

## TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

### MEETING MINUTES

Of November 18, 2022

#### Call to Order:

Chairperson Alderman Walter Miller called the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting to order at 9:36am 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	Sam Rodriguez	Director of Aviation, El Paso International Airport
2. Ricardo Samaniego (V-Chair)	Judge, El Paso County	Joseph Cervantes	NM State Senator, District 31
3. Rudy Cruz	City of Socorro, District 3 Representative	Dino Coronado	Alderman, Town of Clint
4. Trent Doolittle	District Engineer, NMDOT	Willie Madrid	NM State Representative District 53
5. Mary E. Gonzalez	TX State Representative – 75 <sup>th</sup> District	Art Fierro	TX State Representative – 79 <sup>th</sup> District
6. Tommy Gonzalez	City Manager, City of El Paso	Ellen Smyth	Director, Mass Transit-Sun Metro
7. Cassandra Hernandez	City of El Paso Representative – District 3		
8. Cesar Blanco	TX State Senator		
9. Benjamin Romero	Mayor, Town of Anthony, TX		
10. Manuel Leos	Mayor, Village of Vinton		
11. Cissy Lizarraga	City of El Paso Representative – District 8		
12. Oscar Leeser	Mayor, City of El Paso		
13. Isela Reyes	Mayor, City of San Elizario, TX		
14. Diana Murillo	Mayor, Anthony, NM		
15. Lina Ortega	TX State Representative – 77 <sup>th</sup> District	<b>MPO STAFF</b>	
16. Norma Palacios	Assistant Public Works Director, El Paso County	Sergio Estrada	MPO/TPB Attorney
17. Olga Nunez	Mayor Proterm, Sunland Park, NM	Eduardo Calvo	Executive Director
18. Henry Rivera	City of El Paso Representative - District 7	Harrison Plourde	Assistant Director
19. Manuel Sanchez	County Commissioner, Doña Ana County	Anne Guayante	Regional Transportation Manager
20. Tomas Trevino	District Engineer, TXDOT El Paso District	Tim McDaniel	Associate Regional Transportation Analyst
21. Claudia Ordaz	TX State Representative – 76 <sup>th</sup> District	Claudia Valles	Transportation Planner
22. Ellen Smyth	Director, Mass Transit-Sun Metro	Gabriela Lopez	Transportation Financial Analyst
23. Yvette Hernandez	CID Grant Funded Program Director, COEP	George Inostroza	
24. Iliana Holguin	El Paso County Commissioner, Precinct 3		
25. Joe Moody	TX State Representative – 78 <sup>th</sup> District		

*(Meeting began with 18 members)*

- Chairperson, Walter Miller opened Public Comment:
- 1. Scott White commented.
- Chairperson, Walter Miller, closed Public Comment.

#### DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

1. Minutes of the October 21, 2022, EPMPPO TPB meeting.  
**Motion to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2022, EPMPPO TPB meeting made by Representative Henry Rivera and seconded by Representative Cassandra Hernandez. Motion passed unanimously.**
  
2. Consider amendments to the Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Amended Destino 2045 MTP, Destino 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and RMS 2023-2026 TIP to program the Border Highway Connector (BHC) Preliminary Engineering Phase project in Fiscal Year (FY)2024\*  
**Motion to program the Border Highway Connector (BHC) Preliminary Engineering Phase project return with recommendations on a strategy to start with planning money develop a plan made by Sam Rodriguez and seconded by Rudy Cruz. Motion passed unanimously.**
  - **Walter Miller commented**
  - **Cissy Lizarraga commented**
  - **Olga Nunez commented**
  - **Sam Rodriguez commented**

•*Chairperson, Walter Miller opened Public Comment:*  
1. *Scott White commented.*  
• *Chairperson, Walter Miller, closed Public Comment.*
  
3. Consider amendments to the RMS 2050 MTP to deprogram the Zaragoza POE Pedestrian Drop Off and Pick Up Areas project in FY 2029 and the Zaragoza POE Pedestrian Shade Canopies in FY 2031\*  
**Motion to approve amendments to the RMS 2050 MTP to deprogram the Zaragoza POE Pedestrian Drop Off and Pick Up Areas project in FY 2029 and the Zaragoza POE Pedestrian Shade Canopies in FY 2031\* made by Representative Henry Rivera and seconded by Representative Joe Moody. Motion passed unanimously.**
  
4. Consider amendments to the RMS 2050 MTP and RMS 2023-2026 TIP to change project limits for the *Montana RTS 1st year Operating Assistance* project in FY 2023 and *Montana RTS 2nd year Operating Assistance* project in FY 2024\*  
**Motion to approve amendments to the RMS 2050 MTP and RMS 2023-2026 TIP to change project limits for the Montana RTS 1st year Operating Assistance project in FY 2023 and Montana RTS 2nd year Operating Assistance project in FY 2024\* made by Representative Lina Ortega and seconded by Representative Cassandra Hernandez. Motion passed unanimously.**
  
5. Consider amendments to the RMS 2050 MTP and RMS 2023-2026 TIP to program the *Feasibility Study and Alternatives Analysis for Regional Fare Structure and Payment System* project using FY 2020 Helping Obtain Prosperity for Everyone (HOPE) Grant funds in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023\*  
**Motion to amend the RMS 2050 MTP and RMS 2023-2026 TIP to program the *Feasibility Study and Alternatives Analysis for Regional Fare Structure and Payment System* project using FY 2020 Helping Obtain Prosperity for Everyone (HOPE) Grant funds in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023\* made by Mayor Oscar Leeser and seconded by Representative Lina Ortega. Motion passed unanimously.**
  
6. Consider authorizing the Executive Director to sign a letter of support for a Federal Railroad Administration Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) grant program application from the City of El Paso for Zaragoza Road Overpass/Grade Separation Project.  
**Motion to authorize the Executive Director to sign a letter of support for a Federal Railroad Administration Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) grant program application from the City of El Paso for Zaragoza Road Overpass/Grade Separation Project made by Representative Cassandra Hernandez and seconded by Representative Lina Ortega. Motion passed unanimously.**
  
7. Consider authorizing the Executive Director to execute Task Order #10 with the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) for Multimodal Web Tool (MWT) Enhancements and Shapefiles Upload for Update of Performance Measures.  
**Motion to authorize the Executive Director to execute Task Order #10 with the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) for Multimodal Web Tool (MWT) Enhancements and Shapefiles Upload for Update of Performance Measures made by Commissioner Iliana Holguin and seconded by Representative Cassandra Hernandez. Motion passed unanimously.**

•*Chairperson, Walter Miller opened Public Comment:*  
1. *Scott White commented.*  
• *Chairperson, Walter Miller, closed Public Comment.*


**REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:**

8. Update on Freight Shuttle  
**Presenter: David Coronado (City Of El Paso)**
9. FY 2024-2025 Transportation Alternative Set Aside (TASA) Program Call for Projects  
**Presenter: Tim McDaniel (MPO)**
10. EPMPO Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5310 Request for Proposals for FY 2023-2024  
**Presenter: Tim McDaniel (MPO)**
11. NM CMAQ Mandatory Call for Projects  
**Presenter: Tim McDaniel (MPO)**
12. RMS 2020 Project Status Report  
**Presenter: Tim McDaniel (MPO)**
13. Executive Director's Report
  - a) RMS 2050 Transportation Conformity
  - b) AMPO Annual Conference
  - c) I-10 Texas Corridor Study
  - d) Texas Freight Advisory Committee meeting
  - e) IIJA Funding Programs and Regional Opportunities
  - f) Statewide TxDOT-MPO Safety Task Force**Presenter: Eduardo Calvo, Executive Director (MPO)**

The **next meeting** of the TPB is scheduled for **9:00 a.m.** on **December 16, 2022**, at the at Blue Flame Building, Floor 17 (Center for Community Engagement), 304 Texas Ave, El Paso, TX 79901

14. Adjournment.  
**Motion to adjourn at 10:39 a.m. made by Mayor Oscar Leeser, seconded by Representative Cassandra Hernandez. Motion carried unanimously.**

Approved as to content:



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