**9601 Wright Blvd. Midland, Texas**

**Policy Board Meeting IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL via Zoom**

**November 20, 2023 1:30 p.m.**

**Policy Board Members Present:**

Eric Lykins, P.E. TxDOT Odessa District Engineer

Jack Ladd, Jr Chair, Midland City Councilman

Terry Johnson Midland County Judge

Steve Thompson Odessa City Councilman

Bryan Cox Martin County Judge

**Policy Board Members Absent:**

Doug Provance General Manager, MOUTD (EZ Rider)

Mike Gardner Vice Chair, Ector County Commissioner

**Others in Attendance:**

Cameron Walker, AICP Executive Director, Permian Basin MPO

Janna Dean Office Manager, Permian Basin MPO

Akyra Hamilton GIS Tech, Planner Permian Basin MPO

Sara Garza MPO Manager, TxDOT via zoom

Bobby Wojciechowski City of Midland, Capital Improvement Manager

Fred Herrera, P.E. Area Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District

Robert Ornelas, P.E. Director of TP&D, TxDOT Odessa District

Chad Windham, P.E. TxDOT Odessa District, Director of Transportation

Saul Romero, P.E. TxDOT Odessa District, Construction Manager

Sara Harris Midland Development Corporation via Zoom

James Beauchamp President, MOTRAN via Zoom

Taha Sakrani Associate Traffic Engineer,City of Midland

Joe Tucker, P.E. Director of Public Works, City of Odessa,

Maryann Cedillo TxDOT, Odessa District, Information Officer

Lindsey Adams City of Midland

**AGENDA**

1. **Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Jack Ladd, Jr., at 1:35 p.m.

1. **Introductions and Announcements**

As there were several new people attending this meeting, everyone introduced themselves.

1. **Public Comment Period (limited to 3 minutes each)**

There were no public comments.

1. **Approve the Policy Board Minutes from October 16, 2023**

A motion to approve the Policy Board Minutes was made by Bryan Cox, seconded by Steve

Thompson, and approved unanimously.

1. **Approve the August 2023 Billing Statement**

A motion to approve the August 2023 Billing Statement was made by Terry Johnson, seconded

By Bryan Cox, and approved unanimously.

1. **Discuss the Congestion Management Process**

Cameron explained the Congestion Management Process. CMP is a systematic and regionally-accepted approach for managing congestion that provides accurate, up-to-date information on transportation system performance and assesses alternative strategies for congestion management that meet State and local needs. A CMP is required in metropolitan areas with population exceeding 200,000, known as Transportation Management Areas (TMAs). Federal requirements state that in all TMAs, the CMP shall be developed and implemented as an integrated part of the metropolitan transportation planning process; however, Federal regulations are not prescriptive regarding the methods and approaches that must be used to implement a CMP.

Staff have updated the CMP using a new tool provided to MPO’s (and others) by the Texas A&M Transportation Institute. The tool is called COMPAT – it stands for Congestion Management Process Analysis Tool. Staff used this tool to determine locations where congestion is occurring.

1. **Discuss updated MPO bylaws**

Staff have drafted amended MPO bylaws. The proposed changes include the following:

1. Add official state law allowing remote attendance and voting remotely
2. Clarification of what make a quorum
3. Clarification that MOUTD GM cannot seek the elected Board positions
4. Statement that if the Vice Chair cannot complete a term an election may be held at the next Policy Board meeting
5. Clarification that TAC voting is permitted by proxy
6. Clarification that bylaws may be amended by a 2/3rds vote which could include virtual voting.
7. **Discuss potential uses for the federal Carbon Reduction funding**

The FY 2024 UTP was passed by the Texas Transportation Commission in late August 2023. A new TxDOT funding Category 10 was added to the FY 2023 UTP; it is simply called Carbon Reduction. The UTP indicates that slightly more than $12M will be available for funding projects that meet the criteria over the ten-year period. The MPO has not programmed any of its funds to date. Currently, $2,975,862 is available. In FY 2025 (after Sept 1, 2024) an additional $1,031,896 will be available. The total funding over the period 2024-2033 EXCESS $12 million.

1. **Approve a Resolution supporting the planning and construction of future Interstate Highway 27 in Texas**

A motion to approve the Resolution supporting the planning and construction of future Interstate Highway 27 in Texas was made by Steve Thompson, seconded by Terry Johnson and approved, with Eric Lykins abstaining.

1. **MPO Staff Reports** 
   1. **90-Day Calendar**
   2. **Staff Activities – 30-day**
   3. **TAC discussion November 16, 2023**
2. **AGENCY REPORTS**
   1. **TxDOT Odessa District**

TxDOT reports the Stanton Rail Road construction at SH 137 will be finished February 2024. The Fairgrounds location will begin in October 2024. CR 1250 will be finished in December, 2023.

The turn lane at FM 1788 will be completed after Thanksgiving. They are waiting on material to finish Loop 250 at Avalon.

* 1. **City of Midland**

City of Midland is progressing on Wadley to SH 158. Also, SH 158 from Hwy 191 to Sinclair is

out for bid.

* 1. **Midland County**

Midland County did not provide an update.

* 1. **City of Odessa**

The City of Odessa is working on Faudree and Hwy 191. They reported progress is ahead of

schedule. They continue working on traffic control at this intersection.

* 1. **Ector County**

There was no one present for Ector County.

* 1. **Martin County**

Martin County did not provide an update at this time.

* 1. **MOUTD**

There was no one present for MOUTD.

1. **Future Meetings**

The next TAC meeting is scheduled for December 7, 2023

The next Policy Board meeting is scheduled for January 29, 2024.

1. **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.**
2. **Take Action Concerning Executive Session Matters**

There was no executive session.

1. **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Terry Johnson, seconded by Bryan Cox, and approved

unanimously at 3:00 p.m.