



**Permian Basin MPO
Policy Board Meeting VIRTUAL via Zoom
March 20, 2023 11:30 a.m.**

Policy Board Members Present:

Jack Ladd, Jr.	Chair, Councilman, City of Midland
Eric Lykins, P.E.	TxDOT Odessa District Engineer
Terry Johnson	Midland County Judge
Mike Gardner	Ector County Commissioner
Doug Provance	General Manager, MOU/D (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 via Zoom
Hal Feldman, P.E.	Traffic Coordinator, City of Odessa
Sara Blong	Mayor, City of Midland
Dustin Fawcett	Ector County Judge
Jose Ortiz, P.E.	City of Midland, Engineering Services Director
Maryann Cedillo	TxDOT Public Information officer
Kevin Hankins	Kevin Sparks office
Andrew Avis	Midland County, Director of Public Works and Flood Plain Mgr
Robert Ornelas, P.E.	Director of TP&D, TxDOT Odessa District
Sandra Woodley	President, University of Texas, Permian Basin
Tim Hair	Dunaway and Associates
Sara Garza	MPO Branch Manager, via Zoom
Debra Richmond	Permian Strategic Partnership via Zoom
Kirk Fauver	FHWA via Zoom

AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Jack Ladd, Jr., Chair at 11:30 a.m.

2. **Introductions and Announcements**

Jack Ladd, Jr., Chair, introduced Sandra Woodley, President, University of Texas, Permian Basin. Later in the meeting Jack also recognized Tim Hair with Dunaway and Associates and Sara Blong, City of Midland Mayor.

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

There were no public comments.

4. **Present the MPO's Planning Excellence award for the Wildcatters Trail Plan**

Cameron shared the MPO was awarded the Planning Excellence Award for the Wildcatters Trail Plan. Tim Hair with Dunaway and Associates accepted the award. He shared there were over 140 projects in competition for this award. Sara Blong, Mayor of Midland, and President Woodley of UTPB shared their thoughts and appreciation for the work the MPO and Dunaway and Associates put in to bring the two cities together.

5. **Approve the Policy Board Minutes from February 21, 2023**

A motion to approve the Policy Board Minutes from February meeting was made by Doug Provence, seconded by Terry Johnson, and approved unanimously.

6. **Approve the December 2022 Billing Statement**

A motion to approve the December 2022 Billing Statement was made by Terry Johnson, seconded by Eric Lykins, and approved unanimously.

7. **Conduct Policy Board Training led by FHWA and TTI**

Kirk Fauver with FHWA and Bill Frawley with TTI, conducted Policy Board Training. Bill shared a presentation about the MPO and what we do. The MPO's main goal is to involve local governments in developing the Interstate Highway System. The MPO does not build anything but is responsible for planning and programming transportation projects for the area. He explained that prioritizing and selecting projects, being present in meetings, and assisting the Staff are all Roles and Responsibilities of the Policy Board.

8. **MPO Staff Reports**

a. **90-Day Calendar**

b. **Staff Activities – 30-day**

Cameron shared that staff had been working on completion of the 2050 travel demand model.

c. **Amended Contract with FNI for PEL Study-**

Cameron shared Freese and Nichols would be finishing their study by June, 2023.

He also shared the amended areas that will be studied and that funding is already in place and would not need an amendment from the Board. Jack Ladd Jr. asked about the Safety Support letters, Cameron shared they are on file in the office.

9. **Agency Project Reports**

a. **TxDOT Odessa District**

I-20, Midkiff, and Cotton Flat construction is progressing. CR 1250 overpass should be open with traffic flowing in mid July. Rehab on Midkiff is planned for May or early June, after school is out for summer.

The I-20 Frontage Road rehab went out for bid last week, with Rangel securing the bid.

b. **City of Midland**

There will be water line extensions on Big Spring and Michigan Ave.

c. **Midland County**

The CR 1250 reconstruction project is progressing. The Loop 250 extension, CR 1232 should be finished in April. The Monahans Draw project is nearing completion. CR 1150 to Hwy 158 project will be finished by May.

d. **City of Odessa**

The city is continuing utility work on the Tanglewood project. The Faudree Road project is progressing.

e. **Ector County**

Cottonwood project is almost complete. 42nd Street project, adding 4 lanes and a turning lane, is out for bid. The City is planning a rehab on Tripp Street from I-20 to 42nd. The 67th Street drainage project is almost complete, waiting on utilities.

f. **Martin County**

There was no one present from Martin County.

g. **MOUTD**

EZ Rider has a draft for the long awaited shelter covers. He also shared there are several studies he needs to complete.

10. **Future Meetings**

The next Policy Board Meeting will be April 17, 2023. The next TAC Meeting will be April 6, 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.

13. **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m. by Chair, Jack Ladd, Jr.

