

**TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD  
APPROVED MEETING MINUTES**

Of January 21, 2022

**Call to Order:**

Chairperson Lina Ortega called the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting to order at 9:41 am at the El Paso MPO Board Room, 211 N. Florence, 1st Floor, Suite 103, El Paso, TX, also conducted the meeting telephonically and by video conference. TPB Member attendance was as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT		MEMBERS ABSENT	
TITLES	TITLES	TITLES	TITLES
1. Lina Ortega (Chair)	TX State Representative, 77th District	Joseph Cervantes	NM Senator, District 31
2. Walter Miller (V-Chair)	Alderman 1, Town of Horizon	Esteban Olivas	Alderman, Town Clint
3. Manuel Leos	Mayor, Village of Vinton	Benjamin Romero	Mayor, Town of Anthony, TX
4. Cissy Lizarraga	City Representative, District 8	Antonio Araujo	Mayor City of San Elizario
5. Ricardo Samaniego	Judge, El Paso County	Diana Trujillo	Mayor Anthony, NM
6. Mary E. Gonzalez	TX State Representative – 75th District	Art Fierro	TX State Representative – 79th District
7. Cassandra Hernandez	City Representative – District 3	Javier Perea	Mayor, Sunland Park, NM
8. Tommy Gonzalez	City Manager, City of El Paso	Willie Madrid	NM State Representative – 53rd District
9. Norma Palacios	Public Works Director, County of El Paso		
10. Claudia Ordaz-Perez	TX State Representative – 76th District		
11. Henry Rivera	City Representative – District 7		
12. Iliana Holguin	El Paso County Commissioner, Precinct 3		
13. Sam Rodriguez	Director of Aviation, EP International Airport		
14. Oscar Leeser	Mayor, City of El Paso		
15. Ivy Avalos	Mayor, City of Socorro		
16. Joe Moody	TX State Representative – 78th District	<b>MPO STAFF</b>	
17. César Blanco	TX State Senator	Sergio Estrada	MPO/TPB Attorney
18. Trent Doolittle	District Engineer, NMDOT	Eduardo Calvo	Executive Director
19. Chuck McMahon	Doña Ana County Assist. Manager of Operations	Harrison Plourde	Assistant Director
20. Ellen Smyth	Director, Mass Transit-Sun Metro	Jeff Howell	Senior Planner
21. Yvette Hernandez	Grant Funded Program Director, COEP	Marisol Enriquez	Admin. Secretary / TPB Recording Sec
22. Tomas Trevino	District Engineer, TXDOT – El Paso	Claudia Valles	Transportation Planner
23.		Sonia Perez	TDM Modeler
		Tim McDaniel	Associate Regional Transportation Analyst
<b>OTHERS PRESENT</b>		<b>OTHERS PRESENT</b>	
Bob Storch – member of public	Angel Ulloa – member of public	Gloria Ramirez - Anthony	
Alyssa Garza – member of public	David Cantu – member of public	Richard Dayoub – Thunderbird	
Maya Sanchez- San Elizario	Raymond Sanchez - TXDOT	Jose Reyes - DEC	
Sito Negron – member of public	Marty Boyd - TXDOT	Rosy Cardenas - DEC	
Carlos Gallinar – member of public	Michelle Padilla - Horizon	Teresa Quesada -	
Steven Voglewede – member of public	Angela Roberson – Dona Ana	Scott White – member of public	
Tracy Yellen – Paso del Norte Health	Claudia Garcia – Sun Metro		

(Meeting began with 17 members)

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

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION:**

1. Approve the minutes of the December 17, 2021, Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting.  
**Motion to approve the minutes for the December 17, 2021, Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting, made by Mayor Oscar Leeser, and seconded by Representative Cissy Lizarraga. Motion passed unanimously.**
2. Nominate and Elect Chairperson of the TPB.  
**Motion to nominate and elect Walter Miller as Chairperson of the TPB, made by Representative Lina Ortega, and seconded by Mayor Oscar Leeser. Motion passed Unanimously.**
3. Nominate and Elect Vice-Chairperson of the TPB.  
**Motion to nominate and elect Ricardo Samaniego Vice-Chairperson of the TPB, made by Representative Henry Rivera, and seconded by Mayor Oscar Leeser. Motion passed Unanimously.**
4. Chairperson to appoint members to Executive Committee.

**Motion to appoint Walter Miller as Chair, Ricardo Samaniego as Vice-Chair, Lina Ortega, Oscar Leeser, Trent Doolittle, Tomas Trevino, and Javier Perea as members to Executive Committee, made by Judge Ricardo Samaniego, and seconded by Commissioner Iliana Holguin. Motion passed unanimously.**

5. Authorize the MPO Executive Director, or his designee, to execute Task Order No. 3, pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the EPMPPO and Texas A&M Transportation Institute.  
**Motion to authorize the MPO Executive Director, or his designee, to execute Task Order No. 3, pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the EPMPPO and Texas A&M Transportation Institute made by Alderman Walter Miller and seconded by Representative Cissy Lizarraga. Motion passed unanimously.**
6. Adopt the State of Texas 2022 Safety Performance Measure (PM1) Targets.  
**Motion to adopt the State of Texas 2022 Safety Performance Measure (PM1) Targets made by Ellen Smyth and seconded by Representative Cassandra Hernandez. Motion passed unanimously.**
7. Adopt the State of New Mexico 2022 Safety Performance Measure (PM1) Targets.  
**Motion to adopt the State of New Mexico 2022 Safety Performance Measure (PM1) Targets made by Representative Lina Ortega and seconded by Mayor Oscar Lesser. Motion passed unanimously.**
8. Amend the Amended Destino 2045 MTP and Destino 2021-2024 TIP to:
  - a) Amend the Traffic Management Center Upgrade Phase 1 project to change project description, and increase CAT 5 Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds in FY 2022, and
  - b) Amend the Traffic Management Center Upgrade Phase 2 project to change project description, decrease CAT 5 CMAQ funds, and remove Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase in FY 2023, and
  - c) Amend the Management Center Upgrade Phase 3 project to change project description in FY 2024, and
  - d) Move the Horizon @ Darrington Intersection improvement project using CAT 2 funds from FY 2022 to 2023, and
  - e) Move the NM 213 Widening project using National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) and Border State Infrastructure (SBSI) funds from FY 2023 to FY 2026.

**Motion to amend the Amended Destino 2045 MTP and Destino 2021-2024 TIP to:**

- a) **Amend the Traffic Management Center Upgrade Phase 1 project to change project description, and increase CAT 5 Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds in FY 2022, and**
- b) **Amend the Traffic Management Center Upgrade Phase 2 project to change project description, decrease CAT 5 CMAQ funds, and remove Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase in FY 2023, and**
- c) **Amend the Management Center Upgrade Phase 3 project to change project description in FY 2024, and**
- d) **Move the Horizon @ Darrington Intersection improvement project using CAT 2 funds from FY 2022 to 2023, and**
- e) **Move the NM 213 Widening project using National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) and Border State Infrastructure (SBSI) funds from FY 2023 to FY 2026**

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

9. Add Alamo Alto Segment PDN Trail – Phase 1 (Fabens) project to the Transportation Alternative Set Aside (TASA) Grouped project list in FY 2024.  
**Motion to add Alamo Alto Segment PDN Trail – Phase 1 (Fabens) project to the Transportation Alternative Set Aside (TASA) Grouped project list in FY 2024 made by by Representative Cassandra Hernandez and seconded by Commissioner Iliana Holguin. Motion passed unanimously.**
10. Add Alamo Alto Segment PDN Trail – Phase 2 (Tornillo) project to the TASA Grouped project list in FY 2025.  
**Motion to add Alamo Alto Segment PDN Trail – Phase 2 (Tornillo) project to the TASA Grouped project list in FY 2025 made by Representative Cassandra Hernandez and seconded by Commissioner Iliana Holguin. Motion passed unanimously.**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Executive Committee (EC) may retire into **EXECUTIVE SESSION (ES)** pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapter D, to discuss any of the following: (The items listed below are matters of the sort routinely discussed in Executive Session, but the EC may move to Executive Session any of the items on this agenda, consistent with the terms of the Open Meetings Act.) The EC will return to open session to take any final action and may also, at any time during the meeting, bring forward any of the following items for public discussion, as appropriate.

Section 551.071	CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY
Section 551.072	DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY
Section 551.073	DELIBERATION REGARDING PROSPECTIVE GIFTS
Section 551.074	PERSONNEL MATTERS
Section 551.076	DELIBERATION REGARDING SECURITY DEVICES
Section 551.087	DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS

**EX. Item No. 11.** EPMPPO Office Lease Agreement.

**EX. Item No. 12.** Review of Executive Director's Employment Agreement.

**1st Motion:** Motion made to go into Executive Session at 10:09am with twenty members present for Agenda Items Nos. 11 and 12 made by Ellen Smyth and seconded by Mayor Oscar Leeser. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Committee went into Executive Session pursuant to:

**EX. Item No. 11.** EPMPO Office Lease Agreement.

**EX. Item No. 12.** Review of Executive Director's Employment Agreement.

**2nd Motion:** Motion to come out of Executive Session made by Mayor Oscar Leeser and seconded by Representative Henry Rivera.

Chair, Representative Lina Ortega reconvened meeting at 11:20am with five (20) members

**No action taken.**

**REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:**

13. Initiation of 30-day public involvement/comment period for the Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), RMS 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Transportation Conformity Report.

**Status report provided by EPMPO – Gabriela Lopez**

14. RMS 2020 Project Status Report.

**Status report provided by EPMPO – Eduardo Calvo**

15. Executive Director Report.

**Status report provided by EPMPO – Eduardo Calvo**

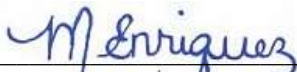
The **next meeting** of the TPB is scheduled for **9:00 a.m.** on **February 18, 2022**, at the El Paso MPO Office located at 211 N. Florence Street, Suite 103 (MPO Boardroom on 1<sup>st</sup> Floor), El Paso, TX 79901.

16. Adjournment.

**Motion to adjourn at 11:20 a.m. made by Mayor Oscar Leeser, seconded by Alderman Walter Miller. 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