

MPO Transportation Policy Board
June 27, 2019

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Santa Fe MPO Transportation Policy Board
500 Market Station, Ste. 200 Santa Fe, NM
Thursday June 27, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councilor Carol Romero Wirth, Chair of MPO-TPB called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Market Station. A quorum was established with roll call.

2. ROLL CALL

Present:

Councilor Carol Romero Wirth, Chair
Commissioner Ana Hansen, Vice Chair
Councilor Signe Lindell
Tamara Haas, NMDOT
Eddie Escudero, Pueblo of Tesuque
Councilor Chris Rivera
Commissioner Ed Moreno

Absent:

Commissioner Rudy Garcia

Staff and Others Present:

Erick Aune, MPO
Hannah Burnham, MPO
Brett Clavio, Santa Fe County
Jim Nagle, NCRDT
Gabrielle Chavez, NMDOT
David Quintana, NMDOT
Keith Wilson, City of Santa Fe Transit
Linda Vigil, Stenographer

NOTE: All items in the packet are kept on file with the MPO office. Any exhibits presented at the meeting will be attached.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Councilor Lindell moved to approve the agenda with a second from Councilor Rivera which passed by voice vote.

4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM May 23, 2019

MOTION: Councilor Lindell moved to approve the minutes of May 23, 2019 with a second from Councilor Rivera which passed by voice vote.

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

6. PRESENTATION

A) Introduction: Santa Fe MPO Staff Member Hannah Burnham, Senior Planner Technician

Ms. Burnham started Monday. Commissioner Hansen asked for her a brief background. Ms. Burnham explained she has been in New Mexico for about eight years. She is currently working on her Master's degree and hopes to finish soon. She is helping Mr. Aune with the nuts and bolts of the department.

Mr. Aune states she will provide some technical support and is taking over the new website and other technical support and Granicus items. They will have a transportation planner at the end of July.

B) Northern Pueblos and Santa Fe MPO Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan

Ms. Chavez with NMDOT who is the Transportation Coordinator for the planned area. The plan update process the draft is out for review. She thanked them it is a Federal requirement to update the plans every four years. Section 5310 fund helps with youth and seniors with disabilities and other, the updates will include data from MPO's.

There hasn't been too much change. This is part of the public outreach they needs to conduct. The comments can be submitted. The draft plan is on the website.

Ms. Chavez explained the schedule for the plan. The plan for this area is already posted for their review. They will hold it open for 30 days and then publish the final plans. She will return in September to present to them when it is final.

Ms. Chavez reviewed the strategies of the plan.

Commissioner Hansen asked why it is called the Northern Pueblos. Ms. Chavez states they are required to report to the RTPO's and Northern Pueblos.

Commissioner Hansen states the NCRDT also serves Chama that will be in the final report. Since this MPO only works with Tesuque, what about the other pueblos.

Ms. Chavez explained some of those pueblos have received funding, each pueblo has to apply for it. There is a 20% match and it has to be for capital.

Commissioner Hansen asked NCRDT if they are going to help them as well. Mr. Nagle states they serve many of them now, and Dulce are other areas are going to be served.

Ms. Chavez states they will receive funding, they have in the past applied for 5310 funding.

Commissioner Hansen asked why they didn't apply. Ms. Chavez stated they don't have to apply every year many times they apply for 5311.

Chair Romero Wirth asked if they keep track of accomplishments from each plan. Ms. Chavez states they rank grantees in terms of funding. They look at ridership.

Chair Romero Wirth asked how much money is given. Ms. Chavez states it varies every year. They loop in Santa Fe Trails in when they have excess.

Chair Romero Wirth asked if they reach out to them when they have extra. Ms. Chavez they do look at it, many times the RTD's and Transit agencies come in to ask for it as well. They've never denied an applicant for funding.

Councilor Rivera asked if they carry money over. Ms. Chavez states they have to spend it and place orders in March so that it is depleted by the new fiscal year.

Commissioner Hansen asked if they are using renewable energy buses. Ms. Chavez states it depends on the facilities if they can maintain them.

Mr. Escudero states the Pueblo of Tesuque received a new bus, most of the issue is the 20% they have to come up with.

Ms. Chavez discussed the pilot project in Angel Fire. After three months they will provide funding for the service.

Chair Romero Wirth asked if Legislative money can be used to help with the 20%. Ms. Haas states it can.

Chair Romero Wirth states maybe some of those areas that need help with the 20% could use it.

Commissioner Hansen asked if some money can be used to work on the NCRTD Facility. Ms. Chavez states they received a grant to build their maintenance facility. They will award the remaining funds.

Commissioner Hansen asked if it will be solar. Mr. Nagle states they are trying to make it as sustainable as possible.

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

A) Approval of the 2019 Draft Santa Fe MPO Bicycle Master Plan as a sub plan to the 2015-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Mr. Aune stated the TCC discussed the comment period for this item. They had questions on economic benefits. They did recommend approval for it.

Mr. Aune walked through the comments (emails in the packet) Mr. Aune responded to each of them.

Mr. Aune states there is a gap in the system near Zia Road, they discussed how it is embedded in the plan. Another element is that SF County to walk through modifications on details of what the County is planning to do.

Mr. Aune stated there will be general cost estimates identified in the plans.

Councilor Lindell asked for the cost range on the plan itself. Mr. Aune states the invite for this meeting included the plan and suggested edits. When they were done editing they added it to the webpage.

Chair Romero Wirth states it is in page 70 of the report but on page 88 of the packet.

Mr. Aune states the draft didn't have any general cost estimates. Mr. Aune presented the phase maps.

Commissioner Hansen asked about the River Trail connection from Agua Fria and West Alameda. How can that happen?

Mr. Aune stated the Public Works is under contract under the annexation to look at drainage that will effectively reveal a cost estimate of shoulders.

Commissioner Hansen has many constituents that are concerned and want access to that trail. Commissioner Hansen states the City needs to complete their annexation plan or give it up.

Commissioner Hansen asked about the River Trail, one comment showed concerned at the end of the trail it ended at a certain point, they couldn't go any further.

Mr. Aune states there wasn't an intention to not complete it, it wasn't in the plans. There is a project embedded in the plan to address this. It would have to be a City and County effort.

Chair Romero Wirth asked the TCC about funding. Mr. Aune states they will be asked to approve this sub plan so that projects can be considered through Federal and State funds. Mr. Aune states they have been able to fund it through many pots.

Mr. Aune states the SFMPO will continue to be supportive of when there is funding available they work collectively to recommend projects to the plan.

Councilor Lindell asked if they are looking at the whole plan. On the draft she asked about the bike sharing program and policy recommendation why isn't there anything in the implementation plan.

Mr. Aune states there are recommendations that each agency can decide to utilize.

Mr. Aune explained that the MPO provides guidance, for example in Land Use Greg Smith made a recommendation about a proposed trail. Entitlement of that land, it's his desire that the City consider adopt this plan via Resolution. They don't have to but it's a recommendation.

Councilor Lindell asked about the Policy for the City to pursue a Gold Rating it would need staff members and the projects and amount of money needed. It makes her uncomfortable for some of these items. There was an issue with sidewalk being widened without consideration.

Mr. Aune states he can imagine it is in the multi millions. Councilor Lindell wants to see it more realistic. She doesn't think the City is in the position to fund such a large amount.

Ms. Haas asked if this is the plan that is updated every few years. Mr. Aune explained it is a 25 year plan. Some projects were funded earlier. In this plan there is a detailed plan for way finding signs, he found out through Public Works there are funds for it.

Mr. Escudero stated in his experience when local groups get this they should have a disclaimer of how much it will cost. It will bring them into reality, perhaps calling it a consideration would help.

Chair Romero Wirth states in the Executive Summary it states aspirational.

Commissioner Hansen understands if there isn't something in a plan or as an aspiration you cannot move it forward. All of these things that will go through will have to go through many other boards and steps. Sometimes it's a good thing to have a big bucket of projects. They are categorized into the 25 year plan.

Councilor Lindell asked about the survey results the sample that was used for demographics.

Mr. Aune states this came up in February or April, the MPO worked to advance the recipients to the survey. There was a response rate from some demographics but not all.

Chair Romero Wirth pointed out a typo on the cover approved by on June 27, 2019.

Councilor Rivera asked about the visions and goals and safety was prioritized last, then there is a map of accidents. He is curious why safety wasn't prioritized higher.

Mr. Aune states many of them were carryover from the last plan. The feedback they received was that education of both motorists and bicyclists. It doesn't discount safety. These rose to the top from the process.

Councilor Rivera thought it made look like a priority and then a map.

MOTION: Commissioner Hansen moved to recommend approval of the SFMPO with a second from Commissioner Moreno. Councilor Lindell opposes. The motion passed by majority vote.

B) Transportation Improvement Project Updates

Mr. Aune presented the electronic version of the project list. Mr. Quintana is here to answer any questions.

Mr. Aune asked Mr. Quintana to discuss project S100680.

Mr. Quintana reported it will complete Cerrillos to St. Francis the intent is to fund it in phases. They are not anticipating widening Cerrillos they want to improve pedestrian access.

Commissioner Hansen asked will there be room for bus pull outs. Mr. Quintana states those discussions will happen, but they have to go through the study.

Commissioner Hansen asked will they put sidewalks on both sides. That section is pretty uneven.

Mr. Quintana states they want to commit to finish the corridor as planned.

Chair Romero Wirth asked what the \$1 million will pay for, the 30% design.

Mr. Quintana states in the next 7-10 years they hope to complete it and hand over a complete area to the City.

Mr. Aune asked about S100570 with the ADA improvements.

Mr. Quintana explained the ramps that were made to bring the intersection to ADA standards, part of it will provide a bus pull out. They may reconfigure the signals, the bigger project will come with it and they may not spend the money to it. They may need right of way from the Indian School which could affect the schedule.

Mr. Aune states there is an urgent need to get it done.

Commissioner Hansen asked about the Via Veteranos project. Mr. Aune explained it is not on the list, the one on the list is the temporary project. Mr. Quintana confirmed it is complete.

Mr. Aune explained that NMDOT reconfigured the list of projects, this particular intersection was bumped up in priority.

Mr. Quintana states it is the next priority on the list.

Commissioner Hansen asked how they can make sure it stays a priority.

Mr. Quintana explained they will amend the next STIP, they are programmed out for the fiscal constraints.

8. MATTERS FROM THE MPO STAFF

Mr. Aune reported they are establishing contracts to update the MPO plan. The public participation plan is one initiative. An intern is tasked with helping them configure the coordination.

9. MATTERS FROM THE TPB MEMBERS

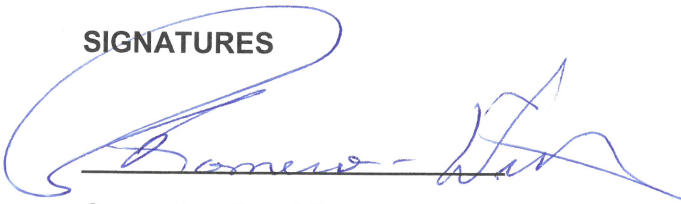
None.

10. ADJOURN (SPECIAL MEETING NEEDED JULY 25, 2019 TO APPROVE THE 2020-2025 TIP)


Mr. Aune explained the 2020 TIP plan will carry over they will be asked to adopt those projects, it is currently in public review. Mr. Aune explained that there is a process that NMDOT needs so they can put in their process. Mr. Aune will send a calendar invite.

With all business conducted, the MPO-TPB adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

SIGNATURES



Councilor Carol Romero Wirth, CHAIR



Linda Vigil, Stenographer