

RESOLUTION NO. MPO 2025 – 01

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 January 24, 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 January 24, 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 January 24, 2025, considered, discussed, and voted in favor of approving and passing Agenda Items No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16.

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 January 24, 2025:

1. Approved the minutes of the December 15, 2024 TPB meeting.
2. Approved the nomination and election of Senator César J. Blanco as Chairperson of the Transportation Policy Board.
3. Approved the nomination and election of Javier Perea as Vice-Chairperson of the Transportation Policy Board.
4. Approved to appoint Chair César J. Blanco Vice-Chair Javier Perea, Tomas Trevino, Mayor Rudy Cruz, Aaron Chavarria, Mayor Renard Johnson, Judge Ricardo Samaniego as members of Executive Committee.

5. Authorized the Executive Director to execute a non-federal match agreement with New Mexico Department of Transportation for the *International Border Crossings Systemwide Analysis* project.
6. Authorized the Executive Director to execute a funding agreement between EPMPO and New Mexico Border Authority for the *Border Highway Connector Phase 2 Traffic Impact and Improvements Feasibility Study* project.
7. Approved adoption of the Safety Performance Measure (PM1) 2025 Targets:
 - a. State of New Mexico 2025 PM1 Targets
 - b. State of Texas 2025 PM1 Targets.
8. Approved authorizing MPO staff to submit a functional classification request to the State of New Mexico and Federal Highway Administration for the Border Highway Connector project as a Principal Arterial.
9. Approved amendments to the Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), and the Amended RMS 2050 MTP for New Mexico projects to:
 - a. Amend the *St. Francis Drive Extension/Border Highway Connector* project (MPO ID: A606X) in FY 2027 to revise the description clarifying it is proposed as a four-lane divided arterial, to clarify project limits by including milepost at the limits, and to update project costs and funding amounts
 - b. Amend the *NM 498 (Anapra)* project (MPO ID: R615X) in FY 2027 to revise the description to reflect a widening from two to four lanes, and to amend the project costs and funding amounts
 - c. Amend the *Sunland Park Drive Extension* project (MPO ID: A607X) in FY 2027 to clarify project limits.*
10. Approved amendments to the RMS 2050 MTP, Amended RMS 2050 MTP, and the RMS 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Texas Highway projects to:
 - a. Amend the project description for the *I-10 SEG3B (Paisano to Airway)* project (CSJ: 2121-03-159 / MPO ID: I065X-CAP) in FY 2023 to include the number of lanes before and after the project is completed
 - b. Amend the project description for the *I-10 SEG1G (THORN TO EXECUTIVE)* project (CSJ: 2121-03-162 / MPO ID: I068X-CAP) in FY 2041 to include the number of lanes before and after the project is completed
 - c. Amend the project description for the *I-10 SEG3C (AIRWAY TO YARBROUGH)* project (CSJ: 2121-03-159 / MPO ID: I065X-CAP) in FY 2041 to include the number of lanes before and after the project is completed
 - d. Amend the project description for the *I-10 SEG1 (YARBROUGH TO FM659)* project (CSJ: 2121-03-163 / MPO ID: I070X-CAP) in FY 2041 to include the number of lanes before and after the project is completed
 - e. Amend the project description for the *I-10 SEG3D2 (FM659 TO EASTLAKE)* project (CSJ: 2121-04-119 / MPO ID: I070X-CAP) in FY 2033 to include the number of lanes before and after the project is completed.*

11. Approved an amendment to the RMS 2050 MTP, Amended RMS 2050 MTP, and the RMS 2025-2028 TIP for the *Delake St. Construction* project (CSJ: 0924-06-691 / MPO ID: A442X) to amend the fiscal year from FY 2025 to FY 2027 and to revise the project description for clarity.*
12. Approved an amendment to the RMS 2050 MTP, Amended RMS 2050 MTP, and the RMS 2025-2028 TIP to program the *Downtown International Ports ITS Design and Regional Integration* project in FY 2025 with \$2,000,000 in Category 3 USDOT Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Program funds.*
13. Approved an amendment to the RMS 2050 MTP, Amended RMS 2050 MTP, and the RMS 2025-2028 TIP to amend the *McCombs Multiuse Trail* (CN: E100490 / MPO ID: A606X) project to change the project limits and project description to reference the proposed work on Lisa Drive in addition to the language already referencing work on McCombs Road.*
14. Authorized the Executive Director to sign a letter of support for the City of El Paso application to FY 2025 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Program for the *CBD IV Segundo Barrio* project.
15. Approved the Executive Committee's recommendation that EPMPO submit a letter to the General Services Administration (GSA) addressing the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Bridge of the Americas Improvements Project.
16. Approved Executive Committee's recommended process for the Executive Director's Annual Performance Evaluation for Year 2024.

APPROVED AND ENTERED THIS 24th DAY OF JANUARY 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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