

TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

Of June 17, 2022

Call to Order:

Chairperson Alderman Walter Miller called the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting to order at 9:17 am) at the Blue Flame Building, 17th Floor (Center for Community Engagement), 304 Texas Avenue, El Paso, TX 79901, and 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	Yvette Hernandez	Grant Funded Program Director, City of El Paso
5. Cassandra Hernandez	City of El Paso Representative – District 3	Mary E. Gonzalez	TX State Representative – 75th District
6. Tommy Gonzalez	City Manager, City of El Paso	Willie Madrid	NM State Representative – 53 rd District
7. Norma Palacios	Public Works Director, County of El Paso	Sam Rodriguez	Director of Aviation, El Paso International Airport
8. Henry Rivera	City of El Paso Representative – District 7	Art Fierro	TX State Representative – 79 th District
9. Iliana Holguin	El Paso County Commissioner, Precinct 3		
10. Tomas Trevino	District Engineer, TXDOT – El Paso District		
11. Oscar Leaser	Mayor, City of El Paso		
12. Rudy Cruz	City of Socorro, District 3 Representative		
13. César Blanco	TX State Senator	MPO STAFF	
14. Claudia Ordaz-Perez	TX State Representative – 76th District	Sergio Estrada	MPO/TPB Attorney
15. Javier Perea	Mayor, Sunland Park, NM	Eduardo Calvo	Executive Director
16. Cissy Lizarraga	City of El Paso Representative - District 8	Harrison Plourde	Assistant Director
17. Ellen Smyth	Director, Mass Transit-Sun Metro	Jeff Howell	Senior Planner
18. Joe Moody	TX State Representative – 78 th District	Marisol Enriquez	Admin. Secretary / TPB Recording Sec
19. Manuel Sanchez	County Commissioner, Doña Ana County	Claudia Valles	Transportation Planner
20. Trent Doolittle	District Engineer, NMDOT	Sonia Perez	TDM Modeler
21. Lina Ortega	TX State Representative, 77th District	Tim McDaniel	Associate Regional Transportation Analyst
22. Isela Reyes	Mayor - City of San Elizario	Salvador Gonzalez-Ayala	Transportation Research/Development Mgr.
23.			
24.			

OTHERS PRESENT		OTHERS PRESENT	
Cassandra Urrutia – Senator Blanco			
Michael Medina – San Elizario			
Rosy Cardenas – DEC			
Sal Alonzo – EP County			
Adalberto Ordonez – Atkins			
Anne Guayante – COEP			
David Coronado – COEP			

(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 May 20, 2022, EPMPO TPB meeting.
Motion to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2022, EPMPO TPB meeting made by Mayor Oscar Leeser and seconded by Representative Lina Ortega. Motion passed unanimously.
- Consider amendments to the Amended Destino 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and Destino 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to increase funding for the *NM 213 Widening Preliminary Engineering Phase* by \$1,800,000 for a new total funding of \$4,200,000*
Motion to amend the amended Destino 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and Destino 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to increase funding for the NM 213 Widening Preliminary Engineering Phase by \$1,800,000 for a new total funding of \$4,200,000 made by Mayor Javier Perea and seconded by Representative Lina Ortega. Motion passed unanimously.
- Consider acceptance of June 2022 Project Readiness Report (PRR).
Motion to accept the June 2022 Project Readiness Report (PRR) made by Judge Ricardo Samaniego and seconded by Representative Lina Ortega. Motion passed unanimously.
- Consider authorizing use of Fiscal Years (FY) 2024-2025 Transportation Alternative Set-Aside (TASA) program funds for Preliminary Engineering (Design) project phase.
 - Iliana Holguin commented
 - Trent Doolittle commented
 - Walter Miller commented
 - Rudy Cruz commented
 - Ellen Smyth commented**Motion to authorize use of Fiscal Years (FY) 2024-2025 Transportation Alternative Set-Aside (TASA) program funds for Preliminary Engineering (Design) project phase made by Mayor Javier Perea and seconded by Commissioner Iliana Holguin. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Consider adopting evaluation criteria for the El Paso MPO New Mexico Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Mandatory program call for projects.
Motion to adopt evaluation criteria for the El Paso MPO New Mexico Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Mandatory program call for projects made by Mayor Javier Perea and seconded by Representative Lina Ortega. Motion passed unanimously.
- Consider authorizing the Executive Director to sign a Letter of Support for the City of El Paso FY 2022 INFRA Grant Application for needs assessment of the regional international ports of entry system.

Motion to authorize the Executive Director to sign a Letter of Support for the City of El Paso FY 2022 INFRA Grant Application for needs assessment of the regional international ports of entry system made by Representative Henry Rivera and seconded by Representative Lina Ortega. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Consider authorizing the Executive Director to execute Task Order #5 with Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) for assistance with preparation and submission of a grant application for Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program for development of a safety action plan

Motion to authorize the Executive Director to execute Task Order #5 with Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) for assistance with preparation and submission of a grant application for Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program for development of a safety action plan made by Representative Lina Ortega and seconded by Commissioner Iliana Holguin. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Consider adoption of an in-person attendance policy for Transportation Policy Board and Transportation Project Advisory Committee members.

- **Ricardo Samaniego commented**
- **Manuel Sanchez commented**
- **Henry Rivera commented**
- **Oscar Leeser commented**
- **Lina Ortega commented**
- **Iliana Holguin commented**
- **Walter Miller commented**
- **Rudy Cruz commented**
- **Cissy Lizarraga commented**
- **Sergio Estrada commented**
- **Eduardo Calvo commented**
- **Claudia Ordaz-Perez commented**

Motion to adopt an in-person attendance policy for Transportation Policy Board members pending adding language to authorize TPB chair to have the sole discretion to suspend, in whole or part, the enforcement of this attendance policy made by Commissioner Iliana Holguin and seconded by Representative Lina Ortega. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

9. Timeline for 2nd Performance Period Report for CMAQ Traffic Congestion and On-road Mobile Source Emissions Targets
Presenter: Sonia Perez (MPO)
10. Status update on the Pellicano Drive Roadway Improvement Project
Presenter: Jose Landeros (El Paso County)
11. EPMPO Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5310 Request for Proposals for Fiscal Years (FY) 2023-2024
Presenter: Jeff Howell (MPO)
12. RMS 2020 Project Status Report
Presenter: Gabriela Lopez (MPO)
13. Upcoming Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFOs) for Federal Grant Programs
Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (MPO Executive Director)
14. Statewide TxDOT-MPO Safety Task Force
Presenter: Eduardo Calvo, Executive Director (MPO)
15. Executive Director's Report
- a) 2022 Federal Certification Review for El Paso MPO
Presenter: Eduardo Calvo, Executive Director (MPO)

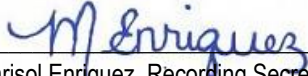
The **next meeting** of the TPB is scheduled for **9:00 a.m.** on **July 15, 2022**, at the at Blue Flame Building, Floor 17 (Center for Community Engagement), 304 Texas Ave, El Paso, TX 79901

16. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 11:00 a.m. made by Mayor Oscar Leeser, seconded by Judge Ricardo Samaniego. 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:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M Enriquez". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Marisol Enriquez, Recording Secretary of the
Transportation Policy Board for the El Paso MPO Study Area