



Permian Basin MPO Metropolitan Planning Organization

Policy Board Meeting

9601 Wright Dr., Suite 1, Midland, TX

June 20, 2016

Minutes

Policy Board Members Present

John B. Love III	Chair, Councilman, City of Midland
David Turner	Vice-Chair, Mayor, City of Odessa
Robin Donnelly	County Commissioner, Midland County
Bryan Cox	County Judge, Martin County
Robert Stephens	General Manager, MOUSD

Policy Board Members Absent:

Mike McAnally	District Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District
Ron Eckert	County Judge, Ector County

Others in Attendance:

Cameron Walker	Executive Director, Permian Basin MPO
Lorraine Quimiro	Senior Transportation Planner, Permian Basin MPO
Rina Bale	Mobility Manager, Permian Basin MPO
Rosie Spencer	Administrative Planning Assistant, Permian Basin MPO
Joe Clark	MPO Coordinator, TxDOT
Hal Feldman	Traffic Coordinator, City of Odessa
David Peck	Project Manager, Ector County
Gene Powell	Public Information Officer, TxDOT Odessa District
Matt Carr	City Engineer, City of Midland
Robert Ornelas	Transportation Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District
Jose Ortiz	Engineering Services Director, City of Midland
Mike Pacelli	Traffic Engineer, City of Midland
Trevor Hawes	Midland Reporter-Telegram
Chad Windham	Director of Operations, TxDOT Odessa District
James Beauchamp	MOTRAN

AGENDA ITEM

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting of the Permian Basin MPO Policy Board was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Policy Board Chair, John B. Love III. A quorum was present.

2. Introductions and Announcements

Trevor Hawes, James Beauchamp, Jose Ortiz, and Mike Pacelli all introduced themselves.

3. Public Comment Period

None

4. Approve the Policy Board Minutes from May 16, 2016

A motion was made by David Turner and seconded by Robin Donnelly to accept and approve the May 16, 2016 Policy Board meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Approve the April 2016 billing statement

April is the seventh billing for fiscal year 2016. In that month the MPO spent \$31,940.74 which brings the percentage of expenditures to 52.16%. The balance is \$198,003.90, also included is the same SPR funds report showing the first payment of \$11,000 to Airsage that was first shown to the Policy Board in the March billing. The second payment for \$11,000 has been made and will be in May's billing.

A motion was made by Robin Donnelly and seconded by Bryan Cox to approve the April 2016 billing. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Approve the FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program

This new TIP covers the four-year period of 2017-2020, public comment began April 25th after approval from the Policy Board. There was a public meeting held that morning at the MPO where there was a comment about the need for multi modal considerations in the MPO's project planning from Roger Masters who is the President of the Permian Basin Bicycle Association. The draft document was placed at 8 different locations for the 30-day comment period and there were no comments in writing. The draft TIP was then brought to the TAC on June 2nd but the approval vote was not unanimous because of issues with Appendix C. Ector County has made it known they want to replace Project 5 in the MTP with a Yukon Rd. Project. Moving the projects around will take an MTP amendment and if the Board is not comfortable approving the TIP with the Projects listed, Cameron suggests just taking Appendix C out since it is only there for informational purposes.

A motion was made by Robin Donnelly and seconded by David Turner to approve the FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program without Appendix C. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Direct the MPO staff to complete the application process to obtain supplemental State Planning and Research Funds for FY 2017

The MPO received a notification that there is \$25,127 of additional State Planning and Research Funds. This is the same funding staff applied for last year to purchase the travel data for the Travel Demand Model. Not all of the MPOs in Texas are eligible for this funding and it can be used for a one time planning project or study. TxDOT requires the MPO to state what the money will be used for, Cameron suggests applying and asking for one or two months to inform TxDOT what the funds will go towards. Joe suggested trading the \$25,127 with some of the \$50,000 in the Northeast Corridor Study which will leave that amount in Task 5.

A motion was made by Robin Donnelly and seconded by David Turner to direct the MPO to apply for supplemental State Planning and Research Funds for FY 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Discuss Permian Basin Energy Sector Corridors

There was a presentation by TxDOT on June 8th about the Energy Sector Corridor Improvement Program. Energy Sector Corridors are split up by primary corridors and secondary corridors that are designed to connect energy service providers with the heavy activity areas. A map used at the presentation was shown to the Board.

9. Presentation by the City of Midland regarding the phasing of Vision 2040 MTP Project RC-86

Mike Pacelli gave the presentation to the Policy Board indicating potential projects that could be implemented to improve safety and mobility to SH 191 and Loop 250.

10. Discuss necessary steps to amend the Vision 2040 MTP

David Peck pointed out that the project is Yukon and 338, not Yukon and 191 which is what is stated in the packet. Ector County is looking at a 42nd St. reliever route to help the congestion on that street. David presented the project and what it would entail to the Board and brought up that this project was given the same score as the project they would like to replace and is not sure what caused this one to fall lower in prioritization. With all the growth going on in that area it makes more sense to focus on the loop in that part of Odessa. The Board agreed this project should replace the Loop 338 at 52nd/56th St. project in the MTP and suggest MPO staff put an MTP amendment on a future Policy Board agenda.

11. MPO Staff Reports:

a. 120-Day Calendar: Cameron went through all the upcoming regular meetings at the MPO. Staff is reaching out to all the agencies and different boards to present the I-20 Corridor Study to inform those people about it before the public meetings which will be held sometime in September. The MPO is hosting FHWA's Livability Workshop August 31st at the Atmos Energy Building. The Policy Board's August meeting would have been held at an outside location, but since that is the date for the next I-20 Corridor Study Meeting the next Policy Board meeting held outside MPO offices will be in September and staff is waiting for confirmation for a meeting space at Odessa College.

b. Regionally Coordinated Transportation Planning (RCTP) Update: The Committee met on June 8th with about 18 people present. West Texas Opportunities gave a presentation about the services they provide as far as transportation. The stakeholders decided at the May meeting to have the agencies present what it is they do since a lot of them did not really know all the transportation services each provide. Information gathered for the Comprehensive Needs Assessment was discussed and the first need identified was Outreach and Education. The Comprehensive Needs Assessment is due to TxDOT at the end of August. Rina found out today that the location for the next Citizen Advisory Committee that was in the packet is not feasible so she will be looking for meeting spaces in Midland and in Odessa, if anyone knows of any locations that are free of charge to please let her know. Also, the RCTP meetings are usually held on the second Wednesday of the month, but July's meeting will be held on the first Wednesday in July due to Rina being out of the office the second week.

c. 30 Day Activity Update and Social Media Update: Staff has been working closely with the City of Midland and their consultants on the Northeast Corridor Study, which included a public meeting on May 24th at the Hispanic Heritage Center. The MPO also attended the Permian Basin Bicycle Association's meeting, they've moved their meetings to the Mission Fitness building off SH 191. The meeting was very well attended, they share information about their group rides and scheduled rides. Staff also shares with them any information on public meetings and will give information on Beal Park Trail at tonight's scheduled meeting. Permian Basin MPO's Facebook page has 62 Likes and 21 followers on Twitter. A press release about the I-20 Corridor Survey was sent out today and staff anticipates a jump in visits to social media sites and the MPO's website along with a lot of mentions in the media to come. Gene Powell shared that some media outlets already shared it.

d. Travel Demand Model Development: The data from Airsage has been sent to the consultants, they will bring a draft model to go over with staff to make sure lane counts are correct and also to go over certain roadways and land use assumptions.

e. I-20 Permian Basin Corridor Study: A business card was passed out to the Policy Board with the link for the I-20 Corridor Survey, an email blast was sent out with the press release and a new power point presentation is up on the MPO's website which is what staff would like to present to all the agencies. Again, the next workgroup meeting is August 15th from 10:30 am – 2:00 pm at the MPO office.

12. Agency Project Reports

TxDOT-Odessa District – Chad – SH 191 ramp reversals are underway; traffic has gotten better since the first week of the project. John Love reminded everyone that Mike McAnally was retiring.

City of Midland – Jose Ortiz – Fairgrounds Rd. Project is moving forward, south of the loop. One-way restrictions going southbound have been lifted so there is now two-way traffic. One-way southbound, south of Wadley is still in effect until the end of the project. For the Briarwood Avenue Widening Project, the commuters who use CR 60 (Briarwood Ave.) Jones Bros. is moving forward with construction so there will be a lot of activity between Avalon and Holiday Hill Rd. A contractor is starting the bore across I-20 for a waterline extension from the north to the south side of I-20. Jones Bros. will get a notice to proceed for the Beal Parkway Project. There was a public meeting May 24th for the Northeast Feasibility Study with a great turnout and a lot of good feedback.

Midland County – Robin Donnelly – Phase 3 of the Paving Project is finished, going to extend that to include rebuilding CR 60 west of SH 158 where it connects to SH 349. Final pieces of Right-of-Way are being acquired on the south CR 1230 and south CR 1240 Project and the RFP should be out at the end of June.

City of Odessa – Hal Feldman – Still working on widening west 3rd St., University Blvd., and 87th St.

Ector County – David Peck – Project 7 of the CETRZ Project was awarded to Jones Bros. Three more projects are ongoing. Last bid will be to do some in house sealcoating.

Martin County – Bryan Cox – CETRZ Project still ongoing and will hopefully be complete by mid-August.

MOUSD – Rob Stephens – Working through the budget process. A 2-bay addition construction project to the maintenance building, possibly extending hours to the Connect service out to the airport. TTI intern is there for the summer.

13. Future Meetings

Policy Board Meeting – Monday, July 18, 2016 at 5:00 pm

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting – Thursday, July 7, 2016 at 8:00 am

RCTP Meeting – Wednesday, July 6, 2016 at 11:30 am

LEAP Rural Rail District Meeting – Tuesday, June 28, 2016 at 8:15 am

14. 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 purposes 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.

15. Take Action Concerning Executive Session Matters

None

16. Adjourn

A motion was made by Robin Donnelly and seconded by Bryan Cox to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.