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 SANTA FE MPO TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
 CITY OF SANTA FE OFFICES @ MARKET STATION
 500 MARKET STREET, SUITE 200
 MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 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 Vice Chair Dave Quintana at 1:30 pm, on Monday, October 23, 2017, at the City of Santa Fe Offices at Market Station, 500 Market Street, Suite 200, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dave Quintana, City of Santa Fe
Ray Matthew, Santa Fe County
Stephen Lopez, NMDOT
Diego Gomez, Santa Fe County
Paul Kavanaugh, Santa Fe County
Erik Aaboe, Santa Fe County
Thomas Martinez, Santa Fe Trails
Richard MacPherson, City of Santa Fe
Tony Mortillaro, NNMRTD

MEMBERS ABSENT

John Romero, Chair, City of Santa Fe, Excused
Edward Escudero, Pueblo of Teseque

OTHERS PRESENT

Mark Tibbetts, MPO Officer
Eric Aune, MPO Transportation Planner
Keith Wilson, Santa Fe Trails/MPO
Rosa Kozab, NMDOT
Maria Lohman, Santa Fe County
Lisa Martinez, Director, City of Santa Fe Land Use Department
Brad Fisher, NMDOT
Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Matthew asked to move item 2E up on the agenda.

MOTION A motion was made by Mr. Lopez, seconded by Mr. Martinez, to approve the agenda as amended.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
AUGUST 21, 2017**

MOTION A motion was made by Mr. Lopez, seconded by Mr. MacPherson, 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. REVIEW AND RELEASE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW OF A PROPOSED
AMENDMENT TO THE FFYS 2018-2023 TRANSPORTATION
IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

Mr. Wilson said this is the first amendment for the 18-23 TIP that went into effect on October 1st. We met with the DOT folks on October 16th. The chart in your packet reflects the additions. The policy meeting is moving to November 30th. His question is if the TCC is willing to move their meeting to November 27th.

MOTION A motion was made by Mr. Martinez, seconded by Mr. Matthew, to move the MPO TCC meeting to November 27th.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Wilson reviewed the chart and list in the packet and stated that there is a change to S100520. They are going to add guardrails and that is not reflected here.

Mr. Aaboe asked what defines the beginning and end of project S100250.

Mr. Lopez said the mile markers

Mr. Lopez said an RFP is out on S100440. He will make a copy of the scope and send it to Mr. Wilson.

Chair Quintana said the amount on S100540 should be \$820,000

Mr. Wilson said this proposed amendment will go out for public review with the corrections and will come back to you at your November 27th meeting. There will be a public hearing on November 30th.

MOTION A motion was made by Mr. Lopez, seconded by Mr. Martinez, to approve the amendment for release and public review.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

B. NM 599 SAFETY STUDY AND VIA VETERANOS INTERIM SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Lopez said Mark Tibbetts asked for an update on the status of this. Right now we do not have an update on the Reprioritization Study. The final draft will be available for a November release for review and comment. As far as the interim improvements they are nearing plan development right now. It will include the removal of full access from the intersection. Engineering has come up with part of their engineering regarding the impact to neighborhoods and access to 599.

Mr. Tibbetts asked is there still an interim plan.

Mr. Lopez said yes.

Mr. Aune said at the last meeting we talked about reprioritization. He is confused from what he heard there. He heard that a design is 30% complete.

Mr. Lopez said yes.

Chair Quintana said the 60% design is the one the north region is working on.

Mr. Aune said it seemed like there were 2 factors keeping us from going forward. DOT is not going forward until the study is completed and that they will be taking a different approach. It seems like it is not going forward based on that discussion.

Mr. Lopez said the District wants to be prepared in case Via Veteranos is not a top priority after the study is done. We will be presenting the project to the MPO once the design is complete.

Chair Quintana said we discussed this at that meeting and he was told by the

north region that it might be smart to amend the contract to have a public meeting. There are some good ideas and alternatives, but it could get derailed if we don't get public input.

Mr. Lopez said our intent is to do that.

Mr. Aune asked what happens if the study does not elect to have Via Veteranos as a priority.

Mr. Lopez said we will be ready with interim improvements.

Chair Quintana said one of the alternatives was an overpass. That one seemed reasonable. It might address some of the concerns.

Mr. Lopez said those options will be included in the study.

Mr. Tibbetts said the idea of having a bridge across is doing it in 2 phases. You would be losing money by doing an interim fix that would be torn up.

Chair Quintana said exactly.

Mr. Lopez said the grade generation will not allow full access.

Mr. Tibbetts said they can use the frontage road.

Mr. Mortillaro said regardless of the study you will still do the interim improvements, right.

Mr. Lopez said we are waiting to see what the study says.

Mr. Mortillaro said that will upset some folks. How long from now will that be. We are now 5 years from when that accident happened.

Mr. Aune said there appeared to be some certainty that the interim measure was going to happen. He believes the elected officials from the County believe that. His expectation was different as well.

Mr. Mortillaro said that is right. This was supposed to be a quick and easy attempt to curtail accidents there. He lives out there and the folks out there are seeing nothing but foot dragging here.

Chair Quintana said when we had a public meeting 3 years ago there were a lot of people who did not want improvement and some who did. Restricting full access at that interchange, can that even be done. We need to look at that document. He hopes this reevaluation prioritization will shake something out. His guess is that it will still be

the priority. The interim repair may preclude an interchange for a couple of years. What does the public want. These are big questions. Having a public meeting at the conclusion of the draft will be important. There is a lot of potential there and if we do it right we could get an interchange sooner than later. If not we will move the interchange further down the line.

Mr. Tibbetts said in scanning the report it said the severity of crashes at Via Veteranos are much more. The public is much more sensitive to fatalities. Personally we have been through this before. The prioritization was very strong. Having reprioritization is ok, but how do they disregard what was done earlier or try to minimize it.

Chair Quintana said they did not do that. They are doing a pretty good job.

Mr. Tibbetts said the overpass is an interim improvement. They are buying time. As Tony pointed out the County officials want something done.

Mr. Gomez said there was a public meeting for Agua Fria. Commissioner Hansen is a proponent of a full interchange there.

Mr. Mortillaro said he thinks everyone wants to see that.

Mr. Matthew said one thing the study did show so far is that the original one did show the effect of connecting those frontage roads and the overpasses. It seemed like an alternative when they looked at that. It is much more doable and does not necessarily preclude the interchange option. It is good to hear that a public hearing will be done.

Mr. Lopez said the interim improvement was based on available funding to do that. For an overpass we have to commit funding already in place and add more from the District's STIP and that will not happen any time soon. Interim improvement could be done quicker

Mr. Tibbetts said we don't want to lose site of the priority of the interchange.

Mr. Lopez said that will be discussed after the study is complete.

Mr. Tibbetts said that was John Romero's big concern.

C. NMDOT PRIORITIZED BIKE NETWORK PLAN

Ms. Kozab reviewed the plan which is included in the packet.

Mr. Wilson commented that maybe a page in your design guidelines could be

included to look for trail options.

Mr. Tibbetts said he is thinking of some of the County roads we have. You have in the design guidelines on rural highways a certain amount for recovery so that you have shoulders. As a safety improvement he thought someone said the State now has design guidelines of more than 2 feet. As you point out that is changed when roadway improvements happen. What are the guidelines right now for rural highways. They are not consistent.

Ms. Kozab said she is not aware of any.

Mr. Lopez said usually 6 foot shoulders.

Mr. Tibbetts asked so you would be focused on that guideline.

Mr. Lopez said yes. In urban areas some have made 8 feet and on pedestrian trails as well to get separation of use.

Mr. Tibbetts said it is commendable that you are working on this. In the case of a rural highway with a high speed and 2 lanes would they do a side path.

Mr. Lopez said no.

Ms. Kozab said it would be an exception in an area where we can build a trail.

Mr. Tibbetts asked if you have a 2 foot shoulder now and the guideline is 6 feet in lieu of that if you don't have right of way and can only do 2 feet could you do that.

Ms. Kozab said no, a nicer shoulder would be used.

Mr. Gomez said bicycles are not always driving on the shoulder.

Ms. Kozab said if there is debris they don't want to ride there. Behavioural stuff is tough. For this it will be part of the design. Edge to edge.

Chair Quintana said you might want to bring in the maintenance engineers so they have a plan to sweep the shoulders.

Mr. Aaboe asked what is a typical design.

Mr. Lopez said if the road is in decent shape we can reconstruct the whole thing to widen it. There is always a tendency to separate at the shoulder stripe so we have to be careful how we approach that.

Mr. Aaboe said if you establish standards and at the first resurface you make a

hard edge you have high quality and low quality pavement and people go on the high quality pavement.

Ms. Kozab said we will be working through those types of issues. This will help facilitate that conversation.

Mr. Lopez said roads in this District are not always bicycle friendly. There are no shoulders in some places. It is bicycle at your own risk.

Mr. Aaboe said in thinking about tools for MPOs and design when these types of projects are on the TIP maybe we should look into the scoring process.

Ms. Kozab said it is up to the MPO. At a statewide level we are working towards, a many multi year way, a statewide project prioritization effort. It is a conversation we are having.

Chair Quintana said mountainous areas are where people like to bike and it is so hard to get shoulders there.

Ms. Kozab said there are a lot of cyclists on 64 which has switchbacks but no shoulders. We can't come up with one standard for the whole state. There are some unique areas. We are working on what we can fit in and what we can't.

Mr. Tibbetts said it is important work that you are doing. Just like making it a requirement at least in those designated areas that are defined as potential bicycle routes. It may have another component when the road improvement falls in that area. Regarding the maintenance issue, once we start making improvements in those areas it is important to have the component of maintenance built in. We used to see people cleaning up and now not so much. This is the right direction to go in.

Ms. Kozab said this will be a reference document.

Mr. Tibbetts said the State can use it to promote the economic benefit.

Ms. Kozab said that is not a function of our department. That is a State Tourism function.

Chair Quintana said thank you for the presentation.

D. COUNTY REPORT ON RIVER TRAIL PROGRESS

Ms. Lohman said the County is working on the Santa Fe River Trail. We have a conceptional plan that outlines the right of way from Frenchy's to the Waste Water

Treatment Plant. The County will approve construction very soon. We are also working on the acequia area from Silar to San Isidro and hope to complete that acequia plan by the end of 2018. We have funding for this as well. The San Isidro crossing to County road 62 is functionally complete. It is pressure fine now and we may want to upgrade that, but it is complete. For County Road 62 to San Felipe the jurisdiction is split between the City and the County. That is a critical stretch of the river because it completes the trail to 599 and to the El Camino Rael Project which is scheduled for completion in May of 2018 and provides safe recreational routes and safe school access. The estimated cost of that segment is about \$4.5 million.

Mr. Wilson said we have a regular meeting of trail folks from the City and County. We met 6 weeks ago. It is unknown at this time who the County lead agency is moving forward. With the City the questions become who should be the lead agency and where should the cost be shared. It is still a number of years away from more complex situations, but we felt it should come to the MPO as a Body who has representatives of both the City and County in order to start having the conversation about how this project will proceed. It is a critical trail for the community, the City and the County. That is the purpose of coming here. We will let you know and will brainstorm on how we start that conversation. The plan is to have this robust presentation to the Policy Board on November 30th.

Ms. Lohman said not this plan. It has changed a bit on the County side. We may not be ready for November.

Mr. Tibbetts said it is on the agenda for the November 30th Policy Board meeting.

Mr. Wilson said he will speak with Coleen about that.

Mr. Aaboe said he works in the office where the Project Manager for this works. It is a heavy lift to do the numerous acquisitions of property on this. We have had to discuss condemnation with a few land owners. It is a very time consuming process. Appraisals and dealing with land owners can be tough. Getting the conceptual design and working on acquisitions are the focus. If there are future discussions of responsibilities it probably would be good to sit at a staff level and talk about what those staff things are. It is a long slow march to just get the small chunk of property to stitch together for this project.

Mr. Tibbetts said we do see the opportunity to have Land Use involved as we go along. These strips of land may effect other areas.

Mr. Aaboe said we have some unusual tough challenges at this point in time. Generally titles are not super clean. There are old property boundaries. He is not sure what the hope was for the presentation before the Policy Board but it makes sense to have a top level conversation before that.

Mr. Tibbetts said there are jurisdictional issues that have the City involved. The Policy Board realizes this is time consuming and maybe staff could be directed to help on jurisdictional issues. Some go to the middle of the river.

Ms. Lohman said what we wanted to get out of this today is awareness that this is coming up and is a needed conversation between the City and the County. This is coming. We are not ready for a presentation to the Policy Board in November. Maybe in the new year we can come up with something.

Mr. Wilson said that is fine. It was to give them an update.

E. UPDATE ON TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECTS

Mr. Wilson said on the table in front of you is the list of projects. He sent it out a couple of weeks ago and asked for updates. The ones he receive are included. He will send this to everyone electronically. Please get back to him with any updates and he will complete it for the next meeting. Are there any major updates to give here.

Chair Alejandro said on S100460 we are having a public meeting on November 14th at the Convention Center. The kick off meeting was 2 ½ weeks ago.

Mr. Aaboe said on S200410 there is a project ground breaking for that on Thursday at 2:30 pm at the trail head. He can forward the invitation to all of you.

Mr. Gomez said on S100120 and 21 there will be a public meeting on November 1st at Milagro Middle School at 6:00 pm.

Mr. Wilson said if there are any questions or concerns on funding jump on it right away and contact him or DOT. Make sure all deadlines are being met.

Mr. Aaboe said on the last 2 we have not yet gotten the grant documents for those. Coleen is working on verifying our existing easements.

Mr. Fisher said we have them and you are about to get them.

Mr. Tibbetts asked if he could get an update on the Jaguar interchange.

Mr. Lopez said we are working on obtaining the connectivity of the cross road. The entity is still working with the City to make it a City street.

Mr. Wilson said the construction is complete and we are going through formal adoption.

Chair Quintana said he thought that was already done.

Ms. Martinez said there are just a few inspections needed but we are very close. They are trying to sort through everything and when the City accepts everything is complete it is done, but because there are various properties along the way that will be sold to different developers we are going to hold off on landscaping for now until the plans in.

7. MATTERS FROM STAFF

Mr. Aune said we are reviewing proposals to update the Bicycle Master Plan. We will begin the update early in 2018 and plan to be done by September.

Mr. Tibbetts said Mr. Aune was invited to participate on a panel for the Conference for Health Professionals Component for Public Transportation. He was invited by USDA. The conference is in Atlanta. He needs some recognition for his work in promoting this issue through the National Association of Planners.

8. MATTERS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Aaboe said he has been noticing improvements to Hospital Drive. It is yet another not bicycle friendly improvement to our roadways. Is there a process that would open up these suggested improvements to members of the bicycling community.

Ms. Martinez said when the hospital started making improvements a number of years ago some conditions were imposed having to do with the hospital installing traffic calming measures on Hospital Drive. When they came forward for the new addition we said they did not comply with the original requirements back to 2006. She doesn't know if the Bicycle and Trails Master Plan took into account any of these measures and we did not look at that. We need to look at those things in the future. We were just trying to get them to comply with the original conditions approved by the Planning Commission and Council.

Mr. Aaboe said the thinking is different now than in 2006 regarding the effect of traffic calming on other modes of transportation. Is it possible to consider that.

Ms. Martinez said she will bring that up with John Romero and make sure we think of that when we consider other projects.

Mr. Tibbetts said the issues on Botolph Road would have been a good opportunity to put in buffered bike lanes.

Mr. Wilson said originally they thought there would be heavy on-street parking through that corridor. There is intermittent parking on that street.

Mr. Gomez asked are there bike friendly chicanes.

Mr. Wilson said these are not really chicanes. Chicanes are typically used in a residential area.

**9. NEXT MEETING
NOVEMBER 27, 2017**

10. ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Dave Quintana, Vice Chair



Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer