

9601 Wright Blvd. Midland, Texas
Policy Board Meeting IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL via Zoom
April 15th, 2024 1:30 p.m.

Policy Board Members Present:

Mike Gardner	Chair, Ector County Commissioner
Eric Lykins, P.E.	TxDOT Odessa District Engineer
Jack Ladd, Jr	Vice Chair, Midland City Councilman
Terry Johnson	Midland County Judge via Zoom
Steve Thompson	Odessa City Councilman

Policy Board Members Absent:

Bryan Cox	Martin County Judge
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Others in Attendance:

Cameron Walker, AICP	Executive Director, Permian Basin MPO
Akyra Hamilton	GIS Tech, Planner Permian Basin MPO
Bobby Wojciechowski	City of Midland, Capital Improvement Manager
Robert Ornelas, P.E.	Director of TP&D, TxDOT Odessa District
Frew Bogale, P.E.	Odessa District Area Engineer, TxDOT
Taha Sakrani	Associate Traffic Engineer, City of Midland
John Henderson	Attorney and Grant Coordinator, Ector County
Michele Hagemann	Grant Accountant, City of Midland
Joe Tucker, P.E.	Director of Public Works, City of Odessa
Fred Herrera, P.E.	Area Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District
Lindsey Adams	Intergovernmental Relations Officer, City of Midland
Gabe McClelland	City of Midland
Jose Ortiz	City of Midland
Tracee Bentley	Permian Strategic Partnership
Debra Richmond	Permian Strategic Partnership
Ellen Ramsey	Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission
Jesus Saenz	Kimley-Horn
James Beauchamp	President, MOTRAN
Steven Villela	Public
Babatunde Tugbobo	FHWA via Zoom
Sara Harris	Midland Development Corporation via Zoom
John Beckmeyer	Odessa City Manager via Zoom
Chad Windham	TxDOT via Zoom
Morgan Hebert	via Zoom
Steven Robertson	via Zoom

AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order

The April Policy Board meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m. by Chair Mike Gardner.

2. Introductions and Announcements

Cameron Walker introduced Tracee Bentley and Debra Richmond of the Permian Strategic Partnership. Everyone else in the room introduced themselves. Cameron also explained to the Board how the search for a new Senior Transportation Planner is going.

3. Public Comment Period (limited to 3 minutes each)

There were no public comments

4. Approve the Policy Board Minutes from March 18, 2024

A motion to approve the March 2024 Policy Board Minutes was made by Erik Lykins, seconded by Steve Thompson, and approved unanimously.

5. Approve the January 2024 Billing Statement

A motion to approve the January 2024 Billing Statement was made by Jack Ladd, Jr., seconded by Steve Thompson, and approved unanimously.

6. Presentation from Permian Strategic Partnership on road safety and funding advocacy efforts

Tracee Bentley of the Permian Strategic Partnership started off the presentation to the board on what the PSP does and does not do in road advocacy efforts. She began by explaining that the PSP works on improving not only road safety in the Permian Basin but also education, healthcare, workforce development, and housing. Debra Richmond discussed the Permian Strategic Partnership's efforts in road safety in the region. The Permian Strategic Partnership has invested \$8.2 million in road safety in the five years since they began. They have also worked closely with investors, cities, states, and counties to help access different types of funding through public engagement and reports such as; the Annual Economic Impact Reports, Improving Permian Basin Highway Safety – Driveway Consolidation and Access Management, and Building Safer, Better Roads in the Permian Basin (economic and safety impact analysis).

7. MPO Staff Reports

a. 90-Day Calendar

Due to the TIP calendar, the Policy Board meetings for May and June have been rescheduled. The May Policy Board meeting will be May 13th, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. The June Policy Board meeting will be June 24th, 2024.

b. Staff Activities – 30-day

Staff attended the quarterly TEMPO (Texas MPOs association) meeting in Austin from March 21-22. Staff presented an educational program to the Midland County Commissioners Court and the Midland Rotary Club in early April. Staff worked with Kimley Horn to determine which portions of the MTP will need assistance from their team.

c. Discuss MTP assistance from Kimley-Horn

Staff met with the Kimley Horn team to discuss responsibilities for the numerous chapters that will be written for the 2050 MTP update due in November 2024. A subcommittee of the TAC reviewed all five responses to a published RFQ for transportation planning assistance and selected Kimley Horn to help with the MTP.

d. Update on Comprehensive Safety Action Plan

Staff provided an update to the Board on the status of the regional Comprehensive Safety Action Plans that are part of the federal Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program.

8. Agency Reports

a. TxDOT Odessa District

- BI-20 paved Eastbound section
- FM 1338 finished paving
- Faudree is ready
- Doing concrete on BI-20/2nd Street
- WCR 1882 contractor finished paving service roads South of I-20
- IH 20 – Midkiff (last bridge is poured) concrete/pavement supposed to start April 15th.
- IH-20 – Cottonflat bridge decks and tie ins are complete
- NL 338 Project between Yukon and US 385 starts today
- BS 349 (Big Spring St) continuing concrete work and mill and fill pavement work is supposed to start in May
- SH 349/1788 @ 191 Crash wall expected to be complete soon
- The Longview at Belmont roundabout project has just a little concrete left
- Scharbauer Draw and Midland Draw bridge replacements have been let.

b. City of Midland

- SH 158 from SH 191 has been approved
- Wadley construction is moving along
- Briarwood roadway project will be awarded in the fall
- 2017 bond project should be awarded in the next couple of months
 - Main street – utilities first
 - Garfield – heading south
- New Traffic Signals going up around Midland

c. Midland County

- No one was present from Midland County

d. City of Odessa

- SH 191 – Yukon to Faudree project going well
- Dorado Reconstructed from Faudree to Mission
- S Crane Ave from BI-20 to I-20 open for bids
- Reconstruction on Dixie from 46th to Walnut
- Grandview Signal Upgrade

e. Ector County

- 42nd street Reconstruction continuing on schedule
- Tipp Ave paving and draining is out for bid
- 4 miles of caliche roads that are to be paved is out for bid
- Park Renovations – Playing equipment – Last week of May

f. Martin County

- No one was present from Martin County

g. MOUTD

- No one was present from EZ-Rider

9. Future Meetings

Policy Board Meeting – Monday May 13th, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.
TAC – May 2nd, 2024 at 8 a.m.

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 purpose 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.

11. Take Action Concerning Executive Session Matters

No Matters to take action on.

12. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Jack Ladd, seconded by Steve Thompson, and approved unanimously at 2:42 p.m.

This meeting was being conducted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Law (V.T.C.A. Government Code 551).