



**7 DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR MARCH 24, 2023
EL PASO MPO TPB MEETING**

Public comments for amendments to the El Paso MPO's documents are being accepted. The MPO's Transportation Policy Board (TPB) will consider these projects for approval at their March 24, 2023 meeting.

Consider approval of the following amendments to the Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and RMS 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to amend the [South Central Regional Transit District \(SCRTD\) Electric Buses Acquisition](#) project by increasing the amount of New Mexico Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Mandatory program funds and adding New Mexico CMAQ Flex funds in FY 2023

The El Paso MPO conducted a call for projects for the New Mexico Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Mandatory Program for FY's 2023-2025. The EPMPPO received three applications from SCRTD for the purchase of three electric buses in FY 2023, one in FY 2024 and one in FY 2025 for a total of five electric buses to be used in operation of SCRTD Silver and Purple bus routes.

The project for FY 2023 was approved to be programmed at the October 2022 TPAC and TPB meetings using \$1,086,781 of CAT 5 CMAQ funds for the three units, however the latest cost estimate indicates a total cost of \$2,157,358 for two units. EPMPPO's available CMAQ Mandatory funding allocation per FY is \$1,920,450 and this funding is not allowed to carryover to the next FY. MPO staff coordinated with the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) and have been informed there are CMAQ Flex federal funds available for programming in FY 2023. This funding will supplement the balance needed to cover the total cost of the two units in FY 2023. The total project cost for FY 2023 is \$2,157,358 of which \$1,920,450 will be funded with El Paso MPO NM CMAQ Mandatory funds, and the funding gap of \$236,908 will be closed using NMDOT's NM CMAQ Flex funds.

Please submit any comments prior to Thursday March 23, 2023 at 5:00 PM or Sign up for our Open Comment Period no later than 8:30a.m. on the day of the meeting by emailing menriquez@elpasompo.org or by calling (915) 212-0258. Members of the public may also submit their public comment electronically to menriquez@elpasompo.org and the comment will be read during the open comment period or before the appropriate agenda item, as requested in the email. Emails must be received no later than 8:30a.m. on the day of the meeting.