

AGENDA

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (JOHRTS) AREA

Thursday, May 26, 2022
10:00 a.m.

South East Texas Regional Planning Commission
Homer E. Nagel Room

- I. DEVELOPMENT OF THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)-2050
-Bob Dickinson, Director, South East Texas Regional Planning Commission
- II. SETRPC MPO/TXDOT TRAVEL DEMAND MODEL UPDATE PROJECT
-Kevin Hall, Texas A&M Transportation Institute
 - Purpose
 - Components
 - Role/responsibilities
 - Timeframe
- III. SETRPC MPO/TXDOT TRAVEL DEMAND MODEL UPDATE EFFORTS
-Bin Wang, Project Manager, WSP, USA
-Behzad Karimi, JOHRTS Model Update Lead, WSP, USA
 - Components
 - Process
 - Needed input from Committee
 - Schedule
 - Next Steps
- IV. OTHER BUSINESS
- V. SET NEXT MEETING DATE
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Mr. Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation & Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC, called the meeting to order, welcomed guests and requested introductions.

Mr. Dickinson gave a brief overview of the SETRPC-MTP – 2050 plan, explaining to the members that a plan must be developed every 5 years. The plan identifies goals and projects for the next 20 years.

II. SETRPC MPO/TXDOT TRAVEL DEMAND MODEL UPDATE PROJECT

-Kevin Hall, Texas A&M Transportation Institute

Mr. Dickinson introduced Mr. Kevin Hall, Travel Forecasting Program Manager, Texas A&M, Transportation Institute, and invited him to present his updates on the travel demand model project.

Mr. Hall explained:

- The Transportation Planning Process – Public Involvement
- What is a Travel Demand Model and how does it fits with other planning tools
- What does the SETRPC output look like
- The Five core MPO functions
- The MPO planning documentation timeline
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She passed along the presentation to Mr. Karimi who gave a general overview on the:

- Model Update Process
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IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Dickinson reviewed the SETRPC – MPO Timeline for the JOHRTS MTP Plan -2050.

V. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

No meeting date has been determined.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dickinson adjourned the meeting at 10:51 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Adam Jack	Director, Transportation & Planning Dev., TxDOT
Kelvin Knauf	Director Planning & Comm. Dev., City of Orange
Mark Allen	County Judge, Jasper County
Taylor Shelton	Public Works Director, City of Port Neches

GUESTS PRESENT

Ana, Mijares	Deputy District Engineer, TxDOT
Behzad Karimi	Model Update Lead, WSP
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Robert Guthart	Planner, WSP
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Thursday, July 14, 2022
10:00 a.m.

South East Texas Regional Planning Commission
T&ER Conference Room

- I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
-Bob Dickinson, Director, South East Texas Regional Planning Commission
- II. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF CONTROL TOTALS NEW DEMOGRAPHIC BASE YEAR (2021) ESTIMATES AND HORIZON YEAR FORECASTS FOR UPDATING THE TRAVEL DEMAND MODEL AN INTEGRAL PART OF UPDATING OUR JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP) – 2050.
-Bin Wang, Project Manager, WSP, USA
-Behzad Karimi, JOHRTS Model Update Lead, WSP USA
- III. DISCUSSION OF PROCESS FOR ALLOCATING CONTROL TOTALS AND GROWTH ASSUMPTIONS
-Behzad Karimi, JOHRTS Model Update Lead, WSP USA
- IV. DISCUSSION OF OUTSTANDING DATA NEEDS FOR PERFORMING ALLOCATION
-Behzad Karimi, JOHRTS Model Update Lead, WSP, USA
- V. QUESTIONS A& DISCUSSION
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TECHNICAL COMMITTEE HYBRID MEETING JASPER-JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (JOHRTS) AREA

Thursday, February 16, 2023
10:00 a.m.

South East Texas Regional Planning Commission
Transportation Conference Room

- I.** WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
-Bob Dickinson, Director, South East Texas Regional Planning Commission
- II.** PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON DRAFT 2023 UPDATE OF THE SETRPC-MPO PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS
-Bob Dickinson, Director, South East Texas Regional Planning Commission
-Bill Knowles, Senior Project Manager – CDM Smith - Austin
- III.** STATUS REPORT ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)-2050
-Bob Dickinson, Director, South East Texas Regional Planning Commission
-Bin Wang, Project Manager, WSP, USA - Houston
- IV.** OTHER BUSINESS
- V.** SET NEXT MEETING DATE
- VI.** ADJOURNMENT





MINUTES OF THE JASPER-JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (JJOHRTS) TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

DATE: February 16, 2023

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC)
(In Person, Virtual and Live Stream Meeting)

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Bob Dickinson, Director, South East Texas Regional Planning Commission, T&ER Division, called the meeting to order, welcomed guests and requested introductions.

II. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON DRAFT 2023 UPDATE OF THE SETRPC MPO PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS

Mr. Dickinson introduced Mr. Bill Knowles, Senior Project Manager, CDM Smith, and invited him to begin his presentation.

Mr. Knowles talked about the SETRPC Project Selection Process. His main points were:

- Updates for Focus Areas (DEI)
- Updates for Focus Areas (Safety)
- Safety Updates for Road Track
- Safety Updates for Transportation Choices and Livability Track
- Other Updates

After his presentation, Mr. Knowles invites the group to offer their comments or questions.

Mr. Kevin Hall, Travel Forecasting Program Manager, Texas A&M – TTI, asked if these projects would affect the projects already on the Travel Demand Model. Mr. Dickinson stated that these are new projects and would not affect the existing ones.

Mr. Knowles also reviewed the DRAFT FOR REVIEW SETRPC MPO Project Selection Process booklet explaining the scoring process. A copy of the presentation and booklet will be emailed to the members after the conclusion of the meeting.

III. STATUS REPORT ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE JJORHTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN MTP-2050

The SETRPC has been working with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Beaumont District and the TxDOT Transportation Planning and Program Division on the first part of the SETRPC MTP-2050 development, to update the 2045 travel demand model to the horizon year 2050. Currently, the development of model inputs is complete, and model inputs files have been transferred to the TxDOT Transportation Planning and Program Division for further model development.

In addition to model development, the SETRPC is also working on the development of other components of the SETRPC MTP-2050, including existing and future conditions assessment and updates for the Public Participation Plan, Project Selection Process, and Title VI Environmental Justice and Limited English Proficiency documents. The first series of public meetings will be held in February 2023 at various locations across the JJORHTS region to gain public perspectives on existing and future transportation issues in the region. As part of the development of the MTP-2050, a call for projects will be initiated in Spring 2023 to set investment priorities for the multimodal transportation system that connects people to the places they live, work, and play, and to efficiently move goods from, to, and through the region.

Mr. Dickinson informed the members of the press release and email sent out to notify all interested parties of the upcoming public meetings.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Dickinson went over the MTP-2050 timeline chart.

V. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

No JJORHTS Technical Committee meeting has been set, however, Mr. Dickinson informed the members that there will be a TPC meeting on Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dickinson adjourned the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Adam Jack	Public Works Director, City of Orange
Clint Fore	Public Works Director, City of Port Neches
Jon Sherwin	Public Work Supervisor, City of West Orange
Mark Allen	County Judge, Jasper County
Scott Ayers	Planning Engineer, TxDOT – Beaumont District
Robert Woods	Public Works Director, City of Nederland

GUESTS PRESENT

Bill Knowles	Senior Project Manager, CDM Smith - Austin
Bin Wang	Project Manager, WSP
Kevin Hall	Travel Forecasting Program Manager, Texas A&M - TTI
Kelvin Knauf	Director Planning & Comm. Development, City of Orange
Krystal Lastrape	Community Planner, DOT
Sade Chick	Manager Corporate Affairs, Port of Beaumont
Sujan Sikder	WSP, USA
Tammye Fontenot	Model Task Lead Planner, TxDOT – Austin

SETRPC STAFF PRESENT

Bob Dickinson	Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources
James Moore	Senior GIS Analyst, SETRPC
Lucie Michaud	Administrative Assistant, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Rachael Robinson	Transportation Planner, SETRPC

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TECHNICAL COMMITTEE HYBRID MEETING JASPER-JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (JOHRTS) AREA

Thursday, April 6, 2023

10:00 a.m.

**South East Texas Regional Planning Commission
Homer E. Nagel Room**

- I.** WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
-Bob Dickinson, Director, South East Texas Regional Planning Commission

- II.** PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON SETRPC-MPO JJOHRTS MTP-2050 CALL FOR PROJECTS
-Bob Dickinson, Director, South East Texas Regional Planning Commission

- III.** OTHER BUSINESS

- IV.** SET NEXT MEETING DATE

- V.** ADJOURNMENT



MINUTES OF THE JASPER-JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (JJOHRTS) TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

DATE: April 6, 2023

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC)
(In Person, Virtual and Live Stream Meeting)

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Bob Dickinson, Director, South East Texas Regional Planning Commission, T&ER Division, called the meeting to order, welcomed guests, and requested introductions.

II. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON SETRPC-MPO JJOHRTS MTP-2050 CALL FOR PROJECTS

Mr. Dickinson addressed the members and guests explaining that the South East Texas Regional Planning Commission – Metropolitan Planning Organization (SETRPC-MPO) is calling for candidate projects throughout the JJOHRTS area that are eligible for funding. Member entities are encouraged to submit eligible projects for consideration. He then gave a detailed presentation on the MTP-2050 Call for Projects.

The SETRPC-MPO requires that member agencies submit their candidate projects on the Project Submittal Forms. These forms include:

1. JJOHRTS Candidate Project Submission Form
2. Project Contribution to Current MTP Goals
3. Estimated Construction Cost Worksheet
4. Project Specific Typical Cross-section
5. Project Location Map
6. Engineering Report

To assist with these requirements, the MPO hired a local engineering firm to help member agencies with developing items for the proposed projects and submittal packets.

The submitted projects will then be evaluated and scored by the JJOHRTS Technical Committee. The final scores and project readiness will help determine which projects can be included in the JJOHRTS MTP-2050 planning process.

All projects must be submitted to Mr. Dickinson no later than 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 31, 2023.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

IV. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

No future meeting date was set.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dickinson adjourned the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brandon Bellaire	Roadway Designer, City of Beaumont
Flozelle Roberts	Director of Public Works, City of Port Arthur
Mark Allen	County Judge, Jasper County
Martin Gonzalez	District Engineer, TxDOT
Robert Woods	Public Works Director, City of Nederland

GUESTS PRESENT

Bin Wang	Project Manager, WSP
Divon Williams	Dep. Director – Planning & Community Dev., City of Orange
Kevin Hall	Travel Forecasting Program Manager, Texas A&M - TTI
Rita Monson	Grants Planner, City of Orange
Scott Ayers	Planning Engineer, TxDOT – Beaumont District
Tammye Fontenot	Model Task Lead Planner, TxDOT – Austin

SETRPC STAFF PRESENT

Bob Dickinson	Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources
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Thursday, October 26, 2023

10:00 a.m.

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T&ER Conference Room**

- I.** WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
-Bob Dickinson, Director, South East Texas Regional Planning Commission

- II.** REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE RESULTS OF PROJECT SCORING FOR THE JOHRTS MTP-2050
-Bob Dickinson, Director, South East Texas Regional Planning Commission

- III.** STATUS REPORT ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE JOHRTS RESILIENCY IMPROVEMENT PLAN (RIP)
-Bob Dickinson, Director, South East Texas Regional Planning Commission
-Todd Carlson, Research Scientist, Texas A&M Transportation Institute

- IV.** OTHER BUSINESS

- V.** SET NEXT MEETING DATE

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DATE: October 26, 2023

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC)
(In Person, Virtual and Live Stream Meeting)

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE RESULTS OF PROJECT SCORING FOR THE JOHRTS MTP-2050

-Bob Dickinson, Director, South East Texas Regional Planning Commission

Mr. Dickinson addressed the members and guests explaining that every 4 years, SETRPC staff must update the JOHRTS Project Selection Process which is always done prior to the start of the development of the new long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan. He detailed the various steps followed up to this point including the meetings held and the call for projects timeline.

We received project from 2 jurisdictions. One from the TxDOT Beaumont District and one from the City of Port Arthur. A summary of the SETRPC MTP-2050 Scoring Project was included in the meeting packet. Below is the chart showing the results scored by the Technical Committee on April 16, 2023:

Road Track Project Scoring Summary				
Project Name	Objective Score	Subjective Score	Total Score	Rank
US 69 S (FM 365 to SH 73) Widening	88	125	213	1
9 th Avenue Paving and Drainage Improvements	85	123	208	2
US 69 N (SH 347 to FM 365) Widening	84	121	205	3
SH 105 (FM 770 to SH 326) Passing Lanes	84	113	197	4

The ranking of these projects will be presented to the TPC members on Thursday, November 16, 2023, for their approval. Mr. Dickinson will then work alongside the CDM Smith Consultant to put together a financial plan to include the approved projects into the JOHRTS MTP-2050

He asked if there were any questions he needed to address. No questions were asked.

III. STATUS REPORT ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE JOHRTS RESILIENCY IMPROVEMENT PLAN (RIP)

-Bob Dickinson, Director, South East Texas Regional Planning Commission

-Todd Carlson, Research Scientist, Texas A&M Transportation Institute

Mr. Dickinson, Director, Transportation & Environmental Resources, SETRPC, introduced Mr. Todd Carlson, Research Scientist, Texas A&M, Transportation Institute and invited him to begin his presentation.

Mr. Carlson gave a brief presentation on the Resiliency Improvement Plan. His main topics were:

The Study Objectives

Document Through Criticality and Vulnerability Assessments, the Current State of Regional Transportation Vulnerabilities to Natural Disaster, Extreme Weather, and Man-Made Disruptions

Present Resilience Improvement Menu of Options

Discuss Strategic Considerations to Leverage the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's PROTECT Program and Other Funding Sources to Make these Resilience Improvement Investments

Criticality and Vulnerability Assessment

Vulnerable roads to flooding throughout the region

Effort to incorporate Jasper County – identification of infrastructure and affected roadways

State Freight Plan

Title VI/EJ

Resilience Improvements

Most Common Resilience Improvements:

Retrofitting/Hardening (\$\$\$), Long Term

Maintenance and Operations (\$), Medium Term

Replacement \$\$\$, Long Term

Redundancy \$\$\$, Long Term

After Action Reports \$, Short Term

Citizen Reporting System \$, Short Term

Funding Opportunities

Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Grant (BRIC)

Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)

Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT) Program Funds

- Estimated \$140.1 million in apportioned costs to TxDOT

- 10% reduction in federal match if the project is in the Resilience Improvement Plan and if it is connected to the MTP

- Competitive Grant Awards and Options- \$8.7 Billion per year in national competitive grants for the next four years.

Timeline

- October 2023
 - Draft Resilience Improvement Plan (RIP) submitted
- November 2023
 - Stakeholder input
 - Project list
- December 2023
 - Modifications from public input and comment; finalization of the Resilience Improvement Plan

Mr. Carlson opened the floor to any questions he may address.

Mr. Mark Allen, County Judge, Jasper County, asked if the “systems reporting” Mr. Carlson mentioned was related to the apps that citizens have which alerts them of any dangers in their area.

Mr. Carlson answered yes.

Mr. Kelvin Knauf, Director of Planning & Community Development, City of Orange asked if these plans included evacuation routes.

Mr. Carlson answered yes.

Mr. Knauf asked if rail roads are part of the plan?

Mr. Carlson answered that it is a possibility, however, to get funding for a program like that, you would have to show that the rail line is prone to buckling or damage would undermine it somehow.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

As an information item, Bob presented the October Planning Map.

V. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

Mr. Dickinson informed the members that the next TPC meeting will be held on Thursday, November 16, 2023.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dickinson adjourned the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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Krystal Lastrape	Community Planner, Department of Transportation
Lisa Collins	Director of Trans. & Planning Dev., TxDOT - Beaumont
Mansour Shiraz	Planner, TxDOT
Nancy Peron	Planning Engineer, TxDOT - Beaumont
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