

TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

Of May 22, 2026

Call to Order: Mayor Javier Perea called the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting to order at 9:06 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)	Mayor, Sunland Park, NM	Sarah Silva	NM State Representative District 53
John Andoh (Virtual) arrived approx. 9:09 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	Deanna Maldonado – Rocha	City of El Paso Representative – District 3
Aaron Chavarria	District Engineer, NMDOT	Rachel Quintana	Mayor, Village of Vinton
Gabriel Holguin (Virtual)	Mayor, Anthony, NM	Dionne Mack	City Manager, City of El Paso
Gloria Gameros (Virtual)	County Commissioner, Doña Ana County	Joe Moody	TX State Representative – 78 th District
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)	Deborah Trejo	MPO/TPB Attorney
Art Fierro	City of El Paso Representative – District 6	Eduardo Calvo	Executive Director
Miguel Chacon (Virtual)	Mayor, City of San Elizario, TX	Nina Rodriguez	Transportation Planner
Renard Johnson	Mayor, City of El Paso	Anne Guayante	Regional Transportation Manager
Tomas Trevino (Virtual)	District Engineer, TXDOT El Paso District	Marisol Enriquez	Administrative Secretary
Mary E. Gonzalez arrived approx. 9:52 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
Vince Perez	TX State Representative-77 th District		

(Meeting began with 20 members)

- Chairperson, Mayor Javier Perea opened Public Comment: No public comment

DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

1. Consider approval of the minutes of the April 17, 2026, TPB meeting.

Presenter: TPB Chair

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2026, TPB meeting made by Commissioner Iliana Holguin and seconded by Mayor Renard Johnson. Motion passed. (20 members present)

2. Consider adoption of the Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2052 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), the RMS 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and the RMS 2052 Transportation Conformity Report.

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (MPO Executive Director)

Motion to approve adoption of the Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2052 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), the RMS 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and the RMS 2052 Transportation Conformity Report made by Commissioner Iliana Holguin and seconded by Representative Art Fierro. Motion passed. (20 members present)

3. Consider approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between EPMPO, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), the Mass Transit Department of the City of El Paso, the El Paso Area Transportation Services Local Government Corporation (EPATS), and the City of Socorro, Texas.

Presenter: Harrison Plourde (EPMPO)

Motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between EPMPO, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), the Mass Transit Department of the City of El Paso, the El Paso Area Transportation Services Local Government Corporation (EPATS), and the City of Socorro, Texas made by Representative Vince Perez and seconded by Commissioner Iliana Holguin. Motion passed. (20 members present)

4. Consider authorizing the Executive Director to sign an amendment to Task Order #9 (*Multi-Pollutant Exposure Air Quality Assessment: Comprehensive Environmental Monitoring at U.S.-Mexico Border Crossings*) between EPMPO and the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) to increase the maximum amount payable from \$278,658 to \$299,578.

Presenter: Claudia Valles (EPMPO)

Motion to authorize the Executive Director to sign an amendment to Task Order #9 (*Multi-Pollutant Exposure Air Quality Assessment: Comprehensive Environmental Monitoring at U.S.-Mexico Border Crossings*) between EPMPO and the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) to increase the maximum amount payable from \$278,658 to \$299,578 made by Representative Alejandra Chavez and seconded by Anthony Dekeyzer. Motion passed. (20 members present)

5. Consider authorizing the Executive Director to sign Project Grant Agreements with entities awarded FFY 2024 FTA 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program funding.
 - a. City of Socorro
 - b. Project Amistad
 - c. Sun Metro

Presenter: George Inostroza (EPMPO)

Motion to approve authorizing the Executive Director to sign Project Grant Agreements with entities awarded FFY 2024 FTA 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program funding.

- a. City of Socorro
- b. Project Amistad
- c. Sun Metro

made by Mayor Rudy Cruz and seconded by Mayor Andres Renteria. Motion passed. (20 members present)

6. Consider authorizing the Executive Director to sign a Letter of Support for the local applications to the FY 2027 NMDOT Transportation Project Fund (TPF) project call that are advancing for statewide consideration.
 - a. City of Anthony *Church Street Reconstruction*
 - b. City of Sunland Park *Anapra Drive Extension*

Presenter: Anne Guayante (EPMPO)

Motion to approve authorizing the Executive Director to sign a Letter of Support for the local applications to the FY 2027 NMDOT Transportation Project Fund (TPF) project call that are advancing for statewide consideration.

- a. **City of Anthony Church Street Reconstruction**
 - b. **City of Sunland Park Anapra Drive Extension**
- made by Mayor Andres Renteria and seconded by Commissioner Iliana Holguin. Motion passed. (20 members present)**

7. Consider authorizing the Executive Director to sign Letters of Support for local applications to the USDOT Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program:
- a. *City of El Paso Safe Routes to Transit and Post-Crash Care Initiative*
 - b. *Doña Ana County McCombs Road project*
 - c. *Horizon City Safety Project Implementation*

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (MPO Executive Director)

Motion to approve authorizing the Executive Director to sign Letters of Support for local applications to the USDOT Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program:

- a. **City of El Paso Safe Routes to Transit and Post-Crash Care Initiative**
 - b. **Doña Ana County McCombs Road project**
 - c. **Horizon City Safety Project Implementation**
- made by Mayor Renard Johnson and seconded by Representative Art Fierro. Motion passed. (21 members present)**

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

8. Executive Director's Report
- a. Texas Transportation Commission meeting in Austin, TX – April 30, 2026
 - b. TxDOT Administration – MPOs leadership meeting in Austin, TX, - May 7, 2026
 - c. International Border Crossing Strategic Plan update
 - d. Border Highway Connector Phase 2 update; Technical Work Group meeting May 19, 2026

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (EPMPO Executive Director)

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

9. 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)
10. Consider and take action on matters discussed in closed session.
11. Adjournment

Meeting ended 10:28am

The **next meeting** of the TPB is scheduled for **9:00 a.m.** on **June 26, 2026**, at the Blue Flame Building, Floor 17 (Center for Community Engagement), 304 Texas Ave, El Paso, TX 79901

Approved as to content:



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