

TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

Of January 24, 2025

Call to Order: TPB Chair Renard Johnson called the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting to order at 9:47 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	Vacant	NM State Representative District 53
3. Tomas Trevino	District Engineer, TXDOT El Paso District	Eddie Morales	TX State Representative – 74 th District
4. Art Fierro	City of El Paso Representative – District 6	Vince Perez	TX State Representative – 77 th District
5. Miguel Chacon	Mayor, City of San Elizario, TX	Ramon Cano	Mayor, Town of Clint
6. Anthony Dekeyzer	Director, Sun Metro (COEP)	Anthony Turner	Mayor, Town of Anthony, TX
7. Yvette Hernandez	City Engineer, COEP	Mary E. Gonzalez	TX State Representative – 75 th District
8. Javier Perea	Mayor, Sunland Park, NM	Claudia Ordaz	TX State Representative – 76 th District
9. Diana Murillo	Mayor, Anthony, NM		
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	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. Joe Moody	TX State Representative – 78 th District	Nina Rodriguez	Transportation Planner
19. Gloria Gameros	County Commissioner, Doña Ana County	Jennifer Moreno	Transportation Planner
20. Ricardo Samaniego	Judge, El Paso County	Harrison Plourde	Assistant Director
21. Rachel Quintana	Mayor, Village of Vinton	Anne Guayante	Regional Transportation Manager
22. Alejandra Chavez	City of El Paso Representative - District 1	Marisol Enriquez	Administrative Secretary
23.		Andres Lucero	Associate Regional Transportation Analyst

(Meeting began with 20 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 13, 2024 TPB meeting.

Presenter: TPB Chair

Motion to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2024 TPB meeting made by Representative Chris Canales and seconded by Commissioner Iliana Holguin. Motion passed unanimously

2. Nominate and Elect Chairperson of the Transportation Policy Board.

Presenter: TPB Chair

Motion to nomination and election of Senator César J. Blanco as Chairperson of the Transportation Policy Board made by Alderman Walter Miller and seconded by Judge Ricardo Samaniego. Motion passed unanimously

3. Nominate and Elect Vice-Chairperson of the Transportation Policy Board.

Presenter: TPB Chair

Motion to approve nomination and election of Javier Perea as Vice-Chairperson of the Transportation Policy Board made by Senator César J. Blanco and seconded by Mayor Renard Johnson. Motion passed unanimously

4. Appoint members to Executive Committee.

Presenter: TPB Chair

Motion to appoint Chair César J. Blanco Vice-Chair Javier Perea, Tomas Trevino, Mayor Rudy Cruz, Aaron Chavarria, Mayor Renard Johnson, Judge Ricardo Samaniego as members to Executive Committee made by Mayor Javier Perea and seconded by Judge Ricardo Samaniego. Motion passed unanimously

5. Consider authorizing the Executive Director to execute a non-federal match agreement with New Mexico Department of Transportation for the *International Border Crossings Systemwide Analysis* project.

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (EPMPO)

Motion authorize the Executive Director to execute a non-federal match agreement with New Mexico Department of Transportation for the *International Border Crossings Systemwide Analysis* project made by Commissioner Iliana Holguin and seconded by Representative Chris Canales. 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 Mayor Diana Murillo and seconded by Representative Art Fierro. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Consider adoption of the Safety Performance Measure (PM1) 2025 Targets:

- a. State of New Mexico 2025 PM1 Targets
- b. State of Texas 2025 PM1 Targets.

Presenter: Jennifer Moreno (MPO)

- Chairperson, Senator César J. Blanco opened Public Comment:
 1. Scott White commented.
- Chairperson, Senator César J. Blanco closed Public Comment.

Motion to approve adoption of the Safety Performance Measure (PM1) 2025 Targets:

- c. State of New Mexico 2025 PM1 Targets
- d. State of Texas 2025 PM1 Targets.

made by Representative Chris Canales seconded by Walter Miller. Motion passed unanimously

8. Consider authorizing MPO staff to submit a functional classification request to the State of New Mexico and Federal Highway Administration for the Border Highway Connector project as a Principal Arterial.

Presenter: Jennifer Moreno (MPO)

Motion to approve authorizing MPO staff to submit a functional classification request to the State of New Mexico and Federal Highway Administration for the Border Highway Connector project as a Principal Arterial made by Jose Landeros seconded by Representative Art Fierro. Motion passed unanimously

9. Consider approval of amendments to the Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), and the Amended RMS 2050 MTP for New Mexico projects to:
- a. Amend the *St. Francis Drive Extension/Border Highway Connector* project (MPO ID: A606X) in FY 2027 to revise the description clarifying it is proposed as a four-lane divided arterial, to clarify project limits by including milepost at the limits, and to update project costs and funding amounts
 - b. Amend the *NM 498 (Anapra)* project (MPO ID: R615X) in FY 2027 to revise the description to reflect a widening from two to four lanes, and to amend the project costs and funding amounts
 - c. Amend the *Sunland Park Drive Extension* project (MPO ID: A607X) in FY 2027 to clarify project limits.*

Presenter: Anne Guayante (MPO)

Motion to approve amendments to the Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), and the Amended RMS 2050 MTP for New Mexico projects to:

- a. **Amend the *St. Francis Drive Extension/Border Highway Connector* project (MPO ID: A606X) in FY 2027 to revise the description clarifying it is proposed as a four-lane divided arterial, to clarify project limits by including milepost at the limits, and to update project costs and funding amounts**
- b. **Amend the *NM 498 (Anapra)* project (MPO ID: R615X) in FY 2027 to revise the description to reflect a widening from two to four lanes, and to amend the project costs and funding amounts**
- c. **Amend the *Sunland Park Drive Extension* project (MPO ID: A607X) in FY 2027 to clarify project limits.***

made by Representative Chris Canales seconded by Jose Landeros. Motion passed unanimously

10. Consider approval of amendments to the RMS 2050 MTP, Amended RMS 2050 MTP, and the RMS 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Texas Highway projects to:
- a. Amend the project description for the *I-10 SEG3B (Paisano to Airway)* project (CSJ: 2121-03-159 / MPO ID: I065X-CAP) in FY 2023 to include the number of lanes before and after the project is completed
 - b. Amend the project description for the *I-10 SEG1G (THORN TO EXECUTIVE)* project (CSJ: 2121-03-162 / MPO ID: I068X-CAP) in FY 2041 to include the number of lanes before and after the project is completed
 - c. Amend the project description for the *I-10 SEG3C (AIRWAY TO YARBROUGH)* project (CSJ: 2121-03-159 / MPO ID: I065X-CAP) in FY 2041 to include the number of lanes before and after the project is completed
 - d. Amend the project description for the *I-10 SEG1 (YARBROUGH TO FM659)* project (CSJ: 2121-03-163 / MPO ID: I070X-CAP) in FY 2041 to include the number of lanes before and after the project is completed
 - e. Amend the project description for the *I-10 SEG3D2 (FM659 TO EASTLAKE)* project (CSJ: 2121-04-119 / MPO ID: I070X-CAP) in FY 2033 to include the number of lanes before and after the project is completed. *

Presenter: Anne Guayante (MPO)

Motion to approve of amendments to the RMS 2050 MTP, Amended RMS 2050 MTP, and the RMS 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Texas Highway projects to:

- a. **Amend the project description for the *I-10 SEG3B (Paisano to Airway)* project (CSJ: 2121-03-159 / MPO ID: I065X-CAP) in FY 2023 to include the number of lanes before and after the project is completed**
- b. **Amend the project description for the *I-10 SEG1G (THORN TO EXECUTIVE)* project (CSJ: 2121-03-162 / MPO ID: I068X-CAP) in FY 2041 to include the number of lanes before and after the project is completed**
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made by Commissioner Iliana Holguin seconded by Representative Art Fierro. Motion passed unanimously

11. Consider approval of an amendment to the RMS 2050 MTP, Amended RMS 2050 MTP, and the RMS 2025-2028 TIP for the *Delake St. Construction* project (CSJ: 0924-06-691 / MPO ID: A442X) to amend the fiscal year from FY 2025 to FY 2027 and to revise the project description for clarity. *

Presenter: Anne Guayante (MPO)

Motion to approve an amendment to the RMS 2050 MTP, Amended RMS 2050 MTP, and the RMS 2025-2028 TIP for the *Delake St. Construction* project (CSJ: 0924-06-691 / MPO ID: A442X) to amend the fiscal year from FY 2025 to FY 2027 and to revise the project description for clarity. * made by Representative Art Fierro seconded by Mayor Renard Johnson. Motion passed unanimously

12. Consider approval of an amendment to the RMS 2050 MTP, Amended RMS 2050 MTP, and the RMS 2025-2028 TIP to program the *Downtown International Ports ITS Design and Regional Integration* project in FY 2025 with \$2,000,000 in Category 3 USDOT Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Program funds. *

Presenter: Anne Guayante (MPO)

Motion to adoption of the Safety Performance Measure (PM1) 2025 Targets:

- a. **State of New Mexico 2025 PM1 Targets**
- b. **State of Texas 2025 PM1 Targets.**

made by Judge Ricardo Samaniego by Representative Art Fierro. Motion passed unanimously

15. Consider the Executive Committee's recommendation that EPMPO submit a letter to the General Services Administration (GSA) addressing the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Bridge of the Americas Improvements Project.

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (EPMPO Executive Director)

Motion to approve Executive Committee's recommendation that EPMPO submit a letter to the General Services Administration (GSA) addressing the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Bridge of the Americas Improvements Project made by Judge Ricardo Samaniego by Representative Art Fierro. Motion passed with 5 nay (Jose Landeros, Yvette Hernandez, Dionne Mack, Commissioner Iliana Holguin, Representative Chris Canales).

13. Consider approval of an amendment to the RMS 2050 MTP, Amended RMS 2050 MTP, and the RMS 2025-2028 TIP to amend the *McCombs Multiuse Trail* (CN: E100490 / MPO ID: A606X) project to change the project limits and project description to reference the proposed work on Lisa Drive in addition to the language already referencing work on McCombs Road.*

Presenter: Nina Rodriguez (MPO)

- Chairperson, Senator César J. Blanco opened Public Comment:
 1. Scott White commented.
- Chairperson, Senator César J. Blanco closed Public Comment.
- Chris Canales Commented

Motion to approve an amendment to the RMS 2050 MTP, Amended RMS 2050 MTP, and the RMS 2025-2028 TIP to amend the *McCombs Multiuse Trail* (CN: E100490 / MPO ID: A606X) project to change the project limits and project description to reference the proposed work on Lisa Drive in addition to the language already referencing work on McCombs Road.* made by Walter Miller seconded by Representative Chris Canales. Motion passed unanimously

2. Consider authorizing the Executive Director to sign a letter of support for the City of El Paso application to FY 2025 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Program for the *CBD IV Segundo Barrio* project.

Presenter: Dr. Valeria Holguin (City of El Paso)

Motion to authorize the Executive Director to sign a letter of support for the City of El Paso application to FY 2025 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Program for the *CBD IV Segundo Barrio* project made by Representative Chris Canales seconded by Commissioner Iliana Holguin. Motion passed, Tomas Trevino abstain.

16. Consider the Executive Committee's recommended process for the Executive Director's Annual Performance Evaluation for Year 2024.

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (EPMPO Executive Director)

Motion to approve Executive Committee's recommended process for the Executive Director's Annual Performance Evaluation for Year 2024 made by Walter Miller and seconded by Mayor Javier Perea. Motion passed unanimously

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

17. Overview of El Paso Transportation Authority (ETA) operations.

Presenter: Xavier Bañales (ETA Interim Director)

18. Executive Director's Report

- a. Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting (January 5-9).
- b. Update on RMS 2052 MTP Development.

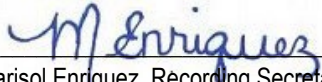
Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (EPMPO Executive Director)

The **next meeting** of the TPB is scheduled for **9:30 a.m.** on **February 21, 2025**, at the at Blue Flame Building, Floor 17 (Center for Community Engagement), 304 Texas Ave, El Paso, TX 79901

6. Adjournment.

Adjournment at 11:04 a.m.

Approved as to content:



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