

**Capital Area Regional Transportation Planning Organization
CARTPO**

Summary of Minutes

**CAPCOG Boardroom
2520 South IH 35, Suite 100
Austin, TX 78704
Friday, February 10, 2006**

PARTICIPANTS:

Brian Burk, TxDOT
Thomas Fowler, Kimley-Horn
Councilmember Karl Ansbach, City of Lakeway
Paul Hamilton, Texas State University
Ray Sanders, City of Lockhart
Commissioner Maurice Pitts, Lee County
Lisa Smith, Bastrop County
Lee Dildy, Bastrop County
David Goertz, Bastrop County
Judge H.T. Wright, Caldwell County
Travis Askey, City of Bee Cave
Mayor Eric Carlson, City of Elgin
Leroy Click, Travis County
Stacy Snell, City of Bastrop
Joe Holland, TxDOT
Bob Daigh, TxDOT
Howard Falkenberg, AARO
Bruce Barton, OMNI Projects
Khalid Jamil
Joe Savage, Wilbur Smith Assoc.
Linda DuPriest, Wilbur Smith Assoc.
Commissioner James Oakley, Burnet County
Alderman Bill Hamilton, City of Rollingwood
Dave Marsh, CARTS
Sally Campbell, ECT

STAFF PRESENT:

Betty Voights, CAPCOG
Sean Moran, CAPCOG
Eric Dusza, CAPCOG
Georgette Nugent, CAPCOG

I. Call to Order – Chairman Ray Sanders

Welcome and introduction of all.

II. ECT SH 130 Corridor Summit – Sally Campbell, Executive Director, ECT

Summit occurred November 19, 2005. Campbell gave overview of Summit and informed all that a DVD of the Summit is available. 512-916-6037

III. Regional ITS Architecture Update – Brian Burk, Project Manager, TxDOT Austin District

Burk encouraged all to participate in survey of ITS and gave a brief overview of what ITS Architecture is.

Introduced Thomas Fowler to explain ITS in further detail. Fowler explained ITS is a large spectrum of devices and equipment that communicate with each other to help improve transportation system.

IV. RTCC Update – Eric Dusza, CAPCOG

RTCC was initiated last summer by CAPCOG and the Austin District to address statewide coordination of public transportation service between rural, suburban, and metro areas. The focus is to achieve efficiencies, eliminate duplication, increase coordination, and address service gaps.

Discussion ensued.

RTCC outreach meetings are scheduled for the following cities; Austin, Marble Falls, Round Rock, San Marcos, and Bastrop.

Sanders requested RTCC presentation at next CARTPO meeting.

V. Discussion of Pass-Through Toll Financing – Bob Daigh, District Engineer, TxDOT

The commission for TxDOT has a fund that can be used to help fund projects. Counties can now borrow based on an agreement signed with TxDOT. Four pass through toll agreements submitted to this date; Williamson County, Hays County, City of San Marcos, and the City of Georgetown within CAPCOG region. TxDOT has been working with Lee and Bastrop Counties for sometime and are hopeful for a proposal. These projects to be submitted before next round of projects are sent in.

TxDOT is still learning different methods of pass-through tolling. The following holds true –

It is left up to county or city to decide how they will pay their portion of project. Percentage of cost to city or county will vary.

Pay back schedule is generally not shorter than 10 years; usually averages 10 to 15 years.

If final agreement is not good for the county, the county may back out.

It was questioned if safety oriented projects were including in the pass-through tolling process. No, there are other options of money for safety projects.

It is questioned if 290 will become a toll? There will be toll express lanes, but non toll lanes will be accessible.

VI. Appoint Alternative Transportation Chairman

Dusza reviewed bylaws.

Sanders called for volunteers. It was decided to select someone at next CARTPO meeting. Alderman Hamilton offered to bring a recommendation to next CARTPO meeting.

VII. Other Business

Next meeting was tentatively scheduled for March 17, 2006.

VIII. Adjourn