

TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

Of August 22, 2025

Call to Order: Mayor Javier Perea called the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting to order at 9:09 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. Miguel Chacon	Mayor, City of San Elizario, TX	Eddie Morales	TX State Representative – 74 th District
4. Martin Lerma	Mayor, Town of Anthony, TX	Mary E. Gonzalez	TX State Representative – 75 th District
5. Alejandra Chavez	City of El Paso Representative - District 1	Ramon Cano	Mayor, Town of Clint
6. Chris Canales	City of El Paso Representative – District 8	Claudia Ordaz	TX State Representative – 76 th District
7. Iliana Holguin	El Paso County Commissioner, Precinct 3	Aaron Chavarria	District Engineer, NMDOT
8. Ricardo Samaniego	Judge, El Paso County	César J. Blanco (Chair)	TX State Senator
9. Andres Renteria	Mayor, Town of Horizon City	Vince Perez	TX State Representative – 77 th District
10. Rudy Cruz	City of Socorro, District 3 Representative	Joe Moody	TX State Representative – 78 th District
11. Gloria Gameros	County Commissioner, Doña Ana County	Diana Murillo	Mayor, Anthony, NM
12. Rachel Quintana	Mayor, Village of Vinton	Tony Nevarez	Director of Aviation, El Paso International Airport
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	MPO STAFF	
16. Renard Johnson	Mayor, City of El Paso	Nicklaus Jimenez	MPO/TPB Attorney
17. Jackie Butler	El Paso County Commissioner, Precinct 1	Eduardo Calvo	Executive Director
18. Yvette Hernandez	City Engineer, COEP	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 18 members)

- Chairperson, Mayor Javier Perea opened Public Comment:
 1. Alex McRae commented.
- Chairperson, Mayor Javier Perea Blanco closed Public Comment

DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

1. Consider approval of the minutes of the July 18, 2025 TPB meeting.

Presenter: TPB Chair

Motion to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2025 TPB meeting made by Representative Art Fierro and seconded by Commissioner Iliana Holguin. Motion passed unanimously

2. Consider approval of a resolution supporting TxDOT El Paso District's request for dual designation of I-10 and Loop 375.
Presenter: TxDOT – El Paso District staff

Motion to approve of a resolution supporting TxDOT El Paso District's request for dual designation of I-10 and Loop 375 made by Commissioner Iliana Holguin and seconded by Judge Ricardo Samaniego. Motion passed unanimously

3. Consider approval of the 2025 update to the El Paso MPO Congestion Management Process.
Presenter: Robert Guthart (WSP)

Motion to approve the 2025 update to the El Paso MPO Congestion Management Process made by Mayor Renard Johnson and seconded by Representative Alejandra Chavez. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Consider approval of a proposed strategy to achieve fiscal constraint with the anticipated 2026 TxDOT Unified Transportation Program (UTP) funding totals by amending certain projects in the Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
Presenter: Anne Guayante (EPMPO)

Motion to approve of a proposed strategy to achieve fiscal constraint with the anticipated 2026 TxDOT Unified Transportation Program (UTP) funding totals by amending certain projects in the Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) made by Commissioner Jackie Butler and seconded by Representative Art Fierro. Motion passed unanimously

5. Consider approval of amendments to documents related to the receipt of additional funding through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Rider 7 State and Local Air Quality Planning program.
 - a. Amend the contract between EPMPO and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to add additional Rider 7 funding; \$25,213.85 (Ozone program) and \$13,323.00 (PM2.5 program), and to update the scopes of work.
 - b. Authorize the Executive Director to execute an amendment to Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) Task Order #2 (*Cameras for Vehicle counting in Ciudad Juarez/monitoring thru Machine Learning Technology*) to increase the maximum budget to \$114,000.00.
 - c. Authorize the Executive Director to execute an amendment to TTI Task Order #3 (*Improving Regional Emission Estimation Tools*) to increase the maximum budget to \$141,000.00.
 - d. Authorize the Executive Director to execute an amendment to UTEP Task Order #4 (*Monitoring of PM2.5 Exposure from Traffic Congestion at International Border Crossings*) to increase the maximum budget to \$ 155,771.00

Presenter: Claudia Valles (EPMPO)

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made by Judge Ricardo Samaniego and seconded by Representative Chris Canales. Motion passed unanimously

6. Consider authorizing the Executive Director to execute Task Order #7 with the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) for *Phase Four – Continued Support of the TIP and PRF* for an amount not to exceed \$48,000.
Presenter: Anne Guayante (EPMPO)

Motion to authorize the Executive Director to execute Task Order #7 with the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) for *Phase Four – Continued Support of the TIP and PRF* for an amount not to exceed \$48,000 made by Mayor Andres Renteria and seconded by Judge Ricardo Samaniego. Motion passed unanimously

7. Consider naming the *Border Highway East* project as an EPMPPO priority project.
Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (EPMPPO Executive Director)

Motion to postpone Item 7 Indefinitely made by Commissioner Iliana Holguin and seconded by Mayor Rudy Cruz Jr. Motion passed unanimously

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

8. Update on the RMS 2052 MTP project call and project prioritization process.
Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (EPMPPO Executive Director)
9. Executive Director's Report
- a. IBC Strategic Plan Update
 - b. Border Trade Advisory Committee (BTAC) meetings held July 31 and August 12, 2025
 - c. Texas Transportation Commission (TTC) meeting held August 21, 2025
 - d. Upcoming public comment period for the EPMPPO Borderplex Safe Mobility Plan
- Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (EPMPPO Executive Director)**

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

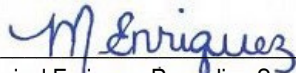
10. The Board may go into closed session under the authority of the Government Code, Chapter 551, Texas Open Meetings Act, as follows: Consultation with Attorney – Attorney/Client Privileged Consultations, on Pending or Contemplated Litigation or Settlement Offers (§ 551.071), Deliberations Regarding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

The **next meeting** of the TPB is scheduled for **9:00 a.m.** on **September 19, 2025**, at the at Blue Flame Building, Floor 17 (Center for Community Engagement), 304 Texas Ave, El Paso, TX 79901

13. Adjournment.

Adjournment at 09:56 a.m.

Approved as to content:



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