RESOLUTION NO. MPO 2025 - 02

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 February 21, 2025, at 9:47 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 February 21, 2025 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 February 21, 2025, considered, discussed, and voted in favor of approving and passing Agenda Items No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10.

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 February 21, 20225:

- 1. Approved the minutes of the January 24, 2025 TPB meeting.
- 2. Approved El Paso MPO's Annual Financial Report, performed by the external auditing firm of Macias, Gini & O'Connell LLP, for the Year ended August 31, 2024.
- 3. Approved amendments to the Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Amended RMS 2050 MTP, and the RMS 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to program the *Montana Brio Corridor Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Feasibility Study* project using \$750,000 of Category 3 USDOT Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Program funds in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025.*

- 4. Approved an amendment to the RMS 2050 MTP, Amended RMS 2050 MTP, and the RMS 2025-2028 TIP to program the *Border Highway Connector Phase 2 Traffic Impact and Improvements Analysis Feasibility Study* project using \$2,000,000 in New Mexico state funds in Fiscal Year 2025.*
- Approved an amendment to the EPMPO FY 2024-25 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to add Work Subtask 5.6 Border Highway Connector Phase 2 Traffic Impact and Improvements Analysis Feasibility Study*
- 6. Approved providing a recommendation to the City of El Paso Mass Transit Board to execute the *Interlocal Agreement for Service Expansion* between the City of El Paso and South Central Regional Transit Agency (SCRTD), in accordance with the Sun Metro Service Expansion Policy.
- 7. Approved of submission of legal counsel opinion and a resolution authorizing the submission of El Paso MPO applications with the Federal Transit Administration for funding assistance relating to federal transportation.
- 8. No action on El Paso MPO staff operations and compensation.
- 9. No action on Executive Director's Annual Performance Evaluation for Year 2024 self-evaluation form and next steps.

APPROVED AND ENTERED THIS 21st DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025.

César J. Blanco

Transportation Policy Board Chair

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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