



Permian Basin
MPO Metropolitan
Planning
Organization

Permian Basin MPO Conference Room, 9601 Wright Drive, Midland, TX
Policy Board Meeting
December 17, 2018 5:00 p.m.

Policy Board Members Present

Robin Donnelly	Chair, County Commissioner, Midland County
John B. Love III	Vice-Chair, Councilman, City of Midland
John Speed, P.E.	District Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District
David Turner	Mayor, City of Odessa
Debi Hays	County Judge, Ector County
Gennie Garcia	MOUTD (EZ-Rider) General Manager

Policy Board Members Absent:

Bryan Cox	Martin County Judge
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Others in Attendance:

Cameron Walker, AICP	Executive Director, Permian Basin MPO
Lorraine Quimiro	Senior Transportation Planner, Permian Basin MPO
Pamela Berry	Transportation Planner/GIS Tech, Permian Basin MPO
Alyssa Chavez	Office Manager, Permian Basin MPO
Chad Windham, P.E.	Director of Operations, TxDOT Odessa District
Gene Powell	Public Information Officer, TxDOT Odessa District
Gabriel Ramirez, P.E.	Advanced Planning Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District
Robert Ornelas, P.E.	Director of TP&D, TxDOT Odessa District
Hal Feldman P.E.	Traffic Coordinator, City of Odessa
David Peck	Project Manager, Ector County Public Works
Gary Law, P.E.	Director of Project Development, MDC
Jessica Schuttler, P.E.	Dunaway Associates, Midland County
Jose Ortiz, P.E.	Engineering Services Director, City of Midland

AGENDA ITEM

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting of the Permian Basin MPO Policy Board was called to order at 5:09 p.m. by Policy Board Chair Robin Donnelly, a quorum was present.

2. Introductions and Announcements

There were no introductions or announcements.

3. Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

4. Approve the Policy Board Minutes from November 19, 2018

A motion was made by David Turner and seconded by John Speed to approve the Policy Board Minutes from November 19, 2018. Gennie Garcia abstained, the motion passed.

5. Approve the October 2018 Billing Statement

October is the first billing period for fiscal year 2019 and the Permian Basin MPO expended \$48,926.34. The percentage of expenditures is at approximately 10.87% of the annual budget and the actual balance of funds is \$ 401,073.66.

A motion was made by John Love and seconded by David Turner to approve the October 2018 Billing Statement. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Approve the Draft FY 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment No. 1 and authorize a public comment period

The TIP is a required document that contains a list of short-range highway and transit projects that have identified funding sources. The Policy Board approved the FY 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in May 2018. In August 2018 the Texas Transportation Commission approved the ten-year Unified Transportation Program (UTP). As a reminder to the Policy Board, in 2015 the Texas legislature required TxDOT and MPOs to manage their transportation planning processes using a ten-year planning period. The Texas Transportation Commission must approve its ten-year UTP prior to September 1 each year. Within the new UTP document are three additional funded projects that were not identified at the time the Policy Board approved the MPO's TIP. All three of the newly funded projects are shown in the MPO's ten-year priority list. Since the Commission has identified these projects for funding in the FY 2019-2022 TIP, the Policy Board will need to approve an amendment to the original TIP in order to proceed with the approved projects. These three projects are:

Replace underpass with overpass at I-20 and Midkiff Road,
New interchange at Yukon Road and SH 191,
New interchange at Loop 250 and CR 1140,

In addition to the proposed addition of these three projects, the TxDOT Odessa District is proposing to delay the timing of the roadway upgrade project on SH 349 (FM 1788) from I-20 to SH 191 to 2027.

The steps necessary to complete a TIP amendment include publishing the proposed amendment in the local newspapers as well as a ten-day public comment period prior to any Policy Board action. The Texas Transportation Commission will consider amendments to TIPs at their February meeting. Following Policy Board approval of the draft document, staff will ensure that the notices are published and that the draft is delivered to the locations listed in the MPO's Public Participation Plan. These are the Ector and Midland County libraries, TxDOT Odessa District, the Martin County Courthouse, the City Secretary Offices in Odessa and Midland, and the MPO. Following the ten-day comment period, staff will compile and comments. Staff will place the proposed TIP amendment on the Policy Board agenda in January 2019. The TAC recommended approval of the proposed TIP amendment by a vote of 5-2 at their regular meeting on December 6th.

A motion was made by John Love and seconded by Robin Donnelly to approve the Draft FY 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment No. 1 and authorize a public comment period. The motion passed with 3 voters in favor, 1 abstained and 3 against.

7. MPO Staff Reports

a. 120-Day Calendar

Staff included a 120-day calendar to inform the Policy Board of upcoming events.

b. Update on the Multi-Use Corridor Study

Halff Associates presented to the Permian Basin Bicycle Association at their regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Monday, November 19th at Mission Fitness in Odessa. Approximately thirty people were in attendance, including UTPB President and her staff. The following morning Halff Associates met with the Bicycle and Pedestrian advisory committee at the Permian Basin MPO offices to gather additional input. The consultants have identified key destination points and analyzed six possible routes which they will work to refine over the course of the next few weeks. The consultants will be back in the area during the period of January 14-17. The Permian Basin MPO will host a public meeting at their offices on January 15th at 6:30 pm to look at recommendations and continue to prioritize the route options. Staff will also schedule other meetings for the consultant during that week.

c. Update on development of the 2045 MTP

The TAC continued its discussion regarding the redrafting of the MPO's project selection scoring criteria and score weighting. It is anticipated that the TAC will finalize this important exercise in January. Staff will present the updated highlights of the discussion at the Policy Board meeting. No decision is being requested at this time.

d. Receipt of letter from Odessa Mayor David Turner

The MPO received a letter in November from Mayor David Turner. It is the staff's understanding that copies of the letter were also sent to the Policy Board members via mail and by email. The letter was included into December's Policy Board packet. The letter was determined to be acknowledged as a submission of projects from the City of Odessa.

e. 30-Day Activity and Social Media Update

- Staff continued discussion with UTPB, the Permian Basin Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee and Oncor Electric about the potential alignment(s) of a multi-modal corridor.
- Staff attended the TEMPO meeting in Arlington, TX on December 10th and received some additional training at the North Central Texas Council of Governments MPO office. Key items discussed at the TEMPO meeting include: future TxDOT meetings with all 25 Districts and MPOs; a new TTI congestion measuring tool; Performance Measure description into TIP and MTP documents, high speed rail, and a new requirement to update the MPO's Safety Resolution before February 27, 2019.
- Staff met with representatives of the Permian Strategic Partnership – Transportation Committee to discuss MPO funding and responsibilities and committed projects.

8. Agency Project Reports

a. TxDOT Odessa District: Robert Ornelas: The Loop 250/ CR 1160 project is scheduled to let in January. TxDOT was successful in obtaining funds for safety barriers to be installed throughout Hwy 191, I-20, BI-20, Loop 250 and Loop 338.

John Speed: The rehabilitation project in Stanton has been complete. The renovation on BI-20 will also be complete within a few days.

Gene Powell: The Hwy 349 project is beginning to move north of Loop 250.

b. City of Midland: John Love: City council just approved the extension of Fairgrounds Rd to Mockingbird Ln.

Jose Ortiz: The city will be holding a ribbon cutting for a bridge addition over a water crossing on Carver St. An extension of Woodcrest to Andrews Hwy is going to be starting soon. A lot of activity with the bond project will be occurring soon. The Tradewinds Blvd project will also be having a lot of activity going on.

c. Midland County: Robin Donnelly: Currently progressing with the Coors Rd/BI-20 project.

Jessica Schuttler: Contractors are moving dirt and rebuilding the base material for the CR 1160 project.

d. City of Odessa: Hal Feldman: Oncor is currently working at University Blvd/Maple. The street lights project for Downtown will start within the next few weeks and the paving project will start in April.

e. Ector County: Debi Hays: The county is still dealing with Potholes. Also, currently waiting on the water to clear up in order to start on various projects throughout the county.

David Peck: The county is also in the process of reevaluating roadway projects to understand what the greatest needs are and what takes priority.

f. Martin County: absent.

g. MOUTD: Gennie Garcia: They are looking at providing transportation service for Medicaid recipients in the future. Unfortunately, the company is starting to lose drivers and mechanics.

The company is also looking to increase advertising for various companies with their new bus wraps.

9. Future Meetings

Policy Board Meeting – Monday, December 17, 2018 at 5:00 pm

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting – Thursday, January 3, 2019 at 8:00 am

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee – Thursday January 10, 2019 at 8:00 am

LEAP Rural Rail District Meeting – Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at 8:15 am (tent.)

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 Love, seconded by David Turner. The motion passed unanimously with adjournment at 6:27 p.m.

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