



**Policy Board Meeting VIRTUAL via Zoom  
May 15, 2023 1:30 p.m.**

**Policy Board Members Present:**

Jack Ladd, Jr.	Chair, Midland City Councilman
Eric Lykins, P.E.	TxDOT Odessa District Engineer via zoom
Terry Johnson	Midland County Judge
Mike Gardner	Ector County Commissioner
Doug Provance	General Manager, MOUSD (EZ Rider)
Steve Thompson	Odessa City Councilman
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
Akyra Hamilton	GIS Tech, Permian Basin MPO
Kirk Fauver	FHWA Texas Office
Jose Ortiz, P.E.	Engineering Services Director, City of Midland
Fred Herrera, P.E.	Area Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District
Gary Law, P.E.	TransSystems via zoom
Robert Ornelas, P.E.	Director of TP&D, TxDOT Odessa District
Chad Windham, P.E.	Director of Operations, TxDOT Odessa District
Debra Richmond	Permian Strategic Partnership via zoom
Gabriel Ramirez, P.E.	Advanced Planning Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District
Sara Garza	TxDOT, MPO Branch Manager, via zoom
Ken Hankins	Senator Sparks Office
Miranda Boler	PBRPC
Lori Blong	Mayor, City of Midland
Sandra Woodley	President, UTPB
Tina Juaz	City of Midland
Michelle Hagemann	City of Midland
George Pinal	via zoom

**AGENDA**

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by Jack Ladd, Jr., Chair.

**2. Introductions and Announcements**

Cameron introduced Kirk Fauver with FWHA.

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

There were no public comments.

**4. Approve the Policy Board Minutes from April 17, 2023**

A motion to approve the minutes from April 17, was made by Mike Gardner, seconded by Steve Thompson, and approved unanimously.

**5. Approve the February 2023 Billing Statement**

A motion to approve the February 2023 Billing Statement was made by Bryan Cox, seconded by Mike Gardner, and approved unanimously.

**6. Presentation from Kirk Fauver, FHWA Texas Division on the Federal Carbon Reduction Program**

Kirk Fauver presented the Board with information on the Federal Carbon Reduction Program. This program is not designed for roadway construction or improvements but, the Wildcatters Trail could benefit from this. Projects must follow all applicable Title 23 requirements. The Carbon Reduction Program is an important new source of funding to be programmed by the MPO following the approval of the UTP in late August.

**7. Presentation from staff regarding safety in the MPO region**

Cameron shared a presentation regarding safety, crashes, and fatalities in the MPO region. This is a 3 year comparison from 2020-2022 showing factors, the trend of crashes, and roads with high volumes of crashes across the PBMP. The presentation included crash volume by county, a crash severity summary, and crash contributing factors.

**8. MPO Staff Reports**

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

9. **Agency Project Reports**

a. **TxDOT Odessa District**

TxDOT reports that CR 1250 is now open. The Cotton Flat project is progressing. The construction on Big Spring Street in Midland will start in mid June and reduce traffic to one lane in each direction.

b. **City of Midland**

The City of Midland asked if their report could be made in June.

c. **Midland County**

Midland County reports that paving construction is continuing on I-20.

d. **City of Odessa**

The City of Odessa shared that the Yukon project is top priority.

e. **Ector County**

Ector County reports that the 67<sup>th</sup> Street project is finished. 42<sup>nd</sup> Street from FM 1936 to Knox St. is out for bid. They are hoping to start this project in June.

f. **Martin County**

Martin County reports they are working on their TIF Grant.

g. **MOUTD**

EZ Rider shared that they are working on their budget. Also, ridership rose in the spring with 21,000 riders in March and 20,000 in April.

10. **Future Meetings**

The next TAC Meeting will be June 15, 2023.

The next Policy Board Meeting will be June 19, 2023.

11. **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.**

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

There was no Executive Session.

13. **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Steve Thompson, seconded by Bryan Cox and approved unanimously at 2:30 p.m.

This meeting was being conducted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Law(V.T.C.A. Government Code551).



