



Policy Board Meeting and Public Listening Session
EZ Rider Administration Building, 10300 Younger Road, Midland, TX
February 23, 2016

Minutes

Policy Board Members Present

John B. Love III	Chair, Councilman, City of Midland
Ron Eckert	County Judge, Ector County
Robin Donnelly	County Commissioner, Midland County
Robert Stephens	General Manager, MOUSD
Mike McAnally	District Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District

Policy Board Members Absent:

Bryan Cox	County Judge, Martin County
David Turner	Vice-Chair, Mayor, City of Odessa

Others in Attendance:

Cameron Walker	Executive Director, Permian Basin MPO
Rina Bale	Mobility Manager, Permian Basin MPO
Rosie Spencer	Administrative Planning Assistant, Permian Basin MPO
Joe Clark	MPO Coordinator, TxDOT
Gary Law	Director of TP&D, TxDOT Odessa District
Hal Feldman	Traffic Coordinator, City of Odessa
Jessica Carpenter	Planning Manager, City of Midland
Kirk Fauver	FHWA – Texas
Jose Campos	FHWA – Texas
Tony Ogboli	FTA - Region VI
Bill Frawley	TTI
Willie Barber	RCTP
Matt Carr	City Engineer, City of Midland
Robert Ornelas	Transportation Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District
David Peck	Project Manager, Ector County
Travis Milner	MPO Coordinator

AGENDA ITEM

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting of the Permian Basin MPO Policy Board and Listening Session was called to order at 3:56 P.M. by Policy Board Chair, John B. Love III. A quorum was present.

2. Introductions and Announcements

John Love thanked Rob Stephens for allowing the meeting to be held in the EZ Rider Conference room. He also thanked Kirk Fauver, Jose Campos, and Tony Ogboli for attending the Policy Board meeting while they were in town to complete the Permian Basin MPO's Federal Certification Review. The gentleman then introduced themselves. Cameron Walker reminded the Board that there was a special transit service for anyone in Odessa and Midland who would like to attend the Listening Session.

3. Public Comment Period

None

4. Approve the Policy Board Minutes from January 18, 2016

John Love pointed out that he did not second a motion to item 4 which was to approve December's minutes (page 5). He clarified that he entertains motions and then allows Policy Board members to then second accordingly. John Love thought it was Robin Donnelly who seconded. Staff will listen to the audio to verify the correction.

A motion was made by Robin Donnelly and seconded by Ron Eckert to accept and approve the January 18, 2016 Policy Board meeting minutes with the changes. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Approve the October, November, and December 2015 billing statements

Staff has included October, November, and December billing, which are the first, second, and third billings for fiscal year 2016. October and November were in last month's packet, but there was an error in a formula on the Actual Balance of Funds sheets that made the total more than it actually was. The item was deferred until the corrections were made and the corrected sheets are included in this packet. The total expenditures in December was \$32,144.26 which brings expenditures to 22.38% and the actual balance of funds is now \$54,808.01.

John Love pointed out this reflects $\frac{1}{4}$ of our fiscal year and the MPO is on target being below 25%.

A motion was made by Rob Stephens and seconded by Mike McAnally to approve the October, November, and December 2015 billings. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Presentation on the federal Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act by FHWA

Kirk Fauver made the presentation. Jose Campos mentioned there are some Fact Sheets on their website that has a little more information.

7. Discuss holding MPO Policy Board meetings in other locations

One of the recommendations made to the MPO during the Mock Certification was that staff reach out and benefit populations who can't easily access our current Board meeting location for reasons such as using the transit service or work schedules. Staff has talked about choosing a location in both Midland and Odessa that would be early enough for those who ride the bus since service ends at 6:15pm and that is handicap accessible. John Love suggested doing this quarterly, two meetings in Midland and two in Odessa and that staff should come up with the locations. Robin Donnelly said the Midland Courthouse could be used and Ron Eckert suggested Odessa College's Saulsbury building. Staff will suggest locations at a meeting with enough time so the Board can vote either yes or no before it is scheduled.

8. Conduct MPO Policy Board Election of Officers

Ron Eckert nominated David Turner for Chair, discussion ensued about waiting for David to be at a meeting and to review the proper process of nominations.

A motion was made by Robin Donnelly and seconded by Rob Stephens to defer MPO Policy Board Election of Officers to the next meeting. The motion passed with Mike McAnally abstaining.

9. MPO Staff Reports:

a. 120-Day Calendar:

The MPO's Federal Certification Review is continuing tomorrow if anyone would like to sit in they are invited to, it begins at 8:00am. Texas Transportation Commission meets on Thursday to approve the UTP. In that plan is the Fairgrounds Rd. overpass funding. Cameron reminded the Board that Mike had reprogrammed some of his funds for that overpass to be put on the FY 2017 TIP. Mike McAnally mentioned they were told to spend their full allocation of Prop 1 each year but since this project needs 2 years he deferred this year's funding to next year's funding. Target let date is May 2017 for the Fairgrounds Rd. overpass.

b. Regionally Coordinated Transportation Planning (RCTP) Update:

The RCTP met on February 10th with about 17 people in attendance. They are reviewed the current Regional Plan because anyone applying for 5310 funding have to have their projects in it. This coming meeting, all entities who are applying will be giving presentation for the scoring committee. Discussion is still underway on Transportation Resource Inventory and Emergency Management

Procedures. Members reviewed the goals, objectives, and strategies the Policy Board approved and looked at how they relate to regional planning and regional coordination through the RCTP committee. Rina introduced Willie Barber and brought up that he mentioned at one of the meetings that there are no city or county representatives on the RCTP Committee. If anyone on the board has any suggestions to give them her contact info or vice versa.

c. 30 Day Activity Update and Social Media Update:

Staff spent the majority of this time preparing for the Federal Certification Review and the Delphi Panel kick off meeting for the Travel Demand Model.

d. Travel Demand Model Development

Was held on February 11th with about 57-58 people in attendance. Only about a dozen made up MPO staff and the consultants. The meeting was held at the Region 18 Education Center, they usually do not allow outsiders in the building but when they learned that both Odessa and Midland school districts were involved they allowed the meeting to take place. The meeting was well conducted and the consultants can now look over the documents filled out by everyone and see their opinions on what this area will be like in 2040. Staff will let the Board know when the second meeting will take place.

e. I-20 Permian Basin Corridor Study

Kick off meeting was on the 21st of January, this meeting was well attended and the MPO's conference room was full. The next meeting date has not been confirmed, but it may be late March before the Ports to Plains Conference which is taking place in Lubbock on the 30th and 31st that month.

10. Agency Project Reports

TxDOT-Odessa District – Mike McAnally – 1788 north of 191 has begun, Price Construction has started with drainage structures. There is no indication when 191 ramp reversals will start. Project to make 1788 section between BI 20 and SH 191 five lanes is scheduled for August. Right now TxDOT is moving projects around because the cost is at \$1.2 billion. Not sure when 1788 south is scheduled to start. Cameron brought up TxDOT's decision to lower the speed limit on I-20, Mike said even if people do not completely follow it, at least it will reduce the severity of crashes.

City of Midland – Matt Carr – Fairgrounds Rd. project is moving forward. Finding out that they did not anticipate delays from the utility companies but they are addressing it. Barricades are being set on Monday.

Midland County – Robin Donnelly – Temporary pavement is done on one side and they are working on the other for the lights at FM 307 and 1130, hopefully the signal lights will be done in April. The whole project is set to be done early next year. County paving project is at Midland Dr. between Industrial and the service roads on I 20. The project is about 70% finished at this point and will be moving west. A condemnation order for the ROW for the CETRZ project extension of CR 130 to CR 140 and hopefully that will be progressing, the ROW there is 300 feet.

City of Odessa – Hal Feldman had to leave to make Odessa’s City Council meeting.

Ector County– Ron Eckert – Trying to get a deadline from the contractor to see when Trunk St. will be finished. Four way stops are up at Loop 338 and 554 by Gardendale, progress is being made to put up a traffic signal there and will hopefully be done within the next 2 months.

Martin County – Cameron mentioned that he has been active on working with the City of Midland and the MPO on potential contract details for the Northeast Corridor Study. Matt Carr said they are reaching out and getting their input.

MOULD – Rob Stephens – Secured an architect engineer, Huitt-Zollars out of Fort Worth to take on the maintenance facility project. When that project is done they will get to the drawing board on their multimodal project which they are excited about. Also working with the Odessa’s downtown development in making sure that development is transit/pedestrian friendly.

9. Future Meetings

Policy Board Meeting – Monday, March 21, 2016 at 5:00 pm.

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting – Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 8:30 am.

RCTP Meeting – Wednesday, March 15, 2016 at 11:30 am.

LEAP Rural Rail District Meeting – Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 8:15 am.

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.

14. Take Action Concerning Executive Session Matters

None

15. Adjourn

A motion was made by Ron Eckert and seconded by Robin Donnelly to adjourn the meeting at 5:02 P.M. The motion passed unanimously.