TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Of October 22, 2021

Call to Order:

Chairperson Lina Ortega called the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting to order at 9:04 am at the El Paso MPO Board Room, 211 N. Florence, 1st Floor, Suite 103, El Paso, TX, also conducted the meeting telephonically and by video conference. TPB Member attendance was as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT	TITLES	MEMBERS ABSENT	TITLES
1. Lina Ortega (Chair)	TX State Representative, 77th District	Joseph Cervantes	NM Senator, District 31
2. Walter Miller (V-Chair)	Alderman 1, Town of Horizon	Esteban Olivas	Alderman, Town Clint
Claudia Ordaz-Perez	TX State Representative – 76th District	Benjamin Romero	Mayor, Town of Anthony, TX
4. Manuel Leos	Mayor, Village of Vinton	Antonio Araujo	Mayor City of San Elizario
5. Cissy Lizarraga	City Representative, District 8		
6. Ricardo Samaniego	Judge, El Paso County		
7. Yvette Hernandez	Grant Funded Program Director, COEP		
8. Cassandra Hernandez	City Representative – District 3		
9. Tommy Gonzalez	City Manager, City of El Paso		
10. Norma Palacios	Public Works Director, County of El Paso		
11. Henry Rivera	City Representative – District 7		
12. Tomas Trevino	District Engineer, TXDOT – El Paso		
13. Iliana Holguin	El Paso County Commissioner, Precinct 3		
14. Sam Rodriguez	Director of Aviation, EP International Airport		
15. Oscar Leeser	Mayor, City of El Paso	MPO STAFF	
16. Ivy Avalos	Mayor, City of Socorro	Sergio Estrada	MPO/TPB Attorney
17. Joe Moody	TX State Representative – 78th District	Eduardo Calvo	Executive Director
18. César Blanco	TX State Senator	Harrison Plourde	Assistant Director
19. Art Fierro	TX State Representative – 79th District	Jeff Howell	Senior Planner
20. Mary E. Gonzalez	TX State Representative – 75th District	Marisol Enriquez	Admin. Secretary / TPB Recording Sec
21. Javier Perea	Mayor, Sunland Park, NM	Claudia Valles	Transportation Planner
22. Trent Doolittle	District Engineer, NMDOT	Sonia Perez	TDM Modeler
23. Chuck McMahon	Doña Ana County Assist. Manager of Operations	Salvador Gonzalez-Ayala	Transportation Planning & Programs Mgr.
24. Ellen Smyth	Director, Mass Transit-Sun Metro	George Inostroza	PMPO Program Administrator
25. Willie Madrid	NM State Representative – 53 th District	Tim McDaniel	Associate Regional Transportation Analyst
26. Diana Trujillo	Mayor Anthony, NM		
OTHERS PRESENT		OTHERS PRESENT	
Daniel Rodriguez - UTEP	lmad Abdallah – UTEP	Tzu-Liang (Bill) Tseng - UTEP	Soheil Nazarian - UTEP
Angie Rodriguez - EPE	Greg McNicol – TPAC UTEP	Grisel Arizpe - EPE	David Chriztensen - ASPIRE
Natalie Littlefield – Borderplex Alliance James Pleasant II – EPE		Ivonne Santiago - UTEP	Robert Storch
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(Meeting began with 26 members)

- Chairperson, Lina Ortega opened Public Comment:
- 1. Robert Storch commented.
 - Chairperson, Lina Ortega, closed Public Comment.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

Approve the minutes of the September 17, 2021 Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting.
Motion to approve the minutes for the September 17, 2021 Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting, made by Mayor Oscar Leeser, and seconded by Alderman Walter Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE TRANSPORTATION PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO:

- 2. Approve the proposed EPMPO TPB Year 2022 meeting schedule
- Amend the Destino 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Amended Destino 2045 MTP, and Destino 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to:
 - a. Program the Spur 320 PH I (BU54 to Railroad Dr.) project using Category 2 and Category 11 Rider B funds in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 and reflect a reduction of \$20,497,532 in total project cost and total funding for Spur 320 (Borderland Expressway) Ultimate CSJ 0924-06-136.

Motion to amend the Destino 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Amended Destino 2045 MTP, and Destino 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to:

- a. Program the Spur 320 PH I (BU54 to Railroad Dr.) project using Category 2 and Category 11 Rider B funds in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 and reflect a reduction of \$20,497,532 in total project cost and total funding for Spur 320 (Borderland Expressway) - Ultimate CSJ 0924-06-136 made by Vice-Chair Walter Miller, seconded by Judge Ricardo Samaniego. Motion passed unanimously
- b. Amend the NM 404 Widening Project to add \$1,985,000 of NHPP funds in FY 2022.

Motion to amend the Destino 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Amended Destino 2045 MTP, and Destino 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to:

- b. Amend the NM 404 Widening Project to add \$1,985,000 of NHPP funds in FY 2022 made by Mayor Javier Perea and seconded by Vice-Chair Walter Miller. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. Amend the Montana RTS 3rd Year Operating Assistance project to move from FY 2024 to FY 2025.

Motion to amend the Destino 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Amended Destino 2045 MTP, and Destino 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to:

c. Amend the Montana RTS 3rd Year Operating Assistance project to move from FY 2024 to FY 2025 made by Iliana Holguin and seconded by Vice-Chair Walter Miller. Motion passed unanimosly.

Motion to move item 5 before item 4 made by Iliana Holguin, seconded by Walter Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

5. October 2021 Administrative Amendment to move Montana RTS 1st Year operating Assistance to FY 2023 and Montana RTS 2nd Year Operating Assistance to FY 2024

Status report provided by EPMPO - Eduardo Calvo

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE TRANSPORTATION PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO:

 Amend the Destino 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Amended Destino 2045 and Destino 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program to program the ELP Safety Service Patrol HERO project using \$2,453,146 of Category 7 STP-MM funds in FY 2022

Motion to amend the Destino 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Amended Destino 2045 and Destino 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program to program the ELP Safety Service Patrol HERO project using \$2,453,146 of Category 7 STP-MM funds in FY 2022 made by Alderman Walter Miller, and seconded by Mayor Oscar Leeser. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

6. Tracking of CAT 9 Transportation Alternative Set-Aside (TASA) grouped projects.

Status report provided by EPMPO - Eduardo Calvo

7. EPMPO TPB training requirements and attendance policy.

Status report provided by EPMPO – Marisol Enriquez

- 8. Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2050 MTP, TIP, and Transportation Conformity Report (TCR) Schedule Update. Status report provided by EPMPO Salvador Gonzalez-Ayala
- 9. RMS 2020 Project Status Report

Status report provided by EPMPO - Eduardo Calvo

- 10. Executive Director Report.
 - a. Fiscal Year 23 Unified Transportation Program (UTP)
 - b. Borderplex Alliance U.S. Mexico Border Summit November 4th
 - c. AMPO Conference Update

Status report provided by EPMPO - Eduardo Calvo

The **next meeting** of the TPB is scheduled for <u>9:00 a.m.</u> on <u>November 19, 2021</u> at the El Paso MPO Office located at 211 N. Florence Street, Suite 103 (MPO Boardroom on 1st Floor), El Paso, TX 79901.

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.

Motion to enter into executive session at 11:20 am with (20) twenty members present for Item No.1 Discussion and appropriate action regarding EPMPO's office lease agreement made by Judge Ricardo Samaniego seconded by Vice-Chair Walter Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair, Representative Lina Ortega reconvened meeting at 11:42 am with twenty (20) members

Item No. 1. Discussion and appropriate action regarding EPMPO's office lease agreement.

Motion to authorize Executive Director or it's designee to not give notice of the lease renewal for the El Paso MPO current office lease agreement and to continue exploring the El Paso MPO options for office spaces made by Judge Ricardo Samaniego seconded by Vice-Chair Walter Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 10:45 a.m. made by Judge Ricardo Samaniego, seconded by Vice-Chair Walter Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Approved as to content:

Marisol Enriquez, Recording Secretary of the

Transportation Policy Board for the El Paso MPO Study Area