



Permian Basin MPO Conference Room, 9601 Wright Drive, Midland, TX
Policy Board Meeting
January 14, 2019 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
David Turner	Mayor, City of Odessa
Debi Hays	County Judge, Ector County
Bryan Cox	Martin County Judge

Policy Board Members Absent:

Gennie Garcia	MOUTD (EZ-Rider) General Manager
John Speed, P.E.	District Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District

Others in Attendance:

Cameron Walker, AICP	Executive Director, Permian Basin MPO
Lorraine Quimiro	Senior Transportation Planner, Permian Basin MPO
Pamela Berry	Transportation Planner/GIS Tech, Permian Basin MPO
Alyssa Chavez	Office Manager, Permian Basin MPO
Gabriel Ramirez, P.E.	Advanced Planning Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District
Hal Feldman P.E.	Traffic Coordinator, City of Odessa
David Peck	Project Manager, Ector County Public Works
Gary Law, P.E.	Director of Project Development, MDC
Jessica Schuttler, P.E.	Dunaway Associates, Midland County
Roy Allen	Transportation Committee Chairman, Odessa Chamber
Matt Carr, P.E.	City Engineer, City of Midland
Thomas Kerr, P.E.	Director of Public Works / Utilities, City of Odessa

AGENDA ITEM

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting of the Permian Basin MPO Policy Board was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Policy Board Chair Robin Donnelly, a quorum was present.

2. Introductions and Announcements

There were no introductions or announcements.

3. Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

4. Approve the Policy Board Minutes from December 17, 2018

A motion was made by David Turner and seconded by John Love to approve the Policy Board Minutes from December 17, 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Approve the November 2018 Billing Statement

At the time the Policy Board packet materials were emailed to the Board, staff had not received the monthly financial report from the City of Odessa Finance Department. Without the report, staff was unable to present the financial details for the month of November 2018. Staff proposed to present two months of financial reporting at the February Policy Board meeting assuming we have received December financial reports.

A motion was made by David Turner and seconded by Bryan Cox to table the November 2018 Billing Statement. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Approve the FY 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment No. 1

The TIP is a required document that contains a list of short-range highway and transit projects that have identified funding sources. The Policy Board approved the FY 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in May 2018. In August 2018, the Texas Transportation Commission approved the ten-year Unified Transportation Program (UTP). As a reminder to the Policy Board, in 2015 the Texas legislature required TxDOT and MPOs to manage their transportation planning processes using a ten-year planning period. The Texas Transportation Commission must approve its ten-year UTP prior to September 1 each year. Three additional funded projects were listed in the UTP document approved in August 2018 that were not identified at the time the Policy Board approved the MPO's TIP. All three of the newly funded projects are shown in the MPO's ten-year priority list. Since the Commission has identified these projects for funding in the FY 2019-2022 TIP, the Policy has to approve an amendment to the original TIP in order to proceed with the approved projects. Those three projects are:

- Replace underpass with overpass at I-20 and Midkiff Road,
- New interchange at Yukon Road and SH 191,
- New interchange at Loop 250 and CR 1140,

In addition to the proposed incorporation of these three projects, the TxDOT Odessa District is proposing to delay the timing of the roadway upgrade project on SH 349 (FM 1788) from I-20 to

SH 191 to 2027 due to the cost for right-of-way and engineering that was originally included in the project cost on the detail pages. These cost for right-of-way and engineering will be absorbed by TxDOT funding sources and not from Category 2 funds. Therefore, the dollar amounts now shown in the draft Tip Amendment No. 1 are \$11,611,800 lower than what was presented to the Board last month. These dollar amounts match the funding for construction for each of the three projects.

The steps necessary to complete a TIP amendment have been completed. Those steps included publishing the proposed amendment in the local newspapers as well as providing a ten-day public comment period prior to any Policy Board action. The Texas Transportation Commission will consider amendments to TIPs at their February meeting. Following Policy Board approval FY 2019-2022 TIP Amendment No. 1, staff will ensure that TxDOT Austin receives the signed resolution and the amended TIP document.

A motion was made by John Love and seconded by Bryan Cox to approve the FY 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment No. 1. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Approve the draft 2045 MTP project scoring criteria

MPO staff has been working with the TAC for the past 2+ months to redraft the scoring criteria and the scoring methodology, which is a key component to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan project selection process. A reminder was made to the Policy Board that the Federal Fast Act of 2015 and the enactment of HB 20 under Texas law require that MPOs and TxDOT establish and maintain a project selection process that involves project scoring to be in alignment with national and state transportation goals. While the Permian Basin MPO has utilized a project scoring process in the past, the TAC and the Policy Board have expressed interest in changing the process. It is important to note that the federal and state laws will be expressly implemented in the MPO's scoring criteria. As a reminder, these include consideration of safety, operational efficiency, freight movement, environmental issues including floodplain, socio-economic effect of proposed projects, economic development, alternative funding and community support. Staff lead a discussion in order to show the Board the direction that the TAC believes to be viable and equitable. The TAC previously voted unanimously to recommend the draft evaluation criteria and score card that was provided to the Policy Board.

A motion was made by David Turner and seconded by Debi Hays to approve the draft 2045 MTP project scoring criteria. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Approve a Resolution supporting TxDOT's PM1 2019 Safety Targets

In January 2018, the Policy Board approved a Resolution adopting and supporting TxDOT's safety measures and targets for the period 2014-2018. TxDOT has since then set new targets and measures for the year 2019. Those measures include: Number of Fatalities, Rate of Fatalities per 100M VMT, Number of Serious Injuries, Serious Injury Rate and Total Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries. MPO's and districts also need to adopt the updated safety targets for the year 2019. The new targets were indicated in the table provided. The measurement time frame is five-years. Staff requested that the Policy Board approve a Resolution supporting TxDOT's 2019 safety performance targets.

A motion was made by John Love and seconded by Bryan Cox to approve a Resolution supporting TxDOT's PM1 2019 Safety Targets. The motion passed unanimously.

9. MPO Staff Reports

a. 120-Day Calendar

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

b. Update on the Multi-Use Corridor Study

Halff Associates presented to the Permian Basin MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee on Thursday, January 10, 2019. The meeting was held at the MPO Conference Room; there were seven people in attendance. The consultants have settled on key destination points and added additional routes by analyzing information from their last visit and the newly developed three-county thoroughfare plan. It was noted that Aaron Tuley, of Halff Associates, would be meeting with Stakeholders after the Policy Board meeting at the Permian Basin MPO conference room.

c. Update on development of the 2045 MTP

The TAC continued its discussion regarding the redrafting of the MPO's project selection scoring criteria and score weighting. A general time line for MTP preparation was provided to the Policy Board.

d. 30-Day Activity and Social Media Update

- Staff continued discussion with UTPB, the Permian Basin Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee and Oncor Electric about the potential alignment(s) of a multi-modal corridor.
- Staff attended the TxDOT Transportation Forum on January 7-8.
- Staff met with representatives of the Permian Strategic Partnership – Transportation Committee to discuss MPO funding and responsibilities and committed projects.

The Permian Basin MPO has 128 Facebook Likes and 112 Followers on Twitter.

e. Policy Board Election in February

An announcement was made regarding the upcoming Policy Board Election. The MPO By-Laws require the Policy Board and the TAC to elect officers annually at their February meetings respectively.

8. Agency Project Reports

a. TxDOT Odessa District: Gabriel Ramirez: TxDOT was successful in obtaining funds for safety barriers to be installed throughout Hwy 191, I-20, BI-20, US 385, Loop 250 and Loop 338.

b. City of Midland: Matt Carr: The A street/Wadley Ave project is about to commence, starting with utilities. They are still working on replacing the lights along Loop 250 with LED lights.

John Love: Midland City council is currently reviewing various project options regarding the intersection Garfield St/Golf Course, with the majority leaning towards constructing a

roundabout.

- c. **Midland County: Robin Donnelly:** For the CR 1290 project, they are still waiting for the contractors to show up. For the CR 1200 project, they are awaiting the release of schematics. **Jessica Schuttler:** Contractors have started paving CR 1160 project.
- d. **City of Odessa: Hal Feldman:** Hoping to put out an RFP for the University Blvd project within the next week. Oncor is finishing working at University Blvd/Maple Ave. Also, the Downtown street lights project has begun.
- e. **Ector County: David Peck:** The county is still in the process of reevaluating a list of roadway projects to understand what the greatest needs are and what takes priority. The county is still dealing with Potholes.
- f. **Martin County: Bryan Cox:** Almost done with the construction at the jail and is anticipated to be finished within 30 days. Also, currently patching up various intersections around town.
- g. **MOUTD: absent.**

9. Future Meetings

Policy Board Meeting – Monday, December 17, 2018 at 5:00 pm

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting – Thursday, January 3, 2019 at 8:00 am

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee – Thursday January 10, 2019 at 8:00 am

LEAP Rural Rail District Meeting – Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at 8:15 am (tent.)

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, seconded by David Turner. The motion passed unanimously with adjournment at 6:22 p.m.

This meeting was conducted in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Law (V.T.C.A. Government Code 551).