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 THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2023, 5:00 PM  
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 SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Santa Fe MPO Transportation Policy Board was called to order by Commissioner Justin Greene, Vice Chair, at 5:00 pm, on Thursday, April 27, 2023, and was held at 500 Market Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Councilor Amanda Chavez  
Commissioner Justin Greene, Vice Chair  
Commissioner Hank Hughes  
Paul Brasher, NMDOT

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Councilor Jamie Cassutt, Chair, Excused  
Commissioner Anna Hansen, Excused  
Larry Samuel

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Erick Aune, MPO Officer  
Leah Yngve, MPO  
Jeanne Wolfenbarger, City Traffic Engineer

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION** A motion was made by Councilor Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, to approve the agenda as presented.

**VOTE** The motion passed on a voice vote.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** A motion was made by Mr. Brasher, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, to approve the minutes as presented.

**VOTE** The motion passed on a voice vote with Councilor Villarreal abstaining.

## **5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None.

## **6. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **A. PRESENTATION TRAIL COUNT USER DATA**

Mr. Aune said the Trail Count Data was put together by Hannah. It provides context for the good efforts of Santa Fe County to build out the River Trail. We wanted to share this information with the Board.

Commissioner Hughes said he thinks it would be good to have a presentation on this from Hannah at a future meeting.

Vice Chair Greene said this is great information.

### **B. REVIEW AND RECOMMEND FORMAL AMENDMENT TO THE 2020 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN VIA SELF-CERTIFICATION**

Ms. Yngve reviewed the staff memo in the meeting packet saying there are three projects in the Amendment to the 2020 MPO. The three projects the City and County have interest in are as follows: San Isidro Crossing, Agua Fria Safety Improvements and the Arroyo de Los Chamisas Crossing.

Councilor Villarreal said she is really glad to see the Agua Fria project. How do you decide what is public health and what is equity. Also, she was surprised to see the costs.

Ms. Wolfenbarger explained the costs of the Agua Fria project.

Ms. Yngve said the columns are defined in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

There was a discussion about the columns, tables and the process of ranking.

Vice Chair Greene asked if these projects get sent to a master list without a date certain.

Ms. Yngve said they are described as short term, medium term and long term. These three projects are medium term.

Vice Chair Greene said there are a lot of Federal funds coming down the pike. He has been encouraging Santa Fe County to look at the 25 year CIP plan and push up

the items to shorter terms. We need to go for the available money now. We may want to start looking at dates and push the short and medium term items so we don't miss this opportunity.

**MOTION** A motion was made by Councilor Chavez, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, to approve the formal amendment to the 2020 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

**VOTE** The motion passed on a voice vote.

**C. REVIEW AND RECOMMEND FORMAL AMENDMENT TO 2019 METROPOLITAN BICYCLE MASTER PLAN VIA SELF-CERTIFICATION**

Ms. Yngve reviewed the staff report in the meeting packet.

Mr. Brasher asked if any of these projects contemplate the use of State Right of Ways.

Ms. Yngve said for the most part, the trails are not at that level of planning with the exception of Los Luceros. Those details will come about as these trails are pursued.

Councilor Villarreal asked Ms. Yngve to give the Board more information on the column titles.

Ms. Yngve explained each of the titles.

Vice Chair Greene said he was wondering about where several roads fall within this plan. Are shared routes considered as separate tables.

Ms. Yngve said yes. If you look at all the phases you will see the roads and trails in process.

Vice Chair Greene reviewed his road questions with Ms. Yngve.

Ms. Yngve described where the roads and trails and bike lanes are in the plan and the status of projects.

Mr. Brasher commented that the Arroyo list is impressive.

**MOTION** A motion was made by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Councilor Chavez, to approve the formal Amendment to the 2019 Metropolitan Bicycle Master Plan.

**VOTE** The motion passed on a voice vote.

**D. REVIEW AND RECOMMEND FORMAL ADOPTION *DISCOVERING PATHS TODAY AND TOMORROW: AN ILLUSTRATED VERSION OF THE ACEQUIA/RIVER TRAIL COTTONWOOD LOOP IN OGA PO'GEH/SANTA FE VIA SELF-CERTIFICATION***

Ms. Yngve said we gave hard copies of this publication to each Board member.

Ms. Yngve reviewed the publication and the staff report in the meeting packet saying that we are asking for a formal adoption of this publication in order to provide support for funding opportunities.

Councilor Villarreal said she loves this so much. Who did the writing.

Ms. Yngve said mostly the MPO staff.

Mr. Brasher said these are quite good.

Ms. Yngve noted that the Spanish language publications are in process and will be coming soon.

**MOTION** A motion was made by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Councilor Villarreal, to formally adopt the publication.

**VOTE** The motion passed on a voice vote.

**E. FORMAL RECOGNITION OF CITY BEING THE PROJECT LEAD ON HENRY LYNCH/AGUA FRIA ROUNDABOUT PROJECT - DESIGN FUNDING VIA ROMELLA/NMDOT LOCAL ROAD FUND**

Mr. Aune said he recommended to Public Works that the roundabout design we included in the City's design of Henry Lynch improvements. The roundabout has been high up on the list of items to be done for a long time. We are saying to Public Works that it needs to be included at this time, in this design. It is coming to you today because it is unusual for one jurisdiction to take the lead in a cross jurisdictional project. The City of Santa Fe is moving forward with funding for the roundabout design. County staff is interested in getting a connection to the River Trail as well. It was recommended that this Board take a formal position as a cross jurisdictional project.

Commissioner Hughes asked if the roundabout is in the County.

Mr. Aune said yes. Henry Lynch Road is in the City.

Commissioner Hughes said it makes sense that one body take the lead.

Councilor Villarreal said she is excited to see this project moving forward.

Mr. Brasher asked if Henry Lynch is a bike route.

Mr. Aune said no.

**MOTION** A motion was made by Councilor Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, to formally recognize the City as the project lead on the Henry Lynch/Agua Fria Roundabout Project.

**MOTION** The motion was approved on a voice vote.

## **F. PROJECT UPDATES**

Ms. Yngve said the County reported at the TCC meeting that regarding the NE/SE Connector project, they are committed to keeping the public informed on the project including the closure of Richards for 30 days.

Ms. Yngve continued, saying the City of Santa Fe was awarded a small recreational trails grant for maintenance on 599. The project will be added to the TIP Amendment at the next meeting.

## **7. MATTERS FROM STAFF**

Mr. Aune thanked the Board for their consideration and approval of the two big projects on the agenda.

Ms. Yngve said May is Bike Month. The MPO is doing two pop-up bike lane events. Our website has been updated with all of the events.

## **8. MATTERS FROM THE BOARD**

Councilor Villarreal said she loved the Bike Month calendar. She wants to go to all the events.

Commissioner Hughes said the NE/SE Connector project is in his District. It is a huge project. His constituents are constantly asking him when we will redo the traffic study for that area. Is that something the MPO gets involved in.

Mr. Aune said the MPO has been involved for the last 18 months. The County used our MPO Travel Demand Model to inform the original traffic study. We updated the model within the last year with data for City and County proposed developments.

This is a model on a computer that informs others what their studies may include. It is not a spread sheet or a report. If the County is desirous of using the model and sharing it with their consultants to do their study, he thinks that may satisfy what your constituents are asking for.

Commissioner Hughes asked can the consultants use that tool to update the traffic study.

Mr. Aune said yes they can.

Mr. Brasher said he is getting frequent calls about the closing of Richards for the project. He refers them to the website. As a point of information, some of the lights at Beckner are going out frequently. We have some vandals who are damaging those lights in an effort to turn off the lights in the tunnels where they sleep. The signals were off for a couple of days. We fixed that issue and did restore the street lights.

Mr. Brasher said kudos to Eric and his staff for all the hard work they do in preparing for these meetings.

Commissioner Hughes asked why Beckner Road is closed.

Mr. Aune said it is due to the construction of the roundabout.

Councilor Chavez said it is also the development at Los Luceros.

Mr. Brasher said it has been closed for a long time. They stripped the land there and when the wind blows the dust obscures visibility.

Councilor Chavez said it will be closed for another four to five months. The development has had delays.

Vice Chair Greene said for Bike Month he feels we need to get the street sweepers out and going.

Vice Chair Greene said he would like to know how we can get the connection done from Jaguar to the Airport. It is the Cooks who are on the hook for that. He asked Mr. Aune and staff to look into that situation.

Vice Chair Greene thanked the Board for letting him Chair his first official meeting today.

## **9. NEXT MEETING: NO MEETING SCHEDULED**



**10. ADJOURN**

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

**Jamie Cassutt**

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Councilor Jamie Cassutt, Chair



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Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

