



June 15, 2020

Policy Board Members Present

Debi Hays	Chair, County Judge, Ector County
Robin Donnelly	County Commissioner, Midland County
Jack Ladd, Jr.	Vice-Chair, Councilman, City of Midland
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
Kirk Fauver	FHWA Texas Division
Matt Carr, P.E.	City Engineer, City of Midland
Jose Ortiz	Engineering Services Director, City of Midland
Gary Law, P.E.	Director of Project Development, MDC
Bill Frawley	Texas A&M Transportation Institute
Thomas Kerr, P.E.	Director of Public Works, City of Odessa
Hal Feldman	Traffic Coordinator, City of Odessa
Andrew Avis	Director of Public Works, Midland County
Jessica Schuttler, P.E.	Dunaway Associates, Midland County
Chad Windham, P.E.	Director of Operations, TxDOT Odessa District
Gabriel Ramirez, P.E.	Advanced Planning Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District
Phillip Tindall, AICP	Planner, Texas Department of Transportation
Robert Ornelas, P.E.	Director of TP&D, TxDOT Odessa District
Kerry Miller, P.E.	Kimley Horn Associates

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting of the Permian Basin MPO Policy Board was called to order at 3:02 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 FY 2021-2024 TIP

Every two years the MPO must determine its project list for roadway and transit projects that have identified funding streams; the projects listed in the draft TIP are therefore considered fiscally constrained. Fiscal constraint for transportation project programming is a federal requirement. Staff met with the TxDOT Odessa District to review projects that could be listed in the TIP; this means that funds are available and that the project letting can be completed in the specified four-year time frame. Currently, the MPO is operating under the FY 2019-2022 TIP which was adopted by the Policy Board on May 18th, 2018. Projects that are in this document but have not been let for construction have been carried over into the new FY 2021-2024 TIP.

The Urban area TIP includes all regionally significant transportation projects to be funded within the MPO boundary during the next four years. An important component to the TIP development process is a 30-day public comment period. A public hearing was held on May 14th at 8:30 a.m. Comments made during the hearing have been added to the draft TIP. No comments have been received since the public hearing event. The MPO's FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is due by July 13, 2020.

Highway and transit projects will be highlighted by the staff during the meeting. Staff recommends approval of the draft TIP document and the associated Resolution.

A motion was made by Doug Provance and John Speed to approve the FY 2021-2024 TIP. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Presentation by FHWA on the TMA Certification Review

Kirk Fauver from the Texas Division of FHWA presented the combined FHWA/FTA report on the February 26-27, 2020 Federal Certification Review. A separate PowerPoint file was included in the Board packet for reference. Mr. Fauver stated that a letter was sent to Board Chair Debi Hays in May 2020.

6. Presentation by TxDOT Odessa District on the TxDOT Transportation Systems Management and Operations program

Chad Windham, P.E. provided a brief introduction to a new program being promoted by TxDOT. He then turned over the discussion to consultants.

7. Presentation by Kimley Horn on the TxDOT Loop 338 study

Kerry Miller, P.E. with Kimley Horn made a presentation on the TxDOT Loop 338 study. The study is to determine the feasibility of converting segments of Loop 338 into freeways. The work is not yet complete. TxDOT is the sponsor of the work task.

8. Discuss corridors studies and policy ideas as part of the TxDOT Permian Basin Freight Plan

Staff met with the Odessa and Midland transportation planning staffs to discuss potential additions to the 24-County Freight Study.

The following are ideas that have been generated from discussions as mentioned above. The potential behind these ideas is add some, or all, of these ideas into the report to the ongoing 24-County Permian Basin Freight Study which is nearing completion. Responsibility for adding any of these ideas lies with TxDOT and the Freight Study team. By adding the ideas to the report, it is likely that further action including studies will be considered by TxDOT.

There is no hierarchical order to these ideas.

1. Study the feasibility of extending 100th Street in NE Odessa to tie onto FM 1788
2. Study locations for direct connects on the freeway system to improve freight mobility (i.e. West Loop 338 at I-20)
3. Examine existing and potential designated freight routes
4. Convert non-freeway to freeway facilities in higher use freight corridors
5. Consider utility relocation and drainage issues associated with project development
6. Examine Railroad Commission data sets to provide an early determination if existing (or planned) infrastructure, wells, storage facilities will adversely affect a proposed MPO project

7. Commence an E/W intercity corridor feasibility study for improving Yukon Road, 42nd Street (SH 191)
8. Study the potential impact of a N/S corridor extension of Faudree Road from Yukon to SH 158
9. Study the potential impact of adding Spur type roads similar to Lubbock where connections between highways are improved by simple redirection may improve congested interchanges.
10. Study the feasibility of extending the Craddick Highway from SH 349 eastward to FM 1208 to cross I-20 and connect to SH 158
11. Review the potential for off system investments that serve to relieve traffic congestion within on system corridors i.e. Mockingbird Lane is an important E/W corridor in Midland as is 42nd Street in Odessa. E/W traffic in Midland could be accommodated effectively by finishing a gap in Mockingbird Lane. Once finished, the need to utilize Loop 250 would be reduced – thereby improving safety and mobility
12. Analyze the need for backage roads including potential locations
13. Build CR 1250 as a N/S corridor in western Midland and Midland County from I-20 to Craddick Hwy
14. Consider interlocal agreements between TxDOT and the appropriate local entity about establishing minimum standards for improvements located where freight corridors intersect with the TxDOT system. Eg. Right turn movement lanes, reinforced pads (not an engineering term) where the two systems intersect to improve longevity and reliability
15. Examine a potential extension of FM 3503 from Loop 338 in Odessa extending eastward to FM 1788 and possibly SH 349 in Midland Co.

9. 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 participated in multiple webinars on the Permian Basin Freight Plan, the Ports-to-Plains corridor study, staffing needs discussions with Texas A&M Transportation Institute
- Staff held a public hearing on the draft FY 2021-2024 TIP and addressed comments
- The Permian Basin MPO has 514 Facebook and 156 Followers on Twitter

10. Agency Project Reports:

- a. **TxDOT Odessa District** – Robert Ornelas US 385/87th Traffic signal with intersection improvement went to bid in June at \$2.9 million to Reece Albert.
- b. **City of Midland** – Jose Ortiz: New construction project, A St/Wadley intersection back on with Reece Albert. Project delays: Golf Course/Midkiff intersection has many issues including sewer line failure, storm drain, utility work, currently being paved. Thomason utility project underway.
- c. **Midland County** – Andrew Avis: Ongoing: Bid out Phase II CR 1150 S of Loop 250, start construction Phase I CR 1150 N of Loop 250. Start construction Phase II of SL 250 on CR 140 to CR 1160, continuing of Fairgrounds south of BI-20 to Florida, right of way acquisition on Yukon Rd
- d. **City of Odessa** – Hal Feldman: University project set to install final lift of asphalt between Andrews Hwy and Maple, striping to be complete next week and Maple and Grandview section to be completed after, City Seal Coat project begins on Wednesday and to be completed in a week, project for new intersections approved by city council 87th/Dawn & 87/Evans to begin in August
- e. **Ector County** – Debi Hays: projects at W 42nd/SL 338, work going on Papaw St. on southside, 67th St has standing water to be fixed, construction between 16th and University at Rodando to begin, seal coat of west side and south side of Odessa
- f. **Martin County – Absent.**
- g. **MOUTD – Absent**

11. Future Meetings

Policy Board Meeting – Monday, July 20, 2020 at 3:00 pm

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

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee – TBD.

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 Tom Sprawls and seconded by John Speed. The motion passed unanimously with adjournment at 4:38 pm.