

## TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

### MEETING MINUTES

Of April 21, 2023

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

- Chairperson, Ricardo Samaniego opened Public Comment:
- 1. Bob Storch commented.
- Chairperson, Ricardo Samaniego, closed Public Comment.

#### **DISCUSSION AND ACTION:**

1. Consider and approve the minutes of the March 24, 2023, EPMPO TPB meeting.  
**Presenter: TPB Chair**  
**Motion to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2023, EPMPO TPB meeting made by Mayor Oscar Leeser and seconded by Norma Palacios. Motion passed unanimously.**

2. Consider approval of Preliminary Engineering (PE) and Right of Way (ROW) project amendments in the Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), and RMS 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to:

- a. Program the *Borderland Expressway, Phase 2: FM3255 to Railroad Dr. PE/ROW* project using SWPE and SWROW funds in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023
- b. Program the *Borderland Expressway, Phase 3: BU54 (Dyer St.) to SL 375 PE/ROW* project using SWPE and SWROW funds in FY 2023
- c. Amend the *George Perry Extension Ph 1* project to add PE phase using Category 3 Local Contribution funds in FY 2023
- d. Amend the *N. Darrington Reconstruction* project to add ROW phase using Category 3 Local Contribution funds in FY 2023
- e. Amend *Horizon at Darrington Intersection Imp.* project to add PE phase using SWPE funds in FY 2023
- f. Amend the *Spur 320 PH I (BU 54 to Railroad Dr)* project to add PE phase using SWPE funds and ROW phase using SWROW funds in FY 2023
- g. Amend the *Nuevo Hueco Tanks Extension (FM 76 to SH20) - Construction* project to add ROW phase using Category 3 Local Contribution funds in FY 2024
- h. Amend *SH 178 Operational Improvements* project to add PE phase using SWPE funds and ROW phase using SWROW funds in FY 2024
- i. Amend the *Sean Haggerty Dr Extension* project to add ROW phase using Category 3 Local Contribution funds in FY 2024
- j. Amend *I-10 FR Ext PH I (Executive to Sunland Park)* project to add PE phase using SWPE funds and ROW phase using SWROW in FY 2025
- k. Amend the *US 62/180 (Montana Ave.) Expressway & Frontage Roads, Phase II* project to add PE phase using SWPE funds and ROW phase using SWROW funds in FY 2026

**Motion to approve Preliminary Engineering (PE) and Right of Way (ROW) project amendments in the Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), and RMS 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to:**

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**made by Mayor Javier Perea and seconded by Mayor Oscar Leeser. Motion passed unanimously.**

3. Consider approval Sun Metro transit project amendments in the RMS 2050 MTP, and RMS 2023-2026 TIP to:

- a. Deprogram the *Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC)* project using Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5307 funds in FY 2023 and 2025
- b. Deprogram the *Curb Cuts ADA Improvements (5339)* project using FTA 5339 funds in FY 2026
- c. Deprogram the *Other Capital Program Items (5339)* project using FTA 5339 funds in FY 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026

- d. Amend the *ADA Paratransit* project to change project name and description, and increase FTA 5307 funds in FY 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026
- e. Amend the *Capital Maintenance* project to change project name and description, add operating phase, and decrease FTA 5307 funds in FY 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026
- f. Amend the *Support Vehicles/Bus Rehab (5339)* project to change project description, and decrease FTA 5339 funds in FY 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026
- g. Amend the *FTA 5339 Formula Funding for Buses and Bus Facilities* project to decrease FTA 5339 funds in FY 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026
- h. Amend the *Planning* project to change project name, remove Capital and Operating phases, add Administration and Planning phases, and decrease FTA 5307 funds in FY 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026
- i. Amend the *Security Equipment* project to change project name and description, add Operating phase, and increase FTA 5307 funds in FY 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026
- j. Amend the *Transit Enhancements (5339)* project to change project description and decrease FTA 5339 funds in FY 2023 and 2025
- k. Program the *Transit Enhancements (5339)* project using FTA 5339 funds in FY 2024 and 2026
- l. Program the *Bus Purchase (5307)* project using FTA 5307 funds in FY 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026

**Presenter: Gabriela Lopez (EPMPO)**

**Motion to approve Sun Metro transit project amendments in the RMS 2050 MTP, and RMS 2023-2026 TIP to:**

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**made by Mayor Javier Perea and seconded by Mayor Diana Murillo. Motion passed unanimously.**

- 4. Consider and approve amendments to the RMS 2050 MTP and RMS 2023-2026 TIP to amend the SH178 Operational Improvements project to change the project description

**Presenter: Raul Ortega (TXDOT)**

**Motion to approve amendments to the RMS 2050 MTP and RMS 2023-2026 TIP to amend the SH178 Operational Improvements project to change the project description made by Commissioner Iliana Holguin and seconded by Mayor Oscar Leaser. Motion passed unanimously.**

- 5. Consider and authorize the Executive Director to sign a letter of support endorsing the City of El Paso as the El Paso Metropolitan Statistical Area's lead organization for Climate Pollution Reduction Grant application purposes

**Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (MPO)**

**Motion to and authorize the Executive Director to sign a letter of support endorsing the City of El Paso as the El Paso Metropolitan Statistical Area's lead organization for Climate Pollution Reduction Grant application purposes made by Mayor Oscar Leaser and seconded by Commissioner Iliana Holguin. Motion passed unanimously.**

- 6. Consider authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and sign a lease agreement for MPO office space with 211 Florence, LP, for a period beginning on May 1, 2024.

**Presenter: EC Chair**

**Motion to authorize the Executive to negotiate and sign a lease agreement for MPO office space with 211 Florence, LP, for a period beginning on May 1, 2024 and bring back to TPB Lease agreement made by Commissioner Iliana Holguin and seconded by Representative Isabel Salcido. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion to enter into Executive Session to review EX item 1 made by Mayor Javier Perea and seconded by Mayor Oscar Leaser. Motion carried 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. 1 Executive Director's Annual Performance Evaluation and Employment Contract.**

**Motion to exit Executive Session made by Mayor Javier Perea and seconded by Mayor Oscar Leaser. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Ex Item No. 1 Motion to accept Executive Director self-evaluation and add the received evaluation from TPB members to the file with a 5% salary increase made by Judge Ricardo Samaniego seconded by Mayor Javier Perea. Motion carried unanimously.**

### REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

7. EPMPO Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for General Planning Consultant services.

**Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (MPO)**

8. NMDOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Projects

**Presenter: Anne Guayante (MPO)**

9. NMDOT Surface Transportation Program-Large Urban (STP-LU) Call for Projects.

**Presenter: Anne Guayante (MPO)**

10. RMS 2020 Project Status Report

**Presenter: Gabriela Lopez (MPO)**

11. Executive Director's Report

a. Border Trade Advisory Committee (BTAC) meeting in Laredo, TX

b. Bridge of the Americas improvements project by GSA

c. TRB Workshop Resilient Supply Chains

d. SS4A grant award to El Paso MPO

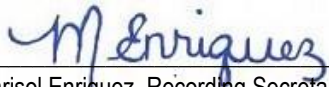
**Presenter: Eduardo Calvo, Executive Director (MPO)**

The **next meeting** of the TPB is scheduled for **9:00 a.m.** on **May 19, 2023**, at the at Blue Flame Building, Floor 17 (Center for Community Engagement), 304 Texas Ave, El Paso, TX 79901

12. Adjournment.

**Adjournment at 10:57 a.m.**

Approved as to content:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. Enriquez". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "M".

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