

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

Friday August 18, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

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

**NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA**

**Public Participation and Public Comment**

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- Speakers are allowed up to three (3) minutes each, but may be limited further at the discretion of the Presiding Officer.
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- **CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- **ROLL CALL**
- **OPEN COMMENT PERIOD**

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

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION:**

1. [Consider approval of the minutes of the July 21, 2023 TPB meeting.](#)  
*Presenter: TPB Chair*
2. [Consider approval of New Mexico Department of Transportation \(NMDOT\) highway project amendments to the RMS 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan \(MTP\) and RMS 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\) to:](#)
  - a. Program the *NM 213 Widening & NM 404 Interchange Engineering* project using Surface Transportation Program – Flex Non-Chargeable (STPF NC) funds in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024\*
  - b. Program the *NM 136 Phase I A/B Alignment Study* project using New Mexico State Road funds in FY 2024\*
  - c. Program the *NM 213/NM 404 Interchange improvements* project using National Highway Performance Program (NHPP), Border State Infrastructure (SBSI), House Bill 2 (HB2), and National Highway Performance Program Freight (NHPP-F) funds in FY 2025 \*
  - d. Amend the *NM 213 Widening Project* to remove NHPP and SBSI funds, add 2023-HB2 funds, and move from FY 2026 to FY 2025\**Presenter: Andreas Linnan (NMDOT)*
3. [Consider authorizing the Executive Director to sign a Letter of Support for El Paso County's application to the US Department of Transportation \(USDOT\) Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant program for the Construction Phase of the Bob Hope Drive Project](#)  
*Presenter: Daniel Marquez (El Paso County)*

4. [Consider authorizing the Executive Director to sign a Letter of Support for Doña Ana County's application to the USDOT Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation \(PROTECT\) Grant program for the Comprehensive Countywide Road Network Resilience Plan Project](#)  
*Presenter: Mo Moabed (Doña Ana County)*

#### **REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:**

5. [Update on Elevated Freight Technologies](#)  
*Presenter: Juan Carlos Gastelum (Elevated Freight Technologies)*
6. [RMS 2020 Project Status Report](#)  
*Presenter: Gabriela Lopez (MPO)*
7. [Executive Director's Report](#)
  - a. Binational Border Infrastructure Roundtable
  - b. Texas Transportation Commission meeting*Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (MPO Executive Director)*

#### **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.

8. Adjournment

The **next regular meeting** of the TPB is scheduled for **9:00 a.m.** on **September 22, 2023**. The due date for submittal of agenda items, names of speakers, attachments, items for presentations, and Project Request Forms (PRFs) is **September 06, 2023, 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.

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**Posted this 11th day of August 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