



Permian Basin MPO

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Policy Board Meeting

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

January 13, 2019 3:00 p.m.

Minutes

Policy Board Members Present

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| Robin Donnelly | Chair, County Commissioner, Midland County |
| John B. Love III | Vice-Chair, 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:

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| Bryan Cox | Martin County Judge |
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Others in Attendance:

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| Cameron Walker, AICP | Executive Director, Permian Basin MPO |
| Lorraine Quimiro | Senior Transportation Planner, Permian Basin MPO |
| Kallie Hallmark | GIS Analyst, Permian Basin MPO |
| Charles Harrington | Director of Development Services, City of Midland |
| Gary Law, P.E. | Director of Project Development, MDC |
| Gene Powell | Public Information Officer, TxDOT Odessa District |
| Jessica Schuttler, P.E. | Dunaway Associates, Midland County |
| Hal Feldman | Traffic Coordinator, City of Odessa |
| Roy Allen | Transportation Committee Chairman, Odessa Chamber |

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. Approve the Policy Board Minutes from December 16, 2019

John speed requested that it be changed that he was present at the previous meeting. A motion was made by John Love and seconded by John Speed to approve the Policy Board Minutes from December 16, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Discuss the October & November 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 and November.

A motion was made by John Love and Debi Hays to table the October and November Billing Statements for the next policy board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Approve FY 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment No. 2

EZ-Rider plans to purchase replacement vehicles for their transit fleet in accordance with their adopted Transit Asset Management Plan. The desired replacement vehicles were not listed in the FY 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program. In order to continue with the planned purchase, the TIP needed to be amended. Under the MPO's Public Participation Policies, a 10-day comment period is required before the Board may amend the TIP. Staff published a notice for a public meeting and held a hearing on January 2, 2020 to solicit public input. In addition, a draft copy of the proposed amendment was provided to each of the member agencies for public review and comment. There were no public comments related to this proposed Amendment No. 2. A Resolution amending the TIP has been prepared for the Board to sign.

A motion was made by John Love and Debi Hays to approve FY 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment No. 2. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Approve an amendment to the FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program to include MPO financial support for a regional comprehensive transit study Discuss the MPO studies listed in the Unified Planning Work Program

At the December Policy Board meeting, staff advised the Board that the Midland Odessa Urban Transit District intends to seek funding for a regional comprehensive transit study. In early December staff met with EZ-Rider Manager, Doug Provance and John Speed, P.E., District Engineer to discuss the merits of this type of study. Staff cited a dollar figure of \$35,000 at the Board meeting and proposed to bring the item back in January 2020 for Board consideration and action. Doug Provance, the General Manager, MOUSD (EZ-Rider), provided a brief summary to the board of how the current funds have been spent and what the projected expenditures will cost in the near future.

A motion was made by John Love and Debi Hays to approve Amendment No. 2 to the FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Hold a workshop to discuss corridor studies

The FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program is the MPO's annual budget document. Task 5 describes multiple studies that the MPO would like to commence in 2020. These include continuations of the NE Corridor Feasibility Study in Midland, Midland County and Martin County. This would be a continuation of work completed in 2016. A second study would include Phase 2 of the multi-modal corridor study connecting the two cities. This is a continuation of the work completed in May 2019. The third study would include the Yukon Road and 42nd Street corridors. Gary Law recommended that due to the limit of what we as an MPO can study, the 42nd/Yukon study name be changed to the North Ector County study. It was decided that the February TAC meeting and the February Policy Board meeting will be held together on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 starting at 2:00 PM.

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 hosted a meeting to discuss the region's needs with Peter Smith, P.E., Director of Transportation Planning and Programming from the TxDOT Austin office; 15 interested parties attended
- Staff attended the EZ Rider Board meeting on December
- Staff attended the Priority Midland Infrastructure Working Group meeting
- Staff held an important discussion with the TAC about congestion and how it should be evaluated in the MPO

The Permian Basin MPO has 532 Facebook and 155 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. The federal reviewers will wish to interview as many as three Policy Board members.

10. Agency Project Reports:

a. TxDOT Odessa District: John Speed: Referenced the MPO project list that was provided by TxDOT for any updates. Right now, they have 9 projects within the MPO boundaries that are currently under construction. Between January and August TxDOT, there will be approximately an additional \$90 million worth of projects to be let.

b. City of Midland: Gary Law: State Hwy 158 is currently a high area of interest for housing and other development. The City of Midland City Council authorized a contract between the Midland Development Corporation and Kimley Horn to develop PS&E off of State Hwy 158 at the intersections of Briarwood & Wadley. Tradewinds Blvd is about to open up. Fairgrounds Road, from Mockingbird Ln to Occidental Pkwy, will be open soon.

Chuck Harrington: Pilot Drive was let to Jones Brothers last week. Will hopefully be complete by

the Summer.

- c. **Midland County: Jessica Schuttler:** The CR 1200 project is continuing with construction, CR 130 to CR 150 is paved. The CR 1210 project is currently under construction as well and paving has been completed from CR 140 to CR 180. The CR 127 project is still waiting for AT&T utilities to be moved. Bids for the Fairgrounds project, from BI-20 to 158, are due next week.
Robin Donnelly: Jones Brothers received another bid for rehabilitation of approximately 10.5 miles in precinct 3.
- d. **City of Odessa: Hal Feldman:** The first phase of the University project is currently under construction, which is the North half of University between Andrews Hwy and Maple . Kimley Horn is currently working on roadway design for a section of Faudree and a section of 56th. Also, tomorrow night City Council will vote on a section of S. Dixie between I20 down South to Loop 338 for roadway design.
- e. **Ector County:** Construction is currently being done on 42nd St. Also working on the shoulders on West Yukon Rd, from Hwy 302 to Westcliff, to get ready for the seal coating work that will be done in the Summer. Ector County has hired seven new individuals for various positions and continue to make headway on fulfilling the additional available positions.
- f. **Martin County: Absent.**
- g. **MOU/D: Doug Provance:** The MOU/D staff is currently working on a way to reconfigure the west parking lot for the newly paved.

11. Future Meetings

Policy Board Meeting – Monday, February 17, 2020 at 3:00 pm

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting – Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 8:00 am

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee – Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 8:00 am.

12. 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.

13. Take Action Concerning Executive Session Matters

Commissioner Donnelly: Moved for Executive Session regarding personnel matters.

13 a. Return from Executive Session

A motion was made by John Love to return from Executive Session, all in favor. Mr. Love moved to grant a 3% cost of living adjustment effectively immediately. Debi Hays seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Adjourn

A motion was made by to adjourn by John Love and seconded by John Speed. The motion passed unanimously with adjournment at 4:14 pm.