



# Santa Fe Metropolitan Planning Organization

*"Promoting Interconnected Transportation Options"*



## Santa Fe MPO Technical Coordinating Committee

**Monday February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013, 1:30 P.M.**

*City Councilors' Conference Room, City Hall  
200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, NM*

### AGENDA

- ◆ Call to Order
- ◆ Roll Call
- ◆ Approval of Agenda

#### 1. Communications from the Public

#### 2. Items for Discussion and Possible Action:

- a. Review and Prioritization of projects submitted for consideration in the development of the FFY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program – *MPO Staff*
- b. Review of Highway Safety Improvement Project Applications for submission to NMDOT – *MPO Staff & Lead Agency Staff*

#### 3 MPO Officer Report

#### 4. Communications from TCC Members

#### 5. Adjourn - Next TCC Meeting: Monday February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013

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February 11, 2013**

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**MINUTES OF THE  
SANTA FÉ MPO  
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE  
February 11, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A special meeting of the Santa Fé MPO Technical Coordinating Committee was called to order on the above date by Chair John Romero at approximately 1:45 p.m. in the Councilors Conference Room, City Hall, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fé, New Mexico.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

John Romero, City of Santa Fé, Chair  
Erick Aune, Santa Fé County  
Colleen Baker – Santa Fé County [arriving later]  
Tamara Baer for Greg Smith – City of Santa Fé  
Adam Leigland – Santa Fé County  
Vicky Lucero for Penny Ellis-Green – Santa Fé County  
Dave Quintana for Phil Gallegos – NMDOT District 5  
Eric Martinez – City of Santa Fé  
Anthony Mortillaro – NCRTD

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:**

Jon Bulthuis – Santa Fé Trails  
Reed Liming – City of Santa Fé  
Sandra Maez - Pueblo of Tesuque

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Keith Wilson, Senior MPO Planner  
Mark Tibbetts, MPO Officer

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Claude Morelli

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Ms. Baer moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Leigland 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. Review and Prioritization of projects submitted for consideration in the development of the FFY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program**

Mr. Wilson said they met with Phil Gallegos last week to discuss potential funding for the TIP. Things didn't look hopeful through the life of the next TIP with District projects sliding out to longer time frames for District 5. There were projects shovel-ready elsewhere in the District and Santa Fé had gotten the lion's share up until now. He asked Mr. Quintana to present the information

Mr. Quintana shared a power point that showed in 2012 the program total was about \$28 million. The SFMPO had four projects: St. Francis at I-25, CR62 at 599, Paseo de Peralta at NM475 and the project between Old Pecos Trail and Eldorado and totaled \$10 million or 36% of the allocation.

The 2013 total was \$27 million with one SFMPO project at \$7.5 million (28% of the district program) and likely to be reduced a little for the district. The project was the Cañoncito interchange project for 28% of district program. It didn't include the Jaguar interchange at \$8 million as it was not in the STIP.

The 2014 total was \$27 million with two SFMPO projects at \$15.144 million or 56% of the district program. 2015 was projected at \$27 million with one SFMPO project (Cerrillos Road) at \$4.75 million or 18% of the district program. The rest of the STIP was without flexibility. They were focusing on corridors that have EA done: Galisteo to Santa Fé on Hwy 14; Hwy 30 from Española to Los Alamos and on Highway 64. The District would participate somehow in the NE Connector project. It was kind of weak but the good news was that most projects were completed in past years and would be in the near future. The MPO had received significant help in projects. They just had to work with tight budgets now.

DOT would be asking for more safety funds applications next year. SFMPO could request some roadside safety audits if that would help.

Mr. Wilson said at the next meeting the TCC could go through the MTP projects to see which ones rise to the top. There might be some non-MTP projects also.

Mr. Morelli confirmed the process would be the same next year.

Mr. Wilson said they had to have the proposed TIP in next week so he would put in a placeholder for transportation years and hope that Congress would authorize more funding for the future. It could be amended if new funding was added so it was good to prioritize for when those funding sources might develop. Trails were likely to be eligible for transportation alternative funds.

Mr. Aune had submitted a letter to ask for a better score on two factors on the county project: to move mobility and congestion from a score of 7 to a score of 10. For safety, he pointed out that they were now carrying heavy traffic through Oshara Village and asked that score be changed from 5 to 10. That would raise the project score to 44.

Ms. Baer asked how cost was rated.

Mr. Wilson said it was 4 for \$2.5 million. He referred to the description at the bottom of the handout.

Chair Romero said if they used that, they should have rated all the other projects in the same way. Safety depended on known crash problems so he disagreed with the safety score change.

Mr. Wilson noted they gave 62/599 a high score because it was identified as a high crash site. It was documented.

Chair Romero felt it was easy to make a sales pitch for any of the projects but it needed to be consistent throughout.

Mr. Morelli said one of the seven goals was state of repair - like for the bridge projects.

Mr. Martínez thought Rufina would be a ten on safety.

Mr. Quintana said the NE Connector hasn't been built yet. So no crash data exists.

Mr. Leigland said Oshara there had been lots of near misses.

Mr. Quintana thought it was difficult to rate it at 10.

Mr. Tibbetts said there was no history at Oshara for the last ten years. On Richards there were a number of driveways, etc. so there was some concrete evidence of danger on the road but they shouldn't wait until someone dies.

Chair Romero thought near misses didn't count. The national rating was on crashes so they should use crash data.

Mr. Tibbetts thought taking alternate route crash data should count.

Mr. Wilson said the key was to rate major safety at 10 and minor safety at 7.

Chair Romero said they had to have legitimate safety measures to mitigate.

The Committee had more discussion on what constitutes safety high score.

Mr. Quintana thought since it wasn't built yet it should not have the highest safety score. He felt the driving force for the NE Connector was mobility and congestion.

Ms. Baer proposed for the bridges to reduce safety to 3 and leave the NE Corridor safety score at 5.

Mr. Tibbetts said that safety status was not on crash data but other factors.

Ms. Baer asked how closely related the scoring was to the likelihood of a project getting funded.

Mr. Tibbetts pointed out how it didn't happen with St. Mike's at St. Francis.

Mr. Morelli mentioned affordability as a factor.

Mr. Aune said the letter was to answer specific questions in the list. The County now had a better understanding and he felt 5 on Safety was more appropriate after this discussion.

Mr. Quintana pointed out that the project would pull traffic off of Richards. Mr. Martínez agreed the congestion was the major issue.

Mr. Aune explained that the SE Connector was pulled based on an 18 month study.

Mr. Leigland said the County had \$5 million for that project now.

Mr. Wilson said the location part was at the end of Phase B. They were not far enough along to qualify for federal funding and no new federal funding would be available until 2017. However, if funding did become available, then the SE Connector would become eligible.

Chair Romero concluded that the SE Connector was programmed but just not with federal funds.

Mr. Wilson said it still had to be placed on the TIP.

Mr. Wilson asked if everyone was now satisfied with the amended scoring (NE congestion from 7-10 and safety at 5).

The Committee discussed it further. They determined that Guadalupe was a principal arterial.

Mr. Morelli rated a bridge that couldn't handle a semi at 7 but if it could it would be at 5.

Mr. Quintana explained that NHS bridges had a larger pot of money.

Mr. Martínez mentioned that the Acequia Crossing project was shovel ready.

Mr. Wilson asked if it was appropriate to use the Bicycle Master Plan as the basis for this evaluation. Those projects were eligible for STP funding.

Mr. Quintana said trails would get \$500,000 each year.

Ms. Baker asked about the criteria for the bike MP projects.

Mr. Wilson clarified as he described what the criteria covered. He shared the safety considerations and the feasibility considerations. He felt the Bike MP priorities were not as important.

Ms. Baker said Arroyo Hondo was broken out into 4-5 projects that were in the MP.

Mr. Wilson agreed and he would pull them out. He suggested they would go to another process for trails.

**Mr. Quintana moved to approve the priorities with the amended NE Connector score and without a cost factor. Mr. Martínez seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.**

**Ms. Baker moved to postpone trails for the prioritization. Mr. Quintana seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.**

## **B. Review of Highway Safety Improvement Project Applications for submission to NMDOT**

Mr. Wilson announced the Traffic Safety Bureau extended the deadline for HSIP applications until February 15. At the last meeting, the TCC talked about Tesuque's application on the highway. After a review of their application the TSB said there was insufficient justification for funding it at the level requested based on the crash data.

The pedestrian crossing beacons were also being considered for funding. Some lacked crash data for consideration. The gap study showed insufficient gaps.

Mr. Quintana said there were questions about having a beacon that close to the RR crossing.

Chair Romero didn't think it would be an issue.

Mr. Quintana said he would look for crash data and put it forward.

Mr. Wilson said he and Mr. Aune had reviewed Cottonwood Drive which was a private road so not

eligible for federal funding.

Chair Romero said they had 14 "ped heads" that were proposed but they did have crash data on them.

Mr. Wilson said in looking at the top 25 locations the reflective borders on traffic signals were a factor. He was going to create a table on them showing the reason for each crash. So definitely the flashing ped head replacement was important.

Mr. Quintana pointed out the project had to match directly the improvements with the needs.

### **3. MPO OFFICER REPORT**

Mr. Tibbetts said they were finishing the Public Participation Policy with Title 6 this week. He and Mr. Wilson met with the ITS Working Group to identify ITS corridors. The work would coordinate efforts beyond just the messages on ITS signs. It was part of the comprehensive transportation plan.

They had been working regularly with District 5 staff and were integrating a lot more.

He reminded members that the regularly scheduled TCC meeting was February 25, 2013.

### **4. COMMUNICATIONS FROM TCC MEMBERS**

Mr. Aune asked if, based on today's discussion, they needed to go to TPB at this juncture.

Mr. Wilson said they didn't. They would prioritize and the list would become an appendix of unfunded projects. So in two weeks he would bring the draft TIP for release for the public review. In March he would come back with the public comment and TPB would hopefully approve it on April 11. They would then send it to DOT who would publish it and send it on to FWHA.

Mr. Aune said it would help to know the funding schedule earlier so they could plan accordingly.

Mr. Quintana said with MAP 21 that schedule was not yet known.

Mr. Wilson commented that they had detailed out the amounts and what they would be used for and MPO staff had not been able to get to a defined amount before now.

Mr. Quintana explained that in the past the District had been able to allocate funds to the District entities but now the MPO has a target for TAP funding and DOT didn't have funds to spread around.

Mr. Leigland highlighted a few county project changes including Caja Del Rio and the SE Connector.



Chair Romero said the City installed blue tooth counters at several intersections. They found a signal program to consider. He mentioned where they would install the unit they had and how they would locate the counters at other intersections.


**5. ADJOURN - Next TCC Meeting: Monday, February 25, 2013**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Approved by:

  
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John Romero, Chair

Submitted by:

  
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Carl Boaz, Stenographer