

# TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

## MEETING MINUTES

Of April 25, 2025

**Call to Order:** TPB Vice-Chair Mayor Javier Perea called the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting to order at 9:17 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 March 21, 2025 TPB meeting.

**Presenter: TPB Chair**

**Motion to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2025 TPB meeting made by Representative Chris Camales and seconded by Representative Art Fierro. Motion passed unanimously**

2. Consider approval of amendments to the Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Amended RMS 2050 MTP, and the RMS 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the following Texas Highway Projects:
- To program the *Downtown 10 Executive Center to SL 478 Copia PE & ROW* project (CSJ: 2121-02-166 / MPO ID: I063X-CAP) into the RMS 2025-2028 TIP using \$88,000,000 of Statewide PE (SWPE) funds and \$95,000,000 of Statewide ROW (SWROW) funds for a total funded amount of \$183,000,000 in fiscal year (FY) 2025; and to amend the project in the RMS 2050 MTP and the Amended RMS 2050 MTP to change the fiscal year from 2029 to 2025, the project title, MPO ID, and project description.
  - To program the *Downtown 10, Phase 1 from SS 1966 to 0.5MI East of Campbell St.* project (CSJ: 2121-02-186 / MPO ID: I063X-CAP-1) using \$166,585,062 of Category 2 Metropolitan Area (TMA) Corridor Project funds, \$76,685,870 of Category 4 of Statewide Urban Connectivity Corridor Project funds, \$3,900,000 of Category 7 STP – MM funds, \$2,829,068 of Category 11 District Discretionary funds, and \$250,000,000 of Category 12 Strategic Priority funds for a total funded amount of \$500,000,000 in FY 2028.
  - To amend Appendix D of the RMS 2025-2028 TIP to remove the *Downtown 10 Executive Center to SL478 Copia* project (CSJ: 2121-02-166), and to add the *Downtown 10, Phase 2 Executive Center Blvd. to SS 1966* project (CSJ: 2121-02-184 / MPO ID: I063X-CAP-2) and *Downtown 10, Phase 3 0.5MI East of Campbell St. to SL 478 (Copia St.)* project (CSJ: 2121-02-185 / MPO ID: I063X-CAP-3).

**Presenter: Anne Guayante (MPO)**

3. Consider approval of amendments to the Regional Mobility Strategy 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the Amended RMS 2050 MTP for the following Texas Highway Projects:
- Program the *Downtown 10, Phase 2 Executive Center Blvd. to SS 1966* project (CSJ: 2121-02-184 / MPO ID: I063X-CAP-2) using \$296,500,000 of Discretionary funds in FY 2029
  - Program the *Downtown 10, Phase 3 0.5MI East of Campbell St. to SL 478 (Copia St.)* project (CSJ: 2121-02-185 / MPO ID: I063X-CAP-3) using \$447,400,000 of Discretionary funds in FY 2029

**Presenter: Anne Guayante (MPO)**

- Chris Canales commented

**\*Vice-Chair Mayor Javier Perea opened public comment**

**1. Scott White commented**

**\* Vice-Chair Mayor Javier Perea closed public comment**

**Items 2 and 3 taken together. Motion to approve Items 2 and 3 made by Walter Miller and seconded by Representative Art Fierro. Motion passed. Representative Chris Canales nay.**

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) to deprogram *Calle Morroco Sidewalk Improvements Construction* project (CN: E100460 / MPO ID: E608X) using \$103,249 of NM TAP-L funds in FY 2025.

**Presenter: Andres Lucero (MPO)**

**Motion to approve 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) to deprogram *Calle Morroco Sidewalk Improvements Construction* project (CN: E100460 / MPO ID: E608X) using \$103,249 of NM TAP-L funds in FY 2025 made by Representative Chris Canales and seconded by Dionne Mack. Motion passed unanimously**

5. Consider authorizing the Executive Director to execute Task Order #6 with the El Paso MPO General Planning Consultant for the development of a new GIS system and associated activities for an amount not to exceed \$286,706.00.

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

- Chris Canales commented

**Motion to authorize the Executive Director to execute Task Order #6 with the El Paso MPO General Planning Consultant for the development of a new GIS system and associated activities for an amount not to exceed \$286,706.00 made by Representative Chris Canales and seconded by Representative Art Fierro. Motion passed unanimously**

6. Consider authorizing the Executive Director to sign a letter of support for Texas A&M Transportation Institute's FY 2026 Community Project Funding request for the *Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Detection and Mitigation for Border Security and Trade Efficiency* project.

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

**Motion to authorize the Executive Director to sign a letter of support for Texas A&M Transportation Institute's FY 2026 Community Project Funding request for the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Detection and Mitigation for Border Security and Trade Efficiency project made by Alderman Walter Miller and seconded by Mayor Renard Johnson. Motion passed unanimously**

7. Consider authorizing the Executive Director to sign a letter of support for the City of San Elizario's FY 2026 Community Project Funding request for the *San Elizario Community Multi-purpose Center* project.

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

- Chris Canales commented

**Motion to authorize the Executive Director to sign a letter of support for the City of San Elizario's FY 2026 Community Project Funding request for the San Elizario Community Multi-purpose Center project made by Representative Chris Canales and seconded by Jose Landeros. Motion passed unanimously**

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

8. 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 **May 23, 2025**, at the at Blue Flame Building, Floor 17 (Center for Community Engagement), 304 Texas Ave, El Paso, TX 79901

9. Adjournment.

**Adjournment at 10:14 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