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

Friday December 19, 2025, from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Training Workshop Meeting starting 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

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

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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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The EPMPO TPB will participate in a Training Workshop on "Emerging Technologies That Could Reshape Transportation: What Leaders Need to Know," from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. The EPMPO TPB will take no formal action during the Training Workshop. The EPMPO TPB will take no formal action during the Training Workshop.

Presenters: Bob Brydia (Texas A&M University Transportation Institute)

- 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 21, 2025, TPB meeting.

Presenter: TPB Chair

- Consider approval of amendments to the Amended Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2050 Metropolitan
 Transportation Plan (MTP), and the RMS 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to program the
 following Texas Highway projects:
 - a. The San Elizario Safety Improvements (PE Phase) project using \$697,055 of Category 7 Surface Transportation Program Metropolitan Mobility (STP-MM) funds in Fiscal Year (FY) 2026.
 - b. The Socorro Microtransit Vehicles project using \$453,200 of Category 5 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds in FY 2026.
 - c. The Socorro Transit Oriented Development Feasibility Study project using \$298,500 of Category 7 STP-MM funds in FY 2026.
 - d. The *Montwood and Sunfire Roundabout* project using \$6,070,329 of Category 5 CMAQ funds in FY 2028.

- e. The *Project Amistad Solar Panel-Equipped Carports* project using \$624,000 of Category 5 CMAQ funds in FY 2028.
- f. The US62/180 Montana Ave. Phase II-A (Global Reach Dr.): Construction of Bridge Overpass project (CSJ: 0374-02-126) using \$24,460,097 of Category 11 Border State Infrastructure (BSIF) funds and \$2,446,010 of Statewide Preliminary Engineering (SWPE) funds for a total project cost of \$26,906,107 in FY 2027.

Presenter: Nina Rodriguez (MPO)

3. Consider approval of an amendment to the Amended RMS 2050 MTP and the RMS 2025-2028 TIP to program the Sun Metro Transit Route Vans Replacement project using \$1,963,500 of FTA 5339(c) Low/No Emissions Vehicle Program Funds in FY 2026.

Presenter: Andres Lucero (MPO)

- 4. Consider approval of amendments to the Amended RMS 2050 MTP and the RMS 2025-2028 TIP for the following Texas Highway projects:
 - a. Amend the PE Phase Playa Drain Shared Use Path (Knights to Midway) project (CSJ: 0924-06-728/MPO ID: E501X-2PE) to update the project name, project description and project limits in FY 2026.
 - b. Amend the *Playa Drain Use Path (Knights to Midway)* project (CSJ: 0924-06-728/MPO ID: E501X-2) to update the project name, project description and project limits in FY 2028.

Presenter: Andres Lucero (MPO)

- 5. Consider authorizing the Executive Director to approve the Statement of Work between EPMPO and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for use of Texas Rider 7 State and Local Air Quality Planning grant funding (PM 2.5) for work associated with air quality research and modeling at international border crossings.

 Presenter: Claudia Valles (MPO)
- 6. Consider authorizing the Executive Director to execute Supplemental #1 to Task Order #1 with the El Paso MPO General Planning Consultant for on-call general transportation planning support services, to extend the termination date to December 31, 2026, and to increase the maximum total compensation by \$49,885.58 for a total maximum compensation of \$149,516.65.

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (MPO Executive Director)

7. 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 in 2026, subject to final review and approval of the MPO Attorney.

Presenter: Harrison Plourde (MPO)

8. Consider authorizing the Executive Director to sign a letter of support for the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority (CRRMA) grant application to the TxDOT 2025 Off-System Rail Grade Separation State Fund Program for the *Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR)* at Rick Francis Street grade separation project.

Presenter: Raymond Telles (CRRMA)

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

9. <u>Update on TxDOT's Statewide Transportation Alternatives Set Aside (TASA) FY 2025 project awards for the EPMPO planning area.</u>

Presenter: Jose Bocanegra (TxDOT El Paso District)

10. <u>Update on the Monitoring PM2.5 Exposure from Traffic Congestion at International Border Crossings project</u> completed using Texas Rider 7 State and Local Air Quality Planning grant funding (PM 2.5).

Presenter: Gabriel Ibarra (MPO)

11. Quarterly Reports

- a. Administrative Amendments Report
- b. Project Completion Report
- c. Project Readiness Report
- d. RMS 2020 Projects Report

Presenters: Anne Guayante and Andres Lucero (MPO)

12. Creation of the Borderplex Safe Mobility Plan Vision Zero Task Force

Presenter: Anne Guayante (MPO)

- 13. Executive Director's Report
 - a. Association of Texas MPOs (TEMPO) Quarterly Meeting December 4-5, 2025
 - b. EPMPO International Border Crossing Strategic Plan Update

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (MPO Executive Director)

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- 14. The Board may go into closed session under the authority of the Government Code, Chapter 551, Texas Open Meetings Act, as follows: Consultation with Attorney Attorney/Client Privileged Consultations, on Pending or Contemplated Litigation or Settlement Offers (§ 551.071), Deliberations Regarding Real Property (§ 551.072), Deliberations Regarding Personnel Matters (§ 551.074), or Deliberations Regarding Security Devices or a Security Audit (§§ 551.076, 551.0894)
- 15. Consider and take action on matters discussed in closed session.
- 16. Adjournment

The **next regular meeting** of the TPB is scheduled for <u>9:00 a.m.</u> on <u>January 23, 2026.</u> The due date for submittal of agenda items, names of speakers, attachments, items for presentations, and Project Request Forms (PRFs) is <u>January</u> 7, 2026, 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 <u>12th day of December, 2025</u> 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