

TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Of March 25, 2022

Call to Order:

Chairperson Alderman Walter Miller called the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting to order at 9:07 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 | TITLES | MEMBERS ABSENT | TITLES |
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| 1. Walter Miller (Chair) | Alderman 1, Town of Horizon City | Joseph Cervantes | NM Senator, District 31 |
| 2. Ricardo Samaniego (V-Chair) | Judge, El Paso County | Dino Coronado | Alderman, Town of Clint |
| 3. Manuel Leos | Mayor, Village of Vinton | Benjamin Romero | Mayor, Town of Anthony, TX |
| 4. Cissy Lizarraga | City of El Paso Representative - District 8 | Manuel Sanchez | Doña Ana County |
| 5. Diana Trujillo | Mayor – City of Anthony, NM | | |
| 6. Mary E. Gonzalez | TX State Representative – 75th District | | |
| 7. Cassandra Hernandez | City of El Paso Representative – District 3 | | |
| 8. Tommy Gonzalez | City Manager, City of El Paso | | |
| 9. Norma Palacios | Public Works Director, County of El Paso | | |
| 10. Art Fierro | TX State Representative – 79 th District | | |
| 11. Henry Rivera | City of El Paso Representative – District 7 | | |
| 12. Iliana Holguin | El Paso County Commissioner, Precinct 3 | | |
| 13. Sam Rodriguez | Director of Aviation, El Paso International Airport | | |
| 14. Oscar Leeser | Mayor, City of El Paso | | |
| 15. Rudy Cruz | City of Socorro | MPO STAFF | |
| 16. Joe Moody | TX State Representative – 78 th District | Sergio Estrada | MPO/TPB Attorney |
| 17. César Blanco | TX State Senator | Eduardo Calvo | Executive Director |
| 18. Willie Madrid | NM State Representative – 53 rd District | Harrison Plourde | Assistant Director |
| 19. Javier Perea | Mayor, Sunland Park, NM | Jeff Howell | Senior Planner |
| 20. Yvette Hernandez | Grant Funded Program Director, City of El Paso | Marisol Enriquez | Admin. Secretary / TPB Recording Sec |
| 21. Tomas Trevino | District Engineer, TXDOT – El Paso District | Claudia Valles | Transportation Planner |
| 22. Lina Ortega | TX State Representative, 77th District | Sonia Perez | TDM Modeler |
| 23. Ellen Smyth | Director, Mass Transit-Sun Metro | Tim McDaniel | Associate Regional Transportation Analyst |
| 24. Antonio Araujo | Mayor - City of San Elizario | | |
| 25. Claudia Ordaz-Perez | TX State Representative – 76th District | | |

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| 26. Trent Doolittle | District Engineer, NMDOT | | |
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| OTHERS PRESENT | | OTHERS PRESENT | |
| Bob Storch | Norman Marshall – Smart Mobility | Joe Gudenrath – El Paso Downtown Management District | Sandra Gutierrez - Parkhill |
| Adam Wasserman – GLD Partners | Peter Svarzbein – City of El Paso Representative District 1 | Frederic Dalbin – Wright & Dalbin Architects | Rossy Cardenas – DEC |
| Anne Guayante – City of El Paso | Angelica Rodriguez | Rafaela Alderete – Texas A&M Transportation Institute | Sal Alonzo – El Paso County |
| Blanca | Karicia Munoz | Joseph Riccillo - Sundt Engineering | Alyssa Garza – Sunrise El Paso |
| Claudia Garcia – Sun Metro | Lauren Steinmann- NMDOT | Cassandra Urrutia – Office of Sen.Cesar Blanco | Tracy Yellen – Paso Del Norte Health Foundation |
| David Losson | Kelvin Kroeker | Angie Rosales – Sundt Engineering | Richard Dayoub – Thunderbird Management Consulting |
| Mayela Granados – Sen. | Rebecca Pinto - TXDOT | Art Estrada – TXDOT | Jose Reyes - DEC |

(Meeting began with 23 members)

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

1. Approve the minutes of the February 18, 2022, EPMPO TPB meeting.
Motion to approve the February 18, 2022, TPB Meeting Minutes, made by Representative Lina Ortega, and seconded by Mayor Oscar Leaser. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Designate Eduardo Calvo as the authorized representative of the El Paso MPO for the purpose of executing the Federal Transit Administration’s Fiscal Year 2022 Certifications and Assurances.
Motion to designate Eduardo Calvo as the authorized representative of the El Paso MPO for the purpose of executing the Federal Transit Administration’s Fiscal Year 2022 Certifications and Assurances., made by Mayor Oscar Leaser, and seconded by Representative Lina Ortega. Motion passed unanimously.
3. March 2022 Project Readiness Report (PRR).
Motion to accept March 2022 Project Readiness Report (PRR), made by Mayor Oscar Leaser, and seconded by Representative Lina Ortega. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Extension.
Motion to approve Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Extension, made by Mayor Oscar Leaser, and seconded by Representative Lina Ortega. Motion passed unanimously.
5. University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Extension.
Motion to approve the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Extension, made by Mayor Oscar Leaser, and seconded by Judge Ricardo Samaniego. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Rider 7 Local Air Quality Statement of Work with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)
 - a. Task Order No. 4 between the El Paso MPO and TTI (International Border Crossing Emissions – Phase I)

Motion to authorize the Executive Director to sign Task Order No. 4 pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with TTI. The Executive Director is further authorized to take all other actions necessary to execute Task Order No. 4, made by Mayor Oscar Leeser, and seconded by Judge Ricardo Samaniego. Motion passed unanimously.

- Ellen Smyth commented

b. Task Order No. 7 between El Paso MPO and UTEP (International Border Crossing Emissions – Phase II)

Motion to authorize the Executive Director to sign Task Order No. 7 pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with UTEP. The Executive Director is further authorized to take all other actions necessary to execute Task Order No. 7, made by Representative Lina Ortega, and seconded by Mayor Oscar Leeser. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Amendments to the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022-23 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Motion to approve the amended FFYs 2022-23 UPWP, made by Representative Lina Ortega, and seconded by Judge Ricardo Samaniego. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Resolution of support for Town of Horizon City 2022 RAISE Grant Application for Transit Oriented Development Planning Funds

9. Letter of support for City of El Paso 2022 RAISE Grant application for Ysleta Port of Entry pedestrian improvements

10. Letter of support for TTI Planning Study to Improve Land Border Crossing Transit and Pedestrian Connectivity to Business Districts in the El Paso Region for Equity, Accessibility and Economic Development

11. Letter of support for Doña Ana TradePort project.

Motion to approve Items 8, 9, 10, 11, made by Oscar Leeser, and seconded by Lina Ortega. Tomas Trevino abstained. Motion passed.

- Ellen Smyth commented
- Tommy Gonzalez commented

12. El Paso MPO responses to comments from the 45-day public comment period for the Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), RMS Transportation Conformity Report and the RMS 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Motion to approve El Paso MPO's responses to comments from the 45-day public comment period for the RMS documents to include Trac Yellen comment, made by Lina Ortega, and seconded by Mayor Oscar Leeser. Motion passed unanimously.

13. RMS 2050 MTP, RMS 2023-2026 TIP, and RMS 2050 Transportation Conformity Report.

Motion to adopt the RMS 2050 MTP, RMS 2023-2026 TIP, and RMS 2050 Transportation Conformity Report, made by Representative Lina Ortega, and seconded by Representative Henry Rivera. Motion passed unanimously.

- Jaime Gandara commented
- Peter Svarzbein commented
- Ted Houghton commented
- Sito Negron commented
- Joe Gudenrath commented
- Alyssa Garza commented
- Bod Storch commented
- Scott White commented
- Angelica Rosales commented
- Debbie Nathan commented
- Jose Reyes commented
- Joseph Riccillo commented
- Vero Carrillo commented
- Joel Guzman commented
- Kathy Stoudt commented
- Rick Bonehart commented
- Scott White commented
- Kelvin Kroekar commented
- Bryan Monroe commented
- Rossy Cardenas commented


- Tracy Yellen commented
14. Funding proposal for the Downtown 10 project to be submitted to the Texas Transportation Commission.
Motion to submit the funding proposal for the Downtown 10 project to the Texas Transportation Commission, made by Representative Lina Ortega, and seconded by Mayor Oscar Leeser. Board Members Mary Gonzalez, Iliana Holguin, and Rudy Cruz voted against. Motion Passed.
- Lina Ortega commented
 - Sito Negrón commented
 - Joe Pickett commented
 - Cesar Blanco commented
 - Oscar Leeser commented
 - Tomas Trevino commented
 - Mary Gonzalez commented
 - Iliana Holguin commented
 - Tommy Gonzalez commented
 - Rudy Cruz commented

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

15. FY 2021 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects.
Status report provided by EPMPPO – Gabriela Lopez
16. NMDOT Transportation Project Fund FY 2023 Call for Projects.
Status report provided by EPMPPO – Gabriela Lopez
17. Statewide TxDOT-MPO Safety Task Force.
Status report provided by EPMPPO – Eduardo Calvo
18. RMS 2020 Project Status Report.
Status report provided by EPMPPO – Eduardo Calvo
19. Executive Director Report
Status report provided by EPMPPO – Eduardo Calvo
- Tommy Gonzalez commented
- The **next meeting** of the TPB is scheduled for **9:00 a.m.** on **April 22, 2022**, at the El Paso MPO Office located at 211 N. Florence Street, Suite 103 (MPO Boardroom on 1st Floor), El Paso, TX 79901.
20. Adjournment.
Motion to adjourn at 11:43 a.m. made by Representative Lina Ortega, seconded by Mayor Oscar Leeser. 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