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June 25, 2012

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**MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FÉ MPO
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
June 25, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Santa Fé MPO Technical Coordinating Committee was called to order on the above date by Chair John Romero at approximately 1:30 p.m. in the Councilors' Conference Room, City Hall, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fé, New Mexico.

ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Romero, Chair - City of Santa Fé
Tamara Baer – City of Santa Fé
Andrew Jandáček - Santa Fé County
Adam Leigland – Santa Fé County
Richard Macpherson – City of Santa Fé
Eric Martínez – City of Santa Fé
Tony Mortillaro – NCRTD
Dave Quintana for Phil Gallegos – NMDOT District 5

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Jon Bulthuis – Santa Fé Trails
Penny Ellis-Green – Santa Fé County
Ryan Swazo-Hinds – Tesuque Pueblo

STAFF PRESENT:

Keith Wilson, Senior MPO Planner
Mark Tibbetts, MPO Officer

OTHERS PRESENT:

Anne McLaughlin
Colleen Baker, Santa Fé County
Lucy - Intern

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Martinez moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Baer seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - May 21, 2012

Ms. Baer asked Chair Romero if he was satisfied with the rephrasing of the Washington Street intersection project. Chair Romero agreed.

Ms. Baer moved to approve the minutes of May 21, 2012 as presented. Mr. Jandáček seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

1. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no communications from the public.

2. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

a. Review and Recommendation on the proposed amendments to the FFY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Wilson showed the summary sheet of the changes. A new project came up for a new public review period. Project #6 now had \$4 million more for the Cerrillos/I-25 interchange next year. Project #11 was the new project at \$2.2 million coming off public review last time. Only one comment was received from the public comment period. On project #23 funds were shifted to the Santa Fé Rail Trail from the New Mexico Central Rail Trail. So it now had \$944,576. They were finishing up that segment and eventually it would run to Eldorado from Rabbit Road. Total Federal allocation was \$300,750. These were to go in the STIP contingent on TPB approval and needed a recommendation from the TCC.

Ms. Baer asked if the "plus" meant that additional funding would be forthcoming.

Mr. Quintana wasn't 100% sure since they were also changing Old Pecos Trail to 4 lanes.

Mr. Martínez said that was paving shoulders for bikes.

Mr. Quintana doubted that it would include shoulders in this project.

Ms. Baer asked if it was too late to find other money to build the shoulders.

Mr. Quintana explained that this was extra funding they got each fiscal year before it closed. That's why

it was limited to that type of project. He didn't see other federal funds for it this late in the year.

Ms. McLaughlin said that was the route of the Santa Fé Century Bicycle Ride. They used the shoulders.

Mr. Quintana agreed to look at it to see what could be done but with only \$2.2 million he thought it was strictly driving lanes.

Mr. Jandáček asked what that meant for the shoulders.

Mr. Quintana wasn't sure what the whole scope was. He agreed to check it out. They would bring it up to be flush with the shoulder. He thought the shoulders were just hot mix and were 10' sides.

Ms. McLaughlin said they had to be done to standards.

Mr. Quintana added that the shoulders might be in bad enough repair that they would have to do GFC over them.

Mr. Tibbetts asked if after the scoring in winter it all would be swept again.

Mr. Quintana agreed. They did sweep in the spring but not after ever winter storm. Maintenance folks were pretty responsive.

Mr. Tibbetts said there were over 3,000 entrants in the Century this year.

Mr. Quintana asked if they had heard complaints.

Mr. Tibbetts said not specifically.

Ms. McLaughlin said the Coordinators called into the District beforehand about it.

Mr. Jandáček asked if there was any DOT policy on partial paving.

Mr. Quintana said it depended on the scope of the project and existing conditions of shoulders. He thought a bigger job would likely come in the next 4-5 years but they always did shoulders when it was not at the end of the year.

Chair Romero asked what the difference was between a and b.

Mr. Wilson explained that b was the August TIP amendment.

Mr. Martínez moved to recommend the TIP amendment to the TPB.

Ms. Baer seconded with a recommendation that in #11, if possible they would do the shoulders.

Mr. Quintana said it was not. If it wasn't part of the current scope, it wouldn't happen.
The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**b. Review and Release for Public Review proposed amendments to the FFY 2012-2015
Transportation Improvement Program**

Mr. Wilson provided a handout of the August draft amendment that was to be released this week. It had #12 - Old Santa Fé Trail Bicycle Lanes for \$129,692. This was state funding and was identified in the MPO Bicycle MP. It would be added to STIP and TIP so it would be eligible for federal funding in the future. This was the only proposed amendment although there might be some minor changes to the NM 475/Washington Street intersection project that could be handled administratively. He thought he would know that one in the next couple of days. He asked that the motion include any potential changes to Washington Street project. He explained that this project needed to get out this fiscal year and he didn't want to lose the opportunity for public review.

Chair Romero asked if basically he was asking for approval subject to some minor tweaking of the dollar amount for NM475/Washington Street intersection to be determined by DOT.

Mr. Wilson agreed and explained to Chair Romero that this was just for the design at \$400,000. This way it would not jeopardize future federal funding. When projects of this sort came forward they came with a scope of work included. It wouldn't preclude a future project or enlarging the scope of the project in the future in there was a need. Construction was potentially a \$1.2 million project.

Ms. Baer thought the bike lanes should go past El Gancho to the next connector road between Old Las Vegas Highway and Old Santa Fé Trail.

Chair Romero didn't know that they had leeway on it. 1.1 miles could not be done for that amount of money.

Mr. Wilson clarified that it was just for design and also some ROW. They had already done the survey.

Mr. Martínez asked how the shoulders were.

Ms. McLaughlin asked what "67" was.

Ms. Baer said it was the next connector road south between Old Las Vegas highway and Old Santa Fé Trail. It was two trails.

Mr. Tibbetts said regarding the shoulders that at Los Animas there was no shoulder there all the way up to the NPS building.

Mr. Wilson said it was perhaps a shared lane there and it was in the MP.

Mr. Jandáček clarified that this was just for design and they probably should look at longer stretch but didn't know if it could be done. He agreed to ask.

Mr. Martínez asked if those projects were put on the TIP.

Mr. Wilson said it was a question of what were regionally significant designations. They needed to know exactly what projects should be included in the TIP. It depended if it was state or local funding but all regionally significant projects had to be in the TIP.

Mr. Wilson thought the tunnel at Zia and the one at Acequia Trail should probably have been in the TIP.

Mr. Quintana said many things on the MP were all identified as priorities and all of them should be on the TIP.

Mr. Wilson wanted to make sure they were doing the right thing and not jeopardizing future funding.

Mr. Quintana had talked with Margaret Haines in the DOT about it and she indicated they could make it eligible now.

Chair Romero said the recommendation would be subject to clarifying estimates for Item 3 and Item 12.

Mr. Jandáček moved to recommend approval. Mr. Martínez seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

c. TIP Project Updates

Mr. Wilson went through the list of projects in the spread sheet.

#1 - Jaguar interchange - construction this year was unlikely so it would be on the next TIP amendment to move it to 2013.

#2 - NM 599/CR62 interchange just had a press release on road closures with traffic shifted to the ramps.

Mr. Quintana said they were closing South Meadows on 62 to López Lane. They hoped to get it out by November and he had not heard of any delays so it was on schedule.

#3 - NM475/Washington - Mr. Quintana said they completed the design review last week. There was a question about the need to change funding. It would come in under budget and they had adjusted the

people to the meeting.

What came out of the meeting was that diverting traffic could be done from Agua Fria to Rufina. The County had 2 week old traffic counts and people there didn't want to hear about it. There might be quick fixes. The traffic calming webinar gave some ideas.

Chair Romero said the people thought there was more speeding on Agua Fria than there really was.

Chair Romero didn't see that as a reason to stop working on it.

Mr. Leigland said the residents thought long ago that they would get a four lane road. There were people there who had land that was taken for the ROW.

Mr. Martinez felt there was some need for four-lane there.

Chair Romero explained that the Task Force came up with a "no four lane policy" and City Council adopted it.

Mr. Wilson said when the traffic demand model was finished they would be better able to do long range planning. It would provide a good level of detail and should answer some of these questions. They could always amend the MTP if necessary but it would take a long time for funding.

Mr. Tibbetts asked what they said at the meeting about the roundabout at Henry Lynch.

Mr. Leigland said staff brought it up but residents didn't think about it.

Mr. Tibbetts asked if the ROW acquisition to Henry Lynch was for four lanes. Chair Romero agreed.

Mr. Tibbetts thought it would encourage more people to divert if they did that piece at Henry Lynch.

Mr. Leigland said they had some money from Scenic Byways and planned to do a little gateway treatment at Agua Fria Village and a median there. They had many ideas.

Mr. Wilson thought maybe the sheriff could do speed enforcement there.

Ms. Baker said County staff looked at Agua Fria Village for a trail through Rufina using the ROW that was acquired for a bike trail.

Chair Romero said they might have to realign the road there. The school there created a lot of the traffic.

Mr. Wilson said they were trying to develop a plan for safety to school. Safe Routes to Schools but the current superintendent was reluctant.

Mr. Tibbetts thought they were going to lease that school and it might become another charter school.

Mr. Wilson - thanked Mr. Leigland for bringing it up.

Mr. Leigland said the County was looking at \$20 million in road projects.

5. ADJOURN - Next TCC Meeting: Monday July 23, 2012

The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Approved by:



John Romero, Chair

Submitted by:



Carl Boaz, Stenographer