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

Friday October 17, 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

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.
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The EPMPO TPB will participate in a Training Workshop on "MPO 101," from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30a.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.

Presenter: Bob Hazlett (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:

Consider approval of the minutes of the September 19, 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 following
 projects:
 - a. Amend the Horizon City Socorro Bus Circulator project (CSJ: 0924-06-745 / MPO ID: T411X) to reduce Congestion Management and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) funds from \$923,784 to \$0, and add \$923,784 of Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funds for an unchanged total project cost of \$923,784 in fiscal year (FY) 2026.
 - b. Amend the *Playa Drain Hike and Bike Trail (Yarbrough to Midway)* project (CSJ: 0924-06-728/MPO ID: E501X-2) to reduce CMAQ funds from \$4,107,096 to \$0, and add \$4,107,096 of CRP funds for an unrevised total funded amount of \$4,107,096, and move project from 2027 to 2028.

- c. Amend the *4-D Tigua Spur of Paso del Norte Trail* project (CSJ: 0924-06-728/MPO ID: E501X-2) to reduce CMAQ funds from \$1,543,810 to \$0 and add \$1,543,810 of CRP funds for an unrevised total funded amount of \$1,543,810 in FY 2028.
- d. Amend the *ELP Safety Service Patrol HERO FY 2028* project (CSJ:0924-06-737/MPO ID: M091X-7) to reduce Surface Transportation Program Metropolitan Mobility (STP-MM) funds from \$2,000,000 to \$0 and add \$2,000,000 of CRP funds for an unrevised total funded amount of \$2,000,000 in FY 2028.

Presenter: Andres Lucero (MPO)

3. <u>Authorize the Executive Director to execute Task Order #8 with the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) for services</u> related to *Multi-Pollutant Air Quality Assessment* for an amount not to exceed \$36,904.00.

Presenter: Harrison Plourde (MPO)

4. <u>Authorize the Executive Director to execute Task Order #2 with HDR Engineering, Inc. for services related to the</u>
Border Highway Connector Phase 2 Traffic Impact and Improvements Feasibility Study for an amount not to exceed \$1,015,661.27

Presenter: Harrison Plourde (MPO)

5. Consider approval of amendments to the EPMPO Bylaws.

Presenter: Harrison Plourde (MPO)

6. Consider approval of the Calendar Year 2026 Transportation Policy Board meeting schedule.

Presenter: Harrison Plourde (MPO)

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

7. Presentation on El Paso Transportation Authority (ETA) services and status update.

Presenter: John Andoh (ETA)

8. Report on TxDOT's Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) call for safety projects seeking candidate projects for FY 2029.

Presenter: Jose Madrid (TxDOT El Paso District)

- 9. Executive Director's Report
 - a. IBC Strategic Plan update
 - b. EPMPO Borderplex Safe Mobility Plan update
 - c. RMS 2052 MTP development update

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (EPMPO Executive Director)

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- 10. 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)
- 11. Consider and take action on matters discussed in closed session.

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12. Adjournment

The **next regular meeting** of the TPB is scheduled for <u>9:00 a.m.</u> on <u>November 21, 2025.</u> The due date for submittal of agenda items, names of speakers, attachments, items for presentations, and Project Request Forms (PRFs) is **November 5, 2025, 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>10th day of October 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