



# Permian Basin MPO Metropolitan Planning Organization

**Policy Board Meeting**  
Permian Basin MPO  
9601 Wright Dr., Suite 1, Midland, TX, 79706  
**September 17, 2018 5:00 p.m.**

## **Minutes**

### **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
Debi Hays	County Judge, Ector County
David Turner	Mayor, City of Odessa

### **Policy Board Members Absent:**

Bryan Cox	Martin County Judge
Gennie Garcia	MOUTD (EZ-Rider) General Manager

### **Others in Attendance:**

Cameron Walker, AICP	Executive Director, Permian Basin MPO
Pamela Berry	Transportation Planner/GIS Tech, Permian Basin MPO
Gabriel Ramirez, P.E.	Advanced Planning Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District
Robert Ornelas, P.E.	Director of TP&D, TxDOT Odessa District
Ciro Baeza, P.E.	Director of Construction, TxDOT Odessa District
Jessica Schuttler, P.E.	Dunaway Associates, Midland County
Hal Feldman	Traffic Coordinator, City of Odessa
Evans Kessey	Director of Highways & Streets, Ector County
David Peck	Project Manager, Ector County Public Works
Roy Allen	Transportation Committee Chairman, Odessa Chamber
Gary Law, P.E.	Director of Project Development, MDC
Matt Carr, P.E.	City Engineer, City of Midland
Charles Harrington	Director of Development Services, 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**

Gary Law introduced Nikitha Sankepally as a new engineer at MDC. Cameron introduced the guest speaker, Brian Sales.

### **3. Public Comment Period**

There were no public comments.

### **4. Approve the Policy Board Minutes from August 20, 2018**

A motion was made by John Speed and seconded by Judge Hays to approve the Policy Board Minutes from August 20, 2018. John Love abstained, the motion passed unanimously.

### **5. Approve the July 2018 Billing Statement**

July is the tenth billing month for FY 2018 and the MPO spent \$35,878.32. The percentage of expenditures is at about 80.2% of the annual budget and the actual balance of funds is \$394,956.11.

Cameron explained to the Board that the MPO will need to purchase a new projector and laptop for the coming fiscal year, as our current projector is going out and we are using a borrowed laptop. We will be looking at Eddie Landrum's recommendations on those items.

A motion was made by John Love and seconded by John Speed to approve the July 2018 Billing Statement. The motion passed unanimously.

### **6. Presentation from The Sales Team on the state of housing in the region**

Brian Sales of the Sales team provided a comprehensive update to the Board on the state of housing within the region. He spoke about the lack of affordable housing in the area and the quick turnaround on houses that are for sale. A discussion followed regarding the lack of workers and city infrastructure issues as reasons more new houses are not being built.

### **8. MPO Staff Reports**

Cameron updated the Board on the open staff position. He explained that the position has been reclassified to an Office Manager due to requirements and responsibilities of the position. Two candidates have been interviewed and an offer has been made to one of them. He is just waiting to hear back from the City of Odessa regarding candidate's response.

**a. 120-Day Calendar:**

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

Mr. Speed explained that TxDOT has a mandatory meeting the week of October 15<sup>th</sup> and he will not be able to attend the Policy Board meeting on that day. A discussion was had regarding moving the October Policy Board meeting from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup>. All agreed that the 22<sup>nd</sup> would be better and that the meeting should be moved.

There was also a discussion about moving the December Policy Board meeting, everyone agreed to discuss it further in the October Policy Board meeting.

**b. Update on the Regional Thoroughfare Plan:**

Cameron updated the Board on the Regional Thoroughfare Plan. There have been four different drafts and we are close to having a finished product to present to the Board.

**c. Update on the Multi-Use Corridor Study:**

Cameron told the Board that there have been two meetings with the consultants regarding the Multi-Use Corridor Study. Their contract states that they will have it completed by February 2019.

**d. Update on 2045 MTP Development:**

Staff explained to the Board that a new MTP is due by late November 2019. Many of the line items in the previous MTP have been funded, others cannot be funded because they are off-system. These off-system roads may need to be removed from the list. For the new MTP development we need to come up with a new project list. The MPO will be doing a Call for Projects that will be open to the public with three workshops. This is a 30-day window for submittals for our new MTP.

Kimley Horn will be presenting at our next TAC meeting regarding the way San Antonio does their scoring of projects. Several of the Policy Board members expressed interest in attending the TAC meeting to hear the speaker.

**9. Agency Project Reports**

**TxDOT Odessa District: Robert:** Two projects are coming up: The rehab and improvements of Loop 250 and 191 frontage road, with letting in October, and in letting in November for the Loop 338 and 52<sup>nd</sup>/56<sup>th</sup> St project.

**John Speed:** Looking at packaging several projects into one larger project. John mentioned that he would like to have the TAC members review some potential projects regarding congestion relief and improving mobility.

**City of Midland: John Love:** Construction on Hicks Ave has been completed. The first year of the road bond project has concluded and the second year has officially commenced. The road bond construction is currently occurring all throughout the city.

**Matt:** The Tradewinds Blvd project has accepted a bid and construction is presumed to start soon. Matt mentioned that a future project concerning Avalon Drive and adjacent highways may be in store. Also mentioned concerns regarding a Pilot travel center that is to be built on the South

West corner of 1788 and 191. The City of Midland representatives suggested that the Permian Basin MPO and TxDOT be of assistance in finding a solution to the concerns.

**Midland County: Commissioner Donnelly:** Construction began in September on South Loop 1290. Construction for CR 1290 is scheduled to start the 17<sup>th</sup> of September. Construction for CR 127 is currently on hold due to a utility issue. Bids for CR 1210 are out, but they were not successful the first round, so they are considering splitting the next round of bids to see if any will be accepted.

**City of Odessa: Hal:** The clearance project for University Blvd is almost complete. The road project is ready for construction but did not receive any bids. Therefore, they are going to consider repackaging the bids in order to try to remain on schedule.

**Ector County: Evans:** The 56<sup>th</sup> Rd extension project is moving slow, there is still a lot of excavation to do, but it is getting done nonetheless. They are also working on seal coat and depending on the weather, the project should be completed by the end of the month.

**Martin County: Absent**

**MOULD: Absent**

#### **10. Future Meetings**

Policy Board Meeting – Monday, October 22, 2018 at 5:00 pm

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting – Thursday, October 4, 2018 at 9:30 am

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee – TBD

LEAP Rural Rail District Meeting – N/A

Goal Zero will be Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Midland County Horseshoe Arena.

#### **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 purposes 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**

**Commissioner Donnelly:** moved for Executive Session regarding personnel matters.

#### **13. Return from Executive Session**

A motion was made by John Love to return from Executive Session, all in favor. Mr. Love moved to grant raises for all MPO personnel at 5% and Executive Director at 3%. Debi Hays seconded, motion passed unanimously.

**14. Adjourn**

A motion was made by John Love to adjourn, seconded by Judge Debi Hays to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 pm.