

## TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

### MEETING MINUTES

Of May 19, 2023

**Call to Order:** TPB Chair Ricardo Samaniego called the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting to order at 9:28 a.m. 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	Eddie Morales	TX State Representative – 74 <sup>th</sup> District
3. Rudy Cruz	City of Socorro, District 3 Representative	Claudia Ordaz	TX State Representative – 76 <sup>th</sup> District
4. Tommy Gonzalez	City Manager, City of El Paso	Cesar Blanco	TX State Senator
5. Benjamin Romero	Mayor, Town of Anthony, TX	Mary E. Gonzalez	TX State Representative – 75 <sup>th</sup> District
6. Willie Madrid	NM State Representative District 53	Joe Moody	TX State Representative – 78 <sup>th</sup> District
7. Chris Canales	City of El Paso Representative – District 8	Isabel Salcido	City of El Paso Representative - District 5
8. Norma Palacios	Assistant Public Works Director, El Paso County	Rachel Quintana	Mayor, Village of Vinton
9. Walter Miller	Alderman 1, Town of Horizon City	Lina Ortega	TX State Representative – 77 <sup>th</sup> District
10. Tomas Trevino	District Engineer, TXDOT El Paso District	Iliana Holguin	El Paso County Commissioner, Precinct 3
11. Ramon Cano	Mayor, Town of Clint	Diana Murillo	Mayor, Anthony, NM
12. Yvette Hernandez	City Engineer, COEP	Isela Reyes	Mayor, City of San Elizario, TX
13. Manuel Sanchez	County Commissioner, Doña Ana County		
14. Sam Rodriguez	Director of Aviation, El Paso International Airport	<b>MPO STAFF</b>	
15. Trent Doolittle	District Engineer, NMDOT	Sergio Estrada	MPO/TPB Attorney
16. Javier Perea	Mayor, Sunland Park, NM	Eduardo Calvo	Executive Director
17. Ellen Smyth	Director, Mass Transit-Sun Metro	Harrison Plourde	Assistant Director
18. Cassandra Hernandez	City of El Paso Representative – District 3	Anne Guayante	Regional Transportation Manager
19.		Claudia Valles	Transportation Planner
20.		Gabriela Lopez	Transportation Financial Analyst

*(Meeting began with 16 members)*

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

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

1. Consider approval of the minutes of the April 21, 2023 TPB meeting.  
**Presenter: TPB Chair**  
**Motion to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2023, EPMPPO TPB meeting made by Mayor Oscar Leeser and seconded by Mayor Javier Perea. Motion passed unanimously.**
2. Consider approval of First Amended Operational Policy Agreement Between the City of El Paso as Fiscal Agent and the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization  
**Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (MPO Executive Director)**

**Motion to approve First Amended Operational Policy Agreement Between the City of El Paso as Fiscal Agent and the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization made by Mayor Javier Perea and seconded by Alderman Walter Miller. Motion passed unanimously.**

3. Consider approval of amendment to the Fiscal Year (FY) 22-23 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to:
  - a. Revise *Subtask 1.1 – Program Administration* to add the cost of remodeling MPO office space
  - b. Add *Subtask 5.6 – Safety Planning Assessment*
  - c. Add *Subtask 5.7 – Safety Action Plan under SS4A Grant*

**Presenter: Harrison Plourde (EPMPO)**

**Motion to approve amendment to the Fiscal Year (FY) 22-23 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to:**

- d. Revise *Subtask 1.1 – Program Administration* to add the cost of remodeling MPO office space
- e. Add *Subtask 5.6 – Safety Planning Assessment*
- f. Add *Subtask 5.7 – Safety Action Plan under SS4A Grant*

**made by Representative Cassandra Hernandez and seconded by Alderman Walter Miller. Motion passed unanimously.**

4. Consider authorizing the Executive Director to sign a lease agreement for MPO office space with 211 Florence, LP, for a period beginning on May 1, 2023  
**Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (MPO Executive Director)**

- **Norma Palacios Commented**

**Motion to authorize the Executive Director to sign a lease agreement for MPO office space with 211 Florence, LP, for a period beginning on May 1, 2023 made by Representative Cassandra Hernandez and seconded by Alderman Walter Miller. Motion passed unanimously.**

5. Consider authorizing the Executive Director to sign a Letter of Support for the City of El Paso's application for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program  
**Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (MPO)**

**Motion to and authorize the Executive Director to sign a letter of support for the City of El Paso's application for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program made by Alderman Walter Miller and seconded by Norma Palacios. Motion passed unanimously.**

6. Consider authorizing the Executive Director to sign a Letter of Support for the City of El Paso's application for the Fiscal Year 2023 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program.  
**Presenter: Omar Martinez (City of El Paso)**

**Motion to authorize the Executive Director to sign a Letter of Support for the City of El Paso's application for the Fiscal Year 2023 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program made by Alderman Walter Miller and seconded by Mayor Oscar Leaser. Motion passed unanimously.**

7. Consider authorizing the Executive Director to sign a Letter of Support for the local applications for the FY 2023 TxDOT Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) project call that are advancing for statewide consideration  
**Presenter: Adriana Rodriguez (TXDOT)**

- **Manuel Sanchez commented**

**Motion to authorize the Executive Director to sign a Letter of Support for the local applications for the FY 2023 TxDOT Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) project call that are advancing for statewide consideration made by Yvette Hernandez and seconded by Representative Cassandra Hernandez. Motion passed unanimously**

8. Consider approval of amendments to the Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), and RMS 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to:
  - a. Program the *South Central Regional Transit District (SCRTD) Electric Buses Acquisition Phase 2* project using New Mexico Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Mandatory program funds and Local Contribution funds in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024\*
  - b. Program the *South Central Regional Transit District (SCRTD) Electric Buses Acquisition Phase 3* project using New Mexico Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Mandatory program funds in FY 2025\*

**Presenter: Gabriela Lopez (MPO).**

**Motion to approve amendments to the Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), and RMS 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to:**

- c. **Program the *South Central Regional Transit District (SCRTD) Electric Buses Acquisition Phase 2* project using New Mexico Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Mandatory program funds and Local Contribution funds in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024\***
- d. **Program the *South Central Regional Transit District (SCRTD) Electric Buses Acquisition Phase 3* project using New Mexico Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Mandatory program funds in FY 2025\***

**made by Mayor Javier Perea and seconded by Representative Willie Madrid. Motion passed unanimously.**

9. Consider supporting all New Mexico Transportation Project Fund (TPF) FY 2024 project applications submitted:
  - a. North Road Planning, Design, and Construction (City of Anthony, NM)
  - b. Riverside Phase 2 Design, Construction and Construction Administration (City of Sunland Park, NM)
  - c. Riverside Phase 3 Design (City of Sunland Park, NM)

**Presenter: Gabriela Lopez (MPO)**

**Motion to support all New Mexico Transportation Project Fund (TPF) FY 2024 project applications submitted:**

- d. **North Road Planning, Design, and Construction (City of Anthony, NM)**
- e. **Riverside Phase 2 Design, Construction and Construction Administration (City of Sunland Park, NM)**
- f. **Riverside Phase 3 Design (City of Sunland Park, NM)**

**made by Mayor Javier Perea and seconded by Commissioner Manuel Sanchez. Motion passed. Trent Doolittle abstained.**

10. Consider and adopt the State DOT targets for Federal Performance Measure (PM) 2 (Infrastructure Condition)
  - a. Texas
  - b. New Mexico

**Presenter: Sonia Perez (MPO)**

- **Walter Miller commented**
- **Trent Doolittle commented**

**Motion to adopt the State DOT targets for Federal Performance Measure (PM) 2 (Infrastructure Condition)**

1. **Texas**

**made by Alderman Walter Miller and seconded by Commissioner Manuel Sanchez. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion to adopt the State DOT targets for Federal Performance Measure (PM) 2 (Infrastructure Condition)**

2. **New Mexico**

**made by Commissioner Manuel Sanchez and seconded by Representative Cassandra Hernandez. Motion passed unanimously.**

11. Consider and adopt the State DOT targets for Federal Performance Measure (PM) 3 (System Performance & Freight)
  - a. Texas
  - b. New Mexico

**Presenter: Sonia Perez (MPO).**

- **Walter Miller commented**
- **Chris Canales commented**
- **Yvette Hernandez commented**
- **Rudy Cruz commented**

**Motion to adopt the State DOT targets for Federal Performance Measure (PM) 3 (System Performance & Freight)**

- a. **Texas**

**made by Alderman Walter Miller and seconded by Representative Cassandra Hernandez. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion to adopt the State DOT targets for Federal Performance Measure (PM) 3 (System Performance & Freight)**

- b. **New Mexico**

**made by Commissioner Manuel Sanchez and seconded by Alderman Walter Miller. Motion passed unanimously.**

## **REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:**

12. Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)  
**Presenter: Harrison Plourde (MPO)**

13. Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects (ALOP)

**Presenter: Gabriela Lopez (MPO)**

14. TxDOT 2023 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Call for Projects

**Presenter: Adriana Rodriguez (Txdot)**

15. NMDOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Call for Projects

**Presenter: Anne Guayante (MPO)**

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

**Presenter: Gabriela Lopez (MPO)**

17. RMS 2020 Project Status Report

**Presenter: Gabriela Lopez (MPO)**

18. Executive Director's Report

- a. TxDOT I-10 Corridor Study West Working Group meeting
- b. "Diagnóstico de Eficiencia de los Puentes Fronterizos de Ciudad Juárez" meeting
- c. SS4A grant award to El Paso MPO
- d. No cost time extensions on contracts/work orders

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

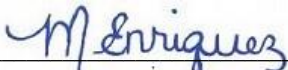
The **next meeting** of the TPB is scheduled for **9:00 a.m.** on **June 23, 2023**, at the at Blue Flame Building, Floor 17 (Center for Community Engagement), 304 Texas Ave, El Paso, TX 79901

19. Adjournment.

**Adjournment at 10:42 a.m.**

**Motion to adjourn made by Representative Cassandra Hernandez and seconded by Mayor Oscar Leeser. Motion passed unanimously.**

Approved as to content:



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