

9601 Wright Blvd. Midland, Texas
Policy Board Meeting VIRTUAL via Zoom
July 17, 2023 1:30 p.m.

Policy Board Members Present:

Eric Lykins, P.E.	TxDOT Odessa District Engineer
Mike Gardner	Vice Chair, Ector County Commissioner
Doug Provance	General Manager, MOUSD (EZ Rider)
Steve Thompson	Odessa City Councilman via zoom

Policy Board Members Absent:

Bryan Cox	Martin County Judge
Jack Ladd, Jr.	Chair, Midland City Councilman
Terry Johnson	Midland County Judge

Others in Attendance:

Cameron Walker, AICP	Executive Director, Permian Basin MPO
Ken Van Dyne, AICP	Assistant Director, Permian Basin MPO
Janna Dean	Office Manager, Permian Basin MPO
Akyra Hamilton	GIS Tech, Planner Permian Basin MPO
Jose Ortiz, P.E.	Engineering Services Director, City of Midland via zoom
Andrew Avis	Midland County, Director of Public Works and FloodPlain Mgr
Debra Richmond	Permian Strategic Partnership via Zoom
Virginia Belew	Executive Director, Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission via Zoom
Dustin Fawcett	Ector County Judge
Sara Harris	Midland Development Corporation
Bobby Wojciechowski	City of Midland, Construction Manager
Kain Morris	Freese and Nichols
Maryann Cedillo	Public Information Officer, TxDOT
Chad Windham, P.E.	Director of Operations, TxDOT Odessa District
Fred Herrera, P.E.	Area Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District
Gary Law, P.E.	TransSystems via zoom
Robert Ornelas, P.E.	Director of TP&D, TxDOT Odessa District
Heather Keister, P.E.	Freese and Nichols
Jillian Nava	Freese and Nichols
Bo Zertuche	Maverick Productions
Thomas Kerr, P.E.	Director of Public Works, City of Odessa
Ken Hankins	Senator Sparks Office

AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 by Mike Gardner, Vice Chair.

2. Introductions and Announcements

There were no introductions.

3. Public Comment Period (limited to 3 minutes each)

There were no public comments.

4. Approve the Policy Board Minutes from June 19, 2023

A motion to approve the Policy Board Minutes was made by Doug Provance, seconded by Eric Lykins and approved unanimously.

5. Approve the April 2023 Billing Statement

A motion to approve the April 2023 Billing Statement was made by Eric Lykins, seconded by Doug Provance, and approved unanimously.

6. Approve Amendment No. 4 to the 2045 MTP

Cameron led the discussion, explaining to the Board the importance of Amendment No. 4 to the 2045 MTP. The Texas Department of Transportation notified staff in June that three projects listed in the approved FY 2023-2026 Statewide TIP (STIP) are being funded through different sources. None of the projects are losing funding or being delayed. The amendments to the TIP and MTP will simply adjust the financial sources. This is due to the increased costs associated with the I-20 Projects. Programmed Category 2 funds are being moved forward from projects listed beyond 2026. These funds are being replaced with Category 12. Category 2 is the MPO's available funding for programming inside the urban boundary; Category 12 is the Texas Transportation Commission's Strategic Priority funding which is used to assist with funding of state priority projects such as widening and modernization of I-20.

Two of the projects are expected to incur significant cost increases and one will be reduced. As a result of these changes the MPO's planning documents including the FY 2023-2026 TIP and the 2045 MTP will need to reflect the changes.

The MTP contains both short and long-range projects. Both the four-year TIP table and the remaining six-year window for projects through 2032 have been amended. A public meeting was hosted by the MPO staff on June 30th at 8:30 a.m. No public comments were received.

A motion to approve the Amendment No. 4 was made by Eric Lykins, seconded by Steve Thompson, and approved unanimously.

7. Approve Amendment No. 1 to the FY 2023-2026 TIP

Cameron led the discussion on Amendment No. 1 to the FY 2023-2026 TIP. MPO Staff held a live and virtual public meeting on Friday, June 30, 2023 to receive comments concerning the proposed FY 2023-2026 TIP Amendment. Staff then distributed the documents for review in Midland, Odessa, TxDOT, and Martin County for a 10-day period to comply with the MPO's Public Participation Policy. No comments were received regarding the proposed amendments. The projects being proposed for amendment are the same as those shown in the MTP short range table. A motion to approve Amendment No. 1 to the FY 2023-2026 TIP was made by Eric Lykins, seconded by Doug Provance and approved unanimously.

8. **Presentation from Freese and Nichols on the Interregional Planning and Environmental Linkage Study**

Eddie Haas, with Freese and Nichols shared an update on the Interregional Planning and Environmental Linkage Study.

9. **Approve the 2024 UPWP**

Due to absent Policy Board members and a member having a conflicting schedule, this item was moved to August agenda for approval.

10. **Consider approval of a salary bonus**

Cameron explained to the Board that City of Odessa is our fiscal agent and that the City Council approved a salary bonus for all City of Odessa employees. The MPO Staff must have approval of the Policy Board for any raises or bonuses. A motion to approve MPO Staff receiving the \$1500 bonus from the City of Odessa was made by Doug Provance, seconded by Steve Thompson, and approved unanimously.

11. **MPO Staff Reports**

- a. **90-Day Calendar**
- b. **Staff Activities – 30-day**

12. **Agency Project Reports**

a. **TxDOT Odessa District**

TxDOT shared that there is mid level black topping on Loop 250 and Hwy 191, surfacing main lanes in August. They are projecting an October opening for Yukon and Hwy 338.

b. **City of Midland**

The Illinois Avenue project east of Andrews Hwy will be complete in the next few weeks. Main St north of Michigan Dr will be experiencing utility work.

c. **Midland County**

Midland County stated they are working on their 2024 Plan.

d. **City of Odessa**

The Faudree Road project is progressing. Tanglewood Drive is open and complete. 31st Street rebuilding will start in approximately 2-3 months.

e. **Ector County**

Ector County will begin construction on 42nd Street starting in August. Cottonwood Street is nearing completion.

f. **Martin County**

No one was present for Martin County.

g. **MOUTD**

EZ Rider is in Phase 3 of four fleet replacement. They have accepted a bid from ABC bus to purchase 10 new buses.

13. **Future Meetings**

The next TAC meeting is July 27, 2023.

The next Policy Board meeting is August 21, 2023.

14. **Conduct Executive Session concerning any, and all, subjects and for any, and all, purposes permitted by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government code, including, but not limited to: Texas Government Code Section 551.071 for the purpose of consulting with the Board's attorney; Texas Government Code Section 551.072 to deliberate the purchase, lease, or value of real property; Texas Government Code Section 551.074 to discuss personnel matters.**

15. **Take Action Concerning Executive Session Matters**

There was no Executive Session.

16. **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 2:00p.m. before the presentation from Eddie Haas, when Steve Thompson left the meeting for his appointment.

This meeting was being conducted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Law (V.T.C.A. Government Code 551).