



Santa Fe Metropolitan Planning Organization

"Promoting Interconnected Transportation Options"



Santa Fe MPO Technical Coordinating Committee

Monday January 26, 2015, 1:30 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 1/22/15 TIME 2:20pm

PREPARED BY Mark Tibbetts

APPROVED BY Albaia Hartung

- ◆ Call to Order
- ◆ Roll Call
- ◆ Approval of Agenda
- ◆ Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 17, 2014

1. Communications from the Public

2. Items for Discussion and Possible Action:

- a. Election of Officers
- b. Review and Release for Public Review of a Proposed Amendment to the FFY2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program – *MPO Staff*
- c. Presentation and Ranking of Section 5310 Funding Application – *Ken Smithson, Santa Fe Trails*
- d. NM 599 Corridor Issues – *MPO Staff and NMDOT District 5*
- e. Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2015-2040 – *MPO Staff*
- f. Public Transit Plan Status Report – *MPO Staff*
- g. Pedestrian Plan Status Report – *MPO Staff*
- h. Update on TAP and RTP Applications
- i. Transportation Improvement Program: Project Updates – *MPO Staff*

3 Matters from the MPO Staff

4. Matters from TCC Members

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**MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FÉ MPO
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
January 26, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Santa Fé MPO Technical Coordinating Committee was called to order on the above date by Mark Tibbetts in the absence of Chair, John Romero, at approximately 1:35 p.m. in the Large 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:

Erik Aaboe, Santa Fé County
Tamara Baer, City of Santa Fé
Vicki Lucero, Santa Fé County
Desirae Luján, City of Santa Fe
Richard MacPherson, City of Santa Fé
Anthony Mortillaro, NCRTD
Dave Quintana, NMDOT
Ken Smithson, Santa Fé Trails

MEMBERS ABSENT:

John Romero, Chair, City of Santa Fé [excused]
Maria Lohmann, Santa Fé County
Adam Leigland, Santa Fé County
Sandra Maes, Tesuque Pueblo

STAFF PRESENT:

Keith Wilson, Senior MPO Planner
Mark Tibbetts, MPO Officer
Erick Aune, MPO Transportation Planner

OTHERS PRESENT:

Carl Boaz, Stenographer
Mary Pacheco, NMDOT
Jason Coffey, Urban and Regional Planner, NMDOT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Tibbetts received a request from District 5 to move up their item because Mr. Quintana had to leave.

Ms. Baer moved to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Smithson seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM November 17, 2014

Ms. Baer moved to approve the November 17, 2014 minutes as presented. Mr. MacPherson seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

1. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no communications from the public.

2. Items for Discussion and Possible Action:

a. Election of Officers

Ms. Baer nominated John Romero to be the Chair. There were no other nominations.

Ms. Baer moved to elected Mr. Romero by acclamation. Mr. MacPherson seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

b. Review and Release for Public Review of a Proposed Amendment to the FFY2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program – *MPO Staff*

Mr. Wilson presented the one proposed amendment to the TIP. The only amendment he received is from District 5 for FY 17 for the NM 599/US 84/285 ramp modification.

Mr. Quintana explained that this project is an extension from NM 599 to the on-ramp to southbound 84-285 to allow more time to accelerate and provide more safety. There is some weaving now.

Mr. Tibbetts asked if DOT would have a sign for turning on Guadalupe Bridge from left lane.

Mr. Quintana said they would look at that to try to minimize the weaving from 599 to Guadalupe.

Mr. Wilson said slowing to 25 mph for Alamo seems unrealistic. If they enforced it, it would help. He asked if this project is using safety money.

Mr. Quintana said it was LHTP funds because they could not justify using safety funds.

Mr. Tibbetts asked if they are considering closing off that road up from Alamo.

Mr. Quintana didn't know if that was included but there will be public meetings.

Mr. Tibbetts said it is congested at Alamo and it is too abrupt. Mr. Quintana agreed.

Mr. Wilson said the amendment will be released from TCC today until February 4th. It will come back to TCC for a recommendation to the TPB on February 26 and then 90 days for state approval.

Mr. Quintana said there were lots of concern for this and it might even be state funded but he wanted it put on the TIP just in case. DOT wants to lock up funds for it.

Ms. Baer moved to approve the amendment release for public review. Mr. MacPherson seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

c. Presentation and Ranking of Section 5310 Funding Application – Ken Smithson, Santa Fe Trails

Mr. Smithson presented this matter. He thanked the staff for putting it on the agenda. Santa Fe Trails wants to apply for federal funding through the state to replace vehicles with a vehicle replacement plan on those buses that have exceeded their life span. One of them is 8 years old.

Marcie and Delilah are here from Rail and Transit Division with forms to complete on it.

Marcie explained the 5310 form. The State has 5310 and 5311 money and this request is for capital money.

Mr. Smithson said Santa Fe Trails completed a 14-page application and the process takes it through the Governing Body and he expects unanimous support from Council on this Wednesday. Santa Fe Trails does coordinate services extensively and the City has a seat at NCRTD that coordinates regional transit in this area. It is also announced as an opportunity for public comment for this application. They got no comments and no request for a public meeting.

Santa Fé Ride is the provider for elderly and disabled and City Senior Services has a van from 8-5 on weekdays and Santa Fe Trails provides more hours and 7 days/week. The service is regulated by the federal government and it has to operate on their regular schedule. We have in-house maintenance for all but the most major repairs and Santa Fe Trails meets or exceeds the federal maintenance guidelines and complies with ADA regulations.

Mr. Smithson said they would appreciate a high evaluation for these services

Mr. Mortillaro asked if they went outside of the corporate city limits.

Mr. Smithson agreed. It would serve up to 3/4 mile outside every fixed route but for this purpose, Santa Fe Trails operates some more than 3/4 mile outside. It is a large scale operation with 18 vehicles in the fleet with at least 15 of them operated each day.

Ms. Baer said she was happy to take their word for it but it might be more helpful to have the people who use it give the evaluation.

Mr. Smithson appreciated that and said they were currently doing a survey of those who use the service just to keep touch with their customers.

Ms. Baer asked about what fuel would be used.

Mr. Smithson said about 60% of Santa Fe Ride vehicles use CNG now and this will help increase the percentage which they hope to get to 100% soon.

d. NM 599 Corridor Issues – MPO Staff and NMDOT District 5

Mr. Tibbetts said this issue has bounced around from City and County. The TPB Chair wants the MPO to consider this resolution. He recalled a similar resolution was done to expedite the interchange at 599/62 like this one and that one is now completed. There was an issue on a crossing closure along the frontage road of 599 just north of Airport Road and recently there was a fatal accident at CR 70 and there was also discussion about further up on Camino las Montoyas.

Mr. Quintana said the prioritization has CR 70 next and then the frontage road as well. His office got letters and emails from a neighborhood association out there. There was a misstatement on the survey that showed a signal was needed there. They were close but missed the level required. They have since gone out and collected more traffic analysis and it has actually gone further down.

Right now they are looking at doing a safety application to address the access of that county road and taking out the left out from both ways. So the best way to fund that is now being considered. He didn't think they could wait until FY 17 but would look for federal funding for it. That is the next step. DOT will publish the signalization results and meet with the neighborhood association out there. There is a warrant for crashes but unfortunately, it might be that speed was a factor. His hope was that they would see those traffic volumes because it is still a dangerous intersection. So they will address access management.

Mr. Mortillaro asked if the turn restrictions would be a temporary measure until traffic volume reaches that point for signalization.

Mr. Quintana agreed. What will take time is the public outreach and there will be some backlash regarding the restricted access. It would increase traffic on Alameda and some people will have to double back around.

Mr. Mortillaro said it was a short cut to get to Siler Road but agreed it was dangerous.

Mr. Quintana said some people might misjudge how much time they have.

Mr. Mortillaro felt that anything that even temporarily improves safety is good, even if inconvenient.

Mr. Quintana said it was the only thing they could do now because they couldn't put in a signal there now.

Mr. Aaboe asked if the data would be adequate about where people go.

Mr. Quintana said it is 40% going south on 599 and 60% going north. He agreed to get the data to Mr. Aaboe.

Ms. Baer asked if that would be done before the resolution goes to City Council.

Mr. Quintana said it doesn't detract from the resolution. The City wants to state their preference. It will be reprioritized after the Jaguar interchange is constructed. It will be a high priority regardless. It is important to see what the two new interchanges will do to it.

Mr. Wilson said they were talking about 12-18 months anyway.

Ms. Baer asked who would explain that to the Council before this resolution is voted on. She wasn't aware of this until now.

Mr. Quintana said Councilor Bushee is on the TPB and will be made aware of it on Thursday. And they would let her know exactly what the plans are.

Ms. Baer said they might have to withdraw or modify the resolution.

Mr. Quintana pointed out that even the resolution is talking about a 10 year span.

Mr. Tibbetts said the TPB and the BCC and the City Council will hear the presentation. In 2010 it was determined to be a priority and the public wants something done immediately. It already has flashing lights and during construction time there has to be something to back it up.

Mr. Quintana added that they want to avoid a major T-bone accident there.

Mr. Tibbetts asked if they would allow left turns from 599.

Mr. Quintana thought so. There is enough line of sight and enough median there to work it out.

Mr. Wilson listed the priorities as CR 62, CR 70, Airport Road, and Camino Las Montoyas was the last priority.

Mr. Quintana excused himself from the meeting.

e. Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2015-2040 – MPO Staff

f. Public Transit Plan Status Report – MPO Staff

g. Pedestrian Plan Status Report – MPO Staff

Mr. Aune reported on all three items in his report.

A year ago the MPO issued an RFP to update the MTP and got two responses, both of which were far above the available funding. So they decided to utilize staff and incorporate as much as possible through public input. So they did an RFQ this summer and hired Felsburg, Holt and Ulevig (FHU) as consultants who are also working on the NCRTD Long Range Plan.

They are on track with it. In the Table of Contents, # 6, measuring success, is one that needs to be updated. The pedestrian, bicycle, transit, rail and road needs will be incorporated. Transit will be done in February and a month later, the Pedestrian MP to inform the updated MTP.

Mr. Wilson showed the allocation of responsibilities and the deadlines for each section. He noted that FHU has finished Chapter 4. Lots more graphics would be included to make it reader friendly. FHU is doing a great job. TCC members are welcome to give feedback at any time.

Mr. Aaboe asked if there will be a review for the product they put out.

Mr. Aune said Chapter 3 is public input and that won't end until the final adoption in June or July so that will be included for each MP.

Ms. Baer asked who will approve it.

Mr. Aune said there will first be a review and recommendation of the TCC made to the TPB.

Mr. Tibbetts added that the TCC will do the approval of release for public review. That will take over a month.

Mr. Wilson said staff will listen to those who give feedback.

Mr. Aune said he will try to keep the TCC regularly informed.

Mr. Aaboe preferred to have it released to TCC at each chapter finish.

Mr. Aune agreed to do that. The opportunity will be there if you like.

Mr. Tibbetts mentioned that sometimes they would have to hold up one chapter until another is finished but as soon as completed, it will be sent to you.

Ms. Baer asked if it would show anticipated roads or trails, or bikeways...

Mr. Aune agreed. Chapter 4 will show what is today and Chapter 9 will show what is proposed.

Ms. Baer said Chapter 4 would be of more interest than the others.

Mr. Wilson said once staff think it is readable, it will be shared with you.

Ms. Baer asked if they were anticipating major changes.

Mr. Wilson said it was just minor roadway changes. He didn't recall any major changes to the future road network. They are trying to figure out how to incorporate pedestrian, bicycle, etc all into the future network. It is a learning process since we don't know all of measurements yet. But he didn't see any major surprises in it.

Mr. Tibbetts said in 2010 they responded to three major studies and some have been done and others not. Some are based on projections to be reviewed again, especially on traffic volumes. They would work from the project list and they would change the rankings as needed. Everything is about connectivity and a better environment for people on the road system. There were a couple of elements to bring in like Land Use and Public Health issues. Transportation affects everything and everyone. It is a different approach.

Mr. Aune said for land use, and economic development, they are using performance measures for the system and it challenges staff to rethink the process of transportation planning. It is exciting but politically challenging.

Mr. Smithson asked about the consultants and Mr. Aune shared their expertise.

h. Update on TAP and RTP Applications

Mr. Wilson said the application deadline is approaching and MPO review is to make sure they are complete. In November, we had quite a number of PFFs and reviewed them to determine if they were feasible. Most were approved but then with the match requirement, some dropped out.

They now have two top applications. One is from Santa Fé Trails for the Sheridan terminal and the Santa Fé Place Mall. Then there are two recreational trail projects from the City on La Tierra Trail connections and two applications from the County - one for maintenance of the Rail Trail and the second to purchase some maintenance equipment.

Ms. Baer asked if one of the city projects had Eric Martínez as project manager.

Ms. Luján said Leroy Pacheco is the project manager.

Mr. Wilson said the PFF was a great thing because it helped to have the project ready. That had been done backwards in the past. The DOT wants to know that funds are committed to the proposed project.

Mr. Smithson said Santa Fe Trails had been given marching orders to get whatever federal funds and then the City would come up with the local match.

Mr. Aaboe said it was a problem for the County this year but didn't think it would be for next year.

I. Transportation Improvement Program: Project Updates – MPO Staff

Mr. Wilson said the Santa Fé Trails TIP project is completed. Mr. Smithson agreed it could come off.

Mr. Wilson showed the FFY 2014 Obligated Federal Funding List and explained it. The goal is to make sure these can be done within the fiscal year designated. We kept an eye on them to make sure they met the deadlines and how to resolve each situation.

3. Matters from the MPO Staff

Mr. Tibbetts said staff will present an amendment at the February TCC meeting to bring more planning funds into this FY and discuss ideas for spending these funds and incorporate them in the amendment.

They are looking at Santa Fé Trails and RTD for bus stops to start implementing strategies of the plans to move forward and also on utilizing interns.

Mr. Wilson said the MPO purchased couple of cameras for data collection purposes. One is at the Zia Station where the train stopped last week and will be meeting with John Romero to analyze the results to make a recommendation to the City Manager. He didn't see anything that would indicate train stops would be a disaster there. They have about 40 hours of video. The other purpose is to get data on all the performance measure requirements. Staff will be working with the City and the County on what they normally do in data collection or plan to collect.

4. Matters from TCC Members

Ms. Luján said the City is looking to hire a Division Director to replace Eric Martínez and she would be at the TCC meetings until that happens.

5. Adjourn - Next TCC Meeting: Monday February 23, 2015

Ms. Luján moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. MacPherson seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.


The MPO-TCC meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Approved by:



John Romero, Chair

Submitted by:



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