



**Permian Basin MPO
9601 Wright Drive Midland, TX
Policy Board Meeting VIRTUAL via Zoom
April 17, 2023 1:30 p.m.**

Policy Board Members Present:

Jack Ladd, Jr.	Chair, Councilman, City of Midland
Eric Lykins, P.E.	TxDOT Odessa District Engineer via zoom
Terry Johnson	Midland County Judge
Mike Gardner	Ector County Commissioner
Doug Provance	General Manager, MOUTD (EZ Rider)
Steve Thompson	Odessa City Councilman

Policy Board Members Absent:

Bryan Cox	Martin County Judge
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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, Permian Basin MPO
Jose Ortiz, P.E.	Engineering Services Director, City of Midland
Steve Davis	Director of Public Works, Ector County
Fred Herrera, P.E.	Area Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District
Gary Law, P.	TransSystems
Robert Ornelas, P.E.	Director of TP&D, TxDOT Odessa District via zoom
Chad Windham, P.E.	Director of Operations, TxDOT Odessa District via zoom
Debra Richmond	Permian Strategic Partnership via zoom
George Pinal	Engineering Associate, City of El Paso via zoom
Gabriel Ramirez, P.E.	Advanced Planning Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District via zoom
Ellen Ramsey	Permian Road Safety Coalition

AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Jack Ladd, Jr., Chair at 1:35 p.m.

2. Introductions and Announcements

There were no introductions or announcements.

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

There were no public comments.

4. Approve the Policy Board Minutes from March 20, 2023

A motion to approve the Policy Board Minutes from March 20, 2023 was made by Steve Thompson, seconded by Doug Provance, and approved unanimously.

5. Approve the January 2023 Billing Statement

A motion to approve the January 2023 Billing Statement was made by Terry Johnson, seconded by Doug Provance, and approved unanimously.

6. Presentation from TxDOT on future Interstate Highways

Cameron introduced Lorena Echeverria de Misi, P.E. She is the Manager of the Corridor Planning Branch, Transportation Planning and Programming Division with TxDOT. Lorena presented an update on planning that is underway for the MPO region on IH-14 and IH-27 highways. She explained the benefits of the highways, such as freight movement, alleviating congestion, safety, and creating economic opportunities. There are key economic sectors such as agriculture, maritime trade, energy sector and international trade which would all benefit from these highways. She answered questions from the Board regarding planning. TxDOT is planning a public outreach event in the summer of 2023.

7. Presentation from staff regarding safety in the MPO region

This presentation was moved to the May meeting.

8. MPO Staff Reports

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

Cameron invited the Board to the Bike-Ped event in Midland on May 4. We will be bringing public awareness about the Wildcatters Trail and how it benefits both cities.

9. Agency Project Reports

- a. **TxDOT Odessa District**
- b. **City of Midland**
- c. **Midland County**
- d. **City of Odessa**
- e. **Ector County**
- f. **Martin County**

g. MOUTD

Due to time constraints, the Agency Project Reports were tabled to the May meeting.

10. Future Meetings

The next TAC meeting is May 4, 2023

The next Policy Board meeting is May 15, 2023

11. 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.

12. Take Action Concerning Executive Session Matters

There was no Executive Session at this meeting.

13. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Steve Thompson, seconded by Terry Johnson, and approved unanimously at 2:55 p.m.

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

