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 April 27, 2015

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**MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FÉ MPO
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
April 27, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Santa Fé MPO Technical Coordinating Committee was called to order on the above date by John Romero, Chair, at approximately 1:30 p.m. in the Large Conference Room, 500 Market Station, Suite 200, Santa Fé, New Mexico.

ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Romero, Chair, City of Santa Fé
Erik Aaboe, Santa Fé County
Vicki Lucero, Santa Fé County
Maria Lohmann, Santa Fé County
Desirae Luján, City of Santa Fe
Richard MacPherson, City of Santa Fé
Mike Kelly for Anthony Mortillaro, NCRTD
Dave Quintana, NMDOT
Ken Smithson, Santa Fé Trails
Greg Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Charles Dorame, Tesuque Pueblo
Adam Leigland, Santa Fe County

STAFF PRESENT:

Keith Wilson, Senior MPO Planner
Mark Tibbetts, MPO Officer
Erick Aune, MPO Transportation Planner

OTHERS PRESENT:

Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer
Jessica Griffin for Jason Coffey, Urban and Regional Planner, NMDOT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Smithson moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM MARCH 23, 2015

Mr. Smithson requested a change to the minutes at the bottom of page 6, last line, where instead of "rather have priorities" he recommended there not be a priority list.

Mr. Aaboe moved to approve the minutes of March 23, 2015 as amended. Mr. Smithson seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

1. Communications from the Public

There were no communications from the public.

2. Items for Discussion and Possible Action:

a. Review and Recommendation on Amendment 8 of the FFY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program - MPO Staff

In packet. Keith proposed amendment in packet. Only amendment is to add funding for NE and SE connector for design.

Mr. Aaboe said he would get a plan to Mr. Wilson at the end of the week.

Mr. Wilson reported it was moving into the next phase.

Mr. Quintana asked when they were planning to publish.

Mr. Wilson said it would be on the 1st and then close on 15th. The public input meeting would be on the 30th. Currently, the TPB will meet on May 28th although they might not have a quorum. It will be after May 18th. He asked for approval for the public review.

Mr. Smithson moved to approve the public review of Amendment 8 of the FFY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Aaboe seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

b. Development of the FFY 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program - *MPO Staff*

Mr. Wilson said the deadline for submittal of projects was April 10th. He received six proposed projects for consideration. As they have done in the past, each project is rated on its own and then they are ranked based on that review. He put four projects forward. As shown in the packet, the top rank is the St Frances interchange, the second is the NM 599 interchange; the third is the NE Connector and the fourth is the Agua Fria extension and connection.

Mr. Wilson said for the bridge projects they applied the scoring system. Your role is, if you agree with this, the next step is to sit down with the district and clarify funding and work way down the list with whatever funding is available then bring a draft of the TIP at the next meeting.

Mr. Quintana asked how realistic those estimates on the bridge rehab projects were.

Ms. Luján said they are deck replacements and multiple bridges.

Mr. Wilson clarified that each one is two bridges.

Mr. Quintana suggested he might want to clarify that in the project.

Mr. Wilson said there is always overlap. Santa Fe Trails was awarded funding for the downtown center. As part of the STIP there were three projects. All these projects will get folded into that TIP.

Mr. Wilson said he needed the Committee's feedback and agreement.

Mr. Quintana asked, if 599 is included, if they would program it for the TIP.

Mr. Wilson said that would have to be clarified.

Mr. Smith asked if the safety rankings on bridges there were for traffic, not water.

Mr. Wilson agreed.

Mr. Smith asked about the information on flood hazards.

Mr. Wilson said those were over arroyos and river.

Ms. Luján thought they probably would not be. The channel would not change

Mr. Quintana added that the Army Corps of Engineers would not allow flood planes to change

Mr. Smith asked about the safety factor.

Mr. Wilson said the safety factor was on the 2nd page of the handout.

Chair Romero said this has to do with traffic safety.

Mr. Wilson agreed and it is on the user side rather than the environmental side

Mr. Smith observed that the projects all clump together except the first project. He asked how that one scored so high.

Mr. Wilson said it was mainly the multi-modal standpoint; it impacts a number of modes. Sidewalks, bicycle facilities, etc. Project would improve that and resolve major congestion. It resolves a major identified safety issue. It improves connectivity and resolves the east side issue. Both roadways are in the national highway system. Costs are a factor. It hits all the factors.

Mr. Smith asked if these were rated independently or against each other.

Mr. Wilson said they were rated independently.

Mr. Aaboe asked if the task now is to concur or modify the ranking.

Mr. Wilson agreed.

Mr. Aaboe asked what the outcome would be in case of a tie on bridges.

Mr. Wilson said he would bring it back

Chair Romero asked if the Committee could make that determination now.

Ms. Luján thought so - probably in the order they are in now.

Chair Romero asked about Delgado and Old Taos Highway.

Ms. Luján said they put them together for proximity.

Mr. Wilson said for the next step, he would be meeting with Mr. Quintana to see how much money we have to commit and bring back a draft on the May 18th meeting.

Mr. Aaboe pointed out that the bottom number from the feds has changed and he would get that to Mr. Wilson.

Chair Romero recommendation for staff to move forward with the prioritize list

Ms. Luján moved to approve the priorities as presented. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

c. Review and Release for Public Review of the Draft Public Transit Master Plan – *MPO Staff*

Mr. Aune was looking for action today to release the Public Transit Master Plan to the public for a May 1 release and have public review to June 1st. They would take the comments and distribute them and make any modifications as requested then return to the TCC on June 22nd and the Policy Board on June 25th.

Mr. Aune went through a slide presentation and asked for any input to include.

Mr. Smithson moved to approve the release for public review. Mr. MacPherson seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

d. Update on Pedestrian Master Plan

Mr. Tibbetts said most of the changes have been incorporated into the Pedestrian Master Plan. Staff pulled the projects out of the plan. They are issues and areas of critical concerns. Public comments and analysis were done. They will call another meeting of the workshop in the week of the 4th. He is working on the list that Mr. Romero suggested. By the end of this week it should be pretty well completed. Then he would see if we can agree on having a special meeting around May 11th to give the final draft back to the TCC with only this on the agenda so they can release it for public review. It would then work towards a recommendation of approval in the June meeting. He was glad they went through the process.

e. Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2015-2040 Update

Mr. Wilson gave his presentation in the packet. He is in the process of updating the plan. Mr. Aune is working on this with the consultants. They are now looking at prioritization. The last one was done under the old plan. This time, MAP 21 has different goals as can be seen in the presentation. DOT will have to show how the projects meet these goals.

Mr. Wilson went through the scoring system and listed the criteria in the packet.

Mr. Aaboe questioned why these are not more directly harmonized with the new goals. They are slightly differently worded.

Mr. Wilson said there are performance measures as well and acknowledged that it was not clean cut but was also overlapping.

Mr. Aune suggested taking the federal goals to date and bringing them together to create a nice matrix.

Chair Romero agreed. It seemed like Staff used different names on some of them.

Mr. Aaboe what the benefit was of not using the exact terms.

Mr. Aune said their work in coming up with performance measures. They up with what they believed were most appropriate.

Mr. Wilson said the performance measures were not quite ready for today and he would bring that to the next meeting.

Chair Romero agreed with mimicking the federal ones. Others agreed also.

Mr. Tibbetts said they did have that before. The complication is performance measures. They have not completed that. The state has to develop their own then the MPO has to do ours. What we can realistically do in terms of gathering the data is merging goals with more specific measures. This draft will be reviewed and we have more time to get closer. The national level was only concerned with highway system. We also have local needs.

Mr. Wilson not direct correlation but related. Maybe we can keep these headings and put national goals statements in. He showed the national, state and local goals on the screen.

Mr. Tibbetts said this is in the plan.

Ms. Griffin suggested maybe having that in the first page.

Mr. Aune noted that community vitality came out of goals in the previous chapters and how to objectify. He suggested language based on evidence of public comments and the other plan for community improvement.

Chair Romero seems these mimicking the Multi model ones. Seems like we are using all our other factors to come up with vitality.

After several other comments, Mr. Aune said he could go back to the drawing board and come up with something else.

Chair Romero suggested street scape and landscaping like the County did with the interchange.

Mr. Quintana suggested maybe adding something about promoting commerce.

Chair Romero suggested how it promotes community development

Mr. Aaboe added relating to the national goal

Chair Romero said we want projects to promote the economy

Mr. Aune agreed to put the matrix at the beginning, to say what the intention of each of these is and modify it to the satisfaction of the TCC.

The Committee briefly talked about the use of the dots and their purpose. They also addressed the process of evaluation. Mr. Quintana said they could think of it as a grade. 50 out of 100 is an F.

Mr. Aaboe didn't understand how a large transportation road project would use recyclable materials.

Ms. Luján said they could in the pavement. The specs allow using recyclables in the mix.

Chair Romero thought this was a difficult planning tool and they needed to understand what could be done and what could not be done.

Mr. Smith added that it needs some kind of enforcement mechanism to ensure projects stays true to the description.

Committee members suggested several measurements that could be utilized.

Mr. Quintana didn't see any project that would require an EIS in order to be done.

Mr. Tibbetts said this is leading to more planning; trying to have a safer system for more modes; meeting the federal guidelines. We are struggling on it and will keep working on it.

Mr. Wilson said he would take this back and talk it through with the consultant and propose something at the next meeting.

Mr. Aaboe pointed out a grammatical correction needed on page 3. Chair Romero asked him to get rid of references to a planning study on all of them

Mr. Aaboe disagreed.

Chair Romero asked them to either put it on all of them or omit reference all together

Mr. Smithson left the meeting at this time.

Several other suggestions were made for staff consideration.

Mr. Wilson said they would look at it in light of the feedback provided and do some tweaking and bring it back to the next meeting.

Mr. Kelly left the meeting at this time.

f. Transportation Improvement Program Updates – *MPO Staff*

Mr. Wilson didn't see a need to go through each one.

Chair Romero suggested going through them quarterly.

Mr. Wilson was only interested in getting an update on I-25

Mr. Quintana said they have not had a pre-construction meeting yet.

g. Update on the functional Classification of Roadways and Amendments to the National Highway System - MPO Staff

Mr. Wilson recalled that a year ago or more the TCC went through a process of reviewing the system. A presentation was in the packet. We submitted our recommendations to the State and the MPO was led to believe there were no changes. But when he got back, in what was approved by FHWA there were a number of discrepancies. They were not communicated to us. Mr. Wilson went through maps in the presentation. He was going to work with Ann for an amendment to bring this into alignment with what we approved as an MPO. He said he just wanted to let the TCC know and was waiting for final clarification.

Chair Romero said the City has been using the MPO recommended classifications and it works well.

Mr. Wilson said the second piece relates to the highway system. In the packet was a document on the Enhanced NHS System. He thought it could become burdensome. It is for major arterial and minor arterials.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Wilson said he would do some more due diligence and bring it back to the next meeting.

Chair Romero said Airport would change once Jaguar opens.

Mr. Wilson said Aviation Drive, once Jaguar opens, will become a principal arterial. He will bring it to the next meeting just as a heads up. He said he would speak with Ann about it before the next meeting.

3. Matters from the MPO Staff

A. Update TAP and RTP Applications

Mr. Wilson reported that the transit center received funding and the trail connection did not receive funding. One of the questions he asked was if there was only \$1 million awarded. The explanation was that there were three different categories. There was not much flexibility and no way to move funding to other categories.

Ms. Griffin said when it was under Energy and Minerals, there was not much tracking done. When DOT got the program it was decided that we will be held to every requirement. We have to track it. That funding will lapse. They are still trying to get trails straightened out. It was hard to spend the motorized funds because they were limited. It needs more flexibility.

The TCC discussed various possibilities for being able to utilize the funds in useful projects.

Ms. Griffin said the next cycle is a two-year cycle. Mr. Wilson has the guidelines for future applications.

Mr. Wilson said someone asked to see all the applications and how they scored.

Ms. Griffin said DOT is not going to do that. Some of the applications are not good and we don't want to make anyone feel bad. She said there will be a report forthcoming.

4. Matters from TCC Members

Ms. Lohmann said Ray Matthew was hired as new planner for the County and will start attending TCC meetings regularly.

Mr. Wilson announced that Tamara Baer went to Los Alamos County.

5. Adjourn - Next TCC Meeting: Monday May 18, 2015

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Approved by:

John Romero, Chair

Submitted by:

Carl Boaz for Carl G. Boaz, Inc.