

4. Approve the Policy Board Minutes from October 19, 2020

Policy Board Members Present

Debi Hays	Chair, County Judge, Ector County
Jack Ladd, Jr.	Vice-Chair, Councilman, City of Midland
Robin Donnelly	County Commissioner, Midland County
Doug Provance	General Manager, MOUTD (EZ-Rider)
John Speed, P.E.	District Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District
Tom Sprawls	Councilman, City of Odessa

Policy Board Members Absent:

Bryan Cox	Judge, Martin County
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Others in Attendance:

Cameron Walker, AICP	Executive Director, Permian Basin MPO
Kallie Hallmark	GIS Analyst, Permian Basin MPO
Alyssa Chavez	Office Manager, Permian Basin MPO
Matt Carr, P.E.	City Engineer, City of Midland
Mike Pacelli, P.E.	Traffic Engineer, City of Midland
Jose Ortiz, P.E.	Engineering Services Director, City of Midland
Andrew Avis	Midland County
Jessica Schuttler, P.E.	Dunaway Associates, Midland County
Thomas Kerr, P.E.	Director of Public Works, City of Odessa
Chad Windham, P.E.	Director of Operations, TxDOT Odessa District
Gabriel Ramirez, P.E.	Advanced Planning Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District
Robert Ornelas, P.E.	Director of TP&D, TxDOT Odessa District
David Peck	Project Manager, Ector County Public Works
Hal Feldman	Traffic Coordinator, City of Odessa
Valerie Alvarado, P.E.	Design Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District

AGENDA ITEM

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting of the Permian Basin MPO Policy Board was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Policy Board Chair, Debi Hays. A quorum was present.

2. Introductions and Announcements

None.

3. Public Comment Period

None.

4. Approve the Policy Board Minutes from September 21, 2020

A motion was made by Jack Ladd, Jr. and seconded by Robin Donnelly to approve the Policy Board Minutes from September 21, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Discuss the August & September 2020 Billing Statements

August is the eleventh billing period for fiscal year 2020; the tables reflect the expenditures from Tasks and Subtasks as approved in the FY 2020 UPWP. During the month of August, Permian Basin MPO expended \$39,474.44 which brings the percentage of expenditures to 56.16% of the FY 2020 programmed funds. The actual balance of funds is \$602,052.79.

September is the twelfth billing period for fiscal year 2020; the tables reflect the expenditures from Tasks and Subtasks as approved in the FY 2020 UPWP. During the month of September, Permian Basin MPO expended \$44,007.32 which brings the percentage of expenditures to 62.52% of the FY 2020 programmed funds. The actual balance of funds is \$558,045.47.

A motion was made by Robin Donnelly and seconded by Tom Sprawls to approve the August & September 2020 billing statements. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Presentation on FHWA Performance Measure (PM2) - bridge condition

Cameron stated that in November of 2018 the Policy Board approved a Resolution adopting measures and targets relating to road and bridge conditions under the Performance based Planning and Programming regulations contained in the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. The FAST Act requires MPOs to demonstrate a performance-based decision process that connects to regional performance targets. MPO staff presented various charts, maps & documentation to illustrate the conditions of the on-system and off-system bridges within the MPO boundary. It was noted that there are no bridges in the MPO boundary on the NHS that are rated "Poor". Staff located two bridges that are rated "Poor" but are not on the NHS; these are off-system and are owned and managed by cities or counties. All other bridges are either "Good" or "Fair" condition.

7. Update on EZ-Rider activities

On January 13, 2020, the Policy Board adopted a Resolution which approved an amended funding and project list contained in the four-year FY 2019-2022 TIP to include the purchase of new buses. The new buses are part of a fleet management and replacement program required by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). EZ-Rider is expected to receive 8 new, small buses this month and 2 large buses in March 2021. It was mentioned that the vehicles being replaced have outlived their expected life and are generally more than 10 years old or have mileage exceeding the expectancy, or a combination. Doug Provance, General Manager of MOU/D, stated that EZ-Rider has recently started its Comprehensive Operations Analysis. It was noted that the MPO committed \$35,000 of its FY 2021 funding to assist with this work.

8. Compare the FY 2021 UTP funding against FY 2015

Cameron stated that the MPO staff recently reviewed the FY 2015 UTP document and presented a chart to the Board displaying the significant change in the funding made available for projects in the MPO boundary over time. Cameron mentioned that it is important to note that the Proposition 1 referendum passed by Texas voters to allocate half of the state's collected oil and gas severance taxes for TxDOT programming did not occur until November 2014, after passage of the UTP. It was also noted that the combined FY 2021 funding by the MPO and TxDOT is 3,017% higher than past funding.

9. MPO Staff Reports

a. 90-Day Calendar

A 90-day event calendar was provided to inform the Policy Board of upcoming events.

b. Update on the Request for Proposals for a regional corridor study

The RFP to find a company or individual to assist with a regional corridor study has been published in the Texas Register and is also on the MPO's website. In summary, the deadline for submittals is November 5 with an opportunity for interviews (likely virtual) occurring shortly afterward. Staff anticipates that the Board may want to be involved in the interview and selection process. Robin Donnelly recommended adding pipelines to be evaluated with the study. John Speed stated that the study should cover the petroleum related environmental issues that may arise.

c. Explore opportunities for programming lower cost projects

Work continued with the TAC at the October 1 meeting to discuss and score potential MPO lower cost projects to be programmed at the Board's discretion. The Policy Board will need to determine which of the projects, if any, should be included in the MPO's list of candidate projects

for the FY 2022 UTP. Further, the MTP will need to be amended to include any projects that the Board chooses to include that are not already listed. It is anticipated that TxDOT will request the MPO's list by January 2021. The list of TAC supported and scored projects was included in the Board packet as a separate file for the Board to see the list in advance of any decisions for inclusion into the FY 2022 UTP.

10. Agency Project Reports:

- a. **TxDOT Odessa District – John Speed:** Referred to the September MPO project status report. Another project, also on 349, headed to the south for 7.1 miles is about 28% complete. The interchange at CR 1140 is about 1/3 complete. Another project is BI-20, at the Stanton overpass, is about 20% complete.
- b. **City of Midland – Jose Ortiz:** The A Street at Wadley intersection improvement project is moving forward and should be complete around Thanksgiving. The two projects for next year's bond program are utility work on A St and utility work on Thomason. Once they get back from the winter season, they are hoping to have 8 more projects constructed from the 2017 bond election program.
- c. **Midland County – Andrew Avis:** Currently have 8 constructions projects that are active throughout the county, one of which is new construction at CR 1232 for the Phase 2 Loop that is South of Monahans draw. There are also 4 let and awarded projects that will start in the months of November and December. The Yukon Road and Industrial Ave projects are projected to be let by Spring of 2021.
- d. **City of Odessa – Hal Feldman:** Continuing with the University Blvd project from Maple to Grandview. Also, roadway design project is moving along on Faudree from SH 191 to Yukon, 56th Street from E loop 338 to Faudree, Dawn from Yukon to 87th Street and on Dixie from I-20 to South Loop 338. Hope to be under construction of Faudree next year.
- e. **Ector County – David Peck:** The Kermit Highway to FM 1936 project is almost complete and are hoping for it to be complete by late October. The Paw Paw Street project has now moved to the third portion of the project which is from Klondike to US 385. They have finished with the first round of seal coating and they are getting ready to start the second round with weather permitting. Also completed approximately 44 miles of in-house seal coating. An additional parking lot and a pad for fuel truck parking were built at the Airport to address overflow issues. The CTIF grant in-house plans are almost complete. The county is working on design for projects in their 20-year improvement plan.
- f. **Martin County – Absent.**

