

# TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

## MEETING MINUTES

Of March 21, 2025

**Call to Order:** TPB Chair Senator César J. Blanco 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. Renard Johnson (Chair)	Mayor, City of El Paso	Joseph Cervantes	NM State Senator, District 31
2. César J. Blanco (Vice-Chair)	TX State Senator	Sarah Silva	NM State Representative District 53
3. Tomas Trevino	District Engineer, TXDOT El Paso District	Eddie Morales	TX State Representative – 74 <sup>th</sup> District
4. Yvette Hernandez	City Engineer, COEP	Mary E. Gonzalez	TX State Representative – 75 <sup>th</sup> District
5. Miguel Chacon	Mayor, City of San Elizario, TX	Ramon Cano	Mayor, Town of Clint
6. Anthony Dekeyzer	Director, Sun Metro (COEP)	Diana Murillo	Mayor, Anthony, NM
7. Anthony Turner	Mayor, Town of Anthony, TX	Joe Moody	TX State Representative – 78 <sup>th</sup> District
8. Alejandra Chavez	City of El Paso Representative - District 1	Vince Perez	TX State Representative – 77 <sup>th</sup> District
9. Claudia Ordaz	TX State Representative – 76 <sup>th</sup> District	Ricardo Samaniego	Judge, El Paso County
10. Chris Canales	City of El Paso Representative – District 8		
11. Dionne Mack	City Manager, City of El Paso		
12. Tony Nevarez	Director of Aviation, El Paso International Airport		
13. Iliana Holguin	El Paso County Commissioner, Precinct 3		
14. Jose Landeros	Deputy County Administrator, El Paso County	<b>MPO STAFF</b>	
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. Javier Perea	Mayor, Sunland Park, NM	Nina Rodriguez	Transportation Planner
19. Gloria Gameros	County Commissioner, Doña Ana County	Jennifer Moreno	Transportation Planner
20. Rachel Quintana	Mayor, Village of Vinton	Harrison Plourde	Assistant Director
21. Art Fierro	City of El Paso Representative – District 6	Anne Guayante	Regional Transportation Manager
22.		Marisol Enriquez	Administrative Secretary
23.		Andres Lucero	Associate Regional Transportation 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 February 21, 2025 TPB meeting.

**Presenter: TPB Chair**

**Motion to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2025 TPB meeting made by Walter Miller and seconded by Representative Art Fierro. Motion passed unanimously**

2. Consider adoption of the revised State Infrastructure Condition Performance Measure (PM2) Midpoint Targets.

- a. State of Texas
- b. State of New Mexico

**Presenter: Jennifer Moreno (MPO)**

**Motion to adopt the revised State Infrastructure Condition Performance Measure (PM2) Midpoint Targets.**

- a. State of Texas
- b. State of New Mexico

**made by Representative Alejandra Chavez and seconded by Walter Miller. Motion passed unanimously**

3. Consider adoption of the revised State System Performance & Freight Performance Measure (PM3) Midpoint Targets.
  - a. State of Texas
  - b. State of New Mexico

**Presenter: Jennifer Moreno (MPO)**

**Motion to approve adoption of the revised State System Performance & Freight Performance Measure (PM3) Midpoint Targets.**

- a. State of Texas
- b. State of New Mexico

**made by Jose Landeros and seconded by Commissioner Iliana Holguin. Motion passed unanimously**

4. Consider approval of an amendment to the Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Amended RMS 2050 MTP, and the RMS 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) for the following New Mexico projects to:
  - a. Amend the *NM 213/404 Interchange Improvements* (CN: E100322 / MPO ID: B608X) project to update project limits\*
  - b. Amend the *NM 273/Airport Road Intersection lighting* (CN: E100380 / MPO ID: S601X) project to reduce National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) funds from \$400,000 to \$0, and to add \$600,000 of Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds and \$50,000 of Surface Transportation Program – Flex (STPF) funds for a revised total project cost of \$650,000 in FY 2025.\*

**Presenter: Nina Rodriguez (MPO)**

**Motion to approve amendment to the Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Amended RMS 2050 MTP, and the RMS 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) for the following New Mexico projects to:**

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**made by Mayor Javier Perea and seconded by Walter Miller. Motion passed unanimously**

5. Consider approval of amendments to the RMS 2050 MTP, Amended RMS 2050 MTP, and the RMS 2025-2028 TIP to program the *Terminal Bridge Reconstruction PE Phase* project using \$850,000 of Category 10 Community Project Funding Program (CPF) funds in FY 2026.\*

**Presenter: Anne Guayante (MPO)**

**Motion to approve amendments to the RMS 2050 MTP, Amended RMS 2050 MTP, and the RMS 2025-2028 TIP to program the Terminal Bridge Reconstruction PE Phase project using \$850,000 of Category 10 Community Project Funding Program (CPF) funds in FY 2026\* made by Commissioner Iliana Holguin and seconded by Representative Alejandra Chavez. Motion passed unanimously**

6. Consider approval of a Legal Services Agreement with Kemp Smith LLP.

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

- **Walter Miller, Chris Canales Commented**

**Motion to approve Legal Services Agreement with Kemp Smith LLP made by Walter Miller and seconded by Representative Iliana Holguin. Motion passed unanimously**

**EX. Item No. 1** Executive Director's Annual Performance Assessment for Year 2024, including review and discussion of the Executive Director's Self-Performance Assessment for Year 2024.

**Presenter: MPO Executive Committee Chair**

**EX. Item No. 2 Executive Director's Employment Agreement**

**Presenter: MPO Executive Committee Chair**

**Motion to enter into Executive Session for EX 1 and EX 2 at 9:26 am made by Representative Chris Canales and seconded by Commissioner Iliana Holguin. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion to exit Executive Session for EX 1 and EX 2 at 10:00 am made by Representative Chris Canales and seconded by Representative Art Fierro. Motion carried unanimously.**

**EX 1. Motion to accept and approve Executive Director's Annual Performance Assessment for Year 2024**

**EX 2. Motion to extend Executive Director's employment agreement for 1 (one) year and approve a 3% increase to base salary.**

**REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:**

7. Presentation on the Santa Teresa Strategic Plan

**Presenter: Gerardo Fierro (New Mexico Border Authority)**

8. Introduction to the Congestion Management Process

**Presenter: Robert Guthart (WSP)**

**\*Yvette Hernandez commented**

9. Quarterly Reports

- A. MPO Administrative Amendments Report
- B. Project Completion Report
- C. Project Readiness Report
- D. RMS 2020 Projects Report

**Presenter: Anne Guayante and Andres Lucero (MPO)**

10. Update on procurement for the *Border Highway Connector Phase 2 Traffic Impact and Improvements Feasibility Study* project

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

11. New Mexico DOT Transportation Project Fund (TPF) call for projects

**Presenter: Anne Guayante (MPO)**

12. Development of the EPMPO 2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

**Presenter: Harrison Plourde (MPO)**

13. Executive Director's Report

- a. TEMPO Quarterly Meeting

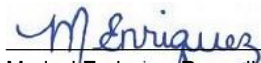
**Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (EPMPO Executive Director)**

The **next meeting** of the TPB is scheduled for **9:00 a.m.** on **April 18, 2025**, at the at Blue Flame Building, Floor 17 (Center for Community Engagement), 304 Texas Ave, El Paso, TX 79901

14. Adjournment.

**Adjournment at 10:22 a.m.**

Approved as to content:



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