

**TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
Of December 17, 2021**

Call to Order:

Chairperson Lina Ortega called the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting to order at 9:41 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 | | MEMBERS ABSENT | |
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| TITLES | TITLES | TITLES | 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 |
| 3. Manuel Leos | Mayor, Village of Vinton | Benjamin Romero | Mayor, Town of Anthony, TX |
| 4. Cissy Lizarraga | City Representative, District 8 | Antonio Araujo | Mayor City of San Elizario |
| 5. Ricardo Samaniego | Judge, El Paso County | Yvette Hernandez | Grant Funded Program Director, COEP |
| 6. Mary E. Gonzalez | TX State Representative – 75th District | Tomas Trevino | District Engineer, TXDOT – El Paso |
| 7. Cassandra Hernandez | City Representative – District 3 | | |
| 8. Tommy Gonzalez | City Manager, City of El Paso | | |
| 9. Norma Palacios | Public Works Director, County of El Paso | | |
| 10. Claudia Ordaz-Perez | TX State Representative – 76th District | | |
| 11. Henry Rivera | City Representative – District 7 | | |
| 12. Iliana Holguin | El Paso County Commissioner, Precinct 3 | | |
| 13. Sam Rodriguez | Director of Aviation, EP International Airport | | |
| 14. Oscar Leeser | Mayor, City of El Paso | | |
| 15. Ivy Avalos | Mayor, City of Socorro | | |
| 16. Joe Moody | TX State Representative – 78th District | MPO STAFF | |
| 17. César Blanco | TX State Senator | Sergio Estrada | MPO/TPB Attorney |
| 18. Javier Perea | Mayor, Sunland Park, NM | Eduardo Calvo | Executive Director |
| 19. Trent Doolittle | District Engineer, NMDOT | Harrison Plourde | Assistant Director |
| 20. Chuck McMahon | Doña Ana County Assist. Manager of Operations | Jeff Howell | Senior Planner |
| 21. Ellen Smyth | Director, Mass Transit-Sun Metro | Marisol Enriquez | Admin. Secretary / TPB Recording Sec |
| 22. Willie Madrid | NM State Representative – 53th District | Claudia Valles | Transportation Planner |
| 23. Diana Trujillo | Mayor Anthony, NM | Sonia Perez | TDM Modeler |
| 24. Art Fierro | TX State Representative – 79th District | Tim McDaniel | Associate Regional Transportation Analyst |
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| 26. | | | |
| OTHERS PRESENT | | OTHERS PRESENT | |
| Bob Storch – member of public | Angel Ulloa – member of public | Gloria Ramirez - Anthony | |
| Alyssa Garza – member of public | David Cantu – member of public | Richard Dayoub – Thunderbird | |
| Maya Sanchez- San Elizario | Raymond Sanchez - TXDOT | Jose Reyes - DEC | |
| Sito Negron – member of public | Marty Boyd - TXDOT | Rosy Cardenas - DEC | |
| Carlos Gallinar – member of public | Michelle Padilla - Horizon | Teresa Quesada - | |
| Steven Voglewede – member of public | Angela Roberson – Dona Ana | Scott White – member of public | |
| Tracy Yellen – Paso del Norte Health | Claudia Garcia – Sun Metro | | |

(Meeting began with 19 members)

- Chairperson, Lina Ortega opened Public Comment:
 1. Alyssa Garza commented.
- Chairperson, Lina Ortega, closed Public Comment.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

1. Approve the minutes of the November 19, 2021 Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting.
Motion to approve the minutes for the November 19, 2021 Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting, made by Mayor Oscar Leeser, and seconded by Representative Cissy Lizarraga. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Authorize the Executive Director to sign a letter of support for the City of El Paso’s Economic Development Administration Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant application for the Stanton Street Corridor and Bridge Modernization and Expansion Feasibility Study.
Motion to authorize the Executive Director to sign a letter of support for the City of El Paso’s Economic Development Administration Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant application for the Stanton Street Corridor and Bridge Modernization

and Expansion Feasibility Study, made by Representative Henry Rivera, and seconded by Mayor Oscar Leeser. Motion passed Unanimously.

3. Approve the December 2021 Project Readiness Report (PRR).
Motion to approve the December 2021 Project Readiness Report (PRR), made by Judge Ricardo Samaniego, and seconded by Commissioner Iliana Holguin. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Amend the Destino 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and Amended Destino 2045 MTP to program the Downtown Deck Plaza project using CAT 3 Public Private Partnership funds in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025

Motion to amend the Destino 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and Amended Destino 2045 MTP to program the Downtown Deck Plaza project using CAT 3 Public Private Partnership funds in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025, made by Representative Cassandra Hernandez, and seconded by Representative Cissy Lizarraga. Motion passed. Iliana Holguin Opposed.

• *Chairperson, Lina Ortega opened Public Comment:*

1. Bob Storch commented.
2. Alyssa Garza commented
3. Maya Sanchez commented
4. Sito Negrón commented
5. Carlos Gallinar commented
6. Steven Voglewede commented
7. Tracy Yellen commented
8. Angel Ulloa commented

• *Chairperson, Lina Ortega, closed Public Comment.*

- Oscar Leeser commented
- Mary Gonzalez commented
- Eduardo Calvo commented
- Iliana Holguin commented
- Sam Rodriguez commented
- Ellen Smyth commented

5. Amend the Destino 2045 MTP, Amended Destino 2045 MTP, and the Destino 2021-2024 TIP to
- a) Program the Downtown Deck Plaza Planning Study project using RAISE grant program funds and CAT 3 Local Contribution funds in FY 2022 (COEP), and

Motion to amend the Destino 2045 MTP, Amended Destino 2045 MTP, and the Destino 2021-2024 TIP to

- a) **Program the Downtown Deck Plaza Planning Study project using RAISE grant program funds and CAT 3 Local Contribution funds in FY 2022 (COEP, made by Representative Cassandra Hernandez, and seconded by Representative Cissy Lizarraga. Motion passed. Iliana Holguin Opposed.**

- b) Move the Bicycle Infrastructure Citywide project using CAT 5 CMAQ funds from FY 2022 to FY 2027, and
- c) Move the Downtown Bicycle Improvements Phase I project using CAT 5 CMAQ funds from FY 2022 to FY 2024, and

Motion amend the Destino 2045 MTP, Amended Destino 2045 MTP, and the Destino 2021-2024 TIP to

- b) **Move the Bicycle Infrastructure Citywide project using CAT 5 CMAQ funds from FY 2022 to FY 2027, and**
- c) **Move the Downtown Bicycle Improvements Phase I project using CAT 5 CMAQ funds from FY 2022 to FY 2024, made by Representative Cassandra Hernandez, and seconded by Representative Cissy Lizarraga. Motion passed unanimously.**

• *Chairperson, Lina Ortega opened Public Comment:*

1. Alyssa Garza commented.

• *Chairperson, Lina Ortega, closed Public Comment.*

- d) Amend the Sean Haggerty Dr. Extension project to add CAT 7 CRRSAA funds and reduce CAT 7 STP MM funds FY 2023, and
- e) Amend the N. Darrington Reconstruction project to add CAT 7 CRRSAA funds, reduce CAT 7 STP MM funds, and move from FY 2022 to FY 2023, and
- f) Amend the John Hayes (Darrington/Berryville) (Construction Phase 1) project to add CAT 7 CRRSAA funds, reduce CAT 7 STP MM funds, and move from FY 2022 to FY 2023, and

Motion amend the Destino 2045 MTP, Amended Destino 2045 MTP, and the Destino 2021-2024 TIP to

- d) **Amend the Sean Haggerty Dr. Extension project to add CAT 7 CRRSAA funds and reduce CAT 7 STP MM funds FY 2023, and**
- e) **Amend the N. Darrington Reconstruction project to add CAT 7 CRRSAA funds, reduce CAT 7 STP MM funds, and move from FY 2022 to FY 2023, and**
- f) **Amend the John Hayes (Darrington/Berryville) (Construction Phase 1) project to add CAT 7 CRRSAA funds, reduce CAT 7 STP MM funds, and move from FY 2022 to FY 2023, and made by Judge Ricardo Samaniego, and seconded by Alderman Walter Miller. Motion passed unanimously.**

- g) **Amend the Rio Grande Trail Phase II project to add Coronavirus Special Authority Urbanized (CSAL) funds and reduce CAT 3 Local Contribution funds in FY 2022**

Motion amend the Destino 2045 MTP, Amended Destino 2045 MTP, and the Destino 2021-2024 TIP to

- g) **Amend the Rio Grande Trail Phase II project to add Coronavirus Special Authority Urbanized (CSAL) funds and reduce CAT 3 Local Contribution funds in FY 2022 made by Mayor Oscar Leeser and seconded by Judge Ricardo Samaniego. Motion passed unanimously.**

- 6. **Amend the Passmore Rd. Shared Use Path project to increase CAT 9 Transportation Alternative Set-Aside (TASA) funds in FY 2022 (TASA Grouped project)**

Motion to amend the Passmore Rd. Shared Use Path project to increase CAT 9 Transportation Alternative Set-Aside (TASA) funds in FY 2022 (TASA Grouped project) made by Alderman Walter Miller and seconded by Representative Cissy Lizarraga. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

- 7. Administrative amendment to NM 404 Widening Project.
Status report provided by EPMPO – Salvador Gonzalez-Ayala
- 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
Status report provided by EPMPO – Eduardo Calvo

The **next meeting** of the TPB is scheduled for **9:00 a.m. on January 21, 2022**, 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.*

- 11. Adjournment.
Motion to adjourn at 11:20 a.m. made by Mayor Oscar Leeser, seconded by Alderman 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