

TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Of April 22, 2022

Call to Order:

Chairperson Alderman Walter Miller called the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting to order at 9:05 am) at El Paso MPO Office located at 211 N. Florence Street, Suite 103 (MPO Boardroom on 1st Floor), El Paso, TX 79901, also conducted the meeting telephonically and by video conference. TPB Member attendance was as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT	TITLES	MEMBERS ABSENT	TITLES
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. Diana Trujillo	Mayor – City of Anthony, NM	Art Fierro	TX State Representative – 79 th District
5. Cassandra Hernandez	City of El Paso Representative – District 3	Mary E. Gonzalez	TX State Representative – 75 th District
6. Tommy Gonzalez	City Manager, City of El Paso	Cissy Lizarraga	City of El Paso Representative - District 8
7. Norma Palacios	Public Works Director, County of El Paso	Joe Moody	TX State Representative – 78 th District
8. Henry Rivera	City of El Paso Representative – District 7	Claudia Ordaz-Perez	TX State Representative – 76 th District
9. Iliana Holguin	El Paso County Commissioner, Precinct 3	Lina Ortega	TX State Representative, 77 th District
10. Sam Rodriguez	Director of Aviation, El Paso International Airport	Tomas Trevino	District Engineer, TXDOT – El Paso District
11. Oscar Leaser	Mayor, City of El Paso		
12. Rudy Cruz	City of Socorro		
13. César Blanco	TX State Senator		
14. Willie Madrid	NM State Representative – 53 rd District		
15. Javier Perea	Mayor, Sunland Park, NM	MPO STAFF	
16. Yvette Hernandez	Grant Funded Program Director, City of El Paso	Sergio Estrada	MPO/TPB Attorney
17. Ellen Smyth	Director, Mass Transit-Sun Metro	Eduardo Calvo	Executive Director
18. Antonio Araujo	Mayor - City of San Elizario	Harrison Plourde	Assistant Director
19. Manuel Sanchez	Doña Ana County	Jeff Howell	Senior Planner
20. Trent Doolittle	District Engineer, NMDOT	Marisol Enriquez	Admin. Secretary / TPB Recording Sec
21.		Claudia Valles	Transportation Planner
22.		Sonia Perez	TDM Modeler
23.		Tim McDaniel	Associate Regional Transportation Analyst
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25.			

OTHERS PRESENT		OTHERS PRESENT	
Bob Storch – Member of the Public	Roberto Tinajero – City of El Paso		
Rossy Cardenas – DEC	David Coronado – City of El Paso		
Anne Guayante – City of El Paso	Charl Everson - HNTB		
Jose Reyes - DEC			
Kelvin Kroeker - HNTB			
Will Smithson - HNTB			
Mayela Granados – Sen. Blanco			

(Meeting began with 19 members)

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

- Minutes of the March 25, 2022, EPMPO TPB meeting.
Motion to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2022, EPMPO TPB meeting made by Mayor Oscar Leeser and seconded by Judge Ricardo Samaniego. Motion passed unanimously.
- EPMPO Office Lease agreement.
Motion to approve the EPMPO Office Lease agreement made by Mayor Oscar Leeser and seconded by Judge Ricardo Samaniego. Motion passed unanimously.
- Amendments to the Amended Destino 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and Destino 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
 - Increase FTA 5310 funds for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5310 El Paso Urbanized Area Grant 2020 – Project Amistad dba Amistad project*
 - Increase FTA 5310 funds for the FTA 5310 El Paso Urbanized Area Grant 2021 – Project Amistad dba Amistad project*
 - Revise project limits for the ITS Infra. @Zaragoza/BOTA POE (ON-SYS) project***Motion to approve Amendments to the Amended Destino 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and Destino 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to:**
 - Increase FTA 5310 funds for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5310 El Paso Urbanized Area Grant 2020 – Project Amistad dba Amistad project; and**
 - Increase FTA 5310 funds for the FTA 5310 El Paso Urbanized Area Grant 2021 – Project Amistad dba Amistad project****made by Mayor Oscar Leeser and seconded by Commissioner Iliana Holguin. Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion to approve Amendments to the Amended Destino 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and Destino 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to

 - Revise project limits for the ITS Infra. @Zaragoza/BOTA POE (ON-SYS) project made by Commissioner Iliana Holguin and seconded by Judge Ricardo Samaniego. Motion passed unanimously.**
- NMDOT Transportation Project Fund (TPF) Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Project Applications.
Motion to approve NMDOT Transportation Project Fund (TPF) Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Project Applications made by Mayor Oscar Leeser and seconded by Mayor Manuel Leos. Motion passed unanimously.
- Letter of Support for the City of El Paso Fiscal Year 2022 MEGA and INFRA Grant Application for the Downtown10 project.

Chairperson, Walter Miller opened Public Comment:

1. Robert Storch commented.

Chairperson, Walter Miller, closed Public Comment.

- Iliana Holguin commented
- Sam Rodriguez commented
- Eduardo Calvo commented
- Manuel Sanchez commented
- Oscar Leeser commented
- Tommy Gonzalez commented

Motion to authorize MPO Executive Director to submit a Letter of Support for the City of El Paso Fiscal Year 2022 MEGA and INFRA Grant Application for the Downtown10 project with revisions, made by Mayor Oscar Leeser, and seconded by Judge Ricardo Samaniego. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Letter of Support for the City of El Paso 2022 INFRA Grant Application for Ysleta Port of Entry Feasibility Study.
Motion to authorize MPO Executive Director to submit a Letter of Support for the City of El Paso 2022 INFRA Grant Application for Ysleta Port of Entry Feasibility Study made by Commissioner Iliana Holguin and seconded by Rudy Cruz. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Letters of Support for City of San Elizario FY23 Community Project Funding applications to Congresswoman Veronica Escobar (TX-16) and Congressman Tony Gonzalez (TX-23) for a Community Transportation Feasibility Assessment
Motion to authorize MPO Executive Director to submit letters of support for City of San Elizario FY23 Community Project Funding applications to Congresswoman Veronica Escobar (TX-16) and Congressman Tony Gonzalez (TX-23) for a Community Transportation Feasibility Assessment made by Commissioner Iliana Holguin and seconded by Judge Ricardo Samaniego. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

8. Update on the use of Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds transferred to Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for Sun Metro Projects
Status report provided by Sun Metro – Ellen Smyth
 - **Chairperson Walter Miller commented**
9. New Mexico Freight Plan Update.
Status report provided by EPMPO – Eduardo Calvo
 - Trent Doolittle commented
10. Paso Del Norte Trail Presentation.
Item deleted.
11. RMS 2020 Project Status Report.
Status report provided by EPMPO – Eduardo Calvo
12. Statewide TxDOT-MPO Safety Task Force
Status report provided by EPMPO – Eduardo Calvo
 - Tommy Gonzalez commented
 - Sam Rodriguez, Ricardo Samaniego, Oscar Leeser, Rudy Cruz
13. Executive Director Report
Status report provided by EPMPO – Eduardo Calvo
 - Tommy Gonzalez commented
 - Walter Miller commented
 - Oscar Leeser commented
 - Trent Doolittle commented

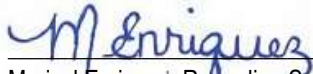
The **next meeting** of the TPB is scheduled for **9:00 a.m.** on **May 20, 2022**, at the at Blue Flame Building 304 Texas Ave, El Paso, TX 79901, Floor 17 (Center for Community Engagement)

14. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 10:30 a.m. made by Judge Ricardo Samaniego, 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