



Permian Basin MPO

Metropolitan
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Policy Board Meeting

9601 Wright Dr., Suite 1

Midland, TX 79706

December 19, 2016

Minutes

Policy Board Members Present

John B. Love III	Chair, Councilman, City of Midland
David Turner	Vice-Chair, Mayor, City of Odessa
Robert Stephens	General Manager, MOUTD
Ron Eckert	County Judge, Ector County
Robin Donnelly	County Commissioner, Midland County
John Speed, P.E.	District Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District

Policy Board Members Absent:

Bryan Cox	County Judge, Martin County
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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
Bill Frawley	Research Scientist, TTI
Kirk Fauver	Environmental Coordinator, FHWA
Gary Law	Director of TP&D, TxDOT Odessa District
Gene Powell	Public Information Officer, TxDOT Odessa District
Robert Ornelas	Transportation Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District
Chad Windham, P.E.	Director of Operations, TxDOT Odessa District
Muslim Hassan	Transportation Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District
Chuck Harrington	Development Services Director, City of Midland
Jose Ortiz	Engineering Services Director, City of Midland
Matt Carr	City Engineer, City of Midland
David Peck	Project Manager, Ector County
Trevor Hawes	Midland Reporter-Telegram
Edmund Haas	Freese and Nichols
James Beauchamp	MOTRAN

Brent Hilliard
Will Barresi
Roger Beall

Midland Development Corporation
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TxDOT - Austin

AGENDA ITEM

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting of the Permian Basin MPO Policy Board was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Policy Board Chair, John B. Love III. A quorum was present.

2. Introductions and Announcements

Everyone in the room introduced themselves.

3. Public Comment Period

None

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

A motion was made by David Turner and seconded by John Speed to approve the November 21, 2016 Policy Board meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Approve the October 2016 billing statement

October is the first month in fiscal year 2017, the MPO spent \$42,007.21, and for the year spent 9.3%. The actual balance of funds is at \$75,225.79. Robin Donnelly asked about the carryover and Bill Frawley answered that TxDOT is still working on them.

A motion was made by Robin Donnelly and seconded by John Speed to approve the October 2016 billing. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Approve Amendment No. 3 to the Vision 2040 MTP

This is the last step in the MTP amendment process that was suggested by Judge Eckert. The change is to take a project that is listed as an overpass on Loop 338 at 52nd /56th Street and replace it with another project listed as an overpass at Yukon Road and Loop 338. The amendment has been made within the document itself, the public comment period has been opened and closed and no comments were received. David Turner asked if there was a cost on project 3, TxDOT will answer when they do their agency report.

A motion was made by David Turner and seconded by Ron Eckert to approve amendment No. 3 to the Vision 2040 MTP. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Accept the final report for the NE Midland Corridor Feasibility Study

Last month, Eddie Haas from Freese and Nichols gave a presentation on everything that has occurred with this study including the public involvement to the Board and the Midland City Council, and they have accepted the report. Eddie thanked the City of Midland and the MPO for giving Freese and Nichols the opportunity to conduct the study. The report identifies actions and strategies of transportation and land use considerations on the network. One of the items highlighted is the MPO's Travel Demand Model and how it will be a great tool for advancing specific definitions of what some of the key corridors need to look like. A lot of the analysis that was done set the framework for information that can be used in environmental documentation for a phase two feasibility type study. The Study was finished ahead of schedule and under budget. John Love thanked Eddie for a job well done especially when it came to the public involvement, he had never seen that many people come out for a meeting regarding transportation.

A motion was made by Robin Donnelly and seconded by John Speed to accept the final report for the NE Midland Corridor Feasibility Study. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Approve an administrative amendment to the MTP regarding grouped project identification

In the MTP there are Grouped MPO Projects that would be better labelled as GPs (Grouped Projects). The TAC concurred since this would simplify the table. This proposed administrative amendment does not affect any money or project in the document, these projects are not specifically listed within the MTP or in the TIP. Typical grouped projects include shoulder widening, traffic signals, a free flow right turn lane, rumble strips. The table being amended matches the Grouped CSJ table as agreed to by the Federal Highway Administration and TxDOT so they can group projects in the TIP. By having this in the MTP, it further identifies the source of each project. During the discussion, a typo in the table was pointed out, staff will also make that change.

A motion was made by David Turner and seconded by John Speed to approve an administrative amendment to the MTP regarding grouped project identification. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Results of the FHWA/FTA Certification Review presented by Kirk Fauver, FHWA Texas Division

FHWA is required to review TMAs every four years under federal law. Kirk mentioned that there was a Federal Certification Review conducted on the Permian Basin MPO in February of this year, with a mock review done in February 2015. During the mock review, a lot of the MPO's work efforts were reviewed with comments early on; FHWA and FTA had 17 recommendations which Kirk noted as being good compared to others, especially since this is the MPO's first federal

certification review. Kirk delivered a power point showing everything they reviewed and all the strengths the MPO had as well as some areas where recommended improvements should be considered. The only corrective action was better documentation of the CMP (congestion management process) and while interviewing the Policy Board members there was a request for more Board training.

10. Presentation on the I-20 Corridor Study progress

Will Barressi gave a brief update, including the public involvement, segment prioritization, corridor implementation plan, and next steps. Recommendations come from the stakeholders regarding the proposed segments of the corridor for further analysis and design. These are segments C, E, G and H. Will also noted the potential addition of main lanes from four to six in some locations and the conversion of the entire 40-mile plus corridor to one-way frontage roads. TxDOT has committed to construct Texas turnarounds and additional crossovers as needed to provide adequate circulation. The local municipalities are interested in providing backage road improvements to help with access and circulation. David Turner mentioned that politically, making the frontage roads one-way in Ector County will not happen. Will stated the stakeholders are the ones who made the recommendation and any more plans for them will include more involvement from the public. David Peck discussed some of the safety aspects and Jose Ortiz went over the benefits that would be gained from backage roads. The consultants are looking at coming back next month for the Policy Board's approval of the recommendations to then begin preliminary design of the segments. John Love is going to ask the TAC to reprioritize the entire list of projects with the understanding that Category 2 is going to local projects and Category 4 is going towards I-20 projects.

11. MPO Staff Reports:

a. 120-Day Calendar: David Turner suggested having all the reports be put together and sent out with the packet, that way when meetings run long they can already have the information and just ask questions when needed. Cameron let him know the MPO's reports are written out but that staff will just not spend the time to go over each individual item. John Love then said the TAC members will need to send their reports to the MPO for submission into the packet.

Cameron pointed out that the calendar shows the Transportation Forum in February. The Board also voted to have the January meeting moved to the 23rd due to the holiday. February's meeting will stay on the date it is scheduled and will be held at Odessa College.

b. Regionally Coordinated Transportation Planning (RCTP) Update:

Met on the 13th, they approved the GAP Analysis, which is part of the Regional Plan that is due to TxDOT in February.

c. 30 Day Activity Update and Social Media Update:

Pointed out that it is all written out in the packet and the social media numbers are higher than what was written down, the MPO has 85 Facebook likes and 32 Twitter followers.

d. Travel Demand Model Development:

Staff is continuing work with the Alliance Transportation Group on Phase 1. The MPO sent back information requested for the draft and they thanked everyone involved.

12. Agency Project Reports

TxDOT-Odessa District – Gary: Still have not received an estimate for project 3, they are in the beginning portions of negotiating a contract. David Turner asked that if the funding stays the same, does the MPO skip it when it comes to programming. Gary answered that if money comes faster they should move to number 4, 5, 6 for project development. Kickoff meeting was held today with TTI to begin prioritizing projects in the region so if any agencies have not submitted letters they need to do so as soon as possible. January 19th, there will be a webinar connection at the TxDOT offices to a public meeting for the Unified Transportation Plan update.

City of Midland – Jose: There was a small ceremony on December 9th for the completion of Fairgrounds Rd.

Midland County – Robin: Waiting for crews.

City of Odessa – David Turner: Wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Ector County – David Peck: About to begin Project 10 on CERTZ.

Martin County – absent

MOUSD – Rob: None, but also wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

13. Future Meetings

Policy Board Meeting – January 23, 2017 at 5:00 pm

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting – Thursday, January 5, 2017 at 8:00 am

RCTP Meeting – Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 11:30 am

LEAP Rural Rail District Meeting – Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 8:15 am

14. 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.

15. Take Action Concerning Executive Session Matters

None

16. Adjourn

A motion was made by Ron Eckert and seconded by John Speed to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.