RESOLUTION NO. MPO 2024 – 04

By the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Board

WHEREAS, the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization is the duly designated Metropolitan Planning Organization ("EPMPO") for the El Paso Urbanized Transportation Study Area; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Policy Board ("TPB") is the policy-making body responsible for establishing regional transportation planning policies for the El Paso Urbanized Transportation Study Area; and

WHEREAS, THE TPB Chairperson shall be the chief administrative officer of the TPB and will preside over each meeting of the TPB, and have execution authority on all MPO policy documents after TPB action; and

WHEREAS, a regular meeting of the TPB was held on April 19, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., at the Blue Flame Building, 304 Texas Avenue, El Paso, TX 79901, 17th Floor (Center for Community Engagement); and

WHEREAS, a Notice of Meeting and Agenda of the EPMPO TPB for the April 19, 2024 meeting was duly and properly posted pursuant to the requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act; and

WHEREAS, a majority of the TPB was present and constituted a quorum; and

WHEREAS, a majority of the TPB quorum present at the meeting on April 19, 2024, considered, discussed, and voted in favor of approving and passing Agenda Items No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE TPB THAT: The following action items are consistent with the EPMPO's regional transportation planning policies for the El Paso Urbanized Transportation Study Area and are passed and approved by the TPB and become effective April 19, 2024:

- 1. Approved the minutes of the March 22, 2024 TPB meeting.
- 2. Authorized the Executive Director to execute the following agreements related to the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program:
 - a) An interlocal agreement with the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority (CRRMA) to provide up to \$150,000.00 to cover the 20% non-federal match for the development of the SS4A Action Plan as part of the \$750,000.00 federal grant awarded to the El Paso MPO (total of \$750,000.00). El Paso County approved the use of vehicle registration fees as the source of the funding for the non-federal match.

- b) Agreement under the FY 2022 SS4A program with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for a grant in the amount of \$750,000.00, which includes a non-federal share of \$150,000.00.
- 3. Authorized the Executive Director to sign a contract with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for the Rider 7 PM 2.5 Local Air Quality Planning Grant with a maximum authorized reimbursement of \$158,634.00
- 4. Approve designating Eduardo Calvo as the authorized representative of the El Paso MPO for the purpose of executing the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Certifications and Assurances.
- 5. Ratified an agreement with NMDOT to award a grant to the El Paso MPO in the amount of \$545,000.00 from the NMDOT State Planning and Research (SPR) program.
- 6. Approved an amendment to the EPMPO FY 2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to add \$545,000.00 in NMDOT SPR funds.
- 7. Adopted the RMS 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- 8. Approved the amendments to the RMS 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and RMS 2023-2026 TIP to:
 - a) Amend the John Hayes (Darrington/Berryville) (Construction Phase 2) project to replace \$2,800,000 of CAT 7 STP funds with \$2,800,000 CAT 10 CRP funds in FY 2025
 - b) Amend the Railroad Dr. Widening and Reconstruction project to remove PE Phase using \$3,500,000 of CAT 7 STP MM funds in FY 2026
 - c) Program the PE Phase Railroad Dr. Widening and Reconstruction project using \$3,500,000 of CAT 7 STP MM funds in FY 2024
- 9. Approved the amendments to Appendix D (Environmental Clearance Project List) of the RMS 2023-2026 TIP to:
 - a) Remove the Tierra Este (Arterial 1) -Phase I project
 - b) Remove the Tierra Este (Arterial 1) -Phase II project
 - c) Add the Tierra Este (Arterial 1) project
- 10. Approved supporting New Mexico Transportation Project Fund (TPF) Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 project applications.
- 11. Approved the TxDOT- El Paso District Mobility Projects funding proposal for inclusion in the Fiscal Year 2025 Unified Transportation Program.
- 12. Approved the submittal of a grant application to the MEGA federal program for the *Downtown* 10 Executive Center to SL478 Copia project and to approve a resolution of support for the project.

APPROVED AND ENTERED THIS 19th DAY OF APRIL 2024.

Oscar Leeser Cessar J. Blanco

Transportation Policy Board Chairperson

Vice Charperson

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Sergio M. Estrada, General Counsel

El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Eduardo Calvo, Executive Director

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