



Permian Basin MPO

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Permian Basin MPO
9601 Wright Drive Midland, TX
Policy Board Meeting VIRTUAL via Zoom
December 14, 2020 3:00 p.m.

Policy Board Members Present

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

Policy Board Members Absent:

Jack Ladd, Jr.	Vice-Chair, Councilman, City of Midland
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Others in Attendance:

Cameron Walker, AICP	Executive Director, Permian Basin MPO
Alyssa Chavez	Office Manager, Permian Basin MPO
Phillip Tindall, AICP	Planner, Texas Department of Transportation
Robert Ornelas, P.E.	Director of TP&D, TxDOT Odessa District
Chad Windham, P.E.	Director of Operations, TxDOT Odessa District
Gabriel Ramirez, P.E.	Advanced Planning Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District
Valerie Alvarado, P.E.	Design Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District
Krista Jeacopello	Congressional Liaison, TxDOT
Jose Ortiz, P.E.	Engineering Services Director, City of Midland
Matt Carr, P.E.	City Engineer, City of Midland
Mike Pacelli, P.E.	Traffic Engineer, City of Midland
Thomas Kerr, P.E.	Director of Public Works, City of Odessa
Hal Feldman, P.E.	Traffic Coordinator, City of Odessa
Randy Brinlee	Planning Director Planning
Andrew Avis	Midland County
David Peck	Project Manager, Ector County Public Works
Jessica Schuttler, P.E.	Dunaway Associates, Midland County
Don Szczesny, PE, PTOE.	Dunaway Associates, Senior Discipline Lead

AGENDA ITEM

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting of the Permian Basin MPO Policy Board was called to order at 3:03 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 November 16, 2020 and December 3, 2020

A motion was made by Doug Provance and seconded by Tom Sprawls to approve the Policy Board Minutes from November 16, 2020 and December 3, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Discuss the November 2020 Billing Statements

November is the second 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 November, Permian Basin MPO expended \$32,166.28 which brings the percentage of expenditures to 7.78% of the FY 2021 programmed funds. The actual balance of funds is \$73,273.29.

A motion was made by Tom Sprawls and seconded John Speed by to approve the November 2020 billing statement. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Approve the MPO's project list for inclusion into the TxDOT FY 2022-2031 UTP

The Policy Board and TAC held a workshop on December 3 to discuss proposed projects for inclusion into the draft FY 2022-2031 UTP. Staff was instructed to add a project proposed by the City of Odessa and bring back the list for additional discussion and vote on December 14th.

A table showing the proposed low-cost projects and the four partially funded projects was sent as a separate attachment. Staff prepared a Resolution for the Board to consider.

A motion was made by Robin Donnelly and seconded by Doug Provance to approve the MPO's project list for inclusion into the TxDOT FY 2022-2031 UTP. The motion passed unanimously.

7. MPO Staff Reports

a. 90-Day Calendar

Staff included a 90-day event calendar to inform the Policy Board of upcoming events. The board moved the January meeting to the 19th and the February meeting to the 16th.

b. Staff 30-day activities include: working on a comparison of traffic counts for the period 2015-2019. Attended the Border Trade Advisory Committee via remote access. Continued preparation of a recommended project list. Updated computer equipment including system security.

c. Update on the Request for Proposals for a regional corridor study

A subcommittee of the TAC volunteered to review and score the submittals. Members included Hal Feldman, David Peck, Matt Carr, and Andrew Avis. All four reviewed and scored the submittals with Freese Nichols being ranked the highest. Staff intends to begin contract negotiations with the firm as early as next week.

8. Agency Project Reports

- a. TxDOT Odessa District – Robert Ornelas:** Obtained FHWA approval (IAJR) for the CR 1250 interchange; bids will be received soon.
- b. City of Midland – Jose Ortiz:** The A Street at Wadley intersection improvement project is moving forward and should be complete around Thanksgiving. The two projects for next year's bond program are utility work on A St and utility work on Thomason. Once they get back from the winter season, they are hoping to have 8 more projects constructed from the 2017 bond election program.
- c. Midland County – Andrew Avis:** Currently have 8 constructions projects that are active throughout the county, one of which is new construction at CR 1232 for the Phase 2 Loop that is South of Monahans draw. CR 1150 is also being reconstructed both north and south of Loop 250. There are also 4 let and awarded projects that will start in the months of November and December. The Yukon Road and Industrial Ave projects are projected to be let by Spring of 2021.
- d. City of Odessa – Hal Feldman:** Continuing with the University Blvd project from Maple to Grandview. Also, roadway design project is moving along on Faudree from SH 191 to Yukon, 56th Street from E. Loop 338 to Faudree, Dawn from Yukon to 87th Street and on Dixie from I-20 to South Loop 338. Hope to be under construction on Faudree next year.
- e. Ector County – David Peck:** The Kermit Highway to FM 1936 project is almost complete and are hoping for it to be complete soon. The Paw Paw Street project has now moved to the third portion of the project which is from Klondike to US 385. They have finished with the first coat of seal coating and they are getting ready to start the second coat with weather permitting. Also completed approximately 44 miles of in-house seal coating. An additional parking lot and a pad for fuel truck parking were built at the Airport to address overflow issues. The CTIF grant in-house plans are almost complete. The county is working on design for projects in their 20-year improvement plan.

- f. **Martin County – Bryan Cox** – They are getting ready for a few projects that will be starting at the beginning of the calendar year.
- g. **MOUTD – Doug Provance**: They recently finished installing a new sensor system on all the vehicles. The system will notify of things like driver inattention, sharp turning, etc. It will be used for teaching and learning purposes.

9. Future Meetings

Policy Board Meeting – Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 3:00 pm

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting – Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 8:00 am

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

None.

12. Adjourn

Judge Hays wished everyone present and their families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. A motion was made by to Robin Donnelly to adjourn; seconded by Tom Sprawls. The motion passed unanimously with adjournment at 3:44 pm.