



# Permian Basin MPO

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## **Policy Board Meeting**

Permian Basin MPO

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

**October 30, 2019 4:00 p.m.**

## **Minutes**

### **Policy Board Members Present**

Robin Donnelly	Chair, County Commissioner, Midland County
John B. Love III	Vice-Chair, Councilman, City of Midland
Bryan Cox	Martin County Judge
Debi Hays	County Judge, Ector County
John Speed, P.E.	District Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District
Tom Sprawls	Councilman, City of Odessa
Doug Provance	General Manager, MOUTD (EZ-Rider)

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

None.

### **Others in Attendance:**

Cameron Walker, AICP	Executive Director, Permian Basin MPO
Lorraine Quimiro	Senior Transportation Planner, Permian Basin MPO
Kallie Hallmark	GIS Analyst, Permian Basin MPO
Jessica Schuttler, P.E.	Dunaway Associates, Midland County
Jose Ortiz	Engineering Services Director, City of Midland
David Peck	Project Manager, Ector County Public Works
Beau Zertuche	Maverick Productions
John James	MODE Communications

## **AGENDA ITEM**

### **1. Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting of the Permian Basin MPO Policy Board was called to order at 4:06 p.m. by Policy Board Chair, Robin Donnelly. A quorum was present.

### **2. Introductions and Announcements**

Tom Sprawls and Doug Provance were introduced to the attendees.

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

There were no public comments.

#### **4. Approve the Policy Board Minutes from September 26, 2019**

A motion was made by John Love and seconded by Bryan Cox to approve the Policy Board Minutes from September 26, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **5. Approve the August 2019 Billing Statements**

August is the eleventh billing period for fiscal year 2019 and reflects the expenditures from Tasks and Subtasks as approved in the FY 2019 UPWP. During the month of August, Permian Basin MPO expended \$34,0955.27, which brings the percentage of expenditures to 69.68% of the FY 2019 programmed funds. The balance of funds is \$136,441.42.

A motion was made by John Love and seconded by Debi Hays to approve the July 2019 Billing Statements. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **6. Presentation from Maverick Productions regarding Public Participation**

Representatives of the Maverick Productions firm, Beau Zertuche and John James, presented the results of how the first two public workshops turned out. Beau explained what they were currently working on with expanding public participation and how they were working to reach a broader audience. John James explained how they are taking the approach of reaching the public by using social media and other electronic platforms. John also produced a snapshot of the activity the MPO's Facebook page has generated since they have been under contract. Beau concluded the presentation by reminding everyone of the upcoming public comment workshop located at the MPO's office.

#### **7. MPO Staff Reports**

##### **a. 90-Day Calendar**

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

##### **b. Update on the intercity Multi Modal Corridor**

Staff hosted a meeting of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee on October 17<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was well attended. A presentation from Dr. Patel on the topic of Blue Zones was delivered with several comments and questions following. The Committee decided to establish a working subcommittee which would begin to review a scope of services for a proposed Phase II of the study effort. The next meeting is set for November 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.

##### **c. 30-Day Activity and Social Media Update**

- Staff attended the EZ Rider Board RCTP meeting on September 18th
- Staff met with the consultants who are retooling the MPO's public participation effort

The Permian Basin MPO has 151 Facebook Likes and 143 Followers on Twitter.

#### **9. Agency Project Reports:**

**a. TxDOT Odessa District: John Speed:** Provided updates regarding certain projects within the MPO project list that was provided by TxDOT. He praised the Policy Board, and other members of the MPO planning process, for the great work that has occurred within the past few years. It was mentioned that the MPO has the opportunity to allocate \$194 million within a six-month

period.

- b. City of Midland: Jose Ortiz:** Currently working on bond projects and working to get them completed. The Tradewinds Blvd project is nearing completion, as well as the SH 349 project.  
**John Love:** The city is still implementing impact fees and has adopted a new zoning code.
- c. Midland County: Robin Donnelly:** Bid out phase two of the South Loop project and should receive the contracts back by the end of November. Released the Fairgrounds Rd project out for bid. Also going to let a contract for a 10-mile project in precinct 3.  
**Jessica Schuttler:** The CR 127 project is at a standstill due to waiting on AT&T waiting to lower one of their lines. Cottonflat and Midkiff is currently under construction and should be done placing base material soon.
- d. City of Odessa: Tom Sprawls:** The city is looking to have the bicycle path on the UTPB campus extended to the downtown area. The University project is still under construction.
- e. Ector County: Debi Hays:** On the last county commissioners court meeting, a 20-year county road improvement and rehabilitation plan was approved. The plan is to help widen 4 major highways, help with construction on Yukon and other projects throughout the county. First year of being able to use the sales tax on roads, work equipment and law enforcement. The county has in return been able to expand the personnel, budgets and equipment within various departments within the county.
- f. Martin County: Bryan Cox:** Martin County is trying to fix the Volunteer Fire Department due to a vehicle driving through and totaled a few vehicles and damaged the building.
- g. MOUTD: Doug Provance:** Currently working on the 5339 Grant to obtain funding to replace buses. Also looking to purchase more smaller buses. About to prepare for a Comprehensive Operation Assessment to evaluate the current bus routes.

#### **8. Future Meetings**

Policy Board Meeting – Monday, November 18, 2019 at 4:00 pm

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting – Thursday, November 7, 2019 at 8:00 am

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee – November 14, 2019 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.

#### **12. Adjourn**

A motion was made by to adjourn by John Love and seconded by Bryan Cox. The motion passed unanimously with adjournment at 5:41 pm.