

TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

Of January 20, 2023

Call to Order:

Chairperson Alderman Walter Miller called the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting to order at 9:30am 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	Cissy Lizarraga	City of El Paso Representative – District 8
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	Willie Madrid	NM State Representative District 53
4. Sam Rodriguez	Director of Aviation, El Paso International Airport	Art Fierro	TX State Representative – 79 th District
5. Cassandra Hernandez	City of El Paso Representative – District 3	Manuel Sanchez	County Commissioner, Doña Ana 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. Oscar Leeser	Mayor, City of El Paso	Trent Doolittle	District Engineer, NMDOT
10. Isela Reyes	Mayor, City of San Elizario, TX	Mary E. Gonzalez	TX State Representative – 75 th District
11. Diana Murillo	Mayor, Anthony, NM		
12. Lina Ortega	TX State Representative – 77 th District		
13. Norma Palacios	Assistant Public Works Director, El Paso County		
14. Henry Rivera	City of El Paso Representative - District 7		
15. Tomas Trevino	District Engineer, TXDOT El Paso District	MPO STAFF	
16. Ramon Cano	Mayor, Town of Clint	Sergio Estrada	MPO/TPB Attorney
17. Yvette Hernandez	CID Grant Funded Program Director, COEP	Eduardo Calvo	Executive Director
18. Iliana Holguin	El Paso County Commissioner, Precinct 3	Harrison Plourde	Assistant Director
19. Joe Moody	TX State Representative – 78 th District	Anne Guayante	Regional Transportation Manager
20. Rachel Quintana	Mayor, Village of Vinton	Tim McDaniel	Associate Regional Transportation Analyst
21.		Claudia Valles	Transportation Planner
22.		Gabriela Lopez	Transportation Financial Analyst

(Meeting began with 19 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 December 16, 2022 TPB meeting
Motion to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2022, EPMPPO TPB meeting made by Tomas Trevino and seconded by Representative Lina Ortega. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Nominate and Elect Chairperson of the Transportation Policy Board

Motion to Nominate and Elect Judge Ricardo Samaniego as Chairperson of the Transportation Policy Board made by Representative Lina Ortega and seconded by Mayor Oscar Leaser. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Nominate and Elect Vice-Chairperson of the Transportation Policy Board
Motion to nominate and Elect Mayor Oscar Leaser as Vice-Chairperson of the Transportation Policy Board made by Alderman Walter Miller and seconded by Representative Lina Ortega. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Appoint members to Executive Committee
Motion to approve appointment of 6 Members (Chair Judge Ricardo Samaniego, Vice-Chair Mayor Oscar Leaser, Tomas Trevino, Mayor Javier Perea, Representative Lina Ortega, Alderman Walter Miller) to EC pending 1 member made by Alderman Walter Miller and seconded by Mayor Oscar Leaser. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Consider amendments to the EPMPO Bylaws and Procedures
Motion to approve amendments to the EPMPO Bylaws and Procedures with alternates abiding with training requirements made by Yvette Hernandez and seconded by Mayor Oscar Leaser. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 6 & 7 tread into record together

6. Consider adoption of the State of New Mexico 2023 Safety Performance Measure (PM1) Targets
7. Consider adoption of the State of Texas 2023 Safety Performance Measure (PM1) Targets
Motion to approve Items 6 and 7 made by Representative Cassandra Hernandez and seconded by Mayor Oscar Leaser. Motion passed unanimously.
8. Consider approval of the following amendments to the Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and RMS 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):
 - a. Program the *SCR TD 5339(b) Bus and Bus Facilities Discretionary Grant and 5339(c) Low and No Emissions Discretionary Grant* project in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023*
 - b. Program the *George Perry Extension Ph 1* project using CAT 3 Local Contribution funds in FY 2023*
 - c. Program the *Horizon TOD Design Phase* project using FY 2023 Consolidated Appropriations Act funds (TXDOT funding category to be determined) in FY 2024*
 - d. Amend the *NM 273/Airport Road Signals* project to change project name, project description, reduce funding, and change funding to National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) funds in FY 2025***Motion to approve amendments to the Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and RMS 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):**
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 - b. Program the *George Perry Extension Ph 1* project using CAT 3 Local Contribution funds in FY 2023*
 - c. Program the *Horizon TOD Design Phase* project using FY 2023 Consolidated Appropriations Act funds (TXDOT funding category to be determined) in FY 2024*
 - d. Amend the *NM 273/Airport Road Signals* project to change project name, project description, reduce funding, and change funding to National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) funds in FY 2025***made by Alderman Walter Miller and seconded by Commissioner Iliana Holguin. Motion passed unanimously.**

Item 9, 10, 11 & 12 read into record together

9. Consider approval of the following amendments to the RMS 2050 MTP and RMS 2023-2026 TIP, as recommended by the FY 2023 UTP Ad Hoc Committee for FY 2023:
 - a. Amend the *Regional Transit Start-up Assistance FY 2023* project to add \$1,860,141 of CAT 5 CMAQ funds*
 - b. Program the *International Border Crossings System-wide Improvements Analysis* project using \$2,000,000 of CAT 7 STP MM funds*
 - c. Program the *Transportation Needs Assessment for the City of San Elizario* project using \$400,000 of CAT 7 STP MM funds*
 - d. Program the *Arterial 1 (1682 Blvd) (PE – Final Design)* project using \$1,388,766 of CAT 7 STP MM funds*
 - e. Program the *ELP Safety Service Patrol-HERO FY2023* project using \$2,500,000 of CAT 7 STP MM funds*
10. Consider approval of the following amendments to the RMS 2050 MTP and RMS 2023-2026 TIP, as recommended by the FY 2023 UTP Ad Hoc Committee for FY 2024:
 - a. Amend the *Horizon City to UTEP Express Route* project to move from FY 2029 to FY 2024, and program in RMS 2023-2026 TIP using \$743,778 of CAT 5 CMAQ funds*
 - b. Amend the *Nuevo Hueco Tanks Extension (FM 76 to SH20) – Construction* project to add \$4,990,376 of CAT 7 STP MM funds*
 - c. Program the *ELP Safety Service Patrol-HERO FY2024* project using \$2,500,000 of CAT 7 STP MM funds*

11. Consider approval of the following amendments to the RMS 2050 MTP and RMS 2023-2026 TIP, as recommended by the FY 2023 UTP Ad Hoc Committee for FY 2025:
- Amend the *John Hayes (Darrington/Berryville)(Construction Phase 2)* project to add \$3,000,000 of CAT 7 STP MM funds*
 - Amend the *Dilley Road and Delake Street Construction* project to remove \$6,184,474 of CAT 3 TIRZ and add \$6,193,514 of CAT 7 STP MM funds*
 - Amend the *Horizon City Transit Plaza* project to remove \$3,198,138 of CAT 3 TIRZ, add \$2,099,196 of CAT 7 STP MM funds, and \$1,200,000 of CAT 5 CMAQ funds*
12. Consider approval of the following amendments to the RMS 2050 MTP and RMS 2023-2026 TIP, as recommended by the FY 2023 UTP Ad Hoc Committee for FY 2026:
- Amend the *Railroad Dr. Widening and Reconstruction* project to add \$7,449,338 of CAT 7 STP MM funds*
 - Amend the *Horizon City – Socorro Bus Circulator* project to move from FY 2029 to FY 2026, and program in RMS 2023-2026 TIP using \$895,950 of CAT 5 CMAQ funds*

Motion to approve items 9, 10, 11, & 12 made by Mayor Isela Reyes and seconded by Commissioner Iliana Holguin. Motion passed unanimously.

13. Consider authorizing the Executive Director to sign a letter of support for the Thriving Communities Program application from the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority (CRRMA).
- Motion to authorize the Executive Director to sign a letter of support for the Thriving Communities Program application from the Camino Real Regional Authority (CRRMA) made by Mayor Isela Reyes and seconded by Norma Palacios. Motion passed unanimously.**

- *Chairperson, Judge Ricardo Samaniego opened Public Comment:*
- 1. *Scott White commented.*
- *Chairperson, Judge Ricardo Samaniego, closed Public Comment.*

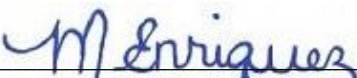
REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

14. Truck Parking Implementation Plan (TPIP)
Presenter: Brian Comer (HNTB) and Kale Driemeier (TXDOT)
15. NM CMAQ Mandatory Call for Projects
Deleted
16. RMS 2020 Project Status Report
Deleted
17. Executive Director's Report
- Texas A&M University Board of Regents Fellow 2021-2022 Service Award
 - Report on Transportation Research Board (TRB) Annual Conference
 - Statewide TxDOT-MPO Safety Task Force
- Presenter: Eduardo Calvo, Executive Director (MPO)**

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

18. Adjournment.
Adjournment at 10:48 a.m.

Approved as to content:



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