MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD FOR THE EL PASO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (EPMPO)

Friday August 23, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Blue Flame Building 304 Texas Avenue El Paso, TX 79901 17th Floor (Center for Community Empowerment)

NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA

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- CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- ROLL CALL
- OPEN COMMENT PERIOD

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DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

- 1. <u>Consider approval of the minutes of the July 19, 2024 TPB meeting.</u> *Presenter: TPB Chair*
- <u>Consider authorizing the Executive Director to sign a letter of support for the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP)</u> <u>application for the Federal Fiscal Year 2024 Safe Streets & Roads for All grant program for the Safety Roadmaps in</u> <u>El Paso project.</u>

Presenter: Shian Wang (UTEP)

- <u>Consider approval of amendments to the Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan</u> (MTP), Amended RMS 2050 MTP, RMS 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and RMS 2025-2028 <u>TIP for the following New Mexico projects to:</u>
 - a. Program the Calle Morroco Sidewalk Improvements Construction Project in the RMS 2025-2028 TIP using \$103,249 of NM TAP-L in FY 2025*
 - b. Program the *Sunland Park Solar Bus Chargers* project using \$493,393 of STPL (Surface Transportation Program Large Urban) funds in FY 2025*
 - c. Program the McCombs Multiuse Trail project using \$487,400 of STPL funds in FY 2025*
 - d. Program the Amparo Road Multiuse Trail project using \$296,200 of STPL funds in FY 2025*

Presenter: Anne Guayante (EPMPO)

- <u>Consider approval of amendments to the Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Amended RMS 2050 MTP, RMS 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and RMS 2025-2028 TIP for the following Texas Transit projects to:</u>
 - a. Program the *Sun Metro Micro Transit Project* using \$900,000 of the FY2024 Community Project Funding Program in FY2025*
 - b. Program the Sun Metro Bus Replacement and Facility Enhancement Project using \$32,900,000 of FTA 5339(c) -Low or No Emission Vehicle Program funds in FY 2025*
 - c. Program the 2016 Bike Plan Update Project using \$400,000 of The Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant Funds in FY 2025*

Presenter: Anne Guayante (EPMPO)

- <u>Consider approval of amendments to the Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Amended RMS 2050 MTP, RMS 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and RMS 2025-2028 TIP for the following Texas Highway projects to:</u>
 - a. Amend the Downtown Bicycle Improvements Phase I project to change the project limits in FY 2025*
 - b. Program the *PDN and Stanton International Bridges Project Development Study* using \$2,000,000 of USDOT FY23 Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) Program funds in FY 2025*
 - c. Program the Safe Routes to School Program Project using \$1,200,000 of Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant funds in FY 2025*
 - d. Program the Vision Zero Education and Encouragement Campaign Project using \$1,000,000 of Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant funds in FY 2025*
 - e. Program the *Intersections Safety Improvement Program Projects* using \$1,000,000 of Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant funds in FY 2025*
 - f. Program the *N* Yarbrough Corridor Improvements Project using \$5,980,298 of Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant funds in FY 2025*
 - g. Program the *Quick Build Demonstration Projects* using \$2,995,930 of Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant in FY 2025*
 - h. Program the *El Paso County Mobility Plan Project* using \$900,000 of FY24 RAISE Grant funds in FY 2025*

Presenter: Anne Guayante (EPMPO)

- 6. <u>Consider approval of the TPAC Ad Hoc Committee recommendation for the programing of the carryover balances for</u> <u>CAT 7 STP, CAT 5 CMAQ, CAT 10 CRP and CAT 9 TASA funds.</u> *Presenter: Anne Guayante (EPMPO)*
- 7. <u>Consider adoption of Midpoint Performance Period Targets for CMAQ traffic congestion measures: Peak Hour</u> <u>Excessive Delay (PHED) and Percent of Non-Single Occupancy Vehicle (Non-SOV) Travel Measures</u> *Presenter: Sonia Perez (EPMPO)*
- Consider authorizing the Executive Director to amend Task Order #2 pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between El Paso MPO and UTEP, for assistance in Travel Demand Modeling, Air Quality Conformity and Public Involvement Activities, and Other Activities included in the EPMPO Unified Planning Work Program, to revise the maximum amount payable from \$78,500.00 to \$116,833.00. Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (EPMPO Executive Director)
- <u>Consider authorizing the Executive Director to execute Task Order #6 with a maximum funding amount of \$110,000.00</u> pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between El Paso MPO and UTEP for the development and technical support of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Project Request Form (PRF) web applications, and technical support and enhancement to the El Paso MPO Multimodal Webtool.</u>

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (EPMPO Executive Director)

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

- 10. <u>Announcement of Transit Service Adjustments in 2025</u> Presenter: Jose Landeros (El Paso Area Transportation Services)
- 11. Executive Director's Report
 - a. Texas Transportation Commission Meeting, August 22, 2024
 - b. TxDOT Administration and MPO Senior Leadership Meeting, August 22, 2024 Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (EPMPO Executive Director)

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Under Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, the TPB may retire into Executive Session to discuss any of the following:

Section 551.071	Consultation with Attorney
Section 551.072	Deliberation Regarding Real Property
Section 551.073	Deliberation Regarding Prospective Gifts
Section 551.074	Personnel Matters
Section 551.076	Deliberation Regarding Security Devices
Section 551.087	Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations

The items listed above are matters of the sort routinely discussed in Executive Session, but the TPB may move to Executive Session on any of the items on this agenda, consistent with the terms of the Open Meetings Act. The TPB will return to open session to take any final action and may also bring forward any of the following items for public discussion at any time during the meeting, as appropriate.

12. Adjournment

The next regular meeting of the TPB is scheduled for <u>9:00 a.m.</u> on <u>September 20, 2024.</u> The due date for submittal of agenda items, names of speakers, attachments, items for presentations, and Project Request Forms (PRFs) is <u>September 4, 2024, by 3:00 p.m.</u>

*These projects met the seven-day public comment requirement of the EI Paso MPO's Public Participation Plan

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Marisol Enriquez, Recording Secretary for the Transportation Policy Board