

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

Friday April 19, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

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

NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA

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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 March 22, 2024 TPB meeting.](#)
Presenter: TPB Chair
2. [Consider authorizing the Executive Director to execute the following agreements related to the Safe Streets and Roads for All \(SS4A\) grant program:](#)
 - a. An interlocal agreement with the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority (CRRMA) to provide up to \$150,000.00 to cover the 20% non-federal match for the development of the SS4A Action Plan as part of the \$750,000.00 federal grant awarded to the El Paso MPO (total of \$750,000.00). El Paso County approved the use of vehicle registration fees as the source of the funding for the non-federal match.
 - b. Agreement under the FY 2022 SS4A program with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for a grant in the amount of \$750,000.00, which includes a non-federal share of \$150,000.00.*Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (MPO)*
3. [Consider authorizing the Executive Director to sign a contract with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality \(TCEQ\) for the Rider 7 PM 2.5 Local Air Quality Planning Grant with a maximum authorized reimbursement of \\$158,634.00](#)
Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (MPO)
4. [Consider and approve designating Eduardo Calvo as the authorized representative of the El Paso MPO for the purpose of executing the Federal Transit Administration's \(FTA\) Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2024 Certifications and Assurances](#)
Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (MPO)

5. [Consider and ratify an agreement with NMDOT to award a grant to the El Paso MPO in the amount of \\$545,000.00 from the NMDOT State Planning and Research \(SPR\) program.](#)
Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (MPO)
6. [Consider approval of an amendment to the EPMPO FY 2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program \(UPWP\) to add \\$545,000.00 in NMDOT SPR funds.](#)
Presenter: Harrison Plourde (MPO)
7. [Consider adoption of the RMS 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\)](#)
Presenter: Anne Guayante (MPO)
8. [Consider approval of amendments to the RMS 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan \(MTP\) and RMS 2023-2026 TIP to:](#)
 - a. Amend the John Hayes (Darrington/Berryville) (Construction Phase 2) project to replace \$2,800,000 of CAT 7 STP funds with \$2,800,000 CAT 10 CRP funds in FY 2025
 - b. Amend the Railroad Dr. Widening and Reconstruction project to remove PE Phase using \$3,500,000 of CAT 7 STP MM funds in FY 2026
 - c. Program the PE Phase Railroad Dr. Widening and Reconstruction project using \$3,500,000 of CAT 7 STP MM funds in FY 2024*Presenter: Anne Guayante (MPO)*
9. [Consider approval of amendments to Appendix D \(Environmental Clearance Project List\) of the RMS 2023-2026 TIP to:](#)
 - a. Remove the Tierra Este (Arterial 1) -Phase I project
 - b. Remove the Tierra Este (Arterial 1) -Phase II project
 - c. Add the Tierra Este (Arterial 1) project*Presenter: Anne Guayante (MPO)*
10. [Consider supporting New Mexico Transportation Project Fund \(TPF\) Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2025 project applications](#)
Presenter: Anne Guayante (MPO)
11. [Consider approval of the TxDOT- El Paso District Mobility Projects funding proposal for inclusion in the Fiscal Year 2025 Unified Transportation Program.](#)
Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (MPO Executive Director)
12. [Consider and approve the submittal of a grant application to the MEGA federal program for the Downtown 10 Executive Center to SL478 Copia project and to approve a resolution of support for the project.](#)
Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (MPO Executive Director)

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

13. [Presentation on the TxDOT State Infrastructure Bank](#)
Presenter: Dallas Teston (TxDOT SIB Program)
14. [Review of current EPMPO contracts and agreements for entities providing assistance in planning activities described in the EPMPO FY 2024-2025 UPWP](#)
Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (MPO)

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

- a. Border Trade Advisory Committee (BTAC) meeting in Brownsville, TX (April 15th and 16th)
- b. Border Highway East project stakeholders meeting
- c. TEMPO meeting (March 21st and 22nd)

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.

EX. Item No. 1 Executive Director's Annual Performance Assessment for Year 2023, including review and discussion of the Executive Director's Self-Performance Assessment for Year 2023.

Presenter: MPO Executive Committee Chair

EX. Item No. 2 Executive Director's Employment Agreement

Presenter: MPO Executive Committee Chair

16. Adjournment


The **next regular meeting** of the TPB is scheduled for **9:00 a.m.** on **May 17, 2024**. The due date for submittal of agenda items, names of speakers, attachments, items for presentations, and Project Request Forms (PRFs) is **May 1, 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 12th day of April 2024 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.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. Enriquez". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Marisol Enriquez; Recording Secretary for the
Transportation Policy Board