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**October 26, 2009**

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**MINUTES OF THE  
SANTA FE MPO  
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE  
MONDAY, October 26, 2009**

**INTRODUCTIONS:**

**a. CALL TO ORDER**

A meeting of the Santa Fe MPO Technical Coordinating Committee was called to order by Mr. John Romero, Chair at approximately 1:30 p.m., on the above date in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 200 Lincoln Avenue, 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  
Mike Kelly for Jon Bulthuis – Santa Fe Trails  
Phil Gallegos – NMDOT District 5 [arriving later]  
Andrew Jandáček – Santa Fe County [arriving later]  
Shelley Cobau for Jack Kolkmeier – Santa Fe County  
Reed Liming – City of Santa Fe  
Robert Martínez – Santa Fe County [arriving later]  
Jack Valencia for Josette Lucero – NCRTD  
Greg Smith – City of Santa Fe

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Chris Ortega – City of Santa Fe  
Larry Samuel – Tesuque Pueblo

**STAFF PRESENT**

Mark Tibbetts – MPO Officer  
Keith Wilson – Senior Planner

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Lois Simms, Chair of Mayor's Committee on Disability  
Warren Salomon  
Dave Thomas

Tim Rogers – NMDOT  
David Quintana – NMDOT  
Fred Pearson  
Tom Trowbridge - NMDOT  
Claude Morelli - NMDOT

**c. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Mr. Liming moved to approve the agenda as published. Ms. Follingstad seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.**

**d. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM AUGUST 24, 2009 & SEPTEMBER 28, 2009**

**Mr. Valencia moved to approve the minutes of September 28<sup>th</sup> as presented. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.**

**Ms. Follingstad moved to postpone the minutes of August 24, 2009 to the next meeting. Mr. Liming seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.**

**1. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None.

**3. INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION**

**a. Progress Report on Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update – MPO Staff**

Mr. Tibbetts reported they were looking at setting up dates for public meetings. They were putting the graph together for presentation at the TCC meeting in November. It was a very rough draft but it would provide something to work from.

**1) Future Roads Network Update**

Mr. Wilson showed a big Transportation Network and future roads map. They were coordinating the update with the County Sustainable Land Use work and the map was the result of those conversations.

He went over a few of the components, some of which the MPO need be concerned with no longer. He asked for feedback, noting that it was a working map. He reviewed several of the recent changes with the Committee. The Committee then discussed the accuracy of those and other changes that needed to be made.

Ms. Follingstad asked if the area between State Highway 14 and I-25 had been looked at for open space preserve for grasslands.

Mr. Jandáček wasn't sure.

Ms. Follingstad said it was Hughes Ranch and a conservation easement was considered.

Mr. Liming said based on this map, there might be other changes later.

The Committee discussed the need to extend Richards to Cerrillos if not further and the political ramifications involved. The Committee agreed that opening it would relieve serious congestion on nearby arterials.

Mr. Tibbetts noted there was a white paper study on it and he would be pleased with the support of the TCC for it on a technical basis.

Ms. Cobau advocated finding a solution to the problem accessing Caja del Rio where one had to drive six miles out of their way.

Mr. Tibbetts agreed it was a high priority and was under study now.

The Committee then discussed the Avenida del Sur connections.

Mr. Jandáček said all the studies indicated traffic problems along New Mexico 14. By 2020 that section would be at level of service E and the small section from there to 599 would be at service level F. And if they extended Vista del Monte, it would be a big problem. So they needed to consider widening 14 before those connections were made.

The Committee discussed the possible connections and improvements in that area.

Mr. Wilson agreed to get it cleaned up and presented, based on the feedback.

## **2) Future Bicycle Routes Network Update**

Mr. Wilson provided a printed power point presentation that Tim Rogers had prepared for BTAC. He said they would be working with BTAC and the Bicycle/Pedestrian Task Force to complete the update and have a more detailed presentation on it at the next meeting of the TCC.

## **3) Public Meeting Schedule**

Mr. Wilson said staff wanted to schedule these public meetings before the end of the year but the

holidays had interfered. So three public meetings were scheduled in January (12-14) at the Convention Center, Genoveva Chávez and Santa Fe Community College.

Mr. Tibbetts said at the public meetings they would have these two maps with alternatives on them. They were probably looking at March for the final plan. It was really looking at the substance for those January meetings.

**b. Santa Fe Studies Update – NMDOT**

**1) I-25 Corridor Study**

Mr. Quintana announced a public meeting tomorrow and November 5<sup>th</sup>. They had a good turnout for the meetings so far.

**2) NM599 Interchange Priority Study**

Mr. Quintana said the meeting would be during the week of November 16 and the Phase B meeting would be either in January or February.

**3) St. Francis Drive Corridor Study**

Mr. Quintana said they would have a public meeting in the early part of January or February.

The traffic modeling meeting would be this Thursday and schedule for presentations for TCC and TPB.

**c. 2010 Meeting Schedule**

Mr. Tibbetts handed out the 2010 meeting schedule. There were no changes to the TCC schedule. Depending on if these corridor studies were ready for view by February or even at the January meeting, it would be up to the TCC to decide when to have another meeting either in December or earlier in January just in case it was needed.

He scheduled every month for TPB and they would probably meet every month through June. So they would submit these to the schedule people and take this to TPB in December. It was not listed as an action item but staff needed the Committee's recommendation on it.

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

Ms. Follingstad reported the RPA would meet this Thursday to take action on the remainder of

expenditures for 2010-2011 for the Transit Service Plan. She posted the minutes on the web site. There was another meeting on Thursday afternoon to continue discussion and hopefully action taken. They would have to pay attention to timing to get 2012 discussions underway with the recommendations the consultant put together on how to do those expenditures.

Mr. Wilson said the Committee would be informed by the RPA actions.

Ms. Follingstad said there were limited map-oriented recommendations now. Transit planning was complicated to understand how the expenditures were made, to fit with the MTP and address the needs of the NCRTD, the Rail Runner and Santa Fe Trails.

Mr. Morelli agreed and added that the regulations required that you give consideration to pedestrians and bicycles as well.

Mr. Wilson apologized for no mention of pedestrian stuff with bicycles. Staff met with the Mayor's Committee on Disability last week. They were working on pedestrian accommodation issues and staff would meet with them again to make specific recommendations with them. They would work on a more comprehensive study of it with recommendations for the next corridor studies.

Mr. Morelli said the MTP was due by June 30 and suggested making a schedule to ensure it was completed in time.

Mr. Liming announced that Ms. Follingstad would be leaving the area soon. He commended her for her many years of service here and wished her well for the future.

Ms. Follingstad said the MPO was doing good work and encouraged them to continue.

#### **e. Rail Runner Service Update – MPO Staff**

Mr. Tibbetts reported that more stations were coming on line now - Santo Domingo in January and later at Sandia. They were looking now at Las Soleras. There was an EA going on now for Las Soleras by Bohannon Huston who would share information at a future meeting. The Rail Runner Express might end up having to have some kind of local service to meet the service needs, especially when the Zia station comes on line. For Las Soleras, a full EA needed to be done with full public involvement to make sure all these things would be addressed. The FHWA indicated in a letter that they were skeptical about how a pedestrian overpass in a median would function. Staff were also told it would go all the way across Dinosaur Trail. MPO Staff would do what they could to facilitate the public involvement.

### **3. MPO OFFICER REPORT**

Mr. Tibbetts reported earlier on their attendance at the Mayor's Committee on Disability and their warm reception there. Subsequently, they were invited to come back. The sidewalks issue caught staff's

attention as well as ADA improvements of those. He saw it as an opportunity to inform the Bicycle/Pedestrian Task Force. It was crossings as well as sidewalks. He also attended a Mira del Sol workshop on a plan for pedestrians. It was something he would like to include in the Long Range Plan.

Ms. Simms said a recent news article on AARP said they were also working on this. There have been many letters to the editor recently on this subject. She noted that some funds come for pedestrian planning and projects are needed that make the community safer for pedestrians.

Mr. Tibbetts added that the Safe Schools initiative included pedestrian issues. It was a major issue and would be included in the future agendas.

Mr. Morelli suggested they might want to set up a Pedestrian Task Force with AARP and the Mayor's Committee. Mr. Tibbetts agreed.

#### **4. COMMUNICATIONS FROM TCC MEMBERS**

None.

#### **5. ADJOURN - Next TCC meeting: Monday, November 23, 2009**

Mr. Liming moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Gallegos seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:30 p.m.

Approved by:

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John Romero, Chair

Submitted by:

  
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Carl Boaz, Stenographer