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November 17, 2010

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**MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FÉ MPO
TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
November 17, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Santa Fé MPO Transportation Policy board was called to order on the above date by Chair Liz Stefanics at approximately 4:00 p.m. in the 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:

Commissioner Liz Stefanics, Chair
Mayor David Coss, Vice Chair
Commissioner Kathy Holian for Michael Anaya
Councilor Patti Bushee
Councilor Ron Trujillo
Mr. Lawrence Barreras for Deputy Secretary Max Valerio, DOT
Commissioner Virginia Vigil

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Councilman Mark Mitchell

STAFF PRESENT:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Tibbetts noted the agenda had two items labeled as C.

Mayor Coss moved to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Holian seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES October 20, 2010

Councilor Bushee moved to approve the minutes of October 20, 2010 as presented. Commissioner Holian seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote. Commissioner Vigil abstained.

A. PUBLIC COMMENT-

There were no comments from the public.

A. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Review and Approve an Amendment to the 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Wilson referred in the packet to the TIP amendments after the minutes. He explained that the amendments to be considered were printed in red. He said no public comments on them had been received.

On page one, the Jaguar interchange was moved to 2011. South Meadows was already under construction and was previously placed in 2013. The next four were all maintenance type projects that were in the STIP and now were brought into the TIP. On page two the budget was changed from \$1.4 million to \$1.3 million.

Page 4 showed the place where Jaguar Drive had originally been located. Highway 14 improvements were shown as having private funding. The 599/CR62 interchange was added - District 5 wanted it done sooner and they found funds for it for 2011. The bridge replacements at St. Francis Drive were separated out with WIPP funds allocated for them.

Page 5 had the private funding of Las Soleras Station added.

On Page 6 the second half of the I-25/Cerrillos bridge interchange was added. The final change showed where South Meadows had been in 2013 and was now moved up. It also identified the money shift for the 599/CR62 interchange.

Mr. Wilson reported that the TCC recommended approval of this amendment.

Chair Stefanics opened the matter up for a public Hearing but there were no comments made.

Chair Stefanics asked Mr. Barreras if the earmark discussion at the federal level would affect the Santa Fé MPO funding.

Mr. Barreras deferred to Mr. Frank Sharpless from District 5. Mr. Sharpless said Congress over the past several sessions debated the efficacy of earmarked funds. Most of them were for transit. Section 5309 was where New Mexico got them and usually purchased buses and garages with that funding.

Because of the current consideration of reauthorization had the question of how those programs could be altered. So the impact was unknown. Until and unless Congress changed the reauthorization he doubted it would have any negative impact.

Mr. Barreras said the DOT staff recently heard that they would have to wait and see and would not give any commitment to a continuing resolution.

Chair Stefanics suggested an update be given in January or February on it to the TPB.

Councilor Bushee moved to approve the amendment to the TIP. Mayor Coss seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

C. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

1. Review and Approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the NMDOT and Santa Fé MPO

Mr. Tibbetts clarified this was the procedure on a UPWP program they were required to have such as the MTP. There were basic reimbursements for completion of tasks and procedures for reporting. It was their umbrella agreement that usually followed reauthorization and since that was still pending, this agreement would be good until 2015 unless changed beforehand. They had been on it since May or June. Staff recommended approval by the Board.

Councilor Trujillo disclosed his work with DOT but there was no conflict of interest here.

Councilor Bushee moved to approve the MOA between NMDOT and Santa Fé.

Commissioner Vigil asked if the budget had increased since they started these agreements.

Mr. Tibbetts said since April 2009 the absolute funding had not changed but the distribution formula changed because the MRCOG got full funding for their allocation. The primary criterion for allocation was based on population. He explained it further and said Santa Fé got about \$8,000 more. There was about \$120,000 that had to be spent this last FY. They were all expended through the budget for the tasks in the UPWP. It was difficult to spend it all at once and they had a 3-year span. They hired the consultant to help with the MTP. They didn't have enough funding for a third staff person.

Commissioner Vigil asked if any of the funding paid for the fiscal agency at the City.

Mr. Tibbetts said the City actually paid the match for the MPO. He explained that the match requirements were complicated and required more steps to get this accomplished.

Mr. Barreras said he was responsible for oversight of the program at DOT.

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote with Mr. Barreras abstaining from the vote.

2. Review and Approve Support of the City of Santa Fé Art Commission Scenic Byway application

Commissioner Holian moved to approve support for the City of Santa Fé Art Commission Scenic Byway application. Councilor Trujillo seconded the motion.

Mayor Coss noted that Ms. Sabrina Pratt - Arts Commission - was present and he wanted to ask her about the Jaguar interchange. The developer brought a design for the bridge and was told that it had to go to the Arts Commission.

Ms. Pratt said they were having a meeting on it.

Chair Stefanics asked if Ms. Pratt had any comments regarding the motion.

Ms. Pratt said she was pleased to be here and ask for the TPB approval.

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

D. MATTERS FROM THE SFMPO TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

Commissioner Holian asked regarding the application for scenic byways if the MPO was the lead agency or if they just needed the TPB's approval on it.

Mr. Tibbetts explained that it was once under DOT and now was under Tourism and still showed up in the SFMPO MTP. The same staff was there. It was a separate process with awards determined by a committee. Potential recipients first had to be designated to be eligible. All the designations were taken up and they were overwhelmed with funding requests and put in more requirements re planning, etc. Anything within the boundaries like Museum Hill or Hyde Park would be eligible but they hadn't seen many of them. The Railyard and Santa Fé River were being worked on through the MPO.

Commissioner Vigil said she left the RPA meeting starving for more information on it.

UNM and County were working on a designation at La Bajada and Route 66.

Mr. Tibbetts said they were working together on El Camino Real but it was a separate process. They didn't really see the projects that much and would need to prioritize them if there was more than one project.

Commissioner Vigil thought the TPB should at least be informed with what was going on with the MPO. Commissioners were on the RPO.

Chair Stefanics asked staff to put it on the agenda for quarterly reports.

Councilor Bushee wondered how many DOT entities were involved with Las Soleras. Government buildings might or might not be built there.

Mr. Barreras said it was going through their STIP. DOT was not putting any money into it. There were

criteria to be met. If the funds were not in escrow by the opening date, it wouldn't go forward. The Governor could weigh in on it also.

Mr. Barreras said the byways was a DOT program and approved through their Commission. So he could arrange to get additional information to the Board.

Commissioner Vigil asked if DOT looked just at District 5 or at all projects.

Mr. Barreras said DOT had prioritization with criteria for evaluating the programs. That committee would make recommendations to the Commission.

Commissioner Vigil said the Board needed to know what was being recommended. Her concern was also to know where they were located.

Councilor Bushee asked if it was only related to automobile traffic or if a network of trails could be included.

Mr. Barreras was not sure but commented that most of them were roadways.

Chair Stefanics thought they needed a presentation on it and then regular reports.

Councilor Trujillo asked how the city went about putting in the infrastructure for these projects. Effluent water lines for instance. The city needed to get them to the parks and they were going to have Cerrillos Road open next year.

Mr. Gallegos explained the best way to get federal funding for it was a federal enhancement program through the MPO process and filling out a form for a separate project. Eventually Cerrillos Road would be turned over to the City. It should have been included to begin with but a separate project could be added.

Councilor Trujillo wanted to pursue it. One section was already completed. The City should have done it earlier. There would be other projects coming on and maybe someday they could be connected.

Mr. Wilson said the City should take the lead on that.

Chair Stefanics said that becomes part of the minutes and part of staff work for the future.

E. MATTERS FROM THE MPO STAFF

Mr. Wilson reported staff made final edits to the MTP.

Chair Stefanics asked staff to provide the Board with a final copy.

Mr. Wilson said staff was working on a public plan for opening Zia station and what infrastructure was needed. They were working with the Santa Fé Community College Task Force on the Richards corridor. Staff was working with the RPA on transit issues.

The "ITS" project was being updated with the DOT consultant. Mr. Wilson would bring it in the spring for approval.

The Bikeways MP was being worked on.

The State was developing a rail plan and staff was working with it. They would present next month.

They were working on the traffic count program and were behind on submittal of reports to the State.

Lastly, staff was working on the new TIP for 2014-2017 and considering projects to be included. He agreed to bring the draft in March to the TPB.

Chair Stefanics noted the SFCC Board was having a public hearing in January and MPO staff needed to attend. The hearing was on entrances.

She added that the RPA requested that MPO staff get comments on whether all the tribes could join this board. They wanted to be more involved in the decisions. Comments were needed by January.

F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE NMDOT AND FHWA

Mr. Gallegos reported that the Cerrillos/St. Francis interchange would have major rehabilitation done. It was under design right now and would go out to bid next fall with construction in 2012.

The same schedule would occur with the 599/62 interchange. It would be designed in-house and construction would start in early 2012.

The Cerrillos /I-25 interchange modification would be going out to bid for rehabilitation of the bridges. They had a weaving issue coming off of the southbound ramp. Las Soleras would add more traffic to it. Las Soleras agreed to contribute to the modifications for that off ramp. That would be funded in 2012.


G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Approved by:

Liz Stefanics, Chair

Submitted by:



Carl Boaz, Stenographer