



Santa Fe Metropolitan Planning Organization

"Promoting Interconnected Transportation Options"



Santa Fe MPO Transportation Policy Board

Thursday November 8th, 2012, 4:00 PM

*Santa Fe City Council Chambers
200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, NM*

AGENDA

- CALL to ORDER
- ROLL CALL
- APPROVAL of AGENDA
- APPROVAL of MINUTES: August 9th, 2012

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

DATE 10-31-12 TIME 11:23am

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A. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 1. Approval of Amendments to the FFY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program – *MPO Staff*

C. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

- 1. TIP Project Updates – *MPO Staff*
- 2. Discussion on the development of the FFY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program – *MPO Staff*
- 3. Review and Approval of the 2013 Meeting Schedule – *MPO Staff*
- 4. Discussion on Updating the MPO Public Participation Plan – *MPO Staff*
- 5. Presentation on the development of the Multi-use Trail Data Collection Program – *MPO Staff*
- 6. Presentation on the development of the Traffic Count Data Management Program – *MPO Staff*

D. MATTERS FROM THE SFMPO TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

E. MATTERS FROM THE MPO STAFF

F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE NMDOT AND FHWA

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**MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FÉ MPO
TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
November 8, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Santa Fé MPO Transportation Policy Board was called to order on the above date by Board Chair Danny Mayfield at approximately 4:00 p.m. in the Santa Fé City Councilor's Conference Room at City Hall, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fé, New Mexico.

ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Danny Mayfield, Chair
Commissioner Robert Anaya, Santa Fé County
Mr. Michael Sandoval for Deputy Secretary Katherine Bender, NMDOT
Councilor Patti Bushee, City of Santa Fé
Mayor David Coss, City of Santa Fé [arriving later]
Councilor Ron Trujillo, City of Santa Fé

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Commissioner Liz Stefanics, Santa Fé County [excused]
Mr. Robert Mora, Tesuque Pueblo

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Also present: Mr. David Quintana, NMDOT
 Mr. Claude Morelli, NMDOT
 Mr. Erick Aune, Santa Fé County

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Bushee moved to approve the agenda as presented. Councilor Trujillo seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 9, 2012

Councilor Bushee moved to approve the minutes of August 9, 2012 as presented. Chair Mayfield seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote except Councilor Trujillo abstained.

A. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ms. Beth Dettweiler, president of the Homeowners' Association for Oshara Village said she was asking again to have the county and state prioritize the NE and SE Connectors. She knew there were plans for 2014 and asked if there was any way to get them done in 2013.

Mr. Wilson said there was funding in 2012 for a location study and they were selecting a consultant for that location study and that would begin shortly after first of the year

Mayor Coss joined the meeting.

Chair Mayfield spoke with Commissioner Anaya and they would propose some priorities with the County bond passing to bring in project management to get the location study completed.

Mr. Wilson said the location study had \$100,000 of federal funding for the County to start the process. The Public Works Department was reviewing RFPs now and would select the consultant in the next couple of weeks. That was the first phase of the project.

Chair Mayfield would ask staff member Robert Martínez to get in touch with her.

B. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Approval of an Amendment to the FFY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Wilson shared the summary page with the two changes noted on it. The amendments went through the 30-day public process and they received no public comment. The TCC recommended approval after two reviews. The amendments included the Cerrillos Road interchange funding that was moved from 2013 to 2014 to coordinate with construction phase. The second was the Santa Fé Trails FTA grant from the federal government for \$2.4 million to replace their aging bus fleet.

There were no public comments.

Councilor Bushee moved to approve the TIP amendments. Mr. Sandoval seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

C. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

1. TIP Project Updates

Mr. Wilson said they had provided monthly updates for the TCC. He provided the list to the Board.

Mr. Quintana briefly reviewed the status of the state projects. NM599/Jaguar interchange was moving on slowly. The developers had finished the 90% design and were hammering out the agreement to finalize construction time. They hoped to get the agreement done in the next month. The consultant was ready to submit for 90% review.

Commissioner Anaya asked if county staff could sit in on the negotiations.

Mr. Quintana agreed to include Robert Martinez.

The 599/CR 62 interchange was progressing. The final course over 599 cannot be done until after winter and they hoped to have it fully open by summer. The bridge was almost complete.

Chair Mayfield had received concerns from constituents about general road maintenance out there during inclement weather and asked what they needed to do to coordinate the efforts along the 599 corridor.

Mr. Quintana said the state would do plowing and bridge de-icing as soon as they got I-25 done from a winter storm. The DOT would clear the ramps. The main lines were done first and then the ramps.

Commissioner Anaya said they had a lengthy discussion about traffic during construction at 62 and noted that the predominance of traffic would continue to use that stretch illegally. He thought they needed to have further discussion to deal with that area frontage road.

Mr. Quintana said the MPO and DOT did an interchange prioritization study and approved 13 locations and one was Caja del Rio/62 and direct access was not possible at Caja del Rio. They hoped eventually to have all of them as separated interchanges. Jaguar was different because it was privately funded. The next priority was likely to be Airport Road. They had to apply to the access committee and that would be difficult.

Commissioner Anaya felt it didn't need to be exactly at Caja del Rio but nearby. It was an appropriate area for discussion and a safety issue at that corridor. He asked to keep it on the agenda here.

Mr. Quintana said included in the long range plan was a plan to extend the access road across the Santa Fé River. So they would keep the dialogue going and get it into the TIP.

Mayor Coss supported that. The frontage road from Airport to Caja would take place.

Mr. Quintana said, depending on funding, it could be a separate project from the interchange. It depends on costs for the future.

Mayor Coss agreed that would help a lot.

Commissioner Anaya thanked him. He appreciated the staff and what they were doing at CR 62. It was beautiful and he saw the roundabouts a couple of days ago. He was anticipating more calls and frustration but it was as good as could be expected.

Mr. Quintana said he would pass that along to the project manager.

Mr. Quintana said the improvements at Washington and Paseo were slated for 2013. Weather permitting, they could start construction in February or March and complete it by summer.

Councilor Bushee asked if District 5 had a PIO. Mr. Quintana agreed and said it was Patricia Wolf.

Councilor Bushee asked that she put out a press release on this project. She was continuing to get complaints or letters to the editor about who was going to fix this road and assumed it was the city at fault.

Mr. Quintana clarified the boundaries of the project. He agreed they would get a press release out just so they knew it was coming.

Mayor Coss said it should explain why it was going to take so long.

Mr. Quintana said one reason was the cultural resource impact. They hadn't anticipated that but it would take about four months to do.

Mr. Quintana clarified the boundaries - Old Taos Hwy to Otero on Paseo and Bishops/Washington from Federal Place to Artist Road.

Chair Mayfield thought they might put it on the county web site. He thought an op-ed piece could be done in the paper too.

Mr. Quintana said the NE/SE location study was coming out. The County was reviewing proposals for the RFP and it would take 8-12 months, depending on scope. The report would recommend an alignment and the bond would fund SE first at Dinosaur Trail to Richards. It was programmed for 2014.

The DOT committed to finding funding for the NE and DOT could participate on that and get some federal participation for it. The District 5 engineer and county staff would figure it out. 2014 was likely but they would discuss it further. It was in the long range plan but not in the current TIP. When the county decides how to use the bonds they could see what could be done on the STIP.

For the Cerrillos/I-25 they were moving construction funding to 2014. They were wrapping up Phase 1-A and looking at a different configuration. Currently it was a converging diamond interchange. He presented in the August meeting. And the District asked the consultant to bring back the option for having free flow movements open. The contract has to get amended for that alternative.

The Cañoncito interchange, phase C was wrapping up and moving into final design and on schedule for 2013 production. It would probably be completed in October 2013.

Highway 14 ADA improvements project was packaged for improvements between Osage and St. Francis Drive and they would be doing it piecemeal so as to not have to move utilities. The study identified ROW needs for full ADA from Osage to St. Francis and would probably be done in the 2016 time frame.

Councilor Trujillo said he had seen many curb areas that were messed up there and along Indian School there had never been a sidewalk. He didn't know how much ROW the state had there.

Mr. Quintana said that was part of the scope of the study. They were overhauling the corridor and if it needed immediate attention, they could refer that to staff.

Councilor Trujillo said it needed attention particularly at Baca Street.

Mr. Quintana said they were waiting some for the Pueblo Council's development plan because the DOT had plans on traffic analysis to see what improvements they might need to make also.

Mr. Quintana said the I-25 paving at Old Pecos Trail would start when St. Francis was wrapped up. It would probably be late February or early March. They would look at adjusting those ramps as well.

Councilor Trujillo was concerned about the condition of the bridge over the arroyo at Kaune School. In the winter it didn't drain well. So when it freezes it was a giant block of ice. Also going over St. Francis and St. Michael's, his concern was that a rock would go through a windshield someday. Some seals were apparently broken.

Mr. Quintana wasn't sure but if the CBC was over 20' wide the DOT would inspect it. He agreed to check into it.

Chair Mayfield asked about bridges over the Santa Fé Watershed.

Mr. Quintana couldn't answer the question. They were all old and probably had exceeded their design life. He agreed to get a report for Chair Mayfield.

Mr. Wilson noted a number of bridges downtown were nearing their end of life and in the MPO Plan they were going to issue an RFP for the Guadalupe and DeFouri Bridges. Sandoval was done a couple of years ago. They would be identified in the long range plan.

Chair Mayfield asked about the one across from the National Cemetery.

Mr. Quintana said that was a DOT bridge and in need of replacement. A study was done and they were looking for alternate configurations. It was on the long range transportation plan. They were prioritizing funding now and that was on the radar.

Mr. Wilson ran through the rest of the list that had county and city projects. The Old Santa Fé Trail bike

lane was a borderline replacement project. There were no federal funds for the Rail Runner. Las Soleras station was on hold and was privately funded. The railroad crossing at Rabbit Road was in design for early next year. The Santa Fé Place Transit Center was a city project to develop the bus transfer station. For the Santa Fé Rail Trail, the County didn't get certifications in place soon enough and the federal funds were reallocated. They were still deciding what to do at the Acequia Trail crossing.

Commissioner Anaya went back to the Rail Runner phase 2 operation. Those were funds the DOT previously committed and they might not be making that commitment any longer.

Mr. Wilson said air quality funds were moved around. You could only use them for a limited time period and it reached the end.

Commissioner Anaya said they needed to continue to support the Rail Runner. As an MPO we need to be clear and deliberate on our desires for it. We want to follow or track it. It was important to delineate it and voice our support for the Rail Runner and the thousands of daily users.

Mr. Wilson said they would ask for a source they could use to keep track of it separately. There were several requirements to list it in the TIP. He wasn't sure what funds were being used.

Commissioner Anaya said, respecting that DOT, the Governor and the Commission have priorities; we need to be clear on our priorities, hopefully in partnership. So how it was being funded was something the TPB should see.

2. Discussion on the development of the FFY 2014-2016 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Wilson referred to the handout for the next TIP time line schedule and reviewed the timetable with the Board. Federal funding was pretty well set for FFY 14 and 15. So that was the process for developing the new TIP. Mr. Morelli was the expert on MAP 21 and had a short presentation on it for the Board. Some priorities have changed on it.

Non agenda item: MAP 21, presentation by Mr. Morelli

Mr. Morelli explained that funding comes mostly from gas tax. The funding was going down because people were not driving as much and using more fuel efficient cars. About \$325 million comes to New Mexico. MAP 21 is performance based - safety and state of good repair - not expanding the system. This plan consolidated programs into 5-6 categories which he identified. There were two new formula programs and one could be used in New Mexico for things like bikeways.

He went through each of the programs. NHPP was for new construction, maintenance and reconstruction. STP was the most flexible of all. HSIP was a top priority; all projects have to be consistent with the CTSP. TAP is the transportation enhancement replacement. It lumped together a lot of various programs. Half of it was allocated by population and half by other criteria. DOT and MPOs cannot use any TAP funds.

Commissioner Anaya thought some background information from the Transportation Secretary would be helpful and asked if Mr. Morelli could provide some links for that.

Mr. Morelli said this design came out of a bipartisan senate committee with Barbara Boxer and Senator Imhoff. It was performance based to have better accountability. He agreed to provide some background on how DOT plans to implement it.

Chair Mayfield thanked him for the presentation.

Chair Mayfield said the NMPRC was charged with collection of interstate fees. When he was Chief of Staff, he had a JPA with DFA. They were able to collect impact fees that went directly into a road maintenance fund. It was how the statute was written. Those interstate carriers were causing damage to our roads and he would hate to leave those dollars on the table.

Mr. Morelli wasn't aware of that revenue.

Councilor Trujillo recalled they had a discussion on that several years ago. The fees were ridiculously low in New Mexico and the trucking industry would fight any increase in it.

Chair Mayfield said some bigger states were going to cap it but were talking about transferring them to the poorer states. He asked staff to contact Avelino Gutierrez at the PRC.

3. Review and Approval of the 2013 Meeting Schedule

Mr. Tibbetts reviewed the meeting schedule for 2013 on the back of the packet. It would schedule 5 TPB meetings in 2013. He explained that when they had monthly TPB meetings the agendas were not as full so the meetings were consolidated.

Commissioner Anaya had his own challenges with the meeting time. Since there were fewer meetings he suggested that perhaps to help public participation we should move them later in the day. He noted that he had previously asked about teleconference and understood there was a problem with that at the city. He would also like to rotate between here and Commission Chambers.

Chair Mayfield asked staff to check that out.

Mr. Tibbetts explained that City Councilors could not attend Council meetings by phone - that was in their rules. But if the County was more flexible with a phone bridge the MPO might consider that.

Commissioner Anaya said the County did allow it. He agreed that physical presence was important but participation was the key, given our schedules. He asked the city representatives about it.

Mayor Coss thought the County was more far flung and he wouldn't have objection to the MPO following county rules.

Councilor Trujillo said when he was on SWMA they used a phone bridge and it worked out fine.

Mr. Tibbetts said they discussed that in the June TPB meeting. They didn't complete the discussion for a bylaw change and might work out a conditional provision for it. It would mean having the bylaws on the agenda.

Commissioner Anaya thought if the meeting was later in the day, parking would not be an issue. We could raise the gate for them. Getting the public to attend was always difficult. He would like a reconsideration of meeting time to be on the next agenda.

Chair Mayfield didn't know if he would still be on the MPO but Commissioner Anaya would.

Mayor Coss was satisfied with starting at 5:00 and county chambers was fine for a meeting place.

Councilor Trujillo agreed. Five o'clock was better for him anyway.

Chair Mayfield suggested moving the February 14th meeting to another date.

Commissioner Anaya moved to approve the 2013 meeting schedule with a February 21st meeting date and starting the meetings at 5:00 p.m. Councilor Bushee seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

4. Discussion on Updating the MPO Public Participation Plan

Mr. Tibbetts provided a handout on the PPP. The last PPP was one in 2007 and now out of date. So he was rewriting it now to incorporate things like MAP-21 - improving so more could participate. He pointed out the key strategies.

On November 26 he would present the first draft to the TCC and release it for public review on December 17 with final approval on February 21 at TPB.

Commissioner Anaya asked if the MPO staff attended Public Works at the City.

Mr. Wilson said they would attend either city or county Public Works Committee meetings when agenda items were pertinent to MPO work.

Commissioner Anaya said most of their public input happened at the advisory committee meetings. He said the MPO staff should be on our Traffic Advisory Committee agenda regularly. It meets every two months.

Mr. Wilson said county staff did attend the TCC meetings.

Commissioner Anaya understood but that didn't connect MPO staff with the public at those meetings. It was a way to enhance public participation.

Chair Mayfield agreed with him and asked Mr. Wilson to coordinate with Adam Leigland on it.

Mr. Wilson agreed.

5. Presentation on the development of the Multi-use Trail Data Collection Program

Mr. Wilson provided a hand out on the Rail Trail at Alta Vista

Mr. Sandoval excused himself from the meeting at 5:50.

Mr. Wilson said they found a good mobile device to do the trail data collection. It was high tech. They experimented with it last month and his handout showed the summary report on it. They would coordinate with the County and identify several locations for its use. They were still working on distinguishing between bikes and pedestrians.

Mayor Coss said it showed awesome numbers.

6. Presentation on the development of the Traffic Count Data Management Program

The on-line tool purchased from Southwestern Software. When they got it fixed up you could go to the website to locate the data. His handout showed a screen shot from it. It downloads automatically each night. Having sites around the city will help with traffic projections. This would be a great tool for us as planners but also for the public.

Councilor Bushee asked if staff would be sharing the results with the Board or if there was a website available.

Mr. Wilson said once they were comfortable with it the data would be released as an on-line tool for everyone.

Councilor Bushee asked if Las Crucitas could be a site.

Mr. Wilson said it could once the MPO got its own device. They were trying to help DOT meet their federal requirements right now.

D. MATTERS FROM THE SFMPO TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

Commissioner Anaya asked staff to put teleconferencing on the next agenda for teleconferencing and asked that a DOT person update the TPB on ITS in our quadrant. It was amazing how helpful those signs are. He would like more information on it for the next meeting.

Mr. Wilson reported that they would be attending the state conference on ITS next week and would bring an update back to the Board. The conference was at Sandia Resort on November 15th. He agreed to email the information on it to all board members.

Councilor Bushee asked Mr. Wilson to get in touch with Nancy Long, facilitator for the Neighborhood Law Center for collaboration on trails. Find out what she needs - probably a one-page summary like the one for the joint collaboration meeting.

Mayor Coss invited everyone to the Santa Fé Trails 20th anniversary at their Rufina headquarters starting at 11:30. Last week Santa Fé Trails had its millionth rider for this year. He also invited everyone to the Veteran's Day parade from Ft. Marcy to the Plaza and to the veteran's memorial at the Luján Building on Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

E. MATTERS FROM THE MPO STAFF

There were no other matters from the MPO Staff.

F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE NMDOT AND FHWA

There were no communications from the NMDOT and FHWA.

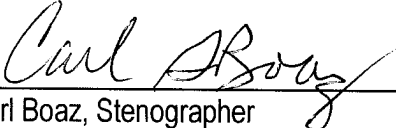
G. ADJOURNMENT – Next Meeting: Thursday, February 21, 2013

Having finished their business, the Board meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Approved by:

Danny Mayfield, Chair

Submitted by:



Carl Boaz, Stenographer