



Policy Board Meeting

9601 Wright Dr., Suite 1, Midland, TX

April 18, 2016

Minutes

Policy Board Members Present

John B. Love III	Chair, Councilman, City of Midland
Ron Eckert	County Judge, Ector County
Robin Donnelly	County Commissioner, Midland County
Mike McAnally	District Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District
Bryan Cox	County Judge, Martin County

Policy Board Members Absent:

David Turner	Vice-Chair, Mayor, City of Odessa
Robert Stephens	General Manager, MOUTD

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
Muslim Hassan	Transportation Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District
Gene Powell	Public Information Officer, TxDOT Odessa District
Matt Carr	City Engineer, City of Midland
Gary Law	Director of TP&D, TxDOT Odessa District
Robert Ornelas	Transportation Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District

AGENDA ITEM

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting of the Permian Basin MPO Policy Board was called to order at 5:06 p.m. by Policy Board Chair, John B. Love III. A quorum was present.

2. Introductions and Announcements

John Love thanked Gary Law for making the drive from out of town (Dallas) for the meeting.

3. Public Comment Period

None

4. Approve the Policy Board Minutes from March 21, 2016

A motion was made by Robin Donnelly and seconded by Bryan Cox to accept and approve the March 21, 2016 Policy Board meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Approve the February 2016 billing statement

This is the fifth billing month for fiscal year 2016.

A motion was made by Robin Donnelly and seconded by Bryan Cox to approve the February 2016 billing with the change of a date. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Review the draft FY 2017-2020 TIP and approve the commencement of a 30-day public comment period

The TIP is due to TxDOT Austin by June 24th of this year, today's approval for review and comment will allow the MPO to follow the schedule that has been laid out. Staff is asking the Board to make sure there will be a quorum for the June 20th meeting. Staff pointed out the locations in the draft TIP where the new FAST Act applies, including the two new planning factors. Category 11 was added to the TIP Funding Outline. Language regarding IH 20 frontage road conversion and widening was removed since the IH 20 corridor study is currently underway. Appendix C was updated to reflect that four projects are on the fiscally constrained list from the MTP.

A motion was made by Robin Donnelly and seconded by Mike McAnally to approve the commencement of a 30-day public comment period after public posting. The motion passed unanimously.

7. MPO Staff Reports:

a. 120-Day Calendar: Staff encouraged the Policy Board to attend the RCTP meetings and described the Military Coalition. LEAP meeting will be held on the 26th of April. Next month's Policy Board meeting will be held at the Centennial Library in Midland beginning at 3 p.m. Staff will continue to look for other locations that are on EZ Rider's route and times that can allow more of the public to attend. TxDOT Planning Conference is in Houston June 15-17.

b. Regionally Coordinated Transportation Planning (RCTP) Update: RCTP met on April 13th with a presentation from Dale Little, the Ector County Emergency Management Coordinator. There was a lot of good feedback with the questions. The Transportation Resource Inventory was approved and

the first billing was submitted to TxDOT leaving \$23,109 left to spend until August, the Comprehensive Needs Assessment will be worked on until then. A Citizen Advisory Committee has been developed which is for transit dependent people and that meeting will on the 25th from 3:15-4:15 so the EZ Connect can provide transportation and EZ Rider is giving those trips for free. Attended a Creative Design Thinking Workshop on the 7th and 8th in Fort Worth and wants to incorporate those ideas into both the RCTP and Citizen Advisory Committee meetings.

c. 30 Day Activity Update and Social Media Update: Staff attended the Ports-to-Plains Conference in Lubbock March 30-31. The first day covered the energy sector in relation to transportation and the second day focused on agriculture. Cameron attended the National American Planning Association Conference in Phoenix from April 2-6. Rina mentioned her mobility conference in Fort Worth. Staff worked with the TAC and TxDOT to prepare the draft TIP and to have the certifications ready. The MPO has made additional contacts with the local bicycle activists group. Lorraine has been attending more of those meetings and wants to help them spread awareness of Bicycle Month which is the month of May.

d. Travel Demand Model Development: Three questionnaires have been sent out by the consultants, a second meeting has not been scheduled. SPR funds the MPO applied for back in September to purchase real time data associated with road travel has been purchased from a company called AirSage. We have paid \$11,000 of the \$22,000 they will charge us. The objective is to tie this data to employment and population numbers the Delphi Panel and the consultants are working on for the base year 2012.

e. I-20 Permian Basin Corridor Study: The second meeting with the consultants and stakeholders was last Thursday in the Atmos Energy Community Room. The agenda and PowerPoint for that meeting was reviewed. John Love pointed out that the Policy Board is encouraged to attend the next meeting because the TAC will like to see the Board there supporting what they are doing and they are also very informative.

f. Additional Funding Research: Following up to last month's request by the Board to look into the TIGER and FASTLANE grant opportunities even though there was a short time frame. Staff met with city and county staff regarding Project 2 and possibly getting it off the MTP list by having it funded through one of those grants. It was discovered since there is a 40% match on the FASTLANE grant it would cost Ector County a little over \$7 million for an overpass that would cost almost \$18 million at US 385 and SL 338. After conversations with David Peck and Judge Eckert, it was determined it is too early to make an application for a grant for that much money at this time. The TIGER grant is entirely refundable meaning an agency would have to account for all the money required to complete a project. The Board requested that the MPO keep a list of grants coming up so everyone can be better prepared to apply in the future.

8. Agency Project Reports

TxDOT-Odessa District – Mike McNally – Nothing else to add

City of Midland – Matt Carr – Working on the Northeast Midland Feasibility Study. Discussions on scope and fee are taken care and it should go before council on the 26th. Staff is trying to get a public input meeting set before Memorial Day. The interagency agreement should be ready by the next Policy Board meeting.

Midland County – Robin Donnelly – Pavement is about to go down on the last of the county paving project and signals on FM 307 at CR 1130 are up. All surveys are done on CR 1230, Right-of-Way offer letters have been sent out and condemnation proceedings will begin in July.

City of Odessa – Hal Feldman – University project is continuing. 87th St. widening project should start in the summer. 3rd St. between Golder and West County Road will be widened to a 3-lane roadway. Rejuvenation Project for this year starts next week and the sealcoat project has been awarded but not sure when it will start.

Ector County – David Peck – Continuing with the CETRZ Project, the light is up at SL 338 coming out of Gardendale. Judge Eckert brought up an issue with the green lights and Mike mentioned he would look into it.

Martin County – Bryan Cox – If the weather allows they will start the second coat on their sealcoat.

MOULD – Absent

9. Future Meetings

Policy Board Meeting – Monday, May 16, 2016 Centennial Library from 3-5 pm.

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting – Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 8:00 am.

RCTP Meeting – Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 11:30 am.

LEAP Rural Rail District Meeting – Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at 8:15 am.

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.

11. Take Action Concerning Executive Session Matters

None

12. Adjourn

A motion was made by Ron Eckert and seconded by Mike McAnally to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.