

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

Friday October 18, 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

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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 September 20, 2024 TPB meeting.](#)
Presenter: TPB Chair
2. [Consider adopting the proposed 2025 TPB meeting schedule.](#)
Presenter: Harrison Plourde (MPO)
3. [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:](#)
 - a. Amend the *Bus Purchase (FY25-FY28 5307)* project (MPO ID: T3J) to decrease FTA 5307 Urbanized Area Program formula funds from \$7,000,000 to \$4,800,000 and change Fiscal Years (FY) from 2025, 2026, 2027, and 2028 to 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029, respectively.
 - b. Amend the *ADA Paratransit Service (FTA FY25-FY28 5307)* project (MPO ID: T3H) to decrease FTA 5307 Urbanized Area Program Formula funds from \$2,213,380 to \$2,132,349 and change Fiscal Years (FY) from 2025, 2026, 2027, and 2028 to 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029, respectively.
 - c. Amend the *Support Vehicles/Bus Rehab (FTA FY25-FY28 5339)* project (MPO ID: T3F) to change Fiscal Years (FY) from 2025, 2026, 2027, and 2028 to 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029, respectively.
 - d. Amend the *Transit Enhancements (FTA FY25-FY26 5339)* project (MPO ID: T3G) to change Fiscal Year from 2025 and 2026 to 2026 and 2027, respectively.

- e. Program the *Transit Enhancements (FTA FY27-FY28 5339)* project (MPO ID: T3G) using \$500,000 in FTA 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities program funds in Fiscal Year (FY) 2028 and 2029, respectively.
 - f. Amend the *FY25 FTA 5339 Funding* project (MPO ID: T3I-12) to change Fiscal Year (FY) from 2025 to 2026.
 - g. Amend the *FY26 FTA 5339 Funding* project (MPO ID: T3I-13) to change Fiscal Year (FY) from 2026 to 2027.
 - h. Amend the *FY27 FTA 5339 Funding* project (MPO ID: T3I-14) project to change Fiscal Year (FY) from 2027 to 2028.
 - i. Deprogram the *FY28 FTA 5339 Funding* project (MPO ID: T3I-15) in the 2025 – 2028 TIP and Amend it the RMS 2050 MTP and Amended RMS 2050 MTP to change Fiscal Year (FY) from 2028 to 2029.
Presenter: Anne Guayante (EPMPO)
4. [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 project to:](#)
 - j. Program the *International Border Crossings System-wide Improvements Analysis* project (MPO ID C047X/ CSJ 0924-06-738) into the 2025 – 2028 TIP using \$2,000,000 of CAT 7 STP MM funds in FY 2025 and amend the project year in the 2023 – 2026 TIP year from FY 2024 to FY 2025
Presenter: Anne Guayante (EPMPO)
 5. [Consider authorizing the Executive Director to sign a letter indicating the El Paso Metropolitan Organization's concurrence with the following additions to the Strategic Highway Network \(STRAHNET\) Project List:](#)
 - a. Sergeant Major Boulevard from Fort Bliss to TX Highway 375
 - b. TX Highway 375 from Sergeant Major Boulevard to Texas Spur 601.
Presenter: Harrison Plourde (EPMPO)
 6. [Consider authorizing the Executive Director to submit a letter to the General Services Administration \(GSA\) during the public comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Modernization of the Bridge of the Americas Land Port of Entry Enhanced Feasibility Study seeking to address MPO concerns with the preferred Alternative #4, and related issues.](#)
Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (MPO Executive Director)
 7. [Consider authorizing the Executive Director to seek an extension of the GSA public comment period 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 (MPO Executive Director)

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

8. [Presentation on Rider 7 Project History](#)
Presenter: Claudia Valles (MPO)
9. [New Mexico Match Fund](#)
Presenter: Anne Guayante (MPO)
10. [Executive Director's Report](#)
 - a. AMPO update
 - b. El Paso MPO Safety Action Plan Update*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 **November 15, 2024.** The due date for submittal of agenda items, names of speakers, attachments, items for presentations, and Project Request Forms (PRFs) is **October 30, 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 11th day of October 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