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SANTA FE MPO TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
March 11, 2010

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**MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FE MPO
TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
March 11, 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 3:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the lack of a quorum as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Liz Stefanics, Chair
Councilor Patti Bushee
Mr. Lawrence Barela for Max Valerio, DOT

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Commissioner Michael Anaya
Mayor David Coss, Vice Chair
Councilman Mark Mitchell
Councilor Matthew Ortíz
Commissioner Virginia Vigil

STAFF PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Greg White, NMDOT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda was not approved because there was no quorum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 11, 2010

The Minutes were not approved because there was no quorum.

A. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no matters from the public.

B. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

1. Review and Approval of Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Project Submittals

This item was not considered because there was no quorum.

2. Presentation of the New Mexico Statewide Public Transportation Plan

Mr. Wilson introduced Mr. Greg White, NMDOT, to do the presentation on the New Mexico Statewide Public Transportation Plan. He explained that he had presented it to the TCC recently and was asking for feedback. It would come back to next meeting for a formal response to NMDOT.

Mr. White used a power point presentation. He introduced himself as working in Public Transit for the DOT. They invested \$11.4 million this year for projects, managing the Park and Ride program and the Rail Runner rail transit service.

He explained the legend in the map he handed out where each dot represented a different public transportation system. He showed their growth of systems. This was the first Statewide Public Transportation Plan and they were working diligently on this plan to have it reflect all local and regional plans in the state.

Mr. White commended the MPO staff for their participation and the questions they raised.

Public outreach was the third phase of this plan. It was available on line. He believed this was a good tool. The slide on needs analysis quoted directly from the plan.

Councilor Bushee asked about dissemination of it.

Mr. White said they sent the link to every provider in the state - every MPO and

every RPA,

Chair Stefanics asked if this process was not intended to receive comments from the public.

Mr. White felt the service providers were the public for the DOT in this case and could give the feedback needed.

Chair Stefanics disagreed. She felt the needs would not be represented by the entities, especially when they didn't have the funds to address the needs.

Mr. White said the theme was that coordination must occur. No single entity could provide for all the transit needs of the state. Just looking at the standards would give you a sense of what evaluation criteria would be used this year.

He showed the nine regional metropolitan planning organizations in New Mexico. The Performance Measures chapter would explain exactly how they would evaluate all the systems in New Mexico. The next chapter had the public transportation plan identification and priorities of public transportation projects.

He clarified that this was a discussion document - a living document - not one to be put on the shelf but one they would continue to refine.

They were aware of the GRT levels hitting rock bottom. They needed to determine how they were going to fund these projects. There were tremendous needs for this service so they were in dialogue about it.

Mr. White hoped the members would provide feedback to him. His phone number was 827-6905 and would take calls on his cell also at 490-2542. They could email him at greg.white@state.nm.us.

The schedule was to receive comments until May 3 for a final draft by June 1.

Councilor Bushee said she didn't have a lot to consider and if they were the target audience she would need a hard copy of the plan to study. Mr. White gave her a copy.

Chair Stefanics pointed out that the RPA had established priorities for use of the GRT funds and went through an extensive exercise with both a primary list and a supplementary list. They had planned for a ten percent reduction and were realizing less.

She added that the RTD never hears about needs from the outside but just from the entity members. There might needs for 35-40 different routes but only got reports on

existing ones. She believed having some kind of request to the public to give identification - like in Santa Fe County a paratransit that only went a short distance out of the city limits. This was not unique to Santa Fe County. The public lots of times was not asked for their input. She was not sure who might respond but the COT should try to receive it.

Mr. White said they had not done that for general policy plans and it was not mandatory.

Chair Stefanics noted that the New Mexico Association of Counties looked at \$89,000 for local governments in the whole country and they were all going down. There wouldn't be any revenue from local governments. The National Association of Counties was also dealing with destruction of systems.

Chair Stefanics thanked Mr. White for the presentation.

Mr. Wilson asked members to chew on it and bring feedback for an official response at the next meeting.

Chair Stefanics asked if all members could respond by email to staff who would then collate the responses.

Mr. Wilson agreed.

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

Mr. Tibbetts reported. Mr. Wilson handed out a map. It was a federal requirement and they had lots of public input for this document. He said the public meetings would be April 8, May 18 and June 10. They would send out updates with the recommendations from the corridor studies. They showed \$300-400 million worth of recommended projects. They had meetings with county staff, city staff and Tesuque staff as well.

On March 22, 29 and April 5th the TCC would meet to identify the top projects they wanted and start to look at programming them. The Federal Government wanted to have this federally constrained so it was not a big wish list. They would decide which ones for public monies to put into the TIP.

He agreed to put a packet of information together for Councilor Bushee. He briefly recapped the corridor studies and resultant recommendations for her. He said they were available on the web site.

Mr. Tibbetts emphasized that at the next meeting on April 8th they would do another

update and then subsequent meetings with TCC. On April 26 they would have a preliminary draft of the MTP. That would start the 30 day public notice. It would be presented to the TPB on May 13th. At May 26th it gets final review and to TPB on June 10th. They would have two more public meetings with ads in paper - May 13 and May 20 (SFCCC and SFCC).

Chair Stefanics asked them to send the announcements as text so they could see it on blackberries and not to wait until June 10th to send the document out.

Mr. Tibbetts said it would be in the May 13th packet with all the priorities and content.

C. MATTERS FROM THE SFMPO TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

Councilor Bushee asked if they planned to always meet at 3:00 and every month. She said the BCD-DRC on which she sat always met at 4:00 for a field trip and at 5:00 for their meeting.

Chair Stefanics reported getting phone calls about wanting Richards Avenue to be connected to 599 and north.

Mr. Tibbetts said they did a white paper on that and what effect that would have on traffic over the long term. They just had a meeting yesterday about it. It did have a positive effect but they needed to look at funding and phasing for it.

D. MATTERS FROM THE MPO STAFF

Mr. Tibbetts said he and Mr. Wilson would be in Albuquerque Monday for a seminar by FHWA on fiscal constraint. That had to be incorporated in their plan on sources for funding and could not be just a listing of all projects. Then on Tuesday was a quarterly meeting with all the MPOs on issues affecting all of them. This one would be on traffic counts and management.

E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE NMDOT AND FHWA

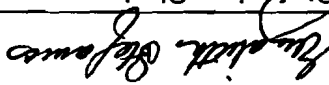
There were none.

F. ADJOURNMENT – Next meeting - Thursday, March 11, 2010.

Having completed the agenda and with no further business to come before the

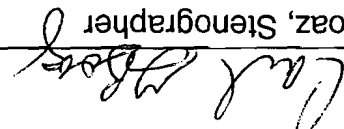
Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:20 p.m.

Approved by:



Liz Stetanic, Chair

Submitted by:



Carl Boaz, Stenographer