

SUMMARY OF ACTION
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SANTA FE MPO
TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
March 19, 2009

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**MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
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1. CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Santa Fe MPO Transportation Policy Board was called to order by Miguel Chavez, Vice Chair, on Thursday, March 9, 2009, at approximately 10:00 a.m., in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Michael Anaya, Chair
Councilor Miguel Chavez, Vice Chair
Mayor David Coss
Governor Robert Mora, Pueblo of Tesuque
Commissioner Liz Stefanics
Commissioner Virginia Vigil

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Councilor Matthew E. Ortiz
Robert Arthur Anaya, DOT

STAFF PRESENT:

Mark Tibbetts, MPO Officer
Melessia Helberg, Stenographer

There was not a quorum of the membership in attendance when the meeting was called to order for the purpose of receiving reports only. With the arrival of Chair Anaya, there was a quorum for transacting official business.

[STENOGRAPHER'S NOTE: During the period where there was no quorum, several motions and seconds were made and votes taken. They are recorded in these minutes in italics.]

MOTION: Commissioner Stefanics moved, seconded by Mayor Coss, a call to order.

VOTE: There were no dissenting votes.

Vice-Chair Chavez said we are waiting for the County Representatives who are attending the

funeral to arrive.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Governor Mora moved, seconded by Mayor Coss, to amend the agenda to have discussion under Item B Information and Discussion.

DISCUSSION: Responding to a question from Councilor Chavez, Mr. Tibbetts said David Quintana is the designated contact and representative from the NMDOT and he can't be here today. Mr. Tibbetts said he sent an email containing a brief update on the different studies. Responding to Councilor Chavez, Mr. Tibbetts said North Central RTD staff will be making the presentation on Regional Transit Operations.

Councilor Chavez noted we also requested a third presentation from the RPA to discuss its proposed staffing and a service plan, noting that this presentation is not noticed on the agenda.

Mr. Tibbetts said Mary Helen Follingstad is in attendance to make that presentation.

Commissioner Stefanics said at the previous meeting she asked the goals of this group versus the RPA and some distinction between the authority and the goals. She said her query led to that becoming a discussion item. She said she is willing to wait until the next meeting on April 9th.

Mr. Tibbetts said this is a generic topic and could be included under several agenda items since it is an action item and was for discussion only.

VOTE: There were no dissenting votes.

B. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

1. UPDATE ON SANTA FE STUDIES (I-25, NM 599 AND ST. FRANCIS DR.). (NMDOT)

Mr. Tibbetts presented information regarding this matter from an email from David Quintana, who is unable to be here today.

Mr. Tibbetts said there will be a project management team and stakeholders workshop on #599. He said it is anticipated to hold the workshop in mid-to late April 2009. The purpose of the workshop is to discuss the purpose and need of improvements to #599 and to strategize possible alternatives to meet the need.

Mr. Tibbetts said he has received emails and phone calls from Commissioner Vigil's constituency in the County, regarding an action taken by the MPO in 2006 to create/facilitate creation of a Citizens Advisory Group. He said that was in response at the time to the issues raised in 2006 by the Tano Road

Homeowners Association to address the safety issues on 599. He said subsequently that led to the extension of the corridor study to I-25 and review all potential interchanges along that way with more open discussion.

Mr. Tibbetts said the current contract under which the consultants are working, calls for only one public meeting for citizen input which is the proposed mid-April workshop. He said he pointed out that all our meetings are public meetings and are open for public comment. He said the contract doesn't allow much opportunity for public input, and we will try to open up our public input at the MPO Transportation Policy Board and the MPO Technical Coordinating Committee.

Mayor Coss said, regarding regarding the public meeting on the #599 options, he appreciates the Technical Committee trying to provide a venue, and asked if this will be an evening venue so the public can participate, noting there are very few members from the public at this meeting.

Mr. Tibbetts said we should definitely try to make this happen. He said he has been told there is only one meeting required in the scope of work for the DOT contractor, so we may have to step in and call a meeting, and negotiate with the DOT to have the consultants in attendance for public comment. He said there was an open house at Genoveva Chavez Center in January 2009, which introduced what was going to happen. There has been one public stakeholder meeting regarding I-25 and two on St. Francis at Capshaw and Gonzales Schools. He said the identified stakeholders would be the people who signed in at the open house in January at the Chavez Center. He noted the meeting last night at Capshaw was well attended.

Commissioner Anaya arrived at the meeting

Mr. Tibbetts suggested trying to schedule another open house prior to the stakeholder meeting in early April prior to the stakeholder meeting to give people an opportunity to comment, noting the stakeholder meeting is a more detailed, time commitment. He said an open house at 2:00 p.m. would give people an opportunity to give comments.

Councilor Chavez asked if this meeting would be during the week.

Mr. Tibbetts said there is no time or date set for the stakeholder meetings.

Councilor Chavez agreed that the meetings need to be noticed, but said we need more outreach and suggested perhaps a workshop on Saturday morning. He said #599 is of particular interest as the City contemplates the Northwest Quadrant, noting he is receiving a large number of calls from the Casa Solana neighborhood about that and traffic is the center of the debate. He said central to that is a connection of some sort to #599, and differing information is being given to the public.

Commissioner Stefanics said when #599 was under construction, it created a lot of discussion and there were a lot of needs, especially in the La Cienega community. She wants to be sure we have the appropriate timing and notice, and a real opportunity for people to attend, and if they can't attend, they should have the opportunity to offer written comments.

Mr. Tibbetts a lot of the information from the corridor studies are being put into the creation of the MTP Update. He said we could organize an initial meeting in that area. He said he has heard concerns about how the Siler Road connection will change the traffic along West Alameda and accessing at County Road 70 to #599. It is a continuing issue of the danger of the at-road intersection at County Road 62. He said these things have to be addressed in the long range plan. He said the #599 study is to determine which intersections will be built, where and in what priority. He said this is the focus for he DOT. He said we could sponsor the meeting under the MTP "label." before the April meeting..

At this time, Chair Anaya moved to the approval of the agenda and minutes, and election of a Vice-Chair, following which he moved forward with the rest of the agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Mayor Coss moved, seconded by Councilor Chavez, to approve the agenda as amended, .

VOTE: The motion was approved on a voice vote [absent: Commissioner Vigil].

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: FEBRUARY 12, 2009

The following changes were made to the minutes of the meeting of February 12, 2009

Under Members Present, page 1, correct as follows: "~~Councilor~~ Governor Robert Mora"

Page 5, bullet 4, line 1, correct as follows: "~~Three-quarter~~ three corridor studies..."

Page 5, paragraph 3, correct language to clarify that the study results can be incorporated into the MTP.

Page 6, paragraph 4, correct as follows: "Chair Chavez asked if there would be at-grade intersections along #599."

Add Claude Morelli, Urban and Regional Planner, DOT to Others Present.

Responding to Councilor Chavez, Mr. Tibbetts said the DOT will look at over/under crossings on I-25, but not at grade intersections.

MOTION: Commissioner Stefanics moved, seconded by Governor Mora, to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 12, 2009, as amended.

VOTE: The motion was approved on a voice vote [absent: Commissioner Vigil].

5. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

MOTION: Commissioner Stefanics moved, seconded by Councilor Chavez, that Governor Mora be elected to serve as Vice-Chair, if he will accept the nomination.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Chavez said there have been initial discussions with Governor Mora who has agreed conceptually, but he will have to go back to the Governor and be sure it is okay with the Tribal Council. He asked Governor Mora if he is comfortable with us taking action before he speaks to the Governor..

Governor Mora asked that the Board let him discuss this with the Governor before he makes a commitment to serve as Vice-Chair.

Responding to Councilor Chavez, Mr. Tibbetts said the time frame would be for one year.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Commissioner Stefanics proposed to amend her motion to nominate Governor Mora to serve as Vice-Chair, pending approval of his Governor and Tribal Council. **The amendment was friendly to the second, and there were no objections by the other Board members.**

Governor Mora said he will have a definite answer by the April meeting.

VOTE: The motion, as amended, was approved on a voice vote [Absent: Commissioner Vigil].

A. ACTION ITEMS

1. APPROVAL OF PROJECT LIST FOR HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT FUNDS UNDER THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009.

Mr. Tibbetts reviewed the information in the "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 2009: Highway Infrastructure Investment Program (ARRA-TIP)."

Mr. Tibbetts said the State received \$252 million, of which \$170-\$180 million were to be used for DOT State system and State sponsored projects. The remainder of \$75-\$80 million is for local projects, and was distributed to the Districts. District 5 got approximately \$10 million of these Recovery Act funds for designated local lead projects in District 5. District 5 includes Farmington, Los Alamos, Moriarty and Santa Fe. He said we are competing with those other communities for these funds. There is a set aside to MPO's larger than 200,000 population, so the Mid-Region COG's MPO received about \$24 million. He said of the \$10 million we have, staff has been working with District 5 to determine what projects we have.

Mr. Tibbetts noted he attended a quarterly MPO meeting in Albuquerque, and met with FHA, the DOT and the rest of the MPOs in the State. He said he asked about MPOs being recognized federally as a pass through agency for projects that are using federal funds in our planning area. He said he was told

that we should have a TIP specific to the Recovery Reinvestment Act. He said because there are deadlines to get the projects identified, he went ahead and had a Technical Coordinating Committee meeting where the DOT was present, and discussed the listed projects. Mr. Tibbetts reviewed the projects.

Councilor Chavez said he recalls an additional effort from the Council to address safety concerns along Airport Road, and asked if additional funds are allocated for that, and if we are duplicating in this regard.

Mayor Coss said it isn't duplication, and we were looking for MAP money for safety enhancements, but no CIP money was allocated.

Councilor Chavez said then the safety enhancements would be the medians, crosswalks and such. He said those details will be included in this scope of services.

Mr. Tibbetts said a deadline was imposed, and the DOT wanted to have these projects identified and obligated and ready to go out to bid before August 15, 2009. He said the City Public Works changed the scope for this particular project for funding for repavement from Cerrillos to San Felipe..

Councilor Chavez asked if these two pieces of the project will be coordinated.

Mayor Coss said yes, noting the safety improvement funds were there, but the paving wasn't.

Councilor Chavez asked if there is a required local match for these STIP projects.

Mr. Tibbetts said the median and safety improvements would involve only a finish coat – a pavement preservation, and the other would be a top dressing. He said the idea is to coordinate any existing or continuing plans for the eventual improvements along Airport Road. He said Robert Romero is aware of that. He said this was done to expedite approval to get these funds to help complete projects..

Mr. Tibbetts said, with regard to Siler Road, the City has identified funds that will be needed with the exception of the \$350,000 listed here, and that would make the Siler Road project ready to go. He said the City had sought funding from the RPA. He stressed that it isn't guaranteed that we will get all of the funds listed, and this TIP still has to get final approval by the DOT.

Mr. Tibbetts said the funds would add landscaping on Rodeo Road.

Responding to the Chair, Mr. Tibbetts said we are looking for final approval from the MPO to decide on this list, or any modifications to the list. He said this is what has come from the Technical Coordinating Committee. He said the DOT probably has another list for projects submitted by the County and the City. He reiterated this was a rushed process, and projects were brought to the table at the TCC meeting at the last minute. He said ultimately it is a question of the DOT balancing the \$10 million. He said it is important to have backup projects that we can move forward if any project from another community in District 5 falls out.

Commissioner Virginia Vigil arrived at the meeting.

Chair Anaya said these projects hopefully will be approved to move forward, and hopefully these will be fully funded and not partially funded, because the whole purpose of the Reinvestment Act is to put people to work. If we only get partial funded, we aren't doing that. We need to get the DOT to fund these projects.

Mr. Tibbetts said this is correct.

Commissioner Vigil said, with regard to the stimulus package, the RPA met and talked about the Siler Road extension, noting there was a request from the City for an additional \$350,000. She spoke with the Highway Commissioner, Roman Maes, and told him there is a need for that. There was some confusion as to whether those dollars were available through joint GRTs, or if they were available in the other category. She said there will be an update on this soon, noting this is a priority for both the City and the County. She said Commissioner Maes said there may be additional dollars and we need to go for those dollars because that project is mostly funded. She would like to give staff direction to connect with the Highway Commissioner to continue to seek dollars for that specific project.

Mr. Tibbetts said the trail project I-25 to Rabbit Road at \$100,000, to finish that piece of the Rail Trail which stops just beneath I-25. He spoke with Carol Raymond, Santa Fe Southern who said the MR COG contract includes the completion of the trail to Rabbit Road, although he hasn't verified this with the MR COG people. He said these are the top 4 trail projects. He said the Santa Fe Trails project is a separate pot of money coming for transit for acquisition of buses and for bus facilities.

MOTION: Mayor Coss moved, seconded by Councilor Chavez, to approve this request.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Commissioner Vigil would like to amend the motion to include that we will seek an additional \$250,000 for Siler Road, for a total of \$600,000. **The amendment was friendly to the maker and second, and there were no objections by the other members of the Board.**

Councilor Chavez said his only concern would be the impact on the other projects if total requested dollars aren't received.

VOTE: The motion, as amended, was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

2. APPROVAL OF FY 2010-13 SFMPO TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Tibbetts said this document is not ready.

MOTION: Mayor Coss moved, seconded by Commissioner Vigil, to postpone this item to the meeting of April 9, 2009.

VOTE: The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

B. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

1. UPDATE ON SANTA FE STUDIES (I-25, NM 599 AND ST. FRANCIS DRIVE) (NMDOT)

It was pointed out by Mayor Coss that prior to the Chair's arrival, we heard the update on NM599, but not I-25 and St. Francis Drive.

Mr. Tibbetts said Mr. Quintana's email said, with regard to I-25, they have developed baseline data modeling, and the public meeting in January and the stakeholder meeting 2-3 weeks ago at the Community College. The next steps for I-25 are to draft a problem statement and develop a range of concepts for addressing problems. The public stakeholder meeting scheduled for April 8, 2009, is to get comments on improvement concepts for TPB presentation on April 9, 2009, to make sure we're considering the range of possible improvement. In late April or early May 2009, the study team will evaluate improvement concepts, making initial screening and send draft report to the Policy Board on June 1, 2009. There will be a Policy Board meeting on June 1, 2009, and the Board will receive comment and initial screening of improvement concepts. He said July to November 2009, there will be detailed evaluation of the short list of concepts. He said they are trying to get a short list for improvement options on I-25. They will be looking at optional interchanges.

Commissioner Stefanics asked Mr. Tibbetts to make sure that DOT includes discussion of the possible I-25 interchange at Richards Avenue.

Commissioner Vigil spoke about the safety interchange priority with regard to 599. She said when DOT was going to undertake these studies, she had requested that safety be discussed with regard to the river crossing and possible interchanges on 599, which is the focus right now. One of her concerns currently is in regard to the City's development of the Northwest Quadrant, noting the residents in that area are concerned about the traffic impacts. She said many of the residents of Tano Road and La Tierra are concerned that we stay on top of the study. She said there is a meeting on April 1, 2009, to look at the possibility of including traffic impact studies on an interim basis. She wants to make sure that this study incorporates the safety issues. She thought they were going to look at the river crossing, and we are underway with Siler Road and South Meadows. She believes the north part of 599 needs to be highly scrutinized in the study, and asked if this is occurring.

Mr. Tibbetts said this was discussed briefly before Commissioner Vigil arrived, and we did say that they brought up the resolution for the Citizens Advisory Group in 2006. He said the contract specifies only one public meeting in mid to late April. The suggestion is to hold an MPO sponsored meeting for the area as part of the MTP long range plan development. He said concern has been expressed to the MPO with regard to the at grade crossings which will only get more dangerous unless we develop a plan to deal with those.

Commissioner Vigil said she would advocate at least one public meeting on the safety issue. She said when the County is doing a project that would impact the City, or vice versa, we need to connect the impacted residents. She said this doesn't always happen, and she wants to be able to connect these dots a little stronger, especially during the annexation and upcoming projects.

Councilor Chavez said he raised this issue earlier as did the Mayor, and suggests we do a Saturday morning meeting for those who can't attend a meeting at 5:00 p.m during the week. We also talked about having written comments. He is hearing the same concerns from people, for example, in the Casa Solana area about the impacts of the Northwest Quadrant development. He said there seems to be some pressure and a commitment for a real connection from the Northwest Quadrant to the 599 because we don't have a current or future connection.

Mr. Tibbetts said St. Francis Drive is in the process of soliciting input, noting there have been two well attended meetings, and he attended and noted the comments. He said another specific thing is completing existing conditions analysis for St. Francis. The next step is an alternative workshop in late April and presentation to the TPB on April 9, 2009.

2. UPDATE ON NEW MEXICO RAIL RUNNER EXPRESS

Mr. Tibbetts said since the last meeting he has received comments, noting he received two resolutions from the Community College, requesting that a transit stop location at Richards and I-25 be included along with the transit stop at Las Soleras be included in the feasibility planning analysis. He said the next step is a designation of the platform which is the call of the DOT based on a feasibility analysis.

Commissioner Stefanics said at the last meeting she asked for this to be placed on the agenda to specifically request that the Richards Avenue rail stop be considered in the feasibility study by DOT. She said they heard from Mr. Bulthuis that the new bus service to HSD could connect with the 599 rail station. She believes that DOT should consider both stops in making its final decision. She asked if formal action is needed, noting several entities have made this request including Oshara and Rancho Viejo.

Councilor Chavez asked if that location would be dovetailed with the interchange at Richards and I-25, or if those will be separate and independent.

Commissioner Stefanics said she has been advised that possibly both cannot happen at the same place and this needs to be studied. If the Richards Avenue interchange rises to the top, then the Rail Runner can't happen there because of the way the highway has been developed in that area. the study would provide the input, and that might put it to rest.

Councilor Chavez said in his mind it always has been if and when Richards Avenue interchange would happen.

Commissioner Stefanics said part of the discussion is relevant to the HSD super complex that might be built. She checked on the status of that bill right before this meeting, and the bill was supposed to be heard on Tuesday, but it is still held up.

Councilor Chavez said he supports doing the study.

Governor Mora said at a previous meeting when we approved the Las Soleras stop, at that time he felt our decision was based on all the information we had received. However, we continue to see resolutions and letters from concerned parties. He said perhaps we made a premature decision, noting his decision was based on the fact that the people from Las Soleras were willing to "foot the bill" for the project. However, with these concerns still coming in, perhaps we should revisit this issue. He said the two parties interested in their own stops should come up with their own plans. He said the Richards Avenue stop was based on how much would be received for the project. He said there are entities willing to foot the bill and another entity is waiting to see where the funds will come to support the Richards Avenue Project. He suggested perhaps there should be a "bid off" to see which is the best proposal. His opinion is that we're spinning our wheels in going back and rediscussing this issue continually, and asked when we will come to a final decision.

Commissioner Vigil said she was involved in preliminary discussions about a rail stop. She said we are at the point where a national, independent, objective study, which includes needs, will be a part of the process. That study wasn't available for the original discussions. She believes it is prudent to be inclusive of options in a study, and we definitely need this kind of input. She would advocate that all options for rail stops and interchanges be included in the study, and once we have that study then all other options can be considered..

Mayor Coss said there is nothing like having an independent third party to shine some light, because he sees it as being the college district developers that want a transit stop versus the Las Soleras developers that want a a transit stop, and one developer is offering to pay. He said it gets very tangled up with whether or not there will be an interchange at I-25 and Richards. He said the City has never blocked an interchange at I-25 and Richards.

Mayor Coss said he would like an update relating to regional transit and management of the Rail Runner, noting that regional management of transit is becoming quite complicated with all of the entities involved. The last he heard from Lawrence Rael at MR COG is that they are proposing a governance structure composed of several representatives from DOT, a representative from every county along the Rail Runner route which is paying the 1/8 tax. He had heard it would be one city and one county representative. He said it is okay with it being the County, but he believes Jon Bulthuis should be our representative to that board. He is getting a lot of questions about schedules, weekend services and those kinds of things.

Councilor Chavez agrees with the Mayor. He said the City has a small shuttle service, the Santa Fe Pickup, but it's misplaced and not as coordinated as it should be, commenting it should be under transit and Santa Fe Trails. All of these pieces need to be coordinated in a timely, user friendly, seamless fashion, noting it is getting hard to track each piece in view of the number of entities.

Commissioner Stefanics said, having seen the new routes of Santa Fe Trails at the RPA, and is very enthusiastic, noting it could identify that there is no need for a Las Soleras or Richards Avenue Rail stop. This is the reason she wants it to be included the study, because if SF Trails is going to stop at the 599 stop to pick up people, and all of those other entities are on the route, it could kill "several birds with one stone."

Commissioner Stefanics said, regarding the new governing body, she would raise a question of who should be on it. She said a governing body votes and makes decisions that affect finances. She said oftentimes, people are weighing in who aren't decision-makers in terms of creating financing for commitments made by decision-makers. She would like for us to be careful about deciding in advance who would service until we know what that body will be deciding. She is concerned those decisions could come back to "haunt us." At the last RTD there was discussion from everybody in the entire room on decision making items, instead of the decision makers.

Commissioner Vigil said she will speak to Mr. Rael about this, because we may be ahead of what they're trying to do. She said at the RPA meeting we approved a vendor for the service agreement which both the City and County have to enter into for the service delivery transit routes. She said they recognize that once they make an offer and we get the agreement in place we will have a document to present them that involves transit routes and such. She is concerned that we need to connect the dots with "who's doing what," and is concerned about creating another governance authority and what would be their purpose in view of what the City and County are doing.

Chair Anaya said he has talk about other stops, interchanges, boards and asked Mr. Tibbetts to summarize all of this, so we can determine how to move forward.

Mr. Tibbetts said he has been told is that the MPO wants, at some future point, to gather additional data – information on how to integrate and coordinate the transit services, a rail runner stop and an interchange. He said he needs direction to staff to draft a letter from this Board to the DOT to start this more detailed feasibility analysis, including the priority of funding and construction.

Mayor Coss said he agrees, additionally he would like the MPO to be advised as to what is the governing structure of the Rail Runner. He said since we are now paying taxes for it, he wants to know how we effect schedules, operation and maintenance of the Rail Runner.

Councilor Chavez believes the entity which can be recognized by the federal government is the MPO.

3. UPDATE ON REGIONAL TRANSIT OPERATIONS

A copy of a power point presentation on Regional Transit Operations is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "I."

Josette Lucero reviewed the information in Exhibit "1." Please see Exhibit "1" for specifics of this presentation.

Chair Anaya asked if we need to start looking at Highway 14.

Ms. Lucero said yes, and this is in the RTD Service Plan, but she doesn't know the details.

Commissioner Stefanics said recently she met with representatives of the SF Studios and they indicated that there would be a need for transit from the rail and the City at least to SF Studios once implemented. This will be an immediate need and creating jobs. She said we'll make sure it stays in the conversation.

Chair Anaya thanked Ms. Lucero and staff for their work.

C. MATTERS FROM THE SFMPO TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

Councilor Chavez said a pending matter is a more in depth report from the RPA at the next meeting. He would like to understand more about the RTD Service Plan and what the RPA is proposing in terms of a service plan and hiring a professional transit planner.

Ms. Follingstad said they handed out a Memorandum which provides a history of the RPA's involvement to date, and it will be far more complete by the next meeting. He said they will do everything possible to see this gets coordinated with RTD and everybody involved. There have been five public meetings with lots of input.

D. MATTERS FROM MPO STAFF

There were no matters from the MPO staff.

E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM NMDOT AND FHWA

David Harris, New Mexico DOT, Transit and Rail Division, said, with regard to Commissioner Stefanics' remarks regarding the addition of the new bus route, once the 599 Rail Runner station is established, the DOT will be running shuttle service from Santa Fe Place down Cerrillos Road and will meet every arriving and departing Rail Runner train at 599 station. This is additional service. He said the City's service is more mid-day service which also will meet the trains once the 599 station is established, but there are some gaps for Human Services and its Income Support Division which will have a lot of mid-day business and will need service for all of the people needing Income Support Division's help.

F. OTHER MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nancy Broadhead, Calle Mejia, former New Yorker, spoke about the insufficient taxi service in Santa Fe, noting it is horrendously expensive to use the local taxi service. She asked if there is some way the State can open up the taxi licensing to others people.

Chair Anaya asked if we need to take this to the PRC and open this for more discussion.

Mr. Tibbetts said a lot of communities have a "demand response service" for transit in addition to the fixed route service which might be an option. He said requests for an additional Taxi company would go through the PRC, noting this could be considered in the comprehensive overview of transit services in Santa Fe being done by Mr. Bulhuis.

Commissioner Stefanics asked if there is only one licensed taxi service company in Santa Fe, and Mr. Tibbetts said yes.

Councilor Chavez noted the City contracted with the taxi service for its paratransit service.

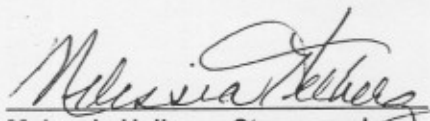
Responding to Commissioner Stefanics, Mr. Bulhuis said he doesn't know if the PRC has limited the license to one company, although he does know that only one company has a license. He suggested the MPO can check with the PRC to see if there is an additional license that a competitor could utilize.

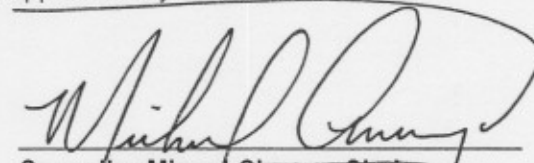
Chair Anaya directed staff to draft a resolution to the PRC from this Board asking these questions.

Nancy Broadhead said she would be very grateful if this could be considered.

G. ADJOURNMENT – NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING IS 9:30 A.M., THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2009.

There was no further business to come before the Board, and upon completion of the Agenda, Commissioner Vigil moved, seconded by Councilor Chavez, to adjourn. The motion was approved unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:45 a.m.


Melessia Helberg, Stenographer


Councilor Miguel Chavez, Chair
Commissioner MIKE ANAYA

