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 SANTA FE MPO TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
 CITY OF SANTA FE OFFICES @ MARKET STATION
 500 MARKET STREET, SUITE 200
 MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2017, 1:30 PM**

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Santa Fe MPO Technical Coordinating Committee was called to order by John Romero, Chair, at 1:30pm, Monday, March 20, 2017, at the City of Santa Fe Offices @ Market Station, 500 Market Street, Suite 200, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Romero, Chair
Richard MacPherson, City of Santa Fe
Stephan Lopez, NMDOT
Dave Quintana, City of Santa Fe
Thomas Martinez, Santa Fe Trails
Paul Kavanagh, Santa Fe County
Diego Gomez, Santa Fe County
Erik Aaboe, Santa Fe County

MEMBERS ABSENT

Edward Escudero, Pueblo of Tesuque
Ray Matthew, Excused
Anthony Mortillaro, Excused

OTHERS PRESENT

Patrick Romero, NMDOT
Fred Pearson
Justin Reese, Santa Fe County
Wade Patterson, DOT Liaison
Mark Tibbetts, MPO Officer
Keith Wilson, MPO Senior Planner
Eric Aune, MPO Transportation Planner
Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION A motion was made by Mr. Aaboe, seconded by Mr. MacPherson, to

approve the agenda as presented.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
FEBRUARY 20, 2017**

MOTION A motion was made by Mr. Martinez, seconded by Mr. Aaboe, to approve the minutes as presented.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

**A. PRESENTATION OF PROCESS OF INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE
OF BRIDGES WITHIN THE MPO PLANNING AREA**

Mr. Romero made a Power Point presentation which is incorporated herewith into these minutes as Exhibit "1".

Mr. Aaboe asked what is the total inventory in District 5 that are structural deficient.

Mr. Romero said he does not have that but he will get it for him.

Chair Romero asked what is the difference between structurally deficient and functionally obsolete. Thank you for all the assessments you do for us.

Mr. Romero said structurally deficient is a rating of 4 or less. Functionally obsolete is that the alignment is wrong or the deck is geometrically incorrect or the height is not right. If you are both you are just structurally deficient.

Mr. Aune asked do the Feds or States require certain certificates for folks like you out in the field.

Mr. Romero said you have to have a program manager and a team leader. The person in charge on site has to be a PE or a combination of inspections done and credentials.

Mr. Aune asked does your inspection look at waterway design as it effects these

bridges.

Mr. Romero said no, another division does that. The District office does scour analysis.

Mr. Romero said most of these bridges were built in the 60s and are meeting their life expectancy at the same time. There are a lot of projects in this area. This is why we spend so much money on bridges and they take priority.

Mr. Romero said if you look at the bridges in the area we have the oldest infrastructure in this District because we were the first developed area in the State. We have been taking care of them and they have lasted long but 50 or 60 years old is a lot for them. They are doing fine but it makes sense to start replacing bridges at the end of their life cycle.

Chair Romero asked is that something the MPO can consider. Figure out that total pot of money we have to spend and instead of spreading out equally look at which bridges are in the most need.

Mr. Romero said we are doing pretty good as far as the State bridges go. There is a balance to be had.

Mr. Gomez asked is it a liability for local entities if we know we have a structurally deficient bridge.

Mr. Romero said if you get a notice from him that says to close the bridge you need to close that bridge.

Mr. Lopez said if the load capacity is reduced you put a sign on the bridge that gives the load ratings.

Mr. Romero said if it is structurally deficient it does not mean you can't put a load on it. We do a load analysis and advise you what to post the load limits as.

Mr. Wilson asked is there a funding source that these guys can compete on.

Mr. Romero said we have more of a hand in prioritizing bridges now. When he prioritizes bridges he looks at ADT.

Chair Romero asked if there is a structurally deficient rating is there a rating we should consider that if it is below that we need to fix the bridge.

Mr. Romero said at 5 or lower. We start making decisions at that point. You need to be proactive as well. Get rid of the salt going through the decks. Plan ahead. Consider an overlay. That extends bridge life 10 to 20 years. That keeps the salt out of

the way.

Mr. Gomez asked are you talking about epoxy overlay.

Mr. Romero said yes, with asphalt overlay the water sits with the salt and it keeps corroding the bridge deck. Yes, epoxy or concrete overlay.

Mr. Aaboe asked what is your limit for inspecting.

Mr. Romero said we inspect 20 feet or over. If it is culverts and if the span with 2 is over 20 feet it is a bridge.

Chair Romero asked is there a bridge certification course for his guys to help them read these reports and come up with projects and talks about new technologies.

Mr. Gomez said there is the bridge inspection class in Las Cruces.

Mr. Romero said that is 2 weeks long. He can sit down with your staff and give them a list and information for prioritization.

Mr. Wilson said we have never prioritized bridges. We rely on your priorities and feed them into the TIP and STIP.

Mr. Romero said the Guadalupe bridge going over the river, we have a construction ready rehab project there.

Mr. Lopez said with the Guadalupe Street Bridge, we had one bidder. It came in over what we have. We are trying to identify funding now to see if we can take that bidder. We hope to go to construction in the Summer.

B. UPDATE OF NM500 STUDIES AND STATUS OF NE/SE CONNECTOR

Mr. Lopez said our plans are 60% ready for this project. Before we commit to letting the project will have another public meeting in May or June to make sure it is accepted by the stakeholders.

Mr. Gomez asked did they show an overpass.

Mr. Lopez said no. It restricts full access. There will be no access directly across from 70 to 599.

Chair Romero said we brought up a lot of points at our last meeting. If those could be addressed that would be appreciated.

Mr. Lopez said Paul Brasher explained them to him. The intent of this is an interim improvement until the prioritization study is completed. We don't think this improvement will effect the prioritization study.

Chair Romero said one of the main concerns is if you take into account crashes and they cease to exist does that move us down on the priority list.

Mr. Lopez said by the time the study is complete they will use 2014 and 2015 crash data which included the crashes. The interim improvements will not be included in the study due to the timing.

Chair Romero asked for this new call for projects is the District going to include an interchange for this.

Mr. Lopez said we have to go based on what the study recommends. To be impartial, we will go with the most important need for 599 as identified in the study.

Chair Romero said if it could be based on the 2010 study it would get us an interchange in 2022. If this new study says something different we could amend that then and not wait for this next study.

Mr. Lopez said the interchange was the 2nd priority in the initial prioritization study. We have to wait until the next study is done.

Chair Romero said we don't want to wait for the next study and miss this call for projects.

Mr. Lopez said at the public meeting put that documentation in.

Chair Romero asked so we won't make this call for projects.

Mr. Wilson said we can do something like hold a spot on this list of projects. It may change.

Chair Romero said we could change it but he would rather have the potential for putting it in now.

Mr. Wilson said the consensus of this group at the last meeting was if we had to pick one project as a priority it would be this.

Mr. Lopez said the study will be done by end of year. It could be an option that could be entertained.

Mr. Gomez said we also talked about pushing traffic into other roads that are not equipped to handle it.

Chair Romero said he hates to miss this opportunity. How do we, as the MPO, influence that it be requested if we have a consensus.

Mr. Wilson said he thought Mr. Brasher was on board with that strategy. Send requests to your policy makers. This body can only encourage this. He would rather see a project come forward. April 14th is the deadline for submission of projects to the MPO. Then they will work with the District and then formalize the draft TIP. It will be better to bring it in now than force it in at the end.

Mr. Lopez said DOT is coming up with next 5 year project list now.

Chair Romero said that is why we are working on this. If this is in, he probably won't put in any other projects. If not he will.

Mr. Lopez suggested that the group put together some documentation asking for this project as a group.

Chair Romero said he wants to make motion to direct the MPO to issue a letter to the State asking them to include this in list of projects.

Mr. Wilson said ask staff to send DOT the priorities coming up and expressing the conversations here.

MOTION A motion was made by Chair Romero, seconded by Mr. Gomez, to direct MPO staff to submit a letter to the NMDOT District 5 Engineer requesting he include NM 599 and Via Veteranor (CR 70) for the upcoming call for projects for the FY 2018 - 23 TIP and note on the request that this specific project is subject to the upcoming corridor study recommendation and any changes it may have from the currently approved corridor study and that the MPO-TCC feels that this project is consistent with the adopted MTP and the most current corridor study developed by the NMDOT. Also the MPO-TCC feels that it is not only a significant project but that it effects all the member agencies of the MPO.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Lopez said regarding the NE/SE Connector, he met with the County to discuss the flaws in the report. A revised report has been developed and submitted. He will follow up with the County on the results of the review and hopefully we can move forward with the responsibilities on the connector. It is an important project for the County. We want to continue moving forward on the project.

**C. UPDATE OF THE CALL FOR PROJECTS FOR THE FFY 2018-2023
MPO TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECTS**

Mr. Wilson said this is just a reminder. He kept it on the agenda for that purpose. We talked about this in the last item. He has received a couple of questions on the ITS check list. Fill it in the best you can.

Mr. Lopez said if you have ITS improvements included in a project you need to say what they are. That is part of the criteria.

Mr. Pearson asked does the County pending review have any affect on the eligibility for the call for projects.

Mr. Lopez said it gives impetus to the completion of the MOU. The direction has changed now from direction 5 or 6 years ago. DOT will design the NE and the County will design the SE but the County will construct both.

Mr. Wilson said if the County wants to ask for Federal funds now is the time to bring it in. To be eligible the Phase AB has to be approved. You can apply now.

**D. UPDATE ON TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
PROJECTS**

Chair Romero said we don't have to go one by one at every meeting. Maybe we can review the entire document every 3 month or something like that. If there is something to be reported that is a significant change from what is on the list please do so.

Mr. Lopez said on S100230 DOT management is requesting that it be removed from TIP and STIP and be in next one.

Mr. Wilson said the plan to review one by one quarterly is fine. If there is a major change, benchmark or correction to be made, email him so that he can slot it in.

Chair Romero said let's get in the habit of doing that.

Mr. Lopez said the District is planning more projects in the slope failure on La Bajada and the La Cienaga interchange as well. We will be doing environmental plaining in next STIP cycle.

7. MATTERS FROM THE MPO STAFF

None

8. MATTERS FROM TCC MEMBERS

Chair Romero said he would like to ask that the MPO staff talk to the other MPOs please. When we do Federally funded projects we have to coordinate change orders. There are lots of chefs stirring the pot. If the improvements are on local entity roads he would like to omit District inspection and just let the entity whose road it is make the decision. We own the roads. It will help free up District time and benefit everyone. Could you see if all the other MPOs agree with that.

Mr. Wilson asked you would still go to the CLE, right.

Chair Romero said yes and if Federal funds are involved. Can we operate on our own if we own the road.

Mr. Quintana said the focus of the District would be to focus on reimbursement.

Mr. Lopez said we have to be responsible for audits.

Chair Romero said we can make the call on impeding traffic or what grade of concrete we use. The day to day stuff.

Mr. Lopez said it is about the risk the City takes.

Mr. Wilson said you are not missing out on approval, you still have the CLE.

Mr. Lopez said the CLE has to respond to the Feds too, if there is a change in the scope. It is the DOT's call to make.

Chair Romero said understanding that the District does not agree, he still asks the other MPOs if they agree. As long as we follow the Federal process. If we have to get our legal departments together to create a liability form that puts the responsibility on the City or County that is fine.

Mr. Lopez said understood. This is not his decision to make.

Mr. Aaboe said he is not asking you to make a decision, just that we figure out if the statewide MPOs agree.

Mr. Quintana said this is streamlining the process.

9. NEXT MEETING MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2017

10. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

John Romero, Chair



Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer