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CITY MANAGER

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
CARLOS M. RAMIREZ TECH20 WATER RESOURCES LEARNING CENTER  
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON DESALINATION PLANT  
10751 MONTANA AVENUE, EL PASO, TEXAS 79925  
FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2010  
9:00 A.M.**

The City Council met at the above place and date. The City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor John Cook at 9:07 a.m., when a quorum of the City Council was confirmed, shortly after the Transportation Policy Board Meeting had convened. Mayor John Cook and the following Council Members answered roll call: Ann Morgan Lilly, Emma Acosta, Steve Ortega, and Beto O'Rourke.

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**1.**  
Discussion regarding all matters posted on the agenda for the Transportation Policy Board of the Metropolitan Planning Organization, as posted for their meeting on Friday, May 7, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. (Attached).

The Transportation Policy Board conducted their posted business on items 1, 3, 4 and 5.

On Item 2, The Redd Road Extension, City Engineer Alan Shubert presented a PowerPoint (on file in the City Clerk's Office) on the current and projected traffic patterns in the Upper Valley, the path of the proposed Redd Road extension, its estimated impact on existing homes and properties, and what the project's inclusion in the 2025 plan would mean. Mr. Shubert, Terry Quezada, City Engineering Capital Improvement Program Administrator, and Chuck Barry, Chief Engineer, TXDOT, answered questions posed by the TPB members: Texas State Representative Joe Pickett; Texas State Representative Chente Quintanilla; Texas State Representative Joe Moody and New Mexico State Representative Mary Helen Garcia.

Chairperson Walter Miller, Mayor of Horizon, City, Texas, established the time limit and procedure for public comment, then called for public comment, allowing both the pro and the con side thirty minutes each.

City of El Paso Representative Ann Lilly addressed the Transportation Policy Board on the Redd Road Extension, citing the traffic congestion in the upper valley, her extensive seven hour review of the hundreds of 2007 letters submitted in opposition to the extension, and the calls she has received from constituents who support the extension. She urged the Transportation Policy Board to approve the extension.

Mary Francis Keisling, Save the Valley member, presented a PowerPoint , and stated she represents about 2,000 people who are in opposition to the extension of Redd Road for several reasons, citing traffic concerns, preservation of open space and green space, integrity of the valley lifestyle.

Kim Keisling, Save the Valley member, spoke in opposition to the extension.

Larry Nance, Upper Valley Improvement Neighborhood Association, presented a PowerPoint and distributed a packet to the TPB members. He spoke in favor of the extension.

Dan Salazar, El Paso Neighborhood Coalition Council, spoke against the extension on transportation related points.

Gerry Mangrum, citizen, cautioned the TPB against relying too much on plans; urged them to keep options open; if one option is eliminated now it would be much harder to resurrect it.

Dr. Bill Foote, citizen, raised quality of life issues in speaking against the extension: park compromised by proposed bridge and restoration of the river. He urged the TPB to concentrate on improvements to Artcraft, instead.

J. O. Stewart, citizen, asked the TPB to make its decision based on all the necessary engineering and geographic studies.

Andrea Brackett, Redd/Mulberry Neighborhood Association, spoke against the extension citing her desire to preserve the valley of which she has been a life long resident.

Terry Wenner, citizen, asked the TPB not to let anyone force or bully them into a bad decision; thousands of families that could not be there today will be affected by their decision; there is a need for relief from the traffic congestion on Country Club and in the upper valley; there is a need for safe infrastructure.

Joan Foot, citizen, spoke against the extension and of the beauty of the area, the park, the wildlife, Valley Creek Park's equestrian trail, asking the TPB not to destroy the green belt.

Nancy Nance, citizen, spoke in favor of the extension citing her concerns about the distance travelled to get out of the valley and of the delays to emergency personnel in answering emergency calls due to traffic congestion on the current roadways.

Martha Gomez, citizen, spoke against the extension and showed photos the area and spoke of the need to preserve the area's beauty, safety and quality of life.

Anna Schotten, citizen, spoke for the extension as another corridor necessary to relieve the traffic congestion in the valley.

Sheri Nowell, citizen, spoke against the extension.

Enrique Escobar, citizen, spoke in favor of including the extension in the MPO plan. He complimented Mr. Shubert and the staff on being proactive in anticipating future needs. He stated that if the studies prove the extension is not necessary, it will not happen.

John Keisling, citizen, urged the TPB to concentrate on funding improvements to Artcraft, not Redd. Three bridges already exist in the area. He wanted to preserve the ranch/farm quality of the valley,

Sal Masoud, Del Rio Engineering, El Paso Association of Builders, spoke in favor of the extension because bridges are necessary for emergency response to the area.

Richard Coy, citizen, spoke against the extension as harmful to the tranquility of the area and to the property values of the homes nearby.

Mathew Burton, citizen, spoke against the extension as a waste of taxpayer dollars.

Mary Haynes, citizen and former El Paso County Commissioner, spoke for the extension and the alleviation of traffic congestion. She recalled that the issue was discussed as far back as the 1980s when she served on the El Paso Commissioner's Court.

Lamar Skarda, citizen, spoke in favor of the extension to alleviate traffic congestion.

Mary Barnes, citizen, spoke in favor of the extension, urged the TPB to face the reality that the valley has become a major subdivision area and it needs good traffic flow and good emergency vehicle response times.

Al Wiesenerger, citizen, spoke in favor of the extension's inclusion in the plan to at least be studied; the valet is expanding and we need to plan for the future. He shared his insight into the resistance to the building of 1-10 and the close vote that project received from Commissioner's Court. He asked the TPB to imagine the traffic problems we would have if the County Judge at the time had not broken the tie to approve the 1-10 project.

El Paso County Constable, PCT 7 Angie Summers stated she was neither for nor against the extension, but did state that law enforcement could not handle the policing of another roadway in the valley due to insufficient staffing.

Mayor Pro Tem Acosta explained why she could not support the inclusion of the extension in the 2025 plan. She does not believe we need another bridge over the river and she wants to preserve both the river and the green space surrounding its banks. When all other projects on the list are completed, then the extension could be studied for the 2035 plan.

Clint Mayor Dale Reinhart stated he was opposed to the project.

Texas State Representative Joe Moody questioned City of El Paso, City Engineer Shubert on cost estimates, population validation studies, construction planned on Gomez Road, the impact of the project on the river trail that will run along the river, . He then questioned the City's Street Deputy Director Daryl Cole on the procedural possibilities and the competition for federal funding. He specifically asked how many times the TPB would be asked to consider this project again, if passed. Mr. Cole explained it would be a minimum of twice and could be considered five or six times.

Representative Moody questioned MPO Director Roy Gilyard on the number of projects on the list.

The Transportation Policy Board then took a vote on the following motion:

Motion made by City of El Paso Representative Steve Ortega and seconded by Texas State Representative Marissa Marquez to support placement of this project on the MPO's MPT.

The motion passed 13 to 5.

No action was taken by the El Paso City Council.

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The Special Meeting was adjourned at 11:39 upon loss of a quorum.

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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

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Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk

TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD (TPB)  
FOR THE  
EL PASO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

*(To be held at:)*

Carlos M. Ramirez Tech20 Water Resources Learning Center/Kay Bailey Hutchison Desalination Plant  
10751 Montana Ave., El Paso, Texas 79925

**PROPOSED AGENDA**

**FRIDAY, May 7, 2010 at 9:00 A.M.**

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance ..... Chair

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO**

1. Approve the minutes for the April 2, 2010 Regular Board Meeting ..... Chair

2. Approve the Executive Committee's recommendation ..... Vice-Chair  
To add the Redd Road Extension to the DRAFT  
Mission 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

3. Approve the Transportation Project Advisory Committee's ..... Daryl Cole, TPAC Chair  
Recommendation to:

a. Revise the project list for Jobs for Main Street Act 2010  
(American Recovery and Reinvestment Act II) to remove  
the following projects as requested by Sunland Park:

- 1) Sunland Park Bus Acquisition project (MPO ID# T608X)
- 2) River Trail Project for Sunland Park (MPO ID#E602X)

b. Amend the TransBorder 2035 Metropolitan Transportation  
Plan (MTP), the 2008-2013 Transportation Improvement Plan  
(TIP), the DRAFT Mission 2035 Metropolitan Transportation  
Plan (MTP) and the 2008 Comprehensive Mobility Plan (08 CMP):

- 1) IH-10 Aesthetics Project (MPO ID# E003A/CSJ# 2121-01-080)  
to FY 2011 and move \$2,499,999 in Transportation  
Reinvestment Zone (TRZ) funding to the Loop 375 at  
FM 659 (Zaragoza Rd.) project (MPO ID#F011A-15A/CSJ#2552-03-034)

and move \$2,499,999 in Category 2 funding FY 2011 from the Loop 375 at FM 659 (Zaragoza Rd.) project to the IH-10 Aesthetics Project;

- 2) Spur 276 Construction project (MPO ID#F008x-15A/CSJ#0608-01-001):
  - a) Deprogram \$6.25 million of Category 10 Earmark funds from FY 2011 in the 08 CMP only;
  - b) Program \$1,010,872 in FY 2013 of Surface Transportation Program Metro Mobility (STP MM) funds in the DRAFT Mission 2035 MTP and the 08 CMP;
  - c) Update total estimated funding amount to be \$22,010,872;
- 3) Amend the TransBorder 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the TransBorder 2008-2013 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) Cesar Chavez (MPO ID#F013X-15A/CSJ#2552-04-029) correct Category 10 Earmark from \$5 million to \$6.25 million for total available funding of \$80.25 million.

4. Amend the TransBorder 2035 Metropolitan .. Michael Gallagher, NMDOT Transportation Plan (MTP) and the 2008-2013 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and revise the Draft Mission 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) for the following projects:

- a) To revise the NM 225 War Road Pavement Preservation Project (MPO ID# (M623X) to move from FY 2013 to FY 2010 and modify Funding from \$566,822 Large Urban to \$566,822 Equity Bonus Special Limitation (EBSL);
- b) To add the Sunland Park Bus Acquisition project (MPO ID#T608X) using Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds in the amount of \$500,000 for FY 2010.
- c) Remove the River Trail Project for Sunland Park (MPO ID# E602X) from FY 2010.

**REPORTS**

- 5. Status of 2008 Comprehensive Mobility Plan (08 CMP) ..... TxDOT/City of El Paso/ CRRMA/MPO
- 6. Chair's Monthly Report..... Chair
- 7. Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Transportation Policy Board is scheduled at 9:00 a.m. on the 4th of June 2010 at the El Paso MPO Office.

## OPEN COMMENT PERIOD

The Transportation Policy Board (TPB) encourages public comment on all matters listed on the agenda. Speakers from the audience will be given an opportunity to discuss each item in the order in which it appears on the agenda, after the board has discussed the item, unless otherwise approved by the board. In addition, the TPB retains the option to set reasonable limits on the number, frequency, and length of presentations. For more information, please contact JoAnn Valdez, (915) 591-9735, Ext. 11 at the MPO Office.

8. Adjournment.

**Sign Language and foreign interpreters (provided that one is available)** and copies of the Agenda will be provided in **Braille, large print, or audiotape** upon request made at a minimum of **48 hours** prior to the date and time of the meeting.

**Lenguaje de señas, intérpretes al Español (a condición de que uno esté disponible)** y copias de la agenda se proveerán en **Braille, copias ampliadas, o la cinta magnética para audio** con petición de un mínimo de 48 horas antes de la fecha y de la hora de la reunión.

**POSTED THIS 3rd day of May 2010 at El Paso City Hall, Two Civic Center Plaza, Basement and the El Paso County Court House, 500 E. San Antonio Street, First Floor, El Paso, Texas.**

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Transportation Policy Board may retire into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapter D, to discuss any of the following: (The items listed below are matters of the sort routinely discussed in Executive Session, but the Transportation Policy Board may move to Executive Session any of the items on this agenda, consistent with the terms of the Open Meetings Act.) The Transportation Policy Board will return to open session to take any final action and may also, at any time during the meeting, bring forward any of the following items for public discussion, as appropriate.

Section 551.071	CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY
Section 551.072	DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY
Section 551.073	DELIBERATION REGARDING PROSPECTIVE GIFTS
Section 551.074	PERSONNEL MATTERS
Section 551.076	DELIBERATION REGARDING SECURITY DEVICES
Section 551.087	DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS

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JoAnn Valdez, Recording Secretary of the Transportation Policy Board  
for the El Paso Study Area