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SANTA FE MPO TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
April 26, 2010

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**MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FE MPO
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
MONDAY, April 26, 2010**

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 City Council Chamber, City Hall, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

b. ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicated the lack of a quorum as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Romero, Chair – City of Santa Fe
Phil Gallegos – NMDOT District 5
Andrew Jandáček – Santa Fe County
Reed Liming – City of Santa Fe
Greg Smith – City of Santa Fe

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jon Bulthuis – Santa Fe Trails
Shelley Cobau for Jack Kolkmeier – Santa Fe County
Jack Valencia for Josette Lucero – NCRTD
Eric Martínez for Chris Ortega – City of Santa Fe
Robert Martínez – Santa Fe County
Larry Samuel – Tesuque Pueblo
One Vacancy - RPA

STAFF PRESENT

Mark Tibbetts – MPO Officer [arriving later]
Keith Wilson – Senior Planner

OTHERS PRESENT

Claude Morelli - NMDOT
Mike Gomez - Santa Fe County
Jim Siebert - Las Soleras
Denise - Bohannon Huston

Albert Thomas - Bohannon Huston

c. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda was not approved due to lack of a quorum.

d. Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 22, 2010, March 29, 2010 and April 5, 2010

The minutes were not approved due to lack of a quorum.

1. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no communications from the public.

2. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

a. Review and Recommendations on the Amendment to the 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Plan (NM599/Jaguar Drive Interchange)

This matter was not considered due to lack of a quorum. Mike George was present to review the amendments but without a quorum, it was decided to postpone this matter.

b. Update on the Las Soleras Station Section 810 Application

Mr. Albert Thomas, Bohannon & Huston, presented the update for the 810 application of Las Soleras using a power point presentation. .

1. For the Las Soleras Master Plan, construction was occurring now and tenants were expected later this year. The plan included responsibility for the internal transportation network and the impact study. The network would connect Cerrillos Road with Richards Avenue and the road to the Rail Runner station.

Site review was currently going on at the City

The Master Plan anticipated 5,000 residing at Las Soleras at full build out and 9,300 people working there.

Las Soleras was designed as a TOD project that would encourage mass transit including rail service and tying in lots of bike/pedestrian trails. The station would be within the I-25 median - 3 miles from 599 and 4 miles from Zia Road. I would require clearance from FHWA

Mr. Thomas showed site plan.

He explained that the 810 application was for use of public ROW on a federal highway. It utilized the land for the proposed purpose and wouldn't impair future highway improvements or safety. The public interest would be served and it was based on continuing comprehensive transportation planning process. The process included the involvement of MRCOG, NMDOT and FHWA.

2. Technical Analysis was to justify the expansion to the interstate. They needed to review the I-25 corridor study and recommended an auxiliary lane for improvements. Technical analysis also included: a future widening of I-25 (not required by the study); the potential interchange at Richards; safety for vehicle traffic on the interstate, patrons of commuter train and pedestrians; what type of fencing would be required and safety on the pedestrian bridge.

Mr. Thomas went next to conceptual layouts. The first was by Siebert. The next showed the architect's drawing. The platform would be 450 feet (bigger than 599). He pointed out the ADA compliance on ramps for the bridge.

3. Ridership Analysis looked at current ridership levels at other stations to analyze potential ridership. This was not a park and ride facility. When fully built, they expected 900 patrons for the Rail Runner. (Same as at Santa Fe Depot and South Capitol stations) The Egress Modes were shown as a chart. Mr. Thomas said they planned to have 2,198 dwelling units in the development.

4. Environmental Analysis - Mr. Thomas said they expected the EA report to be completed in May. The City, County, MPO and DOT were reviewing the report now. Public meetings would include those here at the MPO (8). An Open House would be held on May 6th 5-7 at the Inn of Santa Fe on Cerrillos Road. They would try to put it on the MPO web site too.

Mr. Gallegos asked about the construction schedule.

Mr. Thomas said they wanted it in place and operating for the major tenant by the summer in 2011.

Mr. Jardaček asked about the status of collaboration with Santa Fe Trails.

Mr. Thomas said Mr. Bulthuis had been working with the developer because there was an obligation for transit between SFCC and Las Soleras. The Developer would like Santa Fe Trails to take over the shuttle service.

Mr. Liming asked if because it was privately funded, the timing was up to them.

Mr. Thomas agreed but added that it depended on approvals by the review agencies. The developer was ready to go when approved. Markets could change things for them.

Mr. Siebert said the commitment for HSD was that when they opened HSD offices the station had to be in place. So it depended on their construction.

Chair Romero determined it would be appropriate to put this on the TIP.

Mr. Wilson agreed.

Chair Romero said they would need the procedures of TIP to follow.

Mr. Thomas agreed. He felt it would be best to wait until it looked like the 810 would be approved. He agreed to bring that up with FHWA.

Mr. Morelli said the Rail Runner might run at peak capacity this summer and wondered how they would cope with that. He also asked if there could be additional track capacity possible at the station.

Mr. Thomas said they planned on a 20 year horizon for ridership expected. They talked with Mr. Blewett about additional cars. This platform was designed for five cars.

Mr. Morelli said the Rail Runner had five cars already.

Mr. Thomas pointed out that the flow was counter to typical rush. The design looked for a double track. The double track would be at the side opposite the station.

c. Presentation of the Preliminary DRAFT Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

Mr. Tibbetts said contingencies had arisen. They had all the pieces and were knitting them together. A section on facilities improvement was the largest. Mr. Wilson had revised the map. Staff had been attending meetings at SFCC where they were concerned about the road network. They would meet again in mid May. It wouldn't change anything they had already done.

Over the last 2-3 weeks the MPO staff had shared with groups all that must be built by 2020 and then those that could wait and dealt with adequate fixes for long term solutions.

Although he was ready for a quick presentation on it he suggested coming next Monday with a presentation to go through the whole MTP. They would ask for approval on June 2nd. It would be the kick off for the 30 day public information period. They would also approve the Jaguar interchange next Monday at the TCC meeting. The meeting would be in the Coronado Room at the Convention Center. .

Mr. Wilson handed out a list of definitions. He explained they had some confusion on publicly funded projects which was a misleading label. He went through the definitions with the Committee and clarified the definitions with them. Programmed = already gone through process to construction. Public Agency Lead = led by a public agency and funding expected from public funds. It wouldn't preclude use of private funds

too. Developer Lead = part of a development application by a developer but would not preclude the use of public funds in them. Study = didn't have enough definition yet so no cost estimate. It could be some kind of project for the future and they could do the MTP amendment later to include them.

Mr. Wilson explained that staff made a couple of changes to the map. The Intersection with Jaguar had previously had a low ranking and he changed that and changed Caja del Rio to Developer Lead.

They met with Jim Siebert regarding one project on the plan on the frontage road at Beckner but Las Soleras was going to do changes to the access road so staff questioned the need to include it.

Mr. Gallegos didn't think it needed to be on there but said they could leave it in.

Mr. Wilson mentioned a couple more road projects. One off Jaguar extension on the west side which he didn't know if it would rise to collector status.

Chair Romero disagreed because it was a primary access road.

Mr. Wilson said the final one was west of Richards where Beckner comes in. He asked if it would be a collector roadway.

Chair Romero didn't know but they could remove the one on there now.

Mr. Wilson summarized that they were in process of cleaning up the edits and next Monday he would go through the whole document.

Chair Romero asked if they would put the stations on the map too.

Mr. Wilson said no. This was future roads network. In the transit section the stations would be discussed and a future transit map would become available. They would also have a map showing short term recommendations and fiscally constrained projects and then a second one for medium term projects.

Mr. Liming thought that would be great and would help show the priorities.

Mr. Wilson added that in the introduction they could show future annexations. Mr. Tibbetts agreed.

3. MPO OFFICER REPORT

None.

4. COMMUNICATIONS FROM TCC MEMBERS

None.

5. ADJOURN - Next TCC meeting: Monday, May 3, 2010

Mr. Wilson reminded everyone that the meeting next Monday would take place in the Coronado Room at the Santa Fe Convention Center.

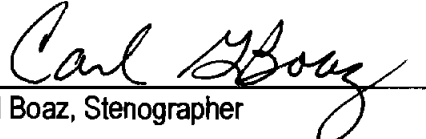
Mr. Wilson agreed to call everyone to remind them about the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Approved by:

John Romero, Chair

Submitted by:



Carl Boaz, Stenographer