



**Permian Basin**  
**MPO** Metropolitan  
Planning  
Organization

**Permian Basin MPO**  
**9601 Wright Drive Midland, TX**  
**Policy Board Meeting VIRTUAL via Zoom**  
**January 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
Terry Johnson	Midland County Judge
Mike Gardner	Ector County Commissioner

**Policy Board Members Absent:**

Doug Provance	General Manager, MOUSD (EZ-Rider)
Bryan Cox	Martin 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 via Zoom
Akyra Hamilton	GIS Tech, Permian Basin MPO
Hal Feldman, P.E.	Traffic Coordinator, City of Odessa
Robert Ornelas, P.E.	Director of TP&D, TxDOT Odessa District
Bobby Wojciekowski	City of Midland, CIP Manager
Fred Herrera P.E.	Odessa District TxDOT, Area Engineer
Andrew Avis	Midland County Director of Public Works
Steve Davis	Director of Public Works, Ector County
Gabriel Ramirez, P.E.	Odessa District TxDOT Advanced Planning Engineer, via Zoom
Sara Harris	Executive Director, Midland Development Corporation, Via Zoom
Chad Wyndham, P.E.	Director of Operations, TxDOT
Gary Law, P.E.	Transystems

**AGENDA**

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chair, Jack Ladd, Jr.

**2. Introductions and Announcements**

Cameron asked that each person introduce themselves, as we had several new members

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

There were no public comments.

4. **Approve the Policy Board Minutes from November 14, 2022**

A motion to approve the minutes from November, 2022 was made by Eric Lykins, seconded by Terry Johnson, and approved unanimously.

5. **Approve the September (5a) and October (5b) 2022 Billing Statements**

A motion to approve the September and October billing statements was made by Mike Gardner, seconded by Terry Johnson, and approved unanimously.

6. **Approve a Resolution supporting TxDOT's Adopted 2023 Safety Targets**

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) has implemented several roadway and transit performance requirements created under MAP-21 and continued into the FAST Act and the recent Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. The MPO Policy Board took action in January of 2018 and subsequently in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 to support TxDOT's adopted statewide safety targets. Safety performance measures focus on reducing the number of people killed and seriously injured in motorized and non-motorized crashes. By addressing safety and reporting targets in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program, performance measures can inform planning and funding decisions in the pursuit of regional and national goals.

Staff requested Policy Board approval of a Resolution supporting TxDOT's 2023 safety performance targets.

A motion to approve the Resolution supporting TxDOT's Adopted 2023 Safety Targets was made by Eric Lykins, seconded by Terry Johnson and approved unanimously.

7. **Accept Federal and State approval letters for the MPO's Annual Performance and Expenditure Report (APER)**

Each fiscal year the MPO is required to complete a report covering the previous year's activities and expenditures. The document is known as the Annual Performance and Expenditure Report (APER); it is due to TxDOT within 90 days of the end of the fiscal year (September 30th). Staff received letters of approval of the report on January 4th from TxDOT and on January 5th from FHWA and FTA. The FY 2022 report is posted on the MPO's website. The Board accepted the report.

8. **Policy Board Training**

Cameron presented a PowerPoint to provide an introduction of the MPO to new and existing Board members.

9. **MPO Staff Reports**

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

10. **Agency Project Reports**

a. **TxDOT Odessa District**

The Faudree Road rehab project from Eastridge to Business I-20 went to bid last week with Jones Brothers securing the project. The Business I-20 frontage road rehab project including installing gutters and sidewalks, from 8<sup>th</sup> Street to FM 1788, will begin in March.

b. **City of Midland**

The A Street and Neely Street projects are progressing. There are drainage improvements on Midkiff and Golf Course Dr. Construction work is continuing on Andrews Highway. There will be water line lowerings on Michigan, Big Spring Street and Rankin Highway. The Market Street to I-20 tie in is out for bid.

c. **Midland County**

The I-20 Phase 1 project is progressing. The I-20 Phase 2 and CR 1270 projects will be starting soon.

d. **City of Odessa**

The Meadow Drive and Tanglewood Street projects are progressing. They will soon be starting a rehab of 31<sup>st</sup> Street from Andrews Hwy to Dixie Street.

e. **Ector County**

Ector County is opening bids for 42<sup>nd</sup> Street paving and drainage improvements from FM 1936 to Knox Avenue. Also bidding is open until mid summer for improvements on Tripp Ave. from IH-20 to 42<sup>nd</sup> Street. They are planning to pave 4 miles of caliche roads in West and South Odessa.

f. **Martin County**

There was no one present from Martin County.

g. **MOUTD**

EZ Rider shared they have 2/3 of their fleet replacement completed with the addition of 4, 30 foot transit buses and 6 shuttle buses. They are continuing to experience driver shortage.

11. **Future Meetings**

The next Policy Board meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

12. **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.**

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

There was no Executive Session.

14. **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Terry Johnson seconded by Eric Lykins, and approved unanimously at 2:45 p.m.

