



Permian Basin MPO

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Policy Board Meeting

Wright Office Complex, Suite 1, 9601 Wright Dr., Midland, TX

October 19, 2015

Minutes

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
Ron Eckert*	County Judge, Ector County
Mike McAnally	District Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District

*Non-voting member, resolution not on file as of this meeting.

Policy Board Members Absent:

Robin Donnelly	County Commissioner, Midland County
Robert Stephens	General Manager, MOU/D

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
Randy Brinlee	Director of Planning, City of Odessa
Matt Carr	City Engineer, City of Midland
Joe Clark	MPO Coordinator, TxDOT
Hal Feldman	Traffic Coordinator, City of Odessa
John Hellinghausen	Project Manager, Parkhill, Smith & Cooper
Gary Law	Director of TP&D, TxDOT Odessa District
Mike Molter	Civil Projects Manager, Parkhill, Smith & Cooper
Robert Ornelas	Transportation Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District
David Peck	Project Manager, Ector County
Brett Stephens	Dunaway & Associates, Midland County
Chad Windham	Director of Operations, TxDOT Odessa District

AGENDA ITEM

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting of the Permian Basin MPO Policy Board was called to order at 5:08 P.M. by Policy Board Chair, John B. Love III. A quorum was present.

2. Introductions and Announcements

Judge Ron Eckert, newly appointed Ector County representative, Mike Molter, Civil Projects Manager, and John Hellinghausen, Project Manager, with Parkhill, Smith & Cooper were introduced to the Board.

3. Public Comment Period

None

4. Approve the Policy Board Minutes from September 28, 2015

A motion was made by Mike McNally and seconded by David Turner to defer until later in the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by David Turner and seconded by Bryan Cox to accept and approve the September 28, 2015 Policy Board meeting minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Approve August 2015 Billing Statement

John Love asked if we anticipated additional work orders for FY 2015. Rina Bale explained all work orders have been received for FY 2015. Joe Clark mentioned the work order for FTA 5303 funds should arrive in October for FY 2016 funding. Cameron Walker added the MPO applied for supplemental funding in the amount of \$27,800, but have not received an update from TxDOT. The supplemental funding will be used for the Travel Demand Model development. Joe stated TxDOT – Austin has reviewed the applications and might receive word in November.

A motion was made by David Turner and seconded by Bryan Cox to accept and approve the August billing statement as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Update on Draft Statewide Freight Mobility Plan

Cameron indicated the draft Statewide Freight Mobility Plan has been submitted for public comment period until November 9, 2015. Staff presented a slide-show to the Board indicating some of the highlights of the draft Plan. These included a map showing projected increase in rail freight, current safety areas, road segments with additional needs throughout the state, including I-20 through the MPO boundary. Red lines on the safety needs map indicate areas that involve commercial traffic and railway safety problems statewide. There are insets within the document for the Dallas/Ft Worth, Houston, and larger MPO areas. The slide show included a list of potential projects but none are currently funded. Cameron pointed out a project involving the installation of a flashing beacon at the CR 130 intersection at 349. The following slides displayed projects along I-20 including ramp extensions, conversion from rural to urban freeway segments, overpass construction, FM 866 to the east end of Monahans Draw bridge for reconfiguration and extend ramps, east of JBS Parkway to extend ramps. A new interchange at Fairgrounds Road at Loop 250 was also on the list of projects. This is a listed project at the top of the MPO's MTP fiscally constrained project list. Staff was instructed to email the Board a copy of the powerpoint and links to the Draft Freight Mobility Plan and Public Comment page.

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.

b. Regionally Coordinated Transportation Planning (RCTP) Update:

Rina Bale stated the RCTP Committee met on September 9. The final deliverable for FY 2015 was approved for \$10,068. The committee reviewed the FY 2016 Project Grant Agreement and Workplan; this contract totals \$37,744 and ends August 31, 2016. Continued discussions regarding FTA Section 5310 funding were also held.

c. 30 Day Activity Update and Social Media Update:

Cameron mentioned attending a training workshop on 2CFR200 in Austin, called the “super circular,” which replaces other administrative documents on how to manage federal grants. Staff also attended the Permian Road Safety Forum hosted by Shell at the Midland County Horseshoe Arena with approximately 65-80 people in attendance. The MPO will inform the Board of the next meeting. Cameron indicated one or two members of the road safety group may be included in a future MPO Freight advisory committee. Cameron mentioned Lorraine’s attendance at the Midland Chamber of Commerce Annual meeting.

d. Update on name change and visioning workshop objectives

The Permian Basin MPO new logo was revealed. The Policy Board members liked the different transportation modes that are represented in the logo.

The slideshow prepared by MPO staff for outreach efforts, was presented to the Policy Board members. This will be shown at public agency and private group meetings throughout the MAB. John Love suggested converting the presentation into video format to add to the MPO website and social media pages.

The MPO is planning a Media Day/Open House on Dec. 16. This will include a press conference at 10:30 to reveal the new name, logo, website, and will present the slideshow.

e. Update on TxDOT Unified Transportation Plan public hearing:

The State’s Budget Office estimation changed from \$8.4 to \$7.8 million and could possibly be further reduced. The 30-day public comment period on the public hearing began on Oct. 15 and will end on Nov. 16. Any comments received will be acted on at the next Transportation Commission meeting.

8. Agency Project Reports:

TxDOT-Odessa District – Mike McAnally – Working on bridges on interstate beginning with the ones at Loop 250 & Loop 338.

City of Midland – Matt Carr – Nothing new to report.

County of Midland – Brett Stephens – Utility work at the intersection at FM 307 & CR 1130 has been completed; Jones Bros. is the contractor for installing signals. SCR 30 Loop 250 extension at Antelope Trail is currently being looked at by surveyors doing boundary work.

City of Odessa – Hal Feldman – Consultants to brief Council regarding University Blvd. Phase I should start by next year.

County of Ector – David Peck – Continuing with CERTZ projects.

County of Martin – Bryan Cox – Continuing TIF projects.

MOULD – Not present.

9. Future Meetings

Policy Board Meeting – Monday, November 16, 2015, at 5:00 P.M.

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting – Thursday, November 5, 2015, at 8:30 A.M.

RCTP Meeting – Wednesday, November 18, 2015, at 11:30 A.M.

LEAP Board Meeting – Tuesday, November 17, 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:

Policy Board Chair, John B. Love III announced executive session at 6:00 P.M. and returned at 6:21 P.M.

11. Take action concerning Executive Session Matters

A motion was made by Mike McAnally and seconded by Bryan Cox to implement a 3% cost of living raise to MPO staff. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Adjourn

A motion was made by David Turner and seconded by Mike McAnally to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 P.M. The motion passed unanimously.