



**Chihuahuan
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Climate
Collaborative**
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City of El Paso Climate Engagement Series Continues

Second round of meetings will focus on The Region's Greenhouse Gases Inventory and Extreme Weather Events

EL PASO, Texas – The Chihuahuan Desert Climate Collaborative (CDCC), powered by the City of El Paso, is hosting its second series of open-house style events as part of its Climate Action Plan (CAP) process. Both meetings in this series will contain the same content and the public is encouraged to participate in the option that best fits their schedule. These meetings are bilingual, open-house, come-and-go style. They will take place from **5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 8, 2024, or from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 16, 2024.** Come, engage, and interact with the CAP team.

These upcoming engagement series will explore how extreme weather events, such as droughts, heat waves, and floods, are affecting our region. The public will also get a look at The Region's greenhouse gases inventory and how they contribute to climate change.

For those unable to attend either meeting, an online survey will be available at <https://epclimate.org/> from October 8, 2024 to November 8, 2024.

The public is encouraged to attend either of the following open-house meetings:

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Galatzan Recreation Center

650 Wallenberg Dr., El Paso Texas, 79912

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

MacArthur PK-8 School

8101 Whitus Dr., El Paso, Texas 79925

To maximize the public's time, the event on October 16, 2024 at MacArthur will provide two opportunities to learn about and weigh in on both the Climate Action Plan and the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) Borderplex Safe Mobility Plan. Both organizations will offer separate engagement opportunities at the same place during the same time to capture the public's feedback on each of these important projects happening in our region.

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1. **Chihuahuan Desert Climate Collaborative:** Discover climate challenges affecting our region, such as extreme heat, drought, wildfires and flooding. The discussion will also cover the sources of greenhouse gas emissions affecting our community and how they contribute to climate change.
2. **Borderplex Safe Mobility Plan:** This initiative focuses creating a plan that will guide the region toward identifying investments that will support greater roadway safety. The plan considers all roadways within the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization (EPMPO) footprint which includes the following 13 governmental jurisdictions: El Paso County, City of El Paso, City of Socorro, Town of Anthony, Town of Clint, Town of Horizon City, Town of San Elizario, the Village of Vinton, the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo, Doña Ana County, Otero County, the City of Anthony and City of Sunland Park. The public will have the chance to provide input on the safety challenges affecting roadways, sidewalks, trails and transit facilities.

“With the growing impacts of climate change felt regionally, these open houses will help residents of El Paso and Hudspeth County discover challenges affecting our community,” said Nicole Ferrini, the City of El Paso’s Climate and Sustainability Officer. “Our goal is to engage the community and help them understand the challenges we face and the steps we can take to develop a sustainable future.”

“We are excited to launch The Region’s Borderplex Safe Mobility Plan and are looking forward to collaborating with the public on this important project, this is a great opportunity for the public to learn about and provide feedback on two important efforts happening in our community,” said Eduardo Calvo, the El Paso MPO’s Executive Director.

Residents unable to attend in person can watch the Climate Engagement Series virtual meeting video following the first open house and fill out the survey at <https://EPClimate.org/>.

The meetings are the second of five community touchpoints in the Climate Engagement Series. The region’s voices are crucial in shaping how climate policies and investments should be managed by the local government to create a more resilient and healthier region for generations to come.

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About the Chihuahuan Desert Climate Collaborative Climate Action Plan

The Chihuahuan Desert Climate Collaborative (CDCC) Climate Action Plan will span an area covering 10 municipalities, 2 counties, 15 census-designated places and unincorporated communities, and 5,585 square miles of territory. Although this project is being led by the City of El Paso under the preview of El Paso’s Climate and Sustainability Office, it is an effort that will inclusively and equitably benefit the entire region.