



Permian Basin MPO Metropolitan Planning Organization

Policy Board Meeting
9601 Wright Dr., Suite 1
Midland, TX 79706
November 20, 2017 5:00 p.m.

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, AICP	Executive Director, Permian Basin MPO
Lorraine Quimiro	Senior Transportation Planner, Permian Basin MPO
Rosie Spencer	Administrative Planning Assistant, Permian Basin MPO
Matt Carr, P.E.	City Engineer, City of Midland
David Peck	Project Manager, Ector County Public Works
Gene Powell	Public Information Officer, TxDOT Odessa District
Fred Herrera	Midland Area Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District
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 5:00 p.m. by Policy Board Chair, David Turner. A quorum was present.

2. Introductions and Announcements

Cameron announced David Ham's appointment to the statewide Bike and Pedestrian Committee by the Transportation Commission in September.

3. Public Comment Period

None

4. Approve the Policy Board Minutes from October 16, 2017

A motion was made by John Love and seconded by Bryan Cox to approve the Policy Board Minutes from October 16, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Approve the September Billing Statement

September is the final billing for FY 2017 and the MPO spent \$38,373.61. The percentage of expenditures ended at 94% and the balance of funds is \$264,326.14. Rosie mentioned that the MPO has received two work orders for fiscal year 2018 that total \$466,795.77. Robin Donnelly asked if there would be a carryover, Cameron answered those are expected around March.

A motion was made by John Love and seconded by Robin Donnelly to approve the September Billing Statement. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Unified Transportation Program Draft/Public Involvement

Cameron went over TxDOT's proposed changes to the ten-year UTP, highlighting the new projects located within the MPO boundary. The slides presented were included in the packet and some show money that was not available to the MPO during the MTP project selection process. At that time, the Board agreed to make I-20 projects important to the MPO. Some of the Category 2 money for on-system work was placed on those projects without taking too much away from other projects. There was \$6 million total programmed for three I-20 projects, now that TxDOT is taking over some I-20 projects it frees up some Category 2 funds. The topic of one-way frontage roads on I-20 came up and Mayor Turner asked about the one-ways running into a two-ways during construction. Gene Powell stated that it is going to be an educational process with a lot of public involvement along with signage, but other cities have gone through it like Abilene, so it can be done. TxDOT is in the process of putting signs on all the ramps in the district that begin to flash if you are going the wrong way. John Love mentioned that when the process started there was some concern from the Board about contributing to I-20 knowing that there were needs elsewhere in the communities. But it is obvious that the \$6 million has paid off. He also wanted to point out that Roger Beall stated that not only were they paying for the I-20 Corridor Study, but that they would be there to help and augment I-20 project funding, this is a testament to that. John Speed followed up, stating that the process is working and there will still be another round of evaluations. Gene also mentioned that they will ask the Board for their help to educate the public when the frontage road conversions begin. Robin asked John Speed when the I-20 Corridor Study will be done, John Speed answered that they have taken a "detour" to get more details. It may take another year to make sure where a two-way would work best, but in the meantime, they will go ahead with the three projects and do fundamental design work.

They will listen to what is going on with the study, so the plans coincide. Cameron mentioned that the Category 4 money has \$77 million in the draft UTP and there is \$71 million within the MTP document. There is also an increase of Category 2 money, \$173 million is in the draft UTP and the MTP has \$167 million listed. He then stated there will be a letter drafted for the Chairman's signature thanking the Commission for inserting the three projects into the UTP. The Board agreed it would be a good idea. John Speed stated that he believes the voice of the Permian Basin is coming through Commissioner Lewis since he lives here.

7. MPO Staff Reports

Cameron went over item b, performance measures and targets that came out of MAP-21 and the subsequent FAST Act. The areas that are mandated to be covered by the MPO are Safety, Freight, National Highway System Performance, Transit Condition, Bridge Condition, and Pavement Condition. The MPO will have responsibility to create the safety standard and will have assistance on all the other bullets. The MPO will have to coordinate with EZ-Rider on the condition of their buses. The mandated performance measures will come on a sporadic basis, the first one is the need to address the safety aspect. TxDOT has already committed to theirs and the MPO will go over it with the TAC at their December meeting. Then staff will come to next month's Board meeting to approve the draft safety performance target. Item c shows that TxDOT has committed to reducing the increase of the number of expected fatalities by 2%. Mayor Turner stated that he wants to get with Mayor Morales about the accidents going on in the area. With the oil prices going up and seeing the increase in vehicle traffic, they need to get on tv and be brutally honest about the wrecks that are happening and get the message across about people slowing down because next year could be the worst year. Discussion went on regarding speed disparity and construction on I-20, during this John Speed introduced Fred Herrera, the Midland Area Engineer, who will handle the portion in Midland and Martin County. John Speed also announced that the district was awarded \$6 million in funding from the HSIP program. About \$5 million is going to Midland and Ector counties. About \$1.8 million for Loop 250 at Crump St., \$365,000 for 52nd/56th St. which is not enough so they will have to get more money because it needs a signal, it is one of the few places where a signal will help solve a lot of safety issues. At Hwy. 191 between FM 1882 and Preston Smith Road that received \$717,000.

8. Agency Project Reports

TxDOT Odessa District: John S.: Has already gone over some but also wants to state that the draft UTP has a large number of projects approved and they need to get the design done and getting things put into place. There are one or two projects missing from the draft UTP that were there before, Midkiff Rd. at I-20 had funding that needed to be reallocated a different way so that will reappear soon. About \$23 million worth for Hwy. 191 at Loop 250, those probably have to be constructed together and have interim projects going with existing contracts. Cameron pointed out the link to Project Tracker on TxDOT's status sheet and thanked John Speed and his staff for following up on the Board's request to have that added.

City of Midland: Matt – The Alternative Set-Aside program, they won an award for the downtown area. Excited to move forward on the project, but what needs to be done soon is getting it into the TIP. They are working on projects for the road bond that was voted for, they have a new road

they are pushing through called Woodcrest Dr. that will give people a way to get off Andrews Hwy. without having to go all the way to Midland Dr.

Midland County: Robin – Waiting for paving crew to finish CR 1230 to CR 140. Received a Right-of-Way deed from Chevron. They have a hearing December 14th for a condemnation that will allow for a connection from CR 1230 to CR 140.

City of Odessa: Mayor Turner – They have torn down five houses for the University Blvd. Project, Atmos is finishing their work. Waiting on a few pieces of property.

Ector County: David – Evans has been working on restructuring. Getting ready for the Spring.

Martin County: Judge Cox – Waiting on final costs for the jail and will hopefully start construction beginning of next year.

MOUSD: Absent

9. Future Meetings

Policy Board Meeting – Monday, December 18, 2017 at 3:00 pm (Midland Library)

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

LEAP Rural Rail District Meeting – Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 8:15 am

Jessica announced that the MPO will be hosting a Roundabout Educational Seminar on December 5th from 11 am - 2 pm, lunch will be provided. Will be focusing on accommodating large intersections by installing roundabouts and how they can increase capacity. They are going to point out intersections in the area that are great candidates for roundabouts. She thanked the MPO for allowing them to hold the seminar at their office.

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.

A motion was made by John Love and seconded by Robin Donnelly to go into Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by John Love and seconded by John Speed to come back into regular session. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Take Action Concerning Executive Session Matters

A motion was made by John Love and seconded by Bryan Cox to approve a 3% raise to the employees of the Permian Basin MPO. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Adjourn

A motion was made by John Love and seconded by Ron Eckert to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.