

TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

Of June 23, 2023

Call to Order: TPB Vice-Chair Oscar Leeser called the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting to order at 9:00 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. Oscar Leeser (Vice-Chair)	Mayor, City of El Paso	Joseph Cervantes	NM State Senator, District 31
2. Rudy Cruz	City of Socorro, District 3 Representative	Eddie Morales	TX State Representative – 74 th District
3. Rachel Quintana	Mayor, Village of Vinton	Claudia Ordaz	TX State Representative – 76 th District
4. Willie Madrid	NM State Representative District 53	Cesar Blanco	TX State Senator
5. Chris Canales	City of El Paso Representative – District 8	Mary E. Gonzalez	TX State Representative – 75 th District
6. Norma Palacios	Assistant Public Works Director, El Paso County	Joe Moody	TX State Representative – 78 th District
7. Walter Miller	Alderman 1, Town of Horizon City	Manuel Sanchez	County Commissioner, Doña Ana County
8. Tomas Trevino	District Engineer, TXDOT El Paso District	Sam Rodriguez	Director of Aviation, El Paso International Airport
9. Ramon Cano	Mayor, Town of Clint	Lina Ortega	TX State Representative – 77 th District
10. Yvette Hernandez	City Engineer, COEP	Trent Doolittle	District Engineer, NMDOT
11. Iliana Holguin	El Paso County Commissioner, Precinct 3	Diana Murillo	Mayor, Anthony, NM
12. Javier Perea	Mayor, Sunland Park, NM	Ricardo Samaniego (Chair)	Judge, El Paso County
13. Ellen Smyth	Director, Mass Transit-Sun Metro	Anthony Turner	Mayor, Town of Anthony, TX
14. Cassandra Hernandez	City of El Paso Representative – District 3	Cary Westin	City Manager, City of El Paso
15. Isela Reyes	Mayor, City of San Elizario, TX	MPO STAFF	
16. Isabel Salcido	City of El Paso Representative - District 5	Sergio Estrada	MPO/TPB Attorney
17.		Eduardo Calvo	Executive Director
18.		Harrison Plourde	Assistant Director
19.		Anne Guayante	Regional Transportation Manager
20.		Claudia Valles	Transportation Planner
21.		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 May 19, 2023 TPB meeting.

Presenter: TPB Chair

Motion to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2023, EPMPPO TPB meeting made by Mayor Javier Perea and seconded by Representative Cassandra Hernandez. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Consider authorizing the Executive Director to submit a partial funding proposal for the Downtown 10 project to the Texas Transportation Commission

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (MPO Executive Director)

- Bob Storch Commented

Motion to authorize the Executive Director to submit a partial funding proposal for the Downtown 10 project to the Texas Transportation Commission made by Representative Cassandra Hernandez and seconded by Representative Lina Ortega. Chris Canales Opposed. Motion passed.

3. Consider approval of amendments to the Regional Mobility Strategy 2050 MTP and RMS 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to:
 - a. Amend the SH 178 Operational Improvements project to add Category 2M and Category 11 Rider 11b funds in FY 2024*
 - b. Amend the I-10 FR Ext PH I (Executive to Sunland Park) project to add Category 2M funds in FY 2025*
 - c. Amend the US 62/180 (Montana Ave.) Expressway & Frontage Roads, Phase II project to add Category 2M funds in FY 2026*
 - d. Program the IH 10 Widening (NMSL | SPUR 37) project using Category 2M and Category 4U funds in FY 2025*
 - e. Program the US54 (Patriot Fwy) Mainlanes (Kenworthy to FM2529) and Ramp Reconfiguration project using Category 2M funds in FY 2026*

Presenter: Marty Boyd (TXDOT)

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

- a. Amend the SH 178 Operational Improvements project to add Category 2M and Category 11 Rider 11b funds in FY 2024
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made by Representative Lina Ortega and seconded by Alderman Walter Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Consider approval of South Central Regional Transit District (SCRTD) transit project amendments to the RMS 2050 MTP and RMS 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to:
 - a. Program the Fleet Vehicle Purchase (FY 22 5307) project using Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5307 FY 2022 apportionment funds in FY 2023*
 - b. Program the Capital Maintenance (FY 22 5307) project using FTA 5307 FY 2022 apportionment funds in FY 2023*
 - c. Program the Bus Purchase (FY 23 5307) project using FTA 5307 FY 2023 apportionment funds in FY 2023*
 - d. Program the Capital Maintenance (FY 23 5307) project using FTA 5307 FY 2023 apportionment funds in FY 2023*
 - e. Program the Planning (FY 23 5307) project using FTA 5307 FY 2023 apportionment funds in FY 2023*
 - f. Program the Security Equipment (FY 23 5307) project using FTA 5307 FY 2023 apportionment funds in FY 2023*

Presenter: David Armijo (SCRTD)

Motion to approve South Central Regional Transit District (SCRTD) transit project amendments to the RMS 2050 MTP and RMS 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to:

- a. Program the Fleet Vehicle Purchase (FY 22 5307) project using Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5307 FY 2022 apportionment funds in FY 2023
- b. Program the Capital Maintenance (FY 22 5307) project using FTA 5307 FY 2022 apportionment funds in FY 2023
- c. Program the Bus Purchase (FY 23 5307) project using FTA 5307 FY 2023 apportionment funds in FY 2023*
- d. Program the Capital Maintenance (FY 23 5307) project using FTA 5307 FY 2023 apportionment funds in FY 2023
- e. Program the Planning (FY 23 5307) project using FTA 5307 FY 2023 apportionment funds in FY 2023*
- f. Program the Security Equipment (FY 23 5307) project using FTA 5307 FY 2023 apportionment funds in FY 2023

made by Representative Mayor Javier Perea and seconded by Tomas Trevino. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Consider approval of amendment to the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022-2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to add Sun Metro Rising project to subtask 2.4 Access to Essential Service

Presenter: Sun Metro

Motion to approve amendment to the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022-2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to add Sun Metro Rising project to subtask 2.4 Access to Essential Service made by Alderman Walter Miller and seconded by Representative Lina Ortega. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Consider approval of the FFY 2024-2025 UPWP
Presenter: Harrison Plourde (MPO)

Motion to approve the FFY 2024-2025 UPWP made by Representative Lina Ortega and seconded by Alderman Walter Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Consider authorizing the Executive Director to sign a Letter of Support for Project Amistad's application to TXDOT's FY 2023 and 2024 FTA 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities call for projects
Presenter: Celia Garcia (Project Amistad)

Motion to authorize the Executive Director to sign a Letter of Support for Project Amistad's application to TXDOT's FY 2023 and 2024 FTA 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities call for projects made by Alderman Walter Miller and seconded by Iliana Holguin. Motion passed unanimously

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

8. Bridge of the Americas (BOTA) Land Port of Entry (LPOE) Modernization Enhanced Feasibility Study
Presenter: Daniel Partida (GSA)

- Lina Ortega commented
- Yvette Hernandez commented
- Rudy Cruz commented
- Ellen Smyth commented
- Eduardo Calvo commented

- *Alderman Walter Miller, opened Public Comment:*
 1. *Bob Storch commented.*
 2. *Cecilia Aguilar commented*
 3. *Cemeli de Aztlan commented*
 4. *Britney Medelin commented*
 5. *Cynthia Renteria commented*
 6. *Veronica Carbajal commented*
 7. *Mario Porras commented*
- *Alderman Walter Miller, closed Public Comment.*

9. Quarterly Reports
 - a. June 2023 Project Completion Report (PCR)
 - b. June 2023 Project Readiness Report (PRR)

Presenter: Anne Guayante/Gabriela Lopez (MPO)

10. RMS 2020 Project Status Report
Skipped Item

11. 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)

- Ramon Cano commented

The **next meeting** of the TPB is scheduled for **9:00 a.m.** on **July 21, 2023**, at the at Blue Flame Building, Floor 17 (Center for Community Engagement), 304 Texas Ave, El Paso, TX 79901

12. Adjournment.

Adjournment at 09:45 a.m.

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

Approved as to content:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. Enriquez". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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