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September 8, 2011

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**MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FÉ MPO
TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
September 8, 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 4:00 p.m. in the Santa Fé City Council Chambers at City Hall, 200 Lincoln Avenue, 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 Kathy Holian for Commissioner Robert Anaya, Santa Fé County
Mr. Max Valerio for Deputy Secretary Katherine Bender, NMDOT
Commissioner Liz Stefanics, Santa Fé County
Mr. Ryan Swazo-Hinds, Tesuque Pueblo

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Commissioner Virginia Vigil, Santa Fé County, Vice Chair
Councilor Patti Bushee, City of Santa Fé
Councilor Ron Trujillo, City of Santa Fé

STAFF PRESENT:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Stefanics moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Holian seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 16, 2011

Commissioner Stefanics said she was absent from that meeting but the minutes said she was there.

Commissioner Stefanics moved to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2011 meeting as amended to show that she was not present. Commissioner Holian seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

A. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. Dan Stone said the train was now on the new schedule and more accommodating. He had tried to work with Councilor Romero and Robert Romero to squeeze all of the trains into the railyard. There was now room for another 4-car train on track one. He said Representative Lucky Varela told him he would work to appropriate money either for putting in a rail yard at South Capital or to renovate track one at the Santa Fé depot.

Mr. Stone would like the TPB to meet with Representative Varela or have him get in touch with the TPB to speed up that process.

There used to be 8 trains. Now there were 4 out of service. Two of them parked out on I-25. One came in at 7:25 on track two. Santa Fé Southern was on track 3 and 4. He hoped the TPB could take advantage of his offer to help with these out-of-service trains - either to upgrade the downtown facilities or for DOT to put in their own.

Chair Coss thanked Mr. Stone for his comment.

Chair Coss asked Mr. Wilson to check on it with the City Manager or City Lobbyist. The legal work with SFSR continued.

B. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Approval of an Amendment to Figure 5-1 (Future Regional Roadway Network Map) of the Santa Fé Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2010-2035

Mr. Wilson said this amendment request came from DOT for a frontage road that was on the MTP LRP map along NM 599 at Jaguar Drive. What came to light was that the development on the east side of Jaguar precluded the connection of the frontage road with Jaguar because NMDOT discovered it would be too close to the interchange and wouldn't allow traffic to enter it there. Also the topography would not provide the level of access because of the hilly nature there. The third reason was that there was already a roadway from the previous MTP originally tying in Tierra Contenta there.

This other alignment would serve the purpose of a frontage road and this one to be removed as it would just duplicate it. So the amendment was to remove that frontage road from the MTP map.

There were no public comments.

Commissioner Stefanics moved to approve the amendment to Figure 5-1 of the Santa Fé Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2010-2035. Commissioner Holian seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

C. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

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

Chair Coss asked if the Rio Metro Task Force had started meeting.

Mr. Wilson reported they met for the first time last Wednesday. He got short notice. The members included representatives from Rio Metro, NCRTD, DFA, the Governor's Office, Rick Miera from Albuquerque and several others from surrounding towns and DOT.

The first meeting provided an overview of where they were currently and the agreements that were in place. They also heard a presentation from Chris Blewett who led the effort to build the Rail Runner. The second meeting was to be on Sept 21 at the Council of Governments offices where they would begin to brainstorm solutions for the fiscal shortfall estimated at \$4-5 million. It is open to the public. Either or both of MPO staff would be there to offer support and information on Santa Fé.

The Task Force would try to meet regularly but also work around the special session.

Last week he brought resolutions to City Council to open Zia station. The Council voted to make the request to DOT and made a few changes to it. Over the next couple of weeks they would finalize the request.

Mr. Tibbetts said the letter in the packet was from our August meeting to have representation on the Rio Metro Transit Board. At this point he met with NCRTD staff and would still try to get a representative from the city and a representative from the county through NCRTD. The request was so they wouldn't run into conflict between the two RTDs.

Mr. Frank Sharpless thought it would get a positive response. They did invite the NCRTD to the table.

Commissioner Holian had not heard anything about county representation.

Mr. Tibbetts explained that no decision had been made but would be shortly.

Chair Coss said in talking with Alex Valdez about the schedule changes requiring that 40 shifts had to be changed at the hospital.

Commissioner Holian asked if the hospital accommodated them. Chair Coss agreed.

2. Update on the status of the Federal Transportation Bill Preauthorization

Mr. Wilson said they were working through the association of MPOs. Congress was on vacation for the last couple of weeks and just getting back to work. They were on the 6th extension of the authorization. They would either continue it or do a new one. The Trust Fund was used for all of their projects.

Yesterday the House and Senate were preparing continuing resolutions. In the senate it would be for four months. The House hadn't said how long it would be. They needed the new resolution before this one expired. They would just have to wait to see how it gets resolved. The Senate talked about 2 year funding at current levels plus inflation. There was still a lot of work to be done on it. Contacting our delegation might help.

Commissioner Stefanics encouraged him to make that statement to the New Mexico delegation and ask them to lend their voices to it.

Mr. Wilson reported his attendance back in April at the APHA and met with members of our delegation.

Chair Coss said 2 million jobs depended on it.

D. MATTERS FROM THE SFMPO TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

There were no matters from the TPB.

E. MATTERS FROM THE MPO STAFF

Mr. Tibbetts noted the agenda for the MPO Association quarterly meeting was in the packet. He explained that the MPOs in New Mexico met quarterly with NMDOT and FHWA to discuss what rules and regulations had to be complied with. In light of the preauthorization issue, they decided in Farmington in June to have a summit to consider statewide efforts on funding, etc. and on state support for the MPOs.

The next one would be here in Santa Fé on the 28th and would focus on TPBs. He invited Senator Udall but he could not attend. He would be willing to send staff on the 28th to participate and answer questions.

He encouraged TPB members to come to the meeting. Meetings were usually very informal so that all the board members could get acquainted with the other TPB members around the state. Lunch would be provided. He invited all TPB members.

Commissioner Stefanics didn't think there would be a problem even if they had a quorum. She would be thrilled to see quorum there just to show interest. Mr. Tibbetts agreed.

Mr. Tibbetts said they would meet in the Coronado Room and she would publish notice of a possible

quorum.

Chair Coss agreed to try to attend. It would be good to invite environment folks, business folks and neighborhood folks. Several communities are working on promoting "transportation meets commerce."

Maybe they could talk about the cultural corridor.

Mr. Wilson said the Board asked staff to look at the meeting schedule. He handed out a memo on how they might change the schedule. They were scheduled on a regular basis for the second Thursday. So October 13th was a scheduled meeting. The only item was that DOT would be ready for our designs on the overpass. October was when they would have it available for the Board's review. If the Board wanted to meet then he would flesh out the agenda. In November they had to do TIP amendments so if the Board wanted to skip the October meeting, it would be okay.

Commissioner Stefanics said she could attend both October and November meetings but not December. She doubted that the Board would change the art work.

Mr. Wilson said there was discussion about wanting to see the art work before approving it.

Commissioner Stefanics found it nice to have any art work. She would be fine just having the November meeting also.

Chair Coss said that's what he was asking for. He would rather meet 90 minutes every quarter than a half hour every month.

Mr. Wilson said he had added a potential schedule for next year. Typically there were five times they had to meet to approve required documents and reports. He explained the need to meet 5 times in the year to approve reports. The second Thursday and first Tuesday are best options. A couple of years ago they had meetings at 10 a.m. and could shift to that if the Board wished. February, April, May, August and November were the five months with required business.

Commissioner Stefanics noted that the fiscal Audit Committee met on the first Tuesday. That might be a conflict. She also liked late afternoon.

Chair Coss liked late afternoon. They could stay on this schedule on Thursdays at 4:00.

Mr. Wilson agreed to bring a proposed schedule next time.

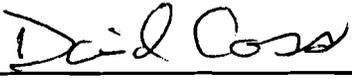
F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE NMDOT AND FHWA

There were no communications from NMDOT or FHWA.

G. ADJOURNMENT - Next meeting, Thursday October 13, 2011

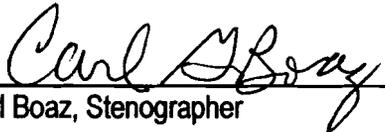
Having completed its business, the Transportation Policy Board meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Approved by:



David Coss, Chair

Submitted by:



Carl Boaz, Stenographer