

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

Friday November 15, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.

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

NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA

Public Participation and Public Comment

Members of the public may attend the meeting in person, or view the meeting via livestream:
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Public comment is allowed subject to the following restrictions:

- Speakers are allowed up to three (3) minutes each, but may be limited further at the discretion of the Presiding Officer.
- Members of the public wishing to provide comment must sign up no later than 8:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting by emailing menriquez@elpasompo.org or by calling (915) 212-0258.
- Members of the public may also submit their public comment electronically to menriquez@elpasompo.org and the comment will be read during the open comment period or before the appropriate agenda item, as requested in the email. Emails must be received no later than 8:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting.

Atención. Si desea recibir asistencia gratuita para traducir esta información, llame al 915-212-0258.

- **Notice is hereby given that the EPMPO TPB will participate in a Training Workshop on “The Role of Artificial Intelligence in Transportation - Benefits, Challenges and Future Trends”, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30a.m. The EPMPO TPB will take no formal action during the Training Workshop.**
Presenter: Dr. Rafael Aldrete (TTI)

- **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:

1. [Consider approval of the minutes of the October 18, 2024 TPB meeting.](#)
Presenter: TPB Chair
2. [Consider accepting the draft Vision Statement and Goals for the Regional Mobility Strategy \(RMS\) 2052 Metropolitan Transportation Plan \(MTP\)](#)
Presenter: Robbie Guthart (WSP)
3. [Consider authorizing the Executive Director to sign a letter of support for the Sun Metro application for FY 2025 United States Department of Transportation \(USDOT\) Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity \(RAISE\) program for the Montana Brio Route Extension Feasibility Study project](#)
Presenter: Rodolfo Reyes (Sun Metro)

4. [Consider approval of amendments to the RMS 2050 MTP, Amended RMS 2050 MTP, and RMS 2025-2028](#)
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the *Border Highway Connector PE Phase* (MPO ID: P623A-PE / CN: E100390) project to add \$3,362,466 in State Program funds and \$5,000,000 in USDOT Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Grant Program funds for a total funded amount of \$11,362,466 in 2025.
Presenter: Anne Guayante (EPMPO)
5. [Consider approval of amendments to the RMS 2050 MTP and RMS 2025-2028 TIP to program FFY 2024-25 Federal](#)
Transit Administration (FTA) 5310 program funds, as recommended by the FTA 5310 project call Ad Hoc Committee:
 - a. Program the *Amistad 5310 Program* project with \$361,200 in FY 2025 and \$361,200 in FY 2026
 - b. Program the *Microtransit Vans* project with \$238,000 in FY 2026
 - c. Program the *FY25 Paratransit Service Software* project with \$280,000 in FY 2025
 - d. Program the *FY26 Paratransit Service Software* project with \$280,000 in FY 2026
 - e. Program the *Rio Vista 5310 Transportation Program* project with \$149,659 in FY 2025 and \$60,659 in FY 2026*Presenter: George Inostroza (EPMPO)*
6. [Consider providing a recommendation to the United States General Services Administration \(GSA\) on a preferred](#)
alternative for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Modernization of the Bridge of the Americas Land Port of Entry Enhanced Feasibility Study
Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (EPMPO Executive Director)
7. [Consider adoption of EPMPO policy documents:](#)
 - a. Planning Document Development Outreach Standard Operating Procedure
 - b. Outreach Policy for Providers of Public Transportation*Presenter: Harrison Plourde (EPMPO)*

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

8. [Presentation on Rider 7 Project History](#)
Presenter: Claudia Valles (EPMPO)
9. [Project Call Announcements for TxDOT Statewide Transportation Alternatives Set Aside \(TASA\) program and](#)
NMDOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), Recreational Trails (RTP), Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ), and Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)
Presenter: Anne Guayante (EPMPO)
10. [Executive Director's Report](#)
 - a. El Paso Region Binational Connectivity Workshop
 - b. Foreign Trade Zone Summit – Regional Outlook Panel
 - c. Border Trade Advisory Committee, November 12, 2024 meeting
 - d. Freight Advisory Committee meeting, November 12, 2024 meeting
 - e. State of the County*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.

11. Adjournment

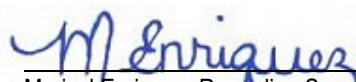
The **next regular meeting** of the TPB is scheduled for **9:30 a.m. on December 13, 2024**. The due date for submittal of agenda items, names of speakers, attachments, items for presentations, and Project Request Forms (PRFs) is **November 27, 2024, by 3:00 p.m.**

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

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Lenguaje de señas, intérpretes al español (a condición de que uno esté disponible) y copias de la agenda se proveerán en **Braille, copias ampliadas, otros idiomas, o grabación de audio** con petición de un mínimo de 48 horas antes de la fecha y de la hora de la reunión.

Posted this 8th day of November 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