

TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

Of July 18, 2025

Call to Order: Mayor Renard Johnson 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		
9. Iliana Holguin	El Paso County Commissioner, Precinct 3		
10. Ricardo Samaniego	Judge, El Paso County		
11. Andres Renteria	Mayor, Town of Horizon City		
12. Rudy Cruz	City of Socorro, District 3 Representative		
13. Gloria Gameros	County Commissioner, Doña Ana County		
14. Rachel Quintana	Mayor, Village of Vinton		
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. Aaron Chavarria	District Engineer, NMDOT	Eduardo Calvo	Executive Director
18. Art Fierro	City of El Paso Representative – District 6	Claudia Valles	Transportation Planner
19. Anthony Dekeyzer	Director, Sun Metro (COEP)	Nina Rodriguez	Transportation Planner
20. Dionne Mack	City Manager, City of El Paso	Jennifer Moreno	Transportation Planner
21. Renard Johnson	Mayor, City of El Paso	Harrison Plourde	Assistant Director
22. Jackie Butler	El Paso County Commissioner, Precinct 1	Anne Guayante	Regional Transportation Manager
23. Yvette Hernandez	City Engineer, COEP	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 June 20, 2025 TPB meeting.

Presenter: TPB Chair

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2025 TPB meeting made by Judge Ricardo Samaniego and seconded by Representative Art Fierro. Motion passed unanimously

2. 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 increase FTA 5307 program funding from \$14,091,139 to \$18,461,074 for a revised total project cost of \$18,461,074 for the *Capital Maintenance (FFY 25 5307)* project in fiscal year (FY) 2026.

Presenter: Andres Lucero (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 increase FTA 5307 program funding from \$14,091,139 to \$18,461,074 for a revised total project cost of \$18,461,074 for the *Capital Maintenance (FFY 25 5307)* project in fiscal year (FY) 2026 made by Representative Art Fierro seconded by Mayor Rachel Quintana. Motion passed unanimously

3. Consider approval of an amendment to the Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to program the *Border Highway Connector (BHC) – Construction Phase* project with a total project cost of \$170,000,000, contingent upon the provision of funding toward the total project cost from the New Mexico State Legislature.

Presenter: Anne Guayante (EPMPO)

Motion to an amendment to the Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to program the *Border Highway Connector (BHC) – Construction Phase* project with a total project cost of \$170,000,000, contingent upon the provision of funding toward the total project cost from the New Mexico State Legislature made by Mayor Andres Renteria and seconded by Judge Ricardo Samaniego. Motion passed unanimously

4. Consider authorizing the Executive Director to sign a Letter of Support for TxDOT's Fiscal Year 2026 Unified Transportation Program.

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (EPMPO Executive Director)

Motion to authorize the Executive Director to sign a Letter of Support for TxDOT's Fiscal Year 2026 Unified Transportation Program made by Mayor Rachel Quintana and seconded by Representative Joe Moody. Motion passed unanimously

5. Consider authorizing the Executive Director to execute Task Order #1 with HDR, Inc. for the *Border Highway Connector Phase 2 Project Management Plan* in an amount not to exceed \$85,000.00.

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (EPMPO Executive Director)

Motion to authorize the Executive Director to execute Task Order #1 with HDR, Inc. for the *Border Highway Connector Phase 2 Project Management Plan* in an amount not to exceed \$85,000.00 made by Judge Ricardo Samaniego and seconded by Commissioner Iliana Holguin. Motion passed unanimously

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

6. Executive Director's Report
 - a. IBC Strategic Plan Update
 - b. New Mexico State Legislature, Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Subcommittee meeting held on July 16, 2025

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 **August 22, 2025**, at the at Blue Flame Building, Floor 17 (Center for Community Engagement), 304 Texas Ave, El Paso, TX 79901

10. 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