

RESOLUTION NO. MPO 2024 – 10

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 October 18, 2024, at 9:30 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 October 18, 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 October 18, 2024, considered, discussed, and voted in favor of approving and passing Agenda Items No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7.

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 October 18, 2024:

1. Approved the minutes of the September 20, 2024 TPB meeting.
2. Approved adopting the proposed 2025 TPB meeting schedule.
3. Approved 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. Amend the *Bus Purchase (FY25-FY28 5307)* project (MPO ID: T3J) to decrease FTA 5307 Urbanized Area Program formula funds from \$7,000,000 to \$4,800,000

- and change Fiscal Years (FY) from 2025, 2026, 2027, and 2028 to 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029, respectively.
- b. Amend the *ADA Paratransit Service (FTA FY25-FY28 5307)* project (MPO ID: T3H) to decrease FTA 5307 Urbanized Area Program Formula funds from \$2,213,380 to \$2,132,349 and change Fiscal Years (FY) from 2025, 2026, 2027, and 2028 to 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029, respectively.
 - c. Amend the *Support Vehicles/Bus Rehab (FTA FY25-FY28 5339)* project (MPO ID: T3F) to change Fiscal Years (FY) from 2025, 2026, 2027, and 2028 to 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029, respectively.
 - d. Amend the *Transit Enhancements (FTA FY25-FY26 5339)* project (MPO ID: T3G) to change Fiscal Year from 2025 and 2026 to 2026 and 2027, respectively.
 - e. Program the *Transit Enhancements (FTA FY27-FY28 5339)* project (MPO ID: T3G) using \$500,000 in FTA 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities program funds in Fiscal Year (FY) 2028 and 2029, respectively.
 - f. Amend the *FY25 FTA 5339 Funding* project (MPO ID: T3I-12) to change Fiscal Year (FY) from 2025 to 2026.
 - g. Amend the *FY26 FTA 5339 Funding* project (MPO ID: T3I-13) to change Fiscal Year (FY) from 2026 to 2027.
 - h. Amend the *FY27 FTA 5339 Funding* project (MPO ID: T3I-14) project to change Fiscal Year (FY) from 2027 to 2028.
 - i. Deprogram the *FY28 FTA 5339 Funding* project (MPO ID: T3I-15) in the 2025 – 2028 TIP and Amend it the RMS 2050 MTP and Amended RMS 2050 MTP to change Fiscal Year (FY) from 2028 to 2029.
4. Approved 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 project to:
- j. Program the *International Border Crossings System-wide Improvements Analysis* project (MPO ID C047X/ CSJ 0924-06-738) into the 2025 – 2028 TIP using \$2,000,000 of CAT 7 STP MM funds in FY 2025 and amend the project year in the 2023 – 2026 TIP year from FY 2024 to FY 2025
5. Authorized the Executive Director to sign a letter indicating the El Paso Metropolitan Organization’s concurrence with the following additions to the Strategic Highway Network (STRAHNET) Project List:
- a. Sergeant Major Boulevard from Fort Bliss to TX Highway 375
 - b. TX Highway 375 from Sergeant Major Boulevard to Texas Spur 601.
6. Authorized MPO staff to prepare a letter to GSA concerning its preferred alternative and usage of MPO data for TPB review for submittal to GSA public comment period and for legal counsel to review all related legal issues as drafted.
7. Authorized the Executive Director to seek an extension of the GSA public comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Modernization of the Bridge of the Americas Land Port of Entry Enhanced Feasibility Study.

APPROVED AND ENTERED THIS 18th DAY OF OCTOBER 2024.



Oscar Leeser
Transportation Policy Board Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Sergio M. Estrada

Sergio M. Estrada, General Counsel
El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



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