



Permian Basin MPO Metropolitan Planning Organization

Policy Board Meeting
9601 Wright Dr., Suite 1
Midland, TX 79706
August 21, 2017

Minutes

Policy Board Members Present

David Turner	Chair, Mayor, City of Odessa
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, MOUSD

Policy Board Members Absent:

Robin Donnelly	Vice-Chair, County Commissioner, Midland County
John B. Love III	Councilman, City of Midland

Others in Attendance:

Cameron Walker, AICP	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, AICP	Research Scientist, TTI
Gary Law, P.E.	Director of TP&D, TxDOT Odessa District
Chad Windham, P.E.	Director of Operations, TxDOT Odessa District
Ciro Baeza	Director of Construction, TxDOT Odessa District
Gene Powell	Public Information Officer, TxDOT Odessa District
Hal Feldman	Traffic Coordinator, City of Odessa
Jose Ortiz, P.E.	Engineering Services Director, City of Midland
Charles Harrington	Development Services Director, City of Midland
David Peck	Project Manager, Ector County
Jessica Alexander	Dunaway Associates, Midland County
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 5:05 p.m. by Policy Board Chair, David Turner. A quorum was present.

2. Introductions and Announcements

Chad announced Gary's retirement. Mayor Turner thanked him for his service and let everyone know there is a cake for after the meeting.

3. Public Comment Period

None

4. Approve the Policy Board Minutes from July 14 and July 24, 2017

A motion was made by John Speed and seconded by Bryan Cox to approve the Policy Board Minutes from July 14 and July 24, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Approve the June Billing Statement

May was the ninth billing month for FY 2017, the MPO spent \$53,690.07 leaving the MPO at about 69% in expenditures. The actual balance of funds is \$387,641.86.

A motion was made by Bryan Cox and seconded by John Speed to approve the June Billing Statement. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Approve the *Vision 2040* MTP Amendment No. 4

A public comment period was opened after last month's meeting, staff received nineteen emails regarding concern about the 52nd/56th St. at East Loop 338. The emails covered the speed at the intersection, increased traffic following the completion of a new school, and a need to expedite the installation of traffic signals. There are traffic signals listed in the draft plan being voted on today indicating there will be approximately \$4.6 million spent at this location to install traffic signals in the year 2022. There were no other comments received. Mayor Turner asked what it would take to move this project up? Cameron answered that there will need to be additional funding sources found or the other projects above it will need to be re-shuffled. John Speed pointed out that this project and the one at 87th St. have been submitted to Austin as part of the HSIP Program and he expects a response by October at the earliest. If funding is approved, it will expedite those projects. Mayor Turner asked if it would fund it all and John answered that he believes if it is approved, it could be close to all of it. The Board decided it is best to wait on TxDOT's response before making any changes to this list. Cameron then pointed out that project RC-59's description needs to be changed to "ramp reversals" instead of "reconfigure interchange". Cameron reminded the Board that other amendments were made throughout the document to state that the MPO is in compliance with the FAST Act that passed in December of 2015 and the State's House Bill 20. Staff will come back to the Board in the next year to go over some performance measures the state will be requiring upon itself and the MPOs. The State will

create theirs first before the MPO. Cameron asked Bill where they were on that and Bill answered that they are set to adopt safety measures at the August 31st commission meeting, then will give the MPOs six months to create their own or follow the state's targets.

A motion was made by Ron Eckert and seconded by Bryan Cox to approve the *Vision 2040* MTP Amendment No. 4. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Approve the draft FY 2017-2020 TIP Amendment No. 1 and authorize a public comment period

The FY 2017-2020 TIP was adopted in the late Spring of 2016. The purpose of the TIP is to identify improvements recommended for advancement during the four-year period, identify transportation improvement priorities for both highway and transit facility operations, to provide realistic estimates of total costs and revenues for the program period, and to reflect the cooperative comprehensive and continuing nature of business of the MPO and its planning partners. The reason for the amendment is to show the five projects being requested for approval in Austin in about two weeks and to then be submitted into the STIP. This document is subject to a public comment period so the action requested is to authorize staff to open a public comment period and come back to the Board in October with any comments that may have been made.

A motion was made by Ron Eckert and seconded by Bryan Cox to approve the FY 2017-2020 TIP Amendment No. 1 and authorize a public comment period. The motion passed unanimously.

8. MPO Staff Reports

Cameron distributed a list to the Board which is a list Gary had requested it be included in the packet for discussion. Since 2015, any time there is money spent inside the MPO boundary that is part of a TxDOT proposal (not using MPO funds), TxDOT must get concurrence from the MPO Board. He does not believe it needs to be an action item, but if there is any discussion needed on it now is the time to do it.

9. Agency Project Reports

TxDOT Odessa District: Gary – (Referred to the status report that was sent out with the packet). Still proceeding well and getting them ready for letting. He distributed a handout to the Board that is generated annually to show the cities and counties that the State meets with agencies to give them a forecast so the material providers can look at what is coming up. Glad to announce they have contracted consultants for all three of the big projects the Board just voted to add into the TIP. For the Loop 250 and CR 1150, the contractor is IDCUS and they are planning a kickoff meeting before he retires. The contractor for Yukon Rd. and East Loop 338 is RG Miller. Will be visiting with the city soon regarding Right-of-Way agreements. Parsons is the contractor for North US 385 and Loop 338 and that kickoff meeting will occur before he retires as well. There will be a public meeting October 24th for the Loop 250 & CR 1150 at the Sibley Nature Center at 5:00 p.m.

City of Midland: Jose – Finalized major projects so they are back at planning stages. Looking to study Corridor 158 between CR 60 to Hwy. 191 then down to BI-20. One project they plan on letting soon is Woodcrest Rd. between Sinclair to Andrews Hwy. about a half mile east of Loop 250. There is a new fire station on Sinclair and access in and out of that neighborhood is difficult because there is a very narrow road called Bates that is not conducive to fire department traffic. Hoping to let the project this year.

Midland County: Jessica – CR 1230 and CR 140 are still under construction. They have partnered with the city to connect the road where it stops at the county line to the currently paved road to continue on Loop 250. For CR 140, the majority of existing pavement west of CR 1210 has been removed so they can regrade.

City of Odessa: Hal – Atmos is continuing replacing their gas line on University. Kimley-Horn is working on finalizing the interim project of Right-of-Way clearance. Kimley-Horn, LCA, and the city were finalizing the last remaining easements. Contractors are still working on 3rd St. and 31st St.

Ector County: David – Sealcoating project is finished at the Coliseum they are just striping. He is not sure where they are going next.

Martin County: Judge Cox – Finalized the TIF Grant and sent the last check. In the process to go to the Jail Commission to get the plans approved. Just let about twenty more miles of sealcoat in the county.

MOUTD: Absent

Cameron mentioned that Kirk Fauver emailed staff about adding a statement regarding the safety performance measures in Chapter 13 of the MTP.

John Speed introduced Ciro Baeza. He was the Area Engineer for Midland and has been promoted to Director of Construction for TxDOT Odessa.

10. Future Meetings

Policy Board Meeting – Monday, September 25, 2017 at 3:00 pm (Odessa College)

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting – Thursday, September 7, 2017 at 8:00 am

RCTP Meeting – Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 11:30 am

LEAP Rural Rail District Meeting – Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at 8:15 am

Cameron mentioned that the September meeting is not the third Monday, but Odessa College only had the 25th available. He also asked them to look at November's meeting and the Board decided to discuss it at next month's meeting to see if there will be a quorum since it falls on the week of Thanksgiving.

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 Ron Eckert and seconded by Bryan Cox to adjourn the meeting at 5:34 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.