

## TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

### MEETING MINUTES

Of December 19, 2025

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

(Meeting began with 21 members)

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

#### **DISCUSSION AND ACTION:**

1. Consider approval of the minutes of the November 21, 2025 TPB meeting.

**Presenter: TPB Chair**

**Motion to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2025 TPB meeting made by Representative Art Fierro and seconded by Mayor Andres Renteria. Motion passed unanimously**

\*09:35 am John Andoh Joined (22 members).

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) to program the following Texas Highway projects:
  - a. The *San Elizario Safety Improvements (PE Phase)* project using \$697,055 of Category 7 Surface Transportation Program – Metropolitan Mobility (STP-MM) funds in Fiscal Year (FY) 2026.
  - b. The *Socorro Microtransit Vehicles* project using \$453,200 of Category 5 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds in FY 2026.
  - c. The *Socorro Transit Oriented Development Feasibility Study* project using \$298,500 of Category 7 STP-MM funds in FY 2026.
  - d. The *Montwood and Sunfire Roundabout* project using \$6,070,329 of Category 5 CMAQ funds in FY 2028.
  - e. The *Project Amistad – Solar Panel-Equipped Carports* project using \$624,000 of Category 5 CMAQ funds in FY 2028.
  - f. The *US62/180 Montana Ave. Phase II-A (Global Reach Dr.): Construction of Bridge Overpass* project (CSJ: 0374-02-126) using \$24,460,097 of Category 11 Border State Infrastructure (BSIF) funds and \$2,446,010 of Statewide Preliminary Engineering (SWPE) funds for a total project cost of \$26,906,107 in FY 2027.

**Presenter: Nina Rodriguez (MPO)**

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**made by Representative Art Fierro and seconded by Mayor Rudy Cruz. Motion passed unanimously**

3. Consider approval of an amendment to the Amended RMS 2050 MTP and the RMS 2025-2028 TIP to program the *Sun Metro Transit Route Vans Replacement* project using \$1,963,500 of FTA 5339(c) Low/No Emissions Vehicle Program Funds in FY 2026.

**Presenter: Andres Lucero (MPO)**

**Motion to approve an amendment to the Amended RMS 2050 MTP and the RMS 2025-2028 TIP to program the *Sun Metro Transit Route Vans Replacement* project using \$1,963,500 of FTA 5339(c) Low/No Emissions Vehicle Program Funds in FY 2026 made by Mayor Andres Renteria and seconded by Representative Alejandra Chavez. Motion passed unanimously**

4. Consider approval of amendments to the Amended RMS 2050 MTP and the RMS 2025-2028 TIP for the following Texas Highway projects:
  - a. Amend the *PE Phase Playa Drain Shared Use Path (Knights to Midway)* project (CSJ: 0924-06-728/MPO ID: E501X-2PE) to update the project name, project description and project limits in FY 2026.
  - b. Amend the *Playa Drain Use Path (Knights to Midway)* project (CSJ: 0924-06-728/MPO ID: E501X-2) to update the project name, project description and project limits in FY 2028.

**Presenter: Andres Lucero (MPO)**

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- a. Amend the *PE Phase Playa Drain Shared Use Path (Knights to Midway)* project (CSJ: 0924-06-728/MPO ID: E501X-2PE) to update the project name, project description and project limits in FY 2026.
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**made by Representative Art Fierro and seconded by Representative Alejandra Chavez. Motion passed unanimously**

5. Consider authorizing the Executive Director to approve the Statement of Work between EPMP and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for use of Texas Rider 7 State and Local Air Quality Planning grant funding (PM 2.5) for work associated with air quality research and modeling at international border crossings.

**Presenter: Claudia Valles (MPO)**

Item 10 was requested to be reported because it is tied to Item 5, in order to address any pending questions related to Item 5.

10. Update on the *Monitoring PM2.5 Exposure from Traffic Congestion at International Border Crossings* project completed using Texas Rider 7 State and Local Air Quality Planning grant funding (PM 2.5).  
**Presenter: Gabriel Ibarra (MPO)**

*\*10:01 am Anthony DeKeyzer stepped out (21 members).*

**Motion to authorize the Executive Director to approve the Statement of Work between EPMPO and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for use of Texas Rider 7 State and Local Air Quality Planning grant funding (PM 2.5) for work associated with air quality research and modeling at international border crossings made by Tony Nevarez and seconded by Representative Commissioner Iliana Holguin. Motion passed unanimously**

**Resumed with item 6.**

6. Consider authorizing the Executive Director to execute Supplemental #1 to Task Order #1 with the El Paso MPO General Planning Consultant for on-call general transportation planning support services, to extend the termination date to December 31, 2026, and to increase the maximum total compensation by \$49,885.58 for a total maximum compensation of \$149,516.65.  
**Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (MPO Executive Director)**

*\*10:12 am Anthony DeKeyzer returned (22 members).*

*\*10:13 am Mayor Rudy Cruz stepped out (21 members).*

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7. Consider authorizing the Executive Director to sign a Partnership Agreement for the Use of the Center for Civic Empowerment on the 17<sup>th</sup> floor of the Blue Flame Building in order to hold MPO Transportation Policy Board meetings in the space in 2026, subject to final review and approval of the MPO Attorney.  
**Presenter: Harrison Plourde (MPO)**

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8. Consider authorizing the Executive Director to sign a letter of support for the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority (CRRMA) grant application to the TxDOT 2025 Off-System Rail Grade Separation State Fund Program for the *Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) at Rick Francis Street grade separation* project.  
**Presenter: Raymond Telles (CRRMA)**

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

9. Update on TxDOT's Statewide Transportation Alternatives Set Aside (TASA) FY 2025 project awards for the EPMPO planning area.  
**Presenter: Jose Bocanegra (TxDOT El Paso District)**

*\*10:16 am Mayor Rudy Cruz returned (22 members).*

11. Quarterly Reports
  - a. Administrative Amendments Report

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

**Presenters: Anne Guayante and Andres Lucero (MPO)**

*\*10:22 am Yvette Hernandez stepped out (21 members).*

*\* Eduardo Calvo, Andres Renteria, Anthony DeKeyzer commented*

12. Creation of the *Borderplex Safe Mobility Plan Vision Zero Task Force*

**Presenter: Anne Guayante (MPO)**

*\*10:25 am Yvette Hernandez returned (22 members).*

*\*10:28 am Mayor Diana Murillo left (21 members).*

13. Executive Director's Report

- a. Association of Texas MPOs (TEMPO) Quarterly Meeting – December 4-5, 2025
- b. EPMPO International Border Crossing Strategic Plan Update

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

14. 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)

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

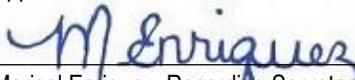
16. Adjournment

The **next meeting** of the TPB is scheduled for **9:00 a.m.** on **January 23, 2025**, at the at Blue Flame Building, Floor 17 (Center for Community Engagement), 304 Texas Ave, El Paso, TX 79901

17. Adjournment.

**Adjournment at 10:35 p.m.**

Approved as to content:



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