#### MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD FOR THE EL PASO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (EPMPO)

Friday May 20, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Blue Flame Building 304 Texas Avenue El Paso, TX 79901 17th Floor (Center for Community Engagement)

#### NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA

# **COVID-19 Statement**

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, social distancing measures will be enforced for those present in the meeting room during the EPMPO Transportation Policy Board meeting scheduled for May 20, 2022.

### **Public Participation and Public Comment**

Members of the public may attend the meeting in person; however, seating capacity in the meeting room will be limited due to social distancing measures. Members of the public may view the meeting via livestream: <a href="https://www.elpasompo.org/TPBVideos">https://www.elpasompo.org/TPBVideos</a>

Public comment is allowed subject to the following restrictions:

- Speakers are allowed up to three (3) minutes each, but may be limited further at the discretion of the Presiding Officer.
- Members of the public wishing to provide comment must sign up no later than 8:30a.m. on the day of the meeting by emailing <a href="mailto:menriquez@elpasompo.org">menriquez@elpasompo.org</a> or by calling (915) 212-0258.
- Members of the public may also submit their public comment electronically to <a href="mailto:menriquez@elpasompo.org">menriquez@elpasompo.org</a> 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.

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- CALL MEETING TO ORDER
- ROLL CALL
- OPEN COMMENT PERIOD

(The agenda and backup materials for the meeting packet are posted and available on the MPO website: <a href="https://www.elpasompo.org/TPBMinutesandAgendas">https://www.elpasompo.org/TPBMinutesandAgendas</a>)

### **DISCUSSION AND ACTION:**

1. Minutes of the April 22, 2022 TPB meeting

Presenter: TPB Chair

 Consider Amendments to the Amended Destino 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and Destino 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to increase funding for the NM 404 Widening Project by \$19,210,960 for a new total funding of \$63,968,960\*

Presenter: Andreas Linnan (NMDOT)

3. Consider awarding Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA) Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5310 funds to Project Amistad\*.

Presenter: Gabriela Lopez (MPO)

4. Consider awarding American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 FTA 5310 funds to Project Amistad\*

Presenter: Gabriela Lopez (MPO)

5. Consider authorizing the TPB Chair, or the Executive Director, to execute a Consulting Services Agreement and a Master Subscription Agreement with UrbanSim, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$120,000, for the purchase of three software licenses for a one-year period, technical support, and consulting services that will enable the MPO to complete Task 3 – Urban Densification Emissions Impact Study of the Statement of Work and Notice to Commence Under the Grant Umbrella from TCEQ, Contract (Grant) Number 582-20-11979. It is also requested that after review by the MPO's legal counsel, that the TPB Chair, or the Executive Director, be authorized to execute any related contract documents or agreements as long as the total amount of the agreements does not exceed \$120,000.

Presenter: Salvador Gonzalez (MPO)

6. <u>Consider authorizing the Executive Director to sign a Letter of Support for Sun Metro FY 2022 Low or No Emission/Buses and Bus Facilities Grant Application.</u>

Presenter: Ellen Smyth (Sun Metro)

7. Consider authorizing the Executive Director to sign a Letter of Support for Dr. Rafael Aldrete as the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) nominee for the 2021-2022 Texas A&M Regents Fellow Service Award.

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (MPO)

# **REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:**

8. NM CMAQ Mandatory Call for Projects

Presenter: Gabriela Lopez (MPO)

9. RMS 2020 Project Status Report

Presenter: Gabriela Lopez (MPO)

10. Statewide TxDOT-MPO Safety Task Force

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo, Executive Director (MPO)

11. Executive Director's Report

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo, Executive Director (MPO)

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Under Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, the TPB may retire into Executive Session to discuss any of the following:

Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney

Section 551.072 Deliberation Regarding Real Property

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Section 551.073	Deliberation Regarding Prospective Gifts
Section 551.074	Personnel Matters
Section 551.076	Deliberation Regarding Security Devices
Section 551.087	Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations

The items listed above are matters of the sort routinely discussed in Executive Session, but the TPB may move to Executive Session on any of the items on this agenda, consistent with the terms of the Open Meetings Act. The TPB will return to open session to take any final action and may also bring forward any of the following items for public discussion at any time during the meeting, as appropriate.

# 12. Adjournment

The **next regular meeting** of the TPB is scheduled for <u>9:00 a.m.</u> on <u>June 17, 2022.</u> The due date for submittal of agenda items, names of speakers, attachments, items for presentations, and Project Request Forms (PRFs) is **June 1, 2022 by 3:00 p.m.** 

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

Sign Language and/or foreign language interpreters can be made available for the meeting upon requests made a minimum of 48 hours prior to meeting start time. Copies of the Agenda will be provided in Braille, large print, other languages, or audio recording upon request made a minimum of 48 hours prior to meeting start time. Provision of foreign language interpreters and/or copies of the Agenda in foreign languages shall be dependent upon availability of qualified interpretation services.

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

Posted this <u>13th day of May, 2022</u> at the El Paso County Courthouse, First Floor, 500 San Antonio Street, El Paso, Texas; and digitally on the website of the <u>New Mexico Department of Transportation-District</u> 1 and the <u>El Paso MPO</u>.

Marisol Enriquez, Recording Secretary for the Transportation Project Advisory Committee