

RESOLUTION NO. MPO 2024 – 06

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 June 21, 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 June 21, 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 June 21, 2024, considered, discussed, and voted in favor of approving and passing Agenda Items No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 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 June 21, 2024:

1. Approved of the minutes of the May 17, 2024 TPB meeting.
2. Authorized the Executive Director to sign the following Letters of Support for the:
 - a. City of Sunland Park, for the Federal Highway Administration Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP) Grant for the *Sunland Park Rio Grande Trail Phase III* subject to final review and approval of legal council.
 - b. City of El Paso for the Federal Highway Administration Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Stage 1 Planning and Prototyping grants program application for the *El Paso Downtown International Ports ITS Design and Regional Integration Project*

3. Authorized the Executive Director to execute Task Order #4 with the El Paso MPO General Planning Consultant for Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) development, for an amount not to exceed \$998,636.47.
4. Consideration of documents associated with the Rider 7 Local Air Quality Statement of Work under Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Contract (Grant) #582-20-11979:
 - a. Authorized the Executive Director to sign a Lending Agreement with El Colegio de la Frontera Norte (COLEF) for vehicle counting cameras (equipment to be acquired by TTI under Task Order #2)
 - b. Authorized the Executive Director, to execute a Consulting Services Agreement and a Master Subscription Agreement with UrbanSim, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$170,000, for the purchase of three software licenses for a one-year period, technical support, and consulting services that will enable the MPO to complete Task 3 – *Impact of transborder urban growth policies and patterns on ozone concentration in the El Paso-Juarez binational region*. It is also requested that after review by the MPO’s legal counsel, that the Executive Director, be authorized to execute any related contract documents or agreements as long as the total amount of the agreements does not exceed \$170,000.
5. Approved of the Rider 7 Local Air Quality Statement of Work under Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Contract (Grant) # 582-24-01394 to perform air quality planning activities to reduce fine particulate matter (PM 2.5) emissions:
 - a. Consider approval of Task Order #4 between EPMPO and the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) for the project Monitoring of PM2.5 Exposure from Traffic Congestion at International Border Crossings.
6. Approved adoption of the Amended RMS 2050 MTP and Amended RMS 2050 Transportation Conformity Report
7. Approved amendments to Appendix D (Environmental Clearance Project list) of the RMS 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and RMS 2025-2028 TIP to change project description of the *Downtown 10 Executive Center to SL478 Copia* project*
8. Approved amendments to the RMS 2050 MTP, Amended RMS 2050 MTP, RMS 2023-2026 TIP, and RMS 2025-2028 TIP to:
 - a. Amend the *NM 213/NM 404 Interchange improvements* (MPO ID B608X / CN E100322) project to increase total project cost from \$47,641,652 to \$76,038,782, and add \$45,000,000 of State Severance Tax Bond Proceeds funds, add \$3,435,374 of STPF (Surface Transportation Program - Flex) funds, reduce NHPP - National Highway Performance Program funds from \$20,606,833 to \$8,916,029, reduce SBSI - Border State Infrastructure funds from \$5,145,788 to \$2,772,894, increase NHPP (Freight) funds from \$13,641,652 to \$13,914,485 to increase total funding from \$41,667,106 to \$76,038,782 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025*
 - b. Amend the *NM 213 Widening* (MPO ID P621X-CAP / CN E100321) project to increase total project cost from \$26,000,000 to \$43,096,137, and add \$8,737,378 of

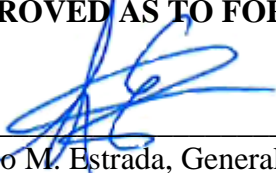
NHPP funds, add \$5,585,865 of STPF funds, and \$2,772,894 of SBSI funds to increase total funding from \$26,000,000 to \$43,096,137 in FY 2025*

APPROVED AND ENTERED THIS 21st DAY OF JUNE 2024.



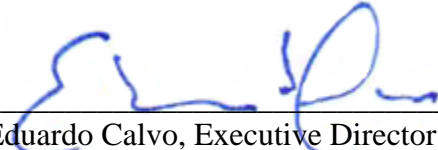
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Transportation Policy Board Vice-Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



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