

## TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

### MEETING MINUTES

Of August 23, 2024

**Call to Order:** Voted TPB Chair Walter Miller called the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting to order at 9:09 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 <sup>th</sup> District
4. Diana Murillo	Mayor, Anthony, NM	Willie Madrid	NM State Representative District 53
5. Rachel Quintana	Mayor, Village of Vinton	Mo Moabed	County Commissioner, Doña Ana County
6. Lina Ortega	TX State Representative – 77 <sup>th</sup> District	Ramon Cano	Mayor, Town of Clint
7. Rudy Cruz	City of Socorro, District 3 Representative	Claudia Ordaz	TX State Representative – 76 <sup>th</sup> District
8. Miguel Chacon	Mayor, City of San Elizario, TX	Norma Palacios	Assistant Public Works Director, El Paso County
9. Cassandra Hernandez	City of El Paso Representative – District 3	Mary E. Gonzalez	TX State Representative – 75 <sup>th</sup> District
10. Chris Canales	City of El Paso Representative – District 8	Oscar Leaser (Chair)	Mayor, City of El Paso
11. Ellen Smyth	Chief Transit & Field Operations Officer (COEP)	Cesar Blanco (Vice-Chair)	TX State Senator
12. Yvette Hernandez	City Engineer, COEP	Iliana Holguin	El Paso County Commissioner, Precinct 3
13. Tony Nevarez	Director of Aviation, El Paso International Airport		
14. Joe Moody	TX State Representative – 78 <sup>th</sup> District	<b>MPO STAFF</b>	
15. Isabel Salcido	City of El Paso Representative - District 5	Sergio Estrada	MPO/TPB Attorney
16. Cary Westin	City Manager, City of El Paso	Eduardo Calvo	Executive Director
17. Javier Perea	Mayor, Sunland Park, NM	Claudia Valles	Transportation Planner
18. Ricardo Samaniego	Judge, El Paso County	Nina Rodriguez	Transportation Planner
19.		Jennifer Moreno	Transportation Planner
20.		Gerardo Fierro	Associate Regional Transportation Analyst
21.		Harrison Plourde	Assistant Director
22.		Anne Guayante	Regional Transportation Manager
23.		Marisol Enriquez	Administrative Secretary

(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 July 19, 2024 TPB meeting.

**Presenter: TPB Chair**

**Motion to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2024, TPB meeting with corrections made by Representative Lina Ortega and seconded by Representative Chris Canales. Motion passed unanimously.**

2. Consider authorizing the Executive Director to sign a letter of support for the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) application for the Federal Fiscal Year 2024 Safe Streets & Roads for All grant program for the *Safety Roadmaps in El Paso* project.

**Presenter: Shian Wang (UTEP)**

**Motion to authorizing the Executive Director to sign a letter of support for the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) application for the Federal Fiscal Year 2024 Safe Streets & Roads for All grant program for the *Safety Roadmaps in El Paso* project made by Representative Chris Canales and seconded by Representative Rudy Cruz. Motion passed unanimously**

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 New Mexico projects to:
- a. Program the *Calle Morocco Sidewalk Improvements Construction Project* in the RMS 2025-2028 TIP using \$103,249 of NM TAP-L in FY 2025\*
  - b. Program the *Sunland Park Solar Bus Chargers* project using \$493,393 of STPL (Surface Transportation Program - Large Urban) funds in FY 2025\*
  - c. Program the *McCombs Multiuse Trail* project using \$487,400 of STPL funds in FY 2025\*
  - d. Program the *Amparo Road Multiuse Trail* project using \$296,200 of STPL funds in FY 2025\*

**Presenter: Anne Guayante (EPMPO)**

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**made by Mayor Javier Perea and seconded by Judge Ricardo Samaniego. Motion passed unanimously.**

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 Transit projects to:
- a. Program the *Sun Metro Micro Transit Project* using \$900,000 of the FY2024 Community Project Funding Program in FY2025\*
  - b. Program the *Sun Metro Bus Replacement and Facility Enhancement Project* using \$32,900,000 of FTA 5339(c) -Low or No Emission Vehicle Program funds in FY 2025\*
  - c. Program the *2016 Bike Plan Update Project* using \$400,000 of The Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant Funds in FY 2025\*

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**made by Judge Ricardo Samaniego and seconded by Representative Lina Ortega. Motion passed unanimously.**

5. 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 projects to:
  - a. Amend the *Downtown Bicycle Improvements Phase I* project to change the project limits in FY 2025\*
  - b. Program the *PDN and Stanton International Bridges Project Development Study* using \$2,000,000 of USDOT FY23 Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) Program funds in FY 2025\*
  - c. Program the *Safe Routes to School Program Project* using \$1,200,000 of Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant funds in FY 2025\*
  - d. Program the *Vision Zero Education and Encouragement Campaign Project* using \$1,000,000 of Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant funds in FY 2025\*
  - e. Program the *Intersections Safety Improvement Program Projects* using \$1,000,000 of Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant funds in FY 2025\*
  - f. Program the *N Yarbrough Corridor Improvements Project* using \$5,980,298 of Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant funds in FY 2025\*
  - g. Program the *Quick Build Demonstration Projects* using \$2,995,930 of Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant in FY 2025\*
  - h. Program the *El Paso County Mobility Plan Project* using \$900,000 of FY24 RAISE Grant funds in FY 2025\*

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**made by Representative Cassandra Hernandez and seconded by Judge Ricardo Samaniego. Motion passed unanimously.**

6. Consider approval of the TPAC Ad Hoc Committee recommendation for the programming of the carryover balances for CAT 7 STP, CAT 5 CMAQ, CAT 10 CRP and CAT 9 TASA funds.

**Presenter: Anne Guayante (EPMPO)**

**Motion to approve TPAC Ad Hoc Committee recommendation for the programming of the carryover balances for CAT 7 STP, CAT 5 CMAQ, CAT 10 CRP and CAT 9 TASA funds made by Representative Cassandra Hernandez and seconded by Representative Lina Ortega. Motion passed unanimously.**

7. Consider adoption of Midpoint Performance Period Targets for CMAQ traffic congestion measures: Peak Hour Excessive Delay (PHED) and Percent of Non-Single Occupancy Vehicle (Non-SOV) Travel Measures

**Presenter: Sonia Perez (EPMPO)**

**Motion to adopt Midpoint Performance Period Targets for CMAQ traffic congestion measures: Peak Hour Excessive Delay (PHED) and Percent of Non-Single Occupancy Vehicle (Non-SOV) Travel Measures made by Representative Lina Ortega and seconded by Yvette Hernandez. Motion passed unanimously.**

8. Consider authorizing the Executive Director to amend Task Order #2 pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between El Paso MPO and UTEP, for assistance in Travel Demand Modeling, Air Quality Conformity and Public Involvement Activities, and Other Activities included in the EPMPO Unified Planning Work Program, to revise the maximum amount payable from \$78,500.00 to \$116,833.00.

**Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (EPMPO Executive Director)**

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9. Consider authorizing the Executive Director to execute Task Order #6 with a maximum funding amount of \$110,000.00 pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between El Paso MPO and UTEP for the development and technical support of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Project Request Form (PRF) web applications, and technical support and enhancement to the El Paso MPO Multimodal Webtool.

**Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (EPMPO Executive Director)**

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#### **REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:**

10. Announcement of Transit Service Adjustments in 2025

**Presenter: Jose Landeros (El Paso Area Transportation Services)**

11. Executive Director's Report
  - a. Texas Transportation Commission Meeting, August 22, 2024
  - b. TxDOT Administration and MPO Senior Leadership Meeting, August 22, 2024

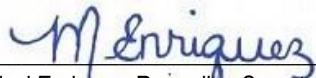
**Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (EPMPO Executive Director)**

The **next meeting** of the TPB is scheduled for **9:00 a.m.** on **September 20, 2024**, at the at Blue Flame Building, Floor 17 (Center for Community Engagement), 304 Texas Ave, El Paso, TX 79901

12. Adjournment.

**Adjournment at 10:48 a.m.**

Approved as to content:



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