

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

Friday September 20, 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. [Consider approval of the minutes of the August 23, 2024 TPB meeting.](#)
Presenter: TPB Chair
2. [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. Program the *Sun Metro Paratransit Fleet Replacement: Zero-Emission Vehicles Project* using \$11,095,890 in FTA 5339 (c) Program funds in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025*
 - b. Program the *Support Vehicles/Bus Rehab Project* using \$500,000 of FTA 5339 Program funds in FY 2025*
 - c. Program the *Transit Enhancement Project* using \$500,000 of FTA 5339 Program funds in FY 2025*
 - d. Program the *FY 2024 FTA 5339 Project* using \$859,522 of FTA 5339 Program funds in FY 2025*
 - e. Program the *Capital Maintenance FY24 5307* project using \$11,328,639 of FTA 5307 Program funds in FY 2025*
 - f. Amend the *Capital Maintenance (FY25-FY28 5307)* (MPO ID: T3C) project (Apportionments 2025, 2026, 2027, and 2028) to increase FTA 5307 funds from \$11,945,475 to \$14,091,139 and change to FYs 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029, respectively*
 - g. Program the *ADA Paratransit Project* using \$2,132,349 of FTA 5307 Program funds in FY 2025*
 - h. Deprogram the *Planning* (MPO ID: T3A) project using FTA 5307 Program funds in FYs 2025, 2026, 2027, and 2028.*

Program funds from \$6,000,000 to \$6,294,000, for a total project funding amount of \$6,294,000 in FY 2026*

- g. Program the *ELP Safety Service Patrol HERO FY 2026* (MPO ID M091X-5 / CSJ 0924-06-735) project with \$2,000,000 in Category 10 CRP funds in FY 2026*
- h. Program the *Horizon City-Socorro Bus Circulator* (MPO ID T411X) project with \$923,784 in Category 5 CMAQ Program funds in FY 2026*
- i. Administratively Amend the *Railroad Drive Widening and Reconstruction* (MPO ID P219X-CAP / CSJ 0924-06-625) project to decrease Category 7 STP funds from \$20,805,338 to \$18,705,338, increase Category 10 CRP funds from \$0 to \$2,100,000, for a total project funding amount of \$22,921,338 in FY 2026*
- j. Administratively amend the *Nuevo Hueco Tanks Construction* (MPO ID A527X-CAP-1/ CSJ 0924-06-607) project to reduce Category 7 STP funds from \$9,990,376 to \$7,850,376, and to increase Category 10 CRP funds total from \$0 to \$2,140,000. Local contribution beyond required match remains \$11,471,134 for a total project funding amount of \$21,461,510 in FY 2026*
- k. Amend the *Sun Valley Gateway North to Kenworthy*: (MPO ID R201X/ CSJ 0924-06-729) project to reduce Category 7 STP funds from \$5,021,867 to \$3,621,867, and to increase Category 10 CRP funds from \$0 to \$1,400,000 for a total project funding amount of \$5,021,867 in FY 2027*
- l. Program the *ELP HERO Safety Patrol 2027* (MPO ID M091X-3/CSJ 0924-06-736) project with \$2,000,000 in Category 7 STP program funds in FY 2027*
- m. Administratively amend the *Tierra Este (Arterial 1)* (MPO ID P002X-CAP /CSJ 0924-06-621) project to reduce Category 7 STP program funds from \$34,000,000 to \$31,700,000 and to increase Category 10 program total from \$0 to \$2,300,000, for a total project funding amount of \$34,000,000; and to move the project from FY 2027 to FY 2028*
- n. Program the *ELP HERO Safety Service Patrol* (MPO ID M091X-3/ CSJ 0924-06-737) with \$2,000,000 in Category 7 STP Program funds in FY 2028*
- o. Program the *Horizon to UTEP Express Route* (MPO ID T412X) with \$611,000 in Category 10 CRP funds in FY 2028*

Presenter: Anne Guayante (EPMPO)

- 5. [Consider approval of amendments to the RMS 2050 MTP, Amended RMS 2050 MTP, RMS 2023-2026 TIP and RMS 2025-2028 TIP for the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure project with \\$18,750,000 in Category 3 Local Funds from the USDOT Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant Program in FY 2025*](#)

Presenter: Anne Guayante (EPMPO)

- 6. [Consider approval of the triennial update to the EPMPO Public Participation Plan](#)

Presenter: Anne Guayante (EPMPO)

- 7. [Consider adoption of Midpoint Performance Period Targets for CMAQ On-Road Mobile Source Emissions Reductions](#)

Presenter: Claudia Valles (EPMPO)

- 8. [Consider authorizing the Executive Director to submit an application to the USDOT Reconnecting Communities Pilot Grant program for the I-10 Deck Plaza Design project](#)

Presenter: Harrison Plourde (EPMPO)

- 9. [Consider authorizing the Executive Director to execute an interlocal agreement with the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority \(CRRMA\) to provide \\$90,000.00 towards the non-federal match, totaling \\$403,000.00, of a \\$2,107,000.00 federal grant for the development of the El Paso MPO's International Border Crossings Strategic Plan.](#)

El Paso County approved the use of vehicle registration fees as the source of the funding for the \$90,000.00 contribution to the non-federal match.

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (EPMPO Executive Director)

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

10. [Quarterly Reports](#)

- a. MPO Administrative Amendments Report
- b. Project Completion Report
- c. Project Readiness Report
- d. RMS 2020 Projects Report

Presenters: Anne Guayante and Nina Rodriguez (MPO)

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

- a. Border Trade Advisory Committee (BTAC) Meeting in Houston TX on August 27, 2024
- b. TxDOT Planning Conference in Dallas, TX on September 3-5, 2024
- c. TEMPO Meeting in Arlington, TX on September 5-6, 2024
- d. 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:

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| 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 **9:30 a.m.** on **October 18, 2024**. The due date for submittal of agenda items, names of speakers, attachments, items for presentations, and Project Request Forms (PRFs) is **October 2, 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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Marisol Enriquez, Recording Secretary for the
Transportation Policy Board