

**TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
Of February 18, 2022**

Call to Order:

Chairperson Alderman Walter Miller called the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting to order at 9:40 am at Blue Flame Building 304 Texas Ave, El Paso, TX 79901, Floor 17 (Center for Community Engagement), also conducted the meeting telephonically and by video conference. TPB Member attendance was as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT		MEMBERS ABSENT	
TITLES	TITLES	TITLES	TITLES
1. Walter Miller (Chair)	Alderman 1, Town of Horizon	Joseph Cervantes	NM Senator, District 31
2. Ricardo Samaniego (V-Chair)	Judge, El Paso County	Dino Coronado	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. Diana Trujillo	Mayor Anthony, NM	Claudia Ordaz-Perez	TX State Representative – 76th District
6. Mary E. Gonzalez	TX State Representative – 75th District	Trent Doolittle	District Engineer, NMDOT
7. Cassandra Hernandez	City Representative – District 3	Willie Madrid	NM State Representative – 53 rd District
8. Tommy Gonzalez	City Manager, City of El Paso	Ellen Smyth	Director, Mass Transit-Sun Metro
9. Norma Palacios	Public Works Director, County of El Paso		
10. Art Fierro	TX State Representative – 79 th 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 Leaser	Mayor, City of El Paso		
15. Rudy Cruz	City of Socorro		
16. Joe Moody	TX State Representative – 78 th District	MPO STAFF	
17. César Blanco	TX State Senator	Sergio Estrada	MPO/TPB Attorney
18. Manuel Sanchez	Doña Ana County	Eduardo Calvo	Executive Director
19. Javier Perea	Mayor, Sunland Park, NM	Harrison Plourde	Assistant Director
20. Yvette Hernandez	Grant Funded Program Director, COEP	Jeff Howell	Senior Planner
21. Tomas Trevino	District Engineer, TXDOT – El Paso	Marisol Enriquez	Admin. Secretary / TPB Recording Sec
22. Lina Ortega	TX State Representative, 77th District	Claudia Valles	Transportation Planner
23.		Sonia Perez	TDM Modeler
		Tim McDaniel	Associate Regional Transportation Analyst
OTHERS PRESENT		OTHERS PRESENT	
Bob Storch – member of public	Rosy Cardenas - DEC		
Michel Maksoud – DEC			
Jose Reyes – DEC			
Marty Boyd – TxDOT			
Sandra Gutierrez – Parkhill			
Jose Landeros – EP County			
Cassandra Urrutia – Office Sen. Blanco			

(Meeting began with 17 members)

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

1. Approve the minutes of the January 21, 2022, Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting.
Motion to approve the minutes for the January 21, 2022, Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting, made by Rudy Cruz, and seconded by Iliana Holgun. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Amend the Amended Destino 2045 MTP and Destino 2021-2024 TIP to program additional \$10,000,000.00 from Rider 11b funds (Category 11) to the LP375 Widening project, from Spur 601 to US 62/180 (Loop 1).
Motion to amend the Amended Destino 2045 MTP and Destino 2021-2024 TIP to program additional \$10,000,000.00 from Rider 11b funds (Category 11) to the LP375 Widening project, from Spur 601 to US 62/180 (Loop 1), made by Mayor Oscar Leaser and seconded by Representative Lina Ortega. Motion passed Unanimously.
 - Yvette Hernandez Commented
 - Eduardo Calvo commented
 - Tomas Trevino commented

- Cesar Blanco commented
3. Approve EPMPO Office Space Lease Agreement.
Motion to postpone Item 3, made by Mayor Oscar Leoser, and seconded by Representative Henry Rivera. Motion passed Unanimously.
 4. Approve Legal Services Agreement with Kemp Smith LLP.
Motion to approve Legal Services Agreement with Kemp Smith LLP, made by Representative Lina Ortega, and seconded by Diana Trujillo. Sergio Estrada recused himself, and Judge Ricardo Samaniego abstained himself. Motion passed.
 - Walter Miller commented
 - Cissy Lizarraga commented
 5. Give notice to City of El Paso of EPMPO intent to review and make changes to Operational Agreement between EPMPO and COEP.
Motion to give notice to City of El Paso of EPMPO intent to review and propose changes to Operational Agreement between EPMPO and COEP made by Representative Lina Ortega and seconded by Mayor Manuel Leos. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Sergio Estrada commented

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive Committee (EC) may retire into **EXECUTIVE SESSION (ES)** 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 EC may move to Executive Session any of the items on this agenda, consistent with the terms of the Open Meetings Act.) The EC 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.

Section 551.071	CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY
Section 551.072	DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY
Section 551.073	DELIBERATION REGARDING PROSPECTIVE GIFTS
Section 551.074	PERSONNEL MATTERS
Section 551.076	DELIBERATION REGARDING SECURITY DEVICES
Section 551.087	DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS

6. **EX. Item No. 1.** Regarding Executive Director’s Employment Agreement.....Chair
 - a. Review Executive Director’s Annual Performance Evaluation.
 - b. Approve Executive Director’s Employment Agreement.

1st Motion: Motion made to go into Executive Session at 10:01am with twenty members present for Agenda Items Nos. 6 made by Lina Ortega and seconded by Mayor Oscar Leoser. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Committee went into Executive Session pursuant to:

- EX. Item No. 11. Regarding Executive Director’s Employment Agreement**
- a. Review Executive Director’s Annual Performance Evaluation.
 - b. Approve Executive Director’s Employment Agreement

2nd Motion: Motion to come out of Executive Session made by Mayor Oscar Leoser and seconded by Representative Henry Rivera.

Chair, Walter Miller reconvened meeting at 11:00am with twenty (20) members

Motion to approve the employment agreement between the El Paso MPO and the Executive Director Eduardo Calvo dated to be effective April 1st 2022, and that the El Paso MPO Chair be authorized to execute the employment agreement on behalf El Paso MPO and that the MPO Chair may take all other necessary actions in accordance to TPB directives provided by TPB to include a two-year term, two one year annual extension options and a 4% increase made by Mayor Javier Perea, and seconded by Senator Cesar Blanco. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

7. Status on 30-day public involvement/comment period for the Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), RMS 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Transportation Conformity Report.
Status report provided by EPMPO – Eduardo Calvo
Chairperson, Walter Miller opened Public Comment:
 1. Alyssa Garza commented.
 2. Angel Ulloa commented.

3. Kenneth Bell commented.
4. Veronica Carrillo commented.
5. Kathy Anderson commented.
6. Robert Storch commented.
7. Hal Marcus commented.
8. Richard Guevarra commented.
9. Scott White commented.

Chairperson, Walter Miller, closed Public Comment.

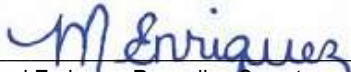
8. NMDOT Transportation Project Fund FY 2023 Call for Projects.
Status report provided by EPMPPO – Gabriela Lopez
9. Statewide TxDOT-MPO Safety Task Force.
Status report provided by EPMPPO – Eduardo Calvo
10. RMS 2020 Project Status Report.
Status report provided by EPMPPO – Eduardo Calvo
 - Jose Landeros commented.
11. Status update on the use of Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds transferred to Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for Sun Metro Projects.
Item postponed to next month
12. Executive Director Report.
Status report provided by EPMPPO – Eduardo Calvo

The **next meeting** of the TPB is scheduled for **9:00 a.m.** on **March 25, 2022**, at the El Paso MPO Office located at 211 N. Florence Street, Suite 103 (MPO Boardroom on 1st Floor), El Paso, TX 79901.

13. Adjournment.
Motion to adjourn at 11:53 a.m. made by Mayor Oscar Leeser, seconded by Senator Cesar Blanco. 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