



Policy Board Meeting April 13, 2015

Policy Board Members Present

John B. Love III, Chair, Councilman, City of Midland
Susan Redford, County Judge, Ector County
Robin Donnelly, County Commissioner, Midland County
Bryan Cox, County Judge, Martin County
Mike McAnally, District Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District
Rob Stephens, General Manager, MOU/D

Policy Board Members Absent:

David Turner, Vice-Chair, Mayor, City of Odessa

Others in Attendance:

Cameron Walker, Executive Director, MOTOR MPO
Lorraine Quimiro, Senior Transportation Planner, MOTOR MPO
Rina Bale, Mobility Manager, MOTOR MPO
Lynn Taylor, Administrative Planning Assistant, MOTOR MPO
John Hellinghausen, Parkhill, Smith, & Cooper
David Peck, Project Manager, Ector County
Gene Powell, Public Information Officer, TxDOT Odessa District
Melanie Freeman, Dunaway & Associates, Midland County
Robert Ornelas, Transportation Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District
Gary Law, Director of TP&D, TxDOT Odessa District
Randy Brinlee, Director of Planning, City of Odessa
Chad Windham, Director of Operations, TxDOT Odessa District
Matt Carr, City Engineer, City of Midland
Joe Clark, MPO Coordinator, TxDOT

AGENDA ITEM

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting of the MOTOR Policy Board was called to order at 5:15 P.M. by Policy Board Chair, John Love.

2. Introductions and Announcements

Lynn Taylor was introduced to the Policy Board.

3. Public Comment Period

None

4. Approve Minutes from March 16, 2015

Cameron Walker explained that the Board Chair and Vice-Chair were not shown correctly in the February minutes and there was a typo on page 5.

A motion was made by Susan Redford and seconded by Bryan Cox to accept and approve the March 16, 2015 Policy Board meeting minutes with the changes. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Approve February 2015 Billing Statements

Staff completed the February billing and sent it to TxDOT. This is the fifth billing for the fiscal year 2015 and indicates the Tasks and Subtasks as approved in the 2015 UPWP. During the month of February MOTOR expended \$29,427.21 which brings the percentage of expenditures to 35.01% leaving an actual balance of \$175,735.99. On April 2, 2015 MOTOR received notification of a carryover amount of \$127,863.83; however, a typo was found by TxDOT which indicates the actual carryover amount of \$162,263.83. A supplemental amount of \$4,254.64 was received on April 7, 2015. These dollar amounts will be reflected in the March billing statement.

A motion was made by Robin Donnelly and seconded by Susan Redford to accept and approve the February billing statement as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Approve the Vision 2040 Plan Amendment No. 1

Cameron requested that the Board approve Amendment No. 1 of the *Vision 2040 Plan*. The Plan was amended to add to the Funded Projects list a project to widen FM 1788 from SH 191 to one mile north of SH 158. MOTOR also removed the two SH 191 projects listed in the MTP as preliminary engineering work which were funded through a separate source. The public was given a 10-day period to comment on these amendments. No written comments were received but Commissioner Robin Donnelly provided three comments via e-mail. Cameron presented the comments to the Board and explained how MOTOR addressed each one.

A motion was made by Susan Redford and seconded by Mike McAnally to approve the *Vision 2040 Plan* Amendment No. 1. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Approve the 2015-2018 TIP Amendment No. 1

Cameron presented the TIP changes to the Board which are consistent with the changes made to the *Vision 2040 Plan* regarding the FM 1788 project. The TIP was also amended at the request of the City of Odessa to move the JBS Parkway South/FM 3503 project from FY 2016 to FY 2017. The TIP amendment was open for a 10-day public comment period and no comments were received on the specific changes. James Beauchamp of MOTRAN provided several comments via e-mail. Some of the comments were stylistic changes and additions which MOTOR staff changed in the document. One comment requested a representative of MOTRAN and the Midland and Odessa Chambers of Commerce be appointed to the Policy Board. The majority of the Policy Board members felt it was not feasible to add any new members at this

time and were unsure if a MOTRAN representative could serve as a Board member since MOTRAN engages in lobbying activities. The Board directed staff to draft a letter to Mr. Beauchamp informing him of the Board's decision to keep MOTRAN as an Ex-Officio member at this time and that representatives from the Chambers will be discussed at a later time.

Commissioner Donnelly also requested on page 9 "the conversion of IH 20 one-way frontage roads" to simply say "Upgrading IH 20".

A motion was made by Rob Stephens and seconded by Mike McAnally to approve the TIP Amendment No. 1 with the changes discussed. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Discuss future amendments to the Vision 2040 MTP

Commissioner Robin Donnelly requested this item be put on the agenda for discussion of future *Vision 2040 Plan* amendments. TTI conducted a study on the top 1800 congested roadways in Texas and several on the list are in the MOTOR MPO MAB. Commissioner Donnelly believes roadways in the top 500 should be in the MTP. It was suggested to create a separate list within the MTP with IH 20 projects so problems on other corridors could be addressed. MOTOR staff stated that a household survey and a survey regarding commercial vehicle travel are currently being completed. This information will be valuable when deciding to amend the MTP in the future. The Travel Demand Model will also prove to be useful for any future MTP amendments.

Susan Redford suggested bringing in a moderator to host a half-day workshop to develop goals for the Policy Board members and the TAC to determine the needs of the area and how to proceed. The staff was directed to plan a workshop for this purpose.

9 MPO Staff Reports

a. 60-day Calendar

Staff included a 60-day event calendar to inform the Policy Board of upcoming meetings, hearings and special events.

b. Regionally Coordinated Transportation Planning (RCTP) Update

Rina provided the Board members an RCTP update. Since last month the RCTP committee meeting time changed, two updates were given. During the March 18 meeting, the committee discussed the regional plan amendment and the amendment to the FY 2015 Project Grant Agreement since the Mobility Manager position was vacant for four months. On April 8 the RCTP committee discussed creating a new logo for materials to disseminate at events like the State Independent Living Council which is April 30 at the TxDOT office. Rina is currently completing the application for Section 5304 funding which is due May 7.

c. March Activity Update

Cameron provided an update on March activities. The staff has been working on the TIP and the MTP. MOTOR staff attended the Ports to Plains Energy Summit held at Midland International Airport on March 20. The main discussion was a potential extension of IH 27. MOTOR held a Bicycle and Pedestrian planning event on March 5 and attended a webinar on the Federal

Uniform Act. MOTOR has been also looking into applying for the TIGER Grant Funds Program which is due by May 4, 2015. MOTOR partners are encouraged to consider eligible projects.

d. Draft Freight Mobility Plan Project Rankings

Lorraine discussed activity regarding the DRAFT Freight Mobility Plan. Staff took recommendations from the Policy Board, TAC and MOTRAN and consolidated them into one list which was presented to TxDOT Odessa district. TxDOT is preparing to submit the changes by the April 24, 2015 deadline.

10. Agency Project Reports

TXDOT-Odessa District – Mike McAnally- Mike talked about recent project lettings. TxDOT has discovered that bid prices are higher than estimated. Staff intended to let \$53 million of construction work and ending up letting \$61 million for this month. TxDOT is reevaluating what can be done about the cost differential and how to move forward.

City of Midland – John Love – None

County of Midland – Robin Donnelly – None

City of Odessa – Randy Brinlee – Widening University Avenue

County of Ector – David Peck – Working on CETRZ projects

County of Martin – Bryan Cox – None

MOUTD – Rob Stephens – None

MOTOR MPO Workshop – Joe Clark mentioned that a letter was sent to TxDOT for a MPO 101 generic training workshop for the Policy Board. Cameron mentioned cutting the workshop down to about four hours. The Policy Board was asked to look over the workshop agenda from 2012 and to identify what topics to discuss.

11. Future Meetings (MOTOR-MPO Conference Room)

Policy Board Meeting – Monday May 18, 2015 at 5:00 P.M.

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting – Thursday, May 7, 2015 at 8:30 A.M.

RCTP Meeting – Wednesday May 13, 2015 at 11:30 A.M.

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 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.

13. Take action concerning Executive Session Matters

No action taken

14. Adjourn

A Motion was made by Rob Stephens and seconded by Bryan Cox to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 P.M.