



# Permian Basin MPO

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## **Policy Board Meeting**

Permian Basin MPO

9601 Wright Dr., Suite 1, Midland, TX, 79706

**December 16, 2019 3:00 p.m.**

## **Minutes**

### **Policy Board Members Present**

Robin Donnelly	Chair, County Commissioner, Midland County
John B. Love III	Vice-Chair, Councilman, City of Midland
Bryan Cox	Martin County Judge
Debi Hays	County Judge, Ector County
Doug Provance	General Manager, MOUTD (EZ-Rider)

### **Policy Board Members Absent:**

John Speed, P.E.	District Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District
Tom Sprawls	Councilman, City of Odessa

### **Others in Attendance:**

Cameron Walker, AICP	Executive Director, Permian Basin MPO
Lorraine Quimiro	Senior Transportation Planner, Permian Basin MPO
Kallie Hallmark	GIS Analyst, Permian Basin MPO
Matt Carr, P.E.	City Engineer, City of Midland
Gary Law, P.E.	Director of Project Development, MDC
Gene Powell	Public Information Officer, TxDOT Odessa District

## **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, Robin Donnelly. A quorum was present.

### **2. Introductions and Announcements**

None.

### **3. Public Comment Period**

None.

#### **4. Approve the Policy Board Minutes from November 16, 2019**

A motion was made by John Love and seconded by Debi Hays to approve the Policy Board Minutes from November 16, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **5. Discuss the October 2019 Billing Statements**

Effective October 1, 2019, the City of Odessa converted to a new financial system. Due to technical difficulties, MPO staff has been unable to obtain the necessary financial statements needed to prepare a financial statement for the month of October.

#### **6. Discuss the MPO studies listed in the Unified Planning Work Program**

Staff led a discussion to update the Board concerning the following potential MPO studies.

##### **5.1 IH 20 Corridor Access and Mobility Management (TxDOT)**

TxDOT is continuing work with the MPO, and the TxDOT Odessa District to address mobility management along a 40-mile corridor within the Metropolitan Area Boundary to modernize the portion of I-20 inside the MPO boundary. This work commenced in the summer of 2015. Numerous committee and stakeholder meetings have been held and work will continue in FY 2020.

##### **5.2 Multi-Use Corridor Study, Phase II**

This work involves the continuation of a multi-agency coordination and oversight of an implementation study for a multi-use corridor connecting the cities of Odessa and Midland. This phase of the study would narrow the range of alternative corridors and determine the organization and oversight of corridor management and maintenance.

##### **5.3 NE Corridor Study, Phase II**

This work would involve a follow up of the work completed in 2016 through a partnership between the City of Midland and the MPO. Several large area landowners have expressed interest to the MPO about a continuing effort to examine the need and potential for extending north-south and east-west corridors in the northeast part of the City of Midland and in Midland and Martin Counties. A second phase of the initial work would provide a clearer identification of corridors and potential land uses now that the City of Midland has committed to install a new water tower and utility lines in that part of the city.

##### **5.4 42<sup>nd</sup> Street/Yukon Road Corridor Analysis**

SH 191 becomes 42<sup>nd</sup> Street in the City of Odessa. It is one of the heaviest travelled roads in the region. The crash rate at certain locations along the corridor are alarming. This study would be a parallel component to a smaller area study funded by Ector County in 2016 to review the potential for Yukon Road to become a reliever route for 42<sup>nd</sup> Street. These two roads are parallel to each other for several miles and a study of existing conditions and potential operational improvements to these corridors and others in northeast Ector County will be beneficial to the MPO and may result in future projects to be included in the MTP, where applicable.

##### **5.5 Loop 338 Odessa Feasibility Study**

This work is currently underway. It is a feasibility study to analyze Loop 338 around Odessa to

determine the possibility of constructing freeway segments. The work is funded by TxDOT.

## **7. MPO Staff Reports**

### **a. 90-Day Calendar**

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

### **b. 30-Day Activity and Social Media Update**

- Staff attended the FHWA Value Capture training event in Austin, Dec 3-5th
- Staff attended the EZ Rider Board meeting on November 20th
- Staff attended the MOTRAN annual meeting on December 12th
- Staff met with the consultants who are retooling the MPO's public participation effort

The Permian Basin MPO has 509 Facebook Likes and 151 Followers on Twitter. The Facebook "likes" number has increased dramatically since the MTP workshops were held in late October and early November.

### **c. Federal TMA Certification Review**

FHWA and FTA have scheduled a two-day period from February 26th through February 27th, 2020 to conduct a certification review of the MPO. This is the second review. Under USDOT requirements, TMAs are required to have a certification review completed every four years. Staff will provide additional background to this requirement at the meeting.

## **9. Agency Project Reports:**

- a. TxDOT Odessa District: John Speed:** Referenced the MPO project list that was provided by TxDOT for any updates.
- b. City of Midland: Matt Carr:** Lots of projects going on.
- c. Midland County: Jessica Schuttler:** Everything is under construction.
- d. City of Odessa:** No comment.
- e. Ector County:** No comment.
- f. Martin County:** Waiting on Santa Claus.
- g. MOUTD:** Doug Provance: The MOUTD and MPO staff has been working together on a TIP amendment.

## **8. Future Meetings**

Policy Board Meeting – Monday, January 13, 2020 at 3:00 pm

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting – Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 8:00 am

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee – January 30, 2020 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**

A motion was made by to adjourn by John Speed and seconded by Doug Provance. The motion passed unanimously with adjournment at 4:19 pm.