## RESOLUTION NO. MPO 2023 - 03

## 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 March 24, 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 March 24, 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 March 24, 2023, considered, discussed, and voted in favor of approving and passing Agenda Items No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7. 8, 9, 10.

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 March 24, 2023:

- 1. Approved the minutes of the February 17, 2023 EPMPO TPB meeting.
- 2. Approved the El Paso MPO Title VI Program
- 3. Approved the amendments to the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022-2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to detail efforts to develop a Safety Action Plan for the El Paso MPO region.
- 4. Approved the amendments to the Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), and RMS 2023-2026 Transportations Improvement Program (TIP) to amend the South Central Regional Transit District (SCRTD) Electric Buses

Acquisition project by increasing the amount of New Mexico Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Mandatory program funds and adding New Mexico CMAQ Flex funds in FY 2023.

- 5. Approved the Legal Services Agreement with Kemp Smith LLP.
- 6. Authorize the Executive Director to sign letters of support for the City of El Paso's Community Project Funding requests through the offices of United States Representatives Veronica Escobar and Tony Gonzalez.
  - a. Ysleta Port of Entry Feasibility Study
  - b. Sun Metro Micro Transit Project
  - c. El Paso International Airport (EPIA) Terminal Drive Bridge Improvements
- 7. Authorize the Executive Director to sign a letter of support for the El Paso Chamber's request to the 16<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Community Project funds for the El Paso Region Ports of Entry Development Study and Operation Plan.
- 8. Adopt a resolution in support of the Paso del Norte (PDN) Trail Project.
- 9. Authorized the Executive Director to submit a letter of support for Madhu Venugopal's nomination for the Senior Researcher Award at Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI).
- 10. Approved Task Order No. 6 pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Master Agreement with Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) to provide training to MPO staff on safety related issues and training sessions for the Transportation Policy Board and MPO staff in Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.

APPROVED AND ENTERED THIS 24th DAY OF MARCH 2023.

Ricardo Samaniego

Transportation Policy Board Chairperson

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Sergio M. Estrada, General Counsel

El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Eduardo Calvo, Executive Director

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