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**July 25, 2011**

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**MINUTES OF THE  
SANTA FÉ MPO  
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE  
July 25, 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  
Miguel Gabaldon – NMDOT District 5  
Andrew Jandáček – Santa Fé County  
Jon Bulthuis – Santa Fé Trails [arriving later]  
Richard Macpherson for Reed Liming – City of Santa Fé  
Eric Martínez – City of Santa Fé  
Greg Smith – City of Santa Fé  
Tony Mortillaro – NCRTD

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:**

Shelley Cobau for Jack Kolkmeier – Santa Fé County  
Robert Martínez – Santa Fé County  
Vacancy - Tesuque Pueblo  
Vacancy - RPA

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Mr. Keith Wilson, MPO Planner

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Claude Morelli, NMDOT  
Mr. Fred Pearson

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Mr. Martínez moved to approve the agenda as present. Mr. Jandáček seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.**

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - June 27, 2011**

**Mr. Martínez moved to approve the minutes of June 27, 2011 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 possible action on amendments to the FFY 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program for release for Public Review**

These two 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 explained the amendments which were to be approved last month but DOT asked for another. Jaguar and Las Soleras were moved into 2012. There were two TIPs because we were still in 2011. When a project went from 2011 to 2012 they had to change both documents. Those were privately funded projects so they didn't affect fiscal constraints.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> amendment was moving I-25 from 2012 to 2013. Fiscal impacts were covered by DOT District's total.

They had not received public comment yet and the comment period went through the end of the month. The action was to approve the amendments for both TIPs.

**Mr. Martínez moved to approve the 2010-2013 TIP amendment. Mr. Gabaldon seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.**

**Mr. Martínez moved to approve the 2012-2015 TIP amendment. Mr. Gabaldon seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.**

#### **c. Review and release for public review a proposed amendment to Figure 5-1 (Future Regional Roadway Network Map) of the Santa Fé Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2010-2035**

Mr. Wilson explained the Jaguar frontage road from the MTP as not needed and could not meet standards of on and off ramps of the interchange and significant grade issues that would make it very expensive. DOT sent a letter requesting to amend the map to remove that frontage road.

Public participation required announcement to TCC and release it for public review for 30 days and approval at the August TPB meeting.

Mr. Gabaldon said that covered the details on the TIP. He explained that having it so close to 599 made it hard to tie in. So it was best to pursue the private road further east from 599. It would provide better separation of intersections from 599.

Chair Romero asked if it would be best at the same time to include the interchanges for St. Francis, Cerrillos and 62/599 as programmed.

Mr. Wilson said not St. Francis because of proposed bridge changes.

Mr. Wilson said it was part of the map. Those two parallel roads for 599 were already on the MTP.

Mr. Gabaldon said the proposal was to come back and go through the permit process.

Mr. Wilson added that these were alternate plans for the alternate frontage road to show the connection of those two points.

**Mr. Martínez moved to release the proposed amendment to the MTP for public review. Mr. Jandáček seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.**

#### **d. Update on the status of Rail Runner express Service**

Mr. Wilson said last month the Rio Metro had voted to discontinue weekend service and last week decided to reinstate it for the summer and then go to the Sunday schedule for the winter, replace the first morning train by bus and join the last two trains from Santa Fé into one. That schedule would be instituted in September.

Mr. Mortillaro said they passed a resolution to create a Task Force to work on financial stability for the Rail Runner.

Mr. Wilson said they were relying on federal funding that expired at the end of September. It would be interesting to see how they could find a resolution of the problem.

Secondly, regarding Zia station, there were two resolutions introduced - one to support opening Zia station and second to have developer pay for infrastructure there to get impact fee credit.

It was approved at Public Works and Finance Committees and would go to Council this Wednesday.

**e. Update on the status of the Federal Transportation Bill Preauthorization**

Mr. Wilson said he tried to send out information on it when he received it. SAFETY-LU expired in 2009 and has been extended several times. The current extension would expire on September 30.

On the House side, the bill to preauthorize has been written but not yet released. It was at distressing levels (35% cuts) which would be a significant hit for New Mexico. Districts would be down to \$8 million targets which would be maintenance only programs. The House was a six year preauthorization and consolidation of programs. It would rely heavily on private programs for low-interest loans.

On the Senate side the Committee released last Thursday a summary of their proposal - 2 year bill at current funding with inflation.

The Public Transportation Bill was written by another committee and they had not released anything yet.

Two weeks ago he was in DC and heard from some staffers. They could not get anything moving. The FAA expired on Friday. 4000 people would be furloughed. There wasn't even time to introduce a bill until September.

Mr. Gabaldon said the Transportation Commission last week discussed a \$120 million reduction to \$200 million and \$120 million for debt service. So the state would go from \$300 million to \$80 million program budget.

Mr. Wilson noted that the 2012-2015 TIP was based on the current level allocations.

Mr. Gabaldon said there were some major reconstruction projects in there.

Mr. Morelli said the Senate bill would change this MPO process.

Mr. Wilson said it takes them 2 years to interpret the bill. It was kind of depressing.

Mr. Bulthuis asked if there was any discussion of the new earmarks.

Mr. Wilson said all ear marks were out. Maybe the grants programs would be used to fill that void. He agreed to pass along any new information.

Mr. Macpherson and Mr. Smith excused themselves from the meeting.

The Committee discussed the prospects for transportation funding availability.

### 3. MPO OFFICER REPORT

Mr. Wilson said Duncan Sell was exploring a sustainable community's grant for more planning activities. They did an application last year and they thought transportation was the weak link. Transportation integration of broadband communication was under consideration. They were looking for ideas to be considered.

Councilor Chávez introduced a resolution asking DOT to expedite construction of the CR62/NM599 interchange.

Mr. Gabaldon said they were moving as fast as they could with their internal group. They understood the urgency.

### 4. COMMUNICATIONS FROM TCC MEMBERS

There were no communications from TCC members.

### 5. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Approved by:

  
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John Romero, Chair

Submitted by:

  
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Carl Boaz, Stenographer