

**El Paso
Metropolitan Planning Organization**

TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD AGENDA PROJECT SUMMARY

October 4, 2013

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5:

Discussion and action to allow Chair to executive Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between MPO and Sun Metro.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval required.

SUPPORT INFORMATION:

- Memorandum of Understanding

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS:

The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, TEA-21 (Pub. L. 105-178), and 23 CFR § 450.314 require the El Paso MPO and SUN METRO to cooperatively determine their mutual responsibilities in carrying out the metropolitan planning process in a single written agreement that clearly identifies those responsibilities; and,

WHEREAS, the EPMPO and SUN METRO desire to enter into this Memorandum of Agreement for cooperatively developing and sharing information related to the development of financial plans that support the MTP and the TIP and the development of the annual listing of obligated projects; and,

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

This **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING** is entered into by and between the EL PASO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (the “EPMPO”) and the SUN METRO/MASS TRANSIT DEPARTMENT of the City of El Paso (“SUN METRO”) this ____ day of _____, 2013, to-wit:

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the EPMPO is the duly designated regional metropolitan planning organization for the El Paso Urbanized Transportation Study Area; and,

WHEREAS, the EPMPO is charged with the responsibility of carrying out a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive multimodal transportation planning process, including the development of a metropolitan transportation plan (MTP) and a transportation improvement program (TIP), that encourages and promotes the safe and efficient development, management, and operation of surface transportation systems to serve the mobility needs of people and freight (including accessible pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities) and foster economic growth and development, while minimizing transportation-related fuel consumption and air pollution; and,

WHEREAS, SUN METRO is the principal public transportation operator within the El Paso Urbanized Transportation Study Area; and,

WHEREAS, the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, TEA-21 (Pub. L. 105-178), and 23 CFR § 450.314 require the EPMPO and SUN METRO to cooperatively determine their mutual responsibilities in carrying out the metropolitan planning process in a single written agreement that clearly identifies those responsibilities; and,

WHEREAS, the EPMPO and SUN METRO desire to enter into this Memorandum of

Agreement for cooperatively developing and sharing information related to the development of financial plans that support the MTP and the TIP and the development of the annual listing of obligated projects; and,

NOW THEREFORE, KNOW ALL ME BY THESE PRESENTS, that the EPMPO and SUN METRO agree as follows:

1. To cooperate with each other in determining their mutual responsibilities in carrying out the metropolitan transportation planning process in accordance with state and federal law;
2. To cooperate with each other in developing and sharing information related to the development of financial plans that support the MTP, UPWP and the TIP;
3. To cooperate with each other in developing a listing of projects (including accessible pedestrian walkway projects and bicycle transportation facilities) for which federal funds were obligated in the preceding program year; and,
4. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** Regardless of the date of its execution, this Memorandum of Agreement becomes effective on _____, 2013, and shall automatically renew on its anniversary date each year thereafter.

WITNESS the following signatures and seal:

**EL PASO METROPOLITAN
PLANNING ORGANIZATION:**

By: _____
Walter Miller
Chair, Transportation Policy Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Eduardo Miranda
EPMPO Legal Counsel

**SUN METRO/MASS TRANSIT
DEPARTMENT**

By: _____
Jay Banasiak
Director