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April 12, 2012

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**MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FÉ MPO
TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
April 12, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Santa Fé MPO Transportation Policy Board was called to order on the above date by Board Chair Danny Mayfield at approximately 4:00 p.m. in the Santa Fé City Council Chambers at City Hall, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fé, New Mexico.

ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Danny Mayfield, Chair
Mr. Max Valerio for Deputy Secretary Katherine Bender, NMDOT
Councilor Patti Bushee, City of Santa Fé
Mayor David Coss, City of Santa Fé
Commissioner Liz Stefanics, Santa Fé County

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Commissioner Robert Anaya, Santa Fé County [excused]
Councilor Ron Trujillo, City of Santa Fé [excused]
Mr. Ryan Swazo-Hinds, Tesuque Pueblo

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Mark Tibbetts, MPO Officer
Mr. Keith Wilson, MPO Planner

Others included Claude Morelli, Phil Gallegos and WPI team.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Coss moved to approve the agenda as presented. Councilor Bushee seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 9, 2012

Councilor Bushee moved to approve the minutes of February 9, 2012 as presented. Mayor Coss seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

A. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no matters from the public.

B. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Approval of an Amendment to the FFY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Wilson presented the report. It went out for 30-day public review and no comments were received. There were a few amendments.

1. The project on Washington increased from \$1.5 million to \$2.73 million and included some city funding to get it done.
2. Caja del Rio was added last month. It was entirely County funded and there were no federal funds in it.
3. NM14 improvements included resurfacing Cerrillos Road from St. Mike's to St. Francis to ADA specs.
4. Arroyo Chamiso Road within Las Soleras from Walmart to the crossing at Chamiso.
5. Rabbit Road safety improvements through NMDOT to meet federal safety for railroad crossings for gates
6. Santa Fé Place Transit Center to become a multi-modal center with FHWA funding.

Councilor Bushee asked for a time line and level of effort of public education on the Washington project because many people had called her about it. She had asked the Public Works Director but knew it was a state project.

Mr. Wilson said District 5 would have one more public meeting to cover detours and were getting out some PSAs on it.

Councilor Bushee what the time frame was.

Mr. Gallegos said they were in the design phase for an August production so it would not go out to bid until fall and construction in the spring of 2013 unless there was a mild winter. There were lots of cultural resources in this historic district. It would have utility relocation in it.

Councilor Bushee wanted something printed that she could get out to neighborhoods there so they

would be forewarned. Mr. Gallegos agreed.

Councilor Bushee asked if there would be adequate bike lanes on Caja del Rio.

Mr. Wilson said it would be a 5' bike lane.

Chair Mayfield asked for a project schedule for one of the next meetings

Mr. Wilson said he had a table with expected bid letting and construction dates.

Commissioner Stefanics moved to approve the amendments to the 2012-2015 TIP. Councilor Bushee seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

Councilor Bushee moved to hear the WPI presentation next. Commissioner Stefanics seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

2. Presentation on the Crash Data Analysis Task

The WPI Team members were introduced and used a power point which was also printed in the packet.

The crash data used in the study was from NMDOT and they had 6 years of data. They chose 25 out of 140 locations with a severe number of crashes. Most of the analysis was of intersections but they also did some road segment analyses. They explained their use of the police crash data reports. It was difficult to portray collision diagrams that would show patterns in the areas studied and point to possible solutions. The data included time of day and day of week. Age of drivers was not included in the data.

The team shared 9 proven countermeasures and planned to look at some of them in their recommendations.

The final presentation would be made on April 30 in the Nambé Room at the Convention Center and all WPI groups would be presenting starting at 9:00 am. This one would be at 10:00.

Councilor Bushee hoped to see a few more creative solutions. Roundabouts were not too popular and people didn't do well with bikes and cars in roundabouts.

Mr. Wilson said the FHWA manual had these and there were many others. These had been shown to be effective but were not a panacea. They were the top 9 providing the biggest bang for the buck. There were 9 different manuals. This was a first step in their safety process.

One big hindrance was that the police data was all on paper in filing cabinets and not computerized.

Mayor Coss thanked them for the presentation and asked if there was a correlation with effective enforcement as well as physical changes. The data showed the accident going down but the City hadn't

made much physical change in intersections. Maybe stronger enforcement had helped.

The WPI team was looking at the numbers of alcohol related crashes to see if they were going down.

Mr. Wilson said the MPO staff intended to keep working after the students left. Once improvements were made they would track data every year so over time they should be able to document reductions in crashes. They were going in the right direction in the identification of high crash intersections.

Chair Mayfield asked if speed humps and speed bumps were effective safety measures.

The WPI team had not looked at that.

2. Approval of the Metropolitan Bicycle Master Plan

Mr. Wilson said with their consultant, Tim Rogers, they started mapping 18 months ago to look for new trails and improvements and during the last 12 months developing the MP. They started a citizen's advisory review team to get involved in the process.

The first draft was released in September and they finalized this draft in March and released it for 30 day public review and had the final advisory meeting. They got good feedback at the public meetings. The public input ended on April 9. He handed out the changes to the plan for the Board. On change was an executive summary which was in this handout. He offered to go through all the changes or if the Board was comfortable with their review, to proceed to approval.

Commissioner Stefanics thanked him for his presentation to the BCC. She asked if this plan could be amended like the TIP.

Mr. Wilson agreed and added that it would be updated every 5 years. .

Chair Mayfield asked if there was any public input. There was no public comment.

Councilor Bushee moved to approve the Metropolitan Bicycle Plan. Commissioner Stefanics seconded the motion.

The Board briefly discussed things they liked in the plan and work that would be needed for implementation. Councilor Bushee noted the big need for funding of maintenance and upkeep of trails.

All Board members agreed that it was very difficult to find funds for the upkeep and maintenance of trails.

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

C. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

1. Approval of the 2012-2014 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Tibbetts clarified that this was the agreement made of the work activities in a fiscally constrained budget for which staff implemented and produced the required documents in the MPO plan. It was a two-year plan and was part of the MOA with DOT and FHWA that the work done met the regulations required to meet the MPO planning process standards.

They would update the Public Participation Plan by year end. A similar pedestrian master plan would be finished by August 2013. They broke it out by staff hours and a time line to provide specific milestones to meet and make it more accountable in accomplishing them realistically. The back page laid that out in a time line for next 2 years in the quarterly reports and monthly TCC meetings. It was a required document that must be submitted by April 15.

Mr. Valerio said DOT appreciated having the milestones added because it helped them set the target for the MPO.

Commissioner Stefanics moved to approve the 2012-2014 UPWP. Mayor Coss seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

3. TIP Project Updates

Mr. Wilson gave a quick overview of the projects listed in the TIP, sharing their status and projected time lines.

4. Update on the status of the Federal Transportation Bill Preauthorization

Mr. Wilson provided copies of an email he received earlier in the day. The authorization was extended through March 31 and now a new extension would extend it to June 30. The House was determined to come up with their own language. The Senate already passed a 2-year bill but House refused to consider it. He agreed to keep the Board posted.

D. MATTERS FROM THE SFMPO TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

There were no matters from the TPB.

E. MATTERS FROM THE MPO STAFF

Mr. Tibbetts said staff would come back May 10th with another TIP amendment for approval. They were now reviewing the by-laws and would propose some changes, especially on signatures from Chair and Vice

Chair when the Board could not meet in time to meet a deadline. He asked Board members to make every effort to attend that meeting. Someone had asked about telephonic participation. The problem would come when the majority was on the phone.

Commissioner Stefanics said she would have to miss the May 10th meeting.


F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE NMDOT AND FHWA

There were no communications from NMDOT or FHWA.

G. ADJOURNMENT – Next meeting, Thursday May 10, 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Approved by:



Danny Mayfield, Chair

Submitted by:



Carl Boaz, Stenographer