



Permian Basin MPO Metropolitan Planning Organization

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

June 19, 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
Robert Stephens	General Manager, MOUTD

Policy Board Members Absent:

None

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
Gary Law, P.E.	Director of TP&D, TxDOT Odessa District
Cary Karnstadt	TxDOT Austin
Nishant Kukaoia, AICP	CH2M Hill
Jim Harvey	Alliance Transportation Group
Jerry Morales	Mayor, City of Midland
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
Thomas Kerr, P.E.	Director of Public Works, City of Odessa
David Peck	Project Manager, Ector County

Jessica Alexander	Dunaway Associates
Brent Hilliard	Midland Development Corporation
Keith Stretcher	Midland Development Corporation
James Beauchamp	MOTRAN
Renee Earls	Odessa Chamber of Commerce
Roy Allen	Odessa Chamber of Commerce
Austin Keith	Odessa Chamber of Commerce
David Duree	Odessa Chamber of Commerce
Trevor Hawes	Midland Reporter-Telegram

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. Mayor Turner announced agenda item 6 would be done first since the presenters had a flight to catch.

2. Hear a presentation on the Travel Demand Model

Jim Harvey gave the presentation.

3. Introductions and Announcements

Introductions were made around the room.

4. Public Comment Period

None

5. Approve the Policy Board Minutes from May 15, 2017

A motion was made by John Love and seconded by Robin Donnelly to approve the May 15, 2017 Policy Board meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Approve the April 2017 billing statement

April is the seventh billing month for fiscal year 2017; \$37,427.55 was spent in that month leaving the MPO at about 53% in expenditures. Staff included the most recent work order for \$36,658.18 that was received from TxDOT last week for carry over funds. The actual balance of funds is \$452,452.59. Cameron added that just recently a notification was sent out stating the MPO is eligible for SPR funds this year. He would like the Board to allow staff to apply since they have been successful in the past two years in receiving those funds.

A motion was made by Robin Donnelly and seconded by John Love to approve the April 2017 billing and the MPO's application for SPR funds. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Continue discussion on the *Vision 2040* MTP Amendment No. 4

Staff met after the May meeting to reexamine the list of 74 projects that were turned in by the TAC and review the estimated funding that may be coming in the next ten years and project what may be coming for the remainder years, up to 2040. The MPO is starting with \$160 million in Category 2 money and last month TxDOT released new planning projection material, with the money that is already set aside for the projects that are listed in the draft UTP, there is about \$130 million left. There is some Category 4 money that will be available to use for the first time inside the urban areas toward I-20 at the discretion of the District Engineer John Speed with concurrence of the Policy Board. Knowing that all 74 projects will not be funded, staff asked each entity to identify their top 10 projects in the three categories (I-20, On-System, and Off-System). Staff believes all the off-system projects may be completed since they are not that expensive, the dollars were then put into the categories and a new list was generated beginning with the year 2021. The order of the projects can be moved, but the project costs and inflation will need to be considered so it may not be an easy task. The overpass at SH 191 & Yukon Rd. is listed first since it is one that has been talked about at length and will benefit both communities. The Board is reviewing the list today in case any changes are requested, but a final list will need to go public in July for the public comment period and the final approval will be presented in August to be inserted in the MTP and sent off to TxDOT Austin. Staff presented the Board with the priority lists by category from Midland, Odessa, and the Counties. John Love and Judge Eckert thanked staff for putting together the funding projections and separating the lists. John Speed wanted to clarify that this list is a starting point to begin the discussion and make changes, Cameron agreed and suggested there may be another meeting needed between now and July to get it complete. Mayor Turner asked John Speed where could the Category 4 be spent? He answered that there will not be that much but there is a commitment from ODC he would want to take advantage of to help leverage. Mayor Morales asked where the list is sent during the 10-day comment period and Cameron answered it is sent to the City Halls in Odessa, Midland, and Stanton, libraries in Midland and Odessa, TxDOT Odessa, and one at the MPO. John Speed brought up creating a project for the interconnection of the region's signal systems and adding it to on-system category. It will not be an expensive project but it should be a priority. He also mentioned that if the entity has budgeted or made a commitment for a project on the off-system list, it needs to be tracked. John Love stated that keeping track of commitments should not be a problem, but budgeting for them will be tricky. John Speed added that if there is an awareness of what it is going to cost to start putting it in their budget 2-5 years out. Then if there are other sources of funding, that information needs to come out as well, he suggested creating a running spreadsheet. John Love wants to address how future councils or commissions will deal with it since the budgets are only created for one year. The entity will need to create something more than a spreadsheet for future members to know what is going on. John Speed asked Gary if the off-system projects should be put in this UTP or if they should wait until the 2018 or 2019 UTP. Gary answered that they should be included now even as place holders to demonstrate to Austin

it is being worked on and there will be an opportunity to amend the list annually as the TDM comes out. Cameron added that staff has been advised to include the total cost of a project in the MTP. The MPO is only putting up \$3 million to try and get other funding which will free up some money for other projects. John Love added that the projects will go into the MTP. Mayor Turner suggested the Board take a minute to look at the list, if another meeting is needed before the regular July meeting that can be done. Cameron mentioned he would like to attend the TEMPO meeting that is scheduled for July 17th, since that is the same date as the regular Board meeting, he asked if they would be ok pushing that to July 24th. The Board then decided on a tentative special meeting date for 9:00 a.m. July 14th.

8. MPO Staff Reports:

The Board had no questions on items listed in the packet.

9. Agency Project Reports

TxDOT-Odessa District – Gary: Public meeting July 20th by webinar or at the district office regarding the latest information on the UTP. July letting of the W. Loop 250 and Crane Avenue bridge repairs. Upgrading bridge rail on I-20 in Ector County, nothing is scheduled for letting in August right now. John Speed mentioned he would like to add some railroad crossing projects to the list.

City of Midland – Jose: In the middle of the street maintenance program and mill overlay program. Completed the road design between Thomason Rd. and Midland Dr. which reduced the road to three lanes and it ties in with Beal Pkwy.

Midland County – Robin: Paving is done from CR 1230, starting on CR 1240 going east. Submitted a rail diagram on CR 1250 at BI-20.

City of Odessa – Tom: Slowed down on 3rd St., milling and overlay on 31st St., finishing residential rejuvenation.

Ector County – David: Sealcoating the Coliseum parking lot to be ready for the fair. The last of the CETRZ projects are done and all the money was spent.

Martin County – Bryan: Also done with the TxDOT projects, getting ready to start building the jail.

MOUSD – Rob: Funding is coming up for the next Commission meeting, construction project starting in September and should end in May, will be adding two additional bays to the

maintenance facility. Greyhound is completing construction to the admin. building to move in August or September.

10. Future Meetings

Policy Board Meeting – Monday, July 24, 2017 at 5:00 pm

Tentative Policy Board Special Meeting – Friday, July 14, 2017 at 9:00 am

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting – Thursday, July 13, 2017 at 8:00 am

RCTP Meeting – Wednesday, July 12, 2017 at 11:30 am

LEAP Rural Rail District Meeting – Tuesday, June 27, 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 Rob Stephens to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.