

TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

Of August 21, 2026

Call to Order: Mayor Javier Perea called the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting to order at 9:02 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 arrived approx. 9:06 am	TX State Senator	Joseph Cervantes	NM State Senator, District 31
Javier Perea (Chair)	Mayor, Sunland Park, NM	Sarah Silva	NM State Representative District 53
Ricardo Samaniego	Judge, El Paso County	Eddie Morales	TX State Representative – 74 th District
Iliana Holguin (Vice - Chair)	El Paso County Commissioner, Precinct 3	Renard Johnson	Mayor, City of El Paso
Andres Renteria	Mayor, Town of Horizon City	Rachel Quintana	Mayor, Village of Vinton
Aaron Chavarria	District Engineer, NMDOT	Gloria Gameros	County Commissioner, Doña Ana County
Deanna Maldonado – Rocha	City of El Paso Representative – District 3	John Andoh (Virtual)	Executive Director, ETA
Yvette Hernandez	City Engineer, COEP	Joe Moody	TX State Representative – 78 th District
Alejandra Chavez	City of El Paso Representative - District 1	Claudia Ordaz	TX State Representative – 76 th District
Rudy Cruz	City of Socorro, District 3 Representative	Gabriel Holguin (Virtual)	Mayor, Anthony, NM
Anthony Dekeyzer	Director, Sun Metro (COEP)		
Art Fierro arrived approx. 9:06 am	City of El Paso Representative – District 6	MPO STAFF	
Miguel Chacon	Mayor, City of San Elizario, TX	Michelle Mirazo	MPO/TPB Attorney
Tomas Trevino	District Engineer, TXDOT El Paso District	Eduardo Calvo	Executive Director
Mary E. Gonzalez arrived approx. 9:41 am	TX State Representative – 75 th District	Nina Rodriguez	Transportation Planner
Ramon Cano	Mayor, Town of Clint	Anne Guayante	Regional Transportation Manager
Martin Lerma	Mayor, Town of Anthony, TX	Marisol Enriquez	Administrative Secretary
Vince Perez	TX State Representative-77 th District	Andres Lucero	Associate Regional Transportation Analyst
Joaquin Rodriguez	CID Grant Funded Programs Director	Harrison Plourde	Assistant Director
Dionne Mack left meeting 9:40 am	City Manager, City of El Paso	Claudia Valles	Transportation Planner

(Meeting began with 18 members)

• Chairperson, Mayor Javier Perea opened Public Comment:

1. Camila Bonnet
2. Kym Hemley
3. Sergio Martinez
4. Ruben Ahedo
5. Laura Guzman
6. Gerardo Fierro

7. *Francisco Jayme*
8. *Isaiah Mora*
 - *Chairperson, Mayor Javier Perea closed Public Comment*

DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

1. Consider approval of the minutes of the June 26, 2026, TPB meeting.

Presenter: TPB Chair

- 9:09am Art Fierro stepped out

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2026, TPB meeting made by Mayor Andres Renteria and seconded by Mayor Renard Johnson. Motion passed.

2. Consider adoption of amendments to the EPMPO Transportation Policy Board Bylaws.

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (EPMPO Executive Director)

Motion to approve the adoption of amendments to the EPMPO Transportation Policy Board Bylaws made by Commissioner Iliana Holguin and seconded by Representative Alejandra Chavez. Motion passed.

3. Authorize the Executive Director to execute Task Order #3 with HDR Engineering, Inc. for services related to the Border Highway Connector Phase 2 Traffic Impact and Improvements Feasibility Study for an amount not exceed \$780,000.00.

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (EPMPO Executive Director)

Motion to delete Item 3 to authorize the Executive Director to execute Task Order #3 with HDR Engineering, Inc. for services related to the Border Highway Connector Phase 2 Traffic Impact and Improvements Feasibility Study for an amount not exceed \$780,000.00 made by Mayor Renard Johnson and seconded by Judge Ricardo Samaniego.

4. Authorize the Executive Director to execute Task Order #8 with WSP USA, Inc. for GIS database and ePRF system management support for an amount not to exceed \$38,677.08.

Presenter: Anne Guayante (EPMPO)

Motion to approve authorizing the Executive Director to execute Task Order #8 with WSP USA, Inc. for GIS database and ePRF system management support for an amount not to exceed \$38,677.08 made by Commissioner Iliana Holguin and seconded by Mayor Andres Renteria. Motion passed.

5. Consider approval of an amendment to the Amended Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), the RMS 2052 MTP, the RMS 2025–2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and the RMS 2027-2030 TIP to program the *Sunland Park Drive/Futurity Intersection Reconstruction* project with \$250,000 from the Federal Community Project Funding program in Fiscal Year 2027.

Presenter: Andres Lucero (EPMPO)

Motion to approve an amendment to the Amended Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), the RMS 2052 MTP, the RMS 2025–2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and the RMS 2027-2030 TIP to program the *Sunland Park Drive/Futurity Intersection Reconstruction* project with \$250,000 from the Federal Community Project Funding program in Fiscal Year 2027 made by Representative Alejandra Chavez and seconded by Mayor Miguel Chacon. Motion passed.

6. Consider providing the City of El Paso Mass Transit Board with an approval recommendation for Service Expansion Agreements between Sun Metro and the following public transportation operators:

- a. El Paso Transportation Authority (ETA)
- b. City of Socorro, Texas

Presenter: Harrison Plourde (EPMPO)

Motion to approve providing the City of El Paso Mass Transit Board with an approval recommendation for Service Expansion Agreements between Sun Metro and the following public transportation operators:

- a. El Paso Transportation Authority (ETA)
- b. City of Socorro, Texas

made by Anthony Dekeyser and seconded by Representative Deanna Maldonado-Rocha. Motion passed.

7. Authorize the TPB Chair to sign the *Certification of Signature Authority* authorizing the MPO Executive Director, Assistant Director, and/or Administrative Services Manager to sign certain documents on behalf of EPMPO.

Presenter: Harrison Plourde (EPMPO)

Motion to approve authorizing the TPB Chair to sign the *Certification of Signature Authority* authorizing the MPO Executive Director, Assistant Director, and/or Administrative Services Manager to sign certain documents on behalf of EPMPO made by Anthony Dekeyser and seconded by Representative Deanna Maldonado-Rocha. Motion passed.

8. Consider adoption of Third Performance Period Report for CMAQ Traffic Congestion and On-road Mobile Source Emission Targets
Presenter: Jennifer Moreno (EPMPO)

Motion to approve adoption of Third Performance Period Report for CMAQ Traffic Congestion and On-road Mobile Source Emission Targets made by Mayor Andres Renteria and seconded by Mayor Rachel Quintana. Motion passed.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

9. Executive Director's Report

- a. Texas Transportation Commission meeting in Austin, TX – August 26, 2026
- b. International Border Crossing Strategic Plan update
- c. Border Highway Connector Phase 2 update

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (EPMPO Executive Director)

- *Chairperson, Mayor Javier Perea opened Public Comment*

1. *Gerardo Fierro commented*

- *Chairperson, Mayor Javier Perea closed Public Comment*

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Adjourned meeting at 9:57am

The **next meeting** of the TPB is scheduled for **9:00 a.m.** on **September 18, 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