Lytle for Representative Mac Thornberry
Jennifer Vogel for Representative Drew Springer

TxDOT Staff

Larry D. Tegtmeier, P.E., District Engineer
Danny Brown, P.E., Director of TP&D
Mike Beaver, P.E., Design Engineer
Carole Mayo, WFS Administration
Allan Moore, P.E., Director of Construction
Tim Hertel, P.E., Director of Operations
David Rohmer, P.E., Wichita Falls Area Engineer
Mike Hallum, P.E., Gainesville Area Engineer
Rowdy Cantwell, Design
Ben Coker, Public Information Office
Tammy Marlow, TxDOT North Region

The Cross Plains Rural Transportation Council (CPRTC) met at the Nortex Regional Planning Commission Conference Room on January 17, 2013. Meeting began at 9:30 a.m.

1. **Welcome & Opening Remarks** – Judge Gary Beesinger, Chairman welcomed everyone to the quarterly CPRTC Meeting.
2. **Self Introductions** – Introductions were made around the room
3. **Public Comments** – There were no public comments.
4. **Approval of CPRTC minutes from October 18, 2012** – A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes and the motion carried.

5. Topics

- **Discussion of Project Priority List** – Judge Beesinger
Judge Beesinger asked Danny Brown to review the Prioritized Projects with the Council. Danny discussed the recently prioritized list with the council noting that some past, high priority projects are not among those listed because they have already been built as part of another project.
- **Discussion of Shoulder Widening Activities/Plans** – Danny Brown
The purpose for this project program is to reduce the number of fatal accidents and make roadways safer.

In past years, we developed a District-wide widening list for roads needing shoulders. This plan represented only our District.

TxDOT has begun an analysis of narrow roadways and roadways without shoulders across the State. They are raising the rate criteria on high traffic volume roads. In order to receive funds for these projects, we have to have a systematic approach on dealing with fatalities.

Low use and dead-end roads may not score as high on priority.

The Wichita Falls District invites your comments and input on the list of potential project locations.

- **Federal Functional Classification** – Danny Brown
Every 10 years Texas roads are re-evaluated to determine their classification. They have to be classified at certain criteria to receive certain funds.

We work internally with our Area Engineers to determine if classifications change within their areas.

We discuss the classification of roads with cities and counties to determine if any roads' classifications in your area need to be changed.

The addition of big traffic generators (increased ADT) are reasons for most classification changes.

The critical aspect is the difference between a classification of a "5" and a "6".
A "5" gets classified for Federal Funds and a "6" does not.

We will provide an internet link to a Statewide Planning Map that indicates roadway classifications. On the map, roads in "yellow" are a classification of "6"; we cannot spend money on those roads.

City and County roads have different classifications than State Roads.

FHWA has final approval on recommendations resulting from the District/Regional Review process.

The Classification process has a critical timeline; it has to be complete the first week in March 2013.

Rowdy Cantwell of the District Design Office will start scheduling meetings with County Judges and Mayors within our District next week through February 2013.

- **Election of Chairman and Vice –Chairman –**

Judge Beesinger called for nominations for the new Chairman. A motion was made to retain the existing Chairman and Vice Chairman for another two-year period. The motion was seconded and the motion carried. Judge Gary Beesinger is re-elected Chairman and Judge Woody Gossom is re-elected Vice-Chairman.

- **Construction Project Report - Area Engineers:**

- **David Rohmer, P.E. – Wichita Falls Area**

David provided project status for the current projects in the Wichita Falls Area.

- **Mike Hallum, P.E. – Gainesville Area**

Mike provided project status for the current projects in the Gainesville Area.

- **Director of Construction, Allan Moore, P.E. for Jesse Fleming, P.E. – Graham Area**

Allan provided project status for the current projects in the Graham Area.

6. Other Business – Judge Beesinger

Judge Linda Rogers asks that TxDOT consider changing “Passing 2 miles” signs so that they clearly state drivers may pass beginning 2 miles down the road. Some drivers believe the signs mean they may pass beginning now, for the next 2 miles.

Larry Tegtmeyer stated the District will review the clarity of those signs.

- 7. Next Meeting Dates -** Thursday, April 18, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, July 18, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, October 17, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.

8. Topics for Next Meeting

- Legislative Funding Update
- Senators’ and Representatives’ Reports/Updates

9. Adjourned at 10:25 a.m.