



Policy Board Meeting August 31, 2015

Policy Board Members Present

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

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
Ria Mangus, Administrative Planning Assistant, MOTOR MPO
Brett Stephens, Dunaway & Associates, Midland County
Chad Windham, Director of Operations, TxDOT Odessa District
Matt Carr, City Engineer, City of Midland
Gene Powell, Public Information Officer, TxDOT Odessa District
Joe Clark, MPO Coordinator, TxDOT
Travis Milner, Field Representative, TxDOT- East Region
David Peck, Project Manager, Ector County
Jose Ortiz, Director of Engineering, City of Midland
Robert Ornelas, Transportation Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District
Randy Brinlee, Director of Planning, City of Odessa

AGENDA ITEM

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting of the MOTOR Policy Board was called to order at 5:12 P.M. by Policy Board Chair, John B. Love III. A quorum was present.

2. Introductions and Announcements

Travis Milner a Field Representative with TxDOT- East Region was introduced to the Board.

3. Public Comment Period

None

4. Discuss draft Amendment No. 2 to the Vision 2040 MTP and authorize staff to commence a ten day public comment period

Staff led a discussion on this topic describing the changes contained in the draft Vision 2040 Plan Amendment No. 2. The main purpose for the proposed revision is so the Policy Board can consider an amended project list pursuant to direction at the previous Board meeting. The TAC met on August 24th to bring proposed projects from each member entity for consideration at the Policy Board meeting. Each of these projects should be discussed in detail. In addition to the construction dollars under Proposition 1 funds for FY 2016 and FY 2017 (agenda item 5) the Policy Board may also direct the TxDOT Odessa District to begin the advance planning efforts for up to \$35M of future construction value over a four-year period.

As stated to the Board and the TAC, any changes to the current project list will require an amendment to the MTP which includes a ten day public comment period in accordance with the MPO's public participation plan. If the Policy Board is ready to proceed with the proposed amendments to the MTP, staff will need to post a notice in the newspapers and distribute copies of the draft amendments to the public libraries, city halls, TxDOT and Martin County offices. We anticipate this could begin on or about September 10th. The public comment period would expire about September 21st and the Board could consider adopting the Vision 2040 MTP Amendment No. 2 thereafter.

Cameron gave a brief overview for the Board, explaining the changes in the amendment of the *Vision 2040 Plan*. Changes to chapter 1, include the goals and objectives, and vision statement, as outlined in the handout given to the Board. Affordability was stricken from the goals that were found in the previous version. Staff proposes the goals and objectives become part of the MTP Amendment No. 2. Cameron proposed the goals and objectives become a part of chapter 1 in the amended MTP and asked for any changes to the objectives as created by Staff with the assistance of Joe Clark, Kirk Fauver and Bill Frawley. John Love III asked the TAC members and Policy Board members for concerns or recommendations to the thirteen objectives. Robin Donnelly asked if under goal 7, EJ (Environmental Justice) could be spelled out.

Cameron stated the goal located in chapter 5 regarding safety was replaced with the new goal, as was approved by the Board.

Cameron mentioned agenda item 7, as referenced to the name change, and that the entire MTP now reflects the approved name, Permian Basin MPO. The logo was also removed, pending a new design. This change would be considered an administrative change, without violating any rules. Maps were also changed to reflect the new boundary to include Martin County.

Chapter 11 will include changes to the project list and it has been recommended to combine the unfunded, the local list, and illustrious list into one list of projects that are currently unfunded.

Attention was brought to the screen that indicates the changes in projects on a map, based on the TAC recommendations for projects to be moved from the unfunded list to the fiscally constrained list. Projects listed and shown are in today's funds, and does not include the 4% increase per year for rate of inflation. Mike explained Fairgrounds Road and Yukon Road are off-system and cannot be funded by Prop 1 funds and off-system includes city streets and county roads. John asked which routes included hazardous cargo from the list. Robin explained that this stems from the recent development at the Loop 250 and 191 interchange. The city had proposed it as one project and is now asking if it can be phased, but is already in the MTP in one project. Mike explained the projects can be planned in phases and constructed in phases. Looking at a phase does not mean it goes off the list. Travis Milner explained the project is looking at point A to point B and can have segments and phases. A minor amendment can break out segments to projects. Cameron stated that the funds need to be indicated on the phases of projects to better inform the Board.

Cameron provided the Board with a list of projects for review. The scores were initially skewed and a subcommittee was created, Matt Carr recused himself, and the scores were recalculated. Cameron stated the TAC members did not wish to re-score the projects as part of Amendment No. 2. Mike stated that Prop 1 might not be as high as estimated due to oil prices. Gene Powell stated the TAC were intent was to present the Board with a list that will allow the Board to prioritize the projects.

John stated each member has a top projects by relying on the TAC support members for the information required to decide how the presented list of projects should be prioritized. Mike stated +/- \$35 million in development authority and when Prop 1 funds become available, the projects will be pulled.

John recommended the board defer agenda item 4 and conduct the other agenda items before returning.

A motion was made by Susan Redford and seconded by Robert Stephens to defer agenda item 4 until later in the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Jose Ortiz, City of Midland, stated RC-03a and RC-86 as top projects. Brett Stephens, Midland County, stated RC-50b and RC-19. David, City of Odessa, RC-29 and RC-21, and for County, RC-13 and RC-09. Robert Stephens and Bryan Cox concur with the projects listed. The projects were presented on the screen. Susan Redford recommended once the projects are agreed upon, to prioritize them based on the TAC score. John stated the top four will be RC-03a, RC-50b, RC-29, and RC-13. City of Midland and Midland County agreed upon RC-86. City of Odessa and Ector County agreed upon RC-13. The estimated costs are RC-03a - \$16 million, RC-29 - \$14.2 million and RC-86 - \$8 million for a total of \$40.6 million. John asked if the City of Odessa and Ector

County wanted to change the RC-29 based on the TxDOT study on IH 20. David informed the Board the top project is now RC-21, followed by RC-13, with both being \$16 million. Midland County and City of Midland chose RC-19 to replace RC-50b, which is on IH 20.

Based on the TAC scores, the list indicates RC-03a, RC-21, RC-86 would total \$42 million. Mike stated development authority would be found for the projects. The top project would move to funded list, and then the next project would move up for development. The phases are plan, develop, and construct, and frees up development of the next projects. RC-19 and RC-13 are the next project to be considered. The remaining project will fall in order.

A motion was made by Robert Stephens and seconded by Bryan Cox to accept ranking as established. The motion passed with Mike McAnally abstaining from the vote.

Cameron asked if it was board directed TAC and Staff the project to be programmed as RC-03a for FY 2016 and FY 2017 Proposition 1 funding. John Love III affirmed.

Cameron stated chapter 12 includes information on Prop 1 funds and Prop 7. Outlining Prop 7 funding is based on Texas voters in November 2015 to approve the constitutional amendment.

5. Consider programming of FY 2016 and FY 2017 Proposition 1 funds

The MPO Board should now consider programming of the Proposition 1 funding for FY 2016 and FY 2017. The TxDOT estimate for FY 2016 is \$8.4M and \$8.275M for FY 2017. Staff has been advised that these funds may be combined unlike last year's Proposition 1 fund distribution. It is important that the Policy Board approve the use of these funds so that they may be included in the November UTP update. The Proposition 1 funds will need to be obligated by August 2016.

6. Concur with TxDOT Odessa District's UTP Programming inside the MAB

A new requirement of the TxDOT UTP is that each District must seek the concurrence of the MPOs regarding the project list containing work inside the MAB. Staff was requested to place this item on the agenda to meet the UTP and TxDOT's new requirement. The list of projects is shown below:

FY 2016 Projects Within the MPO (As of 8/27/2015)									
Letting Month	Work Program	Type Of Work	CSJ	HWY	COUNTY	LIMITS FROM	LIMITS TO	DCIS AUTHORIZED \$	
September '15	No Projects Slated to Let							TOTAL \$	-
October '15	No Projects Slated to Let							TOTAL \$	-
November '15	1501E, 1601	Roadway Restoration	1718-01-033	FM 1788	Midland	IH 20 Service Road	FM 1787	\$ 13,200,001.00	
	1601	Seal Coat (16)	0380-18-007	SH 349	Midland	Martin County Line	FM 1788	\$ 125,088.00	
	1601	Seal Coat (16)	2005-02-016	FM 1882	Ector	0.16 MI South of IH 20	US 385 South	\$ 390,921.00	
	1601	Seal Coat (16)	3570-01-008	FM 3503	Ector	IH 20	Midland County Line	\$ 162,883.00	
	1601	Seal Coat (16)	0005-01-108	BI 20E	Ector	IH 20	Midland County Line	\$ 390,921.00	
							TOTAL \$	14,269,814.00	
December '15	No Projects Slated to Let							TOTAL \$	-
January '16	1602U, Local, 1611	Ramp Improvements	2296-01-051, etc.	SH 191	Ector & Midland	Billy Hext Road	Yukon Road	\$ 4,221,000.00	
							TOTAL \$	4,221,000.00	
February '16	No Projects Slated to Let							TOTAL \$	-
March '16	1601	Non IH Pavement Markings	0906-00-153	VA	District Wide	VA	VA	\$ 1,000,000.00	
	1601	IH Pavement Markings	0906-00-171	VA	District Wide	VA	VA	\$ 1,000,000.00	
	1601	District Wide ADA Upgrade	0906-00-172	VA	District Wide	VA	VA	\$ 750,000.00	
							TOTAL \$	2,750,000.00	
April '16	No Projects Slated to Let							TOTAL \$	-
May '16	1611	Install New Traffic Signals	0906-00-154	VA	District Wide	VA	VA	\$ 600,000.00	
	1610CR	District Wide ADA Upgrade	0906-00-170	VA	District Wide	VA	VA	\$ 1,500,000.00	
							TOTAL \$	2,100,000.00	
June '16	No Projects Slated to Let							TOTAL \$	-
July '16	1601	Reconstruct & Widen	1718-07-042	SH 349 (FM 1788)	Midland	SH 191	BI 20E	\$ 10,635,500.00	
							TOTAL \$	10,635,500.00	
August '16	No Projects Slated to Let							TOTAL \$	-
							TOTAL \$	-	
							FY 2016 TOTAL \$	33,976,314.00	

Cameron stated that TxDOT now requires the Board to concur local district projects within the MPO boundary. Mike explained this includes ADA upgrades on roads that are being seal-coated. Items ending in 01 are Category 1, which is rehab and/or PM. Items ending in 11 are district discretionary. 02 are ramp reversals from 2014. Cat 10 funding is a catch-all. None of the funding is from Prop 1.

A motion was made by Robin Donnelly and seconded by Susan Redford to acknowledge and concur as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Approve a name change and an associated resolution adopting the change

At the last Policy Board meeting the Board voted to change the name of the MOTOR MPO agency to the Permian Basin MPO during an executive session followed by an announcement in open

session. Staff recommends that the Board follow up with an agenda item for this specific purpose. A resolution for Board approval and signature will be available at the meeting.

A motion was made by Susan Redford and seconded by Bryan Cox to accept and approve request to change the name of MOTOR MPO to Permian Basin MPO as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Discuss the Travel Demand Model and an IH-20 Corridor Study

Staff met with representatives of TxDOT Austin and TxDOT Odessa District on August 25th. The purpose of the meeting was to inform the MPO that contract arrangements are now complete for the commencement of an updated Travel Demand Model. Staff anticipates that the consultants will meet with MPO staff in September. The representatives also stated that an update to a 15 year old IH 20 corridor study is also underway. Both of these important undertakings are being paid for by TxDOT. The MPO will coordinate with the consultants for both studies. As a reminder to the Board, some of the 2016 UPWP funds are allocated for staff time and materials associated with the Travel Demand Model.

TxDOT is looking at potential changes to the IH 20 corridor which may include one-way frontage roads, freight mobility changes and overpasses. Staff will make the Board aware when the date is officially set. John stated TxDOT will be funding approximately \$5.75 million toward the two projects. Mike stated TxDOT does not have preconceived ideas on what improvements that may be made or direction since the MPO is the steering committee. John added Mr. Beall wished for it to be a collaborative effort among stakeholders. Robin requested to be informed of the data collection responsibilities of the MPO regarding the Travel Demand Model.

9. MPO Staff Reports

a. 30-Day Calendar:

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

Staff informed the Policy Board of the usual meetings and the upcoming Labor Day in September. The Policy Board, Special Meeting was added to the calendar for August 31, 2015, at 5:00 P.M. John Love clarified that the Special meeting does not take the place of the regular meeting on September 28, 2015.

10. Agency Project Reports:

TxDOT-Odessa District – Mike McAnally – Repair on IH 20 and Crane Hwy has not been finished.

City of Midland – Jose Ortiz – The city is moving forward on Fairgrounds Road and utility relocation.

County of Midland – Brett Stephens – Phase III paving work to start at the end of September and kick-off for CR 1250.

City of Odessa – Randy Brinlee – University Boulevard project through consultant, Kimley Horn.

County of Ector – David Peck – Seal-coating and working on TxDOT grants.

County of Martin – Bryan Cox – Working on TxDOT grants.

MOUSD – Robert Stephens – Still working on “Where’s My Bus” app.

11. Future Meetings (MOTOR-MPO Conference Room)

Policy Board Meeting – Monday, September 28, 2015, at 5:00 P.M.

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting – Thursday, September 10, 2015, at 8:30 A.M.

RCTP Meeting – Wednesday, September 9, 2015, at 11:30 A.M.

LEAP Board Meeting – Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at 8:15 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 Mike McAnally and seconded by Robert Stephens to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 P.M. The motion passed unanimously.