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**SANTA FE MPO TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD**  
**January 14, 2010**

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**MINUTES OF THE  
SANTA FE MPO  
TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD  
January 14, 2010**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Santa Fe MPO Transportation Policy board was called to order on the above date by Commissioner Liz Stefanics at approximately 1:45 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councilman Mark Mitchell  
Mayor David Coss  
Commissioner Liz Stefanics  
Mr. Ricardo Campos for Max Valerio, DOT  
Commissioner Virginia Vigil

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:**

Commissioner Michael Anaya  
Councilor Miguel Chávez  
Councilor Matthew E. Ortiz

**STAFF PRESENT:**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Ms. Rochelle Byers, NMDOT

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Vigil asked that all action items be moved forward ahead of Matters from the Public.

**Commissioner Vigil moved to approve the agenda as amended with Matters from the Public moved down on the agenda after all action items. Councilman Mitchell seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.**

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 10, 2009**

**Commissioner Vigil moved to approve the minutes of December 10, 2009 as presented. Mayor Coss seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.**

### **B. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

#### **1. Election of a Transportation Policy Board Chair and Vice Chair**

The Board briefly discussed possible nominations for the officers of the Board. Commissioner Stefanics asked if the term was for one year or six months. Mr. Tibbetts said it was for a year.

**Commissioner Vigil moved for Commissioner Stefanics to be elected Chair and Mayor Coss to be elected as Vice Chair. Mr. Campos seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.**

#### **2. Rail Runner Service Update**

##### **a. Review and Approval of the Las Soleras Station Study MOU**

Commissioner Stefanics noted this was not a final action on the station so she asked staff to explain the MOU.

Mr. Tibbetts said it was in the TIP to move forward with preferred station approval as recommended by the TCC. The conditions were addressed by the MOU, i.e., location of state offices, support from the Governor's office and connectivity at Richards and Cerrillos and also having a plan to provide access for residents south of the interstate.

The other part clarified the financial responsibilities and specifically that they were borne by the developer and NMDOT would be active agent. The end result was to get approval from FHWA.

He introduced Rochelle Byers from NMDOT to answer any questions.

Commissioner Vigil asked what the purpose was.

Mr. Tibbetts explained it was to clarify responsibilities of the required Environmental Assessment (23CFR Section 810) that for any rail station within the right of way of I-25, the FHWA had to ensure the safety was sufficient and there was no impeding of function. The developer Las Soleras would pay for it.

**Mayor Coss moved for approval of the Las Soleras Station Study MOU. Commissioner Vigil seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.**

Mr. Tibbetts said the study would take about six months and the MPO would participate with the study and results would come back to this Board.

Commissioner Stefanics asked if there were any other action items.

Mr. Tibbetts said there were no others. The next item was information on how to proceed with our long range plan. They would be doing public meetings starting on the 28th.

### **3. Progress Report on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)**

#### **a. 2010-2035 MTP Public Meetings Schedule**

Mr. Wilson shared a power point presentation. Mr. Tibbetts handed out the printed version. As well as the three maps in the PPT.

Mr. Wilson ran through the PPT and discussed the fiscal restraints briefly.

He reported that since the last update the MPO area had been expanded. It included the areas expected to become urbanized over the next 25 years. The TPB membership also expanded to include Tesuque Pueblo and NMDOT District 5.

#### **b. Future Roads Network Update**

Mr. Wilson said the current plans were over ten years old. He went through the accomplishments since the last plan was adopted, particularly some of the changes to the Roads Network from 2005. He explained the map legend. On the map the green lines were recommended improvements. These would all get flushed out as they went through the process.

There were also roadways under study or needed studies that were in blue. He said he would come with more details in the future.

The next section was Transit/Rail. The recommendation was to conduct a Regional Transit/Rail Study and for general capital improvements. They would be meeting with the transit providers for capital plans.

#### **c. Future Bikeways Network Update**

Mr. Wilson reviewed the trails accomplishments. Recommendations included a prioritized list of Bikeways Projects and creation of a bikeways Master Plan. He thought he would have a comprehensive list at the next meeting.

He mentioned Commissioner Stefanics's request about trail standards at the last meeting.

There were no accomplishments regarding pedestrians. The TCC felt that needed a more comprehensive look. So they recommended creating a pedestrian Master Plan and develop a safe routes to school program.

The MPO staff would like to coordinate the Safe Routes to School Program.

He said they had not yet met with the Airport staff. He recommended intermodal connections for employees and passengers and to assess need.

Regarding Freight, there were potential recommendations for assessing freight corridor improvements.

#### **d. MTP Section Updates**

The plan needed to identify hazardous intersections and corridors and use the study to identify projects for funding under Highway Safety Improvement Project.

Mr. Wilson briefly explained the ITS program. He noted they had to update the ITS architecture and incorporate ITS into project development and review.

Finally he covered the Road Network Functional Classification and said they were updating the functional class map.

He said the Public Input Meetings were scheduled for January 28 12-6 at the Downtown Library; Feb 2 3-7 at SFCC and Feb 3 3-7 at GCCC.

Commissioner Vigil asked about the status for interchanges on 599.

Mr. Wilson said the consultant presented the recommendations at the last meeting. They have come up with those recommendations.

Commissioner Vigil asked if the NWQ affected those plans.

Mr. Wilson said no link with the NWQ was recommended.

Commissioner Stefanics added that the priorities had not been presented yet and the Board would have a chance to finalize those.

Commissioner Vigil asked that staff recommendations would have an analysis with them.

Mr. Wilson agreed. Next Tuesday they would meet with the project managers and then be able to release it to Board members.

Commissioner Vigil asked if that included costs. Mr. Wilson agreed.

Commissioner Vigil asked why the Caja del Rio road was eliminated in the report.

Mr. Tibbetts asked if she was speaking of the alternative alignment of CR62.

Commissioner Vigil agreed.

Mr. Wilson said they wanted to connect the frontage road across the Santa Fe River to Airport Road so it wouldn't make sense to do both.

Commissioner Vigil agreed.

Mayor Coss asked if they would see cost estimate for completing the bikeways.

Mr. Wilson said they would give a prioritization and costs.

Mayor Coss asked if it was a good mix of trails and roads. Mr. Wilson agreed and said it would also include the feasibility of using existing roads also.

Mayor Coss asked if it would recommend physical separations of bike trails from roads.

Mr. Wilson said they could address that in the plan.

Mayor Coss felt sharrows were good and signs were good but some physical separation would make it safer for some of the more timid bike riders. He also thought the pedestrian plan had lagged.

Mr. Tibbetts shared that in their meeting with the Mayor's Commission on Disabilities they were working on the transition plan and AARP had a national safe intersections plan. They were working on it.

Mayor Coss said he worked with Carol Raymond a lot and a big item was construction materials. It would be efficient to use the rail to bring those into Santa Fe. He also wondered how much it would cost for light rail down Cerrillos and Airport. The population growth there might really work.

Mr. Wilson said they hoped to address those things through this Transit/Rail Study.

Commissioner Stefanics noted there was a brand new school in Rancho Viejo and wondered if it could be a place to use safe routes to schools. They were still in the planning stages for the road.

Mr. Tibbetts said Mr. Wilson noticed the lack of connection there between Rancho Viejo and the school. There was a trail system all around the school and the Administration was thinking of gated breaks in the fence around. He thought they could consider them as a poster child.

Mr. Wilson asked for contact information and he would follow up.

Commissioner Stefanics said it was Jim Romero and would give him the contact information.

#### **A. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None.

#### **C. MATTERS FROM THE SFMPO TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD**

Commissioner Vigil thanked everyone who participated on the Siler Road Extension. It was a route she took daily. It had a wonderful design. One of the issues was that it was a presumed annexation area. They needed noise barriers when building connecting roads because they would go through residential areas. There were houses right next to it. She asked if they were having discussions about the noise barriers.

Mr. Wilson said the level where they were was very conceptual. As they moved to next stage they would have an ENN meeting and that could be incorporated. He added that the landscaping at Siler had not been done yet.

Commissioner Vigil said the neighbors should be included in the discussion.

Mr. Wilson agreed. They also wanted these plans identified so the people would have it disclosed to them.

Commissioner Vigil didn't want the MPO to lose sight of the Santa Fe River Trail project and its impact on transportation - for bikes, horses and walking. A focus on getting state and federal support would help.

Commissioner Stefanics reported that in December, the NCRTD did accept the RPA plan for transportation and it was greater than available tax dollars.

#### **D. MATTERS FROM THE MPO STAFF**

Mr. Tibbetts said they had Tim Rogers on a purchase order to deal with the MP and looking to a PSA for about a year to help with the Pedestrian MP. He was interested in that and he had the expertise. He was a strong bicycle rider and developed the bicycle map. It would help the MPO tremendously since it was understaffed. Once they got the priorities done they wanted to start implementing them. A lot of their work was facilitating among the various groups and governing bodies.

Commissioner Stefanics said they were on the right track. She asked staff to bring the PSA request to the Board.

Mr. Tibbetts said they had funding for it and would do a formal request.

**E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE NMDOT AND FHWA**

None.

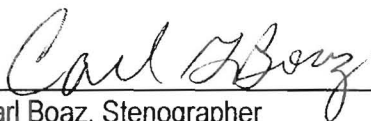
**F. ADJOURNMENT**

**Mayor Coss moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Mitchell seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.**

Approved by:

  
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Liz Stefanics, Chair

Submitted by:

  
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Carl Boaz, Stenographer