

9601 Wright Blvd. Midland, Texas
Policy Board Meeting IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL via Zoom
January 29, 2024 1:30 p.m.

Policy Board Members Present:

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| 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 |
| Mike Gardner | Vice Chair, Ector County Commissioner |

Policy Board Members Absent:

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| Bryan Cox | Martin County Judge |
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Others in Attendance:

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| Cameron Walker, AICP | Executive Director, Permian Basin MPO |
| Akyra Hamilton | GIS Tech, Planner Permian Basin MPO |
| Bobby Wojciechowski | City of Midland, Capital Improvement Manager |
| Robert Ornelas, P.E. | Director of TP&D, TxDOT Odessa District via Zoom |
| Gabriel Ramirez, P.E. | Advanced Planning Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District via Zoom |
| Frew Bogale, P.E. | Odessa District Area Engineer, TxDOT |
| John Henderson | Attorney and Grant Coordinator, Ector County |
| Andrew Avis | Director of Public Works and Floodplain Mgr, Midland County |
| Michele Hagemann | Grant Accountant, City of Midland |
| Sara Harris | Midland Development Corporation via Zoom |
| Dustin Fawcett | Ector County Judge |
| Joe Tucker, P.E. | Director of Public Works, City of Odessa |
| Fred Herrera, P.E. | Area Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District |
| Maryann Cedillo | TxDOT, Odessa District, Information Officer |
| Lindsey Adams | Intergovernmental Relations Officer, City of Midland |
| Ken Hankins | Proxy for Senator Kevin Sparks |
| Eddie Haas, AICP | Freese and Nichols, Inc. |
| Ellen Amorim, AICP | Freese and Nichols, Inc. |
| Richard Osborn | Petroleum Sources via Zoom |
| Marqurita Vasquez | TxDOT via Zoom |
| Judit Alphonse | TxDOT via Zoom |
| Alma Alvarez | TxDOT via Zoom |
| Rep. Brooks Landgraf | Texas House of Representatives via Zoom |
| Jesus Saenz | Kimley Horn |

AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair, Mike Gardner at 1:30 p.m.

2. Introductions and Announcements

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

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

There were no public comments.

4. Approve the Policy Board Minutes from November 20, 2023

A motion to approve the Policy Board Minutes was made by Steve Thompson, seconded by Mike Gardner, and approved unanimously.

5. Approve the September 2023 Billing Statement

A motion to approve the September 2023 Billing Statement was made by Terry Johnson, seconded by Steve Thompson, and approved unanimously.

6. Approve the October 2023 Billing Statement

A motion to approve the October 2023 Billing Statement was made by Terry Johnson, seconded by Steve Thompson, and approved unanimously.

7. Accept the final presentation of the PEL Interregional Corridor Study

Eddie Haas led the final presentation to the Policy Board on the Planning and Environmental Linkage study covering the potential for an Interregional Corridor. Ellen Amorim supported Eddie's presentation by explaining the different sections of the potential outer loop and how these potential routes were chosen. Cameron suggested creating an illustrative list in the MTP showing the need for an Outer Loop. Jack Ladd and Steve Thompson wanted to know how the Outer Loop would affect or be affected by I-20 and future Interstates 27 and 14. The action of accepting the final presentation of the PEL Interregional Corridor Study was deferred until the February meeting.

A motion to defer the action was made by Steve Thompson, seconded by Terry Johnson, and approved unanimously.

8. Approve a Resolution listing the priority projects to submit to TxDOT for inclusion into the 2025 Unified Transportation Program

A motion to approve the Resolution listing the priority projects to submit to TxDOT for inclusion into the 2025 Unified Transportation Program was made by Mike Gardner, seconded by Terry Johnson, and approved unanimously.

9. Approve a Resolution amending the MPO's Bylaws

A motion to approve a Resolution amending the MPO's Bylaws was made by Steve Thompson, seconded by Terry Johnson, and approved unanimously.

10. Approve an amended Limited English Proficiency Plan

A motion to approve an amended Limited English Proficiency Plan was made by Mike Gardner, seconded by Steve Thompson, and approved unanimously.

11. Approve a Resolution supporting TxDOT's 2024 Safety Targets

A motion to approve a Resolution supporting TxDOT's 2024 Safety Targets was made by Terry Johnson, seconded by Eric Lykins, and approved unanimously.

12. Approve a Resolution updating the MPO’s Congestion Management Process

A motion to approve a Resolution updating the MPO’s Congestion Management Process was made by Steve Thompson, seconded by Terry Johnson, and approved unanimously.

13. MPO Staff Reports

a. 90-Day Calendar

Staff included a 90-day event calendar to inform the Policy Board of upcoming meetings and events.

Staff informed the Policy Board of the usual meetings and the upcoming Presidents’ Day on February 19th. The Policy Board meeting was pushed until February 26th at 1:00 p.m.

b. Staff Activities – 30-day

Staff continued work on a draft Congestion Management Program document. Staff attended a meeting of the Advanced Air Mobility Committee. Staff met with the TAC to refine the list of 2025 UTP projects. Staff continued working with the Freese Nichols team to complete the final draft of the PEL. Staff reviewed the draft resiliency plan prepared by TTI.

c. TAC discussion November 16, 2023 and January 4, 2024

The Technical Advisory Committee met to discuss potential funding adjustments for the FY 2025 UTP. A meeting to discuss Odessa priorities was held on November 28th and December 12th, 2023. The potential shifting of prioritized projects in Odessa will have an impact on the overall project list that the MPO will send to TxDOT for inclusion into the 2025-2034 TxDOT UTP.

14. Agency Reports

- a. TxDOT Odessa District
- b. City of Midland
- c. Midland County
- d. City of Odessa
- e. Ector County
- f. Martin County
- g. MOUTD

There were no agency reports presented.

15. Future Meetings

The next TAC meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2024 at 8 a.m..

The next Policy Board Meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2024 at 1 p.m.

16. **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.**

17. **Take Action Concerning Executive Session Matters**

No actions were taken.

18. **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Terry Johnson, seconded by Steve Thompson and approved unanimously at 3:10 p.m.