



**Permian Basin MPO  
9601 Wright Drive Midland, TX  
Policy Board Meeting VIRTUAL via Zoom  
June 20, 2022 3:00 p.m.**

**Policy Board Members Present:**

Jack Ladd, Jr	Chair, Councilman, City of Midland
Tom Sprawls	Vice Chair, Councilman, City of Odessa
Robin Donnelly	County Commissioner, Midland County
Doug Provance	General Manager, MOUTD (EZ-Rider)
Debi Hays	County Judge, Ector County
Bryan Cox	County Judge, Martin County

**Others in Attendance:**

Cameron Walker, AICP	Executive Director, Permian Basin MPO
Ken Van Dyne, AICP	Sr Transportation Planner, Permian Basin MPO
Janna Dean	Office Manager, Permian Basin MPO
Hal Feldman, P.E.	Traffic Coordinator, City of Odessa
Robert Ornelas, P.E.	Director of TP&D, TxDOT Odessa District
Marisella Campos	Asst Director, Public Works
Steven Davis	Director, Ector County Public Works
Fred Herrera, P.E.	TxDOT Engineer, Midland District
Saul Romero, P.E.	TxDOT Engineer, Odessa District
Andrew Avis	Midland County
Chad Wyndham, P.E.	TxDOT
Jose Ortiz, P.E.	City of Midland, Director Engineering Services
Lauren Garduno, P.E.	TxDOT
Tim Hair	Dunaway
Gene Powell	TxDOT
Eric Lykins, P.E.	TxDOT Engineer, Ector County

## AGENDA

### 1. **Call Meeting to Order**

The Meeting was called to order at 3:00 by Chair, Jack Ladd, Jr.

### 2. **Introductions and Announcements**

Cameron introduced the new TxDOT Odessa District Engineer, Eric Lykins. Mr. Lykins has been with TxDOT for 24 years, working in Brownwood, Texas.

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

There were no public comments.

### 4. **Approve the Policy Board Minutes from May 20, 2022**

A motion to approve the Policy Board Minutes from May was made by Robin Donnelly, seconded by Bryan Cox and, approved unanimously.

### 5. **Approve the April 2022 Billing Statement**

The Billing Statement was read by Janna Dean explaining that the MPO is at 48.08% of it's annual budget, spending \$59,764.83 in April. A motion to approve the statement was made by Tom Sprawls, seconded by Robin Donnelly, and approved unanimously.

### 6. **Approve the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

The staff shared information regarding highway and transit projects. There are three projects to widen I-20, three non I-20 projects, and a railroad crossing project listed in the 2023-2026 TIP. Also discussed were the projects for transit in the four year TIP, including operation of Paratransit services, general operating, preventative maintenance, and planning. Projects listed in the TIP must also be listed in the MTP and meet federal requirement of being fiscally constrained. Cameron recommended approval of the 2023-2026 TIP document and resolution. A motion to approve the TIP was made by Tom Sprawls, seconded by Debi Hays, and approved unanimously.

### 7. **Acknowledge Receipt of a TxDOT letter approving the FY 2021 Annual Performance and Expenditures Report (APER)**

The Board acknowledged the letter from TxDOT approving the FY 2021 APER. A motion to approve acknowledgement was made by Robin Donnelly, seconded by Debi Hays, and approved unanimously.

### 8. **Discuss the draft FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

The MPO staff presented a draft UPWP for the next fiscal year. Reflected in this document are new requirements under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021. The UPWP is due in July, following the regularly scheduled Board meeting.

**9. Presentation from Tim Hair, Dunaway Associates, on the Wildcatters Trail**

Tim Hair gave a presentation regarding the Wildcatters Trail, a proposed bike/pedestrian trail between Midland and Odessa. He talked about the construction, the background and routes. He showed several maps with crosswalks and trailheads, along with stopping and parking areas. He also shared the preliminary cost estimate which at this time is \$37 million, but with inflation, could reach \$55 million.

**10. MPO Staff Reports**

**a. 90-Day Calendar**

**b. Staff Activities – 30-day**

The MPO Staff attended the Shale Energy Conference at the Midland County Horseshoe in June. Bill Frawley with TTI joined to help obtain survey responses and general public input on the resiliency plan. TxDOT had a simulator to show how intoxication impairs your vision while driving. Staff is also continuing work on the 2050 travel demand model.

**11. Agency Project Reports**

**a. TxDOT Odessa District**

TxDOT has some signal projects at Hwy 349 and I-20, and East I-20 and West Loop. Also, some Railroad repairs at Garfield, SH 137, and Fairgrounds Road.

**b. City of Midland**

Concrete and striping will be completed at Thomason and Loop 250.

**c. Midland County**

The bridge over Monahans Draw is expected to be completed by March. They are working on redesigning 5 points to make it more efficient with future expansion. The CR 1232 to Hwy 158 project is progressing quickly. The tie in for CR 1250 to Loop 250 is finishing with concrete.

**d. City of Odessa**

Dixie Rd, north of 46<sup>th</sup> Street and Astancia are both under construction. There will be construction beginning soon on 42<sup>nd</sup> Street for repairs. The Faudree and Hwy 191 project to Yukon is out to bid on 7/7/2022.

**e. Ector County**

The projects at Apple, Cottonwood and 67<sup>th</sup> Street are continuing.

**f. Martin County**

Martin County is continuing work on roads and streets within the County.

**g. MOUTD**

EZ-Rider will be acquiring 10 new buses as their Budget was approved. They should be completed and ship next month. The proposal for the electric buses did not pass with Oncor.

**12. Future Meetings**

The next meeting will be July 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.

**13. 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.**

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

The Policy Board members met privately regarding Executive Session Matters.

**15. Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Doug Provance, seconded by Debi Hays, and approved unanimously at 4:19 p.m.

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

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