



Permian Basin MPO

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Policy Board Meeting
Permian Basin MPO
9601 Wright Dr., Suite 1, Midland, TX, 79706
February 11, 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
Debi Hays	County Judge, Ector County

Policy Board Members Absent:

David Turner	Mayor, City of Odessa
Gennie Garcia	MOUTD (EZ-Rider) General Manager

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
Hal Feldman P.E.	Traffic Coordinator, City of Odessa
David Peck	Project Manager, Ector County Public Works
Jessica Schuttler, P.E.	Dunaway Associates, Midland County
Robert Ornelas, P.E.	Director of TP&D, TxDOT Odessa District
Gabriel Ramirez, P.E.	Advanced Planning Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District

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, A quorum was present.

2. Introductions and Announcements

Shaun Rainey from the Midland Chamber of Commerce introduced himself.

3. Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

4. Approve the Policy Board Minutes from January 21, 2019

A motion was made by John Love and seconded by Debi Hays to approve the Policy Board Minutes from January 21, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Approve the November and December 2019 Billing Statements

November is the second billing period for fiscal year 2019 and the Permian Basin MPO expended \$31,986.19. The percentage of expenditures is at approximately 17.98% of the annual budget. December is the third billing period for fiscal year 2019 and the Permian Basin MPO expended \$31,122.39. The percentage of expenditures is at approximately 24.90% of the annual budget and the actual balance of funds is \$337,965.08.

A motion was made by John Love and seconded by Bryan Cox to approve the November and December 2019 Billing Statements. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Discuss the I-20 corridor public meeting held January 29, 2019 on January 29th,

TxDOT hosted a meeting at the Midland County Horseshoe to show the public the proposed development plans for the segment of I-20 from W. Loop 250 to FM 1788. As shown in the schematics this portion of the I-20 would include the construction of a new interchange at CR 1250, conversion to one-way frontage roads, U-turns, and ramp relocation. Approximately 35 people attended the meeting. A presentation was made by the TxDOT consultants followed by some questions and answers about the project. Another public meeting is scheduled for February 28th to include a presentation on the Midkiff interchange realignment. The schematics for the I-20 corridor are 60% complete; work is continuing on this important corridor.

A motion was made by John Speed and seconded by John Love to approve the PM 2 Performance Management Targets. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Appoint a Policy Board member to the MPO's Freight Advisory Committee

MPO staff have been reaching out to potential members to assist in an advisory capacity with the

analysis (non-technical) of freight movement in the MPO and surrounding area. To date there are two people who have indicated that they are interested in serving, those people include Drew Crutcher and Jake Hantz. Efforts have been made to attract freight industry business owners to participate as well. The MPO hosted a meeting on Thursday February 7th to kick off a FHWA and TxDOT supported regional freight study covering 24 counties in both Texas and New Mexico in the Permian Basin region. This study is a subset of the Texas Freight Mobility Plan and should be completed in approximately one year. The Cambridge Systematics consulting team has a lead role in the work; Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) will be concurrently working on a parallel study related to freight movement design standards and pavement analysis. Transportation Commission member Alvin New attended the meeting from his San Angelo home. Staff believes the formation of the MPO's FAC will be expedited once affected freight movers become aware of the study.

A motion was made by John Love and seconded by Bryan Cox to appoint Judge Debi Hays to the Freight Advisory Committee. A second motion was made by John Love and seconded by John Speed to appoint Commissioner Robin Donnelly as an alternate.

8. Hold an election for the MPO Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

The MPO's by-laws call for an election of Board officers at the February meeting. Board Chair Donnelly will manage the election procedure.

A motion was made by Debi Hays and seconded by John Speed to table the election of the policy board Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson until the March Policy Board meeting.

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 10th and to a Stakeholder group of the Permian Basin Bicycle Association on Monday January 14th. Both meetings were held at the Permian Basin MPO. The consultants introduced additional routes for consideration. At both meetings, those in attendance discussed the routes that looked most promising and the consultant outlined the remainder of the work to be completed. The consultants will have a final draft of the report and recommendations to the MPO in time to review and edit before presenting a final report to the Policy Board at the March meeting.

c. Update on development of the 2045 MTP

At the TAC meeting on February 7th a discussion was held about a better methodology to utilize for measuring safety as it relates to project scoring. Staff will provide additional detail on this at the meeting.

d. 30-Day Activity and Social Media Update

- Staff attended the State of Oil & Gas Luncheon hosted by the Midland Chamber of Commerce on January 30th.
- Staff participated in TxDOT Odessa District Portfolio Review via Web Ex on February 5th
- Staff attended the Texas Freight Mobility Plan Implementation Workshop on Statewide Truck Parking Study & Freight Infrastructure Design Considerations on February 7th at the UTPB CEED Building.

The Permian Basin MPO has 135 Facebook Likes and 113 Followers on Twitter.

10. Agency Project Reports

- a. TxDOT Odessa District: Robert:** TxDOT will be hosting a public meeting on February 28, 2019 regarding I-20 and Midkiff Rd. There will also be two public meetings in late March regarding I-20 corridor. The public meetings will be held in both Odessa and Midland, places and exact times are tentative. The CR 1150/Loop 250 project the interchange was recently let.
- b. City of Midland: John Love:** Announced that the bond package is proceeding well into the second year. Louisiana Ave, Michigan Ave, Texas Ave paving projects have all been taken on by Jones Brother's. The Wood Drive, Oil Drive, Bluebird Lane and Carter Ave projects are set to open bid this coming up week. The Woodcrest Drive paving is complete, and the manholes are being adjusted. The storm drains are currently being replaced at Grafa Park. Waterline adjustments are complete for the Tradewinds Blvd project. Also currently working into phase two of the reconstruction of Dennis the Menace Park. The Hwy 349/Mockingbird Lane project has started to transition into coming to a 4-way stop. The city is still contemplating what is going to be done at the intersection of Garfield St/Cuthbert Ave.
- c. Midland County: Robin Donnelly:** Construction is still ongoing for the CR 1290 project and the CR 1160 project. Right of Way is trying to be obtained for Yukon Rd, FM 1788 and Loop 40. The CR 1200 project is expected to let within a week. The CR 1210 project is also expected to let sometime in March.
- d. City of Odessa: Hal Feldman:** The city is about to open up bids for the University project. There is still active work going on in the downtown area as well. Two signals are currently under construction at Dawn/Yukon and Faudree/Eldorado.
- e. Ector County: David Peck:** The county is still narrowing down a list of projects to proceed with. Evans Kessey is currently in the process of distributing an RFP for design work to be done.
- f. Martin County: Bryan Cox:** Construction is coming to a finish at the jail. It is anticipated to be back open by February 25, 2019. There is a possibility of beginning to remodel the community center.
- g. MOUSD: absent.**

11. Future Meetings

Policy Board Meeting – Monday, March 18, 2019 at 5:00 pm

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

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee – TBA

LEAP Rural Rail District Meeting – Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 8:15 am (tent.)

12. 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.

13. Take Action Concerning Executive Session Matters

None.

14. Adjourn

A motion was made by to adjourn by John Love and seconded by John Speed. The motion passed unanimously with adjournment at 5:11 pm.