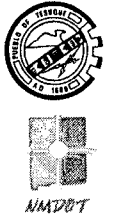




Santa Fe Metropolitan Planning Organization

"Promoting Interconnected Transportation Options"



Santa Fe MPO Transportation Policy Board

Thursday June 26th, 2014, 4:30 P.M.

*City of Santa Fe Offices @ Market Station
500 Market Street, Suite 200, Santa Fe, NM
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AGENDA

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

DATE 6/17/14 TIME 3:45
BY Keith Wilson
BY [Signature]

CALL to ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL of AGENDA

APPROVAL of MINUTES: *May 29th, 2014*

A. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

B. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

1. Approval of the FFY2015-2016 Unified Planning Work Program – *MPO Staff*
2. Approval of an Amendment to the Santa Fe MPO Bylaws and Operating Procedures – *MPO Staff*
3. Review and Approval of a Resolution Endorsing Efforts to Maintain the Amtrak Southwest Chief Passenger Service through Raton, Las Vegas and Lamy, New Mexico – *MPO Staff*
4. Presentation and Discussion on the Public Transit Master Plan – Ken Hosen, KFH
5. Update on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2015-2040 Update – *MPO Staff*
6. Update on the Pedestrian Master Plan – *MPO Staff*
7. Update on the Transportation Alternatives Program – *MPO Staff*
8. Update on the Highway Safety Improvement Program – *MPO Staff*
9. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Project Updates – *MPO Staff*

C. MATTERS FROM THE MPO STAFF

D. MATTERS FROM THE SFMPO TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

E. MATTERS FROM THE NMDOT AND FHWA

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**MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FÉ MPO
TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
June 26, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Santa Fé MPO Transportation Policy Board was called to order on the above date by Commissioner Miguel Chávez, Chair, at approximately 5:00 pm in the Roundhouse Conference Room, 500 Market Station, Suite 200, Santa Fé, New Mexico.

ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Miguel Chávez, Chair, Santa Fé County
Governor Robert Mora, Tesuque Pueblo
Commissioner Robert Anaya, Santa Fé County
Tamara Haas, NMDOT, Office of Strategic Planning
Commissioner Liz Stefanics, Santa Fé County

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilor Patti Bushee, City of Santa Fe
Councilor Carmichael Dominguez, City of Santa Fe
Mayor Javier Gonzales, City of Santa Fe

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Mark Tibbetts, MPO Officer
Mr. Keith Wilson, MPO Planner
Mr. Erick Aune, MPO Planner

Commissioner Stefanics asked if there was anything that prohibited the Transportation Policy Board from meeting with no City representation.

Commissioner Chávez said there was not any reason that he knew of.

Mr. Tibbetts said it was not specified in the by-laws - just a quorum.

Commissioner Chávez thought they might have to revisit the time of the meeting to see if that would make a difference. They needed to send a message to their colleagues to be present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Stefanics moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Anaya seconded the motion.

Commissioner Chávez said they could cover the pressing items and, depending on the time, might need to postpone some to the next meeting.

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - May 29, 2014

Commissioner Stefanics moved to approve the minutes of May 29, 2014 as presented. Governor Mora seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

A. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no matters from the Public.

B. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

1. Approval of the FFY2015-2016 Unified Planning Work Program – MPO Staff

Mr. Tibbetts gave an overview of the 2015-2016 UPWP which was in the packet. It covered two federal fiscal years comprehensively by federal requirement. It would be reviewed by NMDOT and, with the Board's approval would be put together with the state's program and all MPOs in New Mexico. Then it would be submitted to FHWA for their approval prior to October 1. The TCC has recommended it for approval.

There were no questions regarding the UPWP.

Commissioner Stefanics moved to approve the FFY 2014-2016 Unified Planning Work Program as recommended by the MPO-TCC. Commissioner Anaya seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

2. Approval of an Amendment to the Santa Fe MPO Bylaws and Operating Procedures – MPO Staff

Commissioner Chávez asked staff to distribute a letter from Mayor Gonzales with a request.

Mr. Tibbetts said this issue came up since March. The Mayor was the specific representative of the City on this Board. The Mayor's schedule was such that he had been unable to attend any of the meetings since March. He was interested in being part of the process but a bit overwhelmed with his schedule right now. He hoped he could participate more later because he was very interested. He was requesting that a change in the by-laws to add the Mayor Pro Tem as his representative. It was suggested to list 3 members of the Governing Body to represent the City but he felt more comfortable with Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem and two City Councilors. That would not change the composition of the Board and keep the balance the same as it was now.

Commissioner Anaya said the request did not bother him. The Mayor ultimately appoints members anyway. He asked if there was any federal problem with it.

Mr. Tibbetts said no.

Commissioner Stefanics was fine with it also. She thanked the NMDOT and Governor Mora from Tesuque for being involved. She really would like to have it clarified that like many other inter-governmental groups that they didn't move ahead without at least one member of the other governing body. She would ask this group to consider something like this.

Commissioner Chávez asked if Mr. Tibbetts could research that a bit more. He asked if it would require a bylaw amendment.

Mr. Wilson pointed out that in the by-laws, a quorum was a simple majority.

Commissioner Chávez asked if they had the latitude to do that. He asked everyone to think about it and see if they could get their colleagues to tighten it up.

Commissioner Anaya agreed. It was hard to get a quorum. With something like provisions related to funding decisions it was critical that the Board could take action.

Governor Mora said, in light of the Mayor's position compared to former Mayor and the amount of times he was able to attend, he wanted to see how things would work out if the designees couldn't vote.

Mr. Tibbetts explained that the designees could vote.

Governor Mora as long as designees could vote then that was okay as long as he was aware of it.

Mr. Wilson added to clarify further that members also had an alternate. So if you designated someone you would still have an alternate who could vote in your absence.

Governor Moya clarified that Ms. Sandra Maes was his designee and she had authority to vote.

Commissioner Chávez reasoned that page 1 of 6 was the only place that needed to change.

Mr. Tibbetts agreed - to say "Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem."

Commissioner Stefanics asked if the Mayor Pro Tem could be Mayor Pro Tem or an appointed City Councilor.

Mr. Tibbetts said if Mayor Pro Tem was specified.

Commissioner Stefanics, pointed out that he could be here one day as mayor pro tem and one day as councilor.

Mr. Tibbetts not necessarily thought it should say "Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem."

Commissioner Chávez said they would soon see how it worked and asked the pleasure of the Board.

Commissioner Anaya moved to accept the recommendation of the Mayor. Commissioner Stefanics seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

3. Review and Approval of a Resolution Endorsing Efforts to Maintain the Amtrak Southwest Chief Passenger Service through Raton, Las Vegas and Lamy, New Mexico – MPO Staff

Mr. Aune said at a previous meeting that staff proposed language for the Board's consideration and sent out that version to the Board members and got feedback on it. He recognized Frank Sharpless who provided suggestions for the Resolution. Ms. Haas provided a memo. The staff report was in the packet. And the details for clarification were projected on the screen in red-lined version. Some of Board members were absent from the last meeting.

The substantive issue was that there was general support to send a Message to the State Legislature to ask the State to help financially. Preference was that the Message be clear and strong that we support the federal government to continue supporting the funding for train service.

Commissioner Chávez noted that they had 2 versions: the Red-lined version and the staff version.

Mr. Aune explained that the redlined version included the input from DOT.

Commissioner Stefanics said she had raised some support and concern at the last meeting. Her support was for the communities that depended on AMTRAK and was in agreement that if the State provided funds it might detract from funds that go to local government. She heard from advocates that other states were supporting this financially. She thought they had that language in it.

Commissioner Anaya said he was one not here at the last meeting but he had been following this for quite some time. He was happy that they were taking action. He wanted to hear from Mr. Sharpless. The Board needed to do whatever it would take to keep AMTRAK running. He wondered if they could take resources from other than federal sources for it. He asked if the Transportation Commission took any action.

Mr. Sharpless said they presented a briefing to the Transportation Commission three months ago. The recommended resolution here was not taken to the Commission. They support keeping Amtrak but they have no money to support it and they felt Feds should fund it. A bill was introduced in the Colorado legislature. It appropriated \$5,900 for the Commission. The DOT there has submitted names for the Commission. In Kansas they introduced a House Resolution but it did not get out of committee. Garden City Kansas applied for a Tiger Grant in the amount of \$15 million. In New Mexico, a line item in the budget provided funding for the Legislative Council Service to look at the anti-donation clause to maintain a private railroad. The study is underway with DOT doing the ridership study. DOT is also studying the details of what the \$4 million per year per state was based on. They were waiting for Amtrak to give information to help with that. The Legislature has an interim committee and would have a meeting the day after Election Day where they would hear all the reports on the Southwest Chief.

Commissioner Anaya said they needed to stay connected. The County Commission passed a resolution supporting maintaining the Southwest Chief. He needed to hear more about what comes out of the studies.

Governor Mora recommended that the Board table this resolution until hearing the information from that study.

Commissioner Stefanics said they discussed the resolution at the City and the County but it did not address any funds. This was saying we support and push the state to come to the table with funding. The County and the City supported the continuance of the Southwest Chief and acknowledged the economic impact on communities in our state. Many of the small communities up north were talking about a direct impact with transportation to the Boy Scout camp. At the North Central Economic District meeting they looked at numbers of passengers going and coming from each community to see the impact.

Commissioner Anaya noted that the first draft spoke to stepping up and providing a contribution. The second draft said to do more than what other states have done.

Mr. Sharpless said the MPO could endorse whatever version they wanted. DOT felt that with the redlined version they could support the resolution as well. Our purpose in doing the studies was to get information out there. DOT's position all along was that Congress had always paid for this. The resources were there. It was just where you choose to allocate your resources.

Commissioner Anaya said doing the red lined version still gives the Board an opportunity to get the feedback from the studies and doing nothing now was probably not a good idea. This restates what they were doing and they could strengthen it after getting the information.

Commissioner Stefanics wanted to make sure the Board heard from anyone else here for this.

Mr. Ford Robbins had a concern with the red lined version in that the first clause did not identify what the \$150,000 was. The real appropriation was \$50,000 and out of that \$30,000 was for the cost benefit study from Gallup to Raton with the study done through UNM. He found the language confusing because they were talking about two pots of money. The Board was drafting a resolution to support the Amtrak

passenger train. He said Mr. Aune called him to see if it was factually correct. It was. The economic clause was the quibbling. The DOT chose to call it worthless. It was not worthless. There was very much an economic impact in the corridor. It was a quick study and everyone said it was incomplete. They worked with the data they had and came up with a sketch but it was not worthless data. In the end result of the red lined version the tone changed completely. He thought the Board wanted to see that all efforts were pursued, state and federal. The direction has changed to focus on the federal level. The coalition has been focusing on the federal level. The reality was that it won't get done. We can't ignore some state effort here. He urged the Board to meld these together and keep the Board's original focus of last month that both the state and the federal government should work on a solution.

Commissioner Chávez asked if there was a way to meld these two to include all possible funding sources.

Mr. Sharpless said the original version was exactly what the Board was saying. But DOT was saying they could not support that. They didn't want to divert attention from who was responsible which was Congress.

Commissioner Chávez asked about the difference in dollar amounts, \$50,000 and \$150,000.

Mr. Sharpless said in their version it could all be stricken. That whereas clause was confusing.

Commissioner Stefanics said, since they had DOT, Tesuque Pueblo and Santa Fé County here, that the Association of Counties introduced resolutions last week. One dealt with Amtrak and was postponed to deal with until late July or August. She offered to bring to the table what counties around the state were supporting or not supporting. She still thought this was tricky. The legal question was very important. As governing bodies they were supportive of continued Amtrak service and could agree on that. Getting to finer elements was the issue.

Commissioner Anaya pointed out the last whereas in the first version and felt the federal government jumped on any chance to get away from their responsibility. We need to be careful. They might just snap it. There might be some transportation commissioners or perspective at DOT that said not to spend any money on anything except roads. He didn't think it was DOT. He asked, when matching dollars for transit was required what the percentage was.

Ms. Haas said it typically was 80% federal and 20% match.

Mr. Sharpless said on Transit projects for operations it was usually 50/50.

Commissioner Anaya thought maybe as part of the meshing, they could come to a balance. Maybe staff and the Board could figure out how to modify that. Many other entities who have passed resolutions. They could look at those between now and the next meeting. It was important to keep DOT at the table.

Commissioner Chávez agreed. It went back to Governor Mora's notion to table.

Ms. Haas reminded them that everyone wanted to save the Southwest Chief and its operation in New

Mexico. The real reason was that the BNSF owned the track and it had to be maintained. They were looking at others to pony up the money to maintain the track. But Amtrak was the only one still using the track. The other important thing about it was the Supreme Court ruling on potential abandonment of the line which was the end result if the train stops running. Burlington Northern ran a train on it the other day. They have taken the position that they would abandon the line if the passenger train stops.

Governor Mora, in light of discussion, wanted to stick with the recommendation of tabling. He was wondering if they should strike whereas numbers 6 and 10 in the original that referred to money. That way they were not referring to any kind of dollar amount. Financial responsibility stays with the feds. They could also consider going forward to adopt the resolution then rescind it or change it.

Commissioner Stefanics thought if that committee was not going to meet again until November they had more time to consider this.

Mr. Sharpless said it was November 5th on this topic.

Commissioner Anaya said if tabled, it would be with the understanding that the Board could add and continue working on the first version minus the funding and that meant with DOT at the table.

Mr. Sharpless said if the resolution did not recommend that DOT or other states help pay for this that would take care of their concerns.

Commissioner Chávez said he was hoping they could have some reasonable cost sharing between state and federal government.

Commissioner Stefanics said after hearing DOT, she thought this was an issue between BNSF and Amtrak - a legal issue and she didn't think they were prepared with details yet.

Commissioner Anaya said Mr. Robbins' understanding was that they didn't have all the detail. He asked if taking out the last whereas would get the tone and that could help you as an advocate if the Board started with it and modify it over time.

Mr. Robbins thanked him for asking. They could drop any reference to economic studies and dollar amounts. The last whereas they still had the same issue with. Their point of view as an advocacy group was this would be better language if they could take some out. They were willing to go along with what was being suggested too. He wondered if it was necessary to go beyond speaking about New Mexico alone or if it was necessary to include the other states. For the Coalition's purposes it would not matter - simply a recognition to the other states.

Commissioner Stefanics moved to table the resolution and come back with one adapted version to consider at the next meeting with the intent to see if the Board could offer support and bring the DOT on board. Governor Mora seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

Commissioner Chávez asked staff and Mr. Robbins to work on a final draft version

Commissioner Anaya thought at some point they needed to unite and speak in a unified voice.

Commissioner Stefanics asked that the staff contact the North Central Economic Development District and get a definitive answer if this was in their priority list or if they had taken any action

Commissioner Chávez added the New Mexico Association of Counties.

4. Presentation and Discussion on the Public Transit Master Plan – Ken Hosen, KFH

Mr. Aune announced the MPO was embarking on a Public Transit Master Plan and things were going smoothly. The purpose here was to give the Board a bit of background of where they were coming from and where they intended to go and get some input. He introduced Mr. Ken Hosen to pin point where they were at today and where they were headed.

Mr. Hosen went through the Santa Fe Area Public Transit Master Plan introduction which was in the Board packet.

Mr. Chris Cordova gave part of the presentation. He was working with Mr. Aune on the surveys.

Commissioner Stefanics asked if they were looking at all the bus systems.

Mr. Hosen said they were using other approaches on other systems. Mr. Cordova was talking about using the survey on the Santa Fé Trails bus system.

Mr. Cordova said within the next 30 days they would have completed three public meetings in the public outreach portion.

Mr. Aune said they also had the Park and Ride, the Blue Bus, and the Rail runner.

Mr. Hosen understood that they had to reach all those folks as well. Intercept surveys would be used as people get on or off and get them to answer questions. Mr. Cordova had an idea for someone to start in Bernalillo in the morning and fill out surveys and on the return to do the same and capture all of them.

Commissioner Stefanics said they also had constituents not near transit that would like to comment.

Mr. Hosen said they could do that online.

Commissioner Stefanics asked if Mr. Aune could send the Board members a link. Mr. Aune agreed.

Commissioner Chávez said he was on the RTD Board and they had done a lot of consolidating of routes to increase ridership and save money. He asked if Mr. Hosen was looking at that.

Mr. Hosen agreed. They had that data and were closely looking at that.

Governor Mora said Mr. Mortillaro came out to the Pueblo and gave a presentation. He asked if there was a duplication of services here.

Mr. Hosen said no, but they were using that information. The focus on Tesuque was into and back from Santa Fe. The work they did on that study would not be duplicated.

Commissioner Stefanics asked if this study was going outside of the MPO area.

Mr. Aune said they recognized that within the planning area, services were provided to external folks. All of it was important and should be looked at critically. Yes, they recognized that and it would be incorporated. There were six providers, each with different operating services. Collaboration and cooperation was needed.

Commissioner Stefanics understood they were going outside the 5 mile radius.

Mr. Tibbetts agreed and explained the limits.

Mr. Wilson said a way to think about it was that they were looking at those services coming into our region and concerns about coordination of services within our region for them.

Mr. Tibbetts said they needed to plan with the other providers that operate within our boundary.

Mr. Hosen added that they were making sure they were not duplicating each other.

Commissioner Anaya asked if they were raising the specific questions to all riders once they were in the 5 mile radius. He agreed that very beneficial information would be derived. He mentioned the Edgewood bus.

Mr. Hosen said they would capture their information through this and other recent surveys.

Mr. Cordova said the survey was designed to capture their activities within the MPO area and where they were transferring to.

Commissioner Chávez asked if the survey would list their destination. Mr. Cordova agreed, as well as their origin.

Commissioner Chávez asked for the information to be shared with MPO members. Mr. Aune agreed.

Commissioner Stefanics asked if safety and security was in the survey.

Mr. Cordova said cleanliness and security were included.

Commissioner Stefanics said for women to be safe on bus at night was important.

Mr. Hosen agreed.

Mr. Wilson showed a map of the planning area for clarification.

Commissioner Chávez thanked him for the information.

5. Update on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2015-2014 Update – MPO Staff

Mr. Tibbetts said the MTP was due June, 2015. He would bring it to the Board one month before it was due. The update was in the packet. They had a public input meeting with 30 people present. He was open to comments.

Commissioner Chávez asked if they would be having other open houses in other areas.

Mr. Tibbetts agreed. There would be one in the Southside area.

Commissioner Chávez asked if they were getting survey responses on line.

Mr. Tibbetts said his understanding was a couple of hundred had responded.

Mr. Wilson said it was now at 300.

6. Update on the Pedestrian Master Plan – MPO Staff

The Board skipped this item and went to the next item.

7. Update on the Transportation Alternatives Program – MPO Staff

Mr. Wilson gave the presentation which was also in the packet. He said he brought it to the TCC. The Federal process was very cumbersome but productive for them to apply for larger projects and larger pots of money than lots of small ones. They actually recommended statewide programs.

Commissioner Stefanics recalled last month they asked for pros and cons. If they went to statewide programs they probably would not switch back to small ones.

Ms. Haas said that was one of the things DOT would re-look at. She was not sure if everyone wanted to go statewide. It was still up in the air, with hopes that MAP 21 would get re-authorized. They didn't know yet.

Commissioner Stefanics wanted to support the staff in their recommendation as long as the state DOT continued to evaluate the success

Commissioner Chávez asked if that was done on a case by case basis.

Ms. Haas said they could look at the projects and if there were certain areas of the state not getting projects to accommodate that they would address it.

Governor Mora said Tesuque Pueblo didn't have a project.

Mr. Wilson said one of the concerns was control over a small amount of money and the other was that a \$50,000 reimbursement program was all they could manage. However, smaller level projects would still be eligible.

Commissioner Chávez asked if staff needed direction on this.

Mr. Wilson said staff just wanted to make sure they were within the Board's line of thinking

Commissioner Anaya was fine with the staff recommendations.

No formal action was needed on this item.

Commissioner Chávez postponed items 6, 8, and 9 to the next meeting.

8. Update on the Highway Safety Improvement Program – MPO Staff

Postponed to the next meeting.

9. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Project Updates – MPO Staff

Postponed to the next meeting.

C. MATTERS FROM THE MPO STAFF

Mr. Wilson agreed to email meeting information out to everyone and post it to the website.

D. MATTERS FROM THE SFMPO TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

There were no matters from the Transportation Policy Board.

E. MATTERS FROM THE NMDOT AND FHWA

There were no matters from NMDOT and FHWA.

F. ADJOURNMENT – Next Scheduled Meeting: August 28, 2014

Mr. Wilson announced there would not be a July meeting of the Board.

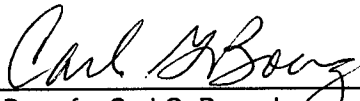
Commissioner Anaya moved to adjourn the meeting. Governor Mora seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Approved by:


Miguel Chávez, Chair

Submitted by:


Carl Boaz for Carl G. Boaz, Inc.