



**Permian Basin MPO
9601 Wright Drive Midland, TX
Policy Board Meeting VIRTUAL via Zoom
November 14, 2022 1:30 p.m.**

Policy Board Members Present:

Robin Donnelly	County Commissioner, Midland County
Doug Provance	General Manager, MOUTD (EZ-Rider)
Bryan Cox	Martin County Judge
Tom Sprawls	Vice-Chair, Councilman, City of Odessa
Debi Hays	Ector County Judge
Eric Lykins, P.E.	TxDOT Odessa District Engineer

Policy Board Members Absent:

Jack Ladd, Jr.	Chair, Councilman, City of Midland
----------------	------------------------------------

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
Hal Feldman, P.E.	Traffic Coordinator, City of Odessa
Robert Ornelas, P.E.	Director of TP&D, TxDOT Odessa District
Bobby Wojociekowski	City of Midland, CIP Manager
Jose Ortiz, P.E.	City of Midland, Engineering Services Director
Mike Gardner	Ector County Commissioner
Sara Garza	MPO Branch Manager, TxDOT, Via Zoom
Eddie Haas, AICP	Freese and Nichols
Bill Frawley	TTI, Transportation Researcher
Ellen Emeric	Freese and Nichols, via Zoom
Gabriel Ramirez, P.E.	TxDOT, via Zoom
Kirk Fauver	FHWA
Sara Harris	Executive Director, Midland Development Corporation, Via Zoom
Chad Wyndham, P.E.	TxDOT, via Zoom

AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Tom Sprawls, Vice-Chair.

2. Introductions and Announcements

Cameron welcomed Mike Gardner, Ector County Commissioner to the meeting, along with Kirk Fauver, Eddie Haas, and Bill Frawley. He also noted that Sara Harris, Sara Garza, Ellen Emeric, Gabriel Ramirez and Chad Wyndham were on via zoom.

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

There were no public comments.

4. Approve the Policy Board Minutes from October 17, 2022

A motion to approve the Minutes from October 17 was made by Doug Provance, seconded by Debi Hays, and approved unanimously.

5. Approve the August 2022 Billing Statement

A motion to approve the August 2022 Billing Statement was made by Debi Hays, seconded by Doug Provance, and approved unanimously.

6. Presentation by Freese Nichols on the draft regional Planning & Environmental Linkage study

Eddie Haas provided an update to the Policy Board on the regional corridor Planning and Environmental Linkage (PEL) Study. The Board directed Staff to continue with this project and add two potential new alignments.

7. Approve the Forward 45 MTP Amendment No. 3

Cameron made a presentation to the Board covering the draft MTP Amendment No. 3. The main purpose of the amendment is to replace the current project list with new priority projects and funding streams and to refer to the new federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) where applicable.

A public involvement period of 10-days was opened on October 25th and ended on November 4th. In accordance with the MPO's Public Participation Plan, the draft Amendment No. 3 documentation was made available for public review in multiple locations using hard copy and on the MPO's webpage. No comments were received.

A motion to approve the Forward 45 MTP Amendment No. 3 was made by Robin Donnelly, seconded by Debi Hays, and, approved unanimously.

8. Approve the MPO’s project list for the TxDOT 2024 UTP

Staff met with the TAC on November 10th to discuss the prioritization of projects for inclusion into the TxDOT 10-year UTP for the period 2024-2033. The projects selected are already in the 2023- 2032 UTP but are not fully funded. The recommended list of projects is shown below in priority order:

• Upgrade SL 338 to Freeway from US 385 N to Yukon Road E	\$13,500,000
• Construct interchange on Loop 250 at Todd Road	\$ 7,469,208
• Intersection improvements on Andrews Hwy at Midland Drive	\$ 2,000,000
• Intersection improvements on BI-20 at Avalon Drive	\$ 1,400,000
• Construction interchange on SH 302 at W 8 th Street	\$ 6,240,000
• Construct interchange on BI-20 at Faudree Road	\$ 1,300,000*
• Widen I-20 from CR 1250 to E. of SH 349	\$ 6,090,792*
	<u>\$ 6,090,792*</u>
	Total
	\$38,000,000

***Not Fully Funded**

Additionally, the Resolution indicates a request from the MPO to remove two projects from the 2023- 2032 (current) UTP. Both projects are on FM 1788. One is for the segment between SH 191 and BI-20 and the other is on FM 1788 from BI-20 to I-20. The funds are already programmed in the amount of \$8.4 million and will be made available for other projects as prioritized by the Policy Board. TxDOT widened the majority of this corridor and established a continuous left turn lane for additional safety approximately three years ago. At this time the two projects which are labeled “non-freeway improvements” are not needed. The \$8.4 million is included in the \$38 million total shown above.

A motion to approve the MPO’s project list for the TxDOT 2024 UTP was made by Robin Donnelly, seconded by Debi Hays, and, approved unanimously.

9. Approve Amendment No. 1 to the MPO’s Unified Planning Work Program

TTI is requesting an extension from November 30th, 2022, to March 31st, 2023 to complete their work. Additional funding in the amount of \$15,000 is requested. The work will include:

- Work Zone Safety Analysis and Recommended Processes – identify and analyze work zone safety methods that the PBMPPO can potentially use to minimize the risk of major crashes while IH 20 is under construction over the next several years.
- TxDOT Odessa District is conducting a corridor study on SH 176 to make it a 4-lane divided corridor from Big Spring to Andrews and on to the New Mexico state line. The segment of SH 176 from Big Spring to Andrews is part of a potential detour route around the Odessa-Midland metropolitan area that could be used during extreme disruptions on IH 20. Information from that corridor study will be very helpful for the Resilience Improvement Plan (RIP).

- Conduct additional ITS investigations for the best recommendations of the following equipment and strategies: Digital Message Signs, Cameras, TMC, Coordination with Abilene District. Incorporating any applicable recommendations and findings from the Interregional Corridor PEL Study (Outer Loop) that is scheduled to be finalized in 2022. The potential alignment bands from that study will provide for discussion and recommendations in the RIP.
- TTI has recently discovered wider uses of RITIS data. The resulting analyses provide extremely valuable data regarding delays on roads when a major traffic disruption occurs. This effort will help identify when it would be most beneficial to use various detours.
- During a recent project update at an MPO Policy Board meeting, TTI learned about a Faudree Road improvement that includes enhanced drainage and water retention. This will provide an example of enhanced flood mitigation.

The contract is currently in the amount of \$105,000. The additional funds are available in the MPO's carryover balance.

A motion to approve the Amendment No. 1 the UPWP was made by Robin Donnelly, seconded by Brian Cox, and approved unanimously.

10. Presentation by FHWA on Funding Opportunities for Complete Streets

Kirk Fauver with FHWA made a presentation on funding opportunities for Complete Streets. He shared the numerous grants available.

11. Concur with an Administrative Amendment to the MPO's FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program

Cameron provided information to the Policy Board regarding the Amendment.

A motion to approve the Amendment to the FY 2023-2026 TIP was made by Robin Donnelly, seconded by Doug Provance, and, approved unanimously.

12. MPO Staff Reports

a. 90-Day Calendar

b. Staff Activities – 30-day

Staff attended the Border Trade Advisory Committee meeting and the Texas APA Conference in October. Both events were held (back-to-back) in El Paso. Staff continued to work on the draft MTP Amendment and the 2050 Travel Demand Model. Staff attended a meeting on the Wildcatters Trail hosted by UTPB.

c. Summary of MPO Investments 2018-2026

Staff compiled and shared a map of projects since 2018 that have been accomplished while Debi Hays, Robin Donnelly and Tom Sprawls have been on the Policy Board. Cameron thanked them all for their dedication and service to the Policy Board.

13. Agency Project Reports

a. TxDOT Odessa District

The Yukon interchange project is progressing, and TxDOT is in the first phase of widening the frontage road.

b. City of Midland

There are no updates to report from the City of Midland at this time.

c. Midland County

CR140 to Midkiff Dr will be finished paving by the first quarter of 2023. The paving project for South Loop to CR 1160 is complete. Parkhill Group is conducting a study about 5 Points. This should be complete by June 2023.

d. City of Odessa

City of Odessa reported that the Dixie Street project from 46th St to 56th Street is now complete.

e. Ector County

The Apple Street project is now complete. The Cottonwood Street Phase 1 is complete, with Phase 2 being 80% complete. Moss Street project is complete. 67th Street is now 60% complete.

f. Martin County

Martin County reported they are maintaining streets and roads in the county.

g. MOUTD

EZ Rider is preparing for their new buses.

14. Future Meetings

The next two meetings will be Tuesday, January 17 and Tuesday, February 21, 2023, instead of Monday, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and President's Day holidays.

15. 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.

16. Take Action Concerning Executive Session Matters

There was no Executive Session.

17. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Robin Donnelly, seconded by Debi Hays and approved unanimously at 3:35 p.m.

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