



Permian Basin MPO

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Policy Board Meeting

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

April 20, 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, MOUSD (EZ-Rider)
John Speed, P.E.	District Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District
Tom Sprawls	Councilman, City of Odessa
Bryan Cox	Martin County Judge

Policy Board Members Absent:

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
Jose Ortiz	Engineering Services Director, 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
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 3:01 p.m. by Policy Board Chair, Robin Donnelly. A quorum was present.

2. Introductions and Announcements

None.

3. Public Comment Period

None.

4. Discuss the November & December 2019 Billing Statements

November is the second billing period for fiscal year 2020 and reflects the expenditures from Tasks and Subtasks as approved in the FY 2020 UPWP. During the month of November, Permian Basin MPO expended \$42,583.95 which brings the percentage of expenditures to 12.40% of the FY 2020 programmed funds. The actual balance of funds is \$438,440.22.

December is the third billing period for fiscal year 2020 and reflects the expenditures from Tasks and Subtasks as approved in the FY 2020 UPWP. During the month of December, Permian Basin MPO expended \$21,029.46 which brings the percentage of expenditures to 15.41% of the FY 2020 programmed funds. The actual balance of funds is \$417,410.76.

A motion was made by Tom Sprawls and John Speed to approve the November and December Billing Statements. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Approve a Resolution committing MPO support of TxDOTs Adopted 2020 Safety Targets

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) has implemented several roadway-related performance requirements created under MAP-21 and the FAST Act. The MPO Policy Board acted in January of 2018 and January 2019 to support adopted statewide safety targets developed by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). Safety performance measures focus on reducing the number of people killed and seriously injured in motorized and non-motorized crashes. By addressing safety and reporting targets in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program, performance measures can inform planning and funding decisions in the pursuit of regional and national goals. It was mentioned that the measures considered are to comply with the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act Safety Performance Measures as follows:

- Number of Fatalities
- Rate of Fatalities per 100M VMT
- Number of Serious Injuries
- Serious Injury Rate
- Total Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries

TxDOT has set new targets for the year 2020. It was specified that all MPO's and districts also need to adopt the updated safety targets for the year 2020. Staff requested that the Policy Board approve a Resolution supporting TxDOT's 2020 safety performance targets.

A motion was made by Tom Sprawls and Debi Hays to approve a Resolution committing MPO support of TxDOTs Adopted 2020 Safety Targets. The motion passed unanimously.

6. FY 2021-2024 TIP Discussion

The MPO's FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is due by July 13, 2020. 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 TIP are therefore considered fiscally constrained. Fiscal constraint for transportation project programming is a federal requirement. Staff recently met with the TxDOT Odessa District to review projects that could be listed in the draft 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. The projects that are in this document but have not been let for construction will carry over into the FY 2021-2024 TIP. The new projects proposed for addition in the latter years of the 2021-2024 period include:

1. Signal improvements at Loop 338 W at Yukon;
2. I-20 improvements from Monahan's Draw to US 385;
3. I-20 improvements from US 385 to JBS Pkwy;
4. I-20 improvements from Loop 250 W to .3 mi east of SH 349; and
5. Construct a new interchange at US 385 S and Loop 338.

In addition to these new projects, staff proposed an amendment in the project at Loop 250/SH 158 in Midland. Comments concerning timeline of listed projects and category funding were asked and addressed by staff as needed.

A motion was made by John Speed and Tom Sprawls to move forward with releasing the FY 2021-2024 TIP for public comment. 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.

b. 30-Day Activity and Social Media Update

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- Staff attended the TEMPO Texas meeting via webinar
- Staff attended the MDC Economic Discussion event on March 2
- Staff attended the I-27 Corridor committee meeting and the TxDOT Freight Study update via webinar

The Permian Basin MPO has 514 Facebook and 156 Followers on Twitter

c. Federal TMA Certification Review

FHWA and FTA 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 since the MPO became a Transportation Management Area (TMA) in 2012. Under USDOT requirements, TMAs are required to have a certification review completed every four years. Three Policy Board members were interviewed by the federal team. Staff has been informed that Kirk Fauver, Research and Transportation Planner, FHWA Texas Division plans to present the results of the certification review at a future Board meeting.

8. Agency Project Reports

None.

9. Future Meetings

Policy Board Meeting – Monday, May 18, 2020 at 3:00 pm

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting – Thursday, May 7, 2020 at 8:00 am

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee – TBD.

10. Hold an Election for the Policy Board Chair and Vice-Chair

The MPO's by-laws state that an election for Board Chair and Vice-Chair positions shall be held in even numbered years. A motion was made by Tom Sprawls and seconded by John Speed to elect Debi Hays as the new Policy Board Chair. A motion was made by Robin Donnelly and seconded by John Speed to elect Jack Ladd as the new Vice-Chair for the Policy Board. The positions will go into effect starting in May.

11. 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.

12. Take Action Concerning Executive Session Matters

None.

13. Adjourn

A motion was made by to adjourn by Tom Sprawls and seconded by Jack Ladd. The motion passed unanimously with adjournment at 3:49 pm.