



Policy Board Meeting
9601 Wright Dr., Suite 1, Midland, TX
January 18, 2016

Minutes

Policy Board Members Present

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| John B. Love III | Chair, Councilman, City of Midland |
| David Turner | Vice-Chair, Mayor, City of Odessa |
| Ron Eckert | County Judge, Ector County |
| Robin Donnelly | County Commissioner, Midland County |
| Robert Stephens | General Manager, MOUSD |

Policy Board Members Absent:

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| Mike McAnally | District Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District |
| Bryan Cox | County Judge, Martin County |

Others in Attendance:

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| Cameron Walker | Executive Director, Permian Basin MPO |
| Rina Bale | Mobility Manager, Permian Basin MPO |
| Rosie Spencer | Administrative Planning Assistant, Permian Basin MPO |
| Joe Clark | MPO Coordinator, TxDOT |
| Gary Law | Director of TP&D, TxDOT Odessa District |
| Hal Feldman | Traffic Coordinator, City of Odessa |
| Mike Moulter | Parkhill, Smith, & Cooper |
| Katie Law | |

AGENDA ITEM

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting of the Permian Basin MPO Policy Board was called to order at 5:07 P.M. by Policy Board Chair, John B. Love III. A quorum was present.

2. Introductions and Announcements

Gary Law introduced his daughter Katie Law and mentioned she was there to learn what is done during these meetings.

3. Public Comment Period

None

4. Approve the Policy Board Minutes from December 21, 2015

Robin Donnelly pointed out he did not give an update at last month's meeting, Jose Ortiz just spoke about working with Midland County. Cameron suggested taking out the bold "Midland County" and leaving the statement with the City of Midland's update.

A motion was made by David Turner and seconded by Robin Donnelly to accept and approve the December 21, 2015 Policy Board meeting minutes with the changes. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Approve the October and November 2015 billing statements.

Staff has included October and November billing, which are the first and second billings for fiscal year 2016. In October the MPO expended \$27,843.72 and in November, the MPO expended \$40,724.01. The percentage of expenditures as of now is at 15.24%. Rina pointed out that the balance on the Actual Balance of Funds sheet is wrong, the number should be less than what is shown. The formula must not be set correctly and staff will need to go into the spreadsheet to correct it.

A motion was made by David Turner and seconded by Robin Donnelly to defer approving the October and November billing statements until the next meeting so changes are made to the sheets. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Approve Strategies as MPO work items related to the adopted Mission, Vision, Goals, and Objectives contained in the MTP.

Staff provided the Policy Board with copies of the Strategies to look over at last month's meeting. Cameron let them know that the MPO plans to put them on the website to let the public and readers know what the MPO's strategies are to cover the objectives that have been adopted.

A motion was made by Robin Donnelly and seconded by David Turner to approve the Strategies as MPO work items related to the adopted Mission, Vision, Goals, and Objectives contained in the MTP. The motion passed unanimously.

7. MPO Staff Reports:

a. 120-Day Calendar:

TxDOT will be hosting a UTP public meeting Thursday the 21st that commences at 4:00 P.M. Cameron reminded the Board that the 21st is also the kick off meeting for the I-20 Corridor Study. He also pointed out the Federal Certification Review happening on the 23rd and 24th of February

and reminding everyone that the Policy Board meeting is on the 23rd beginning at 3:45 P.M. at the EZ Rider offices.

b. Regionally Coordinated Transportation Planning (RCTP) Update:

The RCTP met on the 13th of January, the deadline for Coordinated Call Projects is sometime in February. West Texas Opportunities and All Aboard America are applying for these funds. The RCTP continued to talk about Transportation Resource Inventory and have started a discussion on Emergency Management Planning, which will help the MPO during the Federal Certification Review. The 5310 public meetings went well and had a good turnout. CBS7 and Newswest 9 both interviewed, as Rina gets information about any partnering of entities she will let the Board know. Robin Donnelly asked who RCTP was including in the Emergency Management Planning, Rina answered that they are getting emergency procedures from different entities to see what they do and the RCTP will decide how, as a group, they can be involved.

c. 30 Day Activity Update and Social Media Update:

Cameron went to the TTI Forum in early January held in Austin. Work has continued by all staff for the Federal Certification Review at the end of February. The MPO is working with the City of Midland Planning and Engineering offices to draft an interlocal agreement between us and them when it comes time to consider the Northeast Corridor Study work. The City and the MPO has funds set aside for this project, so there needs to be an agreement that TxDOT and USDOT can concur with before spending federal money.

John Love stated he had a meeting with Jose Ortiz, Matt Carr, and Councilman Jeff Sparks to discuss the city's role in that agreement. He also mentioned that he also attended the Texas Transportation Forum and learned a lot of great information. While there he and Cameron met with Chairman Lewis of the Texas Transportation Commission and briefed him on the MPO's recent name change, mission and vision statements. Informed him that staff is conducting the Travel Demand Model as well as the MPO's study funded by TxDOT. John also visited with Caroline Mays, a consultant for TxDOT, about the FAST Act and strategized how they could take advantage of it. The FAST Act is a highway bill that was approved in December of 2015 that will allow the MPO to apply for federal funds to help with our freight, bridges, intersections, and public truck rest stops. Caroline had indicated that we could use the Travel Demand Model and the I-20 Corridor Study as a means to justify asking for funds from the FAST Act. The projects in the FAST Act range from \$25 million, to \$100 million which is great because when the studies are done, we can then use that funding for those and then use Prop 1 and Prop 7 funding for projects off I-20.

d. Travel Demand Model Development

The consultants suggested the MPO compile a 30-40 member Delphi panel made from people in the entire region who have different viewpoints of the growth that they believe will be occurring between now and 2014. Staff has had positive responses from different developers, school district

officials, trucking companies, realtors, and engineers from both Odessa and Midland to participate. Ron Eckert suggested reaching out to more people from the oil and gas industry; he also suggested that Gary Simms be included. Cameron responded that letters were sent out, and will follow up on the suggestions. Staff has reserved the room at the Region 18 Education Center for the first meeting on February 11th from 10 A.M to 4 P.M. Lunch will be included.

e. I-20 Permian Basin Corridor Study

Staff has found people in the area who have an interest and utilize I-20 to be a part of the study. The meeting is set for Thursday the 21st from 10:30 A.M. to 1:15 P.M. and will include MPO staff, members of the TAC, consultants, and the five to six people found for the study.

8. Agency Project Reports

TxDOT-Odessa District – Gary Law – There was a public meeting last Tuesday about reconstructing the frontage road on Loop 338 between BI-20 and I-20 on the east side of town. After public meetings showed property owners against the first plan, TxDOT decided to reconstruct the frontage roads and put in a signal at Trunk St. Another public meeting went well with the new plan shown and the same property owners were happy with it. Bids for that project will go out in early Fall, and will be fully funded by Union Pacific Railroad. February 2nd and 3rd, TxDOT will be hosting a Local Government Project Training class that is required and at least one member of each entity has to attend. Dolores Vick will be conducting the next Permian Road Safety Coalition meeting the 25th of February. This last month TxDOT let four projects, one being the 191 project in Odessa. There were three bidders and Reece-Albert was the lowest at 7% over the engineer’s estimate. Since it is an on-system project, TxDOT will pick it up. Another project, reconstructing more of SH 302 between Odessa and Kermit to include a segment in Kermit had four bidders and it came in 20% under the estimate. A safety rest area project in Pecos County had three bidders and it came in at 18% over the engineer’s estimate. The last one, a district wide pavement texturing project, had nine bidders and it came in at 52% under the estimate. Robin Donnelly asked if there are any companies from outside the region bidding, Gary read off some of the companies that did and mentioned the market is opening up.

City of Midland – John Love – Fairgrounds Rd. is still moving along and the City of Midland is in negotiations with the MPO to put together an interlocal agreement he referred to earlier regarding the Northeast Corridor Study.

Midland County – Robin Donnelly – The paving project is continuing, and the 307 CR 1130 project is going forward. Waiting on Oncor to finish a few things, but the roadway is being done.

City of Odessa – David Turner – The next step of the University Boulevard Project has been approved, and the curve will be straightened out on University by the YMCA. There were seven

areas of concern where crashes happen, four of them were in that area. There are also six properties they will have to purchase and hopefully construction will commence in April of next year. Robin Donnelly asked if 86th St. is being widened to five lanes where the new school is. Hal Feldman mentioned the work happening at the moment is a school project, the city will then continue to widen the rest of it after they are done.

Ector County– Ron Eckert – Mentioned the change order because of the confusion concerning the source of the paving problems on Trunk St. and they should be back on board soon.

Martin County – Absent

MOUSD – Rob Stephens – Board meeting will be on Wednesday; they get to pick an Architect/Engineering firm for on-call services to take them on the next three to five years. The first project will be the finishing of the maintenance center since it was more expensive. He is glad to hear that there are reduced prices coming in for construction estimates. He also mentioned the FAST Act benefitting the transit arena and will give them more opportunity to build out some infrastructure.

9. Future Meetings

Policy Board Meeting – Tuesday, February 23, 2016, at 3:45 to 5:30 P.M.

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting– Thursday, January 21, 2016, at 10:30 A.M. – 1:15 P.M
(I-20 kick off)

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting – Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 8:30 A.M.

RCTP Meeting – Wednesday, February 10, 2016, at 11:30 A.M.

LEAP Rural Rail District Meeting – Tuesday, January 26, 2015 at 8:15 A.M.

10. 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.

14. Take Action Concerning Executive Session Matters

None

15. Adjourn

A motion was made by Robin Donnelly and seconded by David Turner to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 P.M. The motion passed unanimously.