

TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

Of February 20, 2026

Call to Order: Executive Director Eduardo Calvo informed the Board that both the Chair and Vice-Chair were participating virtually. A motion was made by Representative Art Fierro and seconded by Mayor Andres Renteria to appoint Senator César J. Blanco to chair the meeting in person. Motion passed unanimously. Senator César J. Blanco then called the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting to order at 9:32 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	TX State Senator	Joseph Cervantes	NM State Senator, District 31
2. Javier Perea (Chair)	Mayor, Sunland Park, NM	Sarah Silva	NM State Representative District 53
3. John Andoh	Executive Director, ETA	Eddie Morales	TX State Representative – 74 th District
4. Tomas Trevino	District Engineer, TXDOT El Paso District	Claudia Ordaz	TX State Representative – 76 th District
5. Martin Lerma	Mayor, Town of Anthony, TX	Mary E. Gonzalez	TX State Representative – 75 th District
6. Alejandra Chavez	City of El Paso Representative - District 1	Tony Nevarez	Director of Aviation, El Paso International Airport
7. Josh Acevedo	City of El Paso Representative – District 2	Dionne Mack	City Manager, City of El Paso
8. Iliana Holguin (Vice - Chair)	El Paso County Commissioner, Precinct 3	Rachel Quintana	Mayor, Village of Vinton
9. Andres Renteria	Mayor, Town of Horizon City	Gloria Gameros	County Commissioner, Doña Ana County
10. Aaron Chavarria	District Engineer, NMDOT		
11. Rudy Cruz	City of Socorro, District 3 Representative		
12. Art Fierro	City of El Paso Representative – District 6		
13. Anthony Dekeyzer	Director, Sun Metro (COEP)		
14. Gabriel Holguin	Mayor, Anthony, NM		
15. Yvette Hernandez	City Engineer, COEP	MPO STAFF	
16. Joe Moody	TX State Representative – 78 th District	Nicklaus Jimenez	MPO/TPB Attorney
17. Vince Perez	TX State Representative-77 th District	Eduardo Calvo	Executive Director
18. Ricardo Samaniego	Judge, El Paso County	Nina Rodriguez	Transportation Planner
19. Renard Johnson	Mayor, City of El Paso	Jennifer Moreno	Transportation Planner
20. Miguel Chacon	Mayor, City of San Elizario, TX	Anne Guayante	Regional Transportation Manager
21. Ramon Cano	Mayor, Town of Clint	Marisol Enriquez	Administrative Secretary
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(Meeting began with 20 members)

• Chairperson, Senator César J. Blanco opened Public Comment:

1. Omar Martinez

• Chairperson, Senator César J. Blanco closed Public Comment:

**09:37 Gabriel Holguin arrived (21)*

DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

1. Consider approval of the minutes of the January 23, 2026, TPB meeting.

Presenter: TPB Chair

Motion to amend the minutes of the January 23, 2026 TPB meeting to reflect in Item 4 that the motion to elect Commissioner Iliana Holguin as Vice-Chair was made by Representative Rudy Cruz Jr. and seconded by Representative Alejandra Chavez.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2026 TPB meeting with amendments made by Mayor Andres Renteria and seconded by Mayor Renard Johnson. Motion passed unanimously

2. Consider adoption of the El Paso MPO's Annual Financial Report, performed by the external auditing firm of Macias, Gini & O'Connell LLP (MGO), for the Year ended August 31, 2025.

Presenters: George Inostroza (EPMPO) & David Bullock (MGO)

- **Josh Acevedo commented**

Motion to adopt the El Paso MPO's Annual Financial Report, performed by the external auditing firm of Macias, Gini & O'Connell LLP (MGO), for the year ended August 31, 2025 made by Mayor Andres Renteria and seconded by Representative Alejandra Chavez. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Consider authorizing the Executive Director to execute an amendment to the agreement between EPMPO and MGO for auditing services to increase compensation by \$7,500 to cover additional work required to audit a second major federal program for the Fiscal Year 2025 audit.

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (EPMPO Executive Director)

- **Cesar Blanco commented**

Motion to authorize the Executive Director to execute an amendment to the agreement between EPMPO and MGO for auditing services to increase compensation by \$7,500 to cover additional work required to audit a second major federal program for the Fiscal Year 2025 audit made by Judge Ricardo Samaniego and seconded by Representative Alejandra Chavez. Motion passed unanimously

4. Consider adoption of the Safety Performance Measure (PM1) 2026 targets:
 - a. State of New Mexico PM1 targets
 - b. State of Texas PM1 targets

Presenter: Jennifer Moreno (EPMPO)

**10:04 Joe Moody stepped out (20)*

**10:06 Joe Moody returned (21)*

Motion to adopt of the Safety Performance Measure (PM1) 2026 targets:

- a. **State of New Mexico PM1 targets**
- b. **State of Texas PM1 targets**

made by Judge Ricardo Samaniego and seconded by Representative Alejandra Chavez. Motion passed unanimously

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

**10:11 Rudy Cruz stepped out (20)*

**10:18 Rudy Cruz returned (21)*

5. Discuss the El Paso MPO's Cashflow outlook for Fiscal Years 2026 to 2029.

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (EPMPO Executive Director)

6. Executive Director's Report

- a. Texas Transportation Committee Meeting – January 29, 2026
- b. Joint meeting TxDOT Border Transportation Master Plan and EPMPO International Border Crossing Strategic Plan – February 3, 2026

c. Border Trade Advisory Committee (BTAC) meeting in Eagle Pass – February 10, 2026

Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (EPMPO Executive Director)

*10:19 Yvette Hernandez Left (20)
*10:20 Anthony Dekeyzer Left (19)
*10:20 Joe Moody stepped out (18)
*10:21 Joe Moody returned (19)

- **Cesar Blanco commented**

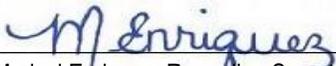
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Motion to adjourn at 10:23 a.m. made by Ricardo Samaniego and seconded By Mayor Renard Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

The **next meeting** of the TPB is scheduled for **9:00 a.m.** on **March 20, 2026**, at the at 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