

PBMPO Conference Policy Board Members Present:

Debi Hays	Chair, County Judge, Ector County
Jack Ladd, Jr.	Vice-Chair, Councilman, City of Midland
Robin Donnelly	County Commissioner, Midland County
Tom Sprawls	Councilman, City of Odessa
Doug Provance	General Manager, MOUSD (EZ-Rider)
John Speed, P.E.	District Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District

Policy Board Members Absent:

Bryan Cox	Judge, Martin County
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Others in Attendance:

Cameron Walker, AICP	Executive Director, Permian Basin MPO
Ken Van Dyne, AICP	Senior Transportation Planner, Permian Basin MPO
Yazeed Al Rashdi	GIS Technician, Permian Basin MPO
Alyssa Chavez	Office Manager, Permian Basin MPO
Matt Carr, P.E.	City Engineer, City of Midland
Jessica Schuttler, P.E.	Dunaway Associates, Midland County
Hal Feldman, P.E.	Traffic Coordinator, City of Odessa
Chad Windham, P.E.	Director of Operations, TxDOT Odessa District
Gene Powell	Public Information Officer, TxDOT Odessa District

AGENDA ITEM

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting of the Permian Basin MPO Policy Board was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Policy Board Chair, Debi Hays. A quorum was present.

2. Introductions and Announcements

None.

3. Public Comment Period

None.

4. Approve the Policy Board Minutes from July 19, 2021

A motion was made by Doug Provance and seconded by Tom Sprawls to approve the Policy Board Minutes from July 19, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Approve the July 2021 Billing Statement

July is the tenth billing period for fiscal year 2021 and reflects the expenditures from Tasks and Subtasks as approved in the FY 2021 UPWP. During the month of July, Permian Basin MPO expended \$48,986.99 which brings the percentage of expenditures to 20.83% of the FY 2021 programmed funds. The actual balance of funds is \$723,672.59.

6. Update from Tim Hair, Dunaway Associates, on Phase II of the Wildcatters multi-modal corridor

Mr. Tim Hair presented an update on the Wildcatters multi-modal corridor. This is Phase II of on-going MPO work; it has been funded by the Policy Board in FY 2019 (Phase I), FY 2020 and 2021. Mr. Hair pointed out the opportunity to construct the trail within ONCOR easements and ONCOR owned property on the western portion of the proposed alignment. Additionally, Mr. Hair spoke about moving the proposed alignment further away from the SH 191 and FM 1788 roadways. He also described the recent change in leadership of the Wildcatters Trail Committee with the phasing in of Lori Blong, Midland Council woman, and Javier Joven, Mayor of Odessa, as committee co-chairs.

7. MPO Staff Reports

a. 90-Day Calendar

Staff included a 90-day event calendar to inform the Policy Board of upcoming events.

b. Staff 30-day activities include: No discussion on this item

c. Update on Interregional Planning and Environmental Linkage Corridor Study:

Mr. Eddie Haas gave a presentation to the Board on the feedback that Freese Nichols has received from stakeholders. He also discussed the upcoming proposed Town Hall meetings on September 20/21 at two locations in the region – one at Odessa College and the other at the Midland Hispanic Cultural Center. Mr. Haas requested Board comment on the type of meeting that should be held given that Covid cases are on the rise. The Board concurred with his concern and suggested that the meetings could still be held in person but opportunity for remote involvement should also be offered to interested persons.

8. Agency Project Reports:

- a. TxDOT Odessa District – John Speed stated that a contract has been let for the pedestrian sidewalks on FM 2020. He also stated that safety is a concern in that area. TxDOT has finished up US 385 projects from I-20 to Yukon. Other projects are also being completed and will be soon finished on the US 385 corridor north of Loop 338.
- b. City of Midland – Jose Ortiz updated the Board on projects at Loop 250/Thomason Drive, Loop 250 at Midkiff. Annetta and Sinclair Avenues are being repaved and are almost finished. Sunglow Ave. is being paved to provide a backage road for I-20 between Midkiff to Cotton Flat Rd.

- c. Midland County – no report
- d. City of Odessa – Hal Feldman stated that University Blvd will be getting a final asphalt coating and it will be complete after striping is done. Faudree Rd. widening plans are being completed – this will involve the portion from SH 191 to 56th Street. This work will take approximately 12-16 months. Dixie will be reconstructed from 46th to 56th. This should be underway in FY 2021.
- e. Ector County – Cathleen Hamilton stated that the CTIF sealcoat projects are nearing completion. Also, the 87th Street widening project is in the third week of construction. A bid opening has been held for the 67th Street drainage work.
- f. Martin County – Judge Cox stated that Martin County is finishing maintenance work on numerous county roads.
- g. MOUTD – Doug Provance mentioned a budget workshop meeting with the City of Odessa. MOUTD is seeking a FTA 5307 grant to be submitted by the end of August. He mentioned that an oil spill had occurred on the property resulting in the need for TCEQ and Midland County to become involved with clean-up operations. He stated that buses needing maintenance will be pushed around more efficiently in the future.

9. Future Meetings

Policy Board Meeting – Monday, September 20, 2021 at 3:00 pm

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting – Thursday, September 2, 2021 at 8:00 am

10. 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:

None

11. Take Action Concerning Executive Session Matters

None

12. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Judge Cox, seconded by Doug Provance