



**Permian Basin MPO
9601 Wright Drive Midland, TX
Policy Board Meeting VIRTUAL via Zoom
January 19, 2021 3:00 p.m.**

Policy Board Members Present

Debi Hays	Chair, 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)
Robin Donnelly	County Commissioner, Midland County
Jack Ladd, Jr.	Vice-Chair, Councilman, City of Midland
Bryan Cox	Judge, Martin County

Policy Board Members Absent:

None.

Others in Attendance:

Cameron Walker, AICP	Executive Director, Permian Basin MPO
Ken Van Dyne, AICP	Senior Transportation Planner, Permian Basin MPO
Alyssa Chavez	Office Manager, Permian Basin MPO
David Peck	Project Manager, Ector County Public Works
Phillip Tindall, AICP	Planner, Texas Department of Transportation
Robert Ornelas, P.E.	Director of TP&D, TxDOT Odessa District
Jessica Schuttler, P.E.	Dunaway Associates, Midland County
Chad Windham, P.E.	Director of Operations, TxDOT Odessa District
Jose Ortiz, P.E.	Engineering Services Director, City of Midland
Mike Pacelli, P.E.	Traffic Engineer, City of Midland
Hal Feldman, P.E.	Traffic Coordinator, City of Odessa
Gary Law, P.E.	Senior Project Manager, TranSystems

AGENDA ITEM

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting of the Permian Basin MPO Policy Board was called to order at 3:01 p.m. by Policy Board Chair, Debi Hays. A quorum was present.

2. Introductions and Announcements

Ken Van Dyne, AICP, Senior Transportation Planner, was introduced to the board members.

3. Public Comment Period

None.

4. Approve the Policy Board Minutes from December 14, 2020

A motion was made by Jack Ladd and seconded by John Speed to approve the Policy Board Minutes from December 14, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Discuss the December 2020 Billing Statements

December is the third billing period for fiscal year 2021 and reflects the expenditures from Tasks and Subtasks as approved in the FY 2021 UPWP. During the month of December, Permian Basin MPO expended \$29,929.61 which brings the percentage of expenditures to 11.6% of the FY 2021 programmed funds. The actual balance of funds is \$43,343.68.

A motion was made by Jack Ladd and seconded by Tom Sprawls to approve the December 2020 billing statement. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Authorize a public meeting to present draft amendments of the FY 2021-2024 TIP and the Forward 45 MTP

TxDOT has notified all districts and MPOs that revenue shortages have resulted from the reduction in fuel sales tax, oil and gas severance tax and other revenue sources. Accordingly, TxDOT has sent revised project listings indicating that five MPO projects cannot be funded within the FY 2021-2024 TIP window. The projects are all along I-20 and stretch from Monahans Draw in Odessa to Loop 250 W in Midland. Collectively, these projects had a cost estimate of \$147,460,000. The net reduction in available funding for the specified time is 38.87%. It was mentioned that staff has prepared a public notice and was seeking Board authorization to proceed with a virtual public meeting to explain the TIP and the associated changes to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan on Thursday January 21st at 9:00 a.m. There will be a 10-day public comment period. It was also mentioned that staff will place the amended TIP and MTP on the Board's February agenda for approval and distribution to TxDOT Austin.

A motion was made by Robin Donnelly and seconded Tom Sprawls by to approve the authorization of a public meeting to present draft amendments of the FY 2021-2024 TIP and the Forward 45 MTP. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Presentation on MPO funding patterns for the FY 2021-2024 STIP

Staff compared the funding decreases of the Permian Basin MPO with other MPOs across the state. The findings were presented to the board members. Robin Donnelly requested that MPO staff analyze what the changes were by population as compared to other TMAs. It was recommended that the funding be left as is but insert the population beside it.

8. MPO Staff Reports

a. 90-Day Calendar

Staff included a 90-day event calendar to inform the Policy Board of upcoming events. The board moved the January meeting to the 19th and the February meeting to the 16th.

b. Staff 30-day activities include: Continuing to work on a comparison of traffic counts for the period 2015-2019. Attended the Wildcatters Trail meeting to hear an update from Tim Hair, Dunaway Associates regarding the trail between the two cities. Attended a Border Trade Advisory Committee via remote access. Hired and welcomed a new Senior Transportation Planner, Mr. Ken Van Dyne, AICP.

9. Agency Project Reports

- a. TxDOT Odessa District – Robert Ornelas:** The CR 1250 interchange project went to bid last week, and Pulice Construction won the bid with \$59 million. The I-20 and Midkiff interchange project will go to bid in February.
- b. City of Midland – Jose Ortiz:** The city is continuing to move forward with their Bond projects so people will see a lot of activity within the central part of town. The A Street project, from Indiana up to Cuthbert, is halfway complete with the utility work. The Loop 250/Tradewinds vicinity will be having some median improvement work done soon.
- c. Midland County – Robin Donnelly:** The CR 1232 project, that is South of Monahan’s draw, is being bid out. The Yukon Road and Industrial Avenue project will be big out at the end of next month. The northern portion of the CR 1150 project is complete, the southern portion of the project is still under construction. Phase 3 of the CR 1232 project will most likely go out for bid in the Summer. The paperwork for the Cluster C project, in Precinct 3, is being completed at this time.
Jessica Shuttler: The contractor should be setting up traffic control for the Cluster C project next week. Also, the WCR 127 project has finally relocated all the utilities and the

pavement is now complete. The only thing remaining is for the paving markings to be completed.

d. City of Odessa – Hal Feldman: The contractor has started the final phase of the University Blvd project from Maple to Grandview. They anticipate the project to be complete by the Summer. The two signal projects on 87th & Dawn Ave and 8th & Evans Rd are complete and operational now.

e. Ector County – Debi Hays: Announced that David Peck has decided to retire from Ector County. She stated that David has always been an enormous asset to Ector County and his knowledge and skillset will be truly missed.

David Peck: The County has completed the West 42nd Project. Also working on the next phase of the 42nd street project, which will be the next 30 miles of West 42nd. The Paw Paw Street project, down south in the Pleasant Farms area, is almost complete. They are also working real hard on plans and meetings for the public for the Cottonwood project. They are also working on figuring out how to better East 67th street. The CTIF grant projects are also going on. They also hope to outsource for approximately 65+ miles of seal coating.

f. Martin County – Bryan Cox: No comment.

g. MOUTD – Doug Provance: Ez-Rider has taken on a couple transportation projects to help the cities out for the mass vaccination projects. They are hoping to get people who do not have access to transportation out to get vaccinated. The COA is still in progress and will provide an update during their board meeting next week. Ez-Rider also has eight new buses out on the streets now and is still hiring new staff.

10. Future Meetings

Policy Board Meeting – Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 3:00 pm

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting – Thursday, February 5, 2021 at 8:00 am

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 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.

12. Take Action Concerning Executive Session Matters

None.

13. Adjourn

A motion was made by to Robin Donnelly to adjourn; seconded by Tom Sprawls. The motion passed unanimously with adjournment at 3:57 pm.