

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

Friday December 15, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.

Blue Flame Building
304 Texas Avenue
El Paso, TX 79901
17th 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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• Notice is hereby given that the EPMPO TPB will participate in a Training Workshop “TxDOT’s Unified Transportation Program (UTP) 101” from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. The EPMPO TPB will take no formal action during the Training Workshop.
Presenter: David Ford (TxDOT)

- **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 November 17, 2023 TPB meeting.](#)
Presenter: TPB Chair
2. [Consider approval of amendments to the Regional Mobility Strategy \(RMS\) 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan \(MTP\) and RMS 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\) to:](#)
 - a. Deprogram the *Dyer Street Pedestrian Improvements Construction Project* using CAT5 CMAQ funds in FY 2025
 - b. Program the *Calle Morroco Sidewalk Improvements Construction Project* using Transportation Alternatives Program Large Urban (TAPL) funds in FY 2024
 - c. Program the *PE Phase Playa Drain Hike and Bike Trail (Yarborough to Midway)* project using CAT 5 CMAQ funds in FY 2026
 - d. Program the *PE Phase Sun Valley Gateway North to Kenworthy* project using CAT 7 STP MM funds in FY 2026
 - e. Program the *PE Phase Sunland Park Hike and Bike Share Use Path* project using CAT 5 CMAQ funds in FY 2025

- f. Program the *PE Phase Buffalo Soldier Street Improvements* project using CAT 7 STP MM funds in FY 2025
- g. Amend the *Dilley Road and Delake St. Construction* project to change project name, project description, project limits, and reduce CAT 7 STP MM funds in FY 2025
- h. Amend the *Carolina Street Improvements* project to move from FY 2026 to FY 2030 and deprogram from the RMS 2023-2026 TIP
- i. Amend the *Buffalo Soldier Street Improvements* project to remove PE phase, increase CAT 7 STP MM funds, move from FY 2026 to FY 2027, and deprogram from the RMS 2023-2026 TIP

Presenter: Anne Guayante (MPO)

- 3. [Consider authorizing the Executive Director to sign an Interlocal Agreement with Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority \(CRRMA\) allowing EPMPPO to utilize CRRMA for procurement services.](#)
Presenter: Eduardo Calvo, Executive Director (MPO)
- 4. [Consider authorizing the Executive Director to execute Task Order #1 with a maximum funding amount of \\$61,838.00](#) pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between El Paso MPO and UTEP, for the development and technical support of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Project Request Form (PRF) web applications, and technical support and enhancement to the El Paso MPO Multimodal Webtool.
Presenter: Eduardo Calvo, Executive Director (MPO)
- 5. [Consider authorizing the Executive Director to execute Task Order #2 with a maximum funding amount of \\$78,500.00,](#) pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between El Paso MPO and UTEP. UTEP will provide assistance in Travel Demand Modeling, Air Quality Conformity, and Public Involvement Activities, and Other Activities included in the El Paso MPO's Unified Planning Work Program.
Presenter: Eduardo Calvo, Executive Director (MPO)
- 6. [Consider authorizing the Executive Director to execute Task Order #3 with a maximum funding amount of \\$45,500.00,](#) pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between El Paso MPO and UTEP, for International Border Crossing traffic and emissions analysis.
Presenter: Eduardo Calvo, Executive Director (MPO)
- 7. [Consider authorizing the Executive Director to execute Task Order #1 with a maximum funding amount of \\$25,000.00,](#) pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between El Paso MPO and Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI), to provide training to the MPO Transportation Policy Board and Transportation Project Advisory Committee.
Presenter: Eduardo Calvo, Executive Director (MPO)
- 8. [Consider authorizing the Executive Director to sign a self-certification letter for the portion of the MPO planning area](#) in the State of New Mexico.
Presenter: Harrison Plourde (MPO)
- 9. [Consider approval of amendment to the Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program \(UPWP\) to:](#)
 - a. Revise *Subtask 5.4 International Border Crossings System-wide Improvements Analysis* to include UTEP under subtask.
 - b. Revise document formatting and update to include Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) references.*Presenter: Harrison Plourde (MPO)*
- 10. [Consider authorizing the Executive Director to submit a letter of support to U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken for](#) keeping Section 6711 of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) which aims to expedite the presidential permitting process for international border crossings in the U.S.-Mexico border.

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo, Executive Director (MPO)

11. [Consider authorizing the Executive Director to sign a Partnership Agreement for the Use of the Center for Civic Empowerment on the 17th floor of the Blue Flame Building in order to hold MPO Transportation Policy Board meetings in the space.](#)

Presenter: Harrison Plourde (MPO)

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

12. [Debrief on 2023 TxDOT Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects](#)

Presenter: Adriana Rodriguez (TxDOT)

13. [Amendment to the RMS 2050 MTP and 2023-2026 TIP and development of a new Transportation Conformity Report](#)

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo, Executive Director (MPO)

14. Quarterly Reports

- a. [MPO Administrative Amendments Report](#)

Presenter: Anne Guayante (MPO)

- b. [Project Completion Report](#)

- c. [Project Readiness Report](#)

Presenter: Gabriela Lopez (MPO)

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

- a. Texas Freight Advisory Committee meeting
- b. Texas MPOs (TEMPO) meeting
- c. Texas Transportation Committee meeting
- d. Santa Teresa POE Modernization Study by GSA

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (MPO)

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

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| 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.

16. Adjournment


The **next regular meeting** of the TPB is scheduled for **9:30 a.m.** on **January 19, 2024**. The due date for submittal of agenda items, names of speakers, attachments, items for presentations, and Project Request Forms (PRFs) is **January 3, 2024, by 3:00 p.m.**

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

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Posted this 8th day of December 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