



CITY OF SUNLAND PARK NEW MEXICO

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Regional Traffic Analysis Coordination Meeting

Date: September 1, 2026

Location: El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization (EP MPO) Offices

Attendees

- **Eduardo Calvo**, Executive Director, El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization (EP MPO)
- **Gerardo Fierro**, Executive Director, New Mexico Border Authority (NMBA)
- **Harrison Plourde**, Planner, EP MPO
- **Salvador Gonzalez-Ayala**, Planner, EP MPO
- **Jennifer Moreno**, Planner, EP MPO
- **Javier Perea**, Mayor, City of Sunland Park (COSP)
- **Marco Grajeda**, Deputy City Manager, COSP
- **Mario Juarez-Infante**, City Manager, COSP

Discussion Summary

1. Regional Traffic Analysis Scope of Work

The City of Sunland Park (COSP) has prepared and distributed a draft Scope of Work (SOW) for a comprehensive Regional Traffic Analysis. The study is intended to evaluate existing and future regional traffic conditions, including scenarios both with and without recent roadway closures and modifications, as well as other transportation network alternatives. The proposed analysis includes the following key intersections:

- Frontera Road / Doniphan Drive
- Sunland Park Drive / Doniphan Drive
- Sunland Park Drive / Futurity Drive
- Futurity Drive / Racetrack Drive
- Racetrack Drive / Doniphan Drive
- Sunland Park Drive / McNutt Drive
- Racetrack Drive / McNutt Drive

2. Additional Regional Transportation Alternatives

COSP previously transmitted the draft SOW to the City of El Paso for review. Based on discussion and recommendations from today's meeting, COSP will amend the scope to include evaluation of two additional potential regional transportation connections:

- Extension of Appaloosa Drive to Frontera Road; and
- Extension of Frontera Road across the Rio Grande with a connection to NM 273.

These alternatives will be evaluated as part of the broader regional transportation analysis to better understand their potential effects on mobility, connectivity, traffic distribution, and long-term transportation needs.



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3. Potential NMBA Participation and South Border Connector Road Phase II

Gerardo Fierro indicated that the New Mexico Border Authority may be able to contribute toward the Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) through an amendment to the South Border Connector Road Phase II contract. The anticipated timeframe to obtain State approval and amend the EP MPO timeline is approximately 45–60 days.

4. City of El Paso Review and Coordination

COSP will amend and redistribute the draft SOW based on the meeting discussion. The City of El Paso will be asked to review the revised scope and provide comments and recommended amendments on or before September 14, 2026. City Manager Juarez-Infante will follow up with City Manager Mack regarding the City's review and regional coordination.

5. Study Schedule

The group discussed the anticipated schedule for completing a comprehensive regional study. Given the complexity of the transportation network, the number of affected stakeholders, required technical analysis, and anticipated public engagement, an estimated study duration of approximately 8–12 months was discussed.

6. EP MPO Facilitation

COSP requested that the EP MPO facilitate the regional study and associated interagency coordination. The EP MPO agreed that it is well positioned to facilitate the study and assist the participating agencies in developing a coordinated, long-term approach to regional transportation needs.

7. Study Funding

COSP expressed its willingness to discuss and participate in funding the TIA should a funding gap remain after identifying available regional, State, or other funding sources.

8. Frontera Road Functional Classification

EP MPO confirmed that the Texas segment of Frontera Road is functionally classified as a Major Collector. COSP will submit a formal request to EP MPO to consider reclassification of the corresponding New Mexico segment. The objective is to establish a consistent functional classification for the regional corridor and improve its eligibility for applicable federal transportation funding.