

**TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
Of January 24, 2020**

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:

Alderman, Walter Miller called the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting to order at 9:07 am at the El Paso MPO Office, 211 N. Florence, Boardroom Suite 103, El Paso, TX 79901. TPB Member attendance was as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT		MEMBERS ABSENT	
TITLES		TITLES	
1.		Joseph Cervantes	NM Senator, District 31
2.		Diana Trujillo	Mayor Anthony, NM
3.	Tommy Gonzalez City Manager, City of El Paso	Esteban Olivas	Alderman, Town Clint
4.	Jay Banasiak Director, Mass Transit-Sun Metro	Antonio Araujo	Mayor City of San Elizario
5.	César Blanco TX State Representative – 76th District	Dee Margo (V-Chair)	Mayor, City of El Paso
6.	Trent Doolittle District Engineer, NMDOT	Raymundo Lara	NM State Representative – 34th District
7.		Vincent Perez (Chair)	El Paso County Commissioner, Precinct 3
8.	Monica Lombraña Director of Aviation, El Paso International Airport	Joe Moody	TX State Representative – 78th District
9.	Cissy Lizarraga City Representative, District 8		
10.	Manuel Leos Mayor, Village of Vinton		
11.	Chuck McMahon Doña Ana County Assist. Manager of Operations		
12.	Art Fierro TX State Representative – 79th District		
13.	Ted Marquez Deputy City Manager of Public Works, COEP		
14.	Walter Miller Alderman 1, Town of Horizon		
15.	Mary E. Gonzalez TX State Representative – 75th District		
16.	Sam Morgan City Representative – District 4		
17.	Javier Perea Mayor, Sunland Park, NM	MPO STAFF	
18.	Lina Ortega TX State Representative, 77th District		
19.	Norma Palacios Assistant Public Works Director, County of El Paso		
20.	Benjamin Romero Mayor, Town of Anthony, TX	Sergio Estrada	MPO/TPB Attorney
21.	Henry Rivera City Representative – District 7	Eduardo Calvo	Executive Director
22.	Ricardo Samaniego Judge, El Paso County	Roger Williams	Assistant Executive Director
23.	Jose Rodriguez TX State Senator	Gabriela Lopez	Associate Regional Transportation Analyst
24.	Tomas Trevino District Engineer, TXDOT – El Paso	Marisol Enriquez	Admin. Secretary / TPB Recording Secretary
25.		Sonia Perez	Transportation Planner
26.	Rene Rodriguez City of Socorro	Bryan Miskimen	Transportation Financial Analyst
OTHERS PRESENT		OTHERS PRESENT	
Chris Canales – COEP Rep. Lizarraga	Rossy Cardenas – Dannenbaum		
Don Flores – Flores	Sal Alonzo – EP County		
Greg McNicol – UTEP	Jose Landeros – EP County		
Eddie Hernandez – PSC	Omar De La Rosa – COEP		
Sandra Gutierrez – PSC	Scott Wright – Velo Paso		
Scott White – Velo Paso			
Yvette Hernandez – COEP			
Arkelao Lopez – S&B Infrastructure			
Jennifer Wright – TXDOT			

(Meeting began with 22 members)

* No Public Comment:

DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

1. Approve the minutes for the December 13, 2019 Transportation Policy Board (TPB) Meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes for the December 13, 2019 Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting made by Representative Art Fierro and seconded by Mayor Benjamin Romero. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Approve Consulting Agreement (Travel Demand Model between Cambridge Systematics and El Paso MPO).

Motion to approve the Consulting Agreement (Travel Demand Model between Cambridge Systematics and El Paso MPO made by Major Benjamin Romero and seconded by Director Jay Banasiak. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE TRANSPORTATION PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TPAC) ON:

3. Adopt the State of Texas and the State of New Mexico Performance Measure (PM 1) 2020 Safety Targets.

Motion to adopt the State of Texas and the State of New Mexico Performance Measure (PM 1) 2020 Safety Targets made by Representative Mary Gonzalez and seconded by Representative Art Fierro. Motion carried unanimously.

* Alderman, Walter Miller opened Public Comment:

1. Scott White-Citizen- Concerned about the number of fatalities, Vision zero should be implemented to reduce traffic fatalities and strike for zero fatalities.

*Alderman, Walter Miller Closed Public Comment.

4. Inclusion of the Sunland Park Port of Entry in the New 2050 MTP.

Motion to delete item 4 made by Mayor Javier Perea and seconded by Representative Cesar Blanco. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Amend the Destino 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the Destino 2019-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to:

- a) Move Central Business District (CBD) IV from Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 to FY 2021*
- b) Reduce cost and Category 7 Surface Transportation Program - -Metro Mobility (STP-MM) on SL 375 Interchange (at SGT Major) in FY 202*
- c) Program Preliminary Engineering (PE) funds on Valley Chile Road-PE Phase, with limits from SH 20 Doniphan to I-10, in FY 2020*
- d) Program N. Darrington Reconstruction, with limits from Eastlake Blvd. to Oxbow Dr., in FY 2022*
- e) Program Rojas Dr. widening and reconstruction, with limits from Loop 375 to Bill Burnett, in FY 2021*
- f) Program PE funds on Nuevo Hueco Tanks Rd-PE Phase, with limits from FM 76 North Loop Dr. to SH 20 Alameda Ave., in FY 2020*
- g) Program FM 1905 reconstruction, with limits from SH 20 Main St. to I-10, in FY 2021*
- h) Move I-10 widening, with limits from Sunland Park Dr. to Mesa Rd., from FY 2022 to FY 2030*

Motion to approve Amend the Destino 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the Destino 2019-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to:

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made by Representative Henry Rivera and seconded by Mayor Benjamin Romero. Motion carried unanimously.

* Alderman, Walter Miller opened Public Comment:

1. Scott White-Citizen- Stated that when approving projects in the Mobility Plan, in order to make roads safer, it should be considered how people are getting away not only assuming that it is going to be in vehicles. A mobility Plan should be safe accessible and equitable for everyone.

*Alderman, Walter Miller Closed Public Comment.

6. Amend the Destino 2045 MTP for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Projects (FY's 2023-2027) to:

- a. Increase cost and Category 5 CMAQ from \$3,669,976 to \$5,669,976 on Traffic Management Center (TMC) Upgrade Phase 2 in FY 2023*
- b. Move Park and Ride Far West from FY 2023 to FY 2024*
- c. Move Montana RTS 3rd year Operating Assistance from FY 2029 to 2023*
- d. Move Border Highway West Hike and Bike Trail from FY 2026 to FY 2024 and reduce cost and Category 5 CMAQ from \$2,170,423 to \$1,869,824*
- e. Program Far East Connector (Phase I) using \$5,447,592 of Category 5 CMAQ in FY 2025
- f. Program Far East Connector (Phase II) using \$2,260,000 of Category 5 CMAQ in FY 2026
- g. Reduce cost and Category 5 CMAQ from \$3,794,578 to \$1,160,000 on Playa Drain Hike and Bike Trail (Liberty-Whittier) *
- h. Reduce cost and Category 5 CMAQ from \$5,607,806 to \$4,924,554 on Playa Drain Hike and Bike Trail (Yarbrough to Midway)*

- i. Amend the Destino 2019-2023 TIP to reduce cost and Category 5 CMAQ from \$5,360,329 to \$3,660,329 on TMC Upgrade Phase 1 in FY 2022*

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- i. Amend the Destino 2019-2023 TIP to reduce cost and Category 5 CMAQ from \$5,360,329 to \$3,660,329 on TMC Upgrade Phase 1 in FY 2022*

made by Monica Lombraña and seconded by Mayor Benjamin Romero. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Amend the Federal Functional Classifications (FFC) Texas: El Paso County, TX:

- a. John Hayes Extension (Pellicano Dr. to Montwood Dr.) from unclassified to proposed Major Collector
- b. Tierra Este Extension (Pellicano Dr. To Cozy Cove Ave.) from unclassified to proposed Major Collector
- c. Sean Haggerty Dr. Extension (McCombs St/FM 2529 to Dyer/BUS 54) from unclassified to proposed Minor Arterial
- d. Borderland Expressway (Loop 375 to TX/NM State line) from unclassified to proposed Other Freeways and Expressways
- e. Pendale Rd. Overpass (@ IH 10) from unclassified to proposed Principal Arterial
- f. Nuevo Hueco Tanks Extension (North Loop/ FM 76 to Alameda Ave./SH 20) from unclassified to proposed Minor Arterial
- g. Existing Nuevo Hueco Tanks (IH-10 to North Loop Dr./FM 76) from Major Collector to Minor Arterial

* Alderman, Walter Miller opened Public Comment:

1. Scott White-Citizen- Stated that in order to address issues of congestion and air quality, plans should be to move people safely not only vehicles

*Alderman, Walter Miller Closed Public Comment.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

8. Amend the FFC for Mesa Park Dr. (SH 20 Mesa Street to I-10) from unclassified to proposed Minor Arterial

Motion to approve item 7, amend the Federal Functional Classifications (FFC) Texas: El Paso County, TX:

- a. John Hayes Extension (Pellicano Dr. to Montwood Dr.) from unclassified to proposed Major Collector
- b. Tierra Este Extension (Pellicano Dr. To Cozy Cove Ave.) from unclassified to proposed Major Collector
- c. Sean Haggerty Dr. Extension (McCombs St/FM 2529 to Dyer/BUS 54) from unclassified to proposed Minor Arterial
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- e. Pendale Rd. Overpass (@ IH 10) from unclassified to proposed Principal Arterial
- f. Nuevo Hueco Tanks Extension (North Loop/ FM 76 to Alameda Ave./SH 20) from unclassified to proposed Minor Arterial
- g. Existing Nuevo Hueco Tanks (IH-10 to North Loop Dr./FM 76) from Major Collector to Minor Arterial

And item 8, amend the FFC for Mesa Park Dr. (SH 20 Mesa Street to I-10) from unclassified to proposed Minor Arterial made by Representative Mary Gonzalez and seconded by Representative Henry Rivera. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EC) ON:

9. Approval of Executive Director Performance Plan.

Motion to approve the Executive Director Performance Plan made by Representative Henry Rivera and seconded by At Large Rene Rodriguez. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS:

10. El Paso Mobility Plan

Status report given by EPMPPO – Executive Director Eduardo Calvo

11. Amendment to the Destino 2045 MTP and development of new 2021-2024 TIP and Transportation Conformity Report

Status report given by EPMPPO – Assistant Executive Director Roger Williams.

12. 2019 Reconciliation for STP-MM, CMAQ and Transportation Alternative Set-Aside (TASA)

Status report given by EPMPPO – Assistant Executive Director Roger Williams.

13. Annual Listing of Obligated Projects

Status Report Given by EMPO – Transportation Financial Analyst Bryan Miskimen.

14. New Mexico STP-Large Urban and CMAQ Mandatory Call for Projects for FY 2021-2023

Status Report Given by EMPO – Associate Regional Transportation Analyst Gabriela Lopez.

15. Executive Director's Report

Status report given by EPMPPO – Executive Director Eduardo Calvo

The **next meeting** of the TPB is scheduled for **9:00 a.m.** on **February 21, 2020** at the El Paso MPO Office located at 211 N. Florence Street, Suite 103 (MPO Boardroom on 1st Floor), El Paso, TX 79901.

**These projects met the seven-day public comment requirement of the El Paso MPO's Public Participation Plan.*

12. Adjournment.

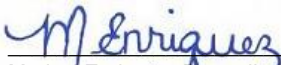
Motion to adjourn at 11:14 a.m. made by Alderman Walter Miller and seconded by Mayor Benjamin Romero. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

*The Transportation Policy Board may retire into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapter D, to discuss any of the following: (The items listed below are matters of the sort routinely discussed in Executive Session, but the Transportation Policy Board may move to Executive Session any of the items on this agenda, consistent with the terms of the Open Meetings Act.) The Transportation Policy Board will return to open session to take any final action and may also, at any time during the meeting, bring forward any of the following items for public discussion, as appropriate.*

The TPB did not retire into Executive Session.

Approved as to content:



Marisol Enriquez, Recording Secretary of the
Transportation Policy Board for the El Paso MPO Study Area