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

Friday June 20, 2025, 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

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# **DISCUSSION AND ACTION:**

- 1. Consider approval of the minutes of the April 18, 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) for the New Mexico projects:
  - a. Amend the NM 213 / NM 404 Interchange Improvements project (CN: E100322 / MPO ID: B608X) to reduce Surface Transportation Program Flex (STPF) funds from \$3,435,374 to \$0, reduce Fast Border State INFRA (SBSI) funds from \$2,772,895 to \$122,112, reduce National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) funds from \$8,916,029 to \$8,210,871, and increase National Highway Freight Program (NHFP) funds from \$13,914,485 to \$13,914,486 for a revised total project cost of \$69,247,469 in fiscal year (FY) 2025.

b. Amend the *NM 213 Widening* project (CN: E100321 / MPO ID: P621X-CAP) to increase National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) funds from \$10,702,337 to \$18,706,586, increase (STPF) funds from \$3,620,906 to \$5,059,052, increase Fast Border State INFRA (SBSI) funds from \$2,772,894 to \$5,423,676, add \$2,900,748 of Surface Transportation Program – Rural (STPR) funds for a revised total project cost of \$56,564,862 in FY 2025.

Presenter: Nina Rodriguez (EPMPO)

- 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) for the New Mexico
  projects:
  - a. Program the Microtransit Operating Assistance (FY 25 5307) project using \$150,000 of FTA 5307 Urbanized Area Formula funds in fiscal year (FY) 2026.
  - b. Program the *Preventative Maintenance (FY25 5307)* project using \$556,000 of FTA 5307 Urbanized Area Formula funds in FY 2026.
  - c. Program the *Microtransit Capital Assistance* project using \$100,000 of FTA 5307 Urbanized Area Formula funds in FY 2026.
  - d. Program the *Sunland Park Garage Update* project using \$216,000 of FTA 5307 Urbanized Area Formula funds in FY 2026.
  - e. Program the *Sunland Park Fencing Update* project using \$96,000 of FTA 5307 Urbanized Area Formula funds in FY 2026.
  - f. Program the Sunland Park Bus Wash project using \$102,954 of FTA 5307 Urbanized Area Formula funds in FY 2026.

Presenter: Nina Rodriguez (EPMPO)

4. Consider approval of an amendment to the Amended Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), and the RMS 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to program the Moon Road Complete Streets PE Phase project using \$1,728,951 of Category 10 USDOT Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Program funds in Fiscal Year (FY) 2026.

Presenter: Nina Rodriguez (EPMPO)

- 5. Consider authorizing the Executive Director to sign Letters of Support for the following grant applications:
  - a. Local applications for the FY 2025 TxDOT Transportation Alternative (TA) project call that are advancing for statewide consideration
  - b. Local applications for the FY 2026 NMDOT Transportation Project Fund (TPF) project call that are advancing for statewide consideration
  - c. Sun Metro application for the FY 2025 Low or No Emissions Buses and Bus Facilities Grant Program for purchase of 14 Compressed Natural Gas vans and appurtenances
  - d. City of Sunland Park application for the FY 2025 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Planning & Demonstration Grant for the *Supplementary Action Plan* project
  - e. Doña Ana County application for the FY 2025 SS4A Implementation Grant for safety improvements along McCombs Road and Doña Ana Road.

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (EPMPO Executive Director)

- Consider authorizing the submittal of a federal functional roadway classification request to the State of Texas and the Federal Highway Administration for Railroad Drive as a Principal Arterial Presenter: Nina Rodriguez (EPMPO)
- 7. Consider approval of the Federal Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program

  Presenter: Harrison Plourde (EPMPO)

8. Consider approval of the EPMPO Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) Accessibility Plan

Presenter: Anne Guayante (EPMPO)

Consider approval of the staff recommendation to select a consultant for the Border Highway Connector Phase 2
 Traffic Impact and Improvements Feasibility Analysis project and to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a consulting agreement.

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (EPMPO Executive Director)

## **REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:**

10. Congestion Management Process update: Congestion data, analysis and strategies

Presenter: Robert Guthart (WSP)

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

Presenter: Anne Guayante & Andres Lucero (EPMPO)

- 12. Executive Director's Report
  - a. Texas Transportation Commissioners Alex Meade and Steven Alvis visit El Paso
  - b. International Border Crossings (IBC) Strategic Plan and Initial Coordination in Ciudad Juárez
  - c. San Elizario Needs Assessment Public Meeting
  - d. Draft Fiscal Year 2026 Unified Transportation Program (UTP)

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (EPMPO Executive Director)

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- 13. 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)
- 14. Consider and take action on matters discussed in closed session.
- 15. Adjournment

The **next regular meeting** of the TPB is scheduled for <u>9:00 a.m.</u> on <u>July 18, 2025.</u> The due date for submittal of agenda items, names of speakers, attachments, items for presentations, and Project Request Forms (PRFs) is <u>July 2, 2025, by 3:00 p.m.</u>

\*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>13th day of June 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