

Surface Transportation Program-Metropolitan Mobility (STP-MM) Preliminary Engineering (PE) Policy

The Transportation Policy Board (TPB) authorizes twenty percent of the annual STP-MM allocation to the El Paso MPO, for each fiscal year (FY), be preserved for the following participating agencies to develop the PE phase of construction projects within the El Paso MPO study area for regionally significant projects.

- Town of Anthony, TX
- Village of Vinton, TX
- Town of Clint, TX
- Town of Horizon City, TX
- City of Socorro, TX
- San Elizario, TX

The STP-MM is a federal aid program that requires federally approved environmental documentation through the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Right of Way (ROW) acquired following the Uniform Act, where necessary.

At the beginning of each FY the funds are available for the participating agencies to request for programming in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Quarterly status reports will be required. Ranking and status of all PE projects using the STP-MM funds shall be in accordance with the MPO's Project Selection Process. Any funding from the twenty percent not programmed will be returned to the MPO's remaining allocation for the fiscal year at the end of the second quarter for all participating agencies (including the City of El Paso, County of El Paso and Texas Department of Transportation) to request for programming on phases of projects approved by the TPB.

It should be noted the eighty percent of the allocation to the MPO for the STP-MM fund is always available to all previously mentioned participating agencies for any phase of a project approved by the TPB. It should also be understood that all projects approved by the TPB for the STP-MM funds require final approval by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).