



**Permian Basin MPO
9601 Wright Drive Midland, TX
Policy Board Meeting VIRTUAL via Zoom
July 19, 2021 3:00 p.m.**

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PBMPO Conference Policy Board Members Present:

Debi Hays	Chair, County Judge, Ector County
Jack Ladd, Jr.	Vice-Chair, Councilman, City of Midland
Robin Donnelly	County Commissioner, Midland County
Tom Sprawls	Councilman, City of Odessa
Doug Provance	General Manager, MOUTD (EZ-Rider)
John Speed, P.E.	District Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District

Policy Board Members Absent:

Bryan Cox	Judge, Martin County
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Others in Attendance:

Cameron Walker, AICP	Executive Director, Permian Basin MPO
Ken Van Dyne, AICP	Senior Transportation Planner, Permian Basin MPO
Yazeed Al Rashdi	GIS Technician, Permian Basin MPO
Alyssa Chavez	Office Manager, Permian Basin MPO
Matt Carr, P.E.	City Engineer, City of Midland
Jessica Schuttler, P.E.	Dunaway Associates, Midland County
Hal Feldman, P.E.	Traffic Coordinator, City of Odessa
Chad Windham, P.E.	Director of Operations, TxDOT Odessa District
Gene Powell	Public Information Officer, TxDOT Odessa District
Sara Harris	Executive Director, Midland Development Corporation
Bill Frawley	Research Scientist, TTI

AGENDA ITEM

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting of the Permian Basin MPO Policy Board was called to order at 3:04 p.m. by Policy Board Chair, Debi Hays. A quorum was present.

2. Introductions and Announcements

None.

3. Public Comment Period

None.

4. Approve the Policy Board Minutes from June 21, 2021

A motion was made by John Speed and seconded by Tom Sprawls to approve the Policy Board Minutes from June 21, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Discuss the June 2021 Billing Statements

June is the ninth billing period for fiscal year 2021 and reflects the expenditures from Tasks and Subtasks as approved in the FY 2021 UPWP. During the month of June, Permian Basin MPO expended \$31,954.06 which brings the percentage of expenditures to 29.23% of the FY 2021 programmed funds. The actual balance of funds is \$772,659.58.

A motion was made by Tom Sprawls and seconded by John Speed to approve the June 2021 billing statement. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Approve an amended Resolution committing MPO support of TxDOT's Adopted Road and Bridge Condition Targets (PM 2)

At the June 21, 2021, Policy Board meeting the Board directed staff to incorporate draft language for inclusion into a proposed Resolution supporting TxDOT's pavement and bridge condition targets for the year 2022. The draft has been prepared and staff requested that the Policy Board approve the amended document provided.

A motion was made by John Speed and seconded Jack Ladd, Jr. by to approve a Resolution committing MPO support of TxDOT's Adopted Road and Bridge Condition Targets (PM 2). The motion passed unanimously.

7. Approve an amended Resolution committing MPO support of TxDOT's Adopted System Reliability Targets (PM 3)

In April 2021 the Policy Board passed a Resolution establishing the MPO's target to reduce congestion in the region to a travel time index (TTI) number of 1.3. This goal to reduce congestion

was supported by staff, the TAC, and the Policy Board. Discussions with TxDOT, TTI, and other MPOs have led staff to conclude that the Resolution passed in April will result in the MPO being held to a higher standard for data collection and a burden to “prove” how we are going to meet the desired goal. The MPO does not have the resources to collect data that would show how we are reaching the target. Various MPO’s have passed resolutions to support TxDOT’s revised system reliability targets for 2022, which are significantly higher than the 1.3 TTI. Staff proposed to add language within this document to state the MPO’s definition of congestion as the stated Travel Time Index of 1.3. It was mentioned that the project selection process and the score card for proposed projects will also need to be amended to give more priority points to locations where the TTI is 1.3 or above.

A motion was made by Jack Ladd, Jr. and seconded by Tom Sprawls to approve an amended Resolution committing MPO support of TxDOT’s Adopted System Reliability Targets (PM 3). The motion passed unanimously.

8. Approve a Unified Planning Work Program for FY 2022

Staff presented a draft Unified Planning Work Program for FY 2022 for discussion purpose at the June meeting. At the time of presentation some funding details were not available in Task 5 – Special studies. Staff contacted the TxDOT Odessa District and TxDOT Austin to obtain estimated costs for the line items contained in Task 5.

A motion was made by Tom Sprawls and seconded by Robin Donnelly to approve the FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Update from TTI regarding the Regional Resiliency Plan

Bill Frawley with the Texas A&M Transportation Institute provided an update on the Resiliency Planning effort.

10. Update on the draft FY 2022 UTP

Staff reviewed the published draft FY 2022 TxDOT Unified Transportation Program released for review on Friday July 9, 2021. The UTP is required under law to be approved by the Texas Transportation Commission prior to September 1 each year. It is a rolling ten-year document that contains specific projects prioritized by MPOs and TxDOT Districts around the state. In December of 2002 the Policy Board passed a Resolution indicating its priority projects for potential inclusion into the UTP. All of the listed projects prioritized by the Board are shown in the draft FY 2022 UTP.

11. Continuation of discussion on general Agency Procedures

This item was discussed at the June Policy Board meeting. The Board indicated that a review should continue into July. John Speed suggested we table the approval of general Agency procedures for next month’s board meeting. Jack Ladd Jr. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Continuation of discussion on general Agency Procedures

a. 90-Day Calendar

Staff included a 90-day event calendar to inform the Policy Board of upcoming events.

b. Staff 30-day activities include: Staff continued to discuss the potential for a regional Resiliency Plan with FHWA, TTI and TxDOT. Staff attended the Texas A&M Transportation Institute Safety Conference (remote). Staff attended a webinar on the topic of Transportation Reinvestment Zones. Staff continues to work with the City of Midland and Odessa to update the MPO's GIS capabilities. Staff began preparing a summary of drainage concerns at numerous locations in the region; this work will continue in cooperation with all member agencies.

c. Update on Interregional Planning and Environmental Linkage Corridor Study:

A kick-off meeting for this work was held on June 24 at the MPO Conference room with an ad hoc Study Oversight Committee consisting of 18 persons. The MPO city and county members were all present to hear the discussion led by the Freese Nichols consultants. Interviews with stakeholders were completed during the week of July 12th. Most of the interviews were conducted in-person.

13. Agency Project Reports

a. TxDOT Odessa District – John Speed: The State Loop 250 project, between SH 158 and Wadley, just went to contract with Jones Brothers. A major striping project within Ector County also commence. The FM 2020 and the FM 307 projects went to contract as well.

b. City of Midland – Matt Carr: The bond projects are still underway. The Loop 250 and Midkiff project is still under construction. They are ready to move forward with the Wadley extension project. They are in the works on getting the Todd Road project started.

c. Midland County – Robin Donnelly: The Yukon Road project went out to bid and Jones Brothers was awarded the project. The Industrial project, from Loop 250 to Midkiff Rd, will go out for bid within the next 60 days. The Phase II of the CR 1232 project is projected to be addressed soon as well.

d. City of Odessa – Hal Feldman: The contractor for the University Blvd project still anticipating that the project will be completed by the Summer. The city is looking to reconstruct North Dixie Boulevard, from 46th Street up (north) to the city limits and have hired a consultant to do a roadway design. The Faudree project is still under design and is hoping to be complete and sent out for bid within the next few months.

e. Ector County – Debi Hays: The flooding issue at 67th Street and Andrews highway will be going back out for bid. Work is still underway for the 42nd street project. The specs for widening 87th street from Andrews Highway to West County Road is on this upcoming commissioner's meeting agenda.

f. Martin County – Absent.

g. MOUTD – Doug Provance: Nothing to report for MOUTD.

14. Future Meeting Dates

Policy Board Meeting – Monday, August 16, 2021 at 3:00 pm

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting – Thursday, August 5, 2021 at 8:00 am

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

None.

17. Adjourn

A motion was made by Robin Donnelly to adjourn; Jack Ladd seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with adjournment at 4:24 pm.