

**SANTA FE MPO TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE  
CITY OF SANTA FE OFFICES @ MARKET STATION  
500 MARKET STATION, SUITE 200  
Monday, May 23, 2016**

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**MATTERS FROM TCC MATTERS**

**NONE**

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Monday, May 23, 2016, 1:30 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Santa Fe MPO Technical Coordinating Committee was called to order by Chair John Romero at 1:30 PM, Monday, May 23, 2016, at the City of Santa Fe Offices @ Market Station, 500 Market Station, Suite 200, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

John Romero, Chair, City of Santa Fe  
Erik Aaboe, Santa Fe County  
Ray Matthew, Santa Fe County  
Dave Quintana, City of Santa Fe  
Anthony Mortillaro, NCRTD  
Thomas Martínez, Santa Fe Trails Operations  
Richard McPherson, City of Santa Fe  
Paul Brasher, NMDOT

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Greg Smith, City of Santa Fe  
Vicki Lucero, Santa Fe County  
(Vacancy) Tesuque Pueblo

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Mark Tibbetts, MPO Officer  
Keith Wilson, Senior Planner  
Erick Aune, Planner  
Brian Salazar, NMDOT  
Brad Fisher, NMDOT  
Dan Watts, NMDOT  
Robin Elkin, NMDOT  
Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION** A motion was made by Mr. Aaboe, seconded by Mr. Mortillaro, to approve

the agenda as presented.

**VOTE** The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
**April 25, 2016**

Mr. Quintana said on page 6 they are wrapping up the side of Cerrillos by end of June.

**MOTION** A motion was made by Mr. Aaboe, seconded by Mr. McPherson, to approve the minutes as amended.

**VOTE** The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

**6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

**A. REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION OF AMENDMENT 2 TO THE  
FFY2016-2021 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

Mr. Wilson said the information on the amendment is in your packet. It was released on May 2<sup>nd</sup> for public comment through May 16<sup>th</sup>. We did not receive any comments. S100520 is for the I-25 pavement preservation from mile point 290 to 294 and S100510 is for the installation of the rail crossing gates and lights at the Alta Vista crossing for the Rail Trail.

**MOTION** A motion was made by Mr. Quintana, seconded by Mr. Matthew, to recommend approval of Amendment 2 to the Policy Board.

**VOTE** The motion was passed unanimously by voice vote.

**B. CALL FOR PROJECTS FOR THE FFY2018 AND FFY2019  
TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) AND  
RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM (RTP)**

Mr. Aune said he will assume the roles and responsibilities this year for the TAP and RTP programs. He sent out a call for projects last week and has populated the

website with as much detail as needed. Mr. Aune reviewed the program information.

Mr. Aaboe said last cycle there were not any awards to the Santa Fe area MPO for either program. Is that right.

Mr. Wilson said \$2 million was given to Santa Fe Trails for the downtown transit center. Initially from the RTP there was none. Those monies were re-appropriated for the motorized category and they received \$270,000.

Mr. Aaboe asked what was the tenor of the most of the successful applicants.

Mr. Watts said they want to see a plan that has been vetted publically. If there is a lot of right of way acquisition involved they don't fare well. We have a phase in requirement.

Mr. Quintana asked if the \$6 million is for both years.

Mr. Watts said yes, \$6.1 million.

Mr. Romero asked does the MPO have any recommended projects.

Mr. Wilson said that would be the kind of planning that would give you a good chance.

Mr. Wilson said the Acequia Trail would be possible for construction funds and Old Santa Fe Trail bike lanes as well.

Mr. Aune said he will set up a training session for all those who wish to attend.

Mr. Romero suggested that he send an invitation for that training to the City's Parks and Recreation Department.

Mr. Aune said he will put together some suggestions for projects then set up a time to review concepts and designs.

### **C. RESPONSE TO PROPOSED REORGANIZATION OF MPO PROGRAM**

Mr. Tibbetts said the City was going through budget hearings in late April and proposed a new structural organization for the City. MPO had been under Community Development and Planning. The reorganizing was to move MPO to Land Use as a separate division of Land Use. It was approved by Finance and Council. Final approval will be this Wednesday. From the discussions we have had, the definite thing is that the current department we were under has been dissolved. He spoke to the Land Use

Director this morning. Her understanding is that we will move there but not physically. Plans pending are constrained by funding. At this point we are going to be under Land Use. We are uncertain if there will be any physical change. We have expressed that we want to stay in this location. If there is a move it has to go through this body and the Policy Board. It has to be a joint decision. We have met with the DOT and FHWA and they prefer we stay at this location because of a study in 2007 that was a review of structure and membership for MPO. At that time the feeling was that MPO should be presented at a more neutral location and not tied so closely to any one agency. The City is the fiscal agent. The City and County share payment of the required local match. We are Federally funded. That is the status right now. We expect to have more information this week. The Land Use Director is meeting with the City Manager. It is business as usual for now.

Mr. Tibbetts said regarding staffing changes, Keith accepted a position with Transit. They lost a lot of their major staff and were floundering in terms of direction and organization. They are also in the process of doing a study to see if it is feasible to combine with NCRTD. That will be pending through the end of this year. MPO is still functioning fine. Rearrangement has occurred so continuity is not going to be interrupted. We are looking at options with consultant support or new staff. We are just working through this right now. In the long term we do need to have full staffing for the best functioning of the MPO. We will come up with a proposed plan. We have funding to do what we need to do.

Chair Romero said so basically this is a reorganization.

Mr. Tibbetts said yes. The main thing is who we are under.

Chair Romero said and we have a say on where you are physically located.

Mr. Tibbetts said the Joint Agreement says it is made by the City and the Policy Board.

Chair Romero asked would moving you physically have a financial savings for the City.

Mr. Tibbetts said the intention was to move us physically but that included a remodel of City Hall.

Chair Romero said if you are autonomous there should not be a difference.

Mr. Tibbetts said you are totally correct. We also operate under a specific program. There may be a misunderstanding of how we are structured. He is trying to point that out.

Mr. Quintana said it makes sense for them to stay here where roads and trails

are as well.

Mr. Tibbetts said the City is providing us space either way.

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

Mr. Wilson said he is still working 25% in MPO and will continue to do the updates on TIP projects. He reviewed the TIP project report which is included in the packet.

**7. MATTERS FROM THE MPO STAFF**

None

**8. MATTERS FROM TCC MATTERS**

None

**9. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM.

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John Romero, Chair



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Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer