

**TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
September 18, 2026**

Call to Order: TPB Chair Mayor Javier Perea called the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. at the Blue Flame Building, 17th Floor (Center for Community Empowerment), 304 Texas Avenue, El Paso, Texas 79901, and also conducted the meeting telephonically and by video conference. TPB Member attendance was as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT	TITLES	MEMBERS ABSENT	TITLES
John Andoh - arrived at 9:12 a.m.	Executive Director, ETA	Ramon Cano	Mayor, Town of Clint
Cesar J. Blanco - arrived at 9:11 a.m.	TX State Senator	Joseph Cervantes	NM State Senator, District 31
Miguel Chacon	Mayor, City of San Elizario, TX	Anthony DeKeyzer (Virtual)	Director, Sun Metro (COEP)
Aaron Chavarria	District Engineer, NMDOT	Gloria Gameros	County Commissioner, Dona Ana County
Alejandra Chavez	City of El Paso Representative - District 1	Mary E. Gonzalez	TX State Representative - 75th District
Rudy Cruz	City of Socorro, District 3 Representative	Yvette Hernandez	City Engineer, COEP
Art Fierro	City of El Paso Representative - District 6	Gabriel Holguin	Mayor, Anthony, NM
Iliana Holguin (Vice-Chair)	El Paso County Commissioner, Precinct 3	Joe Moody	TX State Representative - 78th District
Renard Johnson	Mayor, City of El Paso	Eddie Morales	TX State Representative - 74th District
Martin Lerma	Mayor, Town of Anthony, TX	Sarah Silva	NM State Representative, District 53
Dionne Mack	City Manager, City of El Paso	Tomas Trevino	District Engineer, TXDOT El Paso District
Deanna Maldonado-Rocha	City of El Paso Representative - District 3	MPO STAFF	
Claudia Ordaz	TX State Representative - 76th District	Eduardo Calvo	Executive Director
Javier Perea (Chair)	Mayor, Sunland Park, NM	Marisol Enriquez	Administrative Secretary
Vince Perez	TX State Representative - 77th District	Anne Guayante	Regional Transportation Manager
Rachel Quintana	Mayor, Village of Vinton	Andres Lucero	Associate Regional Transportation Analyst
Andres Renteria	Mayor, Town of Horizon City	Michelle Mirazo	MPO/TPB Attorney
Joaquin Rodriguez	CID Grant Funded Programs Director	Harrison Plourde	Assistant Director
Ricardo Samaniego	Judge, El Paso County	Nina Rodriguez	Transportation Planner
		Claudia Valles	Transportation Planner

(Meeting began with 17 members)

OPEN COMMENT PERIOD

No public comments were received.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

1. Consider approval of the minutes of the August 21, 2026, TPB meeting.

Presenter: TPB Chair

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2026, TPB meeting made by City of El Paso Representative Art Fierro and seconded by Mayor Martin Lerma. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Consider authorizing the Executive Director to execute Task Order #3 with HDR, Inc. for services related to the Border Highway Connector Phase 2 Traffic Impact and Improvements Feasibility Study for an amount not to exceed \$857,000.00.

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (MPO Executive Director)

*Senator Cesar J. Blanco arrived at 9:11 a.m., bringing the number of members present to 18.

Motion to authorize the Executive Director to execute Task Order #3 with HDR, Inc. for services related to the Border Highway Connector Phase 2 Traffic Impact and Improvements Feasibility Study for an amount not to exceed \$857,000.00 made by Mayor Andres Renteria and seconded by Mayor Miguel Chacon. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Consider approval of an amendment to the Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to program the Socorro Microtransit Vehicles project (CSJ: 0924-06-765/MPO ID: T509X) using \$453,200 of Category 5 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds in Fiscal Year (FY) 2027.

Presenter: Nina Rodriguez (MPO)

* John Andoh, Executive Director of the El Paso Transportation Authority, arrived at 9:12 a.m., bringing the number of members present to 19.

Motion to approve the amendment made by Mayor Andres Renteria and seconded by John Andoh, Executive Director of the El Paso Transportation Authority. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Consider approval of an amendment to the Amended RMS Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), the RMS 2052 MTP, the RMS 2025-2028 TIP, and the RMS 2027-2030 TIP to program the PDN Trail, Paisano Dr Segment project using \$700,000 of Category 10 Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funds and \$1,000,000 of Category 3 local funds for a total project cost of \$1,700,000 in FY 2027.

Presenter: Nina Rodriguez (MPO)

Motion to approve the amendment made by City of El Paso Representative Alejandra Chavez and seconded by Mayor Rachel Quintana. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Consider approval of an amendment to the Amended RMS 2050 MTP, the RMS 2052 MTP, the RMS 2025-2028 TIP, and the RMS 2027-2030 TIP to program the following New Mexico projects: Operating Assistance 5307 FY2027; Admin & Maintenance Facility Rehab 5307 FY2027; JARC/Workforce Mobility FY2027; and Preventative Maintenance 5307 FY2027.

Presenter: Nina Rodriguez (MPO)

Motion to approve the amendment made by City Manager Dionne Mack and seconded by State Representative Claudia Ordaz. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Consider approval of an amendment to the RMS 2027-2030 TIP to add the US 62/180 (Montana Ave.) Expressway & Frontage Roads, Phase II project (CSJ: 0374-02-100/MPO ID: F407B-CAP) to Appendix D.

Presenter: Nina Rodriguez (MPO)

Motion to approve the amendment made by City Manager Dionne Mack and seconded by State Representative Claudia Ordaz. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (MPO Executive Director)

City of El Paso Representative Alejandra Chavez and John Andoh, Executive Director of the El Paso Transportation Authority, commented.

Motion to adopt the amendments to the EPMPO Transportation Policy Board Bylaws made by John Andoh, Executive Director of the El Paso Transportation Authority, and seconded by El Paso County Judge Ricardo Samaniego. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

8. Quarterly Reports: Administrative Amendments Report; Project Completion Report; Project Readiness Report; and RMS 2020 Projects Report.

Presenter: Anne Guayante and Andres Lucero (MPO)

* John Andoh stepped out at 9:30 a.m., reducing the number of members present to 18. He returned at 9:31 a.m., bringing the number of members present back to 19.

9. Executive Director's Report: Texas Transportation Commission meeting in Austin, Texas, on August 26, 2026; joint meeting regarding the IBC Strategic Plan and Border Highway Connector Phase 2 on September 10, 2026; and Border Trade Advisory Committee meeting in Laredo, Texas, on September 15, 2026.

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (MPO Executive Director)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board may go into closed session under the authority of the Texas 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 (Section 551.071); Deliberations Regarding Real Property (Section 551.072); Deliberations Regarding Personnel Matters (Section 551.074); or Deliberations Regarding Security Devices or a Security Audit (Sections 551.076 and 551.089).

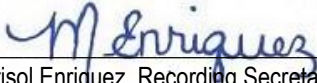
Consider and take action on matters discussed in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the TPB is scheduled for **9:00 a.m.** on **October 23, 2026**, at the Blue Flame Building, 17th Floor (Center for Community Empowerment), 304 Texas Avenue, El Paso, Texas 79901.

Approved as to content:



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