



# Permian Basin MPO Metropolitan Planning Organization

**Policy Board Meeting**  
Permian Basin MPO  
9601 Wright Dr., Suite 1, Midland, TX, 79706  
**August 20, 2018 5:00 p.m.**

## **Minutes**

### **Policy Board Members Present**

Robin Donnelly	Chair, County Commissioner, Midland County
John Speed, P.E.	District Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District
Gennie Garcia	General Manager, MOUTD
Bryan Cox	County Judge, Martin County
Debi Hays	County Judge, Ector County
David Turner	Mayor, City of Odessa

### **Policy Board Members Absent:**

John B. Love III	Vice-Chair, Councilman, City of Midland
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### **Others in Attendance:**

Cameron Walker, AICP	Executive Director, Permian Basin MPO
Lorraine Quimiro	Senior Transportation Planner, Permian Basin MPO
Pamela Berry	Transportation Planner/GIS Tech, Permian Basin MPO
Chad Windham, P.E.	Director of Operations, TxDOT Odessa District
Gabriel Ramirez, P.E.	Advanced Planning Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District
Saul Romero, P.E.	Odessa Area Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District
Fred Herrera, P.E.	Midland Area Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District
Tim Juarez	International Trade and Border Coordinator, TxDOT Austin
Jessica Schuttler, P.E.	Dunaway Associates, Midland County
Hal Feldman	Traffic Coordinator, City of Odessa
Evans Kessey	Director of Highways & Streets, Ector County
David Peck	Project Manager, Ector County Public Works
Roy Allen	Transportation Committee Chairman, Odessa Chamber
Gary Law, P.E.	Director of Project Development, MDC
Josh Jowers	Betenbough Homes
Chris Berry	Betenbough Homes

## **AGENDA ITEM**

### **1. Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting of the Permian Basin MPO Policy Board was called to order at 5:08 p.m. by Policy Board Chair, Robin Donnelly. A quorum was present.

### **2. Introductions and Announcements**

Cameron announced that Rosie has left the MPO to work at Midland Memorial Hospital. He had been working with the City to get the job posted, it is posted now, and they will start looking at applicants to fill the position.

### **3. Public Comment Period**

Chris Berry wanted to share what Betenbough is doing in the area, they just purchased 300 acres in Midland and will have another 1000 homes built out on Hwy. 349 by their first Lone Star development. They feel it is a safe community with parks and walking trails and plan to include those amenities east of Fairgrounds for Lone Star II. They also just bought 200 acres in Odessa just east of the North Park Addition, adjacent to Loop 338 that will be called Ratliff Ridge. This one will have about 800 homes. Betenbough is excited to work with TxDOT, both cities, and the MPO to discuss how they can work together and be a good neighbor.

### **7. Presentation from Tim Juarez, TxDOT International Trade and Border Coordinator**

Commissioner Donnelly asked to move this agenda item up since Tim was going to be leaving to catch a flight. Tim Juarez, the International Trade and Border Coordinator for the Freight and International Trade Office, with TxDOT presented to the Policy Board. His presentation was titled *TxDOT Freight & International Trade: Delivering the Goods in Texas*. Tim's presentation covered both the development of the Freight Mobility and the Border Master Plans. Tim discussed the role these play in the region and that this was the first of many trips to the area to discuss Freight needs as they relate to the border and international trade.

### **4. Approve the Policy Board Minutes from July 16, 2018**

A motion was made by Mayor Turner and seconded by Judge Cox to approve the Policy Board Minutes from July 16, 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

### **5. Approve the June 2018 Billing Statement**

June is the ninth billing month for FY 2018 and the MPO spent \$33,617.34. The percentage of expenditures is at about 72% of the annual budget and the actual balance of funds is \$430,834.43.

A motion was made by Mayor Turner and seconded by John Speed to approve the June 2018 Billing Statement. The motion passed unanimously.

### **6. Approve the new agreement with the City of Odessa and TxDOT**

This is an updated agreement between the MPO, our fiscal agent the City of Odessa and TxDOT. The original was prepared by TxDOT's legal staff and sent to the affected MPOs in the state. The

Permian Basin MPO's current agreement expires in September. City of Odessa's legal office reviewed this and made a comment to change some language in the section covering indemnification. The agreement is ready for the Board Chair's signature, City of Odessa representative and TxDOT Austin.

A motion was made by John Speed and seconded by Gennie Garcia to approve the new agreement with the City of Odessa and TxDOT. The motion passed unanimously.

## **8. MPO Staff Reports**

**a. 120-Day Calendar:** Cameron mentioned that the Midland County library had to move our September reservation to the smaller meeting room, which was decided is too small to hold these meetings. Staff is asking the Board if they would like to have an outreach meeting in October to make up for the one lost in September. Commissioner Donnelly stated he believes the meetings should just stay at the MPO office for now. Cameron also mentioned December's meeting would have to be rescheduled as well since that Board meeting date fell on the campus's holiday week. Cameron announced that this year's Permian Road Safety Coalition's Goal Zero will be held on November 7<sup>th</sup>. This is their third rally at Midland County Horseshoe. It is a growing group and an event he encourages everyone to attend.

**b. Update on the Regional Thoroughfare Plan:** A meeting was held with some TAC members recently. Cameron gave an overview of the plan for those who don't know about it, it is to support a three-county thoroughfare plan in Ector, Midland, and all of Martin County even if some is not in the MAB. Staff has worked with Eddie Landrum from the City of Odessa's GIS department; he has prepared a draft map and another meeting will be held this Thursday at 8:15am to go over more details. The next step will be to present the map to the Board.

**c. Update on the Multi-Use Corridor Study:** The consultants were here this past Thursday and Friday (16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>). On Thursday they drove along numerous corridors, took lots of pictures and they commented on the high number of ghost bikes. They held a meeting Thursday evening with the Permian Basin Bicycle Association and Friday there was a meeting with the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee which is made up of stakeholders and representatives from different entities. Consultants shared a presentation covering the schedule and steps they were taking and took recommendations by having members markup maps with locations where people are biking and walking to and other areas of concern. The timeline shows them wrapping up by January.

**d. Update on Travel Demand Model:** Staff presented an update on their efforts with the Travel Demand Model. Lorraine gave a brief recap of the development of the model, showed some of the demographic output of the model. She explained that they have already started providing information to interested groups, such as Kimley Horn, the consultants on the Odessa Master Thoroughfare Study. She also gave an example of edits at US 385 north and Loop 338 that have already been made to the model. Commissioner Donnelly asked if the MPO has received any training schedules from Austin, Cameron answered they were asked to look at the scope of the contract and they made some minor changes. He believes TxDOT and Alliance Transportation are going to sign soon, and they should hear something about schedules then. Mayor Turner mentioned that with the census coming out soon will the projected populations be adjusted?

Lorraine answered she does believe they will be able to change values with going through a process of validation again. John Speed asked if the contract adjustment include to have the model updated with the population changes and any changes needed that will come from the regional freight study. Cameron did not believe so but that he would ask.

**e. 30-Day Activity and Social Media Update:** Staff attended Gene Powell's press conference over Driver Behavior. Cameron mentioned Gene did a great job promoting it and it was very well attended. Staff handed out a story put out by the MRT that Midland had the most DUI fatalities per capita in 2016.

### **9. Agency Project Reports**

**TxDOT Odessa District: Fred:** Going to put up barricades for the project on Hwy 349 at Loop 250 right after Labor Day. Just started the FM 3503 realignment to JBS Parkway and about 80% complete on the BI-20 project. Pouring deck in the first or second week of September for the Fairgrounds Road bridge. IH-20 in Martin County, wrapping up soon on second phase, start working on ramps around SH 137. **John Speed:** Demolition next month for the bridge at BI-20 going across I-20. The design for the replacement bridge will have I-20 going across BI-20 contract is underway. This project will also be converting the frontage roads to one-way operation.

#### **City of Midland: Absent**

**Midland County: Commissioner Donnelly:** Trying to rebuild Coors Rd. should have started last week. The dig guys found another pipeline so they need to find where all the pipelines are. Two contracts they will bid next month, one is CR 1210 (Midkiff) and CR 1160 & CR 90.

**City of Odessa: Mayor Turner:** University project is going well, half of it if finished except for moving power poles. Mayor Morales and himself have been working together to put out some public service announcements to talk about the number of deaths they have on the roads. 32% of deaths in Texas are coming out of the Permian Basin. They want to get word out and get people to slow down.

**Ector County: Evans:** West 67<sup>th</sup> St. off Andrews Hwy., they have a consultant looking if they can raise the medians because the intersection floods.

**Martin County: Judge Cox:** Still working on the jail, everything is coming along well. The state is closing all the small DPS offices, he appreciates the calls being made to stop this because the lines will just get worse. He believes it will make the crashes worse because people were going to Stanton since Midland was too long of a wait and he was shutdown already. And people in Stanton are having to drive on the interstate to Midland.

**MOUD: Gennie:** Just handed the check to Warren Cat to purchase their building adjacent to EZ-Rider.

John Speed pointed out the I-20 Corridor Study updated Fact Sheet that was sent with packet materials.

**10. Future Meetings**

Policy Board Meeting – Monday, September 17, 2018 at 5:00 pm

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting – Thursday, September 6, 2018 at 8:00 am

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee – TBD

LEAP Rural Rail District Meeting – N/A

**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 Mayor Turner and seconded by Judge Cox to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.