



Santa Fe Metropolitan Planning Organization

"Promoting Interconnected Transportation Options"



Santa Fe MPO Technical Coordinating Committee

Monday, September 24, 2012, 1:30 P.M.

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

AGENDA

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

DATE 9-19-12 TIME 7:50am

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- ◆ Call to Order
- ◆ Roll Call
- ◆ Approval of Agenda
- ◆ Approval of Meeting Minutes from August 27, 2012.

1. Communications from the Public

2. Items for Discussion and Possible Action:

- a. Review and Recommendation on the proposed amendments to the FFY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program – *MPO Staff*
- b. TIP Project Updates – *Lead Agency Staff*
- c. Discussion on Updating the MPO Public Participation Plan – *MPO Staff*
- d. Presentation on the development of the Multi-use Trail Data Collection Program – *MPO Staff*

3 MPO Officer Report-

4. Communications from TCC Members

5. Adjourn - Next TCC Meeting: Monday October 22, 2012

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**MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FÉ MPO
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
September 24, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Santa Fé MPO Technical Coordinating Committee was called to order on the above date by Chair John Romero at approximately 1:30 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:

Erick Aune, Santa Fé County
Tamara Baer for Greg Smith – City of Santa Fé
Jon Bulthuis – Santa Fé Trails [arriving later]
Rick Devine for John Romero, City of Santa Fé
Dave Quintana for Phil Gallegos – NMDOT District 5
Vicky Lucero for Penny Ellis-Green – Santa Fé County
Adam Leigland – Santa Fé County [arriving later]
Richard Macpherson for Reed Liming – City of Santa Fé
Eric Martínez – City of Santa Fé
Mike Kelly for Anthony Mortillaro – NCRTD
Colleen Baker – Santa Fé County
Heather Lamboy for Ms. Baer at 2:15

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Vacancy – Tesuque Pueblo

STAFF PRESENT:

Keith Wilson, Senior MPO Planner
Mark Tibbetts, MPO Officer

OTHERS PRESENT:

Claude Morelli, NMDOT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - August 27, 2012

Ms. Baer said on page 2 it should say Old Taos Highway, not Old Taos Road.

Mr. Morelli said on page 1, those present, it should say Jessica Griffin, not Anne McLaughlin and Michelle's full name is Michelle Jacquez-Ortiz.

Mr. Martínez said page 5, second paragraph it should say the RFP will go out to order the design contract. On the same page in the fifth paragraph it was not Mr. Martínez making the statement that had to do with buses. It was Jon Bulthuis.

Mr. Tibbetts said on page 5 under C, discussion on updating the PPP should indicated he shared the existing PPP, not a new PPP.

Mr. Martínez moved to approve the August 27, 2012 minutes as amended. 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. Review and Recommendation on the proposed amendments to the FFY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Wilson previously emailed the modifications and handed out the list of proposed amendments. There was one more needed. The Santa Fé Rail Trail missed the deadline for federal enhancement funding so that money went away and the state pot of money was probably reassigning that to another project.

Mr. Wilson said the new quarterly amendment process provided the TCC recommends for public review of the full amendment and after the public review comes back to the TCC on November 8.

There were only 2 changes to the TIP of which he was aware. On page 6 the I-25 interchange funding would be moved to FY14 to meet the schedule process because the time line changed. The other change

was a new project - Santa Fé Trails got an FTA grant of \$1.92 million plus local match to replace its aging bus fleet with new natural gas vehicles.

Normally they could make that change administratively but it was over the maximum allowed for administrative change and required MPO approval. He asked for approval to release these for public review.

Ms. Baer moved to approve the TIP amendments for public review. Mr. Martínez seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

B. TIP Project Updates

Mr. Quintana provided the state updates.

1. Traffic was changed at 599/Jaguar and consulting was currently ready to submit 90% design plans. They had a meeting with general counsel and the developer's attorney and agreed on the language to be approved week after next.
2. For 599/62 the center piers were up for the bridge and the roundabouts concrete was ready. They hoped to have it substantially complete by winter time.
3. 475/Washington requires jumping through cultural resource hoops. Paseo had a little design change and they were still on track for construction next spring.
4. Cerrillos/I-25 was being moved for design to FY 2014 so they would move forward with Phase A-B report.
5. 100/I-25 - hopefully there would be a public hearing at the end of October and move it into final design. It was still on the 2013 production. They asked the consultant to move some final design work and structure bridge on the design so as not to push it to 2014. The EA was taking longer than expected.
9. Cerrillos Road - This phase would start in 2013 on that. It was just a piecemeal proposal to address some ADA concerns on Cerrillos from Osage to St. Francis. The District will identify some funding for the program study there. It was not in-depth scoping but would identify potential driveway construction. They were not waiting for the Indian School plans. They would have to do some improvements there.

The I-25 re-pavement plan had nothing changed since the last update. The District was doing a price agreement with Frazier Asphalt. They would hold off until the St. Francis construction was complete before doing that.

Mr. Leigland provided the County project updates. NM 599 improvements were under construction. Old Santa Fé Trail was in process right now. The last one was the pavement preservation grant with a local

match.

On the City projects, #13, Guadalupe/DeFouri Street Bridge improvements, the design process was ongoing. For #28, The Acequia Trail/St. Francis crossing, the BTAC, last week, voted to recommend an underpass that will go to City Council again.

Mr. Tibbetts said on #16, FTA 5307 & 5340 allocations to Santa Fé Trails that the federal categories changed a little bit so he didn't know if DOT has given direction.

Mr. Wilson said all categories have been switched around so it might need administrative modifications. FHWA would provide guidance on it.

Mr. Bulthuis said they didn't expect any appropriation until the new FY but then would make application. He added that they were still in the acquisition stage on the transit center. It would go to Council not tonight but their next meeting. They were still working with anchor clients there.

Ms. Baer thought the design would require that they had to tear up trees for new access and wanted to talk about that.

Mr. Bulthuis said it wasn't designed so they could still talk about it.

Ms. Baer commented that some new guys from the mall were at city hall and said they had funding for major renovation of the mall. The design could change. She just wanted to make sure the entrance to the mall was in a good place for buses and everyone else.

Mr. Bulthuis was in agreement. They went through three different owners who put together plans and nothing happened so they just decided not to wait any longer. It hasn't gone through Council yet. Six years have passed without anyone taking the first step.

Mr. Tibbetts asked if the new parking design could have sidewalks and diagonal parking so they wouldn't be behind a car backing out. Ms. Baer agreed they could talk about it.

Mr. Wilson said regarding the Rabbit Road/rail crossing safety improvements that he talked with DOT and they indicated they were likely to construct next summer. Currently they were doing some design work and working on agreements with Santa Fé Southern for design.

Mr. Wilson said regarding Las Soleras that someone in state government removed the station requirement but they would keep it in the TIP for now.

Mr. Quintana heard the Governor had granted an extension on the decision.

Mr. Morelli asked if the City would be shown as leader on the Rail Trail.

Mr. Wilson agreed and still needed to clarify it with Councilor Wurzbarger. He needed to deal with the amendment now because after October 1, FY 12 was finished and they couldn't go back and change it. If the County identified a new funding source it could be moved to grantee. The County has \$600,000 and if clarified, the change could be done administratively.

C. Discussion on Updating the MPO Public Participation Plan

Mr. Tibbetts handed out the existing PPP last month. The final review report was due 60 days from when they had it (July 16). If there are any comments from the TCC, he invited members to email them or bring them up now. More than likely it wouldn't be finalized by the end of October and more likely would be November or December so there was still time if anyone wished.

D. Presentation on the develop of multi-use trail data collection program

Mr. Wilson explained they had no data on trail usage by bikers or pedestrians so they needed to develop a data collection program like traffic counts. At a conference back in June he met with Chaparral Systems Corporation (based in Santa Fé). They partnered with Eco Counter for pedestrian and bike counting. They want to add a module to Travis software to count bikes and pedestrians. It was a small box with an infrared beam that didn't discriminate between pedestrians and bikes but does sense which directional movement. Every 3 a.m. the cell phone calls in the data. It showed 400-500 people using that trail. The only thing it has trouble with when two pedestrians side by side. He distributed copies of the most recent report from the test site. The software allows graphs creation and looks at trends.

MPO staff will test it for three months and might move it to Acequia Trail at St. Francis by the end of the week. They wanted a variety of locations for it and just needed something to attach it to. It seems to detect quite a few feet away.

If it works out, they would buy four counters and disperse them and maybe work toward permanent stations in the future. It has a blue tooth to use a lap top to see how it was counting as they people go by. Each unit costs \$2,000. They have a ten year battery and because it uploads on a schedule you can tell when it goes down. He was excited about it. They were just trying to find a way to get data as it was one of 21 performance measures.

Ms. Lamboy asked if they might eventually amend the trails plans based on those data. Mr. Wilson agreed.

Mr. Leigland asked if the County could mesh with MPO on it.

Mr. Wilson agreed that would make sense to have all on the same system.

Ms. Baker said the County had tried to get counts at all of our facilities.

3. MPO OFFICER REPORT

Mr. Tibbetts said the Santa Fé MPO was hosting the quarterly MPO meeting on Wednesday at the Railyard and would be dealing with compliance and performance measures and comparing notes on the TIP, policies and procedures for their work program in order to become more efficient. MAP 21 has new standards for compliance with lots more focus on MPOs performing as they should with travel demand models, etc.

Tomorrow staff will be in Albuquerque for two sessions. The first is on developing a census and coordinating for transit coordination zones. The second is on project development and they requested to have a traveling show brought to Santa Fé to walk step by step through contract unit - bottom-up getting project funded and completed.

Mr. Morelli thought that would happen.

Mr. Tibbetts said it would help have projects ready and easier to get funded. The MPO has to show more readiness because MAP 21 emphasizes federal instead of local. So it needs greater profile.

Mr. Tibbetts announced they were meeting with the consultant and laying out specifics for him. It was an ongoing process. He will be in Santa Fé in early December and staff asked him to do a 2-hour presentation for TCC members on capabilities and limitations of the traffic demand model. That will take place in the first week of December.

Mr. Tibbetts said staff was also working on the pedestrian MP. They had a specific outline for the consultant to use. They were working on hazard locations and parking would be an element. They would examine the busiest corridors, transit routes and stops and try to identify disconnects.

Mr. Morelli was anxious to see their work and help if DOT could give assistance.

Ms. Lamboy suggested that from a land use perspectives it would be good to have something for Chapter 14 on making the connections happen and as a deliverable it would be good to have something to put in the code. Mr. Wilson agreed.

Mr. Martinez said the City had a small sidewalk infilling project. They had \$500,000 last year. It was for first come first served requests.

Mr. Wilson said the transition plan was focused around public buildings rather than public ROW with major walking routes, libraries, etc. They would have two-three groups - GIS, inventory, past documents, contracts with local folks rather than going to Portland or D.C. That local knowledge helped in the Bike MP.

4. COMMUNICATIONS FROM TCC MEMBERS.

Mr. Morelli said the Transportation Alternatives Program had money available for certain purposes. The other half goes to areas in proportion to their populations so they were looking at census data to make sure it was all correct for them.

Mr. Wilson said the District was getting \$1.1 million in enhancements and \$500,000 for directives.

Mr. Morelli added that a lot of local governments couldn't get local match together so this may help.

Mr. Leigland asked how traffic counts should be communicated.

Mr. Wilson said he would communicate electronically with him.

Mr. Leigland asked if there was anything on bicycles' signal trip for the county.

Mr. Wilson said there were specific loops for bicycles with higher sensitivity.

5. ADJOURN - Next TCC Meeting: Monday October 22, 2012

The meeting was adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

Approved by:

John Romero, Chair

Submitted by:



Carl Boaz, Stenographer