

TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

Of June 20, 2025

Call to Order: TPB Chair Senator Cesar Blanco called the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting to order at 9:05 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. César J. Blanco (Chair)	TX State Senator	Joseph Cervantes	NM State Senator, District 31
2. Tomas Trevino	District Engineer, TXDOT El Paso District	Sarah Silva	NM State Representative District 53
3. Miguel Chacon	Mayor, City of San Elizario, TX	Eddie Morales	TX State Representative – 74 th District
4. Diana Murillo	Mayor, Anthony, NM	Mary E. Gonzalez	TX State Representative – 75 th District
5. Martin Lerma	Mayor, Town of Anthony, TX	Ramon Cano	Mayor, Town of Clint
6. Alejandra Chavez	City of El Paso Representative - District 1	Claudia Ordaz	TX State Representative – 76 th District
7. Chris Canales	City of El Paso Representative – District 8	Javier Perea (Vice-Chair)	Mayor, Sunland Park, NM
8. Tony Nevarez	Director of Aviation, El Paso International Airport	Aaron Chavarria	District Engineer, NMDOT
9. Iliana Holguin	El Paso County Commissioner, Precinct 3	Art Fierro	City of El Paso Representative – District 6
10. Ricardo Samaniego	Judge, El Paso County	Anthony Dekeyzer	Director, Sun Metro (COEP)
11. Andres Renteria	Mayor, Town of Horizon City	Dionne Mack	City Manager, City of El Paso
12. Rudy Cruz	City of Socorro, District 3 Representative	Renard Johnson	Mayor, City of El Paso
13. Gloria Gameros	County Commissioner, Doña Ana County	Jose Landeros	Deputy County Administrator, El Paso County
14. Rachel Quintana	Mayor, Village of Vinton	Yvette Hernandez	City Engineer, COEP
15. Joe Moody	TX State Representative – 78 th District	MPO STAFF	
16. Vince Perez	TX State Representative – 77 th District	Sebastian Nunez	MPO/TPB Attorney
17.		Eduardo Calvo	Executive Director
18.		Claudia Valles	Transportation Planner
19.		Nina Rodriguez	Transportation Planner
20.		Jennifer Moreno	Transportation Planner
21.		Harrison Plourde	Assistant Director
22.		Anne Guayante	Regional Transportation Manager
23.		Marisol Enriquez	Administrative Secretary
24.		Andres Lucero	Associate Regional Transportation Analyst

(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 April 18, 2025 TPB meeting.

Presenter: TPB Chair

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2025 TPB meeting made by Mayor Diana Murillo and seconded by Judge Ricardo Samaniego. 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 New Mexico projects:
 - a. Amend the *NM 213 / NM 404 Interchange Improvements* project (CN: E100322 / MPO ID: B608X) to reduce Surface Transportation Program – Flex (STPF) funds from \$3,435,374 to \$0, reduce Fast Border State INFRA (SBSI) funds from \$2,772,895 to \$122,112, reduce National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) funds from \$8,916,029 to \$8,210,871, and increase National Highway Freight Program (NHFP) funds from \$13,914,485 to \$13,914,486 for a revised total project cost of \$69,247,469 in fiscal year (FY) 2025.
 - b. Amend the *NM 213 Widening* project (CN: E100321 / MPO ID: P621X-CAP) to increase National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) funds from \$10,702,337 to \$18,706,586, increase (STPF) funds from \$3,620,906 to \$5,059,052, increase Fast Border State INFRA (SBSI) funds from \$2,772,894 to \$5,423,676, add \$2,900,748 of Surface Transportation Program – Rural (STPR) funds for a revised total project cost of \$56,564,862 in FY 2025.

Presenter: Nina Rodriguez (EPMPO)

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

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made by Representative Joe Moody and seconded by Representative Alejandra Chavez. Motion passed unanimously

3. 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 New Mexico projects:
 - a. Program the *Microtransit Operating Assistance (FY 25 5307)* project using \$150,000 of FTA 5307 Urbanized Area Formula funds in fiscal year (FY) 2026.
 - b. Program the *Preventative Maintenance (FY25 5307)* project using \$556,000 of FTA 5307 Urbanized Area Formula funds in FY 2026.
 - c. Program the *Microtransit Capital Assistance* project using \$100,000 of FTA 5307 Urbanized Area Formula funds in FY 2026.
 - d. Program the *Sunland Park Garage Update* project using \$216,000 of FTA 5307 Urbanized Area Formula funds in FY 2026.
 - e. Program the *Sunland Park Fencing Update* project using \$96,000 of FTA 5307 Urbanized Area Formula funds in FY 2026.
 - f. Program the *Sunland Park Bus Wash* project using \$102,954 of FTA 5307 Urbanized Area Formula funds in FY 2026.

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 New Mexico projects:

- a. Program the *Microtransit Operating Assistance (FY 25 5307)* project using \$150,000 of FTA 5307 Urbanized Area Formula funds in fiscal year (FY) 2026.
- b. Program the *Preventative Maintenance (FY25 5307)* project using \$556,000 of FTA 5307 Urbanized Area Formula funds in FY 2026.
- c. Program the *Microtransit Capital Assistance* project using \$100,000 of FTA 5307 Urbanized Area Formula funds in FY 2026.
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- e. Program the *Sunland Park Fencing Update* project using \$96,000 of FTA 5307 Urbanized Area Formula funds in FY 2026.
- f. Program the *Sunland Park Bus Wash* project using \$102,954 of FTA 5307 Urbanized Area Formula funds in FY 2026

made by Judge Ricardo Samaniego and seconded by Commissioner Iliana Holguin. Motion passed unanimously

4. Consider approval of an amendment to the Amended Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), and the RMS 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to program the *Moon Road Complete Streets PE Phase*

project using \$1,728,951 of Category 10 USDOT Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Program funds in Fiscal Year (FY) 2026.

Presenter: Nina Rodriguez (EPMPO)

Motion to approve an amendment to the Amended Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), and the RMS 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to program the Moon Road Complete Streets PE Phase project using \$1,728,951 of Category 10 USDOT Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Program funds in Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 made by Mayor Miguel Chacon and seconded by Judge Ricardo Samaniego. Motion passed unanimously

5. Consider authorizing the Executive Director to sign Letters of Support for the following grant applications:
 - a. Local applications for the FY 2025 TxDOT Transportation Alternative (TA) project call that are advancing for statewide consideration
 - b. Local applications for the FY 2026 NMDOT Transportation Project Fund (TPF) project call that are advancing for statewide consideration
 - c. Sun Metro application for the FY 2025 Low or No Emissions Buses and Bus Facilities Grant Program for purchase of 14 Compressed Natural Gas vans and appurtenances
 - d. City of Sunland Park application for the FY 2025 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Planning & Demonstration Grant for the *Supplementary Action Plan* project
 - e. Doña Ana County application for the FY 2025 SS4A Implementation Grant for safety improvements along McCombs Road and Doña Ana Road.

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (EPMPO Executive Director)

Motion to authorize the Executive Director to sign Letters of Support for the following grant applications:

- a. Local applications for the FY 2025 TxDOT Transportation Alternative (TA) project call that are advancing for statewide consideration
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- e. Doña Ana County application for the FY 2025 SS4A Implementation Grant for safety improvements along McCombs Road and Doña Ana Road

made by Mayor Diana Murillo and seconded by Mayor Rudy Cruz. Motion passed unanimously

6. Consider authorizing the submittal of a federal functional roadway classification request to the State of Texas and the Federal Highway Administration for Railroad Drive as a Principal Arterial

Presenter: Nina Rodriguez (EPMPO)

Motion to authorize the submittal of a federal functional roadway classification request to the State of Texas and the Federal Highway Administration for Railroad Drive as a Principal Arterial made by Judge Ricardo Samaniego and seconded by Commissioner Iliana Holguin. Motion passed unanimously

7. Consider approval of the Federal Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program

Presenter: Harrison Plourde (EPMPO)

Motion to approve the Federal Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program made by Commissioner Iliana Holguin and seconded by Judge Ricardo Samaniego. Motion passed unanimously

8. Consider approval of the EPMPO Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) Accessibility Plan

Presenter: Anne Guayante (EPMPO)

Motion to approve the EPMPO Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) Accessibility Plan made by Mayor Rudy Cruz and seconded by Mayor Miguel Chacon. Motion passed unanimously

9. Consider approval of the staff recommendation to select a consultant for the *Border Highway Connector Phase 2 Traffic Impact and Improvements Feasibility Analysis* project and to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a consulting agreement.

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (EPMPO Executive Director)

Motion to the staff recommendation to select a consultant for the Border Highway Connector Phase 2 Traffic Impact and Improvements Feasibility Analysis project and to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a consulting agreement made by Judge Ricardo Samaniego and seconded by Mayor Rudy Cruz. Motion passed unanimously

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

10. Congestion Management Process update: Congestion data, analysis and strategies

Presenter: Robert Guthart (WSP)

11. Quarterly Reports

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

Presenter: Anne Guayante & Andres Lucero (EPMPO)

12. Executive Director's Report

- a. Texas Transportation Commissioners Alex Meade and Steven Alvis visit El Paso
- b. International Border Crossings (IBC) Strategic Plan and Initial Coordination in Ciudad Juárez
- c. San Elizario Needs Assessment Public Meeting
- d. Draft Fiscal Year 2026 Unified Transportation Program (UTP)

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (EPMPO Executive Director)

*** Chair Senator Cesar Blanco opened public comment**

1. Mario Porras commented

2. Paul Dipp commented

*** Chair Senator Cesar Blanco closed public comment**

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

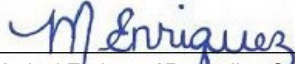
13. The Board may go into closed session under the authority of the Government Code, Chapter 551, Texas Open Meetings Act, as follows: Consultation with Attorney – Attorney/Client Privileged Consultations, on Pending or Contemplated Litigation or Settlement Offers (§ 551.071), Deliberations Regarding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

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

16. Adjournment.

Adjournment at 11:01 a.m.

Approved as to content:



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