



Policy Board Meeting May 18, 2015

Policy Board Members Present

John B. Love III, Chair, Councilman, City of Midland
David Turner, Vice-Chair, Mayor, City of Odessa
Bryan Cox, County Judge, Martin County
Mike McAnally, District Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District

Policy Board Members Absent:

Susan Redford, County Judge, Ector County
Robin Donnelly, County Commissioner, Midland County
Rob Stephens, General Manager, MOU/D

Others in Attendance:

Cameron Walker, Executive Director, MOTOR MPO
Lorraine Quimiro, Senior Transportation Planner, MOTOR MPO
Rina Bale, Mobility Manager, MOTOR MPO
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
Chad Windham, Director of Operations, TxDOT Odessa District
Joe Clark, MPO Coordinator, TxDOT
Hal Feldman, Traffic Coordinator, City of Odessa
Mike Pacelli, Traffic Division Manager, City of Midland
Jose Ortiz, Director of Engineering, City of Midland
Laurie Williams, Parks and Recreation Manager, City of Midland

AGENDA ITEM

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting of the MOTOR Policy Board was called to order at 5:07 P.M. by Policy Board Chair, John Love.

2. Introductions and Announcements

Laurie Williams and Joe Clark were introduced to the Policy Board. Staff announced that Facebook and Twitter were up and running.

3. Public Comment Period

None

4. Approve Minutes from April 13, 2015

A motion was made by David Turner and seconded by Bryan Cox to accept and approve the April 13, 2015 Policy Board meeting minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Approve March 2015 Billing Statements

Staff completed the March billing and sent it to TxDOT. This is the sixth billing for the fiscal year 2015 and indicates the Tasks and Subtasks as approved in the 2015 UPWP. During the month of March MOTOR expended \$37,911.93 which brings the percentage of expenditures to 43.35% leaving an actual balance of \$307,626.40.

A motion was made by David Turner and seconded by Mike McAnally to accept and approve the March billing statement as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Presentation from Laurie Williams of the City of Midland Parks and Recreation Division regarding a Transportation Alternatives Program Grant Application.

Laurie explained that the TAP grant is available to areas of population between 5,000 and 200,000 and this year \$53M is available. There were 113 projects submitted totaling \$130M.

The city is committed to hiring a consultant to assist in this project and will coincide with the recently approved Hike and Bike Plan. Midland County is also a partner and will assist with surface materials once construction is complete. Laurie mentioned that FAA has approved the access plan. The Midland City Council has committed over \$300,000 to fund the required 20% match. The total cost is about \$1.6 Million. It will be an approximate five mile long, ten foot wide divided trail for bicycle and pedestrian uses on city and college property. MOTOR MPO committed to amending the 2015-2018 TIP if funding is awarded. The Texas Transportation Commission will announce the grant recipients in September 2015. Construction would be administered by TxDOT through a funding agreement with the City of Midland.

7. 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.

A meeting with Bill Frawley and Joe Clark is scheduled for June 8th and 9th regarding the upcoming Visioning Workshop and the Congestion Management Process (CMP).

b. Regionally Coordinated Transportation Planning (RCTP) Update:

Staff provided the Board members with an RCTP update. During the May 13 meeting, the committee discussed the amendment to the FY 2015 Project Grant Agreement and the FY 2016 RCTP application, which was submitted to TxDOT on May 7. The Committee also participated in a brainstorming session regarding the potential partners and users, design, and amenities of the Multimodal facility that is being planned by EZ-Rider and others. It was recommended that

the Mobility Manager look at the ECISD Demographic Study for information regarding Population Growth.

Staff informed the Board of the new MOTOR MPO Recycling Program.

c. 30 Day Activity Update:

Staff attended a public meeting hosted by TxDOT concerning the SH 191 corridor from FM 1788 to East Loop 338. Larry Bell spoke with Cameron regarding his project and about the growth on Faudree Rd. Staff attended a neighborhood meeting in the former window pane area in southeast Midland regarding street and drainage improvements. Staff met with the City of Midland to discuss the Thoroughfare Plan draft which will become part of its comprehensive plan update. Staff requested that both cities bring maps to the TAC meeting on June 4, 2015, staff to view their thoroughfare for a coordination effort among affected cities and counties.

A review of Practices and Policies was conducted by the TxDOT Office of Civil Rights and submitted minor recommendations to MOTOR MPO. Staff followed through with the recommendations and recently received *notice of compliance* to close out the review.

d. Policy Board Visioning Meeting:

Due to scheduling issues, the meeting has been moved to July 7, 2015. Staff coordinated with Bill Frawley, Texas A&M Transportation Institute, about facilitating a Visioning meeting for the Policy Board, the TAC and the staff.

Mr. Love expressed the need for better communication and coordination between Policy Board and TAC members. He requested that this topic be a point of emphasis during the Visioning Meeting.

8. Agency Project Reports:

TxDOT-Odessa District – Gene Powell thanked everyone involved in the May 5, “Click-it or ticket” event. On May 15th TxDOT hosted a motorcycle safety and awareness event where 50 riders rode to promote awareness. On July 10th there will be another news conference regarding the “Be safe, Drive smart” campaign.

Mike McAnally – TxDOT is preparing for the revamping of planning and programming funds that TxDOT administers. The legislature should release dollar amounts by the middle of next month. TxDOT is unable to proceed with project planning if a project is not on the funded list. Mike requested the Policy Board to review projects and their commitment prior to TxDOT beginning project development. During the TEMPO meeting, Mark Williams informed attendees of the next two years of Proposition 1 funding. The State anticipates approximately \$35million over four years of Prop 1 funding.

City of Midland – Jose Ortiz gave an update on the status of the Fairgrounds Road widening south of Loop 250 as well as the Briarwood widening and paving to be completed this summer. HEB submitted a traffic analysis report for the intersection of SH 191 and Loop 250. The report will be discussed in late May. This has increased the need for discussion with the Chevron Tower construction in that area.

County of Midland – Melanie Freeman reported on the intersection improvements at FM 307/CR1130 to coincide with the installation of traffic signals by TxDOT.

City of Odessa – Hal Feldman reported on the University Avenue widening project, Odessa staff will brief council in the coming weeks, consultants will then go door-to-door to promote public awareness and gather input.

David Turner stated Comprehensive plan coming soon; bridge over Copper Canyon being built. Cameron asked if Judge Lewis would visit MOTOR.

County of Ector – David Peck mentioned that the Moss Road work will begin June 1st by Jones Brothers. The County has two or three projects that are out for bid. Ramps at Loop 338 and I-20, in the Trunk Road area are also out for bid.

County of Martin – Bryan Cox reported that FM 846 will be improved using CETRZ funding to complete seal coats and that FM 3263 will be let in July.

MOUTD – Not Present – Cameron Walker stated that the Mobility Manager has started the process of collecting feedback from potential users of a planned Multimodal facility to be constructed by EZ- Rider. Additional work included reaching out to potential partners.

9. Future Meetings (MOTOR-MPO Conference Room)

Policy Board Meeting – Monday, June 15, 2015 at 5:00 P.M.

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting – Thursday, June 4, 2015 at 8:30 A.M.

RCTP Meeting – Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 11:30 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.

11. Take action concerning Executive Session Matters

No action taken

12. Adjourn

A motion was made by David Turner and seconded by Mike McAnally to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 P.M.