



Santa Fe Metropolitan Planning Organization

"Promoting Interconnected Transportation Options"



Santa Fe MPO Technical Coordinating Committee

Monday, July 24, 2017

1:30 P.M.

City of Santa Fe Offices @ Market Station
500 Market Street, Suite 200, Santa Fe, NM
(Map: <http://tinyurl.com/l6kejeq>)

AGENDA

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

DATE 7/18/17 TIME 9:28

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- ◆ Call to Order
- ◆ Roll Call
- ◆ Approval of Agenda
- ◆ Approval of Meeting Minutes from June 19, 2017

1. Communications from the Public

2. Items for Discussion and Possible Action:

- a. Review and Release for Public Review of a Proposed Amendment to the FFYs 2018-2023 Transportation Improvement Program – *MPO Staff*
- b. State Rail Plan Development Process – *David Nelson NMDOT*
- c. Update on Transportation Improvement Program projects – *MPO Staff*

3. Matters from the MPO Staff

4. Matters from TCC Members

5. Adjourn - Next TCC Meeting: *Monday, August 21, 2017*

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**SUMMARY OF ACTION
 SANTA FE MPO TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
 CITY OF SANTA FE OFFICES @ MARKET STATION
 500 MARKET STREET, SUITE 200
 MONDAY, JULY 24, 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 at 1:30 pm by John Romero, Chair, on Monday, July 24, 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
James Martinez, City of Santa Fe
Stephen Lopez, NMDOT
Diego Gomez, Santa Fe County
Anthony Mortillaro, NNMRTD
Richard Macpherson, City of Santa Fe
Paul Cavanagh, Santa Fe County
Erik Aaboe, Santa Fe County
Edward Escudero, Pueblo of Teseque
Thomas Martinez, Santa Fe Trails

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dave Quintana, City of Santa Fe, Excused
Ray Matthew, Santa Fe County, Excused

OTHERS PRESENT

Mark Tibbetts, MPO Officer
Eric Aune, MPO Transportation Planner
Lisa Martinez, City of Santa Fe, Land Use
David Nelson, NMDOT
Bill Craven, NMDOT
David Harris, NMDOT
Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION A motion was made by Mr. Martinez, seconded by Mr. Lopez, 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 PROGRAM

Mr. Aune reviewed the item in the packet regarding the amendment and said that Mr. Lopez from DOT will explain the changes to S100 250.

Mr. Lopez said the District has \$10 million programed for 1-25 between 265 and 272 and other projects identified. One is slope mitigation on south bound I-25 on La Bajada. We are now doing a geotechnical investigation on that to determine the reasons for the issue. We hope to have the scope and estimate for that project a year from now. We also have deficiencies at the La Cienega interchange. We want to complete those 2 before we do the pavement restoration.

Mr. Aune said to clarify, I-25 is within the MPO boundary, La Bajada is not.

Mr. Lopez said this will be a subproject out of the control number.

Mr. Aaboe said on S100-250 this changed from \$16 million to \$9.1 million. La Cienega is the \$7 million being taken out. How much is going to La Cienega and how much to La Bajada

Mr. Lopez said La Bajada is between \$7 million and \$8 million. There are several options and we have not decided which to do at this point. The La Cienega ramp

extension is \$2 million. We are still balancing the STIP for money originally needed for the pavement project.

Mr. Aaboe asked the La Cienega bridge preservation is a separate project.

Mr. Lopez said yes.

Mr. Aaboe asked when is La Cienega included in this.

Mr. Lopez said between 20 to 24.

Chair Romero said for this \$9.1 million the thought was that it was for La Cienega and La Bajada. So this is for pavement and presentation.

Mr. Lopez said yes. We are still working on the scope on both.

Chair Romero asked what do they have to do with this amendment.

Mr. Lopez said we have to delay the pavement project to do those first and balance out to meet other projects needed within that year.

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

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

B. STATE RAIL PLAN DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

Mr. Nelson made a presentation which is herewith attached to these minutes as Exhibit "1".

Mr. Lopez asked does the plan have a process where local governments can apply for funds when they have a problem crossing.

Mr. Nelson said funds that come through us for that go through the Section 130 program. It is an ongoing thing. We have a process internally to prioritize and where funds can come from.

Mr. Mortillaro asked does the current plan identify the current maintenance backlog for rail systems in the State of New Mexico.

Mr. Nelson said there are descriptions in the plan. If they are done they will fall

off then new things come in. If you don't see something there that is important contact us.

Mr. Mortillaro asked does it quantify them statewide.

Mr. Craven said most of the railroads in the State are private railroads. They don't generally share that detailed information with us unless it is something really large. On the Rio Metro line, that we own, they do a much better job of letting us know about priorities.

Mr. Mortillaro asked does Amtrak run on private lines.

Mr. Craven said mostly. They run 80 miles on our track.

Mr. Mortillaro asked they are also able to apply for funds for deficiencies.

Mr. Craven said yes, the railroad can apply, States and others as well, for work on the railroad themselves. Facilities are a bit different, but could be considered under certain circumstances.

Mr. Mortillaro said several years ago there was discussion about a high speed rail from Denver to El Paso. Does this plan touch on that.

Mr. Craven said the last plan did. We put in a request in 2010 or 2009 for funding for a study on that. It was turned down. No further study is being done on it at this time.

Mr. Aaboe said he was wondering, looking at your vision statement it seems to be passenger focused when it appears the network is freight focused. Is the focus on passengers intentional.

Mr. Nelson said it is not intention to focus on either. We try to be balanced.

Mr. Aaboe said you may want to look at that.

Chair Romero thanked Mr. Nelson.

C. UPDATE ON TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECTS

Mr. Aune said the project summary is in your packet. He will give some general updates and a few to clear off the list

- S100270 Mr. Aune said the project is closed out and we would like to remove it. Mr. Martinez said remove it.
- S100480 Mr. Aune said the project is completed. Mr. Gomez said remove it.
- S100281 Mr. Aune said the project is complete. Chair Romero said remove it.
- S100282 Mr. Aune said the project is complete. Mr. Aaboe said remove it.
- S100460 Chair Romero reported that this project is going to Public Works today and Council on Wednesday for approval of the design contract

Mr. Aune said the MPO has put out an RFQ to contract with the Community College Film School to do a documentary on that project.

Mr. Aaboe said the County has gotten notice of an intended award from DOT for TAP projects. It is for the next segment on the Rail Trail and the Arroyo Hondo Trail. What is the process for informing you. The letter indicates getting the awards.

Mr. Aune said at the last TCC meeting he talked to Keith about that and he said the trigger is the award letter.

Chair Romero said you have to submit your request for funding agreement (ARF) form and that triggers the DOT.

Mr. Craven said on project S100440 the design is for several projects combined in that.

Mr. Lopez said there are 3 separate projects included. 440 is the St. Frances/St. Michales interchange, 340 is the ADA project and lighting improvements between the hospital and Cerrillos and 470 is the Rail Trail underpass. The funding is all combined.

Mr. Craven asked when is the design being funded.

Mr. Lopez said the design for the first phase is FY 19. We want to complete the Rail Trail underpass with a separate design.

Mr. Craven said it looks like they are all showing up in FY 19.

Mr. Lopez said they will be phased in.

Chair Romero asked should all those projects be consolidated under one control number.

Mr. Tibbetts said yes.

7. MATTERS FROM MPO STAFF

Mr. Aune said he attended the Rio Grande Trail Commission public hearing last week. They are tasked by the Governor, through Legislation, to plan for a 500 mile trail from Colorado to Texas via the Rio Grande. That group has some funding available to hire a consulting firm. The intention of this Commission is to engage the County of Santa Fe directly and the City of Santa Fe as to the intentions of the project. He suggested that they come to you all and the MPO regarding the implications. He was impressed with the 50 people there and the excitement around it. It is a long term, challenging project but it is happening. If your desire to have more information about this he can invite the representatives to speak to the MPO TCC meeting.

8. MATTERS FROM TCC MEMBERS

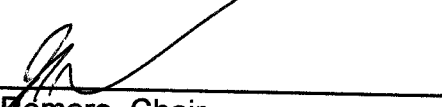
None.

9. NEXT MEETING


August 21, 2017.

10. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.



John Romero, Chair



Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

2018 New Mexico State Rail Plan

Santa Fe MPO

July 24, 2017



Why Develop a Rail Plan?

- Required by the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 (PRIIA)
- Required to receive future funding from Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)
- Coordinates with New Mexico's Long Range Transportation and Freight Plans

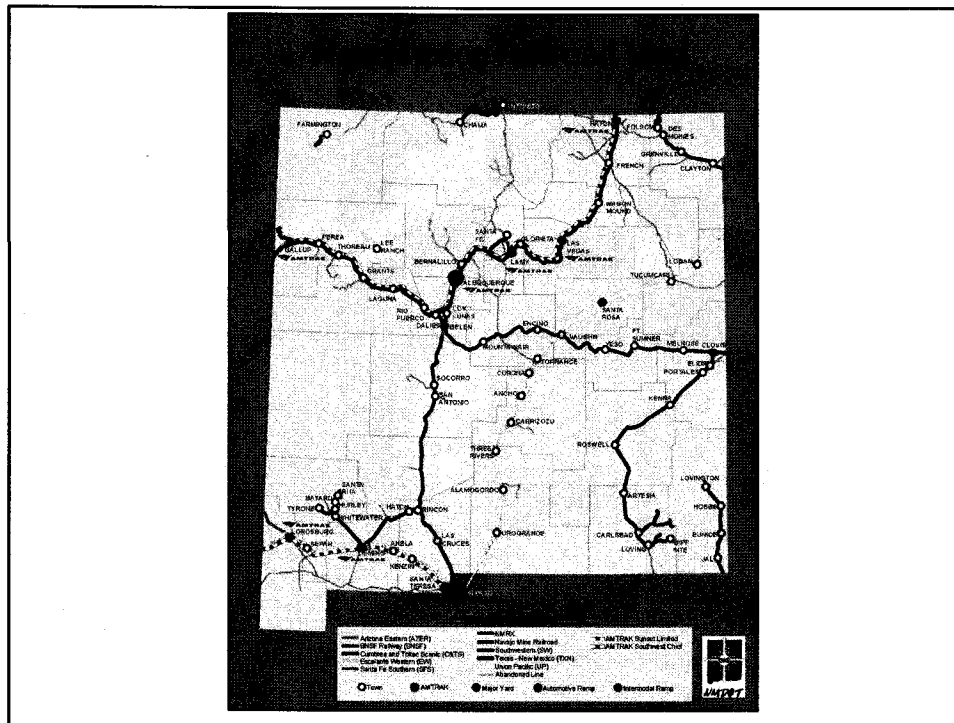
EXHIBIT 

Purposes of Rail Plan

- Describes State Rail resources
- Sets forth State policy regarding passenger and freight rail transportation
- Presents priorities and strategies to enhance rail service that benefits the public
- Serves as the basis for Federal and State rail investments

Rail Plan Contents

- Vision, goals and objectives
 - ✓ Guide actions, programs, prioritizations
 - ✓ Provide linkages to State Transportation Plans
- Rail systems inventory and assessment
 - ✓ System inventory (freight and passenger)
 - ✓ Performance assessment
 - ✓ Issues and opportunities
 - ✓ Current and future needs
- Planning for the future
 - ✓ Prioritization of investments
 - ✓ Economic, environmental, community factors
 - ✓ Implementation of plan



Rail Plan Process

- Stakeholder outreach to determine needs, issues, and priorities
- Public involvement
- Draft rail plan
- Public and stakeholder review and comment
- Final rail plan submitted to Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for approval
- Update plan every 4 years

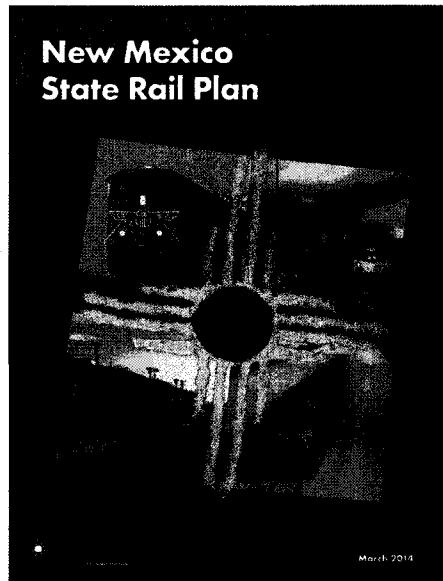
Rail Plan Schedule

Milestones	2017												2018											
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Stakeholder Outreach	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■					
Draft Plan									■	■	■	■	■											
Public Review													■	■	■	■	■							
Final Plan																		■	■					
FRA Review / Acceptance																			■					

Public Involvement

- Initial outreach to MPOs and RTPOs in Summer of 2017
- Draft Rail Plan – Spring 2018
- Public meetings – Mid 2018
- Second round of presentations to MPOs and RTPOs - Mid 2018
- Transit and Rail Page on NMDOT Website - <http://dot.state.nm.us/content/nmdot/en.html>
 - 2014 Rail Plan
 - Link to On-Line Rail Survey
 - Public Presentation Schedule
 - Additional information
- Email Comments and Questions: Rail.Plan@state.nm.us

Updating the 2014 New Mexico State Rail Plan



2014 Rail Plan Vision Statement

The State of New Mexico's vision for its rail network is a fully-integrated and safe multimodal passenger rail system that provides efficient passenger services to, from, and within the state; provides a competitive option for New Mexico shippers; is a vital component of the national transportation network; and supports sustainable, inclusive economic development statewide.

2014 Rail Plan Statewide Goals

Four main goals for rail in New Mexico:

1. Support economic growth and development;
2. Improve railroad safety and security;
3. Maintain railroad assets in a state of good repair;
and
4. Promote efficient passenger rail service

Goal: Support Economic Growth and Development

- Increase capacity of long-distance freight corridors
- Develop and promote local freight connections
- Promote rail-related tourism
- Link rail investments to strategies that support economic development

Goal: Improve Railroad Safety and Security

- Positive Train Control (PTC)
- Develop and implement other mandatory safety-related measures
- Improve highway-rail grade crossing safety
- Improve rail security

Goal: Maintain Railroad Assets in a State of Good Repair

- Improve the conditions of the state's Class III rail lines
- Maintain/improve the conditions of the NMRX rail lines

Goal: Promote Efficient Passenger Rail Service

- Improve passenger rail options in New Mexico as part of a multimodal transportation system
- Improve Rail Runner operations
- Identify stable and predictable funding for Rail Runner and NMRX rail lines

2014 Rail Plan Stakeholder Statewide Issues

- Passenger rail service improvements
 - Existing Rail Runner alignment
 - New commuter/regional passenger rail
 - High speed/intercity passenger rail
- Support local economic development
- Grade crossing safety
- Positive Train Control (PTC)
- Santa Teresa border crossing

2014 Rail Plan Projects Impacting SFMPO Region

- Capital maintenance for Rail Runner and NMRX rail lines
- Grade Crossing Safety
- Rail Runner improvements subject to funding availability

Factors Affecting Prioritization of Project Funding

- Need to maintain the State's existing railroad infrastructure in a state of good repair
- Need to comply with Federal safety mandates
- Limited overall public funding from Federal, State and local sources
- Restrictions on use of available Federal funding
- Anti-Donation Clause

Major Developments Since 2014

- Santa Teresa intermodal facility opened in 2014
- BNSF double-tracking projects completed through New Mexico in 2016
- New transload facilities in Albuquerque's South Valley being developed
- TIGER Grant funds are being used to replace railroad ties on NMDOT track used by Amtrak Southwest Chief in 2017
- Intermodal facilities underway being developed along BNSF Transcon (Gallup, Los Lunas)
- New rail-served facilities being developed in southeast New Mexico

We Want Your Comments On

- The Vision Statement
- Rail projects and priorities
- Funding mechanisms for rail
- Rail policy

Thank You



Please send comments and questions to:
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