

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

Friday March 24, 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**

(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 February 17, 2023 TPB meeting.](#)
Presenter: TPB Chair
2. [Consider approval of the El Paso MPO Title VI Program.](#)
Presenter: Anne Guayante/Tim McDaniel (MPO)
3. [Consider approval of amendments to the Federal Fiscal Year \(FFY\) 2022-2023 Unified Planning Work Program \(UPWP\) to detail efforts to develop a Safety Action Plan for the El Paso MPO region.](#)
Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (MPO)
4. [Consider approval of amendments to the Regional Mobility Strategy \(RMS\) 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan \(MTP\), and RMS 2023-2026 Transportations Improvement Program \(TIP\) to amend the South Central Regional Transit District \(SCRTD\) Electric Buses Acquisition project by increasing the amount of New Mexico Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Improvement \(CMAQ\) Mandatory program funds and adding New Mexico CMAQ Flex funds in FY 2023](#)
Presenter: Anne Guayante (MPO)
5. [Consider approval of Legal Services Agreement with Kemp Smith LLP.](#)
Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (MPO)

6. [Consider and authorize the Executive Director to sign letters of support for the City of El Paso's Community Project](#)
Funding requests through the offices of United States Representatives Veronica Escobar and Tony Gonzalez.
 - a. Ysleta Port of Entry Feasibility Study
 - b. Sun Metro Micro Transit Project
 - c. El Paso International Airport (EPIA) Terminal Drive Bridge Improvements

Presenter: Omar Martinez (COEP)
7. [Consider and authorize the Executive Director to sign a letter of support for the El Paso Chamber's request to the 16th Congressional District Community Project funds for the El Paso Region Ports of Entry Development Study and Operation Plan.](#)

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (MPO)
8. [Consider and adopt a resolution in support of the Paso del Norte \(PDN\) Trail Project.](#)

Presenter: Tracy Yellen (Paso del Norte Health Foundation)
9. [Consider and authorize the Executive Director to submit a letter of support for Madhu Venugopal's nomination for the Senior Researcher Award at Texas A&M Transportation Institute \(TTI\).](#)

Presenter: Salvador Gonzalez (MPO)
10. [Consider and approve Task Order No. 6 pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Master Agreement with Texas A&M Transportation Institute \(TTI\) to provide training to MPO staff on safety related issues and training sessions for the Transportation Policy Board and MPO staff in Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024 in an amount not to exceed \\$25,000.00.](#)

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (MPO)

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

11. [Assessment of Direct Economic Cost of Delay at Texas-Mexico Commercial POEs Final Report](#)

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (MPO) and Okan Gurbuz (Texas A&M Transportation Institute)
12. [Quarterly Reports](#)
 - a. March 2023 Project Completion Report (PCR)
 - b. March 2023 Project Readiness Report (PRR)
 - c. FY 2023 2nd Quarter Administrative Amendments Report

Presenter: Anne Guayante (MPO)
13. [Amendments to STIP PE and ROW projects phases](#)

Presenter: Anne Guayante (MPO)
14. [New Mexico Transportation Alternatives Program \(TAP\) and Surface Transportation Program-Large Urban \(STP-LU\) Call for Projects](#)

Presenter: Tim McDaniel (MPO)
15. [RMS 2020 Project Status Report](#)

Presenter: Anne Guayante (MPO)
16. [Carbon Reduction Program Presentation](#)

Presenter: Anne Guayante (MPO)

17. Executive Director's Report

- a. Update on Training Policy for TPB members
- b. Update on Financial Disclosure for TPB members
- c. SS4A grant award to El Paso MPO
- d. February TTC meeting – FY24 Draft Unified Transportation Program (UTP)
- e. Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a General Planning Consultant

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
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.

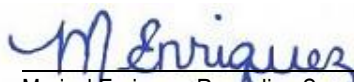
18. Adjournment

The **next regular meeting** of the TPB is scheduled for **9:00 a.m. on April 21, 2023**. The due date for submittal of agenda items, names of speakers, attachments, items for presentations, and Project Request Forms (PRFs) is **April 5, 2023, by 3:00 p.m.**

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Posted this 17th day of March 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