

## TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

### MEETING MINUTES

Of May 20, 2022

**Call to Order:**

Chairperson Alderman Walter Miller called the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting to order at 9:08 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. Art Fierro	TX State Representative – 79 <sup>th</sup> District	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 – 75 <sup>th</sup> District
6. Tommy Gonzalez	City Manager, City of El Paso	Willie Madrid	NM State Representative – 53 <sup>rd</sup> District
7. Norma Palacios	Public Works Director, County of El Paso	Tomas Trevino	District Engineer, TXDOT – El Paso District
8. Henry Rivera	City of El Paso Representative – District 7	Ricardo Samaniego (V-Chair)	Judge, El Paso County
9. Iliana Holguin	El Paso County Commissioner, Precinct 3	Antonio Araujo	Mayor - City of San Elizario
10. Sam Rodriguez	Director of Aviation, El Paso International Airport		
11. Oscar Leaser	Mayor, City of El Paso		
12. Rudy Cruz	City of Socorro		
13. César Blanco	TX State Senator		
14. Claudia Ordaz-Perez	TX State Representative – 76 <sup>th</sup> District		
15. Javier Perea	Mayor, Sunland Park, NM	<b>MPO STAFF</b>	
16. Cissy Lizarraga	City of El Paso Representative - District 8	Sergio Estrada	MPO/TPB Attorney
17. Ellen Smyth	Director, Mass Transit-Sun Metro	Eduardo Calvo	Executive Director
18. Joe Moody	TX State Representative – 78 <sup>th</sup> District	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. Lina Ortega	TX State Representative, 77 <sup>th</sup> District	Claudia Valles	Transportation Planner
22.		Sonia Perez	TDM Modeler
23.		Tim McDaniel	Associate Regional Transportation Analyst
24.		Salvador Gonzalez-Ayala	Transportation Research/Development Mgr.
25.			

OTHERS PRESENT		OTHERS PRESENT	
Raymond Telles - CRRMA			
Rosy Cardenas – DEC			
Jose Reyes - DEC			
Mayela Granados – Sen. Blanco			
Marty Boyd – TxDOT El Paso District			
Raul Ortega – TxDOT El Paso District			

(Meeting began with 20 members)

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

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION:**

- Minutes of the April 22, 2022, EPMPD TPB meeting.  
**Motion to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2022, EPMPD TPB meeting with update in Commissioner Holguin title made by Sam Rodriguez and seconded by Representative Art Fierro. 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 404 Widening Project by \$19,210,960 for a new total funding of \$63,968,960\*  
**Motion to amend the amended Destino 2045 MTP and Destino 2021-2024 TIP to increase funding for the NM 404 Widening Project by \$19,210,960 for a new total funding amount of \$63,968,960 made by Mayor Javier Perea and seconded by Representative Lina Ortega. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Consider awarding Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA) Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5310 funds to Project Amistad\*.

- Ellen Smyth commented
- Cesar Blanco commented

**Motion to award CRRSAA FTA 5310 funds to Project Amistad in the amount of \$118,768 made by Commissioner Iliana Holguin and seconded by Representative Henry Rivera. Motion passed unanimously.**

- Consider awarding American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 FTA 5310 funds to Project Amistad\*.  
**Motion to award ARPA FTA 5310 funds to Project Amistad in the amount of \$118,770 made by Commissioner Iliana Holguin and seconded by Representative Art Fierro. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Consider authorizing the TPB Chair, or the Executive Director, to execute a Consulting Services Agreement and a Master Subscription Agreement with UrbanSim, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$120,000, for the purchase of three software licenses for a one-year period, technical support, and consulting services that will enable the MPO to complete Task 3 – Urban Densification Emissions Impact Study of the Statement of Work and Notice to Commence Under the Grant Umbrella from TCEQ, Contract (Grant) Number 582-20-11979. It is also requested that after review by the MPO’s legal counsel, that the TPB Chair, or the Executive Director, be authorized to execute any related contract documents or agreements as long as the total amount of the agreements does not exceed \$120,000.

- Joe Moody commented
- Manuel Sanchez commented
- Ellen Smyth commented
- Norma Palacios commented
- Cesar Blanco commented
- Iliana Holguin commented
- Walter Miller commented
- Rudy Cruz commented

**Motion to authorize the TPB Chair, or the Executive Director, to execute a Consulting Services Agreement and a Master Subscription Agreement with UrbanSim, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$120,000, for the purchase of three software licenses for a one-year period, technical support, and consulting services that will enable the MPO to complete Task 3 – Urban Densification Emissions Impact Study of the Statement of Work and Notice to Commence Under the Grant Umbrella from**

TCEQ, Contract (Grant) Number 582-20-11979. It is also requested that after review by the MPO's legal counsel, that the TPB Chair, or the Executive Director, be authorized to execute any related contract documents or agreements as long as the total amount of the agreements does not exceed \$120,000 contingent on approval of Fiscal Agent. made by Representative Joe Moody, and seconded by Commissioner Iliana Holguin. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Consider authorizing the Executive Director to sign a Letter of Support for Sun Metro FY 2022 Low or No Emission/Buses and Bus Facilities Grant Application.

- Cissy Lizarraga commented

**Motion to authorize the Executive Director to sign a Letter of Support for Sun Metro FY 2022 Low or No Emissions/Bus and Bus Facilities Grant made by Representative Lina Ortega and seconded by Representative Henry Rivera. Motion passed unanimously.**

7. Consider authorizing the Executive Director to sign a Letter of Support for Dr. Rafael Aldrete as the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) nominee for the 2021-2022 Texas A&M Regents Fellow Service Award.

- Joe Moody commented
- Sergio Estrada commented

**Motion to authorize the Executive Director to sign a Letter of Support for Dr. Rafael Aldrete as the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) nominee for the 2021-2022 Texas A&M Regents Fellow Service Award made by Representative Joe Moody and seconded by Representative Henry Rivera. Motion passed unanimously.**

#### **REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:**

8. NM CMAQ Mandatory Call for Projects  
**Status report provided by EPMPO – Gabriela Lopez**

9. RMS 2020 Project Status Report.  
**Status report provided by EPMPO – Gabriela Lopez**

10. Statewide TxDOT-MPO Safety Task Force  
**Status report provided by EPMPO – Eduardo Calvo**

- Cesar Blanco commented
- Sam Rodriguez commented
- Ellen Smyth commented

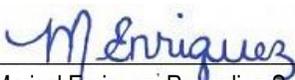
11. Executive Director Report  
**Status report provided by EPMPO – Eduardo Calvo**

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

12. Adjournment.  
**Motion to adjourn at 10:11 a.m. made by Commissioner Iliana Holguin, seconded by Senator Cesar Blanco. 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