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SANTA FE MPO TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
CITY OF SANTA FE OFFICES @ MARKET STATION
500 MARKET STREET, SUITE 200
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2019, 1:30 PM**

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A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Santa Fe MPO Technical Coordinating Committee was called to order by Keith Wilson, Chair, at 1:30 pm, on Monday, November 18, 2019, at the City of Santa Fe Offices @ Market Station, 500 Market Street, Suite 200, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

B. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Keith Wilson, Santa Fe Trails, Chair
Brett Clavio, Santa Fe County
Noah Berke, City of Santa Fe
Sarah Anderson, City of Santa Fe
Tony Mortillaro, NCRTD
Edward Escudero, Pueblo of Tesuque
Paul Kavanaugh, Santa Fe County
Matt Grush, NMDOT
(1 vacancy)

MEMBERS ABSENT

John Romero, Excused
Diego Gomez, Santa Fe County
Katherine Mortimer, City of Santa Fe

OTHERS PRESENT

County Commissioner Anna Hansen
City Councilor Carol Romero-Wirth
Erick Aune, MPO Officer
Hannah Burnham, MPO Planner
Leah Yngve, MPO Planner
Romella Glorioso-Moss, Alternate for Sarah Anderson
Joe Moriarty, NMDOT Liaison
Carlos Gamora, City Land Use Department
Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES JULY 22, 2019

MOTION A motion was made by Ms. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Berke, to approve the minutes as presented.

VOTE The motion passed by a voice vote of 7 yes and 1 abstention. The abstention was by Mr. Mortillaro.

OCTOBER 28, 2019

Postponed

1. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

2. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION - AMENDMENT #1 SELF-CERTIFICATION TO THE 2020-2025 TIP

Mr. Aune said we are asking the Committee to make a recommendation to the Policy Board to approve Self-Certification. There is a spread sheet in the packet.

Mr. Aune reviewed the information and gave the background.

MOTION A motion was made by Mr. Berke, seconded by Mr. Mortillaro, to recommend to the Policy Board the approval of Amendment #1 Self-Certification to the 2020-2025 TIP.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

B. REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION - ADOPTION OF 2020 TARGETS FOR SAFETY (PERFORMANCE MEASURE 1) FOR NEW MEXICO VIA SELF-CERTIFICATION

Mr. Aune said this is the second iteration of adopting Performance Measure 1.

Mr. Aune gave the background and reviewed the memo in the packet.

Mr. Aune said to address the concern of Mr. Clavio at a previous meeting, the procedure methods have been reinforced regarding predicting numbers in any given year. As projects are amended and plans modified there will be a reflection in each document that these targets exist and are accounted for. We were asked to adopt the DOT Performance Measures with the understanding that they are based on the best available data and are not intended to be aspirational. In the future the DOT can look at what is occurring data wise in these five points. These have not been set up in a punitive manner. They are used for better understanding and better reflection of what is going on is what is being strived for.

Mr. Clavio said he heard that New Mexico has the 5th worst pedestrian fatality rate per capita in the country.

Mr. Aune said we have the highest per capita. Stakeholders are seriously looking at how to confront this reality. NMDOT has hired an on call consulting team to help draft a Pedestrian Safety Action Plan. We are part of that. We can bring information from the consultants in a presentation form to a future TCC meeting. The consultants have begun their baseline data part of the project.

Chair Wilson said his recollection is that these Performance Measures are supposed to be tied to the TIP. How is that going.

Mr. Aune said the rulemaking two years ago set forth the process for updating the TIP and MTP. Since then there has been discussion about what that really looks like. The instruction we got is we are still in dialogue mode as to what they would prefer. Until that reveals itself we have met the basic requirements and are looking forward to that information.

Mr. Mortillaro said they indicate that fatalities will increase by 13% by 2020; however, vehicle miles traveled are decreasing. What is the correlation here.

Mr. Aune said to that question we have met several times in trainings and the data folks are reflecting on that. These are best guesses that vehicle miles traveled are going down. The larger vehicles, like SUVs, going fast are increasing the fatalities. There is also an increase in head fatalities. Collisions on a whole statewide and nationwide are going down, but fatalities up.

Councilor Romero-Wirth asked vulnerable user, what does that mean.

Mr. Aune said it is a legal term defined as the users of our roadway facilities that

may have a disability or are of a certain age and other criteria. Potentially income. It tends to be unfortunate representation in undeserved communities as to higher rates of fatalities.

Councilor Romero-Wirth said you said the data regarding the Performance Measures is approximate or best guess.

Mr. Aune said the data is the best data available that articulates the trends. The trends are looked at to estimate for future targets.

Councilor Romero-Wirth asked are we doing anything to make it less of an estimate. Are we working on getting better data

Mr. Aune said he sat in on a specific presentation on safety targets a year and a half ago. In that DOT articulated in detail how they derive, interpret and express the data. It is a very technical approach. If you would like to see that he can supply it and ask further questions.

Councilor Romero-Wirth asked how confident are we in those numbers.

Chair Wilson said the data is actual, it is the projections into the future that are estimates based on trends.

Councilor Romero-Wirth said that goes to Tony's question.

Chair Wilson said the trend is more people buying the larger vehicles.

Councilor Romero-Wirth said that is not the only contributing factor to fatality rates.

Mr. Mortillaro asked do they correlate any population growth to these numbers. You would think as the population grows there would be increases in accidents. He is having a hard time with a vehicle causing more fatalities.

Councilor Romero-Wirth said she is curious about where the term vulnerable user came about.

Mr. Aune said he has been looking at State policies and has done an analysis of pedestrian laws in New Mexico and they are somewhat outdated. Other states have enacted Vulnerable User Laws. When laws are applied at a State level regarding vulnerable users it changes the dynamics of how insurance looks at it and how the law treats those involved and the dynamic of consequences. There is not yet a lot of data around texting and driving, but most people have articulated the impact just in the last five years. That has changed the game. The data is not there to show texting and driving is cause and effect yet. In the next two to three years that data will start to

reveal itself.

Mr. Moriarty said on page 1 of the handout it explains that NMDOT uses linear extrapolation. It is best estimate of what is going to happen in the future.

Chair Wilson said these are targets. These are intended to drive spending and policy.

Mr. Moriarty said yes, and to be achievable and realistic.

Mr. Clavio asked with the safety target is there a possibility of refining the data. There was an initiative by the Governor to start integrating wildlife corridors into the State. In conversations is there any way to indicate any wildlife collisions that may contribute to that number. Would that be useful at all. We are looking at that for Santa Fe County.

Commissioner Hansen said she knows the City Council passed a Resolution sponsored by Councilor Villarreal in support of wildlife corridors at a Federal level and she is bringing it to the County Commission next Tuesday.

Chair Wilson said he assumes within the Federal data it says if it is wildlife related and what the circumstances were. You should be able to get that data already.

Mr. Gamora said we are using linear best fit to forecast. Has there been any analysis like regression analysis. If there was the desire to get better data that might be a better way to look at this. It could be expensive and extensive.

Mr. Aune said in August of 2019 there was a regional meeting in Denver as to Performance Measures. It was reflected back at our quarterly meeting as an understanding that the FHWA provided some guidance. The local MPOs and State DOTs have tried to execute and there has been not much standardization to date. Not a lot of innovation has been brought to this. NMDOT has done the best they can to provide guidance. That is the state of where we are at in 2019.

Chair Wilson said these targets guide us until we get more guidance as to how it folds into the funding piece. We had a similar conversation on this last year. Fatalities are often on the driver and not something you can engineer.

MOTION A motion was made by Mr. Berke, seconded by Mr. Escudero, to recommend to the Policy Board the adoption of the 2020 targets for safety.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

C. RECOMMENDATION: ADOPTION OF THE 2020 TCC/TPB CALENDAR

Mr. Aune said the draft recommended calendar is in the packet.

MOTION A motion was made by Mr. Mortillaro, seconded by Mr. Clavio. To recommend approval of the 2020 calendar to the Policy Board.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

D. 2020 MTP UPDATES

Ms. Yngve said we are nearing the end of public engagement. We have received 590 survey responses so far. It is not as diverse as we would like. District 3 is lagging. We dropped off surveys to schools in District 3 last week. The surveys close on Thursday. Also we have had a lot of informative stakeholder meetings and a lot of one on one meetings with different organizations. We received good feedback from healthcare services and shelters, the County, City and State, Chain breakers and DOH. That part will not necessarily end this week. At the TCC meeting in January we are hoping to have rough draft of the MTP. It is going pretty well. We are still planning to do street stories. We will kick that to the next notch now and that will bring in the personal element people have with streets.

Councilor Romero-Wirth asked how many people turned out for the public outreach at Presbyterian.

Ms. Yngve said it was a small, but dedicated group of 14 people. We went to South side Library and had one on one outreach.

Councilor Romero-Wirth asked that was the only public meeting.

Ms. Yngve said yes.

Councilor Romero-Wirth asked what was the idea to take surveys to high schools. Is there an age cut off.

Ms. Yngve said the idea is they will take it home to their parents to take the survey.

Councilor Romero-Wirth asked has that been done before.

Ms. Yngve said not that she has heard of.

Councilor Romero-Wirth said she does not know if that is the most effective way to increase your response rate. She would look at some other ways to reach people.

Ms. Yngve said we did four elementary schools as well.

Councilor Romero-Wirth asked did you ask them to take them to their parents.

Ms. Yngve said we just dropped them off at the schools.

Councilor Romero-Wirth said she thinks that could be done better in the future. Be clear that you want them to take it home to their parents. Just dropping off is not sufficient. Teenagers drive and it could be interesting to get their perspective, but she would want to know they are the demographic answering. That needs more direction.

Councilor Hansen asked since turnout was so poor do you think it is possible you could have done that somewhere else for a better response.

Mr. Aune said we looked at the new hospital because it had good accommodations and parking. We have done meetings at Midtown in 2015 and no one showed up. We have held them here and at the downtown library, the South side library and Genoveva. Each one resulted in marginal turn out.

Councilor Romero-Wirth said in terms of place she thought the location was good and did see some advertising. Have you studied your advertising to see if you are reaching the demographic you are looking for.

Mr. Aune said we had a combination market/advertising strategy. We tried to get stakeholders to bring the message to their group. We came at it with the assistance of our consultants realizing that public meetings and surveys only go so far. The one on one is what we came up with and what you see. The cost of the public meeting for 14 people was over \$400 per person. We are going to reflect on that for best benefit.

Councilor Romero-Wirth asked did you ask how people heard about it.

Ms. Yngve said we did not.

Ms. Burnham said the survey asks how you heard about it. This is the first year we used social media.

Councilor Romero-Wirth said the question is how to get more people to a public meeting. She encourages you to keep looking at how you are reaching out to people and how to find effective ways. She is seeing this across the City in every public outreach meeting we do. It is a constant struggle.

Commissioner Hansen said many elected officials have a distribution list. These

kind of things need to go on those in a timely manner.

Councilor Romero-Wirth said she encourages you to send us directly something we can use for our social media or lists.

Mr. Berke said District 3 is really challenging. We have this issue in planning. It is a very working class area of our City. We get low turnouts at all our ENNS in that District. Social media only reaches people with computers. District 3 does not have any organized neighborhood associations so that make it difficult as well. Having a translator at the meetings would encourage participation. Some people may not attend because they can't speak English. We are trying to figure that out as well. He is glad you got 14 people. That is more than any ENN he has had.

Chair Wilson said good job. This is a big program.

Councilor Romero-Wirth said reach out to other staff members in the City as to what they do to reach out. We want the public to weigh in.

Mr. Mortillaro asked did you talk about using focus groups from different parts of the community.

Ms. Yngve said no, we thought our stakeholders would be able to represent the different parts of the community.

Mr. Aune said he thought stakeholder participation was helpful and successful. It filled in some gaps

Chair Wilson said thank you. Sometimes it is a thankless task.

3. MATTERS FROM MPO STAFF

None

4. MATTERS FROM TCC MEMBERS

Ms. Anderson introduced Romella Glorioso-Moss who is a new engineer in Public Works and will be her alternate for these meetings in the future. We are excited to have her.

Chair Wilson said welcome.

Mr. Moriarty said the Local Government Transportation Fund Rulemaking has been posted on the NMDOT website. We encourage you to review the rule and submit any comments you have or attend a rulemaking hearing.

Mr. Mortillaro said we are undertaking an update of our Transit Service Plan as well. We plan 24 public meetings through 10,000 miles of service area. We are three quarters of the way through that. The last one was at Eldorado and we had 10 to 15 people show up. We have one tomorrow night at the Santa Fe Place Mall in the Food Court and one at the main library on Wednesday night. At Chimayo we had to provide food to get people to come and we had a pretty good turnout. He understands your challenges.

Councilor Romero-Wirth asked Mr. Mortillaro to send her the information on both public meetings in Santa Fe.

Mr. Mortillaro said he will resend it to her.

**5. NEXT MEETING
DECEMBER 16, 2019**

Mr. Aune said we will likely cancel the December meeting.

6. ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.



Keith Wilson, Chair



Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer