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**June 22, 2009**

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**MINUTES OF THE  
SANTA FE MPO  
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE  
MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2009**

**1. PROCEDURES:**

**a. CALL TO ORDER**

A meeting of the Santa Fe MPO Technical Coordinating Committee was called to order by Chair, John Romero at approximately 1:30 p.m., on the above date in the Nambe Room, Santa Fe Community Convention Center, 201 W. Marcy Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**b. ROLL CALL**

Roll call indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

John Romero, Chair – City of Santa Fe,  
Mary Helen Follingstad, Vice Chair – RPA Director  
Johnny Baca – Santa Fe County  
Andrew Jandáček, Santa Fe County  
Reed Liming – City of Santa Fe  
Chris Ortega – City of Santa Fe  
Larry Samuel – Tesuque Pueblo  
Michael Kelly for John Bulthuis, Santa Fe Trails

**MEMBERS EXCUSED**

Phil Gallegos, NMDOT District 5  
Josette Lucero – NCRTD  
[Vacancy – Santa Fe Public Schools]

**STAFF PRESENT**

Mark Tibbetts – MPO Officer  
Keith Wilson – MPO Senior Planner

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Claude Morelli, DOT  
David Quintana, DOT  
Jeanette Walther, Bohannon-Huston  
Cabee Oakleaf, Bohannon-Huston  
Ivan Trujillo

Judy Ross

**c. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Mr. Liming moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Baca seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.**

**d. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM MAY 26, 2009.**

Mr. Morelli requested a correction on page 6; The MTP was due on June 30, 2009, not June 30, 2010.

The other change requested was that Roscoe Herman was incorrect. The person's name was Ross Luján and should be corrected where ever he spoke throughout the minutes.

**Mr. Liming moved to approve the May 26 2009 minutes as amended. Mr. Baca seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.**

**2. ACTION ITEMS**

**a. Review and Recommendation of Phase A. Alternatives for NM599 Interchange Corridor Study – NMDOT & Bohannon Huston, Inc.**

Two representatives from Bohannon Huston made the presentation: Ms. Cabee Oakleaf and Ms. Jeanette Walther. Ms. Walther explained that they were doing a study to find viable alternatives on the studies. New Mexico 14 was not really a part of this study but they were looking at changes throughout the area. She used a power point presentation to go through the different alternatives they had identified. She went through each of them and made comments about the limitations and benefits of each.

Ms. Walther explained that Phase A was the feasible alternatives study. They would evaluate each of them for circulation, traffic capacity, etc. Phase B would look at those alternatives and come up with the preferred ones. In Phase C, the chosen alternative project would go to construction.

Mr. Liming asked if they were proposing a frontage road on most of the relief route.

Ms. Walther said they were looking at the areas that didn't have frontage road in order to improve connectivity. In some cases it would be developer driven. She explained that there were many things they could not do. The frontage roads did provide connectivity to certain areas. Right now 599 didn't have those needed connections.

Mr. Jandáček asked if they gave any consideration to transit.

Ms. Walther said the interchange at I-25 included it in that study. They focused here on pedestrian and equestrian crossings. Many of them would be designed as overpasses.

Mr. Kelly asked if they considered underneath crossings as well.

Ms. Walther said there were three underneath crossings right now but they did not connect with anything. One at Caja del Rio connected to the Municipal Trail. Another was between 62 and 70 and not connected to anything. The third was to the west of Unity Church that connected to the open space on the north side and an arroyo on the south side. The connectivity was lacking.

Mr. Liming asked if a connection between 599 and Jaguar was likely. Ms. Walther agreed.

Ms. Walther pointed out a preferred alignment of a frontage road from Jaguar to Airport. She noted that Airport Road had one of the tightest ROWs.

Regarding Caja del Rio interchange, one alternative came up on Friday. This interchange would provide access to the south side. The original access points were from Caja. She pointed out State Land Offices property. An alternative to access to the south side was a road that would require a retaining wall.

She commented that Ephraim was the place where an interchange was first envisioned because of the earlier plan for NWQ.

Chair Romero thought there were 4-5 ways to do Ephraim Road. Ms. Walther agreed.

Mr. Wilson asked what the next steps were.

Ms. Walther said they would bring back revisions to the July meeting to see how the alternatives compared. There would be a public meeting and then the report would go to TPB.

Chair Romero felt it would then be best to table this until after the next report.

**Mr. Liming moved to table Phase A. Alternatives for NM599 Interchange Corridor Study to the next meeting. Ms. Follingstad seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.**

### **3. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **a. Update on Santa Fe Studies – NMDOT**

- **St. Francis Drive Corridor Study**

Mr. Quintana reported that they would provide a full update at the TCC July meeting on this study and it would also be on the next TPB agenda in August. Public meetings were scheduled for the fall on all three studies. As they got into Phase B with the studies, they would utilize the traffic model to contrast the different alternatives to see how they would affect each other.

- **I-25 Corridor Study**

The I-25 was presented last month and to the TPB so they were a month ahead. The reports of phase B were all due in Jan 2010. Next month there would be two formal reports and at the next TPB meeting.

Mr. Wilson asked him to send them ahead of time by email so they could be included in the packet.

- b. Rail Runner Service Update – Staff**

- **NM599 Station Opening and Coordinated Service Brochure**

Mr. Wilson said the station opening at 599 could possibly happen by mid July. The City of Santa Fe paid for the last Coordinated Service Brochure with RTD and Santa Fe Trails and Park and Ride service included (\$5,000). It would not be as expensive this time because it would be fewer numbers. It would be ready in early July.

- **Rail Runner Local Service between NM599 Station and Santa Fe Depot**

Mr. Tibbetts recalled that the TCC discussed this at the last meeting about how to use trains sitting on the track idling. It was possible to run them all day long without refueling. They could go among 599 and the Santa Fe Depot. He mentioned that the allocating of transit tax money was in negotiation presently.

- **Status of Zia Station Opening**

This was an ongoing issue with more questions from the public and uncertainty about who would decide when it should open. Some wanted it open and others didn't. Even a sidewalk provided could hasten it for bicycles and pedestrians. Controlled access was the important thing.

- c. Santa Fe Area Transit Service Plan Update – RPA Staff**

Ms. Follingstad said the contractor was engaged to do a service plan with NCRTD, City of Santa Fe and Santa Fe County. It was due August 20 but might be available toward the end of July for the TCC meeting. She asked everyone to help with it if contacted by them.

- d. Progress Report on MTP Update – MPO Staff**

Mr. Wilson said they had been working with various departments to get updated information. They were also exploring getting a consultant to help with the study and keep it moving. They had until June 30<sup>th</sup>

and wanted to get wrapped up through April or May next year.

#### **4. MPO OFFICER REPORT**

Mr. Tibbetts reported that he and Mr. Wilson would attend the Farmington meeting of MPOs with DOT and FHWA. They met quarterly to deal with common issues. Status on more funding would be on the agenda as well as funding for the transportation bill that expires on June 30<sup>th</sup>. They just finished training on their model and it was informative. It was done by TPB America.

They expected to have added funds for planning due to accumulated monies over several years that were set aside funds. They would now have access to the approximately \$120,000 - money to help update the model.

#### **5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM TCC MEMBERS**

None.

#### **6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Ivan Trujillo and Judy Ross were present to provide information on regarding Los Sueños Trail and their hope that stimulus funds could help cover the cost of it.

Ms. Ross said there were two alternate routes shown and they picked the one to the left because of the quality and that it would connect with CR 70. They would come through Villa Abajo.

They planned to apply for stimulus funds and she mentioned several people with whom they had talked. They had a Santa Fe County permit and one from the Corps of Engineers. FEMA approval was imminent. They finished the biological and traffic studies with 10 and 20 year projections.

Mr. Trujillo felt this would provide two all weather crossings for those two roads. He said it connected to Los Sueños Trail to the north and CR 70 to the south. So it was a major arterial connection that was first in the plan in 1999.

Mr. Tibbetts commented on the ARTF Plan that they were now revisiting. He asked about the connection with 599.

Mr. Trujillo said there were impacts upstream so this was much more channelized. It was a much better crossing of the arroyo.

Mr. Ortega asked if it stopped at La Vida.

Mr. Tibbetts was not sure if it went up and connected.

Mr. Trujillo explained that this was just a portion of it. It would go north through the Suerte Del Sur Development

Ms. Ross clarified that it was already a paved road. It started to the south of Suerte to CR 70.

Mr. Tibbetts asked how big the development was expected to be.

Ms. Ross said they planned for 604 units and 200 would be affordable housing.

Mr. Tibbetts asked if it connected from the north through Las Campanas.

Ms. Ross agreed. She explained that Suerte could not do their development until this southern access was built. She added that the Santa Fe Archdiocese owned four of those parcels and would participate in the access plan.

Mr. Jandáček asked if they had been in dialog with COLTPAC.

Ms. Ross said they had and Mr. Kaseman had approved it. Suerte had its own trails.

Mr. Trujillo said it was fairly straight, going along the property line. He noted that the supplemental studies had been completed but no EA was done.

Mr. Ortega said it would require an EA. He asked if it was a road or a trail.

Ms. Ross said it was both.

Mr. Jandáček said the request would need to come through Duncan.

Mr. Trujillo said it was just an oversight.

Mr. Tibbetts explained to Mr. Trujillo and Ms. Ross that all the documentation had to be in by August 15<sup>th</sup> and the MPO list had already been submitted. He said the only other funding. Other trail projects would not be funded because they were only getting \$2 million. For trail development the MPO recommended another \$100,000. The whole district got only \$10 million. David Martínez was probably the best contact. The state might bounce it back to the MPO but they had some big projects with \$180 million statewide.

Ms. Ross said they would do the EA and talk to David Martínez.

## **7. ADJOURN – Next TCC Meeting July 27, 2009**

Mr. Liming moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Ortega seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Approved by:

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John Romero, Chair

Submitted by:



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Carl Boaz, Stenographer