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

Friday January 24, 2025, 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

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- Speakers are allowed up to three (3) minutes each, but may be limited further at the discretion of the Presiding
 Officer.
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 Notice is hereby given that the EPMPO TPB will participate in a Training Workshop on "Legislative and Regulatory Outlook" from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. The EPMPO TPB will take no formal action during the Training Workshop.
 Presenter: Gretchen Stoeltje, J.D. (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 December 13, 2024 TPB meeting.

Presenter: TPB Chair

2. Nominate and Elect Chairperson of the Transportation Policy Board.

Presenter: TPB Chair

3. Nominate and Elect Vice-Chairperson of the Transportation Policy Board.

Presenter: TPB Chair

4. Appoint members to Executive Committee.

Presenter: TPB Chair

5. <u>Consider authorizing the Executive Director to execute a non-federal match agreement with New Mexico Department</u> of Transportation for the *International Border Crossings Systemwide Analysis* project.

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (MPO Executive Director)

6. Consider authorizing the Executive Director to execute a funding agreement between EPMPO and New Mexico Border Authority for the Border Highway Connector Phase 2 Traffic Impact and Improvements Feasibility Study project.

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (MPO Executive Director)

- 7. Consider adoption of the Safety Performance Measure (PM1) 2025 Targets:
 - a. State of New Mexico 2025 PM1 Targets
 - b. State of Texas 2025 PM1 Targets.

Presenter: Jennifer Moreno (MPO)

8. Consider authorizing MPO staff to submit a functional classification request to the State of New Mexico and Federal Highway Administration for the Border Highway Connector project as a Principal Arterial.

Presenter: Jennifer Moreno (MPO)

- 9. Consider approval of amendments to the Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), and the Amended RMS 2050 MTP for New Mexico projects to:
 - a. Amend the St. Francis Drive Extension/Border Highway Connector project (MPO ID: A606X) in FY 2027 to revise the description clarifying it is proposed as a four-lane divided arterial, to clarify project limits by including milepost at the limits, and to update project costs and funding amounts
 - b. Amend the *NM* 498 (*Anapra*) project (MPO ID: R615X) in FY 2027 to revise the description to reflect a widening from two to four lanes, and to amend the project costs and funding amounts
 - c. Amend the Sunland Park Drive Extension project (MPO ID: A607X) in FY 2027 to clarify project limits.* Presenter: Anne Guayante (MPO)
- 10. Consider approval of amendments to the RMS 2050 MTP, Amended RMS 2050 MTP, and the RMS 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Texas Highway projects to:
 - Amend the project description for the *I-10 SEG3B* (Paisano to Airway) project (CSJ: 2121-03-159 / MPO ID: I065X-CAP) in FY 2023 to include the number of lanes before and after the project is completed
 - Amend the project description for the *I-10 SEG1G (THORN TO EXECUTIVE)* project (CSJ: 2121-03-162 / MPO ID: I068X-CAP) in FY 2041 to include the number of lanes before and after the project is completed
 - c. Amend the project description for the *I-10 SEG3C (AIRWAY TO YARBROUGH)* project (CSJ: 2121-03-159 / MPO ID: I065X-CAP) in FY 2041 to include the number of lanes before and after the project is completed
 - d. Amend the project description for the *I-10 SEGD1* (YARBROUGH TO FM659) project (CSJ: 2121-03-163 / MPO ID: I070X-CAP) in FY 2041 to include the number of lanes before and after the project is completed
 - e. Amend the project description for the *I-10 SEG3D2 (FM659 TO EASTLAKE)* project (CSJ: 2121-04-119 / MPO ID: I070X-CAP) in FY 2033 to include the number of lanes before and after the project is completed.*

Presenter: Anne Guayante (MPO)

11. Consider approval of an amendment to the RMS 2050 MTP, Amended RMS 2050 MTP, and the RMS 2025-2028 TIP for the Delake St. Construction project (CSJ: 0924-06-691 / MPO ID: A442X) to amend the fiscal year from FY 2025 to FY 2027 and to revise the project description for clarity.*

Presenter: Anne Guayante (MPO)

- 12. Consider approval of an amendment to the RMS 2050 MTP, Amended RMS 2050 MTP, and the RMS 2025-2028 TIP to program the *Downtown International Ports ITS Design and Regional Integration* project in FY 2025 with \$2,000,000 in Category 3 USDOT Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Program funds.*

 Presenter: Anne Guayante (MPO)
- 13. Consider approval of an amendment to the RMS 2050 MTP, Amended RMS 2050 MTP, and the RMS 2025-2028 TIP to amend the McCombs Multiuse Trail (CN: E100490 / MPO ID: A606X) project to change the project limits and project description to reference the proposed work on Lisa Drive in addition to the language already referencing work on McCombs Road.*

Presenter: Nina Rodriguez (MPO)

Consider authorizing the Executive Director to sign a letter of support for the City of El Paso application to FY 2025
Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Program for the CBD IV Segundo Barrio
project.

Presenter: Dr. Valeria Holquin (City of El Paso)

15. Consider the Executive Committee's recommendation that EPMPO submit a letter to the General Services Administration (GSA) addressing the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Bridge of the Americas Improvements Project.

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (EPMPO Executive Director)

16. <u>Consider the Executive Committee's recommended process for the Executive Director's Annual Performance Evaluation for Year 2024.</u>

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (EPMPO Executive Director)

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

17. Overview of El Paso Transportation Authority (ETA) operations.

Presenter: Xavier Bañales (ETA Interim Director)

- 18. Executive Director's Report
 - a. Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting (January 5-9).
 - b. Update on RMS 2052 MTP Development

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

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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.

19. Adjournment

The **next regular meeting** of the TPB is scheduled for <u>9:30 a.m.</u> on <u>February 21, 2025.</u> The due date for submittal of agenda items, names of speakers, attachments, items for presentations, and Project Request Forms (PRFs) is <u>February 5, 2025, by 3:00 p.m.</u>

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

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Posted this <u>17th day of January 2025</u> 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