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August 16, 2011**

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**MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FÉ MPO
TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
August 16, 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 David Coss at approximately 3:00 p.m. in the County Commission Chambers at Santa Fé County Offices, 102 Grant Street, Santa Fé, New Mexico.

ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor David Coss, City of Santa Fé, Chair
Commissioner Virginia Vigil, Santa Fé County, Vice Chair
Commissioner Robert Anaya, Santa Fé County
Mr. Max Valerio for Deputy Secretary Katherine Bender, NMDOT
Councilor Patti Bushee, City of Santa Fé
Commissioner Kathy Holian for Commissioner Stefanics, Santa Fé County
Mr. Ryan Suazo Hines, Tesuque Pueblo
Councilor Ron Trujillo, City of Santa Fé

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None.

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Others who were present included Claude Morelli, Jack Valencia, Jon Bulthuis, Tony Mortillaro, Phil Gallegos and Andrew Jandáček.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 12, 2011

Councilor Trujillo moved to approve the minutes of May 12, 2011 as presented. Councilor Bushee seconded the motion and it passed by majority voice vote with all voting in favor except Commissioner Holian who abstained.

A. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no matters from the public.

B. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Approval of Amendments to the FFY 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

2. Approval of Amendments to the FFY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Both amendments were considered together.

Mr. Wilson explained why both TIPs needed to be amended. He handed out a single sheet that summarized the TIP amendments and identified each of them.

At the end of the fiscal year there were always some that dropped out and shuffling occurred to keep the federal funds from reverting. So unspent funds would be moved to the CR62/NM599 project.

Councilor Bushee asked if there were any state updates on the station at Las Soleras.

Mr. Wilson said the last he heard they were given additional time to review it.

Commissioner Anaya asked about Cerrillos Road and if there were any associated issues.

Chair Coss said regarding the Las Soleras project that the building of the station was somewhat dependent on whether the state would build there.

Mr. Valerio said the project was delayed so there was more time for the review by the State. Because this was privately funded it was still alive and they would keep it in there.

Mr. Wilson explained that not all of these projects on the list had their final approvals.

Commissioner Anaya asked if there was any impact analysis for the construction on the Cerrillos Road

interchange.

Mr. Phil Gallegos briefly responded. DOT moved it from 2012 to 2013 and were doing a full-blown analysis of the interchange there.

There was no public comment regarding this public hearing.

Councilor Bushee moved to approve both amendments as presented. Commissioner Vigil seconded the motion.

Chair Coss said the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) was still looking at that station as well. There had been some difficulty getting the 599 station approved by the FHWA.

Mr. Valerio agreed the feds did not give full access.

The motion to approve both TIP amendments passed by roll call vote with Commissioner Holian, Chair Coss, Councilor Bushee, Councilor Trujillo, Mr. Valerio, Commissioner Vigil and Mr. Suazo Hines voting in the affirmative and none voting against.

C. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

1. Update on the status of the Rail Runner Express Service

Mr. Tibbetts said last Thursday Terry Doyle and Tony Sylvester from Rio Metro, the managers for the NM Rail Runner Express, came to the meeting. The Rio Metro Board met on July 15 and revised the schedule that was in front of the Board. At their meeting they did reinstitute weekend service.

The big issue that Rio Metro was facing was that they were still looking for the long term funding because of the shortfall from the sunseting of CMAQ (Congestion Management Air Quality) Funding that was for 3 years and was \$3.8 million. They would be short for next fiscal year by about \$5 million.

They were looking at various options including an increase in GRT and fare increases. The City of Santa Fé gave a strong pushback message not to curtail or reduce the schedule. There were no city or county representatives on that board but part of the funding was from city and county residents. That might need more investigation.

They substituted buses for some early morning trains to make up the \$1.2 million shortfall. They were still looking for ways to cut the costs. This new schedule would go into effect on August 29th.

Mr. Morelli clarified that the weekend change would start on September 10.

Commissioner Vigil asked if the weekend service was currently intact. Mr. Tibbetts agreed.

Commissioner Vigil asked if the state looked at the GRT increase or if it would be other government

entities. She asked at what stage those discussions were.

Mr. Tibbetts said they were forming the long range funding committee now. When he visited at Rio Metro before July 15 he was informed that they had organized a committee of the Board to look at long range funding options. The State had not put any substantial funds toward transit service. They might look at a private/public partnership. He had not heard about increases in GRT.

Commissioner Vigil thought perhaps it would be in Santa Fé's best interest to draft a letter or otherwise communicate that there should be a representative from Santa Fé on that committee to avoid the problems of last time with a decision without our input. Santa Fé had a lot to contribute to this so if there was a way for it to happen they should push for it.

Chair Coss thought Mr. Mortillaro had participated in the Task Force.

Councilor Bushee thought if they were going to come back to the county and city to look for more funding then Santa Fé needed to have a voice at the table. There was a fine line on how much the fare could increase without losing ridership.

Chair Coss said Mayor Abraham made the motion to set this up. He was a Santa Fé High graduate in 1972. That Committee was to look at all agreements and all options for support.

Mr. Mortillaro said since that meeting two weeks ago, he received an invitation from Mayor Abraham to participate on the Financial Sustainability Task Force they put together. The meeting schedule was not set yet. They would look at what was being discussed. They were trying to coordinate the meetings in the springtime. He agreed to report back on their activities.

Councilor Bushee suggested that he also meet with the RPA to make those communications. She was also interested in any of the studies that were done on rates and consideration of increases.

Mr. Mortillaro said he had a similar interest in looking at long term sustainability and how they could generate revenue.

Councilor Bushee wanted to make sure they had some voice in the decisions.

Commissioner Anaya moved that the MPO send a letter requesting two positions at least; one from the City of Santa Fé and one from Santa Fé County on the Rio Metro Board. Councilor Bushee seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

2. Discussion on the NM599/County Road 62 Interchange design and NM599/County Road 70 Intersection

Commissioner Vigil recalled at the MPO meeting last time, she brought this forward. It was a concern to her. Councilor Bushee was concerned also.

Mr. Gallegos said the design was on schedule. Plans would be produced in September and construction would start in February. So they were on schedule.

Regarding the maintenance Commissioner Vigil talked about for maintaining traffic during construction - it would be closed from March to November. They would still have two lanes each direction but no access to the other road. Another possibility that hadn't been finalized was that at certain points they could have right in, right out. By doing that, they could get it on a fast track of construction.

Councilor Bushee said they needed some visuals.

Mr. Gallegos said he had posted the layout at the earlier meeting but took it down.

Councilor Bushee said regarding the redirect to CR 70 that there were already concerns at Casa Solana.

Mr. Gallegos said they could look at that. They would have to engage law enforcement for that. He agreed to take it up with DOT folks. He noted that they were dropping 599 by 12' there.

Councilor Bushee asked about use by bicyclists.

Mr. Gallegos said they would have access to the frontage roads.

Councilor Bushee asked if they would have public hearings.

Mr. Gallegos agreed and would get that to Mr. Wilson and he could disseminate it.

3. Update on the status of the Federal Transportation Bill Reauthorization

Mr. Wilson that it had not been re-authorized yet and he would try to keep everyone informed as information became available. No legislation had been introduced in the House. About 6 weeks ago they had a press conference and talked about a \$290 million 6-year reauthorization. They were talking about consolidating all funds into one. All they had to go on was the summary because nothing had been introduced.

His understanding was that nothing had been decided. September 13 was when the authorization expired and no new funding had been introduced in its place.

On the senate side it was being discussed. The only proposal was for a 2 year extension with existing levels plus inflation. They were about 5 weeks away from the end of the FY so it was hard to believe they could have a reauthorization but could hope for at least an extension instead.

Maintenance was tied to that fund. The congress was to come back in early September.

Mr. Valerio said the real concern was that without the authorization it would mean no money to do

these things. With 65% left in the account they were concerned.

Councilor Bushee asked if the State might have to consider raising the state tax. Mr. Valerio said possibly.

D. MATTERS FROM THE SFMPO TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

Councilor Trujillo brought up the vote on the Zia station and asked if Mr. Tibbetts knew what was happening on it. The intersection was congested there now.

Mr. Wilson said they did some simulated stops there. As the train comes in, the gates would go down. And the estimated the time it would be down was 3 - 3.5 minutes. During that time, St. Francis Drive would be open four lanes and westbound Zia from Capshaw.

Councilor Trujillo heard that 60 seconds was their goal.

Commissioner Vigil announced an initiative off of Veteran's Memorial Highway. One of them was the north 599 trail. They were looking at what would be most appropriate. Commissioner Anaya updated the cabinet secretary. One source might be the Pentagon for honoring the Medal of Honor recipient. She thanked the City for a wonderful celebration for Sgt. Petrie recently.

E. MATTERS FROM THE MPO STAFF

Mr. Wilson said they were close to having the trails map done. There were a couple of changes to the bicycle master plan. They would have a meeting soon to consider that and hopefully to seek the Board's approval.

Councilor Bushee had seen a pamphlet in a kiosk when she was out of town that could be helpful for Santa Fé.

F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE NMDOT AND FHWA

There were no communications from NMDOT and FHWA.

G. ADJOURNMENT

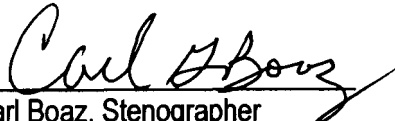
The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Approved by:



David Coss, Chair

Submitted by:



Carl Boaz, Stenographer