



9601 Wright Blvd. Midland, Texas
Policy Board Meeting VIRTUAL via Zoom
September 18, 2023 1:30 p.m.

Policy Board Members Present:

Eric Lykins, P.E.	TxDOT Odessa District Engineer via zoom
Bryan Cox	Martin County Judge
Doug Provance	General Manager, MOU/D (EZ Rider)
Steve Thompson	Odessa City Councilman
Jack Ladd, Jr	Chair, Midland City Councilman via zoom

Policy Board Members Absent:

Mike Gardner	Vice Chair, Ector County Commissioner
Terry Johnson	Midland County Judge

Others in Attendance:

Cameron Walker, AICP	Executive Director, Permian Basin MPO
Ken Van Dyne, AICP	Assistant Director, Permian Basin MPO
Janna Dean	Office Manager, Permian Basin MPO
Akyra Hamilton	GIS Tech, Planner Permian Basin MPO
Andrew Avis	Midland County, Director of Public Works and FloodPlain Mgr
Sara Garza	MPO Manager, TxDOT via zoom
Debra Richmond	Permian Strategic Partnership via Zoom
Maryann Cedillo	Public Information Officer, TxDOT
Fred Herrera, P.E.	Area Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District via Zoom
Robert Ornelas, P.E.	Director of TP&D, TxDOT Odessa District
Thomas Kerr, P.E.	Director of Public Works, City of Odessa
Ken Hankins	Senator Sparks Office
Bo Zertuche	Maverick Productions
Gabriel Ramirez, P.E.	TxDOT Odessa District, Advanced Planning Engineer via Zoom
Josh Ferguson, P.E.	City of Midland, Assistant City Engineer
Saul Romero, P.E.	TxDOT Odessa District, Construction Manager via Zoom
Stephen Robertson	Executive Vice President, Permian Basin Petroleum Association via Zoom
Sara Harris	Midland Development Corporation via Zoom
John Beckmeyer	City of Odessa Manager via Zoom

AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by Steve Thompson.

2. Introductions and Announcements

The Board welcomed Eddie Haas and Ellen Emeric with Freese Nichols, and recognized John Beckmeyer, new City Manager of Odessa, joining via Zoom.

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

There were no public comments.

4. Approve the Policy Board Minutes from August 21, 2023

A motion to approve the Policy Board Minutes from August was made by Bryan Cox, seconded Doug Provance, and approved unanimously.

5. Approve the July 2023 Billing Statement

A motion to approve the July 2023 Billing Statement was made by Doug Provance, seconded by Bryan Cox, and approved unanimously.

6. Presentation from Eddie Haas on the PEL Study (Outer Loop)

Eddie Haas and Ellen Emeric shared an update on the PEL Study. Eddie shared how this study will benefit the Permian Basin with safety, mobility, increased travel and freight, making us aware of safety needs and reduced congestion. The PEL study started in April 2021 with public involvement from stakeholders, followed by Town Hall meetings, and online surveys.

7. Accept MOUTD (EZ-Rider) performance measures and targets as outlined in the Transit Asset Management Plan and the Safety Plan

A motion to accept MOUTD (EZ-Rider) performance measures and targets was made by Bryan Cox, seconded by Jack Ladd, Jr. and approved unanimously with Doug Provance abstaining from the vote.

8. Acknowledge an administrative amendment to the FY 2023 & FY 2024 UPWP

Cameron shared that the MPO needs to make an administrative amendment to the FY 2023 and FY 2024 UPWP, changing the name of Task 1.9 to "Complete Streets." A motion to approve was made by Doug Provance, seconded by Bryan Cox and approved unanimously.

9. MPO Staff Reports

- a. **90-Day Calendar**
- b. **Staff Activities – 30-day**

10. Agency Project Reports:

a. TxDOT Odessa District

TxDOT reports they are progressing on three interchanges. They are anticipating final paving to start on Hwy 191 at Loop 250 this week. TxDOT is hoping to have one lane underneath the bridge at Yukon and Loop 338 open by late October. They will be beginning work on Hwy 349 with concrete work and barrier walls in October: this will start near Loop 250 and work their way south to Wadley and continue south.

b. City of Midland

City of Midland reported that Soloman Dr. is almost finished. They are working on drainage repairs on Golf Course and the Wadley extension tie into Hwy 158. Also under construction are crossings at Midkiff Drive and Alpine.

c. **Midland County**

Midland County reported that construction on CR 1270 and CR 120 are nearing completion. They are planning construction on CR 130 at Antelope Trail to connect it to the south Loop, with this planned to start in early spring.

d. **City of Odessa**

The Faudree Road project is progressing. They are continuing work on 42nd and 31st Streets. Crane Avenue from 2nd Street to I-20 will soon be under construction.

e. **Ector County**

No one was present for Ector County.

f. **Martin County**

Martin County shared their plans for the new Convention Center located on Bus 20 in Stanton. The cost is \$100M and will be 80 acres in size.

g. **MOUTD**

MOUTD reports they are waiting on Federal Approval on the bus shelter project. Also, the Federal Transit Grant has been delayed, causing them to have to wait on future bus purchases for the time being.

11. **Future Meetings**

The next Policy Board meeting will be October 16, 2023. Doug Provance made a motion to cancel the December meeting. Jack Ladd, Jr. seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

The next TAC Meeting will be October 5, 2023.

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**

There was no Executive Session.

14. **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made at 2:35 p.m. by Bryan Cox, seconded by Doug Provance, and approved unanimously.

This meeting was conducted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Law (V.T.C.A. Government Code 551).