

**TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
Of November 13, 2020**

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor, Dee Margo called the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting to order at 9:30 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	TITLES	TITLES
1. Dee Margo (Chair)	Mayor, City of El Paso	Joseph Cervantes	NM Senator, District 31
2. Lina Ortega (V-Chair)	TX State Representative, 77th District	Esteban Olivas	Alderman, Town Clint
3. Ellen Smyth	Director, Mass Transit-Sun Metro	Antonio Araujo	Mayor City of San Elizario
4. César Blanco	TX State Representative – 76th District	Raymundo Lara	NM State Representative – 34th District
5. Cissy Lizarraga	City Representative, District 8	Benjamin Romero	Mayor, Town of Anthony, TX
6. Javier Perea	Mayor, Sunland Park, NM	Rene Rodriguez	City of Socorro
7. Art Fierro	TX State Representative – 79th District	Diana Trujillo	Mayor Anthony, NM
8. Sam Morgan	City Representative – District 4	Jose Rodriguez	TX State Senator
9. Ricardo Samaniego	Judge, El Paso County		
10. Yvette Hernandez	Grant Funded Program Director, COEP		
11. Walter Miller	Alderman 1, Town of Horizon		
12. Mary E. Gonzalez	TX State Representative – 75th District		
13. Tommy Gonzalez	City Manager, City of El Paso		
14. Norma Palacios	Public Works Director, County of El Paso		
15. Henry Rivera	City Representative – District 7		
16. Joe Moody	TX State Representative – 78th District		
17. Carlos Leon	El Paso County Commissioner, Precinct 1		
18. Chuck McMahon	Doña Ana County Assist. Manager of Operations		
19. Tomas Trevino	District Engineer, TXDOT – El Paso		
20. Manuel Leos	Mayor, Village of Vinton		
21. Trent Doolittle	District Engineer, NMDOT		
22. Sam Rodriguez	Director of Aviation, EP International Airport		
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		MPO STAFF	
		Sergio Estrada	MPO/TPB Attorney
		Eduardo Calvo	Executive Director
		Roger Williams	Assistant Executive Director
		Gabriela Lopez	Associate Regional Transportation Analyst
		Marisol Enriquez	Admin. Secretary / TPB Recording Secretary
		Bryan Miskimen	Transportation Financial Analyst
		Lizeth Peña	Administrative Specialist
		Salvador Gonzalez Ayala	Transportation Manager
		Sonia Perez	Regional Transportation Planner
		Claudia Valles	Transportation Planner
OTHERS PRESENT		OTHERS PRESENT	
Adriana Rodriguez - TXDOT	David Coronado - CoEP	Jesus Trejo – Sun Metro	Monica Jimenez
Angela Roberson – Sun Metro	Diana Garcia	Jennifer Wright - TXDOT	Thelma Ramirez - TXDOT
Angelica Bryant- Sun Metro	Don Flores - HNTB	Juan Gonzalez	Rafael Aldrete- TTI
Ann Xu Yanzhi - TTI	Eddie Valtier- TXDOT	Jose Landeros- El Paso County	Raul Ortega- CoEP
Art Estrada - TXDOT	Eduardo Perales - TXDOT	Jose Reyes- Dannenbaum	Raymond Sanchez- TXDOT
Blanca Serrano- TXDOT	Efrain Esparza - TXDOT	Julio Perez	Martin Barlett
Bob Storch	Genevieve Bales- FHWA	Karl McElhaney	Sean McAtee-Cambridge
Carmen Dominguez	Greg McNicol- UTEP	Kelvin Kroeker- HNTB	Sito Negron – Rep. Jose R.
Chris Canales	Hector Rangel- City of Sunland Park	Mario Juarez-Infante- W&C	Monica Jimenez
Claudia Garcia – Sun metro	Ivan Calderon	Priscilla Contreras- Rep. Henry Rivera	Richard Dayoub - El Paso Chamber of Commerce

(Meeting began with 19 members)

* No Public Comment: No member of the public signed up for Public Comment.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

- Approve the minutes of the October 23, 2020 Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting.
Motion to approve the minutes for the October 23, 2020 Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting made by Representative Henry Rivera and seconded by Alderman Walter Miller. Motion passed unanimously.
- Approve the following Task Orders pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Master Agreement with the University of Texas at El Paso and to authorize the Executive Director to execute each of the Task Orders, including any additional documents or materials as may be required:

- a) Pursuant to Task Order No. 2 UTEP will provide to the El Paso MPO data collection and analysis services related to the Congestion Management Process (CMP) in an amount not to exceed \$6,443 in FY2021;
- b) Pursuant to Task Order No. 3 UTEP will update the Multimodal Web Tool with newly available 2019 data in an amount not to exceed \$72,014 in FY 2021 and \$13,619 in FY 2022;
- c) Pursuant to Task Order No. 4 UTEP will develop for the El Paso MPO an Interactive Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) web application in amounts not to exceed \$76,560 in FY2021, \$103,336 in FY 2022, and \$16,691 in FY 2023.

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made by Representative Cissy Lizarraga and seconded by Norma Palacios. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Approve amendments to the Title VI Program to incorporate recommendations from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

At the request of MPO Staff, motion to delete the item and bring back the following month made by Representative Henry Rivera and seconded by Alderman Walter Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Approve amendments to the FYs 2020-2021 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to program additional Statewide Planning and Research (SPR) funds from NMDOT, to move funds between UPWP Tasks 2, 3 and 4 to accommodate the work to be performed by the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP), and to program additional FTA 5307 funds for Sun Metro activities.

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

5. Amend Destino 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Amended Destino 2045 MTP, Destino 2019-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and Destino 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to:

- a. Program Rio Grande Trail Phase 1 project using Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and Category 3 Local Contribution funds in Fiscal Year (FY) 2021.
- b. Program Rio Grande Trail Phase 2 project using Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and Category 3 Local Contribution funds in Fiscal Year (FY) 2022.
- c. Amend the US54 (Patriot FWY) Main lanes (Kenworthy to FM2529) and Ramp Reconfiguration to move from FY 2023 to FY2025.
- d. Amend the IH 10 Widening (Eastlake to FM 1281) to move from FY 2021 to FY 2022.
- e. Amend the Loop 375 (Purple Heart) Widening and Construction of Frontage Roads to move from FY 2021 to FY 2022.
- f. Amend the IH 10 Widening (0.22 Miles west of FM 1905 to SH 20) to move from FY 2021 to FY 2022.
- g. Amend the IH 10 Interchange at Pendale (Lee Trevino to FM 659) to move from FY 2024 to FY 2025.

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made by Representative Henry Rivera and seconded by Norma Palacios. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Amend the Amended Destino 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and Destino 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to:

- a. Program the Booth Road Widening-Operational Improvements project using Border State Infrastructure (SBSI) funds in Fiscal Year (FY) 2022.
- b. Amend the Bicycle Infrastructure Citywide project to change limits in FY 2021

- c. Amend the NM 404 Widening Project to reduce State Legislative funds, increase National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) funds, increase Surface Transportation Program (STP) Large Urban funds, increase STP Flex funds and increase Border State Infrastructure (SBSI) funds in Fiscal Year (FY) 2022
- d. Deprogram Lisa Drive Connectivity Project (LDCP) – Construction Phase I using County Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funds in FY 2021.
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- made by Representative Cissy Lizarraga and seconded by Norma Palacios. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS:

- 7. Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2020 Project Development
Status report provided by EPMPO – Executive Director Eduardo Calvo.
- 8. RMS 2050 Travel Demand Model.
Status report provided by EPMPO – Salvador Gonzalez-Ayala.
Status report provided by Cambridge – Sean McAtee
- 9. Project Call for the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Program for Fiscal Years (FY) 2023-2024
Status report provided by EPMPO – Bryan Miskimen
- 10. Project Call for the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 for Fiscal Years (FY) 2020-2021
Status report provided by EPMPO – Gabriela Lopez
- 11. Executive Director’s Report.
Status report provided by EPMPO – Executive Director Eduardo Calvo.

The **next meeting** of the TPB is scheduled for **9:00 a.m.** on **December 11, 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.*

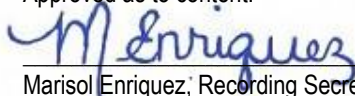
- 12. Adjournment.
Motion to adjourn at 10:55 a.m. made by Representative Cissy Lizarraga seconded by Representative Cesar Blanco.
Motion carried unanimously.

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