

# TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

## MEETING MINUTES

Of September 19, 2025

**Call to Order:** Senator César J. Blanco called the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting to order at 9:07 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. Javier Perea (Vice-Chair)	Mayor, Sunland Park, NM	Joseph Cervantes	NM State Senator, District 31
2. Tomas Trevino	District Engineer, TXDOT El Paso District	Sarah Silva	NM State Representative District 53
3. Mary E. Gonzalez	TX State Representative – 75 <sup>th</sup> District	Eddie Morales	TX State Representative – 74 <sup>th</sup> District
4. Martin Lerma	Mayor, Town of Anthony, TX	Ramon Cano	Mayor, Town of Clint
5. Alejandra Chavez	City of El Paso Representative - District 1	Claudia Ordaz	TX State Representative – 76 <sup>th</sup> District
6. Chris Canales	City of El Paso Representative – District 8	Gloria Gameros	County Commissioner, Doña Ana County
7. Iliana Holguin	El Paso County Commissioner, Precinct 3	Renard Johnson	Mayor, City of El Paso
8. Ricardo Samaniego	Judge, El Paso County	Diana Murillo	Mayor, Anthony, NM
9. Andres Renteria	Mayor, Town of Horizon City	Rudy Cruz	City of Socorro, District 3 Representative
10. Aaron Chavarria	District Engineer, NMDOT	Miguel Chacon	Mayor, City of San Elizario, TX
11. Tony Nevarez	Director of Aviation, El Paso International Airport		
12. Rachel Quintana	Mayor, Village of Vinton		
13. Art Fierro	City of El Paso Representative – District 6		
14. Anthony Dekeyzer	Director, Sun Metro (COEP)		
15. Dionne Mack	City Manager, City of El Paso	<b>MPO STAFF</b>	
16. Jackie Butler	El Paso County Commissioner, Precinct 1	Nicklaus Jimenez	MPO/TPB Attorney
17. Yvette Hernandez	City Engineer, COEP	Eduardo Calvo	Executive Director
18. César J. Blanco (Chair)	TX State Senator	Nina Rodriguez	Transportation Planner
19. Vince Perez	TX State Representative – 77 <sup>th</sup> District	Jennifer Moreno	Transportation Planner
20. Joe Moody	TX State Representative – 78 <sup>th</sup> District	Anne Guayante	Regional Transportation Manager
21.		Marisol Enriquez	Administrative Secretary

(Meeting began with 18 members)

- Chairperson, Senator César J. Blanco opened Public Comment:
- 1. Alex McRae commented.
- Chairperson, Senator César J. Blanco closed Public Comment

### DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

1. Consider approval of the minutes of the August 22, 2025 TPB meeting.

**Presenter: TPB Chair**

**Motion to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2025 TPB meeting made by Representative Art Fierro and seconded by Representative Art Fierro. Motion passed unanimously**

2. Consider approval of amendments to the Amended Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), and the RMS 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the following Texas Highway Projects:
  - a. Deprogram the *PE Phase Border Traveler ITS* (CSJ: 0924-06-733 / MPO ID: C032XPE) project using \$525,582 of Category 5 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) program funds in fiscal year (FY) 2027
  - b. Deprogram the *Bicycle Infrastructure Citywide* (CSJ: 0924-06-577 / MPO ID: M090X) project using \$5,610,423 of Category 5 CMAQ program funds in FY 2027
  - c. Deprogram the *PE Phase Video Surveillance and Count Stations Phase II* (CSJ: 0924-06-732 / MPO ID: M025BPE) project using \$191,342 of Category 5 CMAQ program funds in FY 2027
  - d. Deprogram the *Border Traveler ITS* (CSJ: 0924-06-733 / MPO ID: C032X) project using \$2,102,328 of Category 5 CMAQ program funds in FY 2028
  - e. Deprogram the *Video Surveillance and Count Stations Phase II* (CSJ: 0924-06-732 / MPO ID: M025B) project using \$3,904,931 of Category 5 CMAQ program funds in FY 2028

**Presenter: Nina Rodriguez (EPMPO)**

**Motion to approve the amendments to the Amended Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), and the RMS 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the following Texas Highway Projects:**

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**made by Mayor Andres Renteria and seconded by Representative Art Fierro. Motion passed unanimously**

3. Consider approval of an amendment to the RMS 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to program the *Border Highway Connector (BHC) – Construction Phase* (CRN: E100391 / MPO ID: A606X) project using \$56,250,000 of Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Infra Grant funds and \$113,750,000 of Other State funds for a total project cost \$170,000,000 in fiscal year (FY) 2025, and amend the Amended RMS 2050 MTP to change the fiscal year from FY 2028 to FY 2025

**Presenter: Anne Guayante (EPMPO)**

**Motion to approve the amendment to the RMS 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to program the *Border Highway Connector (BHC) – Construction Phase* (CRN: E100391 / MPO ID: A606X) project using \$56,250,000 of Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Infra Grant funds and \$113,750,000 of Other State funds for a total project cost \$170,000,000 in fiscal year (FY) 2025, and amend the Amended RMS 2050 MTP to change the fiscal year from FY 2028 to FY 2025 made by Mayor Martin Lerma and seconded by Judge Ricardo Samaniego. Motion passed unanimously**

4. Consider authorizing the Executive Director to sign a letter of support for the City of El Paso's FY 2025 Bridge Investment Program (BIP) planning grant application for the Piedras Bridge Reconstruction Design Project.

**Presenter: Omar Martinez (City of El Paso)**

**Motion to authorize the Executive Director to sign a letter of support for the City of El Paso's FY 2025 Bridge Investment Program (BIP) planning grant application for the Piedras Bridge Reconstruction Design Project meeting made by Representative Alejandra Chavez and seconded by Representative Art Fierro. Motion passed unanimously**

#### **REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:**

5. Quarterly Reports
  - a. Administrative Amendments Report
  - b. Project Completion Report
  - c. Project Readiness Report
  - d. RMS 2020 Projects Report

**Presenter: Anne Guayante (EPMPO)**

6. Executive Director's Report
  - a. IBC Strategic Plan Update
  - b. TxDOT's Downtown10 public hearing held September 16, 2025
  - c. EPMPO Borderplex Safe Mobility Plan public comment period

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

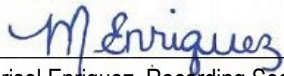
7. The Board may go into closed session under the authority of the Government Code, Chapter 551, Texas Open Meetings Act, as follows: Consultation with Attorney – Attorney/Client Privileged Consultations, on Pending or Contemplated Litigation or Settlement Offers (§ 551.071), Deliberations Regarding Real Property (§ 551.072), Deliberations Regarding Personnel Matters (§ 551.074), or Deliberations Regarding Security Devices or a Security Audit (§§ 551.076, 551.0894)
8. Consider and take action on matters discussed in closed session.
9. Adjournment

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

10. Adjournment.

**Adjournment at 09:37 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