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MINUTES OF THE SANTA FÉ MPO TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE June 27, 2011

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 City Council Chambers, 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 Andrew Jandáček – Santa Fé County Mike Kelly for Jon Bulthuis, Santa Fé Trails Richard Macpherson for Reed Liming – City of Santa Fé Jack Valencia – NCRTD Eric Martínez – City of Santa Fé Tamara Baer for Greg Smith – City of Santa Fé

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Shelley Cobau for Jack Kolkmeyer – Santa Fé County [excused] Robert Martínez – Santa Fé County [excused] Phil Gallegos – NMDOT District 5 [excused] Vacancy - Tesuque Pueblo Vacancy - RPA

STAFF PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Claude Morelli, NMDOT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - May 23, 2011

Mr. Jandáček moved to approve the minutes of May 23, 2011 as presented. Mr. Martínez 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 possible action on amendments to the FFY 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program for release for Public Review

Both of these items were considered together.

b. Review and possible action on amendments to the FFY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program for release for Public Review

Mr. Wilson said they did public review last month for the amendments. Now they had two TIP documents going at the same time. The TCC approved the proposed amendments last month that moved Jaguar Drive interchange and Las Soleras to FY 2012 from 2011 and a week ago, Mr. Gallegos called and said an additional amendment was needed and the best way was to re-release it for public comment. The amendment was that the I-25/Cerrillos project would be moved from 2012 to 2013. The public review would be 30 days and they could approve it at the July meeting.

Chair Romero was okay with it.

Ms. Baer asked to be reminded of the changes on the I-25/Cerrillos project.

Mr. Wilson explained it was a study project to find the best solution at that interchange. It would include bridge reconstruction. The move was necessitated because the study would take longer.

Ms. Baer asked where the need came from.

Mr. Wilson said it was from the I-25 corridor study. The results included accidents and need for bridge repairs. This would cover the design phase.

Chair Romero said there were 5 bridges that needed repair and some accel/decel lanes on the interstate.

Ms. Baer asked why the private projects were shown.

Mr. Wilson said it was because they were of regional significance. The funding did not affect fiscal constraints. But requirements included putting them in the proper FY. It was 100% privately funded. It didn't count against us.

Mr. Martinez added that because it was private, it could be pushed from year to year. He wondered if they could be generically included so they didn't have to keep amending.

Mr. Wilson thought it was possible to do that in their public policy.

Mr. Morelli didn't think so. The MPO could put it on the MTP and not program it. Last year a developer came and asked for it to be programmed.

Mr. Wilson thought the TPB could say it would not add these projects until they got assurance of funding. The developer had pushed it off.

Mr. Martínez agreed it was something to keep in mind.

Mr. Wilson said they just needed action to release it for public review.

Ms. Baer noted that Tierra Contenta had a 12 lot subdivision plan and the City was using this to reconnect the Arroyo Chamiso trail in the underpass. There never was any discussion about who would pay for the actual ROW. This committee should consider the funding at some point.

Mr. Wilson agreed. It would be separate from these amendments if you were looking for federal funding.

Ms. Baer said the private developers would pay for either side up to the culvert.

Mr. Martínez thought they should be required to make that connection as part of their development cost.

Ms. Baer agreed. It wasn't discussed since it wasn't part of the roads.

Chair Romero thought it better for the contractor to construct it all at once because the City couldn't mix its money with theirs.

Mr. Martínez moved to approve both amendments for public review. Ms. Baer seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

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3. MPO OFFICER REPORT

Mr. Tibbetts said in the public participation process, they were looking at a change (the last one was in 2007). Santa Fé Trails had to comply with the public participation process through the MPO. So the MPO needed to add language to the Public Participation Plan. It would require a 45 day public review and likely go to the TPB in September or October.

He would bring it to the TCC in August. It would have things like what triggers a need to change a TIP. It was probably the second most important document. That was one of the main reasons for having an MPO.

He reported on the quarterly MPO meeting in Farmington last week and NMDOT presented a worst case scenario as a 37% cut and would cease construction on some 2012 projects. Then DOT would go into full preservation mode with no new construction. In that case, all monies would go to debt service. So that would have a fairly significant impact on Santa Fé and Albuquerque.

The potential change in the Rail Runner schedule caused much concern in Santa Fé and Rio Metro would cease weekend service by the end of August. Saturdays were a most significant day for the Rail Runner. It was an ongoing issue. Both Albuquerque and Santa Fé chambers of commerce asked what they could do to forestall the cut in service.

Mr. Valencia said the NCRTD had considered all kinds of options for increasing funds. The CMAC Phase I was expired and Phase II was now expiring. The DOT would have debt of \$5 million. He hoped there was a way for the Governor to help find the \$5 million so the relationship could continue.

Mr. Tibbetts said staff had thought about using a Face book account for a more interactive relationship with the public.

Mr. Wilson reported that the continuing resolution would go to the end of this fiscal year. The two proposed versions were vastly different. It was hard to believe they would have something in place by September.

Mr. Tibbetts said they were finishing up the Bikeways MP in July and beginning the pedestrian plan. They wanted to get it done right and keep the things moving. They would have the map finished in about a month. The whole plan would be complete in about two more months.

4. COMMUNICATIONS FROM TCC MEMBERS

There were no communications from TCC Members.

5. ADJOURN - Next meeting: Monday July 25, 2011

Mr. Valencia moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Martínez to seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Approved by:

John Romero, Chair

Submitted by:

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Carl Boaz, Stenographer