

**Capital Area Regional Transportation Planning Organization
CARTPO**

Summary Minutes

**CAPCOG Board Room
2520 South IH 35, Suite 100
Austin, TX
Friday, May 13, 2005**

PARTICIPANTS

Mayor Ray Sanders, City of Lockhart
James Fisher, City of Bee Cave
Cecil Pennington, City of Bastrop
Robert Daigh, TxDOT
Commissioner Maurice Pitts, Lee County
Commissioner David Goertz, Bastrop County
Commissioner Ronny Hibler, Burnet County
Joe Holland, TxDOT
Commissioner Wayne Brascom, Llano County
Councilmember Karl Ansbach, City of Lakeway
Alderman Bill Hamilton, City of Rollingwood
Bruce Byron, CATC
Howard Falkenberg, Austin Area Research Organization
Jimmy Bertram, City of Lockhart
Phil Fountain, Senator John Cornyn's Office

STAFF PRESENT

Betty Voights, Executive Director
Sean Moran, Director, Regional Planning & Information Services
Eric Dusza, Community Planner
Georgette Nugent, Administrative Assistant

I. Call to Order – Chairman Ray Sanders, Mayor of Lockhart

Mayor Sanders opens meeting with introduction of all. He then showed appreciation for having a representative from Senator Cornyn's office present.

II. Pass Through Funding – Ed Collins, TxDOT

Ed Collins gave an overall description of Pass Through Funding. He explained that it is a financing mechanism to expedite needed improvements to state-system roadways. Public or private developers may apply. This allows the private or public entity to provide upfront financing of improvements to a state-system roadway with TxDOT partially reimbursing the entity over a timeframe of 10 years or less. This allows the community to come forward and start a project sooner, thus benefiting the public and state. These

projects include the cost of construction, maintenance and/or operation of a toll or non-toll roadway located on the state-system. The entity is repaid on a calculation that considers either a per vehicle fee or a per vehicle-mile fee that is determined by the number of vehicles using the improved roadway. Due to changes in Legislation there may be tweaking done to the application. TxDOT will keep us updated. Ed Collins provided a pamphlet explaining how to fill out the application.

III. Discussion of CARTPO Chair Selection

Mayor Sanders announced he would stay on CARTPO board until General Assembly chooses a replacement in December. He then commended Alderman Hamilton and Commissioner Pitts for their chairmanship. Commissioner Pitts complimented Mayor Sanders on being the backbone of CARTPO and said that Alderman Hamilton was a great right hand man. Commissioner Pitts then made a motion for Alderman Hamilton to take Mayor Sanders place as Chairman. Alderman Hamilton declined because he feels a representative from a rural community should be Chairman because CARTPO is a regional committee. However, it was decided that he would lead the delegation to the Texas Transportation Commission.

IV. CARTPO's 2005 Call for projects – Alderman Bill Hamilton

It was decided that the November 17th timeline was too tight and to go with the February 23rd timeline. Please see the *Guide for Submitting a Project to CARTPO* handout from meeting. Eric Dusza will pull together letter to hold place in February for CARTPO. All projects, from all counties, including past CARTPO projects should be submitted to CARTPO. Bob Daigh recommended that applicants discuss projects with engineers before submitting. CARTPO will choose top three projects from the region.

V. Other Business

Next meeting was scheduled for June 10, 2005 at 9:30

VI. Adjourn