

## TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

### MEETING MINUTES

Of January 19, 2024

**Call to Order:** TPB Chair Ricardo Samaniego called the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting to order at 9:40 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	Judge, El Paso County	Joseph Cervantes	NM State Senator, District 31
2. Cary Westin	City Manager, City of El Paso	Anthony Turner	Mayor, Town of Anthony, TX
3. Cesar Blanco (Vice-Chair)	TX State Senator	Ellen Smyth	Chief Transit & Field Operations Officer (COEP)
4. Joe Moody	TX State Representative – 78 <sup>th</sup> District	Eddie Morales	TX State Representative – 74 <sup>th</sup> District
5. Aaron Chavarria	District Engineer, NMDOT	Willie Madrid	NM State Representative District 53
6. Walter Miller	Alderman 1, Town of Horizon City	Chris Canales	City of El Paso Representative – District 8
7. Tomas Trevino	District Engineer, TXDOT El Paso District	Yvette Hernandez	City Engineer, COEP
8. Sam Rodriguez	Director of Aviation, El Paso International Airport	Oscar Leeser (Chair)	Mayor, City of El Paso
9. Diana Murillo	Mayor, Anthony, NM	Javier Perea	Mayor, Sunland Park, NM
10. Iliana Holguin	El Paso County Commissioner, Precinct 3		
11. Rudy Cruz	City of Socorro, District 3 Representative		
12. Claudia Ordaz	TX State Representative – 76 <sup>th</sup> District		
13. Isela Reyes	Mayor, City of San Elizario, TX		
14. Norma Palacios	Assistant Public Works Director, El Paso County		
15. Rachel Quintana	Mayor, Village of Vinton	<b>MPO STAFF</b>	
16. Cassandra Hernandez	City of El Paso Representative – District 3	Sergio Estrada	MPO/TPB Attorney
17. Isabel Salcido	City of El Paso Representative - District 5	Eduardo Calvo	Executive Director
18. Mo Moabed	County Commissioner, Doña Ana County	Harrison Plourde	Assistant Director
19. Ramon Cano	Mayor, Town of Clint	Salvador Gonzalez-Ayala	Transportation Research and Development Manager
20. Lina Ortega	TX State Representative – 77 <sup>th</sup> District	Gerardo Fierro	Associate Regional Transportation Analyst
21. Mary E. Gonzalez	TX State Representative – 75 <sup>th</sup> District	Sonia Perez	Regional Transportation Planner
22.		Anne Guayante	Regional Transportation Manager
23.		Marisol Enriquez	Administrative Secretary

(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 15, 2023 TPB meeting.

**Presenter: TPB Chair**

**Motion to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2023, EPMPPO TPB meeting made by Alderman Walter Miller and seconded by Representative Lina Ortega. Motion passed unanimously.**

2. Nominate and Elect Chairperson of the Transportation Policy Board  
**Presenter: TPB Chair**

**Motion to elect Mayor Oscar Leeser as Chairperson of the Transportation Policy Board made by Judge Ricardo Samaniego and seconded by Mayor Rachel Quintana. Motion passed unanimously.**

3. Nominate and Elect Vice-Chairperson of the Transportation Policy Board  
**Presenter: TPB Chair**

**Motion elect Senator Cesar Blanco as Vice-Chairperson of the Transportation Policy Board made by Representative Lina Ortega and seconded by Alderman Walter Miller. Motion passed unanimously**

4. Appoint members to Executive Committee  
**Presenter: TPB Chair**

**Motion to approve appointment of Mayor Oscar Leeser (Chairperson), Senator Cesar Blanco (Vice-Chairperson), Judge Ricardo Samaniego, Mayor Javier Perea, Alderman Walter Miller, Tomas Trevino, Aaron Chavarria as members to Executive Committee made by Mayor Diana Murillo and seconded Alderman Walter Miller. Motion passed unanimously.**

5. Consider adoption of the Safety Performance Measure (PM1) 2024 Targets:
  - a. State of New Mexico 2024 PM1 Targets
  - b. State of Texas 2024 PM1 Targets

**Presenter: Sonia Perez (MPO)**

**Motion to adopt the Safety Performance Measure (PM1) 2024 Targets:**

- a. State of New Mexico 2024 PM1 Targets
- b. State of Texas 2024 PM1 Targets

**made by Alderman Walter Miller and seconded by Judge Ricardo Samaniego. Motion passed unanimously.**

6. Consider and authorize Executive Director to sign a letter of support for 2024 RAISE Grant application for;
  - a. 4-D Tigua Spur Paso del Norte (PDN) Trail Project Planning & Design Phase on behalf of City of Socorro  
*Presenter: Alejandra Valadez (City of Socorro)*
  - b. Moon Road Complete Streets Project on behalf of City of Socorro  
*Presenter: Alejandra Valadez (City of Socorro)*
  - c. Rio Vista Road Complete Streets Project on behalf of City of Socorro  
*Presenter: Alejandra Valadez (City of Socorro)*
  - d. Bob Hope Extension Project Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant on behalf of El Paso County  
*Presenter: Daniel Marquez (El Paso County)*
  - e. El Paso Central Business District (CBD) Phase IV Project on behalf of City of El Paso.  
*Presenter: Omar Martinez (City of El Paso)*
  - f. Equitable mobility and active transportation plan on behalf of the City of El Paso.  
*Presenter: Omar Martinez (City of El Paso)*
  - g. Montana BRIO Route Extension Feasibility Study project on behalf of City of El Paso.  
*Presenter: Omar Martinez (COEP)*

**Motion to authorize the Executive Director to sign Letter of support for item 6a, 6b, and 6c made by Commissioner Iliana Holguin and seconded by Representative Mary Gonzalez. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion to authorize the Executive Director to sign Letter of support for item 6d made by Representative Mary Gonzalez and seconded by Mayor Diana Murillo. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion to authorize the Executive Director to sign Letter of support for item 6e, 6f, and 6g made by Representative Cassandra Hernandez and seconded by Representative Lina Ortega. Motion passed, Tomas Trevino abstaining.**

7. Consider approval of an interlocal agreement between the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization and the City of El Paso Office of Climate and Sustainability for Assistance and Cooperation in the Leadership Steering Committee for the Regional Climate Initiative

**Presenter: Nicole Ferrini (COEP)**

**Motion to approve an interlocal agreement between the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization and the City of El Paso Office of Climate and Sustainability for Assistance and Cooperation in the Leadership Steering Committee for the Regional Climate Initiative made by Representative Cassandra Hernandez and seconded by Mayor Rachel Quintana. 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 program the *ELP Safety Service Patrol – HERO FY 2025* project using CAT 10 Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funds in FY 2025

**Presenter Anne Guayante (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 program the *ELP Safety Service Patrol – HERO FY 2025* project using CAT 10 Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funds in FY 2025 made by Alderman Walter Miller and seconded by Representative Lina Ortega. Motion passed unanimously.**

### **REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:**

9. Debrief NMDOT Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2025 and 2026 Project Call

**Presenter: Anne Guayante (MPO)**

10. Executive Director's Report

- a. Texas Transportation Commission meeting (January 17, 2024)
- b. Border Trade Advisory Committee (BTAC) meeting (February 19 and 20, 2024)
- c. Transportation Research Board (TRB) meeting in Washington, D.C.
- d. 30-day public comment for the RMS 2050 MTP amendment and 2025 – 2028 TIP

**Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (MPO)**

The **next meeting** of the TPB is scheduled for **9:30 a.m.** on **February 23, 2024**, at the at Blue Flame Building, Floor 17 (Center for Community Engagement), 304 Texas Ave, El Paso, TX 79901

11. Adjournment.

**Adjournment at 11:14 a.m.**

Approved as to content:

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