



Permian Basin MPO

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Policy Board Meeting

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

November 18, 2019 4:00 p.m.

Minutes

Policy Board Members Present

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:

Robin Donnelly	Chair, County Commissioner, Midland County
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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
Alyssa Chavez	Office Manager, Permian Basin MPO
Jessica Schuttler, P.E.	Dunaway Associates, Midland County
Jose Ortiz	Engineering Services Director, City of Midland
Matt Carr, P.E.	City Engineer, City of Midland
David Peck	Project Manager, Ector County Public Works
Chad Windham, P.E.	Director of Operations, TxDOT Odessa District
Gabriel Ramirez, P.E.	Advanced Planning Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District
Gary Law, P.E.	Director of Project Development, MDC
Landon Merritt	Operations Manager, Halff Associates
Michael Marrero	City Manager, City of Odessa
Thomas Kerr, P.E.	Director of Public Works, City of Odessa

AGENDA ITEM

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting of the Permian Basin MPO Policy Board was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by Policy Board Vice-Chair, John Love. A quorum was present.

2. Introductions and Announcements

Every attendee introduced themselves

3. Public Comment Period

Thomas Kerr made a public comment emphasizing on the strong need for bicycle and pedestrian projects within Odessa area.

Gary Law provided various data and information regarding the rise of development within the Northeastern corridor of Midland. He stated that the City of Midland released airway rights within said corridor, and constructing a new water tower, which will potentially provide more development within the area. It was also stated that this information was not available during the scoring process.

4. Approve the Policy Board Minutes from October 30, 2019

A motion was made by John Speed and seconded by Debi Hays to approve the Policy Board Minutes from October 30, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Approve the September 2019 Billing Statements

September is the twelfth 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 September, Permian Basin MPO expended \$18,255.82, which brings the percentage of expenditures to 73.74% of the FY 2019 programmed funds. The balance of funds is \$118,185.60.

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

6. Approve the *Forward 45* Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Staff gave a brief presentation on the draft *Forward 45* Metropolitan Transportation Plan of what the document entails, and an explanation of what changes had been made since the previous meeting.

A motion was made by Debi Hays and seconded by Tom Sprawls to approve the *Forward 45* Metropolitan Transportation Plan with the recommended project changes. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Approve a draft list of projects for inclusion in the TxDOT FY 2021 Unified Transportation Program

The TxDOT Odessa District staff met with MPO staff on November 4th to discuss the procedural changes that have been implemented by the Texas Transportation Commission (TTC). In previous years the Permian Basin MPO (and others) have submitted desired projects in the month of April or May after consultation with the Odessa District staff. The TTC wants this timeline moved up so they have more time to consider projects that they will ultimately choose to fund. Therefore, the MPO is now required to submit its list of priority projects for FY 2021 by November 21, 2019 to meet the TTC's objective.

Staff, policy board members and various other attendees held a discussion regarding which topics they wanted to proceed sending to the Texas Transportation Commission. Issues such as right of way availability, funding and where the projects were occurring were some of the concerns addressed during the discussion. It was stated that there will eventually be an opportunity to add other projects to the list. Ultimately, it was decided that the following five projects, including the proposed Category 2 funding, would be sent to the Texas Transportation Commission for approval:

ProjectID2	County	Road Name	FromTo	Length	Description	Cost Estimate	CAT 2
RC-29	Ector	IH 20	FM 1936 to Monahans Draw	5.0	Widen Mainlanes	44.7	3.5
RC-37	Ector	IH 20	Monahans Draw to Midland County Line	7	Widen Mainlanes	62.5	3.5
RC-87	Midland	IH 20	Ector County Line to SL 250 West	12	Widen Mainlanes	102.8	3.5
RC-116a	Midland	IH 20	SL 250 W to 0.3 MI east of SH 349	6	Widen Mainlanes	34.7	3.5
RC-116b	Midland	IH 20	0.3 MI east of SH 349 to FM 1208	5	Widen Mainlanes	152.3	3.5
RC-13* int b	Ector	SL 338 N	At 52nd/56th	1	Construct new interchange	28.0	2.5
RC-17	Midland	SL 250	At Todd Rd.	1	Construct new interchange	28.0	2.5
RC-134	Ector	SL 338 NE	Yukon Rd E Int to US 385 N	5.6	Convert non-freeway to freeway	19.6	2.5

A motion was made by John Love and seconded by Debi Hays to approve a draft list of projects for inclusion in the TxDOT FY 2021 Unified Transportation Program. The motion passed unanimously.

8. 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 attended the EZ Rider RCTP meeting on November 13th
- Staff attended the EZ Rider Board meeting on October 30th
- Staff attended the MOTRAN sponsored event covering pipelines on November 13th
- Staff met with the consultants who are retooling the MPO's public participation effort

The Permian Basin MPO has 439 Facebook Likes and 150 Followers on Twitter.

9. Agency Project Reports:

- a. **TxDOT Odessa District: John Speed:** Reference the MPO project list that was provided by TxDOT for any updates. Also asked to put a discussion item on the agenda for the next policy board meeting to compose a committee that would address the issues that come up within the MPO boundaries, how to cooperate with one another, and how to potentially incorporate transit funds.
- b. **City of Midland: Matt Carr:** Still waiting on AT&T.
- c. **Midland County: Jessica Schuttler:** Also, still waiting on AT&T for the CR 127 project. Cottonflat and Midkiff are currently under construction. Bids are due tomorrow for the phase two of the SCR 1232 project.
- d. **City of Odessa: Tom Kerr:** The University project is finally under construction. They are currently working on some design projects for Faudree, 56th Street, Dawn and Dixie.
- e. **Ector County:** No comment.
- f. **Martin County:** No comment – Absent.
- g. **MOUSD:** No comment.

8. Future Meetings

Policy Board Meeting – Monday, December 16, 2019 at 3:00 pm

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting – Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 9:30 am

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee – December 12, 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 Speed and seconded by Tom Sprawls. The motion passed unanimously with adjournment at 5:52 pm.