



Permian Basin MPO

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Policy Board Meeting

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

May 18, 2020 3:00 p.m.

Minutes

Policy Board Members Present

Robin Donnelly	Chair, County Commissioner, Midland County
Jack Ladd	Councilman, City of Midland
Debi Hays	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

Policy Board Members Absent:

Bryan Cox	Martin County Judge
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Others in Attendance:

Cameron Walker, AICP	Executive Director, Permian Basin MPO
Alyssa Chavez	Office Manager, Permian Basin MPO
Kallie Hallmark	GIS Analyst, Permian Basin MPO
Beau Zertuche	Maverick Productions
Matt Carr, P.E.	City Engineer, City of Midland
Taha Sakrani	Traffic Engineer, City of Midland
Gary Law, P.E.	Director of Project Development, MDC
Andrew Avis	Midland County
Jessica Schuttler, P.E.	Dunaway Associates, Midland County
Hal Feldman	Traffic Coordinator, City of Odessa
Bill Frawley, AICP	Research Scientist, TTI
Phillip Tindall, AICP	Planner, Texas Department of Transportation
James Beauchamp	MOTRAN
Dustin Fawcett	MOTRAN
Robert Ornelas, P.E.	Director of TP&D, TxDOT Odessa District
Gabriel Ramirez, P.E.	Advanced Planning Engineer, 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 Vice-Chair, Jack Ladd. A quorum was present.

2. Introductions and Announcements

None.

3. Public Comment Period

None.

4. Approve the Policy Board Minutes from April 20, 2020

A motion was made by John Speed and Tom Sprawls to approve the Policy Board Minutes from April 20, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

5.. Discuss the November & December 2019 Billing Statements

January is the fourth billing period for fiscal year 2020; the tables below reflect the expenditures from Tasks and Subtasks as approved in the FY 2020 UPWP. During the month of January, Permian Basin MPO expended \$61,057.44 which brings the percentage of expenditures to 24.13% of the FY 2020 programmed funds. The actual balance of funds is \$356,353.32.

February is the fifth billing period for fiscal year 2020; the tables below reflect the expenditures from Tasks and Subtasks as approved in the FY 2020 UPWP. During the month of February, Permian Basin MPO expended \$31,456.03 which brings the percentage of expenditures to 28.62% of the FY 2020 programmed funds. The actual balance of funds is \$324,897.29.

A motion was made by Robin Donnelly and Doug Provance approve the January and February Billing Statements. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Ports-to-Plains I-27 Feasibility Study Update

The 86th Texas legislature passed House Bill 1079 (HB 1079) relating to a study by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) of the Ports-to-Plains Corridor, including an evaluation of the feasibility of certain improvements to Interstate Highway 27 (I-27). The governor signed the bill into law on June 10, 2019. The Bill requires a report to be delivered to the governor by January 2021. TxDOT hired a consulting team to assist with a feasibility study for an extension to the north and south of the existing portion of I-27 which connects Lubbock to Amarillo. TxDOT has managed the process of completing the study. The TxDOT team anticipates that a draft report will be complete within 45-days whereupon it will be combined with the work being prepared by subcommittees in the other two segments.

Staff lead a discussion on this topic with others participating as needed. This was a discussion item only so the Board membership withheld indicating support or non-support of this proposal originating with the TxDOT consulting team of Garver USA.

7. MPO Staff Reports

a. 90-Day Calendar

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

8. Agency Project Reports

None.

9. Future Meetings

Policy Board Meeting – Monday, June 15, 2020 at 3:00 pm

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting – Thursday, June 4, 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.

13. Adjourn

A motion was made by to adjourn by Robin Donnelly and seconded by John Speed. The motion passed unanimously with adjournment at 4:13 pm.