

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

Friday June 21, 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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<https://www.elpasompo.org/TPBMinutesandAgendas>)

DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

1. [Consider approval of the minutes of the May 17, 2024 TPB meeting.](#)
Presenter: TPB Chair
2. [Consider authorizing the Executive Director to sign the following Letters of Support for the:](#)
 - a. City of Sunland Park, for the Federal Highway Administration Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP) Grant for the *Sunland Park Rio Grande Trail Phase III*
Presenter: Mario Juarez-Infante (City of Sunland Park)
 - b. City of El Paso for the Federal Highway Administration Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Stage 1 Planning and Prototyping grants program application for the *El Paso Downtown International Ports ITS Design and Regional Integration Project*
Presenter: Omar Martinez (City of El Paso)
3. [Consider authorizing the Executive Director to execute Task Order #4 with the El Paso MPO General Planning Consultant for Metropolitan Transportation Plan \(MTP\) development, for an amount not to exceed \\$998,636.47.](#)
Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (MPO Executive Director)
4. [Consideration of documents associated with the Rider 7 Local Air Quality Statement of Work under Texas Commission on Environmental Quality \(TCEQ\) Contract \(Grant\) #582-20-11979:](#)

- a. Consider authorizing the Executive Director to sign a Lending Agreement with El Colegio de la Frontera Norte (COLEF) for vehicle counting cameras (equipment to be acquired by TTI under Task Order #2)
- b. Consider authorizing the Executive Director, to execute a Consulting Services Agreement and a Master Subscription Agreement with UrbanSim, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$170,000, for the purchase of three software licenses for a one-year period, technical support, and consulting services that will enable the MPO to complete Task 3 – *Impact of transborder urban growth policies and patterns on ozone concentration in the El Paso-Juarez binational region*. It is also requested that after review by the MPO's legal counsel, that the Executive Director, be authorized to execute any related contract documents or agreements as long as the total amount of the agreements does not exceed \$170,000.

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (MPO Executive Director)

5. [Consider approval of the Rider 7 Local Air Quality Statement of Work under Texas Commission on Environmental Quality \(TCEQ\) Contract \(Grant\) # 582-24-01394 to perform air quality planning activities to reduce fine particulate matter \(PM 2.5\) emissions:](#)
 - a. Consider approval of Task Order #4 between EPMP and the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) for the project Monitoring of PM2.5 Exposure from Traffic Congestion at International Border Crossings.

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (MPO Executive Director)

6. [Consider adoption of the Amended RMS 2050 MTP and Amended RMS 2050 Transportation Conformity Report](#)

Presenter: Harrison Plourde (MPO)

7. [Consider approval of amendments to Appendix D \(Environmental Clearance Project list\) of the RMS 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\) and RMS 2025-2028 TIP to change project description of the Downtown 10 Executive Center to SL478 Copia project*](#)

Presenter: Anne Guayante (MPO)

8. [Consider approval of amendments to the RMS 2050 MTP, Amended RMS 2050 MTP, RMS 2023-2026 TIP, and RMS 2025-2028 TIP to:](#)
 - a. Amend the *NM 213/NM 404 Interchange improvements* (MPO ID B608X / CN E100322) project to increase total project cost from \$47,641,652 to \$76,038,782, and add \$45,000,000 of State Severance Tax Bond Proceeds funds, add \$3,435,374 of STPF (Surface Transportation Program - Flex) funds, reduce NHPP - National Highway Performance Program funds from \$20,606,833 to \$8,916,029, reduce SBSI - Border State Infrastructure funds from \$5,145,788 to \$2,772,894, increase NHPP (Freight) funds from \$13,641,652 to \$13,914,485 to increase total funding from \$41,667,106 to \$76,038,782 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025*
 - b. Amend the *NM 213 Widening* (MPO ID P621X-CAP / CN E100321) project to increase total project cost from \$26,000,000 to \$43,096,137, and add \$8,737,378 of NHPP funds, add \$5,585,865 of STPF funds, and \$2,772,894 of SBSI funds to increase total funding from \$26,000,000 to \$43,096,137 in FY 2025*

Presenter: Gerardo Fierro (MPO)

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

9. [Update on New Mexico unobligated funds TPAC Ad Hoc Committee](#)

Presenter: Anne Guayante (MPO)

10. [El Paso MPO Public Participation Plan \(PPP\) 2024 Update: Public Comment Period and Public Meetings](#)
announcement

Presenter: Anne Guayante (MPO)

11. [Quarterly Reports](#)

- a. MPO Administrative Amendments Report

Presenter: Anne Guayante (MPO)

- b. Project Completion Report
c. Project Readiness Report
d. RMS 2020 Projects Report

Presenter: Gerardo Fierro (MPO)

12. [Executive Director's Report](#)

- a. National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program (NEVI) Phase 2
b. Texas-Mexico Border Connectivity Plan Workshop
c. Texas Transportation Committee meetings – May 23, 2024 and June 27, 2024

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (MPO 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.

13. Adjournment

The **next regular meeting** of the TPB is scheduled for **9:00 a.m.** on **July 19, 2024**. The due date for submittal of agenda items, names of speakers, attachments, items for presentations, and Project Request Forms (PRFs) is **July 3, 2024, by 3:00 p.m.**

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

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Posted this 14th day of June 2024 at the El Paso County Courthouse, First Floor, 500 San Antonio Street, El Paso, Texas; and digitally on the website of the New Mexico Department of Transportation-District 1 and the El Paso MPO.



Marisol Enriquez; Recording Secretary for the
Transportation Policy Board