

**MEETING OF THE SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FOR THE
TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
APPROVD MINUTES
March 4, 2026**

The meeting was called to order by Evaristo Cruz, Chair of the Transportation Project Advisory Committee, at 1.33 p.m., at 211 N. Florence El Paso TX 79901, Suite 202. The meeting was also conducted telephonically and by video conference.

Members in attendance were:

TPAC Voting Members Present:			TPAC Voting Members Absent:	
1.	Art Estrada	TXDOT	Santos Lucero	Village of Vinton
2.	Arturo Rubio	Horizon City	Ramon Cano	Town of Clint
3.	David Armijo	SCRTD	Stanley Joshua	UTEP
4.	Eddie Conde	City of San Elizario	Gloria Ramirez	City of Anthony, NM
5.	Harold Love	NMDOT	John Andoh	EPATS-LGC
6.	Michael McElroy	El Paso County		
7.	Arisbe Rivas	City of Sunland Park		
8.	Lorraine Quimiro	City of Socorro		
9.	Joaquin Rodriguez	City of El Paso	MPO STAFF	
10.	Claudia Garcia	Sun Metro	Anne Guayante	Regional Transportation Manager
11.	Evaristo Cruz	Ysleta del Sur Del Pueblo	Eduardo Calvo	Executive Director
12.	Charlene Santistevan	Doña Ana County	Harrison Plourde	Assistant Executive Director
13.	Manny Balderas	Town of Anthony, TX	Marisol Enriquez	Administrative Secretary
TPAC Non - Voting Members not Present:			Jennifer Moreno	Transportation Planner
14.	Roberto Mora	IMIP	Nina Rodriguez	Transportation Planner
15.			Andres Lucero	Regional Transportation Analyst

(Meeting began with 10 members)

- Chairperson Evaristo Cruz opened Public Comment: No public comment

DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

1. Consider approval of the minutes of the February 4, 2026 TPAC meeting.

Presenter: TPAC Chair

Motion to approve the minutes of February 4, 2026, TPAC meeting made by Lorraine Quimiro and seconded by Claudia Garcia. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Consider approval of amendments to the Amended Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and RMS 2025-2028 TIP to program the following projects:

- a. *NEVI - El Paso Project (FY 2026)* using \$1,226,250.00 of CAT 10 STP funds in Fiscal Year (FY) 2026
- b. *NEVI - Socorro Project (FY 2026)* using \$936,250.00 of CAT 10 STP funds in FY 2026.

Presenter: Andres Lucero (EPMPO)

Motion to approve the amendments to the Amended Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and RMS 2025-2028 TIP to program the following projects:

- c. *NEVI - El Paso Project (FY 2026)* using \$1,226,250.00 of CAT 10 STP funds in Fiscal Year (FY) 2026
- d. *NEVI - Socorro Project (FY 2026)* using \$936,250.00 of CAT 10 STP funds in FY 2026.

made by Art Estrada and seconded by Charlene Santisteban. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Consider approval of amendments to the Amended Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and RMS 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to amend the *Border Highway Connector (BHC) Preliminary Engineering Phase* project (MPO ID: P623A-PE/ CSJ E100390) to increase the project right-of-way (ROW) costs from \$5,300,000 to \$12,726,000 for a new total project cost of \$18,788,466 in FY 2026.

Presenter: Andres Lucero (EPMPO)

Motion to approve the amendments to the Amended Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and RMS 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to amend the *Border Highway Connector (BHC) Preliminary Engineering Phase* project (MPO ID: P623A-PE/ CSJ E100390) to increase

the project right-of-way (ROW) costs from \$5,300,000 to \$12,726,000 for a new total project cost of \$18,788,466 in FY 2026 made by Harold Love and seconded by Eddie Conde. Motion passed unanimously

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

4. Report on FY 2027 UTP funding projections and fiscal constraint strategy.
Presenter: Anne Guayante (EPMPO)
 - **Art Estrada, Joaquin Rodriguez, Michael McElroy and Evaristo Cruz commented**

5. Update on analysis of the travel demand model for the RMS 2052 MTP.
Presenter: Eduardo Calvo (EPMPO Executive Director)
 - **Art Estrada and Joaquin Rodriguez commented**

6. Quarterly Reports
 - a. Administrative Amendments Report
 - b. Project Completion Report
 - c. Project Readiness Report
 - d. RMS 2020 Projects Report**Presenter: Anne Guayante and Andres Lucero (EPMPO)**

7. Deadline for Community Project Funding (CPF) letter of support requests from TPB.
Presenter: Harrison Plourde (EPMPO)

8. Adjournment **2:45PM**

The **next regular meeting** of the TPAC is scheduled for **1:30 p.m.** on **April 1st, 2026.** The due date for submittal of agenda items, names of speakers, attachments, items for presentations, and Project Request Forms (PRFs) is **March 18th, 2026 by 3:00 p.m.**

Approved as to content:



Marisol Enriquez, Recording Secretary for the
Transportation Project Advisory Committee