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**April 27, 2009**

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**MINUTES OF THE  
SANTA FE MPO  
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE  
MONDAY, April 27, 2009**

**1. INTRODUCTIONS:**

**a. CALL TO ORDER**

A meeting of the Santa Fe MPO Technical Coordinating Committee was called to order by Chair, John Romero at approximately 1:30 p.m., on the above date in the Conference Room 326, Federal Building, 120 S. Federal Place, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**b. ROLL CALL**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

John Romero, Chair – City of Santa Fe,  
Mary Helen Follingstad, Vice Chair – RPA Director [arriving later]  
Johnny Baca – Santa Fe County  
Phil Gallegos, NMDOT District 5  
Andrew Jandáček, Santa Fe County  
Chris Ortega – City of Santa Fe  
Larry Samuel – Tesuque Pueblo

**MEMBERS EXCUSED**

Jon Bulthuis – Santa Fe Trails  
Reed Liming – City of Santa Fe  
Josette Lucero – NCRTD  
[Vacancy – Santa Fe Public Schools]

**STAFF PRESENT**

Mark Tibbetts – MPO Officer

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Eric Wrage, Santa Fe County  
Bucky Serna - Santa Fe County

**c. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Mr. Ortega moved to approve the Agenda as published. Mr. Baca seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.**

**d. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM MARCH 23, 2009.**

**Mr. Ortega moved to postpone the minutes of March 23, 2009 to the next meeting. Mr. Gallegos seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.**

**2. ACTION ITEMS**

**a. MPO-TIP Amendments**

**1) Overview: Distribution of federal transportation funds within New Mexico**

Mr. Tibbetts clarified that this came from the last TPB meeting. They brought up a specific project on NM-14 and to approve it, it needed to be considered by the TCC. The fiscal restraint was on 2010 and 2011 but not 2012 and 2013. The projects listed had a total amount way over what they could expect from federal funding. It would be easier if the Committee knew what could not be included.

Mr. Gallegos said DOT statewide had about \$300 million and there were no specific projects that Congress put into the bill as earmarks. DOT targeted about \$20 million for each of 2011, 2012 and 2013. It would probably be four major projects at \$5 million each. In this new STIP they were carrying over money. For this MPO, Cerrillos was a priority for 2013.

Mr. Tibbetts asked if there was a way to treat the highway reconstruction as a major project so that it would come from another pot and not deplete all of District 5's money.

Mr. Gallegos said it could happen but was not likely.

Ms. Follingstad arrived at this time.

Mr. Tibbetts asked what would happen if TPB wanted to elevate South Meadows.

Mr. Gallegos said the MPO needed to come to consensus on it. It would be up to \$5 million and now was on for 2013. They could negotiate and could split it into 2012 and 2013. He listed some of the other small projects in the district. He was going to submit the STIP the way it was now and go from there, assuming they would get \$5 million. Anything from one half to three quarters of a million they could accommodate.

Mr. Ortega noted the City was given informal notice of \$2 million for safety and told later that it was informal and could become more.

Mr. Gallegos said he could not speculate on it.

Mr. Gallegos recommended to program the money on Cerrillos and then go from there.

Mr. Tibbetts said staff talked about what would not be funded and those would be put in a backup list. But at this meeting they should just establish the priorities and focus system-wide. 2012 was a priority over 2013. Cerrillos was at \$11 million and it was suggested to have \$5 million each over two years. If there was additional funding, it could go to Cerrillos. Cerrillos had 2010 money too.

The Committee briefly discussed the locations of the project.

Mr. Gallegos reminded them that FY 2010 would begin this October.

Mr. Ortega asked if Mr. Tibbetts had put in what TPB wanted to be put in.

Mr. Tibbetts said the TPB said to move South Meadows and Airport Road up and maybe pool that money together. They wanted it to come back to the TCC.

Mr. Ortega moved to approve the 2012 STIP as presented.

Mr. Gallegos asked if they were not going to put amounts in these others but just the total of \$5 million. He clarified that they were forming a new STIP for 2010 - 2013 and proposing \$5 million. He was guessing \$2.5 million to each of the two MPOs and they would also require that the projects be ready.

Mr. Ortega said that changed everything.

Mr. Tibbetts asked if they should put Cerrillos in 2012 or 2013.

Mr. Ortega thought they could split it into two years.

Mr. Gallegos said the District was looking at it because it was an ongoing project. Their preference was 2013 but the MPO could put half in each year. Their goal was to get the STIP approved in June or July.

Chair Romero suggested they might have to amend Cerrillos to \$5 million and then push the rest to South Meadows.

Mr. Tibbetts asked if they were to leave 2010 the way it was. Mr. Gallegos agreed.

Mr. Ortega asked if South Meadows was ready.

Mr. Baca thought it was ready.

Mr. Ortega asked why 2011 didn't have any projects.

Mr. Gallegos said he would have to go back and look at it. The St. Francis/Cerrillos intersection was in

there.

Ms. Follingstad noted that South Meadows was to have the Buckman Diversion Project. It would become part of the City but needed to be built.

## **2) Project prioritization in FY 2012 and 2013**

- **Roads: Cerrillos Road; Airport Road; South Meadows; NM-14 and others.**
- **Major Trails: Rail, River, Acequia, Arroyo Chamisos, Arroyo Hondo, Spur, NM-Central**

The Committee had a discussion on how to make the numbers work.

Mr. Ortega said South Meadows might become part of the City's CIP bond (18-20m). It would work for Jan, 2012.

Mr. Jandáček asked if the South Meadows project on the schedule.

Ms. Follingstad said there was an issue there with timing for the easement of the pipeline. It was part of the infrastructure for that bridge. She said if they could table this, it would be helpful.

Mr. Ortega said the earliest they could do South Meadows would be 2012 but it could happen separately from the MPO. Ms. Follingstad agreed.

Chair Romero thought the best way would be to program South Meadows with the pipeline.

**Mr. Ortega moved to amend the TIP for 2011 to reduce D 5010 by \$2.5 million and program that in 2011 towards Cerrillos Road and then in 2012 to program \$2.5 million to do the bridge in D 5010 and program \$2.5 million in 2012 to South Meadows and delete the Cerrillos Road and Airport Road safety improvement projects and remove D5070 (Guadalupe Street Bridge).**

**In 2013 to delete 2539, Agua Fria Phase 3, Caja del Rio, Gov Miles and Yucca Road connection, Rabbit Road improvements, Richard Avenue improvements and Vista del Monte and move them into the priority list for future TIP out years.**

**Ms. Follingstad seconded the motion.**

Mr. Tibbetts said they still had \$600,000 on the table that had to be determined. He suggested the extension of the Arroyo Chamiso Trail which would make a long contiguous trail run into town.

Mr. Gallegos asked about the Rail Trail. It should be put back into 2013. They had \$300,000.

Mr. Tibbetts explained that the spur trail came out from Rabbit Road and would allow a connection from the Community College to the Rail Trail. He didn't know if \$600,000 would do it. For Rabbit Road it would just be crusher fines for now - not paved.

**Mr. Ortega added to his motion to reinstate the previous Santa Fe County project at \$600,000 for the Rail Trail under the enhancement category for 2013. Ms. Follingstad agreed.**

Mr. Tibbetts said it was pulled off. They had \$550,000 secured and were asking for \$900,000. So there was already funding for it. And the spur trail was much more ready than the River Trail. It was started 12 years ago.

**The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**

### **3. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION:**

#### **a. Update on Santa Fe Studies (I-25, NM-599 and St. Francis Dr) – Dave Quintana**

Mr. Gallegos announced the workshop on St. Francis would be tomorrow night.

Mr. Tibbetts asked about the Hyde Park safety improvement project that had been sitting there since 1990s.

Mr. Ortega said it was on 2013 because it was in a previous priority list.

Mr. Gallegos said it was never in the STIP.

Mr. Tibbetts agreed to put it on the back. The other was the St. Francis / Cerrillos pedestrian bridge. It was a separate project for 2013.

Mr. Ortega noted that it was not with federal funds.

Mr. Tibbetts said this list showed \$2 million of federal funds.

Mr. Ortega said that was not correct. It was all state funds.

#### **b. SFMPO's role in metropolitan transit planning**

##### **1) Updates on public transit and rail activities within the MPO Planning Area (by service providers: NMDOT, MRCOG, NCRTD, Santa Fe Trails, Santa Fe Pick-Up)**

Mr. Bulthuis was not present to provide the update.

#### **4. MPO OFFICER REPORT: FY 2009 UPWP 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Report; MTP Update and Timeline**

Mr. Keith Wilson, newly hired Senior MPO Planner provided the update with a handout that had a proposed timeline. The goal was that by the end of the November meeting to have a final draft for review; approve on January 11, 2010 and take the amendments to TPB at their 3/22 meeting for approval at their April meeting; a public review in April and submittal to FHWA by June 20.

He suggested they divide up the MPO into three areas with a public meeting in each of the three areas. It seemed like a good way to keep things moving along.

Chair Romero said there was not enough time to discuss this proposal at this meeting and asked that the agenda have a time schedule to help move the Committee meetings along.

Ms. Follingstad agreed they needed to have estimates on allocation of time.

Mr. Wilson said he would be contacting each member in the next couple of weeks.

Ms. Follingstad asked about Rick Carpenter on the Buckman Diversion Project.

Mr. Tibbetts agreed to have it on the next agenda.

#### **5. TCC MEMBER COMMENTS**

Santa Fe County shared a project for road completion as part of New Mexico 14 across from the State Penitentiary for a development that is expected to eventually generate \$100 million in revenue annually. The County wanted to get the project moving because of current economic conditions.

Mr. Wrage said they had a layout of the improvements and the County agreed as part of the local development project to construct a studio. Related improvements included northbound improvements on Pen Road on two lanes northbound through the intersection and then down to one with a left turn and a turn bay at the 14/599 intersection. The project was estimated to cost \$1.8 million to construct the intersection and Pen Road improvements. He didn't have an estimate on widening Highway 14.

Chair Romero questioned if the TCC could consider it and asked if it had been run through the District to be eligible.

Mr. Gallegos said technically it was eligible but was developer driven. The development was creating the impact. Here the County was the developer. The DOT had an interest because of the two correctional facilities there. So there was room for the State to cooperate with the County. The County could request DOT funding but it would be redistribution of money by going off all the lists of things that had not been funded. The feds said no new projects would be added. He said it would be better to use the STIP project. The MPO could say it supported this project. He recommended putting it on the TIP as a priority.

Mr. Tibbetts agreed. He asked if Mr. Gallegos would take the initiative for design.

Mr. Gallegos said he would bring it to this group.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**7. ADJOURN - Next TCC meeting – Tuesday, May 26, 2009**

**Mr. Gallegos moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Baca seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Approved by:

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John Romero, Chair

Submitted by:

  
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Carl Boaz, Stenographer