

TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

Of December 13, 2024

Call to Order: TPB Chair Oscar Leeser 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. Oscar Leeser (Chair)	Mayor, City of El Paso	Joseph Cervantes	NM State Senator, District 31
2. Ricardo Samaniego	Judge, El Paso County	Willie Madrid	NM State Representative District 53
3. Tomas Trevino	District Engineer, TXDOT El Paso District	Eddie Morales	TX State Representative – 74 th District
4. Cassandra Hernandez	City of El Paso Representative – District 3	Rachel Quintana	Mayor, Village of Vinton
5. Lina Ortega	TX State Representative – 77 th District	Mo Moabed	County Commissioner, Doña Ana County
6. Anthony Dekeyser	Director,, Sun Metro (COEP)	Isabel Salcido	City of El Paso Representative - District 5
7. Yvette Hernandez	City Engineer, COEP	Mary E. Gonzalez	TX State Representative – 75 th District
8. Anthony Turner	Mayor, Town of Anthony, TX	Javier Perea	Mayor, Sunland Park, NM
9. Ramon Cano	Mayor, Town of Clint	Diana Murillo	Mayor, Anthony, NM
10. Chris Canales	City of El Paso Representative – District 8	Cesar Blanco (Vice-Chair)	TX State Senator
11. Dionne Mack	City Manager, City of El Paso	Miguel Chacon	Mayor, City of San Elizario, TX
12. Tony Nevarez	Director of Aviation, El Paso International Airport		
13. Iliana Holguin	El Paso County Commissioner, Precinct 3		
14. Norma Palacios	Assistant Public Works Director, El Paso County	MPO STAFF	
15. Aaron Chavarria	District Engineer, NMDOT	Sergio Estrada	MPO/TPB Attorney
16. Walter Miller	Alderman 1, Town of Horizon City	Eduardo Calvo	Executive Director
17. Rudy Cruz	City of Socorro, District 3 Representative	Claudia Valles	Transportation Planner
18. Claudia Ordaz	TX State Representative – 76 th District	Nina Rodriguez	Transportation Planner
19. Joe Moody	TX State Representative – 78 th District	Jennifer Moreno	Transportation Planner
20.		Harrison Plourde	Assistant Director
21.		Anne Guayante	Regional Transportation Manager
22.		Marisol Enriquez	Administrative Secretary
23.			

(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 November 15, 2024 TPB meeting.

Presenter: TPB Chair

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2024 TPB meeting made by Representative Lina Ortega and seconded by Representative Isabel Salcido. Motion passed unanimously

2. Consider approval of amendments to the Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Amended RMS 2050 MTP, and RMS 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) to Program the *Bus Purchase Project (FY24 5307)* using \$7,400,000 of FTA 5307 Program funds in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025*

Presenter: Anne Guayante (MPO)

- **Walter Miller commented**
- **Cassandra Hernandez commented**
- **Chris Canales commented**

Motion to approve amendments to the Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Amended RMS 2050 MTP, and RMS 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) to Program the *Bus Purchase Project (FY24 5307)* using \$7,400,000 of FTA 5307 Program funds in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025* made by Alderman Walter Miller and seconded by Yvette Hernandez. Motion passed unanimously

3. Consider approval of amendments to the RMS 2050 MTP, Amended RMS 2050 MTP, and RMS 2025-2028 TIP to program projects using FY 2026-2028 Texas Transportation Alternatives Set-aside (TASA) Program funding, as recommended by the TASA project call Ad Hoc Committee:

- a. Program the *SunCycle Bike Share Fleet Enhancement (FY26, FY27, & FY28)* project with \$124,887 in Fiscal Years 2026, 2027, 2028*
- b. Program the *Brown Street Shared Use Path* project with \$4,090,584 in FY 2027*
- c. Program the *Socorro Safe Routes to Schools* project with \$3,696,945 in FY 2028*
- d. Program the *Shadow Mountain Dr Shared Use Path* project with \$1,061,166 in FY 2028*

Presenter: Anne Guayante (MPO)

Motion approve amendments to the RMS 2050 MTP, Amended RMS 2050 MTP, and RMS 2025-2028 TIP to program projects using FY 2026-2028 Texas Transportation Alternatives Set-aside (TASA) Program funding, as recommended by the TASA project call Ad Hoc Committee:

- e. Program the *SunCycle Bike Share Fleet Enhancement (FY26, FY27, & FY28)* project with \$124,887 in Fiscal Years 2026, 2027, 2028*
- f. Program the *Brown Street Shared Use Path* project with \$4,090,584 in FY 2027*
- g. Program the *Socorro Safe Routes to Schools* project with \$3,696,945 in FY 2028*
- h. Program the *Shadow Mountain Dr Shared Use Path* project with \$1,061,166 in FY 2028*

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

4. Consider approval of amendments to the RMS 2050 MTP, Amended RMS 2050 MTP, and RMS 2025-2028 TIP to amend the Project Description for the programmed project "Downtown Bicycle Improvements Phase I (CSJ: 0924-06-570 / MPO ID: M089A) to include the number of traffic lanes*.

Presenter: Anne Guayante (EPMPO)

Motion to approve amendments to the RMS 2050 MTP, Amended RMS 2050 MTP, and RMS 2025-2028 TIP to amend the Project Description for the programmed project "Downtown Bicycle Improvements Phase I (CSJ: 0924-06-570 / MPO ID: M089A) to include the number of traffic lanes* made by Alderman Walter Miller and seconded by Representative Chris Canales. Motion passed unanimously

5. Consider authorizing the Executive Director to execute Task Order #5 with the El Paso MPO General Planning Consultant for the development of the International Border Crossing (IBC) Strategic Plan, for an amount not to exceed \$1,514,581.73

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (EPMPO)

Motion authorize the Executive Director to execute Task Order #5 with the El Paso MPO General Planning Consultant for the development of the International Border Crossing (IBC) Strategic Plan, for an amount not to exceed \$1,514,581.73 made by Representative Cassandra Hernandez and seconded by Representative Isabel Salcido. Motion passed unanimously

6. Consider authorizing the Executive Director to sign a Partnership Agreement for the Use of the Center for Civic Empowerment on the 17th floor of the Blue Flame Building in order to hold MPO Transportation Policy Board meetings in the space in 2025, subject to final review and approval of the MPO Attorney

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (EPMPO Executive Director)

Motion to authorize the Executive Director to sign a Partnership Agreement for the Use of the Center for Civic Empowerment on the 17th floor of the Blue Flame Building in order to hold MPO Transportation Policy Board meetings in the space in 2025, subject to final review and approval of the MPO Attorney made by Representative Isabel Salcido and seconded by Representative Chris Canales. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

7. Quarterly Reports

- a. MPO Administrative Amendments Report
- b. Project Completion Report
- c. Project Readiness Report
- d. RMS 2020 Projects Report

Presenter: Anne Guayante and Nina Rodriguez (EPMPO)

8. Executive Director's Report

- a. Texas MPOs (TEMPO) quarterly meeting (December 12-13)

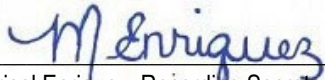
Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (EPMPO Executive Director)

The **next meeting** of the TPB is scheduled for **9:30 a.m.** on **December 13, 2024**, at the at Blue Flame Building, Floor 17 (Center for Community Engagement), 304 Texas Ave, El Paso, TX 79901

5. Adjournment.

Adjournment at 10:18 a.m.

Approved as to content:



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