

TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

Of November 21, 2025

Call to Order: Senator César J. Blanco called the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting to order at 9:59 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. Mary E. Gonzalez	TX State Representative – 75 th District	Eddie Morales	TX State Representative – 74 th District
4. Martin Lerma	Mayor, Town of Anthony, TX	Ramon Cano	Mayor, Town of Clint
5. Alejandra Chavez	City of El Paso Representative - District 1	Claudia Ordaz	TX State Representative – 76 th District
6. Chris Canales	City of El Paso Representative – District 8	Diana Murillo	Mayor, Anthony, NM
7. Iliana Holguin	El Paso County Commissioner, Precinct 3	Ricardo Samaniego	Judge, El Paso County
8. Gloria Gameros	County Commissioner, Doña Ana County	Rachel Quintana	Mayor, Village of Vinton
9. Andres Renteria	Mayor, Town of Horizon City	Tony Nevarez	Director of Aviation, El Paso International Airport
10. Aaron Chavarria	District Engineer, NMDOT	Dionne Mack	City Manager, City of El Paso
11. Rudy Cruz	City of Socorro, District 3 Representative	Jackie Butler	El Paso County Commissioner, Precinct 1
12. Miguel Chacon	Mayor, City of San Elizario, TX		
13. Art Fierro	City of El Paso Representative – District 6		
14. Anthony Dekeyzer	Director, Sun Metro (COEP)		
15. Renard Johnson	Mayor, City of El Paso	MPO STAFF	
16. Yvette Hernandez	City Engineer, COEP	Nicklaus Jimenez	MPO/TPB Attorney
17. César J. Blanco (Chair)	TX State Senator	Eduardo Calvo	Executive Director
18. Vince Perez	TX State Representative – 77 th District	Nina Rodriguez	Transportation Planner
19. Joe Moody	TX State Representative – 78 th District	Jennifer Moreno	Transportation Planner
20.		Anne Guayante	Regional Transportation Manager
21.		Marisol Enriquez	Administrative Secretary

(Meeting began with 18 members)

- *Chairperson, Senator César J. Blanco opened Public Comment: No open comment*

DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

1. Consider approval of the minutes of the October 17, 2025 TPB meeting.

Presenter: TPB Chair

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2025 TPB meeting made by Representative Art Fierro and seconded by Representative Chris Canales. Motion passed unanimously

2. Consider approval of the preliminary project list for the Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2052 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the RMS 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Presenter: Anne Guayante (MPO)

- Mary Gonzalez, Chris Canales, Andres Renteria, Alejandra Chavez, Yvette Hernandez commented.

• *Chairperson, Senator César J. Blanco opened Public Comment:*

1. *Diego Reyes commented.*
2. *Analisa Cordova commented*
3. *Daniella Estrada commented*
4. *Mathew Guzman commented*
5. *Manel Rodriguez commented*
6. *Joe Soto commented*
7. *Daniel Rubio commented*
8. *Monique Peossiger commented*

• *Chairperson, Senator César J. Blanco closed Public Comment*

Motion to approve the preliminary project list for the Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2052 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the RMS 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) made by Representative Art Fierro and seconded by Anthony Dekeyzer. Motion passed with all members in favor other than Representative Mary Gonzalez who opposed.

3. Consider approval of amendments to the EPMPO Bylaws.

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (MPO Executive Director)

Motion to approve amendments to the EPMPO Bylaws as presented made by Mayor Pro Tem Alejandra Chavez.

Motion to enter into Executive Session for Item 3 at 11:11 am made by Representative Joe Moody and seconded by Representative Art Fierro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to exit Executive Session for Item 3 at 11:51 am made by Mayor Andres Renteria and seconded by Representative Art Fierro. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve amendments to the EPMPO Bylaws as presented made by Mayor Johnson second by Mayor Cruz.

Motion to divide the question to hold separate votes for the proposed amendments to Article 3 of the EPMPO Bylaws and the remainder of the amendments made by Representative Joe Moody and seconded by Commissioner Iliana Holguin.

Motion failed. 5 Aye, 14 Nay. See Attachment

Motion to approve the amendments to the EPMPO Bylaws made by Mayor Renard Johnson and seconded by Mayor Rudy Cruz. Motion passed. 16 Aye, 3 Nay. See Attachment

4. Consider adoption of the Borderplex Safe Mobility Plan and its goal of continually reducing, and ultimately eliminating, the number of fatalities, serious injuries, and cycling and pedestrian-related crashes by half in 2035 and by zero in 2050 through implementing safety countermeasures

Presenter: Anne Guayante (MPO)

Motion to adopt the Borderplex Safe Mobility Plan and its goal of continually reducing, and ultimately eliminating, the number of fatalities, serious injuries, and cycling and pedestrian-related crashes by half in 2035 and by zero in 2050 through implementing safety countermeasures made by Representative Chris Canales and seconded by Representative Art Fierro.

Motion passed unanimously

5. Consider approval of amendments to the Amended RMS 2050 MTP and RMS 2025-2028 TIP to program the following projects using FY 2026-2028 Texas Transportation Alternatives Set-aside (TASA) Program funding, as recommended by the TASA project call Ad Hoc Committee:

- a. The *SunCycle Bike Share Fleet Improvement Project (FY 2026)* (CSJ: 0924-06-754/MPO ID: M096X-1) using \$124,987 of TASA funds in FY 2026
- b. The *SunCycle Bike Share Fleet Improvement Project (FY 2027)* (CSJ: 0924-06-755/MPO ID: M096X-2) using \$124,987 of TASA funds in FY 2027
- c. The *SunCycle Bike Share Fleet Improvement Project (FY 2028)* (CSJ: 0924-06-756/MPO ID: M096X-3) using \$124,987 of TASA funds in FY 2028

Presenter: Nina Rodriguez (MPO)

Motion to approve amendments to the Amended RMS 2050 MTP and RMS 2025-2028 TIP to program the following projects using FY 2026-2028 Texas Transportation Alternatives Set-aside (TASA) Program funding, as recommended by the TASA project call Ad Hoc Committee:

- a. **The SunCycle Bike Share Fleet Improvement Project (FY 2026) (CSJ: 0924-06-754/MPO ID: M096X-1) using \$124,987 of TASA funds in FY 2026**
- b. **The SunCycle Bike Share Fleet Improvement Project (FY 2027) (CSJ: 0924-06-755/MPO ID: M096X-2) using \$124,987 of TASA funds in FY 2027**
- c. **The SunCycle Bike Share Fleet Improvement Project (FY 2028) (CSJ: 0924-06-756/MPO ID: M096X-3) using \$124,987 of TASA funds in FY 2028**

made by Tomas Trevino and seconded by Representative Chris Canales. Motion passed unanimously

6. Consider approval of an amendment to the RMS 2025-2028 TIP to remove the *Border Highway Connector (BHC) – Construction Phase* (CRN: E100391 / MPO ID: A606X) project from Appendix D.

Presenter: Nina Rodriguez (MPO)

Motion to approve an amendment to the RMS 2025-2028 TIP to remove the *Border Highway Connector (BHC) – Construction Phase* (CRN: E100391 / MPO ID: A606X) project from Appendix D made by Mayor Andres Renteria and seconded by Representative Art Fierro. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Consider approval of amendments to the Amended RMS 2050 MTP, and the RMS 2025-2028 TIP for the following projects:
 - a. Amend the *Playa Drain Hike and Bike Trail (Yarborough to Midway)* project (CSJ: 0924-06-728/MPO ID: E501X-2) to reduce CMAQ funds from \$4,107,096 to \$0, and add \$4,107,096 of CRP funds for an unrevised total funded amount of \$4,107,096, and move the project from fiscal year (FY) 2027 to FY 2028.
 - b. Amend the *4-D Tigua Spur of Paso del Norte Trail* project (CSJ: 0924-06-728/MPO ID: E501X-2) to reduce CMAQ funds from \$1,543,810 to \$0 and add \$1,543,810 of CRP funds for an unrevised total funded amount of \$1,543,810 in FY 2028.
 - c. Amend the *ELP Safety Service Patrol – HERO FY 2028* project (CSJ:0924-06-737/MPO ID: M091X-7) to reduce Surface Transportation Program – Metropolitan Mobility (STP-MM) funds from \$2,000,000 to \$0 and add \$2,000,000 of CRP funds for an unrevised total funded amount of \$2,000,000 in FY 2028.

Presenter: Andres Lucero (MPO)

Motion to approve amendments to the Amended RMS 2050 MTP, and the RMS 2025-2028 TIP for the following projects:

- a. **Amend the *Playa Drain Hike and Bike Trail (Yarborough to Midway)* project (CSJ: 0924-06-728/MPO ID: E501X-2) to reduce CMAQ funds from \$4,107,096 to \$0, and add \$4,107,096 of CRP funds for an unrevised total funded amount of \$4,107,096, and move the project from fiscal year (FY) 2027 to FY 2028.**
- b. **Amend the *4-D Tigua Spur of Paso del Norte Trail* project (CSJ: 0924-06-728/MPO ID: E501X-2) to reduce CMAQ funds from \$1,543,810 to \$0 and add \$1,543,810 of CRP funds for an unrevised total funded amount of \$1,543,810 in FY 2028.**
- c. **Amend the *ELP Safety Service Patrol – HERO FY 2028* project (CSJ:0924-06-737/MPO ID: M091X-7) to reduce Surface Transportation Program – Metropolitan Mobility (STP-MM) funds from \$2,000,000 to \$0 and add \$2,000,000 of CRP funds for an unrevised total funded amount of \$2,000,000 in FY 2028**

made by Commissioner Iliana Holguin and seconded by Representative Art Fierro. Motion passed unanimously

8. Consider approval of an amendment to the Amended RMS 2050 MTP and the RMS 2025-2028 TIP for the *Delake Street Construction* (CSJ: 0924-06-691/MPO ID: A442X) project to move the project from FY 2027 to FY 2029, and to deprogram the project from the RMS 2025-2028 TIP.

Presenter: Andres Lucero (MPO)

Motion to approve of an amendment to the Amended RMS 2050 MTP and the RMS 2025-2028 TIP for the *Delake Street Construction* (CSJ: 0924-06-691/MPO ID: A442X) project to move the project from FY 2027 to FY 2029, and to deprogram the project from the RMS 2025-2028 TIP made by Mayor Andres Renteria and seconded by Representative Art Fierro. Motion passed unanimously

9. Consider authorizing the Executive Director to execute the contract amendment between the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization (EPMPO) for the Rider 7 State and Local Air Quality Planning Program (PM2.5 Program), Contract No. 582-24-01394, to include an additional \$320,510.06 in funding for FYs 2026-2027.

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (MPO Executive Director)

Motion to authorize the Executive Director to execute the contract amendment between the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization (EPMPO) for the Rider 7 State and Local Air Quality Planning Program (PM2.5 Program), Contract No. 582-24-01394, to include an additional \$320,510.06 in funding for FYs 2026-2027 made by Commissioner Iliana Holguin and seconded by Representative Art Fierro. Motion passed unanimously

10. Consider authorizing the Executive Director to execute an amendment to Task Order #1 between the Texas A&M University Transportation Institute (TTI) and EPMPO for training, technology transfer support, and other related training services, to increase the maximum amount payable from \$25,000 to \$49,000.

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (MPO Executive Director)

Motion to authorize the Executive Director to execute an amendment to Task Order #1 between the Texas A&M University Transportation Institute (TTI) and EPMPO for training, technology transfer support, and other related training services, to increase the maximum amount payable from \$25,000 to \$49,000 made by Mayor Andres Renteria and seconded by Representative Art Fierro. Motion passed unanimously

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

11. Executive Director's Report

- a. Consejo de Desarrollo Económico Regional (CODER) Binational Border Infrastructure Roundtable – October 20, 2025
- b. TxDOT Border Transportation Master Plan Kickoff Meeting – October 28, 2025
- c. TxDOT ADM – MPO Leadership Meeting - November 5, 2025
- d. APA-TX Panel Human-Centered Safety Planning in Texas – October 22, 2025
- e. State of the County – November 6, 2025
- f. New Mexico Transportation Commission Meeting - November 20, 2025

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (EPMPO Executive Director)

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

12. 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)

13. Consider and take action on matters discussed in closed session.

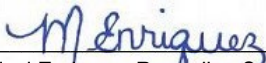
14. Adjournment

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

15. Adjournment.

Adjournment at 12:12 p.m.

Approved as to content:



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