

9601 Wright Blvd. Midland, Texas
Policy Board Meeting IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL via Zoom
March 18th, 2024 1:30 p.m.

Policy Board Members Present:

Eric Lykins, P.E.	TxDOT Odessa District Engineer
Jack Ladd, Jr	Vice Chair, Midland City Councilman
Terry Johnson	Midland County Judge
Steve Thompson	Odessa City Councilman
Bryan Cox	Martin County Judge

Policy Board Members Absent:

Mike Gardner	Chair, Ector County Commissioner
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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
Maryann Cedillo	TxDOT, Odessa District, Information Officer
Lindsey Adams	Intergovernmental Relations Officer, City of Midland
Ken Hankins	Senator Kevin Sparks Office
Jesus Saenz	Kimley-Horn via Zoom
Gabriel Ramirez, P.E.	Advanced Planning Engineer, TxDOT Odessa District via Zoom
Sara Harris	Midland Development Corporation via Zoom
James Beauchamp	President, MOTRAN via Zoom
Sara Garza	MPO Manager, TxDOT via Zoom
John Beckmeyer	Odessa City Manager via Zoom

AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order

The March 2024 Policy Board Meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m. by Vice-Chair Jack Ladd, Jr.

2. Introductions and Announcements

There were no announcements. Everyone in the room introduced themselves.

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

There were no public comments.

4. **Approve the Policy Board Minutes from January 29, 2024**

A motion to approve the January 2024 Policy Board Minutes was made by Terry Johnson, seconded by Bryan Cox, and approved unanimously.

5. **Approve the Policy Board Minutes from February 16, 2024**

A motion to approve the February 16, 2024 Special Policy Board Minutes was made by Bryan Cox, seconded by Terry Johnson, and approved unanimously.

6. **Approve the Policy Board Minutes from February 26, 2024**

A motion to approve the February 26, 2024 Policy Board Minutes was made by Eric Lykins, seconded by Bryan Cox, and approved unanimously.

7. **Approve the December 2023 Billing Statement**

The Permian Basin MPO reported to the Policy Board that in December for the FY 2024, the PBMPO has spent 12.23% of the MPO's annual budget.

A motion to approve the December 2023 MPO Billing Statement was made by Terry Johnson, seconded by Bryan Cox, and approved unanimously.

8. **Discuss TIP and MTP Calendars**

Staff included a TIP and MTP Calendar in the Policy Board Packet for March 2024. Cameron led the discussion on both topics.

Cameron explained the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The current TIP period is 2023-2026. However, a new TIP is due by July 1, 2024 for the 2025-2028 time-period. This means that the list of potential projects entering the new TIP would need to go out to the public in May 2024 for a 30-day comment period before getting approval from the Policy Board. Projects planned for 2026 will carry over into the 2025-2028 TIP.

Cameron also explained the calendar for the MTP. The Permian Basin MPO last completed an update on their MTP in November of 2019 with four amendments occurring within the next five years. The 2050 MTP for the Permian Basin MPO is due in November of 2024. Similar to the TIP the MTP must go through a public comment period of 30-days. This means that the MTP will need to go out for public comment in October. The Policy Board will finalize the MTP at the November 2024 Policy Board meeting.

9. **MPO Staff Reports**

a. **90-Day Calendar**

A modification was made to the June calendar; the Policy Board Meeting for June is on the 17th, not on the 19th.

b. **Staff Activities – 30-day**

Staff attended online meetings with the TxDOT audit team. Staff responded to requests from the audit team for various files mostly including contracts, agreements that the MPO is subject to and billing statements. Staff continued working with the Freese Nichols team to complete the final draft of the PEL. Staff reviewed the final draft of the MPO's resiliency plan.

Representatives from the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration were here on February 27-28, 2024. This review process occurs every four years. The meeting was attended by TxDOT representatives as well as two staff members. Board Vice-Chair Gardner and Judge Johnson committed to separate interviews with the federal staff members from 3-4 p.m. on Tuesday. Chair Ladd will interview by phone at a later date. All of the proceedings occurred at the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission building. The report that comes from the Federal Certification Review is expected in April 2024.

10. Agency Reports

a. TxDOT Odessa District

- IH-20/Midkiff project – plan to start pouring first deck Thursday March 21 at 1 a.m. Second deck would be poured on April 1st.
- IH-20/Cotton Flat project – One more deck to pour. Pour planned for 3 a.m. this evening.
- Cotton Flat and Midkiff bridges are expected to open in June at the latest.
- Big Spring – Continue w/concrete – concrete should be done by May then start the mill-and-fill work. Should be done around the same time as Cotton Flat and Midkiff.
- 1788 @ 191 crash wall work – TxDOT work begins April 15th on the intersection

b. City of Midland

- 158/Crowley extension waiting on updated schedule – Jones Brothers
- Briarwood utilities underway – roughly by bus barn
- Cuthbert and Garfield utilities are underway
- 6 new traffic signals

c. Midland County

- 1130 @ I-20 to 307 is almost complete.

d. City of Odessa

- Faudree complete up to 52nd – traffic signals installed and working; already seeing better traffic operations.
- Yukon and Grandview went out for bid and got no bids due to time constraints.

e. Ector County

- No reports given

f. Martin County

- No reports given

g. MOUTD

- No one was present from EZ-Rider

11. Future Meetings

Policy Board Meeting – Monday April 15, 2024

TAC – March 20, 2024 at 8 a.m.

12. 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.

13. Take Action Concerning Executive Session Matters

There were no Executive Session Matters.

14. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Terry Johnson, seconded by Bryan Cox, and approved unanimously at 2:19 p.m.

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