

SANTA FE MPO TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
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City of Santa Fe Offices at Market Station
500 Market Street, Ste. 200 Santa Fe, NM
June 28, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Ed Moreno, Chair of the Santa Fe MPO Transportation Policy Board called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. at the City of Santa Fe Market Station Offices. A quorum was established with roll call.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Commissioner Ed Moreno, Chair
Commissioner Robert Anaya
Tamara Haas, NMDOT
Governor Charlie Dorame, Tesuque Pueblo (Edward Escudero, alternate)
Councilor Carol Romero-Wirth
Commissioner Anna Hansen
Councilor Chris Rivera

NOT PRESENT/EXCUSED:

Councilor Signe I. Lindell

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mark Tibbetts, MPO Officer
Erick Aune, MPO
Derrick Garcia, MPO
Linda Vigil, Stenographer

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Anaya moved to approve the agenda as presented with a second from Mr. Escudero which was approved by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES- April 26, 2018 & May 24, 2018

MOTION: Commissioner Hansen moved to approve the minutes from April 26, 2018 with a second from Ms. Haas which passed by voice vote.

MOTION: Ms. Haas moved to approve the minutes of May 24, 2018 with a second from Commissioner Hansen which passed by voice vote.

A. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no matters from the public.

B. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

1. Welcome new MPO Transportation Planner Derrick Garcia

Mr. Tibbets introduced Mr. Derrick Garcia who was with the Farmington MPO. He will take Mr. Aune's position and Mr. Aune will take over Keith Wilson's position. Mr. Tibbets states it has taken two years and two months to become fully staffed. Mr. Garcia will help on the technical side.

Mr. Garcia is happy to be here he was born and raised in Farmington. Mr. Garcia has a degree in GIS from NMSU and a Masters in Urban Planning from UNM. He is willing to help.

Chair Moreno asked if he will be able to work on websites. Mr. Garcia has not worked too much with Word Press but he is learning.

2. FFY2020 & 2021 Transportation Alternative Program Trails Program

Mr. Aune reported on the updates on the call for projects. (Presentation) There was a call about a month ago for TAP projects.

Mr. Aune stated the most noted award granted was the two million dollars for the downtown transit center.

Mr. Aune explained the recreational trail program and how it has not been used as much with the City. The County got some right of ways taken care of. He called the County to find out if they have used any more.

Mr. Aune explained the CMAQ funds. NMDOT followed the same model. The funds came from an Albuquerque air quality grant, the money allocated to that region were no longer eligible and a portion is available now for surrounding areas. There is certain criteria they must meet.

Mr. Aune discussed the criteria for CMAQ, TIP and RTP funding and the timelines for the awards.

Commissioner Hansen asked if the NM 599 / Hwy 70 project would qualify. Mr. Aune would have to check, that depends on the safety and mitigating air quality. Commissioner Hansen asked about the El Camino Real and Camino Adentro project, have they finished it? Mr. Aune stated regionally the county finished to the river trail, there are plans for them to continue it to La Cienega which follows the retracement trail.

Commissioner Hansen asked about the Rio Grande Trail. Mr. Aune explained it goes through the entire state and there are challenges they are still in the phase of mapping the alignment. The Environment Department and a committee that was formed is working on the planning. Commissioner Hansen asked if these funds were available for it. Mr. Aune stated some sections may be eligible.

Councilor Rivera asked about the CMAQ minimum requirement for projects under \$500,000. Councilor Rivera asked what the process was to get a project through.

Mr. Aune explained the process. There is a preliminary project form with all of the information they will need. Then meetings can begin with staff. The projects will be competitive. Mr. Aune states the MPO sends a call for projects with funding. It outlines the project and step by step instructions. If the project feasibility study proves it to be a worthy project, there are meetings with staff, it is a 30-50 page application.

Councilor Romero-Wirth asked who brings them forward, is it the Governing Body members. Mr. Aune states they can, the MPO has helped facilitate it.

Councilor Romero-Wirth asked who matches the amounts. Mr. Aune explained 15% for TAP comes from the NMDOT. They require a commitment and a Resolution must be passed through or a letter from the highest representative that they can provide that match.

Councilor Romero-Wirth asked if there were restrictions or if the work is partially done can they still match it. Mr. Aune explained that the City fronts the money then they get a match.

Ms. Haas explained that there is the ability for a soft match the problem is they need the funds awarded first, then once that happens they can do it. You can't do any work until they get the match. With right of ways it gets complicated and needs to be documented. TAP and RTP the funds can only go to local governments.

Ms. Hass explained the consultant funded from RTP used to be managed by EMNRD they weren't managing it to the federal standards.

Commissioner Hansen asked if the tribes can also get a match. She met with Tesuque and there were projects they may be interested in. Mr. Aune explained they could get matches, he was able to learn about the federal priorities and as he understands it they go by the statewide need.

Mr. Escudero states the trails there are very guarded going on to the pueblo lands. The RTP funds are limited as they go for the needs. He will ask the Governor more about it.

Mr. Paul Brasher the District 5 and acting engineer manager introduced himself.

3. Update on Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Projects

Mr. Aune presented the TIP list. After last month's meeting Mr. Aune and Mr. Tibbets reviewed the list. The key projects are the NM 599/ US 285 ramp, the NW Connector, and Veteranos.

Commissioner Hansen asked Mr. Brasher about the 599 Veteranos and where are they with the interim solutions? Mr. Brasher explained the interim solution is to restrict left turns from Veteranos left onto 599 allowing only right turns. The design should be complete by October, it cost more than expected.

Commissioner Hansen asked about the NM 599/US 285 ramp and why it got pushed out so far. Mr. Brasher explained the project is under design they ran into a drainage issue and the sound wall issue. It got pushed out he isn't sure why, but it is active and it will go to construction in 2020 for FY 2021. It is a relatively simple project but the more they got into it, they noticed it made drainage difficult.

Councilor Romero Wirth asked who the sound wall is for. There are some condos nearby. Mr. Brasher explained there is a berm there and it is joining the issue of drainage.

Commissioner Hansen asked if it will it move into the Guadalupe ramp? Mr. Brasher explained it is from 285 to the Guadalupe Bridge. The bridge contractor will start at the end of the month. The bridge will be cast off site and then lifted on site. They already started casting them. There is some remediation to be done. The abutments will need some repairs, and then a month after the deck can be taken off. Traffic control will be difficult. The cemetery traffic can be an issue.

Commissioner Hansen asked how long it will be closed. Mr. Brasher explained they will leave one lane open at all times the bridge will be down for three weeks.

Mr. Brasher states they have advised the contractor and imposed conditions that they consider all the events that take place in the summer and fall. The Governor's Conference may not affect them but he needed to inform them of it.

Councilor Romero-Wirth asked when the work with start. Mr. Brasher states at the end of July. Chair Moreno asked if there will night time work. Mr. Brasher states there may some but the majority of the work will be done in the day.

Councilor Rivera asked what factors go into it bumping the ramp project down rather than keeping it on track?

Mr. Brasher is not sure why, he thinks the design got complicated. It was a funding issue, there was an estimate but they did not contemplate the drainage issues.

Mr. Aune added in the meeting with Lawrence Lopez he indicated the sound wall project is separate. There was a desire from NMDOT to do the ramp project together. He told them how important it is for safety and the concerns of the MPO Policy Board.

Mr. Brasher or Mr. Aune will email the board the exact location of the sound wall.

Councilor Romero-Wirth asked how a project becomes a TIP. Mr. Aune explained in order to get to it takes two years and gets on the list then it becomes obligated.

Commissioner Hansen asked for an update the St. Michaels road diet and underpass. Mr. Brasher states the NMDOT consultants conducted a study of the corridor. The results provided some alternatives for a roundabout, or to reconstruct it. It is a NMDOT lead it could be designed, and funding showed in 2020 it will serve more capacity. However, the pavement on the bridge can't wait.

Commissioner Hansen asked about repaving the corridor from Cerrillos to Pacheco. Mr. Brasher explained there is just pot hole patching for now. Mr. Brasher states the City may want to take the lead on the underpass project. Mr. Brasher states NMDOT can design it but the City may want to manage it.

Ms. Haas states based on the history she recommends the City take it on so that it stays to the timelines. The state would pay the match.

Mr. Aune explained there is some complexity, they met with NMDOT. Mr. Armendariz stated the projects are on his desk he has halted them until the City Mayor meets with them to continue the negotiations to exchange the roads.

Mr. Brasher states there is not any design money for the underpass project. The cost was high, it is in the best interest to get it done but he doesn't know if they have the money to pay for the design. The community has been waiting and interested in it. Mr. Aune states that John Romero would be meeting with the City Manager and the Mayor next week.

Mr. Aune explained the discussion for the road exchange for the corridor of Cerrillos and St. Michaels Drive have been going on for many years. Mr. Tibbets explained that NMDOT considers them to be local roads. The State would like to digress ownership of the roads and have the City take them over.

Commissioner Hansen states this is similar to how NMDOT handled the County and the NW Connector they are turning them over and taking the federal money they have three million dollars for it not sure where it is. This has been the basic direction Mr. Armendariz takes at NDMOT stating these are local roads.

Commissioner Anaya stated the MPO Policy Board and NDMOT's relationship has been frustrating. He appreciates that Mr. Brasher is here but he wishes he had been here

sooner. He can recall a time when the correlation from the District Office of local governments and implementation was a marriage that complimented each other.

Commissioner Anaya states there was a close partnership, now there has been a lot of politics. At the end of the day they need the district office to be the core place for discussions, work and projects. Hopefully they can reestablish the relationship and get it back.

Commissioner Anya expressed he is glad Mr. Brasher is here to build on that progression. Regardless of governor or affiliation, he has not seen the level of disconnect that he sees now. They are not too far from the transition of a new Governor.

Commissioner Anaya discussed the condition of I25 Canoncito. Mr. Brasher states today he got a notice of award for a contractor. It should start in September and be on both sides. Mr. Brasher states it was the highest district priority.

Mr. Brasher explained there are other projects for I25 between the boundary of District 5 all the way to La Cienega and bridge work.

Mr. Brasher welcomed Mr. Garcia, he worked with him before on some projects. He is a great asset to the organization.

Commissioner Anaya extended support to the City Councilors if there needs to be separate support relative to getting projects done. They are happy help.

Commissioner Hansen agreed, she wanted to make sure the new Councilors knew about these issues and that there were concerns.

C. MATTERS FROM THE MPO STAFF

There were no matters from staff.

D. MATTERS FROM THE SFMPO TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

Chair Moreno thanked Mr. Brasher for coming to the meeting.

E. MATTERS FROM THE NMDOT AND FHWA

Mr. Escudero wanted to clarify he is the representative for Tesuque Pueblo now. Governor Dorne is the alternate.

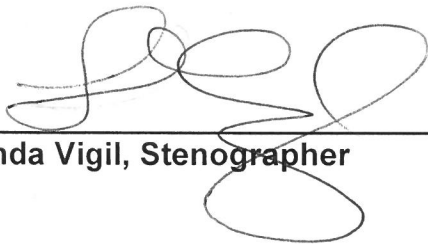
Commissioner Anaya thanked Mr. Harris relating to County Road 55. It was a frustrating issue. They were able to work through it. Commissioner Anaya asked if they can help coordinate on the final design. Mr. Brasher states they will.

F. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Anaya moved to adjourn at 6:15 p.m. with a second from Commissioner Hansen which passed by voice vote.

SIGNATURES

Commissioner Ed Moreno, Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Linda Vigil', written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with loops and flourishes.

Linda Vigil, Stenographer