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Transportation Policy Board
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MINUTES OF THE
SFMPO TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

Thursday May 10, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the SFMPO Transportation Policy Board was called to order on the above date at approximately 3:00 p.m. by Commissioner Jack Sullivan, Chair, in City Council Chambers, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicated the lack of a quorum as follows:

Members Present:

Commissioner Jack Sullivan Chair
Councilor Miguel Chávez, Vice Chair
Mayor David Coss

Members Absent:

Commissioner Michael Anaya [Excused]
Councilor Matthew Ortíz
Commissioner Virginia Vigil [Excused]

Others Present:

Mr. Mark Tibbetts, SFMPO Officer
Mr. Donald Martínez, City of Santa Fe
Mr. Jon Bulthuis, Santa Fe Trails
Mr. Shabih Rizvi, County Transportation Director
Ms. Gail Ryba, New Mexico Bicycle Coalition
Mr. Greg White, NMDOT
Ms. Julie Walker, Carter & Burgess

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda was not approved because there was no quorum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - APRIL 12, 2007

The Minutes were not approved because there was no quorum.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Pedestrian/Bicyclist Safety - Driver Awareness Resolution

Commissioner Sullivan said they wanted to continue the discussion from the last meeting.

Ms. Ryba said she introduced her concerns at the last TCC meeting regarding the problem around bicycling and walking in New Mexico and in Santa Fe. Most don't bike to work because it was too dangerous.

She said the state did not include bicycle safety in the plan. The top two were DWI and aggressive driving and she wanted DOT to reconsider that they needed to focus on this safety issue. She said it was a three-step process: Studying the problem, Getting the data on bike crashes (not finished analysis), and Address the problem.

She asked for strong Share the Road messages and also an educational program on safety and sharing the road. She said they wanted lawful and responsible behavior by both bicyclists and motorists.

She said she was requesting a motion back to DOT to call out bicycle safety.

Commissioner Sullivan asked if she had a resolution she wanted the Board to act on.

Ms. Ryba said that was correct.

Commissioner Sullivan said staff could get it in the packet for next time.

Mayor Coss said he would sponsor it.

Councilor Chávez asked Ms. Ryba if she had worked with Public Safety.

Ms. Ryba said they could do that. She noted there was a representative from law enforcement at the Coffee with Mayor Coss meeting.

Councilor Chávez said the Streets Department would be responsible for signs and work together with SFPD. He saw that as another component to help.

Commissioner Sullivan said the dinosaur bike trail was going to be reconstructed between Churchill Road and Richards Avenue.

2. Presentation of Draft NMDOT Coordinated Public Transit - Human Services Transportation Plan

Mr. Greg White, Planner with Transit and Rail Bureau, along with Julie Walker, were introduced to the Board. Mr. White explained that this was a requirement of SAFETEA-LU. The legislation required each state to have locally developed coordinated plans.

He went through the Power Point presentation he brought. He explained they were doing this by RPOs. In them were transit providers so they were meeting with each RPO and MPO in separate meetings. He said they met with City's TCC already.

He encouraged everyone to please provide them with written comment. They were very serious about having them commented on.

Ms. Walker explained the presentation. She said they were showing a series of maps that came from technical sources, census, DOT's reporting logs, etc. data from Human Services and the Department of Aging. She said they used that data and compared the stacks of census data layered on the maps. Then they put together the stacks of information and compared them to identify gaps of services.

She said they looked at it in three different ways and the reporting was done by indexing with the averages.

Commissioner Sullivan asked why the power point map was different than the one in the booklet.

Ms. Walker said there was an update and they will send it to everyone.

She said the second set dealt with density of population to satisfy transit services. There were only some areas that could satisfy that and she showed the concentrations of population.

She pointed out that there were fixed services and the pie charts were sized proportionately with the vehicles.

Commissioner Sullivan pointed out that the map on page 12, showed a boundary with a funny dip on I 25 seeming to go around the Santa Fe boundary and legend said

that was MPO boundary.

Mr. Tibbetts said it should be the same as the EZ boundary, 2 miles out.

Ms. Walker said they would fix that with Mr. Tibbetts.

Ms. Walker concluded her presentation by saying they were asking for needed changes. And they hoped this would tell the story on what was needed. If there were initiatives they needed to include, they wanted to include those things.

She added that they have included JARC data and a recent AARP study. She encouraged those present to contact her at 303-820-4805 or at Julie.Walker@c-b.com

Councilor Chávez asked how this plan dovetailed with NCRTD. He noted that in that process there had been a lot of discussion on the role of northern pueblos.

Ms. Walker said they were asking for their comments also and were treating them as a transit provider. This plan satisfied the federal requirements.

Councilor Chávez explained that the pueblo members of RTD have concerns about the service plan or transportation plan and they met after the last meeting of the NCRTD.

Mr. Bulthuis agreed. He said it looked like they have set aside a placeholder for RTD.

Councilor Chávez asked if she would meet with the pueblos.

Ms. Walker said they would be meeting with them in June. She said their service plan would be much more specific to their groups. She said this was to guide things on a policy level and she felt she should not speak to RTD strategies.

Mr. Bulthuis said he agreed with what she just said. The communication with the RTD would be useful.

Commissioner Sullivan noted on Figure 1, page 5, it showed park and ride routes. There was one in operation between Eldorado and Santa Fe that should be added to the map.

Commissioner Sullivan thanked Ms. Walker and said they would read it.

Commissioner Sullivan asked Mr. Tibbetts if he sent the letter to Tesuque Pueblo.

Mr. Tibbetts said he talked with them. He said the designated member was Larry Samuel who was first to come to the TCC but he could not make it. He said Mr. Samuel was on the mailing list and they talked often. He added that he told the Governor that an elected official should be

appointed as a member of the TPB. He said they could not come today.

Commissioner Sullivan said if they agreed to be a voting member of TPB, they needed to send an elected person.

MATTERS FROM THE SFMPO TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM NMDOT AND FHWA

None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

None.


ADJOURNMENT

Having completed the agenda and with no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Approved by:

Commissioner Jack Sullivan, Chair

Submitted by:



Carl Boaz, Stenographer

Attest:

Yolanda Y. Vigil, City Clerk