

TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

Of February 17, 2023

Call to Order:

Motion to appoint Walter Miller as presiding Chair in absence of TPB Chair Ricardo Samaniego and Vice-Chair Mayor Oscar Leeser made by Representative Lina Ortega and Seconded by Representative Isabel Salcido. Motion Passed unanimously.

Alderman Walter Miller called the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting to order at 9:44am 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	Alderman 1, Town of Horizon City	Oscar Leeser (Vice-Chair)	Mayor, City of El Paso
2. Chris Canales	City of El Paso Representative – District 8	Joseph Cervantes	NM State Senator, District 31
3. Rudy Cruz	City of Socorro, District 3 Representative	Willie Madrid	NM State Representative District 53
4. Sam Rodriguez	Director of Aviation, El Paso International Airport	Eddie Morales	TX State Representative – 74 th District
5. Cassandra Hernandez	City of El Paso Representative – District 3	Ricardo Samaniego (Chair)	Judge, El Paso County
6. Tommy Gonzalez	City Manager, City of El Paso	Claudia Ordaz	TX State Representative – 76 th District
7. Benjamin Romero	Mayor, Town of Anthony, TX	Cesar Blanco	TX State Senator
8. Ellen Smyth	Director, Mass Transit-Sun Metro	Javier Perea	Mayor, Sunland Park, NM
9. Diana Murillo	Mayor, Anthony, NM	Trent Doolittle	District Engineer, NMDOT
10. Lina Ortega	TX State Representative – 77 th District	Mary E. Gonzalez	TX State Representative – 75 th District
11. Norma Palacios	Assistant Public Works Director, El Paso County	Isela Reyes	Mayor, City of San Elizario, TX
12. Isabel Salcido	City of El Paso Representative - District 5		
13. Tomas Trevino	District Engineer, TXDOT El Paso District	MPO STAFF	
14. Ramon Cano	Mayor, Town of Clint	Sergio Estrada	MPO/TPB Attorney
15. Yvette Hernandez	CID Grant Funded Program Director, COEP	Eduardo Calvo	Executive Director
16. Iliana Holguin	El Paso County Commissioner, Precinct 3	Harrison Plourde	Assistant Director
17. Joe Moody	TX State Representative – 78 th District	Anne Guayante	Regional Transportation Manager
18. Rachel Quintana	Mayor, Village of Vinton	Tim McDaniel	Associate Regional Transportation Analyst
19. Manuel Sanchez	County Commissioner, Doña Ana County	Claudia Valles	Transportation Planner
20.		Gabriela Lopez	Transportation Financial Analyst
21.			

(Meeting began with 16 members)

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

1. Consider and approve the minutes of the January 20, 2023 TPB meeting.
Presenter: TPB Chair
Motion to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2023, EPMPPO TPB meeting made by Representative Lina Ortega and seconded by Mayor Benjamin Romero. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Consider and approve designating Eduardo Calvo as the authorized representative of the El Paso MPO for the purpose of executing the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Certifications and Assurances.
Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (MPO).
Motion to approve designating Eduardo Calvo as the authorized representative of the El Paso MPO for the purpose of executing the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Certifications and Assurances made by Representative Isabel Salcido and seconded by Mayor Benjamin Romero. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Consider and adopt the El Paso MPO's Transit Asset Management (TAM) targets.
Presenter: Tim McDaniel (MPO)
Motion to adopt the El Paso MPO's Transit Asset Management (TAM) targets made by Commissioner Iliana Holguin and seconded by Representative Lina Ortega. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Consider and approve the following amendment to the Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) to amend the *George Perry Extension* Project to change the project name and project limits in FY 2030.
Presenter: Michael McElroy (City of El Paso)
Motion to approve the following amendment to the Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) to amend the George Perry Extension Project to change the project name and project limits in FY 2030 made by Representative Lina Ortega and seconded by Representative Chris Canales. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Consider and authorize the Executive Director to sign a letter of support on behalf of the City of El Paso's 2023 RAISE Grant application for Paso del Norte and Stanton International Bridges Feasibility Study
Presenter: Omar Martinez (City of El Paso)
6. Consider and authorize the Executive Director to sign a letter of support on behalf of the City of El Paso's 2023 RAISE Grant application for Five Points-Piedras Reconstruction Project
Presenter: Omar Martinez (City of El Paso)
Motion to approve item 5 & 6 to authorize the Executive Director to sign a letter of support on behalf of the City of El Paso's 2023 RAISE Grant applications for the Paso del Norte and Stanton International Bridges Feasibility Study and Five Points-Piedras Reconstruction Projects made by Representative Chris Canales and seconded by Representative Lina Ortega. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Consider and authorize the Executive Director to sign a letter of support on behalf of UTEP's Center for Transportation Infrastructure Systems (CTIS) proposal to research potential benefits of using Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) in transportation planning activities.
Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (MPO)
Motion to authorize the Executive Director to sign a letter of support on behalf of UTEP's Center for Transportation Infrastructure Systems (CTIS) proposal to research potential benefits of using Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) in transportation planning activities made by Representative Lina Ortega and seconded by Mayor Benjamin Romero. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

8. 2022-2023 Far West Texas/El Paso Regional Transportation Coordination Committee (WTEP)
Presenter: Xavier Bañales / Cecilia Garcia (Project Amistad)
 - Chris Canales commented
 - Diana Murillo commented
9. NMDOT Transportation Project Fund (TPF) FY 2024 Call for Projects
Presenter: Gabriela Lopez (MPO)
10. NM CMAQ Mandatory Call for Projects
Presenter: Gabriela Lopez (MPO)

11. RMS 2020 Project Status Report
Presenter: Gabriela Lopez (MPO)

• *Alderman Walter Miller, opened Public Comment:*

1. *Scott White commented.*

• *Alderman Walter Miller, closed Public Comment.*

12. Executive Director's Report

- a. SS4A grant award to El Paso MPO
- b. January TTC meeting – FY24 Draft Unified Transportation Program (UTP)
- c. TxDOT Transportation Forum
- d. Border Trade Advisory Committee meeting
- e. El Paso Days in Austin
- f. Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a General Planning Consultant

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo, Executive Director (MPO)

- Isabel Salcido commented
- Iliana Holguin commented

The **next meeting** of the TPB is scheduled for **9:30 a.m.** on **March 24, 2023**, at the at Blue Flame Building, Floor 17 (Center for Community Engagement), 304 Texas Ave, El Paso, TX 79901

13. Adjournment.

Adjournment at 10:45 a.m.

Approved as to content:



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