

**TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Of August 20, 2021**

Call to Order:

Chairperson Lina Ortega called the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting to order at 9:01 am and conducted the meeting telephonically and by video conference. TPB Member attendance was as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT		MEMBERS ABSENT	
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. Claudia Ordaz-Perez	TX State Representative – 76th District	Raymundo Lara	NM State Representative – 34th District
4. Manuel Leos	Mayor, Village of Vinton	Benjamin Romero	Mayor, Town of Anthony, TX
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. Antonio Araujo	Mayor City of San Elizario		
12. Henry Rivera	City Representative – District 7		
13. Tomas Trevino	District Engineer, TXDOT – El Paso		
14. Iliana Holguin	El Paso County Commissioner, Precinct 3		
15. Sam Rodriguez	Director of Aviation, EP International Airport		
16. Oscar Leoser	Mayor, City of El Paso	MPO STAFF	
17. Ivy Avalos	Mayor, City of Socorro	Sergio Estrada	MPO/TPB Attorney
18. Ellen Smyth	Director, Mass Transit-Sun Metro	Eduardo Calvo	Executive Director
19. Joe Moody	TX State Representative – 78th District	Harrison Plourde	Assistant Director
20. César Blanco	TX State Senator	Jeff Howell	Senior Planner
21. Art Fierro	TX State Representative – 79th District	Gabriela Lopez	Transportation Financial Analyst
22. Mary E. Gonzalez	TX State Representative – 75th District	Marisol Enriquez	Admin. Secretary / TPB Recording Sec
23. Javier Perea	Mayor, Sunland Park, NM	Claudia Valles	Transportation Planner
24. Trent Doolittle	District Engineer, NMDOT	Sonia Perez	TDM Modeler
25. Chuck McMahon	Doña Ana County Assist. Manager of Operations	Salvador Gonzalez-Ayala	Transportation Planning & Programs Mgr.
26. Diana Trujillo	Mayor Anthony, NM	George Inostroza	EPMPO Program Administrator
		Tim McDaniel	Associate Regional Transportation Analyst
OTHERS PRESENT		OTHERS PRESENT	
Thelma Ramirez	Priscilla I. Contreras	Astrid L. Bunner	
Gregory McNicol	Quezada, Teresa	David A. Coronado	
Art Estrada Jr	Blanca Serrano-Rivera	Tinajero, Roberto	
Raul Ortega Jr	Raymond Sanchez Jr	Josie Arellano	
David Cantu	Javier Paz		
Rossy Cardenas	Marty Boyd		
Estrella Escobar	Steven Howard		

(Meeting began with 18 members)

DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

- Approve the minutes of the July 23, 2021 Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting.
Motion to approve the minutes for the July 23, 2021 Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting, made by Representative Henry Rivera, and seconded by Senator Cesar Blanco. Motion passed unanimously.
- Authorize the Executive Director to sign Task Order No. 6 pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Interlocal MPO Cooperation Agreement entered into between the EPMPO and the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) on July 22, 2020. The Executive Director is further authorized to take all other actions necessary to execute Task Order No. 6. Pursuant to Task Order No. 6, UTEP will provide the EPMPO with data collection and analysis services related to the Congestion Management Process (CMP), in an amount not to exceed \$11,213.00 in FY2022.

Motion to authorize the Executive Director to sign Task Order No. 6 pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Interlocal MPO Cooperation Agreement entered into between the EPMPPO and the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) on July 22, 2020. The Executive Director is further authorized to take all other actions necessary to execute Task Order No. 6. Pursuant to Task Order No. 6, UTEP will provide the EPMPPO with data collection and analysis services related to the Congestion Management Process (CMP), in an amount not to exceed \$11,213.00 in FY2022 made by Representative Henry Rivera and seconded by Commissioner Iliana Holguin. Motion passed unanimously.

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

3. Amend the Destino 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and amended Destino 2045 MTP to program the Transportation Alternative Set-Aside (TASA) projects using TASA funds in Fiscal Years (FY) 2021-2045 as grouped projects.*
Motion amend the Destino 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and amended Destino 2045 MTP to program the Transportation Alternative Set-Aside (TASA) projects using TASA funds in Fiscal Years (FY) 2021-2045 as grouped projects.* made by Alderman Walter Miller, and seconded Commissioner Iliana Holguin. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Amend the Destino 2019-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Destino 2021-2024 TIP to approve the updated Table 4 Grouped Projects Categories to include Transportation Alternative Set-Aside (TASA) program projects
Motion to amend the Destino 2019-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Destino 2021-2024 TIP to approve the updated Table 4 Grouped Projects Categories to include Transportation Alternative Set-Aside (TASA) program projects made by Representative Henry Rivera, and seconded by Senator Cesar Blanco. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Amend the Destino 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), amended Destino 2045.....TPAC Chair MTP, Destino 2019-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and Destino 2021-2024 TIP to:
 - a. Deprogram the Playa Drain Shared Used Path (Whittier to Elvin) 2021 project using TASA funds in FY 2021*
 - b. Deprogram the Passmore Road Shared-Use Path project using TASA funds in FY 2022*
 - c. Deprogram the Ysleta Middle School SRTS project using TASA (TXDOT) funds in FY 2022*
 - d. Deprogram the Tornillo South Sidewalks/SUP project using TASA (TXDOT) funds in FY 2022*
 - e. Deprogram the Tornillo North Sidewalks/SUP project using TASA (TXDOT) funds in FY 2022*
 - f. Deprogram the PDN Trail – Magoffin Shared Use Path 2023 project using TASA funds in FY 2023*
 - g. Deprogram the Playa Drain Shared Use Path (Padilla to Zaragoza) 2024 project using TASA funds in FY 2024*
 - h. Program the ITS Infrastructure at Zaragoza and BOTA International Ports of Entry (On-system) project using \$14,000,000 from Category 11 BSIF in FY 2022 per Rider 44*
 - i. Program the ITS Infrastructure at Zaragoza and BOTA International Ports of Entry (Off-system) project using \$18,000,000 Category 3 Texas Mobility Fund (TMF) in FY 2023 per Rider 44***Motion to amend the Destino 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), amended Destino 2045 MTP, Destino 2019-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and Destino 2021-2024 TIP to:**
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 - c. Deprogram the Ysleta Middle School SRTS project using TASA (TXDOT) funds in FY 2022*
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 - g. Deprogram the Playa Drain Shared Use Path (Padilla to Zaragoza) 2024 project using TASA funds in FY 2024* made by Mayor Oscar Leeser, and seconded Representative Henry Rivera. Motion passed unanimously.

*Yvette Hernandez Commented

Motion to amend the Destino 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), amended Destino 2045 MTP, Destino 2019-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and Destino 2021-2024 TIP to:
h. Program the ITS Infrastructure at Zaragoza and BOTA International Ports of Entry (On-system) project using \$14,000,000 from Category 11 BSIF in FY 2022 per Rider 44* made by Commissioner Iliana Holguin, and seconded Alderman Walter Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to amend the Destino 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), amended Destino 2045 MTP, Destino 2019-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and Destino 2021-2024 TIP to:

i. Program the ITS Infrastructure at Zaragoza and BOTA International Ports of Entry (Off-system) project using \$18,000,000 Category 3 Texas Mobility Fund (TMF) in FY 2023 per Rider 44*made by Representative Henry Rivera, and seconded Commissioner Iliana Holguin. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

6. NM CMAQ Mandatory Project Call Announcement
Status report provided by EPMPPO – Gabriela Lopez
7. Proposed Amendments to Public Participation Plan from MPO Staff
Status report provided by EPMPPO – Jeff Howell
8. Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2050 Travel Demand Model Status Report
Status report provided by EPMPPO – Salvador Gonzales-Ayala

*Ivy Avalos commented

*Tomas Trevino commented

9. Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2020 Project Development Status Report
Status report provided by EPMPPO – Eduardo Calvo
10. TxDOT's Draft Fiscal Year 2022 Unified Transportation Program
Motion to delete item 10 made by Mayor Oscar Leeser, and seconded by Judge Ricardo Samaniego. Motion passed unanimously.
11. Executive Director's Report.
 - a. El Paso MPO new website
 - b. Texas Freight Advisory Committee meeting on August 24th
 - c. Texas Transportation Commission meeting on August 31st
 - d. New Mexico-Chihuahua Border Master Plan**Status report provided by EPMPPO – Eduardo Calvo**

The **next meeting** of the TPB is scheduled for **9:00 a.m.** on **September 17, 2021** 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:

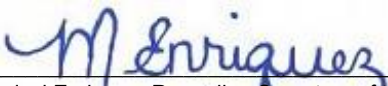
*The Transportation Policy Board may retire into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapter D, to discuss any of the following: (The items listed below are matters of the sort routinely discussed in Executive Session, but the Transportation Policy Board may move 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.*

The TPB did not retire into Executive Session.

12. Adjournment.
Motion to adjourn at 10:39 a.m. made by Mayor Oscar Leeser, seconded by Mayor Diana Trujillo. 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