

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

Friday February 23, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.

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

1ST AMENDED AGENDA
NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA

Public Participation and Public Comment

Members of the public may attend the meeting in person, or view the meeting via livestream:
<https://www.elpasompo.org/TPBVideos>

Public comment is allowed subject to the following restrictions:

- Speakers are allowed up to three (3) minutes each, but may be limited further at the discretion of the Presiding Officer.
- Members of the public wishing to provide comment must sign up no later than 8:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting by emailing menriquez@elpasompo.org or by calling (915) 212-0258.
- Members of the public may also submit their public comment electronically to menriquez@elpasompo.org and the comment will be read during the open comment period or before the appropriate agenda item, as requested in the email. Emails must be received no later than 8:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting.

Atención. Si desea recibir asistencia gratuita para traducir esta información, llame al 915-212-0258.

- **Notice is hereby given that the EPMPO TPB will participate in a Training Workshop “International Border Crossing: Phase II” from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. The EPMPO TPB will take no formal action during the Training Workshop.
Presenter: Dr. Salvador Gonzalez-Ayala (MPO)**
- **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 January 19, 2024 TPB meeting.](#)
Presenter: TPB Chair
2. [Consider authorizing the Executive Director to sign a Letter of Support for the City of El Paso application to the FY 2025 Community Project Funding \(CPF\) for the Ysleta POE Feasibility Study project](#)
Presenter: Omar Martinez (COEP)
3. [Consider authorizing the Executive Director to sign a Letter of Support for the City of El Paso application to the Climate Pollution Reduction Grand \(CPRG\) Phase II](#)
Presenter: Nicole Ferrini (COEP)
4. [Consider authorizing the Executive Director to sign a Letter of Support for the City of El Paso application to the FY 2025 CPF program for the George Perry Phase II project](#)
Presenter: Omar Martinez (COEP)

5. [Consider authorizing the Executive Director to sign a Letter of Support for the joint City of El Paso/El Paso Chamber National Park Service Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program for the Mission Trail Development Alliance](#)
Presenter: Omar Martinez (COEP)
6. [Consider authorizing the Executive Director to sign a Letter of Support for the Texas A&M Transportation Institute \(TTI\) application to the National Institute of Standards and Technology for the Secure Cross-Border Autonomous Vehicle Connectivity project](#)
Presenter: Rafael Aldrete (TTI)
7. [Consider approval of an amendment to the Regional Mobility Strategy \(RMS\) 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\) to include Appendix C: Consultative Process*](#)
Presenter: Anne Guayante (MPO)
8. [Consider approval of amendments to the RMS 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan \(MTP\) and RMS 2023-2026 TIP to amend the Railroad Dr. Widening and Reconstruction project to change project description in Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2026*](#)
Presenter: Anne Guayante (MPO)
9. [Consider approval of amendments to the Regional Mobility Strategy \(RMS\) 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan \(MTP\) to:](#)
 - a. Amend the *Sunland Park Hike and Bike Trail* project to change project name, project description, project cost and move from FY 2030 to FY 2027*
 - b. Amend the *Border Traveler and Cargo ITS* project to change project name, project description, project limits and project cost in FY 2028*
 - c. Deprogram the *Tierra Este (Arterial 1) -Phase I* project using Category 7 Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds in FY 2027*
 - d. Deprogram the *Tierra Este (Arterial 1) -Phase II* project using Category 7 STP funds in FY 2028*
 - e. Program the *Tierra Este (Arterial 1)* project using Category 7 STP funds in FY 2027**Presenter: Anne Guayante (MPO)*
10. [Consider approval of staff recommendation to select an auditor and to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a professional services agreement.](#)
Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (El Paso MPO)

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

11. [Presentation for the Mission Trail Alliance](#)
Presenter: Omar Martinez (COEP)
12. [Public comment period for RMS 25-28 TIP, RMS 2050 MTP amendment and Transportation Conformity Report](#)
Presenter: Anne Guayante (MPO)
13. [NMDOT Transportation Project Fund \(TPF\) FY 2025 Project Call](#)
Presenter: Anne Guayante (MPO)
14. [Draft FY 2025 Unified Transportation Plan](#)
Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (MPO)

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

- a. Border Trade Advisory Committee Meeting (February 19th and 20th)
- b. Texas Transportation Commission workshop and meeting (February 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:

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

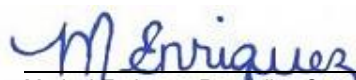
The **next regular meeting** of the TPB is scheduled for **9:30 a.m. on March 22, 2024**. The due date for submittal of agenda items, names of speakers, attachments, items for presentations, and Project Request Forms (PRFs) is **March 6, 2024, by 3:00 p.m.**

**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.

Lenguaje de señas, intérpretes al español (a condición de que uno esté disponible) y copias de la agenda se proveerán en **Braille, copias ampliadas, otros idiomas, o grabación de audio** con petición de un mínimo de 48 horas antes de la fecha y de la hora de la reunión.

Posted this **16th day of February 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.



Marisol Enriquez, Recording Secretary for the
Transportation Policy Board