



Permian Basin MPO Metropolitan Planning Organization

Policy Board Meeting
9601 Wright Dr., Suite 1
Midland, TX 79706

April 17, 2017
Minutes

Policy Board Members Present

David Turner	Chair, Mayor, City of Odessa
Robin Donnelly	Vice-Chair, County Commissioner, Midland County
John B. Love III	Councilman, City of Midland
Ron Eckert	County Judge, Ector County
John Speed, P.E.	District Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District
Bryan Cox	County Judge, Martin County

Policy Board Members Absent:

Robert Stephens	General Manager, MOU/D
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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
Bill Frawley, AICP	Research Scientist, TTI
Gary Law, P.E.	Director of TP&D, TxDOT Odessa District
Gene Powell	Public Information Officer, TxDOT Odessa District
Muslim Hassan	Transportation Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District
Jose Ortiz, P.E.	Engineering Services Director, City of Midland
Matt Carr, P.E.	City Engineer, City of Midland
Chuck Harrington	Development Services Director, City of Midland
Hal Feldman	Traffic Coordinator, City of Odessa
Thomas Kerr, P.E.	Director of Public Works, City of Odessa
Randy Brinlee	Director of Planning, City of Odessa
David Peck	Project Manager, Ector County
Evans Kessey	Director of Highways & Streets, Ector County

Paladin Huckaba
Brent Hilliard
Trevor Hawes
Amanda DeBerry

Maverick Engineering
Midland Development Corporation
Midland Reporter-Telegram
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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, David Turner. A quorum was present.

2. Introductions and Announcements

Evans Kessey introduced himself.

3. Public Comment Period

None

4. Approve the Policy Board Minutes from March 20, 2017

A motion was made by John Speed and seconded by Bryan Cox to approve the March 20, 2017 Policy Board meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Approve the February 20, 2017 billing statement

A motion was made by Ron Eckert and seconded by Bryan Cox to approve the February 2017 billing. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Discuss TAC recommended changes to the project score card

The Policy Board had asked staff and the TAC to look at three separate issues; 1) refine the score card, 2) complete a draft corridor map, and 3) recommend funding allocation as it relates to the corridor map to be further discussed during the next two agenda items. There is a project scoring mechanism and score card that has been part of the MTP since its adoption in December of 2014. TxDOT Austin has requested all MPOs to tie their selection of projects to the recently adopted House Bill 20. Staff presented a summary page showing the MPO has complied with all federal requirements; that page will be added into the amended MTP document. The draft score card that the TAC has worked on is attached in the packet and staff would like any input the Board may have. Cameron mentioned since some of the requirements were difficult to define and understand, such as “system resiliency” and “system security”, staff prepared a draft score card definition page. There are still some questions regarding security and staff has reached out to other agencies for their input and will add it when it is received. Travel and Tourism is another example that needs to be better defined, staff is compiling a list of tourist destinations and has established that if a project is within 1 mile of the tourist destination then the points should be added. The TAC was going to start scoring about 2 weeks ago, but due to time constraints, a

special meeting will be held this Thursday. Ron Eckert stated he believes section 3 (Community Development) on the score card is under-valued and section 5 (Project Readiness/System Management) is over-valued, since project readiness will always be favored over what the community wants. He then suggested making each section add up to a total of 100 points. John Speed agreed and suggested using project readiness as a tie breaker because the importance of a project shouldn't rely on whether plans are ready. John Speed asked how these factors line up with the new Decision Lens software. Cameron answered that there are six factors Decision Lens focuses on, but the MPOs are not mandated to go strictly by the software. It allows you to look at safety, congestion, connectivity, system preservation, environmental and economic impacts. Those six are noted in the sheet staff presented earlier that shows all the requirements the MPO has met. Ron stated his concern was how does a new project that has strong community support have a chance since it will score low on project readiness, Robin Donnelly answered that it is then the Board's job to make those decision of what they want. Bryan Cox asked how could they get updated data because old surveys will not show what is current. John Speed answered that when the Travel Demand Model becomes available, it should give us current answers to those kinds of questions but since it is not ready we cannot address some of the questions correctly. Cameron mentioned the MPO does not have time to wait on the TDM because it is seeking approval on a project list and opening the comment period for an MTP amendment in June. Robin added that everyone has a pretty good idea of what the Board wants, it may change when the TDM is available, but for now there seems to be an agreement on what is wanted. He then suggested looking at all the project scores and comparing it to the Travel Demand Model results. Robin also asked about the "relationship to another project" question, his concern is there are many projects that extends a corridor such as I-20, and that would get an automatic 30 points. After some more discussion, it was decided that question would be left alone and staff would make some minor changes prior to the TAC meeting.

7. Discuss TAC recommended regionally significant corridor map

Staff presented the draft regionally significant corridor map which contains all of the recommendations that have come from the TAC and Policy Board. This map will eventually replace the current one in the MTP and will be used for funding allocation that will be discussed in the next agenda item.

8. Discuss TAC recommended target funding allocation program

The TAC voted on the proposed ranges for funding allocations at the last TAC meeting after the Board requested it in February. David Turner and Ron Eckert both stated that the number for I-20 was too high and Robin Donnelly was concerned that the Regionally Significant On-System projects was too high. Gary Law mentioned that the Transportation Commission still has about \$7 billion to assign between now and August and suggested leaving the ranges as is until we get a better idea of what other funds will be allocated to this MPO. After some discussion, it was

decided to keep it the same and to review it in two months. Bill Frawley added that having both city's development corporations coming forward is not happening in other MPOs and this financial assistance is a big deal.

9. MPO Staff Reports:

Staff asked if there are any specific items the Board had questions on, John Love asked about the Transit Study and Rina answered that we are still waiting to hear about funding. Ron Eckert asked if a place for the May meeting has been booked yet, Cameron answered it will probably be at the Centennial Library where the past Midland ones have been, but staff will confirm when it is reserved.

9. Agency Project Reports

TxDOT-Odessa District – Gary: A project report was included with the packet, TxDOT is trying to identify stakeholders to help improve Project Tracker. He is looking for 15 citizens interested in transportation, elected officials, or staff members outside of TxDOT to participate in a workshop being held May 4th from 10 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. in Abilene.

City of Midland – Jose: Had a ribbon cutting for Beal Pkwy. last month, wrapping up Briarwood project from Avalon to Holiday Hill Rd. and there will be a ribbon cutting for that as well. They had a partnership with the Midland Development Corporation for that project. Brent Hilliard added that MDC has committed \$3.35 million to state-related projects so far. The MDC will publish a RFQ to select an engineering firm and will then select a project manager who will manage all the projects they are investing in. They are working with the City to install utilities to service the economic development that will occur as a result of their investment in the road system. An agreement with the City of Midland is going to be presented at the next MDC Board meeting that states for every \$1 they put in, the city would also invest \$1. And if the 4B passes, it will do something similar. They are also hoping to partner with the City of Odessa for the Yukon Rd. overpass at SH 191 and would like to help fund the overpasses on I-20. Brent thanked the MPO and TxDOT for working with them and stated that the citizens of Midland have received this all very positively.

Midland County – Robin: Starting to lay base on the extension of CR 1230, additional Right-of-Way south from 349 up to about 2 miles south of CR 140.

City of Odessa – Hal: Jones Bros. is installing curb and gutter on 3rd St., Reece Albert will start on 31st St. at the end of the month, and they have about 25% of the easements and 50% of the full parcels for the University Project. Still working on utilities and designs. Cameron added that the University Boulevard project includes bulb out locations for EZ-Rider to safely pick up and drop off passengers. Additional ROW and installation for pavement and curb material was paid for by

the city which is a great contribution to multi modal transportation and he cannot think of any place in the MAB that has that option for busses. **Thomas:** Tomorrow is the groundbreaking for the new conference center and hotel, from 6 – 9 p.m. It is going to be a great event with entertainment.

Ector County – Evans: A bid was put out for a seal coat project, Danny’s Paving was the lowest bidder; they are waiting for materials.

Martin County – Bryan: Finished up with the TIF grant, finishing landscaping at the courthouse, took plans to the jail commissioner for the new jail that is planned and now just waiting.

MOUTD – Absent

10. Future Meetings

Policy Board Meeting – May 15, 2017 at 3:00 pm (Centennial Library)

Technical Advisory Committee Special Meeting – Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 8:00 am

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting – Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 8:00 am

RCTP Meeting – Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 11:30 am

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

11. 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.

12. Take Action Concerning Executive Session Matters

None

13. Adjourn

A motion was made by John Love and seconded by Ron Eckert to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.