

**CROSS PLAINS RURAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
MINUTES
January 19, 2012
Thursday, 10:00 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 Woodrow Gossom, Jr., Wichita County Judge
Judge Linda Rogers, Baylor County Judge
Judge Kenneth Liggett, Clay County Judge
Judge Greg Tyra, Wilbarger County Judge
Judge John Bullock, Young County Judge
Jeff Bearden, Mayor, City of Vernon
John Studer for, Mayor Ronald Reeves, City of Seymour
James Cantwell for Mayor Larry Cox, City of Bowie
Joe Singer, for Mayor Joe Ward, City of Iowa Park
James Yohe, for Mayor Robert Fenoglio, City of Nocona
Ron Sellman, for Mayor Jim Goldsworthy, City of Gainesville
Al Smith, for Cooke County Judge John Roane
Vanessa Price, for Mayor Frances West, City of Callisburg
Mike Whaley, for Mayor Carl Law, City of Burkburnett

Other Participants

Joe Gambill, Nortex Regional Planning Commission
James Frank, Candidate – District 69
Jennifer Rhone, for Representative Lanham Lyne
Rhonda Poirot, for James Frank Campaign, District 69
Mike Lytle, for Representative Hardcastle
Tim James, City of Burkburnett
Lin Barnett, Wichita Falls MPO
Leon Klement, Cooke County Commissioner

TxDOT Staff

Larry D. Tegtmeyer, 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
James Kelley, P.E., Wichita Falls Area Engineer
Mike Hallum, P.E., Gainesville Area Engineer
Jesse Fleming, P.E., Graham Area Engineer
David Rohmer, P.E., Traffic Engineer
Brady Woolsey, Business Services Coord.
Tammy Marlow, TxDOT North Region

The Cross Plains Rural Transportation Council (CPRTC) met at the Nortex Regional Planning Commission Conference Room on January 19, 2012. Meeting began at 10:05 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 20, 2011** – A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes and the motion carried.

5. **Topics**

- **Results of October 20, 2011 Project Prioritization** – Judge Beesinger asked Danny Brown to discuss the list of prioritized projects. Danny described the prioritized list of projects provided as a handout, including anticipated start dates, anticipated completion dates and whether or not they are currently funded and scheduled.

Judge Linda Rogers of Baylor County stated we have had recent accidents on US 82/ US 183, there is need for something to be done to correct this issue.

Most of the recent accidents have occurred at night and TxDOT has installed additional lighting since the accidents have occurred. TxDOT will continue to monitor this location.

Mr. Ron Sellman, speaking for the City of Gainesville, stated Gainesville has some bond money available for utility adjustments for Project Number 16.

- **Closing of Roadside Parks** – Tim Hertel
Tim provided a hand out and a slide presentation that included a location map of the roadside parks and rest areas within our District. Closure status for the parks is color coded. The last column indicates the reason for closing the park.

Green indicates park areas already closed
Tan indicates future closures

The established steps and criteria for determining closure:

- Determine Need
- Determine Support /Opposition
- Provide required documentation to the Maintenance Division in Austin
- Close the Picnic Area
- Provide the Maintenance Division notification of the site closure and the Division will remove them from the State's list of picnic areas

Some parks are only used by residents to dump household garbage. Most parks are being closed for cost savings, the approximate annual cost to tax payers for the maintenance of the parks is \$262,896. The dollar amount that can be saved by the closing of the proposed is \$105,510. TxDOT plans to utilize the dollars saved, on other maintenance projects and materials.

For some park areas we have contracts to mow and pick up litter and for some we clean ourselves. Some parks have historical markers and some do not. Extra consideration is given those that have markers. An example mentioned by Judge Greg Tyra of Wilbarger County, is number 27 in Wilbarger County that has two markers, one for The Chisholm Trail and another for the Western Trail.

Al Smith, representing Cooke County, reported Number 10 has three local historical markers.

- **Current District Projects Update** – Area Engineers
The Area Engineers, James Kelley, P.E. for the Wichita Falls Area, Mike Hallum, P.E. for the Gainesville Area and Jesse Fleming, P.E. for the Graham Area discussed the status of current projects for their areas.
- **Prop 12 Projects Update** – Danny Brown
Danny Brown provided a hand out indicating we have 3 projects in 2012 and 2 projects in 2013.

6. Other Business

- **David Rohmer**
David Rohmer, P.E., District Traffic Operations, applied for several safety projects for our District.
SH 59 in Montague County
SH 16 in Young County
And 5 smaller projects
- **Rural Transportation Plan** – Danny Brown, P.E.
TxDOT will forward an e-mail from Jim Randall of the Planning Division of TxDOT to each of the CPRTC participants who have provided an e-mail address.

Over the past six months the Texas Department of Transportation has been developing a rural component to the Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan. As part of the process, a tool was developed for analyzing rural highway projects based on feedback received from stakeholders at meetings previously held during the summer of 2011. TxDOT is ready to present the preliminary findings for the highway mode, give an update on the analysis of the non-highway mode and obtain feedback from the stakeholders.

TxDOT will hold a series of webinars February 7 - 9 and on February 13. There will be two webinars each day - in the morning from 9 AM to noon and in the afternoon from 1 PM to 4 PM. At these meetings the project team will step participants through all of the criteria using example projects and hold an open discussion to obtain comments and answer any questions. To facilitate the discussion TxDOT has provided an agenda as well as the preliminary ranked list of highway projects for stakeholders to review prior to the webinar.

The webinars will require high speed internet access and a telephone. Details on signing into a webinar are provided.

Danny asks that you review the e-mail and attachments and provide your comments.

Additional links of interest :

- **The Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan 2035 (25 Year Plan)** can be found at the following address:
http://www.txdot.gov/public_involvement/transportation_plan/report.htm
- **New Planning Rules**
The rules have been officially adopted and effective as of January 1, 2011. They can be found on the following state website: [http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac\\$ext.viewtac](http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac$ext.viewtac). The rules are under "Title 43 Transportation", then "Part 1 Texas Department of Transportation," and then "Chapter 16 Planning and Development of Transportation Projects."

- **Current Construction Project Map**

The map can be found at CPRTC Website under Other Resources:

http://www.dot.state.tx.us/local_information/wichita_falls_district/cprtc/default.htm

- **Judge Kenneth Liggett**

Judge Liggett of Clay County stated, while traveling through Bowie, he has noticed major pavement failures. TxDOT responded that this section of road is scheduled for repair late this Spring.

7. **Next Meeting Date** - Thursday, April 19, 2012 at 10 a.m.

8. **Topics for Next Meeting**

- Long Range Rural Plan Update
- High Speed Rail Plans for Texas
- Plans to Facilitate Canal Traffic
- Input on LRRP Criteria

9. **Adjourned** at 11:30 am