



Permian Basin MPO

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Policy Board Meeting
Permian Basin MPO
9601 Wright Dr., Suite 1, Midland, TX, 79706
June 17, 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
John Speed, P.E.	District Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District
Bryan Cox	Martin County Judge
David Turner	Mayor, City of Odessa

Policy Board Members Absent:

Debi Hays	County Judge, Ector County
Gennie Garcia	General Manager, MOUTD (EZ-Rider)

Others in Attendance:

Cameron Walker, AICP	Executive Director, Permian Basin MPO
Lorraine Quimiro	Senior Transportation Planner, Permian Basin MPO
Alyssa Chavez	Office Manager, Permian Basin MPO
Jessica Schuttler, P.E.	Dunaway Associates, Midland County
David Peck	Project Manager, Ector County Public Works
Gene Powell	Public Information Officer, TxDOT Odessa District
Aдриanna Beggar*	Assistant Area Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District
Gabriel Ramirez, P.E.	Advanced Planning Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District
Gary Law, P.E.	Director of Project Development, MDC
Phillip Tindall, AICP	Planner, Texas Department of Transportation
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 4:05 p.m. by Policy Board Vice-Chair, John B. Love III. A quorum was present.

2. Introductions and Announcements

Every attendee introduced themselves.

3. Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

4. Approve the Policy Board Minutes from May 20, 2019

A motion was made by John Speed and seconded by David Turner to approve the Policy Board Minutes from May 20, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Approve the April 2019 Billing Statements

April is the seventh 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 April, Permian Basin MPO expended \$17,049.52, which brings the percentage of expenditures to 45.44% of the FY 2019 programmed funds. The balance of funds is \$245,541.51.

A motion was made by David Turner and seconded by Bryan Cox to approve the April 2019 Billing Statements. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Discuss potential MPO corridor projects for FY 2020

Over the past five years the MPO has programmed funds for special studies. These funds are shown in Task 5.0 of the MPO's Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Staff recently spoke with TxDOT administration regarding the potential of use of a portion of the MPO's carry-over funds to complete additional corridor studies in FY 2020. A total of \$250,000 could be committed to Task 5.0 – Special Studies with a general description of the type of work to be commenced. These funds would allow the MPO to work with consultants on each corridor study.

The following potential corridor studies were discussed:

1. Phase two of the Multi-Use Corridor study.
2. A continuation of work completed in early 2016 to plan for an extension of the Craddick Highway to the east of where it connects to SH 349 in Martin and Midland Counties
3. Begin a new study to examine the potential for Yukon Road to connect FM 1788 at the Midland International Air and Spaceport to SH 302 on the west side of Odessa.
4. Begin a new study of possible improvements to FM 1787 from US 385 south of Odessa to SH 349 (Rankin Hwy) south of Midland.

Phase one of the Multi-Use Corridor study was accepted by the Policy Board in May. Phase two of the Multi-Use Corridor study would include in-depth analysis providing a single preferred corridor and a cost estimate for said corridor. Unfortunately, a design of the corridor is not permitted with the funds made available to the MPO. Therefore, a design and construction of a pedestrian/bicycle corridor would need to be discussed and funded in a following phase. Staff believes a second phase is important to the entire region and the corridor would serve as a good transportation and recreational route connecting both Midland and Odessa.

A comment was made by John Speed regarding the potential study for FM 1787. TxDOT currently has an ongoing project for FM 1787 that is already under construction to be improved because it has the potential to be one of the primary corridors for the oil industry. He stated he believes that the proposed potential study would not be necessarily beneficial. John Speed also recommended that the scope of the Yukon study be widened to include updates to 42nd street that are going to be needed in the future.

Robin Donnelly a study be done from CR 100 in Odessa to CR 60 in Midland County. Gary Law, with the Midland Development Corporation, stated that this study has great potential due to possible growth and ease of access to utilities, such as water.

7. MPO Staff Reports

a. 90-Day Calendar

Staff included a 90-day event calendar to inform the Policy Board of upcoming events. It was noted that the July TAC meeting was moved to Tuesday, July 09, 2019.

b. Update on development of the 2045 MTP

The TAC has numerous special meetings to continue the project scoring for the 2045 MTP update. John Speed recently addressed the TAC to consider elaborating more on the freight and safety categories in order to utilize a better scoring process, considering said categories have the highest weighting in scoring and they are closely monitored by TxDOT during their funding decisions. An updated scoring criteria draft was presented to the TAC on June 6th; it was utilized on June 13th at a TAC special meeting to generate a new project list and it is anticipated that the TAC will finalize the draft project list on July 9th.

c. Update on development of the Regional Freight Plan

Staff has been working with Judge Hays, Commissioner Donnelly and the TxDOT Freight planning team from Austin to coordinate the creation of a 45+ member Freight Plan Advisory Committee representing public and private sector expertise. A kick-off meeting for the regional freight plan was held on May 31, 2019. Details will be finalized for the next Committee meeting soon by the TxDOT freight team.

d. Update on the Public Involvement Request for Proposal

Staff released a second Request for Proposal for professional consultant assistance to improve the MPO's public involvement effort with a deadline for submittal on May 29th. The consulting firm of Maverick Productions submitted a response and was accepted by the MPO staff. Beau Zertuche introduced himself and provided a brief summary about his previous work and his expectations for his work with the MPO. Beau also introduced John James, a partner for Maverick Productions. John James expressed his excitement to be working with the MPO.

e. 60-Day Activity and Social Media Update

- The MPO hosted a meeting of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
- Staff attended EZ Rider Maintenance Facility Ribbon Cutting
- Staff attended meeting of the Priority Midland infrastructure committee
- Staff attended TxDOT's Click It or Ticket Press Conference
- Staff attended MOTRAN's Southwest Airlines Business Update
- Staff submitted preliminary input into TxDOT's National Highway System Study
- Staff attended the public meeting hosted by TxDOT for the proposed Loop 250 at CR 1140 interchange

The Permian Basin MPO has 142 Facebook Likes and 126 Followers on Twitter.

8. Agency Project Reports:

- a. TxDOT Odessa District: Robert Ornelas:** TxDOT is currently evaluating letting dates for the current TxDOT project list due to various issues regarding obtaining right of way, need for more contractors, obtaining utilities, etc.
John Speed: Requested that a few projects be referred to the TAC to be scored in the future. Projects include Grant street, 42nd street and I-20.
- b. City of Midland: John Love:** The project on Cuthbert street let last month. The second year of the bond project is still on time and staying within budget. Excavation is currently occurring with the Tradewinds project. Midland Development Corporation board approved entering into an economic development agreement with the City of Midland to pave the new Pilot gas station.
- c. Midland County: Robin Donnelly:** The County finally spent all of their c-turs* money and has now set a new price for the appraisal district. Midland County is now valued four times than what it originally was. Midland County is also waiting to obtain right of way for the South Loop 250 project from CR 140 to CR 160.
- d. City of Odessa: David Turner:** The convention center will be open within the next 60 days. A long-range plan for roads, storm drainage, water a sewer has been completed. There is still a lot of development and construction occurring downtown.
- e. Ector County: David Peck:** Ector County is currently seal coating all of their roads and working on next year's annual budget.
- f. Martin County: Bryan Cox:** Martin County is continuing to maintain roads due to the weather.
- g. MOUSD: Absent.**

9. Future Meetings

Policy Board Meeting – Monday, July 15, 2019 at 4:00 pm

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting – Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 8:00 am

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee – Thursday, July 11, 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 David Turner and seconded by John Love. The motion passed unanimously with adjournment at 5:01 pm.