

TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

Of August 19, 2022

Call to Order:

Chairperson Alderman Walter Miller called the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting to order at 9:04 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	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	Ellen Smyth	Director, Mass Transit-Sun Metro
5. Mary E. Gonzalez	TX State Representative – 75 th District	Benjamin Romero	Mayor, Town of Anthony, TX
6. Tommy Gonzalez	City Manager, City of El Paso	Yvette Hernandez	CID Grant Funded Program Director, COEP
7. Cassandra Hernandez	City of El Paso Representative – District 3	Iliana Holguin	El Paso County Commissioner, Precinct 3
8. Cesar Blanco	TX State Senator	Willie Madrid	NM State Representative District 53
9. Art Fierro	TX State Representative – 79 th District	Joe Moody	TX State Representative – 78 th District
10. Manuel Leos	Mayor, Village of Vinton	Claudia Ordaz-Perez	TX State Representative – 76 th District
11. Cissy Lizarraga	City of El Paso Representative – District 8		
12. Oscar Leoser	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 th District	MPO STAFF	
16. Norma Palacios	Assistant Public Works Director, County of El Paso	Sergio Estrada	MPO/TPB Attorney
17. Javier Perea	Mayor, 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	Jeff Howell	Senior Planner
20. Tomas Trevino	District Engineer, TXDOT El Paso District	Tim McDaniel	Associate Regional Transportation Analyst
21.		Claudia Valles	Transportation Planner
22.		Gabriela Lopez	Transportation Financial Analyst
OTHERS PRESENT		OTHERS PRESENT	
Scott White – Velo Paso	Greg Heitman – FHWA		
Jose Barriga – Citizen	Marc Oliphant - FTA		
Krystal Lastrope – FHWA			
Genevieve Bales – FHWA			

(Meeting began with 17 members)

• Chairperson, Walter Miller opened Public Comment:

1. Jose Barriga commented.

• Chairperson, Walter Miller, closed Public Comment.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

1. Minutes of the July 22, 2022, EPMPO TPB meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2022, EPMPO TPB meeting made by Mayor Oscar Leaser and seconded by Representative Lina Ortega. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Consider adoption of Second Performance Period Report for CMAQ traffic congestion and on-road mobile source emissions targets

- **Walter Miller commented**
- **Cassandra Hernandez commented**

Motion to adopt the Second Performance Period Report for CMAQ traffic congestion and on-road mobile source emissions targets made by Judge Ricardo Samaniego and seconded by Yvette Hernandez. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Consider authorizing the Executive Director to sign the First Amendment to the Grant Agreement between El Paso MPO and the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) for the 2050 Travel Demand Model, Statewide Planning and Research (SPR) - Part A Funding

Motion to authorize the Executive Director to sign the First Amendment to the Grant Agreement between El Paso MPO and the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) for the 2050 Travel Demand Model, Statewide Planning and Research (SPR) - Part A Funding made by Representative Lina Ortega and seconded by Judge Ricardo Samaniego. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Consider adopting a resolution of support and commitment to be included in the El Paso MPO's grant application for a Safety Action Plan to be submitted to the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) federal program.

- **Walter Miller commented**
- **Sergio Estrada commented**
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The following members if the public commented on the item:

1. Scott White

Motion to adopt a resolution of support and commitment to be included in the El Paso MPO's grant application for a Safety Action Plan to be submitted to the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) federal program. made by Mayor Oscar Leaser and seconded by Commissioner Manuel Sanchez. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

5. Administrative Amendment to NM 404 Widening Project

Presenter: Gabriela Lopez (MPO)

- **Trent Doolittle commented**

6. FY 2024-2025 Transportation Alternative Set Aside (TASA) Program Call for Projects

Presenter: Tim McDaniel (MPO)

7. EPMPO Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5310 Request for Proposals for Fiscal Years (FY) 2023-2024

Presenter: Jeff Howell (MPO)

8. NM CMAQ Mandatory Call for Projects

Presenter: Gabriela Lopez (MPO)

9. RMS 2020 Project Status Report

Presenter: Gabriela Lopez (MPO)

10. Executive Director's Report
- a) IIJA Funding Programs and Regional Opportunities
 - b) Statewide TxDOT-MPO Safety Task Force
 - c) 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 **September 23, 2022**, at the at Blue Flame Building, Floor 17 (Center for Community Engagement), 304 Texas Ave, El Paso, TX 79901

11. Adjournment.
- Motion to adjourn at 10:03 a.m. made by Mayor Oscar Leeser, seconded by Representative Cassandra Hernandez. Motion carried unanimously.**

Approved as to content:



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