

7 DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR October 17, 2025 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 amendments for approval at the October 17, 2025, meeting.

1. Consider approval of amendments to the Amended Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), and the RMS 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to amend the Horizon City – Socorro Bus Circulator (CSJ: 0924-06-745 / MPO ID: T411X) project to reduce Congestion Management and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) funds from \$923,784 to \$0, and add \$923,784 Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funds for an unchanged total project cost of \$923,784 in fiscal year (FY) 2026.

Updated annually and approved by the Texas Transportation Commission, the UTP serves as an intermediate programming and development "roadmap" that is used to define, prioritize, and assign available funding to thousands of Texas transportation projects over a continuous 10-year period. The Fiscal Year 2026 UTP shows that the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Area will see a reduction in its Category 5, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding totals during the planning horizon of our adopted Transportation Improvement Program of roughly 25% for fiscal years 2025, 2026, and 2027 from what was shown in the 2025 UTP for those years, with greater reductions beyond 2028. This leaves the El Paso MPO overprogrammed by roughly \$5M in fiscal years 2027 and 2028. Because the El Paso MPO is required to demonstrate fiscal constraint in the years covered by its adopted Transportation Improvement Program, it is necessary to amend its programmed projects to achieve fiscal constraint. Amending this project is part of a larger strategy to achieve financial constraint within the RMS 2025-2028 TIP years that was approved at the August 22, 2025 TPB meeting.