

TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

Of December 16, 2022

Call to Order:

Chairperson Alderman Walter Miller called the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting to order at 9:40am 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	Cissy Lizarraga	City of El Paso Representative – District 8
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	Willie Madrid	NM State Representative District 53
4. Trent Doolittle	District Engineer, NMDOT	Art Fierro	TX State Representative – 79 th District
5. Mary E. Gonzalez	TX State Representative – 75 th District	Manuel Sanchez	County Commissioner, Doña Ana County
6. Sam Rodriguez	Director of Aviation, El Paso International Airport	Tommy Gonzalez	City Manager, City of El Paso
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. Ellen Smyth	Director, Mass Transit-Sun Metro		
11. Oscar Leeser	Mayor, City of El Paso		
12. Isela Reyes	Mayor, City of San Elizario, TX		
13. Diana Murillo	Mayor, Anthony, NM		
14. Lina Ortega	TX State Representative – 77 th District		
15. Norma Palacios	Assistant Public Works Director, El Paso County	MPO STAFF	
16. Javier Perea	Mayor, Sunland Park, NM	Sergio Estrada	MPO/TPB Attorney
17. Henry Rivera	City of El Paso Representative - District 7	Eduardo Calvo	Executive Director
18. Tomas Trevino	District Engineer, TXDOT El Paso District	Harrison Plourde	Assistant Director
19. Claudia Ordaz	TX State Representative – 76 th District	Anne Guayante	Regional Transportation Manager
20. Ramon Cano	Mayor, Town of Clint	Tim McDaniel	Associate Regional Transportation Analyst
21. Yvette Hernandez	CID Grant Funded Program Director, COEP	Claudia Valles	Transportation Planner
22. Iliana Holguin	El Paso County Commissioner, Precinct 3	Gabriela Lopez	Transportation Financial Analyst
23. Joe Moody	TX State Representative – 78 th District		
24. Rachel Quintana	Mayor, Village of Vinton		
25.			

(Meeting began with 21 members)

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

1. Minutes of the November 18, 2022, EPMPO TPB meeting.
Motion to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2022, EPMPO TPB meeting made by Mayor Oscar Leeser and seconded by Representative Lina Ortega. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Consider amendments to the EPMPO Bylaws.
Motion to delete Item 2 made by Representative Lina Ortega and seconded by Representative Cassandra Hernandez. Motion passed unanimously.
 - **Cesar Blanco commented**
 - **Joe Moody commented**

3. Consider authorizing the Executive Director to sign Partnership Agreements for the Use of the Center for Civic Empowerment on the 17th floor of the Blue Flame Building in order to hold MPO Board and committee meetings in the space.
Motion to authorize the Executive Director to sign Partnership Agreements for the Use of the Center for Civic Empowerment on the 17th floor of the Blue Flame Building in order to hold MPO Board and committee meetings in the space made by Mayor Javier Peres and seconded by Representative Cassandra Hernandez. Motion passed unanimously.
 - **Henry Rivera commented**

4. Consider amendments to the Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and RMS 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to program the *I-10/NM 404 Interchange - Direct Connectors (Study)* project in FY 2024*
Motion to approve amendments to the Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and RMS 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to program the I-10/NM 404 Interchange - Direct Connectors (Study) project in FY 2024* made by Trent Doolittle and seconded by Representative Lina Ortega. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Consider amendments to the RMS 2050 MTP and RMS 2023-2026 TIP to program Sun Metro Paratransit Fleet Replacement: Zero-Emission Vehicles project in FY 2023*
Motion to amend the RMS 2050 MTP and RMS 2023-2026 TIP to program Sun Metro Paratransit Fleet Replacement: Zero-Emission Vehicles project in FY 2023* made by Elle Smyth and seconded by Representative Henry Rivera. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Consider the following administrative amendments to the RMS 2050 MTP and RMS 2023-2026 TIP, as recommended by the FY 2023 UTP Ad Hoc Committee:
 - a) Amend the Sean Haggerty Dr. Extension project to add \$6,185,830 CAT 7 STP-MM funds in FY 2023*
 - b) Amend the John Hayes (Darrington/Berryville) (Construction Phase 1) project to add \$6,000,000 of CAT 7 STP-MM funds in FY 2023*
 - c) Amend the N. Darrington Reconstruction project to add \$4,500,000 of CAT 7 STP-MM funds in FY 2023*

Motion to Consider the following administrative amendments to the RMS 2050 MTP and RMS 2023-2026 TIP, as recommended by the FY 2023 UTP Ad Hoc Committee:

 - a. **Amend the *Sean Haggerty Dr. Extension* project to add \$6,185,830 CAT 7 STP-MM funds in FY 2023***
 - b. **Amend the *John Hayes (Darrington/Berryville) (Construction Phase 1)* project to add \$6,000,000 of CAT 7 STP-MM funds in FY 2023***
 - c. **Amend the *N. Darrington Reconstruction* project to add \$4,500,000 of CAT 7 STP-MM funds in FY 2023***

made by Representative Cassandra Hernandez and seconded by Commissioner Iliana Holguin. Motion passed unanimously.

 - **Iliana Holguin commented**

7. Consider amendments to the RMS 2050 MTP and RMS 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to:
 - a) Deprogram the US54 (Patriot FWY) Mainlanes (Kenworthy to FM2529) and Ramp Reconfiguration project from the TIP, remove \$36,340,000 of Category 2M funds and \$2,829,068 of Category 11 District Discretionary funds, and move to FY 2027*
 - b) Deprogram the IH 10 Interchange at Pendale project from the TIP, remove \$16,820,000 of Category 12 funds, and move to FY 2027*

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- b. **Deprogram the *IH 10 Interchange at Pendale* project from the TIP, remove \$16,820,000 of Category 12 funds, and move to FY 2027***

made by Representative Lina Ortega and seconded by Judge Ricardo Samaniego. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Oscar Leeser commented**
- **Tomas Trevino commented**

8. Consider amendment to the RMS 2050 MTP to amend the *Downtown 10 Executive Center to SL478 Copia Segment 2* project to program \$106,340,000 of Category 2 funds, \$2,829,068 of Category 11 District Discretionary funds, \$191,820,000 of Category 12 Strategic Priority funds, and \$4,000,000 of Category 4 funds in FY 2027*

Motion to amend the RMS 2050 MTP to amend the *Downtown 10 Executive Center to SL478 Copia Segment 2* project to program \$106,340,000 of Category 2 funds, \$2,829,068 of Category 11 District Discretionary funds, \$191,820,000 of Category 12 Strategic Priority funds, and \$4,000,000 of Category 4 funds in FY 2027* made by Ellen Smyth and seconded by Tomas Trevino. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Consider the following amendments to the RMS 2050 MTP and RMS 2023-2026 TIP, as recommended by the FTA 5310 FY 2023-2024 project call Ad Hoc Committee:

- a) Program Project Amistad's *FTA Section 5310 El Paso Urbanized Area Grant* with \$302,209 in FY 2023 and *FTA Section 5310 El Paso Urbanized Area Grant* with \$491,333 in FY 2024*
- b) Program SCRTRD's *5310 Urbanized Area Grant* with \$189,125 in FY 2023*
- c) Program Sun Metro's *Paratransit Service Technology Upgrade and Mobility for Veterans Project* with \$250,000 in FY 2023 and *Paratransit Service Technology Upgrade and Mobility for Veterans Project* with \$250,000 in FY 2024*
- d) Program the City of Socorro's *Rio Vista 5310 Transportation Program* with \$143,425 in FY 2023 and *Rio Vista 5310 Transportation Program* with \$143,425 in FY 2024*

Motion to amend the RMS 2050 MTP to amend the RMS 2050 MTP and RMS 2023-2026 TIP, as recommended by the FTA 5310 FY 2023-2024 project call Ad Hoc Committee:

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made by Representative Lina Ortega and seconded by Representative Joe Moody. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Ellen Smyth commented**
- **Rudy Cruz Jr commented**

10. Consider the following amendments to the Category 9 Grouped Project list, as recommended by the TASA 2024-2025 project call Ad Hoc Committee:

- a) Program the *McRae Shared Use Path Montwood to Album* with \$2,324,368 in FY 2024 and *McRae Shared Use Path Album to Montana* with \$1,860,187 in FY 2025*
- b) Program the *SunCycle Bike Share Fleet Enhancement Project (Phase 1)* with \$124,996 in FY 2024 and *SunCycle Bike Share Fleet Enhancement Project (Phase 2)* with \$124,996 in FY 2025*
- c) Program *Rodman Street Shared Use Path (PE Phase)* with \$206,020 in FY 2024 and *Rodman Street Shared Use Path (Construction Phase)* with \$789,272 in FY 2025*

Motion to amend the RMS 2050 MTP to amend the Category 9 Grouped Project list, as recommended by the TASA 2024-2025 project call Ad Hoc Committee:

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c) **Program Rodman Street Shared Use Path (PE Phase) with \$206,020 in FY 2024 and Rodman Street Shared Use Path (Construction Phase) with \$789,272 in FY 2025***
made by Representative Henry Rivera and seconded by Commissioner Iliana Holguin. Motion passed unanimously

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

11. December 2022 Project Readiness Report (PRR)
Presenter: Tim McDaniel (MPO)
12. FY2023 1st Quarter Administrative Amendments Report
Presenter: Anne Guayante (MPO)
13. NM CMAQ Mandatory Call for Projects
Presenter: Gabriela Lopez (MPO)
14. RMS 2020 Project Status Report
Presenter: Gabriela Lopez (MPO)
15. Executive Director's Report
 - a) Statewide TxDOT-MPO Safety Task Force
Presenter: Eduardo Calvo, Executive Director (MPO)

The **next meeting** of the TPB is scheduled for **9:30 a.m.** on **January 20, 2023**, at the at Blue Flame Building, Floor 17 (Center for Community Engagement), 304 Texas Ave, El Paso, TX 79901

16. Adjournment.
Adjournment at 10:37 a.m.

Approved as to content:



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