

**TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
Of March 27, 2020**

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:

Commissioner, Vincent Perez called the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting to order at 9:03 am at the El Paso MPO Office, 211 N. Florence, Boardroom Suite 103, and El Paso, TX 79901, conducted telephonically and by video conference. TPB Member attendance was as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT		MEMBERS ABSENT	
TITLES		TITLES	
1. Vincent Perez (Chair)	El Paso County Commissioner, Precinct 3	Joseph Cervantes	NM Senator, District 31
2. Dee Margo (V-Chair)	Mayor, City of El Paso	Raymundo Lara	NM State Representative – 34 th District
3. Joe Moody	TX State Representative – 78 th District	Esteban Olivas	Alderman, Town Clint
4. Jay Banasiak	Director, Mass Transit-Sun Metro	Javier Perea	Mayor, Sunland Park, NM
5. César Blanco	TX State Representative – 76 th District		
6. Trent Doolittle	District Engineer, NMDOT		
7. Antonio Araujo	Mayor City of San Elizario		
8. Monica Lombrana	Director of Aviation, El Paso International Airport		
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 – 79 th 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 – 75 th District		
16. Sam Morgan	City Representative – District 4		
17. Lina Ortega	TX State Representative, 77 th District	MPO STAFF	
18. Tommy Gonzalez	City Manager, City of El Paso		
19. Norma Palacios	Assistant Public Works Director, County of El Paso		
20. Diana Trujillo	Mayor Anthony, NM	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. Benjamin Romero	Mayor, Town of Anthony, TX	Sonia Perez	Transportation Planner
26. Rene Rodriguez	City of Socorro	Bryan Miskimen	Transportation Financial Analyst
OTHERS PRESENT		OTHERS PRESENT	
Art Estrada - TXDOT	Rossy Cardenas – Dannenbaum		
Greg McNicol - UTEP	Jose Landeros – EP County		
Ricardo	Kelvin Kroeker - HNTB		
Celeste Varela – EP County	Jorge Reyes – EP County		
Don Flores - Flores	Yvette Hernandez – COEP		
Raymond Telles -	Erica Perales –		
Scott White –Velo Paso	Eddie Valtier - TXDOT		
Lauren Jones – Representative Fierro	Steve Ortega -		
Joaquin Rodriguez – EP County			

(Meeting began with 20 members)

* No Public Comment:

DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

1. Approve the minutes for the February 21, 2020 Transportation Policy Board (TPB) Meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes for the February 21, 2020 Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting made by Alderman Walter Miller and seconded by Mayor Dee Margo. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

- a) Amend the NM 404/I-10 Bridge Replacement project to reduce State Legislative funds and National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) funds; add Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Mandatory funds, Surface Transportation Program (STP) Large Urban funds, STP-Large Urban Exempt funds and STP-Flex funds in Fiscal Year (FY) 2021*
- b) Amend NM 404 Widening project to increase construction cost and state legislative funds, reduce NHPP funds, add STP-Large Urban and STP-Large Urban Exempt funds in FY 2022*

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

- a) **Amend the NM 404/I-10 Bridge Replacement project to reduce State Legislative funds and National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) funds; add Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Mandatory funds, Surface Transportation Program (STP) Large Urban funds, STP-Large Urban Exempt funds and STP-Flex funds in Fiscal Year (FY) 2021***
- b) **Amend NM 404 Widening project to increase construction cost and state legislative funds, reduce NHPP funds, add STP-Large Urban and STP-Large Urban Exempt funds in FY 2022**

made by Alderman Walter Miller and seconded by Monica Lombraña. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Approve March 2020 Project Readiness Report.

Motion to approve March 2020 Project Readiness Report made by State Representative Lina Ortega and seconded by Alderman Walter Miller. Motion carried unanimously

4. Amend the Destino 2045 MTP and the Destino 2019-2023 TIP to program Horizon at Darrington Rd. Interchange as a separate project from the N. Darrington Reconstruction project, in FY 2022* (as a result of the Project Readiness Report)(This will require an administrative amendment of the El Paso MPO's documents).

Motion to amend the Destino 2045 MTP and the Destino 2019-2023 TIP to program Horizon at Darrington Rd. Interchange as a separate project from the N. Darrington Reconstruction project, in FY 2022* (as a result of the Project Readiness Report)(This will require an administrative amendment of the El Paso MPO's documents) made by Representative Henry Rivera and seconded by Alderman Walter Miller. Motion carried unanimously

5. Amend the El Paso Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2020.

- a) Add Category 2 and Category 4 funds to IH-10 Widening from SH-20 (Mesa St.) to 0.22 miles west of FM 1905 (Antonio Street) in FY 2021.* (The Destino 2045 MTP and Destino 2019-2023 TIP will be administratively amended to account for these additional funds.)
- b) Program Horizon at Darrington Rd. Interchange as a separate project from the N. Darrington Reconstruction project, in FY 2022*

Motion to amend the El Paso Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2020.

- a) **Add Category 2 and Category 4 funds to IH-10 Widening from SH-20 (Mesa St.) to 0.22 miles west of FM 1905 (Antonio Street) in FY 2021.* (The Destino 2045 MTP and Destino 2019-2023 TIP will be administratively amended to account for these additional funds.)**

made by Representative Henry Rivera and seconded by Alderman Walter Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

- b) **Program Horizon at Darrington Rd. Interchange as a separate project from the N. Darrington Reconstruction project, in FY 2022***

made by Norma Palacios and seconded by At Large Rene Rodriguez. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Approve initiation of 30-day public involvement/comment period for the Amended Destino 2045 MTP Destino 2021-2024 TIP and Transportation Conformity Report.

Motion to approve initiation of 30-day public involvement/comment period for the Amended Destino 2045 MTP Destino 2021-2024 TIP and Transportation Conformity Report made by At Large Rene Rodriguez and seconded by Representative Cesar Blanco. Motion carried unanimously

DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

7. Approve Texas A & M Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) Interlocal Cooperation Agreement.

Motion to approve Texas A & M Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) Interlocal Agreement made by Ted Marquez and seconded by Alderman Walter Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Approve Rider 7 Local Air Quality Planning Grant between El Paso MPO and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

Motion to approve Rider 7 Local Air Quality Planning Grant between El Paso MPO and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) made by Alderman Walter Miller and seconded by Mayor Dee Margo. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Allow and approve Eduardo Calvo, El Paso MPO Executive Director, to submit comments to Texas Transportation Commission (TTC) on behalf of the El Paso MPO Transportation Policy Board for the proposed amendment to 2020 Unified Transportation Program (UTP).

Motion to allowed and approved Eduardo Calvo to submit comments to Texas Transportation Commission (TTC) on behalf of the El Paso MPO Transportation Policy Board for the proposed amendment to 2020 Unified Transportation Program (UTP), at his discretion and within his professional judgment, but within the parameters discussed and provided by the TPB at the TPB meeting of March 27, 2020 made by Alderman Walter Miller and seconded by Mayor Dee Margo. Tomas Trevino abstained. Motion Passed.

10. Designate Eduardo Calvo as the authorized representative of the El Paso MPO for purposes of executing the Federal Transit Administration's FY 2020 Certifications and Assurances.

Motion to designate Eduardo Calvo as the authorized representative of the El Paso MPO for purposes of executing the Federal Transit Administration's FY 2020 Certifications and Assurances made by At Large Rene Rodriguez and seconded by Norma Palacios. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS:

11. Statewide Transportation Systems Management & Operations (TSMO) Program and Regional Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Architecture

Status report provided by EPMPPO – Executive Director Eduardo Calvo.

12. 2050 MTP.

Status report provided by EPMPPO – Executive Director Eduardo Calvo.

13. Executive Director's Report.

a) RMS 2020

- Texas Transportation Commission (TTC) February 27th meeting
- County and City of El Paso Resolutions
- TTC meetings March 25th and 26th
- Downtown I-10 Steering Committee

b) TxDOT Planning Conference delay

c) Governor Abbott allows virtual and telephonic open meetings to maintain government transparency

Status report provided by EPMPPO – Executive Director Eduardo Calvo.

The **next meeting** of the TPB is scheduled for **9:00 a.m.** on **April 17, 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.*

14. Adjournment.

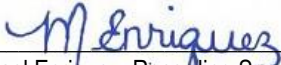
Motion to adjourn at 11:31 a.m. made by At Large Rene Rodriguez seconded by Alderman Walter Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

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