1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:**

Chair, Texas State Representative Joe Moody called the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting to order at 9:03 am at the El Paso MPO Office, 211 N. Florence, Boardroom Suite 103, El Paso, TX 79901. Members in attendance were:

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Michael Medina | Executive Director
Roger Williams | Asstl. Executive Director
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Raquel Lopez | Transportation Planner
Claudia Valles | Transportation Planner
Marketa Vavrova | Transportation Planner
Mayela Granados | Administrative Secretary

**OTHERS PRESENT**

| Edgar Fino, Atkins | Tim Juarez, TXDOT Austin |
| Scott White, VELO Paso | Omar Moreno, TPAC Member & COEP |
| Sal Alonzo, County of El Paso | Omar De La Rosa, COEP |
| Dorico Flores, Flores/HNTB Consulting | Diana Ramos, TX State Rep. Lina Ortega's Office |
| Marty Boyd, TXDOT ELP | Art Estrada, TXDOT |
| Hugo Hernandez, TXDOT ELP | Teresa Quezada, Consultant |
| Jose Reyes, Dannenbaum | Greg McNicol, TPAC Chair & UTEP |
| Mike Breitinger, State Rep. Picketts office | Branca Serrano, TXDOT |
| Eddie Vatter, TXDOT | Joshua Carter, TX State Rep. Mary Gonzalez office |
| Trish, Jobe | Richard Dayoub, Citizen |
| Irma Bocanegra, AT&T | Andrea Carrillo, Village of Vinton |
| Camlic Jimenez, Rep. Noe's office | Eduardo Calvo, HNTB |

**Kelvin Kroeker, HNTB**

**Jorge Reyes, Commissioner Perez's office**

**Jose Landeros, Commissioner Perez's office**

**Daniel, COEP**

**Jennifer Wright, TXDOT PIO**

**Nahum Apodaca, MCAF**

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(Meeting began with 20 members)

*Genevieve Bales from Federal Highway Administration was on the line during the meeting.

*J.D. Allen and Jonathan Mosteiro from Alliance Transportation, MPO Consultant on the line for Item 6 and 7 in case members had any questions.*
*9:04 am Mayor Martin Lema arrived (21 members).

*Chair, Texas State Representative Joe Moody, took Public Comment:
1. Chris Taylor, REXCEL COAT – Spoke about development of environmental safe asphalt sealant to be used. Also spoke about development of an infrared pigment sealant that reduces the heat island effect.

*9:05 am TX State Senator, Jose Rodriguez stepped away (20 members).
*9:05 am TX State Senator, Jose Rodriguez returned (21 members).
*9:05 am Mayor Dee Margo arrived (22 members).

2. Scott White, VELO Paso – Spoke about Active Transportation System and when it would be put into place.

*9:07 am County Commissioner, Vincent Perez arrived (23 members).

*Chair, Texas State Representative Joe Moody, closed Public Comment.
Timer: 00:49:12 – 00:05:10

DISCUSSION AND ACTION:
1. Approve the motions and minutes for the December 15, 2017 Transportation Policy Board meeting.
Motion to approve the motions and minutes for the December 15, 2017 Transportation Policy Board meeting made by Texas State Representative Mary Gonzalez seconded by City Representative Michiel Noe. Motion carried unanimously.
Timer: 00:05:14 – Motion 00:09:34

2. Request to extend MPO Attorney, Scott P. Foster’s agreement for an additional six (6) months.
Motion to extend MPO Attorney, Scott P. Foster’s agreement for an additional six (6) months made by Alderman Walter Miller seconded by Mayor Dee Margo. Motion carried unanimously.
Timer: 00:05:36 – Motion 00:05:59

3. Amend the Horizon 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the Horizon 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to program County of El Paso Statewide Transportation Alternative Set-Aside (TASA) project in Fiscal Year (FY) 2019, Off-Road Shared Used Path (SUP) along O.T. Smith Road that extends from Alameda Avenue to the I-10 Intersection, a distance of approximately 2.45 miles for $2,143,913 under Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Minute Order 115076 awarded on October 26, 2017.
Motion to amend the Horizon 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the Horizon 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to program County of El Paso Statewide Transportation Alternative Set-Aside (TASA) project in Fiscal Year (FY) 2019, Off-Road Shared Used Path (SUP) along O.T. Smith Road that extends from Alameda Avenue to the I-10 Intersection, a distance of approximately 2.45 miles for $2,143,913 under Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Minute Order 115076 awarded on October 26, 2017 made by City Representative Michiel Noe seconded by Ted Marquez.

*Chair, Texas State Representative Joe Moody, took Public Comment:
1. Scott White, VELO Paso– Asked for material being used to be looked at, reinforced concrete is not comfortable. Use softer material to be used and engage more users.

*Chair, Texas State Representative Joe Moody, closed Public Comment.

Motion made by City Representative Michiel Noe seconded by Ted Marquez. Motion carried unanimously.
Timer: 00:06:02 – Motion 00:08:54

4. Amend the Horizon 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the Horizon 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for FY 2019 to adjust the cost of the IH-10 Connect project, by reducing Category 4(3c) funds from $54,649,045 to $42,830,869, adding $10,000,000 in Category 11 Rider B funds, adding an additional $7,600,000 in Category 12 Strategic Priority making the new total $90,416,143.

*9:15 am Councilman at Large, Rene Rodriguez arrived (24 members).

Motion to amend the Horizon 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the Horizon 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for FY 2019 to adjust the cost of the IH-10 Connect project, by reducing Category 4(3c) funds from $54,649,045 to $42,830,869, adding $10,000,000 in Category 11 Rider B funds, adding an additional $7,600,000 in Category 12 Strategic Priority making the new total $90,416,143 made by Texas State Representative Joe Pickett seconded by Alderman Walter Miller. Motion carried unanimously.
Timer: 00:09:02 – Motion 00:14:04
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE TRANSPORTATION PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

5. Amend the Horizon 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the Horizon 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to program:

a. University Avenue Pedestrian Enhancements Phase III (MPO ID# E108X-3) to use $453,306 (80% federal / 20% local match) of Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Set-Aside funding, and $1,029,608 of local contribution for a total construction cost of $1,482,914, in fiscal year (FY) 2018. This project ranked highest in the TPB approved TAP project list (Sponsor UTEP).

b. TIWA Boulevard Preliminary Engineering (PE) (MPO ID #PS12X-15A-PE) to use $3,670,000 (80% federal / 20% local match) of Surface Transportation Program-Metropolitan Mobility (STP-MM) funding, and $1,887,882 of local contribution for a total PE cost of $5,557,882, in FY 2018. This project is eligible under the MPO’s STP-MM PE Policy (Sponsor: City of Socorro).

c. Zaragoza Port of Entry (POE), Pan American / Winn Road (CSJ 0924-06-418/MPO ID# A524X-CAP- 2) to use $953,550 (80% federal / 20% local match) of STP-MM funding for a total construction cost of $3,096,169, in FY 2019. This project is eligible under the MPO’s Year End Funds Policy (Sponsor: City of El Paso).

d. Central Business District (CBD) IV PE (MPO ID# R307D-PE-2) to use $1,578,385 (80% federal / 20% local match) of STP-MM funding, in FY 2018. This project is eligible under the MPO’s Year End Funds Policy (Sponsor: City of El Paso).

e. Streetcar Operating Assistance-Phase 1 (CSJ 0924-06-552/MPO ID# T108X-1) to use $2,174,640 (80% federal / 20% local match) of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding, in FY 2018. This project is eligible under the MPO’s Year End Funds Policy (Sponsor: Sun Metro).

Each item was explained individually.

*9:40am Chuck McMahon stepped away (23 members).
*9:40am Mayor Dee Margo stepped away (22 members).

Chair, Texas State Representative accepted TxDOT’s handout (see attachment “A”) for the record and briefly read last paragraph from the first page of the handout provided asking Mr. Robert Bielek to explain further.

*9:41am Mayor Dee Margo returned (23 members).
*9:41am Chuck McMahon returned (24 members).
*9:41am City Representative Cassandra Brown stepped away (23 members).
*9:48am City Representative Cassandra Brown returned (24 members).
*9:54am City Representative Michiel Noe stepped away (23 members).
*9:56am City Representative Michiel Noe returned (24 members).

*Chair, Texas State Representative Joe Moody, took Public Comment:

1. Scott White, VELO Paso—Spoke about how the discussion was on safety improvements for access, how do they fit into larger project though? Need Holistic vision using every mode to be used by all ages.

*10:19am Texas State Senator, Jose Rodriguez stepped away (23 members).
*10:20am Executive Director, Michael Medina, stepped away.
*10:21am Texas State Senator, Jose Rodriguez returned (24 members).

*Chair, Texas State Representative Joe Moody, closed Public Comment.

Motion to take items separately made by Texas State Representative Joe Pickett seconded Texas State Representative Mary Gonzalez. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Motion to approve recommendations from the Transportation Project Advisory Committee to amended the Horizon 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the Horizon 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to program:

a. University Avenue Pedestrian Enhancements Phase III (MPO ID# E108X-3) to use $453,306 (80% federal / 20% local match) of Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Set-Aside funding, and $1,029,608 of local contribution for a total construction cost of $1,482,914, in fiscal year (FY) 2018. This project ranked highest in the TPB approved TAP project list (Sponsor UTEP) made by Texas State Representative Joe Pickett seconded by Mayor Dee Margo. Motion prevailed.
2. Motion to approve recommendations from the Transportation Project Advisory Committee to amended the Horizon 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the Horizon 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to program:
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3. Motion to approve recommendations from the Transportation Project Advisory Committee to amended the Horizon 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the Horizon 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to program:
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4. Motion to approve recommendations from the Transportation Project Advisory Committee to amended the Horizon 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the Horizon 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to program:
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5. Motion to approve recommendations from the Transportation Project Advisory Committee to amended the Horizon 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the Horizon 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to program:
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Timer: 00:14:28 – Motion 01:20:20

*10:23am Executive Director, Michael Medina stepped away.
*10:23am Alderman Walter Miller stepped away (23 members).

REPORTS:
6. Amend Horizon 2040 MTP.

*10:23am MPO Attorney, Scott Foster stepped away.
*10:23am MPO Attorney, Scott Foster returned.
*10:24am Chair, Texas State Representative Joe Moody stepped away (22 members).
*10:24am Vice-Chair, Mayor Javier Perea chaired meeting.
*10:27am Texas State Representative Mary Gonzalez stepped away (21 members).
*10:27am Alderman Walter Miller returned (22 members).

Status report given, no action taken.
Timer: 01:20:23 – 01:26:06

7. Destino 2045 MTP Development.

*10:30am Chair, Texas State Representative Joe Moody returned (23 members).
*10:31am Texas State Representative Mary Gonzalez returned (24 members).
*10:38am Texas State Representative Mary Gonzalez left (23 members).

Status report given, no action taken.
Timer: 01:26:07 – 01:38:27
8. El Paso MPO's public involvement and project call:
   a. Public Participation Plan (PP)
   b. Program Management Plan (PMP)
   c. Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5310 Program Request for Proposals (RFP) for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017 Funds for programming in FY 2018.

*10:42am Councilman at Large Rene Rodriguez stepped away (22 members).

Status report given, no action taken.
Timer: 01:38:28 – 01:43:23


*10:47am Councilman at Large Rene Rodriguez returned (23 members).
*10:50am City Representative Peter Svarzbein stepped away (22 members).
*10:50am Mayor Dee Margo left (21 members).
*10:51am Vice-Chair, Mayor Javier Perea left (20 members).
*10:51am City Representative Cassandra Brown stepped away (19 members).
*10:51am City Representative Peter Svarzbein returned (20 members).
*10:52am Councilman at Large Rene Rodriguez stepped away (19 members).
*10:54am Councilman at Large Rene Rodriguez returned (20 members).
*10:54am City Representative Cassandra Brown returned (21 members).
*11:00am Chuck McMahon left (20 members).
*11:01am MPO Attorney, Scott Foster stepped away.
*11:04am MPO Attorney, Scott Foster returned.
*11:05am Executive Director, Michael Medina stepped away.
*11:05am City Representative Michiel Noel stepped away (19 members).
*11:08am Executive Director, Michael Medina returned.
*11:12am Addam Hernandez left (18 members).
*11:24am Robert Bielek stepped away (17 members).
*11:26am Robert Bielek returned (18 members).

Status report given, no action taken.
Timer: 01:43:28 – 02:24:40

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

10. Executive Directors Retirement.

Executive Director, Michael Medina gave announcement that his retirement was to be June 30, 2018.

Chair, Texas State Representative also reminded everyone of their training hours due by January 28, 2018 or next meeting member is to attend. Also touched on absence rule, no absences excused unless in-session and only allowed three (3) total for the MPO fiscal year or member also lost voting privilege.

Announcements given, no action taken.
Timer: 02:24:43 – 02:25:45

The next meeting of the Transportation Policy Board is scheduled at 9:00 a.m. on the 26th day of January 2018 at the El Paso MPO Office located at 211 N. Florence Street, Suite 103 (1st Floor), El Paso, TX 79901.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
The Transportation Policy Board may retire into EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapter D, to discuss any of the following: (The items listed below are matters of the sort routinely discussed in Executive Session, but the Transportation Policy Board may move to Executive Session any of the items on this agenda, consistent with the terms of the Open Meetings Act.) The Transportation Policy Board will return to open session to take any final action and may also, at any time during the meeting, bring forward any of the following items for public discussion, as appropriate.
11. Adjournment.
Motion to adjourn meeting at 11:31 am made by Alderman Walter Miller seconded by Chair, Texas State Representative Joe Moody. Motion carried unanimously.
Timer: 02:28:03 – Motion 02:28:13

Sign Language and foreign interpreters (provided that one is available) and copies of the Agenda will be provided in Braille, large print, or audiotape upon request made at a minimum of 48 hours prior to the date and time of the meeting.

Lenguaje de señas, intérpretes al Español (a condición de que uno esté disponible) y copias de la agenda se proveerán en Braille, copias ampliadas, o la cinta magnética para audio con petición de un mínimo de 48 horas antes de la fecha y de la hora de la reunión.

POSTED THIS 22nd day of January 2017 at the County Court House, First Floor, 500 E. San Antonio Street, El Paso, Texas, New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (NMPRC) website:

Mayela Granados, Recording Secretary of the Transportation Policy Board for the El Paso MPO Study Area
TxDOT El Paso District Projects Nominated for MPO FY 2018 Reconciliation Funds

The El Paso District has participated in regional efforts to program and obligate available reconciliation funds at the beginning of every fiscal year. Through the District's project develop authority, we can offer the MPO ready to let priority projects for the purpose of programming reconciliation funds within the fiscal year. El Paso District has made this statement at several TPB meetings, specifically addressing any available Cat. 5 CMAQ funds.

TPAC Meeting – October 26, 2017
On October 26, 2017, El Paso District staff sent an email to MPO staff requesting the following projects to be programmed in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and considered for reconciliation funds in FY 2018. See attached email and document. This District request was presented at the Transportation Project Advisory Committee (TPAC) meeting on October 26, 2017 by MPO staff. The District had already submitted the required electronic project request forms (ePRF) for these projects on May 2, 2017.

CSJ 2121-01-097 IH 10 Frontage Roads FM 1905 (Antonio St.) to State Spur 37 (Westway Blvd.) – Phase 4: Construction Estimate: $6.0M (current construction estimate)

CSJ 2121-03-160 IH 10 Airway to Viscount Ramp Improvements – Phase 2: Construction Estimate: $9.5M (current construction estimate)

TPAC Meeting – December 6, 2017
The FY 2018 reconciliation funds were announced to TPAC members present at the December 6, 2017 meeting, under Agenda Item 7. There was no action requested from TPAC members, the agenda item was posted as a status report only.

TPB Meeting – December 15, 2017
These FY 2018 reconciliation funds were then presented to the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) members at the December 15, 2017 meeting under Agenda Item 6 as a status report only with no action requested. MPO staff informed TPB members the next step in programming these funds, was to allow TPAC members identify projects that meet the MPOs End of Year policy for these funds in FY 2018. At this TPB meeting, there was no notification, by MPO staff, of any deadline for the submittal of projects for the FY 2018 reconciliation funds.

MPO Communication to District – December 22, 2017
The El Paso District received an email from MPO staff on December 22, 2017 asking if the El Paso District was going to submit projects for the FY 2018 reconciliation funds. The El Paso District re-submitted the electronic project request forms (ePRF) for the above mentioned projects, with updated construction estimates, on January 4, 2018.

Subsequently, the two District projects were included in the January 10, 2018 TPAC meeting agenda under Item 3.

TPAC Meeting – January 10, 2018
At the January 10, 2018 TPAC meeting, MPO staff notified members the District did not submit the electronic project request forms prior to a December 20, 2017 deadline. The District does not have any record, from the MPO staff, notifying TPAC or TPB members of this December 20, 2017 deadline. Consequently, these projects were not recommended by the TPAC members. After the TPAC members voted on the recommended projects for the FY 2018 reconciliation funds, it was acknowledged on record, there was still balance of
over $7M that was not addressed. The TPAC members did not recommend any projects for the available $7M. The purpose of the End of Year Funds Policy is to fully program all available funds within the fiscal year in order to meet the MPO funding allocations commitment annually.

Both District projects, stated above, are now ready to let in FY 2018 as required in the End of Year Funds Policy. The initial phases of these projects are now under construction and were programmed with MPO federal funds in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Paragraph read into the record by Chair, TX State Representative Moody for Item "5".
From: Art Estrada Jr
To: Roger Williams; Bryan Miskimen (bmiskimen@ELPASOMPO.ORG); Christina Stokes (cstokes@ELPASOMPO.ORG); Raquel Lopez (R Lopez@ELPASOMPO.ORG)
Cc: Marty Boyd (Marty.Boyd@txdot.gov); Eddie Valtier; Rebecca Pinto; Hugo Hernandez; Rebecca Pinto; Thelma Ramirez; Panic, Michael A.
Subject: TxDOT Comments for TPAC meeting on 10-25-17
Date: Thursday, October 26, 2017 11:52:00 AM
Attachments: TxDOT Notes for TPAC Meeting 10-25-17.pdf

TIP Team.

Attached you will find our notes for the TPAC Meeting today. Please process these changes and let Marty Boyd and us know if you have any questions.

Art Estrada
TxDOT | El Paso District
Programming & Scheduling Section
915.790.4381
art.estrada@txdot.gov
1. Confirm CSJ 2121-02-147 IH 10 Raynor to US 62 Paisano is removed from the 2045 MTP.
2. Put in consideration for the 2040 MTP and current STIP, CSJ 2121-01-097 N. Desert Blvd. and CSJ 2121-03-160 Airway to Viscount for funding with Carryover Cat. 5 CMAQ funds in FY 2018.
3. CSJ 1046-01-022 FM 659 Zaragoza Widening, Segment 3f IH 10 to FM 76 North Loop leave funding as is. Leave year as is.
4. NE Parkway put in 2030 Network and put in 2029. No negotiation.
5. CSJ 0167-01-091 Kenworthy to McCombs release $2.83M of Cat. 7 STP-MM in FY 2023.
6. CSJ 2121-04-905 IH 10 widening from Eastlake to FM 1281 (Horizon) bring into the 2045 MTP outside of first 10 years.
7. CSJ 1046-03-004 SS 601 Widening from Airport to SL 375 Purple Heart Hwy. Leave where it is.
8. CSJ 1046-01-020 FM 659 Zaragoza Segment 2, leave where it is.
9. CSJ 2121-03-146 I10 at Pendale, leave at is.
10. CSJ 0924-06-532 Global Reach to SL 601 FY 2026. Stays in not negotiable.
11. CSJ 0924-06-917 Border HWY East, Phase 1. Recommend to program in 2030 Network. YOE 2028.
12. CSJ 0924-06-924 Montana Railroad and CSJ 0924-06-925 Missouri Railroad. Was left out, but request to program in the 2045 MTP.
13. CSJ 2121-02-902 IH Widening Downtown: Leave in 2040 Network, YOE is up to MPO.
15. CSJ 3451-01-901 Horizon Widening from IH 10 Antwerp. Program in the 2045 MTP program in 2040 Network.
17. CSJ 0665-01-901 MLK FM 3255 from Texas Stateline to Loma real. Program in 2045 MTP; program in 2040 Network.
18. CSJ 0374-02-903 US 62/180 Global Reach at Montana in Alternative plan but can be move to the 2040.
20. CSJ 0924-06-915 MF Aguilera Hwy from SH 20 Alameda to IH 10. Program in 2045 MTP in 2045 Network.
21. CSJ 0924-06-916 Mesa Park Extension IH 10 to Doniphan; program in 2045 MTP program in 2030 Network.
22. CSJ 1046-03-906 SP 601 at LP 375 Direct Connector program in 2045 MTP program in 2040 Network.
23. CSJ 1046-01-903 and 1046-01-904 SP 601 projects; Program in 2045 MTP program in 2040 Network.

24. CSJ 2552-03-904 SL 375 Purple Heart Frontage Roads program in 2045 MTP; program in 2040 Network. (correct CSJ to CSJ 2552-02-904).

25. CSJ 0167-01-901 US 54 Mainlines program in 2045 MTP program in 2045 Network.

26. CSJ 0002-02-902 SH 20 Alameda from SL 375 Americas to FM 1110 Clint program 2045 MTP program in 2040 Network.

27. CSJ 2121-03-159 Remove from 2045 MTP in 2025.
Local Government Projects Recommended for MPO FY 2018 Reconciliation Funds

City of El Paso: Central Business District Project (CBD 4): $1,578,385 of Cat. 7 STP-MM funds for Preliminary Engineering

This project has been programmed in the MPO's planning documents for over 17 years without any established progress. Throughout the 17 years, this project has changed several times.

FY 2001
CBD 4 project is programmed with $11.3M in the TIP/STIP. $1.5M is for preliminary engineering.

FY 2014
CBD 4 project is programmed with $300,000 for preliminary engineering in TIP/STIP

FY 2016
CBD 4 project is deprogrammed from the TIP/STIP, then re-programmed with $12.02M of Cat. 7 STP-MM funds in FY 2020. $1.80M is programmed for preliminary engineering.

FY 2018
Request for $1.57M reconciliation funds in FY 2018 brings the total to $3.68M for preliminary engineering. This amount is about 30% of the project cost.

TxDOT records show only $300K has been expended on preliminary engineering for this CBD 4 project. The $1.80M programmed for preliminary engineering has not been expended.

City of El Paso: Zaragoza Port of Entry (POE), Pan American/Winn Rd. project: $953,550 of Cat. 7 STP-MM funds for Construction

The request for $953,550 is for construction. This project is scheduled to let August 2018 and programmed with $12.74M of Cat. 7 STP-MM funds. According to the District project manager providing oversight, the current project funding is enough to cover the latest construction estimate. To date, the City of El Paso has not notified the El Paso District of any need for additional construction funding for this project.

Sun Metro: Streetcar Operating Assistance - 2018: $2.17M of Cat. 5 CMAQ funds for Operations

Sun Metro has an approved Streetcar Operations Assistance project in FY 2019 for $1.0M programmed with Cat. 5 CMAQ funds and Streetcar Operations Assistance project in FY 2020 for $1.0M programmed with Cat. 5 CMAQ funds. Approving $2.17M of FY 2018 reconciliation funds bring the total Streetcar Operations Assistance funds to $4.17M. This approval would add $1.17M to these projects already programmed. What is the justification for the additional $1.17M funds FY 2018? The TPB agreed to fund the Streetcar Operations Assistance project in FY 2019 based on the project being in full operation starting in FY 2019. The District is not convinced increasing the funding and moving the initial operations phase from FY 2019 to FY 2018 would demonstrate positive air quality benefits to the region. Understanding this request is an FTA transfer and will not be programmed as a Cat. 5 CMAQ (FHWA) project, it is my judgment that continuing to fund an operations project with Cat. 5 CMAQ provides a perception of creating a pattern of excessive or even perpetual support which is not in the spirit of FHWA guidance.
Surface Transportation Program – Metropolitan Mobility (STP-MM) Preliminary Engineering (PE) Policy

City of Socorro: Tiwa Boulevard project: $3,670,000 of Cat. 7 STP-MM funds for Preliminary Engineering

This project, as presented, is inconsistent with existing 2040 MTP. The Tiwa Boulevard project listed in the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) is only 2 lanes from Border Highway East to Alameda and 4 lanes from Alameda Ave. to IH-10. The Tiwa Boulevard project requesting Cat. 7 STP-MM funds for preliminary engineering, is 4 lane divided road from Border Highway East to IH-10.