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

Friday May 17, 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

(The agenda and backup materials for the meeting packet are posted and available on the MPO website: https://www.elpasompo.org/TPBMinutesandAgendas)

DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

- Consider approval of the minutes of the April 19, 2024 TPB meeting. Presenter: TPB Chair
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- Consider authorizing the Executive Director to sign a Letter of Support for the County of El Paso application for the
 Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Community Project Funding program for the Fabens Airport ROW Acquisition project
 Presenter: Daniel Marquez (EP County)
- Consider authorizing the Executive Director to sign a Letter of Support for the City of El Paso application for the FY 2024 Federal Railroad Administration Consolidated Rail Infrastructure & Safety Improvements (CRISI) Grant for the Zaragoza Rail Grade Separation project

Presenter: Omar Martinez (COEP)

- Consider authorizing the Executive Director to sign a Letter of Support for the City of El Paso application for the FY
 2023 Federal Highway Administration Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP) Grant for the
 Stanton-Texas Active Transportation Project Development Study project
 Presenter: Omar Martinez (COEP)
- 5. Consider approval of amendments to the Transportation Policy Board Bylaws to add South Central Regional Transit District to the Transportation Project Advisory Committee as a voting member entity, and to make text amendments to Article III TPB Membership, to clarify rules on the composition of the Board.

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (MPO Executive Director)

6. <u>Consider authorizing the Executive Director to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between EPMPO, New Mexico</u> Department of Transportation, and SCRTD to make provision for cooperative transportation and transit activities in the metropolitan planning area.

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (MPO Executive Director)

- 7. Consider approval of amendments to the RMS 2050 MTP, and RMS 2023-2026 TIP to program transit projects from South Central Regional Transit District:
 - a. Program the Preventative Maintenance (FY24 5307) project using FTA 5307 funds in FY 2024*
 - b. Program the Pavement Resurfacing (FY24 5307) project using FTA 5307 funds in FY 2024*
 - c. Program the JARC (FY24 5307) project using FTA 5307 funds in FY 2024*
 - d. Program the Operating Assistance (FY24 5307) project using FTA 5307 funds in FY 2024*
 - e. Program the *Maintenance Facility Equipment (FY24 5307)* project using FTA 5307 funds in FY 2024*
 - f. Program the Security Fencing (FY24 5307) project using FTA 5307 funds in FY 2024* Presenter: Anne Guayante (MPO)
- Consider authorizing the Executive Director to execute Task Order #3 with the El Paso MPO General Planning
 Consultant for development of a Regional Safety Action Plan for an amount not to exceed \$729,888.56
 Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (MPO Executive Director)
- 9. <u>Consider approval of the second amendment to the EPMPO FY 2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)</u> to add reference to the San Elizario Transportation Needs Assessment project, and to add TCEQ Rider 7 funding to funding summary tables and subtask descriptions, as applicable.

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (MPO Executive Director)

- 10. 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 approval of Task Order #2 between EPMPO and TTI for the purchase of cameras for vehicle counting in Ciudad Juarez and monitoring through machine learning technology
 - b. Consider approval of Task Order #3 between EPMPO and TTI for improving regional emission estimation tools
 - 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 described above)

Presenter: Claudia Valles (MPO)

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

11. <u>Update on the TxDOT-El Paso District Mobility Projects funding proposal for inclusion in the Fiscal Year 2025 Unified Transportation Program</u>

Presenter: Tomas Trevino (TxDOT)

12. <u>Update on TxDOT Highway Emergency Response Operator (HERO) Program</u>

Presenter: Eduardo Perales & Rodolfo Pino (TxDOT)

13. Discussion of the triennial amendment to the EPMPO Public Participation Plan

Presenter: Anne Guayante (MPO)

14. Executive Director's Report

- a. Stakeholder meetings with Doña Ana County's SS4A project and the Regional Infrastructure Accelerator project
- b. Texas Transportation Committee meeting April 25, 2024
- c. Submittal of the grant application to the 2025-2026 Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) program (i.e., MEGA) for the Downtown10 project

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.

EX. Item No. 1 Executive Director's Annual Performance Assessment for Year 2023, including review and discussion of the Executive Director's Self-Performance Assessment for Year 2023.

Presenter: MPO Executive Committee Chair

EX. Item No. 2 Executive Director's Employment Agreement *Presenter: MPO Executive Committee Chair*

15. Adjournment

The **next regular meeting** of the TPB is scheduled for <u>9:00 a.m.</u> on <u>June 21, 2024.</u> The due date for submittal of agenda items, names of speakers, attachments, items for presentations, and Project Request Forms (PRFs) is <u>June 5, 2024, by 3:00 p.m.</u>

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

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Marisol Enriquez, Recording Secretary for the

Transportation Policy Board