

## RESOLUTION NO. MPO 2023 – 12

### By the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Board

**WHEREAS**, the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization is the duly designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (“EPMPO”) for the El Paso Urbanized Transportation Study Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Transportation Policy Board (“TPB”) is the policy-making body responsible for establishing regional transportation planning policies for the El Paso Urbanized Transportation Study Area; and

**WHEREAS**, THE TPB Chairperson shall be the chief administrative officer of the TPB and will preside over each meeting of the TPB, and have execution authority on all MPO policy documents after TPB action; and

**WHEREAS**, a regular meeting of the TPB was held on December 15, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., at the Blue Flame Building, 304 Texas Avenue, El Paso, TX 79901, 17th Floor (Center for Community Engagement); and

**WHEREAS**, a Notice of Meeting and Agenda of the EPMPO TPB for the December 15, 2023 meeting was duly and properly posted pursuant to the requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act; and

**WHEREAS**, a majority of the TPB was present and constituted a quorum; and

**WHEREAS**, a majority of the TPB quorum present at the meeting on December 15, 2023, considered, discussed, and voted in favor of approving and passing Agenda Items No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE TPB THAT:** The following action items are consistent with the EPMPO’s regional transportation planning policies for the El Paso Urbanized Transportation Study Area and are passed and approved by the TPB and become effective December 15, 2023:

1. Approved the minutes of the November 17, 2023 TPB meeting.
2. Approved amendments to the Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and RMS 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to:
  - a. Deprogram the *Dyer Street Pedestrian Improvements Construction Project* using CAT5 CMAQ funds in FY 2025
  - b. Program the *Calle Morroco Sidewalk Improvements Construction Project* using Transportation Alternatives Program Large Urban (TAPL) funds in FY 2024
  - c. Program the *PE Phase Playa Drain Hike and Bike Trail (Yarborough to Midway)* project using CAT 5 CMAQ funds in FY 2026


- d. Program the *PE Phase Sun Valley Gateway North to Kenworthy* project using CAT 7 STP MM funds in FY 2026
  - e. Program the *PE Phase Sunland Park Hike and Bike Share Use Path* project using CAT 5 CMAQ funds in FY 2025
  - f. Program the *PE Phase Buffalo Soldier Street Improvements* project using CAT 7 STP MM funds in FY 2025
  - g. Amend the *Dilley Road and Delake St. Construction* project to change project name, project description, project limits, and reduce CAT 7 STP MM funds in FY 2025
  - h. Amend the *Carolina Street Improvements* project to move from FY 2026 to FY 2030 and deprogram from the RMS 2023-2026 TIP
  - i. Amend the *Buffalo Soldier Street Improvements* project to remove PE phase, increase CAT 7 STP MM funds, move from FY 2026 to FY 2027, and deprogram from the RMS 2023-2026 TIP
3. Authorized the Executive Director to sign an Interlocal Agreement with Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority (CRRMA) allowing EPMPO to utilize CRRMA for procurement services.
  4. Authorized the Executive Director to execute Task Order #1 with a maximum funding amount of \$61,838.00 pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between El Paso MPO and UTEP, for the development and technical support of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Project Request Form (PRF) web applications, and technical support and enhancement to the El Paso MPO Multimodal Webtool
  5. Authorized the Executive Director to execute Task Order #2 with a maximum funding amount of \$78,500.00, pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between El Paso MPO and UTEP. UTEP will provide assistance in Travel Demand Modeling, Air Quality Conformity, and Public Involvement Activities, and Other Activities included in the El Paso MPO's Unified Planning Work Program.
  6. Authorized the Executive Director to execute Task Order #3 with a maximum funding amount of \$45,500.00, pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between El Paso MPO and UTEP, for International Border Crossing traffic and emissions analysis.]
  7. Authorize the Executive Director to execute Task Order #1 with a maximum funding amount of \$25,000.00, pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between El Paso MPO and Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI), to provide training to the MPO Transportation Policy Board and Transportation Project Advisory Committee.
  8. Authorized the Executive Director to sign a self-certification letter for the portion of the MPO planning area in the State of New Mexico
  9. Approved the amendment to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to:
    - a) Revise *Subtask 5.4 International Border Crossings System-wide Improvements Analysis* to include UTEP under subtask.

- b) Revise document formatting and update to include Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) references.
10. Authorized the Executive Director to submit a letter of support to U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken for keeping Section 6711 of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) which aims to expedite the presidential permitting process for international border crossings in the U.S.-Mexico border.
11. Authorized the Executive Director to sign a Partnership Agreement for the Use of the Center for Civic Empowerment on the 17<sup>th</sup> floor of the Blue Flame Building in order to hold MPO Transportation Policy Board meetings in the space.

**APPROVED AND ENTERED THIS 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2023.**

  
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Ricardo Samaniego  
Transportation Policy Board Chairperson

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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Sergio M. Estrada, General Counsel  
El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization

**APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:**

  
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Eduardo Calvo, Executive Director  
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