

TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

Of April 17, 2026

Call to Order: Mayor Javier Perea called the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting to order at 9:04 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
César J. Blanco	TX State Senator	Joseph Cervantes	NM State Senator, District 31
Javier Perea (Chair) Arrived approx. 9:21 am	Mayor, Sunland Park, NM	Sarah Silva	NM State Representative District 53
John Andoh Arrived approx. 9:11 am	Executive Director, ETA	Eddie Morales	TX State Representative – 74 th District
Ricardo Samaniego	Judge, El Paso County	Vacant	Director of Aviation, El Paso International Airport
Iliana Holguin (Vice - Chair)	El Paso County Commissioner, Precinct 3	Claudia Ordaz	TX State Representative – 76 th District
Andres Renteria	Mayor, Town of Horizon City	Vince Perez	TX State Representative-77 th District
Aaron Chavarria	District Engineer, NMDOT	Renard Johnson	Mayor, City of El Paso
Dionne Mack	City Manager, City of El Paso	Gloria Gameros	County Commissioner, Doña Ana County
Rachel Quintana	Mayor, Village of Vinton	Gabriel Holguin	Mayor, Anthony, NM
Yvette Hernandez	City Engineer, COEP		
Alejandra Chavez	City of El Paso Representative - District 1		
Rudy Cruz	City of Socorro, District 3 Representative	MPO STAFF	
Anthony Dekeyzer	Director, Sun Metro (COEP)	Nicklaus Jimenez	MPO/TPB Attorney
Art Fierro	City of El Paso Representative – District 6	Eduardo Calvo	Executive Director
Miguel Chacon	Mayor, City of San Elizario, TX	Nina Rodriguez	Transportation Planner
Deanna Maldonado – Rocha	City of El Paso Representative – District 3	Jennifer Moreno	Transportation Planner
Tomas Trevino Left at approx. 9:45 am	District Engineer, TXDOT El Paso District	Anne Guayante	Regional Transportation Manager
Joe Moody	TX State Representative – 78 th District	Marisol Enriquez	Administrative Secretary
Mary E. Gonzalez arrived approx. 9:24 am	TX State Representative – 75 th District	Andres Lucero	Associate Regional Transportation Analyst
Ramon Cano	Mayor, Town of Clint	Harrison Plourde	Assistant Director
Martin Lerma	Mayor, Town of Anthony, TX	Claudia Valles	Transportation Planner
		Salvador Gonzales- Ayala	Transportation Research and Development Manager

(Meeting began with 18 members)

- Chairperson, Commissioner Iliana Holguin opened Public Comment: No public comment

DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

1. Consider approval of the minutes of the March 20, 2026, TPB meeting.

Presenter: TPB Chair

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2026, TPB meeting made by Mayor Andres Renteria and seconded by Yvette Hernandez. Motion passed. (18 members present)

2. Consider authorizing the opening of a 30-day public involvement period for the Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2052 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and the RMS 2052 Transportation Conformity Report.

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (EPMPO Executive Director)

César J. Blanco, and Iliana Holguin commented.

Motion to approve authorizing the opening of a 30-day public involvement period for the Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2052 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and the RMS 2052 Transportation Conformity Report made by Senator César J. Blanco and seconded by Judge Ricardo Samaniego. Motion passed. (20 members present)

9. Consider prioritizing the US 62/180 (Montana Ave.) Expressway & Frontage Roads, Phase II project (MPO ID: F407B-CAP / CSJ: 0374-02-100) for pursuit of Category 12 Strategic Priority funding via the Fiscal Year 2027 TxDOT Unified Transportation Program (UTP) development process.

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (EPMPO Executive Director)

Yvette Hernandez, César J. Blanco, Iliana Holguin, and Tomas Trevino commented.

Motion to approve prioritizing the US 62/180 (Montana Ave.) Expressway & Frontage Roads, Phase II project (MPO ID: F407B-CAP / CSJ: 0374-02-100) for pursuit of Category 12 Strategic Priority funding via the Fiscal Year 2027 TxDOT Unified Transportation Program (UTP) development process made by Mayor Ramon Cano and seconded by Mayor Andres Renteria. Motion passed. (20 members present)

3. Consider authorizing the Executive Director to execute the First Amendment to Interlocal Agreement for Transportation Planning Services between EPMPO and Texas A&M University Transportation Institute (TTI) to raise the contract amount to an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 and to extend the term of the contract to August 31, 2028.

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (EPMPO Executive Director)

Motion to approve authorizing the Executive Director to execute the First Amendment to Interlocal Agreement for Transportation Planning Services between EPMPO and Texas A&M University Transportation Institute (TTI) to raise the contract amount to an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 and to extend the term of the contract to August 31, 2028 made by Mayor Rachel Quintana and seconded by Representative Art Fierro. Motion passed. (20 members present)

4. Consider authorizing the Executive Director to execute Task Order #4 with the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) for *Phase I: Border Crossing Traffic Data Collection and Analysis* for an amount not to exceed \$379,920.00.

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (EPMPO Executive Director)

5. Consider authorizing the Executive Director to execute Task Order #5 with the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) for *Phase II: Travel Demand Model Integration and Air Quality Analysis* for an amount not to exceed \$100,030.00

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (EPMPO Executive Director)

Motion to approve 4 and 5 made by Representative Mary Gonzalez and seconded by Representative John Andoh. Motion passed. (20 members present)

6. Consider authorizing the Executive Director to execute the First Amendment to Interlocal Agreement for Transportation Planning Services between EPMPO and the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) to raise the contract amount to an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 and to extend the term of the contract to August 31, 2028.

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (EPMPO Executive Director)

Motion to approve authorizing the Executive Director to execute the First Amendment to Interlocal Agreement for Transportation Planning Services between EPMPO and the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) to raise the contract amount to an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 and to extend the term of the contract to August 31, 2028 made by Judge Ricardo Samaniego and seconded by Representative Deanna Maldonado-Rocha. Motion passed. (20 members present)

7. Consider amending EPMPO's Transit Asset Management (TAM) targets to incorporate data from El Paso Area Transportation Services (EPATS)

Presenter: Harrison Plourde (EPMPO)

Motion to approve amending EPMPO's Transit Asset Management (TAM) targets to incorporate data from El Paso Area Transportation Services (EPATS) made by Mayor Javier Perea and seconded by Representative John Andoh. Motion passed. (20 members present)

8. Consider authorizing the Executive Director to sign a letter of support for the Paso del Norte Foundation for the *Rio Grande River Park Trail*.

Presenter: Harrison Plourde (EPMPO)

Motion to approve authorizing the Executive Director to sign a letter of support for the Paso del Norte Foundation for the *Rio Grande River Park Trail* made by Mayor Rachel Quintana and seconded by Representative Alejandra Chavez. Motion passed.

10. Consider approving the First Amendment to the FY 2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Presenter: Harrison Plourde (EPMPO)

John Andoh commented.

Motion to approve the First Amendment to the FY 2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) made by Mayor Andres Renteria and seconded by Mayor Rudy Cruz Jr. Motion passed. (20 members present)

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

11. Executive Director's Report

- a. TEMPO meeting in Austin, TX - March 24th to 25th
- b. Texas Freight Advisory Committee meeting in Austin, TX , - March 26th
- c. Binational Bridges and Border Crossings Group Plenary meeting in Washington D.C. – April 8th

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (EPMPO Executive Director)

Alejandra Chavez commented.

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)

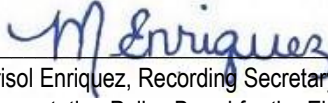
13. Consider and take action on matters discussed in closed session.

14. Adjournment

Meeting ended 10:28am

The **next meeting** of the TPB is scheduled for **9:00 a.m.** on **May 22, 2026**, at the Blue Flame Building, Floor 17 (Center for Community Engagement), 304 Texas Ave, El Paso, TX 79901

Approved as to content:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Marisol Enriquez", is written over a horizontal line.

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