



**Policy Board Meeting  
May 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)

**Absent:**

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
Cathleen Hamilton	Ector County
Fred Herrera, P.E.	TxDOT Engineer, Midland District
Saul Romero, P.E.	TxDOT Engineer, Odessa District
Andrew Avis	Midland County
Steven Thompson	City of Odessa Councilman
Chad Wyndham, P.E.	TxDOT
Jose Ortiz, P.E.	City of Midland, Director Engineering Services

**AGENDA**

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Jack Ladd, Jr. at 3:00 p.m.

**2. Introductions and Announcements**

Tom Sprawls introduced Steven Thompson, City of Odessa Councilman.

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

There were no public comments.

**4. Approve the Policy Board Minutes from April 18, 2022**

A motion to approve the Policy Board Minutes from April was made by Tom Sprawls, seconded by Doug Provance, and approved unanimously.

**5. Approve the March 2022 Billing Statement**

Complete financial records for the month of March have been sent to the MPO for this period. In summary, the MPO spent \$78,271.60 in March. The cumulative expense for the Fiscal Year is \$309,598.62; this is 40.30% of the MPO's annual budget.

A motion to approve the March 2022 Billing Statement was made by Robin Donnelly, seconded by Doug Provance, and approved unanimously.

**6. Update on TAC discussion regarding MTP project**

On May 12th the TAC met to begin proposing changes to the *Forward 45* MTP document. This exercise is underway to provide an opportunity for member agencies to reassess current projects and possibly add new ones. Staff presented the existing project list noting that the majority of projects in the MTP are listed in the TxDOT 10-year UTP which covers the period 2022-2031 or have already been constructed (2019 and 2020). Earlier this year the TAC increased the cost estimating tool to account for inflation in recent project letting and anticipated inflation as well. The exercise involving staff and the TAC is to generate a list of potential new projects and suggest deleting any project(s) that is in the current MTP. Included in this work will be projects that are currently ineligible for Category 2 funding because they are off-system. These will be placed into the Unfunded Projects list. Both counties and cities have started a list of their candidate projects, including NW Loop 338, extension of Yukon, Craddock Highway extension, Todd Road and Loop 250. On June 23, the TAC will meet again to review project cost and to prioritize using the MPO's project scoring methodology. The staff will bring proposed MTP amendments to the Policy Board after the Texas Transportation Commission approves the 2023-2032 UTP in August.

**7. MPO Staff Reports**

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

Two MPO staff attended the TxDOT Transportation Planning Conference in Houston. Ken Van Dyne attended a training workshop covering the 2050 Travel Demand Model. Cameron attended a Texas Association of MPOs (TEMPO) meeting also held at the conference. The Staff continues to prepare for the Shale Energy conference in June at the Midland Horseshoe. Cameron shared with the Board if anyone was interested in attending, please email MPO and we can add them to the list.

Staff continued working with cities and counties on the materials needed for the 2050 Travel Demand Model.

## 8. Agency Project Reports

### a. TxDOT Odessa District

The Cotton Flat Rd and I-20 project received a grant. There is also a median barrier project at Hwy 302 west of Odessa.

### b. City of Midland

The Thomason intersection round about is now functioning. There will be some manhole adjustments. To make this area safer for residents, there will be 2 lanes in each direction. There is utility work on Soloman Rd. The water tower is now in commission.

### c. Midland County

Midland County broke ground on CR 1180 southbound extension. The Lamesa extension will be repaved within 90 days. CR 1270 from Interstate 20 to CR 160 was completed and accepted by the county. The Monahans Draw project is scheduled for completion in January 2023.

### d. City of Odessa

The seal coat project on Dixie is complete. Dixie and Estancia are still under construction. Odessa is accepting bids for widening Faudree Rd. from 2 lane to 5 lane. There are 3 street lighting projects in several areas.

### e. Ector County

Ector County has 5 projects ongoing. The projects are Cottonwood, Moss St, Apple St, Hwy 67 and Hwy 87 widening. The seal coat bid will hopefully be awarded to Wagner this week. Their bid is \$4,222,000.

### f. Martin County

A representative from Martin County was not present.

### g. MOUTD

Doug Provance explained that EZ Rider is looking to purchase 2 electric buses. He feels that public transportation will need to be half electric fleet in the near future. Also, he stated that Flex Bus bought Greyhound and they would be moving somewhere closer to I-20 for convenience.

## 9. Future Meetings

The next meeting is June 20 at 3:00 p.m. The Board decided to move the July meeting and all subsequent meetings to 1:00 p.m.

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: 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.**

11. **Take Action Concerning Executive Session Matters**  
There were no Executive Session Matters to address.

12. **Adjourn**  
A motion to adjourn was made by Tom Sprawls, seconded by Robin Donnelly, and approved unanimously at 3:45 p.m.

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