

**SANTA FE MPO TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD  
 THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 2023, 5:00 PM  
 737 AGUA FRIA STREET (MONICA ROYBAL CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM)  
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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, August 24, 2023, and was held at 737 Agua Fria Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Councilor Renee Villarreal  
Commissioner Anna Hansen  
Paul Brasher, NMDOT  
Commissioner Hank Hughes  
Commissioner Justin Greene, Vice Chair

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Councilor Jamie Cassutt, Chair, Excused  
Councilor Amanda Chavez, Excused  
Larry Samuel

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Erick Aune, MPO Officer  
Leah Yngve, MPO  
Hannah Burnham, MPO  
Jeanne Wolfenbarger, City Traffic Engineer  
Sarah Anderson, NMDOT  
Regina Wheeler, Director, Public Works

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION** A motion was made by Commissioner Hansen, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, to approve the agenda as amended.

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

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 25, 2023 AND APRIL 27, 2023**

**APRIL 27, 2023**

Councilor Villarreal needs to be shown as present at the meeting.

First names need to be included in members present and excused.

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

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

**MAY 25, 2023**

Councilor Villarreal and Councilor Chavez's first names need to be added.

**MOTION** A motion was made by Commissioner Hansen, seconded by Councilor Villarreal, to approve the minutes as amended.

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

**5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None.

**6. PRESENTATION: NMDOT: HYDE PARK ROAD FEASIBILITY STUDY (ADDITION OF BIKE LANES)**

Ms. Anderson gave a Power Point presentation regarding the feasibility study.

Vice Chair Greene asked what is the possible construction date.

Ms. Anderson said we have no construction date at this time. Funding has not been identified yet.

Mr. Brasher said construction on this project will be in the outer years. 2029-2030. We don't have a cost estimate yet. When the study is completed we will know what we are up against. It is likely to be very expensive if it can be done at all. We have had public meetings on this project.

There was discussion regarding a preferred alternative and various scenarios.

Ms. Anderson said there are five or six alternates for each section. Ms. Anderson gave several examples as to bike lanes.

There was discussion around needs, outreach, funding and drainage.

Ms. Anderson thanked the Board for their input.

## **7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

### **A. REVIEW AND RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF THE FFY2024-2029 TIP VIA SELF-CERTIFICATE - INCLUDING NEW PROJECT ADDITION: S100820 "TRAFFIC SIGNAL SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS" VIA HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUNDS**

Ms. Yngve said it is a Federal regulation to maintain the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The list of projects are Federally funded or are regionally significant. We are coming to you for an amendment.

Ms. Yngve reviewed the list of projects including the newly added project and said this went out for 30 day public comment and we received no comments. We also held a public meeting with no comments. We brought this request to the TCC and they recommended approval.

Commissioner Hansen said she knows that Cerrillos Road and St. Michaels is in negotiation. The intersection of St. Francis and Cerrillos is a disaster. Who is responsible for maintenance and what can be done.

Mr. Brasher asked what is the disaster you are referring to.

Commissioner Hansen said the transition from the tracks to the pavement needs repair.

Mr. Brasher said the responsibility for that rests with the rail. That is where the concrete hits the asphalt.

Vice Chair Greene said 20 to 30 feet the concrete to the asphalt side.

Mr. Brasher said that is on the maintenance side. He will take a look at it and let you know. If it is a DOT issue we will work on it.

Vice Chair Greene said the whole intersection needs to be looked at.

Councilor Villarreal said some of the signals need timing work and repair.

Ms. Brasher said the City is responsible for the signals. We will look at it.

Vice Chair Greene asked what is happening with the issues with the Indian

School crossing.

Mr. Brasher said we know what the right of way needs are. All of the widening of the road access is on the Indian School side. The right of way we need is nine feet. We met with the school last week. They do not represent the 19 Governors who need to approve what we want to do. We showed them our plans. We have been advised that the soonest we can get on the agenda for the Governors is December. The Indian Agency is interested in getting another traffic signal which we think we can get for them. We need the nine feet.

Commissioner Hansen asked how much money have you offered to the All Indian Pueblo Council.

Mr. Brasher said he is not aware of any money we have offered. We realize we need to go to the Feds as well. We know the process.

Commissioner Hansen said she recommends that you pay for the right of way.

Mr. Brasher said he is aware of that. He has dealt with Pueblos many times. We are talking about a construction easement.

Vice Chair Greene said you are going to have to go through the BIA.

Commissioner Hansen said maybe the Secretary of DOT needs to meet with the Director of the All Indian Pueblo Council.

Mr. Brasher said we are on it. We are aware of how it works and we are ready for that.

Councilor Villarreal said it would greatly benefit their constituency, their students and hospital visitors.

Mr. Brasher said they are aware of that. We have emphasized that.

Vice Chair Greene said he has questions about projects within the MPO scope. They are on the Santa Fe County list. They are:

Rio Medio 592 Corridor  
County Road 77  
Connection Corridor La Tierra to Tana Road  
Bishops Lodge

Ms. Yngve said those projects are not appropriate for the TIP. They have their funding already allocated. Once they have received funding they will be added to the TIP. We are working on planning documents and can put them there. As to Bishops

Lodge, the design funds are not programmed in 2024. When that project receives construction funding it will be programmed. The TIP projects are already funded. Every project on the list has received Federal funding or is regionally significant such as the NE/SE Connector. Bishops Lodge design funds were programmed in 2023. This is the 2024 list.

**MOTION** A motion was made by Commissioner Hansen, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, to approve the amendment through self certification.

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

**B. REVIEW AND RECOMMEND: ADOPTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN TO ADD UPDATED PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

Ms. Burnham said we adopted the performance measures in February. This document is in the packet. We elected to amend the performance measures into the MTP that we have already approved.

**MOTION** A motion was made by Councilor Hansen, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, to approve the adoption of the amendment to the MTP.

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

**C. REVIEW AND RECOMMEND: ADOPTION OF UPDATES TO THE SANTA FE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION'S BY-LAWS BY SELF-CERTIFICATE.**

Mr. Aune said the by-laws are in the packet. The by-laws need to be updated to comply with the most recent Bill. Those changes are included here. Also we needed to add language to allow Mr. Brasher to join us by Zoom and/or telephone. We also have language changes regarding the criteria for MPO-TCC members.

**MOTION** A motion was made by Councilor Hansen, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, to approve the updates to the MPO by-laws.

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

**D. PROJECT UPDATES**

Ms. Yngve said you can see updates on projects with Federal funding on our website.

## **8. MATTERS FROM MPO STAFF**

Ms. Burnham said she is working on the Urban Area Boundary project. We are recommending no changes. We are looking at expanding the map to show roads that may have been cut off. We want to show the full road. We have run the draft by the NMDOT and they have given us feedback.

Mr. Aune said annually we have a meeting with all of the MPOs in the state. We convene with DOT. That meeting will be here this year. It will be on September 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. We would like to have welcoming remarks from the Chair.

Commissioners Greene and Hansen said they would both be happy to do that.

Ms. Yngve said we are updating plans. She will send out a request for projects to all of you for the Transportation Master Plan and the Bicycle Master Plan.

Vice Chair Greene said he would like a description of the projects acceptable for the plans.

Ms. Yngve said she will send an email with the details to all of you. She suggests that you look at the existing lists. She will send them to you.

Vice Chair Greene said he will send the information to his constituents for project ideas.

Ms. Yngve said she is hesitant to receive projects from constituents.

## **9. MATTERS FROM TPB MEMBERS**

Commissioner Hughes asked if they can have a contact at DOT for minor maintenance issues.

Mr. Brasher said he is the contact at this time.

Mr. Brasher said this morning the New Mexico State Transportation Commission met and approved transportation project funding recommended by the Secretary. They approved the Agua Fria-Cottonwood project, the Los Pinos Bridge and various road improvements for the Town of Edgewood. That is good news. There were also awards to other counties and cities.

Commissioner Hansen said thank you for the cut out. She still wants a stop sign at W. Alameda.

## **10. NEXT TPB MEETING: SEPTEMBER 28, 2023**

Commissioner Hansen said on that day, the Board of County Commissioners will be having a Strategic Planning Session. It ends at 5:00 pm. We may be 10 or so minutes late. We will keep you informed.

Vice Chair Greene said since we have Ms. Wheeler here he would like to suggest modern lit signs on major routes. Also what is the status of the Jaguar-Airport connection. Is there a way to get that moving.

Ms. Wheeler said that project is near and dear to the Governing Body. The Airport has taken up the lions share of Legislative funding. It is a priority.

Vice Chair Greene said the Cooks are on the hook, right.

Ms. Wheeler said that is not the case anymore.

## **11. ADJOURN**

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

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Councilor Jamie Cassutt, Chair

*Elizabeth Martin*

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