

TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES Of September 20, 2024

Call to Order: Voted TPB Chair Walter Miller called the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting to order at 9:21 a.m. at the Blue Flame Building, 17th Floor (Center for Community Engagement), 304 Texas Avenue, El Paso, TX 79901, and also conducted the meeting telephonically and by video conference. TPB Member attendance was as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT	TITLES	MEMBERS ABSENT	TITLES
1. Aaron Chavarria	District Engineer, NMDOT	Joseph Cervantes	NM State Senator, District 31
2. Walter Miller	Alderman 1, Town of Horizon City	Anthony Turner	Mayor, Town of Anthony, TX
3. Tomas Trevino	District Engineer, TXDOT El Paso District	Eddie Morales	TX State Representative – 74 th District
4. Diana Murillo	Mayor, Anthony, NM	Willie Madrid	NM State Representative District 53
5. Cassandra Hernandez	City of El Paso Representative – District 3	Rachel Quintana	Mayor, Village of Vinton
6. Lina Ortega	TX State Representative – 77 th District	Ramon Cano	Mayor, Town of Clint
7. Ellen Smyth	Chief Transit & Field Operations Officer (COEP)	Claudia Ordaz	TX State Representative – 76 th District
8. Yvette Hernandez	City Engineer, COEP	Rudy Cruz	City of Socorro, District 3 Representative
9. Tony Nevarez	Director of Aviation, El Paso International Airport	Miguel Chacon	Mayor, City of San Elizario, TX
10. Joe Moody	TX State Representative – 78 th District	Oscar Leeser (Chair)	Mayor, City of El Paso
11. Isabel Salcido	City of El Paso Representative - District 5	Cesar Blanco (Vice-Chair)	TX State Senator
12. Cary Westin	City Manager, City of El Paso	Chris Canales	City of El Paso Representative – District 8
13. Javier Perea	Mayor, Sunland Park, NM		
14. Ricardo Samaniego	Judge, El Paso County	MPO STAFF	
15. Norma Palacios	Assistant Public Works Director, El Paso County	Sergio Estrada	MPO/TPB Attorney
16. Iliana Holguin	El Paso County Commissioner, Precinct 3	Eduardo Calvo	Executive Director
17. Mary E. Gonzalez	TX State Representative – 75 th District	Claudia Valles	Transportation Planner
18. Mo Moabed	County Commissioner, Doña Ana County	Nina Rodriguez	Transportation Planner
19.		Jennifer Moreno	Transportation Planner
20.		Harrison Plourde	Assistant Director
21.		Anne Guayante	Regional Transportation Manager
22.		Marisol Enriquez	Administrative Secretary
23.			

(Meeting began with 16 members)

- *No Public Comment: No member of the public signed up for Initial Public Comment*

DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

1. Consider approval of the minutes of the August 23, 2024 TPB meeting.

Presenter: TPB Chair

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2024 TPB meeting made by Representative Lina Ortega and seconded by Norma Palacios. Motion passed unanimously

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.*
 - i. Deprogram the *Security Equipment* (MPO ID: T3E) project using FTA 5307 Program funds in FYs 2025, 2026, 2027, and 2028*

Presenter: Anne Guayante (EPMPO)

- Ellen Smyth, Walter Miller commented

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made by Representative Cassandra Hernandez and seconded by Iliana Holguin. Motion passed unanimously

3. Consider approval of amendments to the RMS 2050 MTP, Amended RMS 2050 MTP, RMS 2023-2026 TIP and RMS 2025-2028 TIP for the following TXDOT Texas Highway projects to:
 - a. Program the *SS 320 Borderland Expressway Phase II Project* (MPO ID: P201B-CAP2 / CSJ: 0665-02-004) with \$43,789,220 in Category 4 Statewide Urban Program funds and \$103,195,000 in Category 2 Metropolitan Area Program funds for a total funded amount of \$146,984,220 in FY 2025 into the RMS 2023–2026 TIP, RMS 2025–2028 TIP, and amend the funding and fiscal year shown in the RMS 2050 MTP and Amended RMS 2050 MTP*
 - b. Program the *US 62/180 (Montana Ave) Expressway and Frontage Roads Phase II PE and ROW Phase* (MPO ID: F407B-CAP / CSJ: 0374-02-100) Project with \$4,655,813 in SWPE Program funds and \$31,607,167 in SWROW Program Funds for a total funded amount of \$36,262,980 in FY 2025 into the RMS 2023–2026 TIP, RMS 2025–2028 TIP, and amend the funding and fiscal year shown in the RMS 2050 MTP and Amended RMS 2050 MTP*
 - c. Amend the *US 54 Kenworthy to FM 2529 (McCombs)* (F001B-15A / CSJ 0167-02-122) project to \$51,213,093 in Category 2 Metropolitan Area Program funds and \$20,000,000 in Rider 11b Border State Infrastructure Program funds for a total funded amount of \$71,213,093 in FY 2026*
 - d. Deprogram the *US 62/180 (Montana Ave) Expressway and Frontage Roads Phase 2 Construction* (MPO ID F407B-CAP / CSJ 0374-02-100) project from the RMS 2025–2028 TIP and the RMS 2025–2028 TIP and amend the RMS

2050 MTP and Amended RMS 2050 MTP add move the project from 2026 to 2029 and fund it with \$131,583,776 in Category 12 TTC Program Funds in FY 2029*

Presenter: Anne Guayante (EPMPO)

- **Iliana Holguin, Yvette Hernandez, Tomas Trevino, Eduardo Calvo commented**

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made by Representative Cassandra Hernandez and seconded by Representative Lina Ortega. Motion passed unanimously

4. Consider approval of amendments to the RMS 2050 MTP, Amended RMS 2050 MTP, RMS 2023-2026 TIP and RMS 2025-2028 TIP for the following Texas Highway projects corresponding to Ad Hoc Committee recommendation for the programming of carryover balances for CAT 7 STP, CAT 5 CMAQ, CAT 10 CRP and CAT 9 TASA funds:
 - Amend the *Traffic Management Center Phase 3* (MPO ID S301E / CSJ 0924-06-566) project to reduce local contribution from \$2,150,000 to \$600,000 beyond required match, and to increase Category 5 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program funds from \$2,250,000 to \$4,400,000, for \$5,000,000 in total project funding in FY 2025*
 - Amend the *Horizon City Transit Plaza project* (MPO ID T410X) to move all \$3,800,000 from local contribution, for a revised local contribution total of \$0 beyond required match, to Category 5 CMAQ Program funds for an increase from \$0 to \$3,800,000: for \$3,800,000 in total project funding in FY 2025*
 - Amend the *Rodman Street Shared Use Path – Construction* (MPO ID: M108X-2) project to add \$200,000 Category 9 Transportation Alternatives Set Aside (TASA) program funds for \$989,272 total project funding in FY 2025*
 - Administratively amend the *John Hayes (Darrington/Berryville)(Construction Phase 2)* (MPO ID P004X-CAP-2 / 0924-06-565) CSJ) project to reduce Category 7 STP funds from \$21,000,000 to \$18,200,000, and to increase Category 10 CRP funds from \$0 to \$2,800,000, for a total project funding amount of \$21,000,000 in FY 2025*
 - Amend the *Traffic Management Center Phase 4* (MPO ID S301G / CSJ 0924-06-568) to reduce local contribution beyond required match from \$937,592 to \$0, and increase Category 5 CMAQ Program funds from \$4,242,408 to \$5,180,000, for a total project funding amount of \$5,180,000 in FY 2026*
 - Amend the *Traffic Management Center Phase 5* (MPO ID S301H / CSJ 0924-06-569) project to reduce local contribution from \$294,000 beyond required match to \$0 and to increase Category 5 CMAQ Program funds from \$6,000,000 to \$6,294,000, for a total project funding amount of \$6,294,000 in FY 2026*
 - 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*
 - Program the *Horizon City-Socorro Bus Circulator* (MPO ID T411X) project with \$923,784 in Category 5 CMAQ Program funds in FY 2026*
 - 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*
 - 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)

- Iliana Holguin, Yvette Hernandez commented

Motion to approve Item 4 a through o with the exception of j made by Iliana Holguin and seconded by Commissioner Yvette Hernandez. Motion passed unanimously

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)

Motion to approve 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* made by Representative Lina Ortega and seconded by Cassandra Hernandez. Motion passed unanimously

6. Consider approval of the triennial update to the EPMPO Public Participation Plan

Presenter: Anne Guayante (EPMPO)

Motion to approve of the triennial update to the EPMPO Public Participation Plan made by Representative Lina Ortega and seconded by Cassandra Hernandez. Motion passed unanimously

7. Consider adoption of Midpoint Performance Period Targets for CMAQ On-Road Mobile Source Emissions Reductions

Presenter: Claudia Valles (EPMPO)

- Cassandra Hernandez, Yvette Hernandez, Ellen Smyth, Javier Perea, Eduardo Calvo, Mo Moabed, Walter Miller, Lina Ortega commented

Motion to adopt of Midpoint Performance Period Targets for CMAQ On-Road Mobile Source Emissions Reductions made by Representative Cassandra Hernandez and seconded by Yvette Hernandez. Motion passed unanimously.

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)

***Chair Walter Miller open for public comment**

1. Joe Gudenrath commented

2. Tracy Yellen commented

*** Chair Walter Miller closed public comment**

- Iliana Holguin, Cassandra Hernandez, Lina Ortega, Diana Murillo commented

Motion to authorize the Executive Director to submit an application to the USDOT Reconnecting Communities Pilot Grant program for the I-10 Deck Plaza Design project made by Representative Lina Ortega and seconded by Cassandra Hernandez. Motion passed unanimously.

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)

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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)

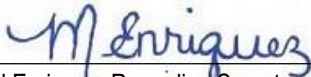
- **Iliana Holguin commented**

The **next meeting** of the TPB is scheduled for **9:00 a.m.** on **October 18, 2024**, at the at Blue Flame Building, Floor 17 (Center for Community Engagement), 304 Texas Ave, El Paso, TX 79901

12. Adjournment.

Adjournment at 10:58 a.m.

Approved as to content:



Marisol Enriquez, Recording Secretary of the
Transportation Policy Board for the El Paso MPO Study Area