

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

Friday April 21, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

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

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- **CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- **ROLL CALL**
- **OPEN COMMENT PERIOD**

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<https://www.elpasompo.org/TPBMinutesandAgendas>)

DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

1. [Consider approval of the minutes of the March 24, 2023 TPB meeting.](#)
Presenter: TPB Chair
2. [Consider approval of Preliminary Engineering \(PE\) and Right of Way \(ROW\) project amendments in the Regional Mobility Strategy \(RMS\) 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan \(MTP\), and RMS 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\) to:](#)
 - a. Program the *Borderland Expressway, Phase 2: FM3255 to Railroad Dr.* PE/ROW project using SWPE and SWROW funds in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023
 - b. Program the *Borderland Expressway, Phase 3: BU54 (Dyer St.) to SL 375* PE/ROW project using SWPE and SWROW funds in FY 2023
 - c. Amend the *George Perry Extension Ph 1* project to add PE phase using Category 3 Local Contribution funds in FY 2023
 - d. Amend the *N. Darrington Reconstruction* project to add ROW phase using Category 3 Local Contribution funds in FY 2023
 - e. Amend *Horizon at Darrington Intersection Imp.* project to add PE phase using SWPE funds in FY 2023
 - f. Amend the *Spur 320 PH I (BU 54 to Railroad Dr)* project to add PE phase using SWPE funds and ROW phase using SWROW funds in FY 2023
 - g. Amend the *Nuevo Hueco Tanks Extension (FM 76 to SH20) - Construction* project to add ROW phase using Category 3 Local Contribution funds in FY 2024

- h. Amend *SH 178 Operational Improvements* project to add PE phase using SWPE funds and ROW phase using SWROW funds in FY 2024
- i. Amend the *Sean Haggerty Dr Extension* project to add ROW phase using Category 3 Local Contribution funds in FY 2024
- j. Amend *I-10 FR Ext PH I (Executive to Sunland Park)* project to add PE phase using SWPE funds and ROW phase using SWROW in FY 2025
- k. Amend the *US 62/180 (Montana Ave.) Expressway & Frontage Roads, Phase II* project to add PE phase using SWPE funds and ROW phase using SWROW funds in FY 2026

Presenter: Gabriela Lopez (MPO)

3. [Consider approval of Sun Metro transit project amendments in the RMS 2050 MTP, and RMS 2023-2026 TIP to:](#)
- a. Deprogram the *Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC)* project using Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5307 funds in FY 2023 and 2025
 - b. Deprogram the *Curb Cuts ADA Improvements (5339)* project using FTA 5339 funds in FY 2026
 - c. Deprogram the *Other Capital Program Items (5339)* project using FTA 5339 funds in FY 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026
 - d. Amend the *ADA Paratransit* project to change project name and description, and increase FTA 5307 funds in FY 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026
 - e. Amend the *Capital Maintenance* project to change project name and description, add operating phase, and decrease FTA 5307 funds in FY 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026
 - f. Amend the *Support Vehicles/Bus Rehab (5339)* project to change project description, and decrease FTA 5339 funds in FY 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026
 - g. Amend the *FTA 5339 Formula Funding for Buses and Bus Facilities* project to decrease FTA 5339 funds in FY 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026
 - h. Amend the *Planning* project to change project name, remove Capital and Operating phases, add Administration and Planning phases, and decrease FTA 5307 funds in FY 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026
 - i. Amend the *Security Equipment* project to change project name and description, add Operating phase, and increase FTA 5307 funds in FY 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026
 - j. Amend the *Transit Enhancements (5339)* project to change project description and decrease FTA 5339 funds in FY 2023 and 2025
 - k. Program the *Transit Enhancements (5339)* project using FTA 5339 funds in FY 2024 and 2026
 - l. Program the *Bus Purchase (5307)* project using FTA 5307 funds in FY 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026

Presenter: Jesus Trejo (Sun Metro)

4. [Consider and approve amendments to the RMS 2050 MTP and RMS 2023-2026 TIP to amend the SH178 Operational Improvements project to change the project description](#)

Presenter: Raul Ortega (TXDOT)

5. [Consider and authorize the Executive Director to sign a letter of support endorsing the City of El Paso as the El Paso Metropolitan Statistical Area's lead organization for Climate Pollution Reduction Grant application purposes](#)

Presenter: Nicole Ferrini (CoEP)

6. [Consider authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and sign a lease agreement for MPO office space with 211 Florence, LP, for a period beginning on May 1, 2024](#)

Presenter: EC Chair

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
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.

Discussion and action on the following:

EX. Item No. 1 [Executive Director's Annual Performance Evaluation and Employment Contract](#).

Presenter: EC Chair

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

7. [EPMPO Request for Qualifications \(RFQ\) for General Planning Consultant services](#)

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (MPO)

8. [NMDOT Transportation Alternatives Program \(TAP\) Call for Projects](#)

Presenter: Anne Guayante (MPO)

9. [NMDOT Surface Transportation Program-Large Urban \(STP-LU\) Call for Projects](#)

Presenter: Gabriela Lopez (MPO)

10. [RMS 2020 Project Status Report](#)

Presenter: Gabriela Lopez (MPO)

11. [Executive Director's Report](#)

- a. Border Trade Advisory Committee (BTAC) meeting in Laredo, TX
- b. Bridge of the Americas improvements project by GSA
- c. TRB Workshop Resilient Supply Chains
- d. SS4A grant award to El Paso MPO

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo, Executive Director (MPO)

12. Adjournment

The **next regular meeting** of the TPB is scheduled for **9:00 a.m. on May 19, 2023**. The due date for submittal of agenda items, names of speakers, attachments, items for presentations, and Project Request Forms (PRFs) is **May 3, 2023, by 3:00 p.m.**

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Posted this **14th day of April 2023** at the El Paso County Courthouse, First Floor, 500 San Antonio Street, El Paso, Texas; and digitally on the website of the New Mexico Department of Transportation-District 1 and the El Paso MPO.



Marisol Enriquez, Recording Secretary for the
Transportation Policy Board