Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:
Chair, Commissioner Vincent Perez called the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting to order at 9:11 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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<td>13. Ted Marquez</td>
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OTHERS PRESENT:
- Gil Gardner - Atkins
- Dionicio Flores - Flores HNTB
- Greg McNicol - UTEP
- Omar de la Rosa – COEP
- Nahum Apodaca - MCAF
- Rossy Cardenas - Dannenbaum
- Mariel Yepo - COEP
- Sal Alonzo – EP County
- Yvette Hernandez - COEP
- Jennifer Wright - TXDOT
- Scott White – Velo Paso
- Daniela Quesada - COEP

(Meeting began with 18 members)

* Chair, Commissioner Vincent Perez, Opened Public Comments:
  1. Richard Teschner – NEBA, commented on the need to finish the Northeast Borderland Parkway to alleviate congestion in downtown.
  2. Scott White – Velo Paso, commented on recent pedestrian deaths on crosswalks.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION:
1. Approve the minutes for the September 20, 2019 Transportation Policy Board (TPB) Meeting.
   Motion to approve the minutes for the September 20, 2019 Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting made by Alderman Walter Miller and seconded by Mayor Manuel Leos. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Approve 2020 TPB meeting dates
   Motion to approve 2020 TPB meeting dates meeting made by Alderman Walter Miller and seconded by Representative Cesar Blanco. Motion carried unanimously.

   Motion to reopen Item 2 for discussion made by Tommy Gonzalez and seconded by Alderman Walter Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

   Motion to change meeting date March 20, 2020 to March 27, 2020 made by Tommy Gonzalez and seconded by Alderman Walter Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion to approve 2020 TPB meeting dates with changes meeting made by Tommy Gonzalez and seconded by Alderman Walter Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS:
5. Amendment to the Destino 2045 MTP and Transportation Conformity Report
6. Proposing an application for the Alameda Corridor for Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Pilot Program.
7. Motion to approve recommendation from the Transportation Project Advisory Committee to:
   a. Program $12M of Coordinated Border Infrastructure (CBI) funds on the Loop 375 (Americas Ave.) Frontage Roads and Ramps Reconfiguration project, in Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 (TxDOT)*
   b. Reprogram projects using Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds in FY 2020, 2021 and 2022*
      1. Reprogram Montana Rapid Transit System (RTS) 1st year operating assistance from FY 2020 to FY 2029 (Sun Metro)
      2. Amend Montana RTS 2nd year operating assistance in FY 2021 to become 1st year of operating assistance (Sun Metro)
      3. Amend Montana RTS 3rd year operating assistance in FY 2022 to become 2nd year of operating assistance (Sun Metro)
      4. Reprogram Intersection Operational Improvements at Montana Ave./Paisano Dr. from FY 2020 to FY 2029 (TxDOT)
      5. Amend scope of work to identify location and limits for Bicycle Infrastructure Citywide in FY 2021 (COEP)
      6. Amend scope of work to identify location and limits for Downtown Bicycle Improvements Phase I, which includes road diets for bicycle lanes, in FY 2022 (COEP)
      7. Reprogram Stanton Two-Way Cycle Track Roadway Improvements, which includes road diets for bicycle lanes, from FY 2022 to FY 2029 (COEP)
   c. Update the project description to identify location and limits, to include road diets for bicycle lanes, for Central Business District (CBD) IV, in FY 2020 (COEP)*
   d. Reprogram Spur 601 at Loop 375 Direct Connectors from FY 2020 to FY 2030 (TxDOT)*
   e. Program Loop 375 Interchange (At Sgt. Major) in FY 2020 (TxDOT)*
   f. Program Prioritized list of projects from the 2020-2022 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) call for projects. *
      1. Piaya Drain Shared Use Path (Whittier to Elvin) in FY 2021 (COEP)
   g. Reprogram Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Small Starts funds and Certificates of Obligation for Montana Corridor Rapid Transit System (RTS) project, in FY 2020 (Sun Metro) *

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made by Alderman Walter Miller and seconded by Representative Art Fierro. Motion carried.

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made by Alderman Walter Miller and seconded by Representative Cissy Lizarraga. Motion carried unanimously.

* Chair, Commissioner Vincent Perez, Opened Public Comment:
* Chair, Commissioner Vincent Perez, Closed Public Comment.
Motion made by Alderman Walter Miller and seconded by Ted Marquez to approve recommendation from the Transportation Project Advisory Committee to amend the Destino 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) & Destino 2019-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to:

   c. Update the project description to identify location and limits, to include road diets for bicycle lanes, for Central Business District (CBD) IV, in FY 2020 (COEP) *

Motion carried unanimously.

Item 3d and 3e were voted on together

Motion made by Senator Jose Rodriguez and seconded by Alderman Walter Miller to approve recommendation from the Transportation Project Advisory Committee to amend the Destino 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) & Destino 2019-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to:

   d. Reprogram Spur 601 at Loop 375 Direct Connectors from FY 2020 to FY 2030 (TxDOT) *

   e. Program Loop 375 Interchange (At Sgt. Major) in FY 2020 (TxDOT) *

made by Ted Marquez and seconded by Alderman Walter Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Tommy Gonzalez and seconded by Alderman Walter Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS:


Status report given by EPMPO – Sonia Perez

* Chair, Commissioner Vincent Perez, Opened Public Comment:
   1. Scott White – El Paso Bicycle Coalition, commented on possible improvement to transit system.

* Chair, Commissioner Vincent Perez, Closed Public Comment.

8. Executive Director’s Report

   a. Border Trade Advisory Committee (BTAC) meeting
   b. Texas Freight Advisory Committee meeting
   c. Texas Transportation Plan 2050
   d. Texas Mobility Summit
   e. TxDOT Transportation Forum

Status report given by EPMPO – Executive Director Eduardo Calvo

The next meeting of the TPB is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on November 18, 2019 at the El Paso MPO Office located at 211 N. Florence Street, Suite 103 (MPO Boardroom on 1st Floor), El Paso, TX 79901.

*These projects met the seven-day public comment requirement of the El Paso MPO’s Public Participation Plan.

"Let it be known that City Representative Cissy Lizarraga handed out a document entitled "Memorandum for the Record". The document was not on the agenda and was not discussed nor was any action taken. The document is attached to these minutes for the benefit of the public.


Motion to adjourn at 11:59 a.m. made by Alderman Walter Miller and seconded by Tommy Gonzalez. Motion carried unanimously.

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.

The TPB did not retire into Executive Session.

Approved as to content:

[Signature]

Marisol Enriquez, Recording Secretary of the Transportation Policy Board for the El Paso MPO Study Area
MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Meeting of Friday October 18, 2018

Commissioner Vince Perez and Fellow Members of the MPO-TPB:

As the District 8 El Paso City Representative, my District includes Downtown El Paso, which is on the southern side of a portion of the proposed widening off IH-10. It also includes the Sunset Heights Neighborhood, which is on the northern side of the widening.

This is to address the project area indicated in this graphic:

(El Paso Times)
The following sampling indicates, for informational purposes, a range of this project-sector’s favor, opposition, and concern by my constituency as documented in the following sampling from the *El Paso Times Newspaper*:

Op-ed by President Sito Negron, Sunset Heights Neighborhood Improvement Association (SHNIA) (Urging separation of three concepts: “widening the highway, adding frontage roads, and covering the Trench — because each has its own purpose, cost, benefits, and drawbacks”.)


Article by Vic Kolbec, El Paso Times reporter, quoting:

*Greg Pugh*, owner of the Avocado Café, at 1021 E. Missouri Ave., saying he’d hate to lose his 4-year-old location to make way for a possible I-10 gateway in Downtown El Paso;

*Hugo Hernandez*, project manager for Reimagine I-10, referencing TxDOT’s environmental and design planning studies of the project;

*President Sito Negron*, SHNIA, not liking “the idea of the proposed elevated gateways between Executive Center and Downtown, because they would be “unsightly, expensive, and won’t provide the bang for the buck.”;

*Bobby Bowling IV*, builder and developer whose company owns a three-story building that may be demolished: “I think the expansion is good;” willing to sell the building to the state “as long as he gets market value for it;”

*Tanny Berg*, Vice President of the Central Business Association, indicating, “the gateways are needed in the Downtown area to alleviate traffic congestion on the interstate.” Also, “The biggest concern is the financing .. TxDOT eventually will have to pay market value for acquired properties;” and
Jennifer Wright, TxDOT spokesperson, “Everything is on the table in this process; we will examine all options.”

(as of 10/18/19)

Please include this Memorandum for The Record in the minutes and/or record of today’s meeting.

If anyone wishes to access the cited articles through an electronic hyperlink, please email me your request to District#8@elpasotexas.gov and I will send this to you as an electronic attachment.

Respectfully,

Cissy Lizarraga

Cissy Lizarraga
District 8 Representative
El Paso City Council