



Santa Fe Metropolitan Planning Organization

"Promoting Interconnected Transportation Options"



Santa Fe MPO Technical Coordinating Committee

Monday June 25, 2012, 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
- ◆ Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 21, 2012.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

DATE 6-18-12 TIME 10:14am

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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. Review and Release for Public Review proposed amendments to the FFY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program – *MPO Staff*
- c. TIP Project Updates – *Lead Agency Staff*
- d. Update on the status of the Federal Transportation Bill Reauthorization – *MPO Staff*

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4. Communications from TCC Members

5. Adjourn - Next TCC Meeting: Monday July 23, 2012

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**MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FÉ MPO
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
June 25, 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:

John Romero, Chair - City of Santa Fé
Tamara Baer – City of Santa Fé
Andrew Jandáček - Santa Fé County
Adam Leigland – Santa Fé County
Richard Macpherson – City of Santa Fé
Eric Martinez – City of Santa Fé
Tony Mortillaro – NCRTD
Dave Quintana for Phil Gallegos – NMDOT District 5

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Jon Bulthuis – Santa Fé Trails
Penny Ellis-Green – Santa Fé County
Ryan Swazo-Hinds – Tesuque Pueblo

STAFF PRESENT:

Keith Wilson, Senior MPO Planner
Mark Tibbetts, MPO Officer

OTHERS PRESENT:

Anne McLaughlin
Colleen Baker, Santa Fé County
Lucy - Intern

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - May 21, 2012

Ms. Baer asked Chair Romero if he was satisfied with the rephrasing of the Washington Street intersection project. Chair Romero agreed.

Ms. Baer moved to approve the minutes of May 21, 2012 as presented. Mr. Jandáček 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 showed the summary sheet of the changes. A new project came up for a new public review period. Project #6 now had \$4 million more for the Cerrillos/I-25 interchange next year. Project #11 was the new project at \$2.2 million coming off public review last time. Only one comment was received from the public comment period. On project #23 funds were shifted to the Santa Fé Rail Trail from the New Mexico Central Rail Trail. So it now had \$944,576. They were finishing up that segment and eventually it would run to Eldorado from Rabbit Road. Total Federal allocation was \$300,750. These were to go in the STIP contingent on TPB approval and needed a recommendation from the TCC.

Ms. Baer asked if the “plus” meant that additional funding would be forthcoming.

Mr. Quintana wasn't 100% sure since they were also changing Old Pecos Trail to 4 lanes.

Mr. Martínez said that was paving shoulders for bikes.

Mr. Quintana doubted that it would include shoulders in this project.

Ms. Baer asked if it was too late to find other money to build the shoulders.

Mr. Quintana explained that this was extra funding they got each fiscal year before it closed. That's why

it was limited to that type of project. He didn't see other federal funds for it this late in the year.

Ms. McLaughlin said that was the route of the Santa Fé Century Bicycle Ride. They used the shoulders.

Mr. Quintana agreed to look at it to see what could be done but with only \$2.2 million he thought it was strictly driving lanes.

Mr. Jandáček asked what that meant for the shoulders.

Mr. Quintana wasn't sure what the whole scope was. He agreed to check it out. They would bring it up to be flush with the shoulder. He thought the shoulders were just hot mix and were 10' sides.

Ms. McLaughlin said they had to be done to standards.

Mr. Quintana added that the shoulders might be in bad enough repair that they would have to do GFC over them.

Mr. Tibbetts asked if after the scoring in winter it all would be swept again.

Mr. Quintana agreed. They did sweep in the spring but not after ever winter storm. Maintenance folks were pretty responsive.

Mr. Tibbetts said there were over 3,000 entrants in the Century this year.

Mr. Quintana asked if they had heard complaints.

Mr. Tibbetts said not specifically.

Ms. McLaughlin said the Coordinators called into the District beforehand about it.

Mr. Jandáček asked if there was any DOT policy on partial paving.

Mr. Quintana said it depended on the scope of the project and existing conditions of shoulders. He thought a bigger job would likely come in the next 4-5 years but they always did shoulders when it was not at the end of the year.

Chair Romero asked what the difference was between a and b.

Mr. Wilson explained that b was the August TIP amendment.

Mr. Martínez moved to recommend the TIP amendment to the TPB.

Ms. Baer seconded with a recommendation that in #11, if possible they would do the shoulders.

Mr. Quintana said it was not. If it wasn't part of the current scope, it wouldn't happen.

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**b. Review and Release for Public Review proposed amendments to the FFY 2012-2015
Transportation Improvement Program**

Mr. Wilson provided a handout of the August draft amendment that was to be released this week. It had #12 - Old Santa Fé Trail Bicycle Lanes for \$129,692. This was state funding and was identified in the MPO Bicycle MP. It would be added to STIP and TIP so it would be eligible for federal funding in the future. This was the only proposed amendment although there might be some minor changes to the NM 475/Washington Street intersection project that could be handled administratively. He thought he would know that one in the next couple of days. He asked that the motion include any potential changes to Washington Street project. He explained that this project needed to get out this fiscal year and he didn't want to lose the opportunity for public review.

Chair Romero asked if basically he was asking for approval subject to some minor tweaking of the dollar amount for NM475/Washington Street intersection to be determined by DOT.

Mr. Wilson agreed and explained to Chair Romero that this was just for the design at \$400,000. This way it would not jeopardize future federal funding. When projects of this sort came forward they came with a scope of work included. It wouldn't preclude a future project or enlarging the scope of the project in the future in there was a need. Construction was potentially a \$1.2 million project.

Ms. Baer thought the bike lanes should go past El Gancho to the next connector road between Old Las Vegas Highway and Old Santa Fé Trail.

Chair Romero didn't know that they had leeway on it. 1.1 miles could not be done for that amount of money.

Mr. Wilson clarified that it was just for design and also some ROW. They had already done the survey.

Mr. Martínez asked how the shoulders were.

Ms. McLaughlin asked what "67" was.

Ms. Baer said it was the next connector road south between Old Las Vegas highway and Old Santa Fé Trail. It was two trails.

Mr. Tibbetts said regarding the shoulders that at Los Animas there was no shoulder there all the way up to the NPS building.

Mr. Wilson said it was perhaps a shared lane there and it was in the MP.

Mr. Jandáček clarified that this was just for design and they probably should look at longer stretch but didn't know if it could be done. He agreed to ask.

Mr. Martínez asked if those projects were put on the TIP.

Mr. Wilson said it was a question of what were regionally significant designations. They needed to know exactly what projects should be included in the TIP. It depended if it was state or local funding but all regionally significant projects had to be in the TIP.

Mr. Wilson thought the tunnel at Zia and the one at Acequia Trail should probably have been in the TIP.

Mr. Quintana said many things on the MP were all identified as priorities and all of them should be on the TIP.

Mr. Wilson wanted to make sure they were doing the right thing and not jeopardizing future funding.

Mr. Quintana had talked with Margaret Haines in the DOT about it and she indicated they could make it eligible now.

Chair Romero said the recommendation would be subject to clarifying estimates for Item 3 and Item 12.

Mr. Jandáček moved to recommend approval. Mr. Martínez seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

c. TIP Project Updates

Mr. Wilson went through the list of projects in the spread sheet.

#1 - Jaguar interchange - construction this year was unlikely so it would be on the next TIP amendment to move it to 2013.

#2 - NM 599/CR62 interchange just had a press release on road closures with traffic shifted to the ramps.

Mr. Quintana said they were closing South Meadows on 62 to López Lane. They hoped to get it out by November and he had not heard of any delays so it was on schedule.

#3 - NM475/Washington - Mr. Quintana said they completed the design review last week. There was a question about the need to change funding. It would come in under budget and they had adjusted the

scope to accommodate changes from the City. It would go out this year and construction would be completed next year.

#4 - NE-SE Connector - Mr. Jandáček said the RFP had been issued and they were getting estimates for the location study.

Mr. Quintana said they planned to negotiate a contract by end of July and obligate those funds by September for ROW acquisition and it probably would take them through design.

#5 - Cerrillos Road - Mr. Martinez said they just got the request for agreement from DOT and probably finish the process by October 1.

#6 - I-25/Cerrillos Interchange - Mr. Quintana said they probably would not get funding in 2013 but consultants were three months behind on deliverables. The access change report would be finished in the next couple of months. The District asked them to look at another alternative. There were concerns about an urban controlled interchange regarding traffic. They wanted to make sure they were not eliminating a free flow of traffic to save money on those bridges. It needed a little more legwork.

#7 - I-25/Cañoncito - Mr. Quintana said it was moving to preliminary design and would be on schedule for 2014. A public hearing would be closer to fall. They were moving forward with the option to leave it at its existing location and extending ramps for improved safety and replacing the culvert.

#8 - Caja del Rio - Mr. Leigland said the RFP was on the street right now and be awarded next month.

#9 - ADA improvements on Cerrillos - Mr. Quintana said utility and ROW concerns prevented them from considering the totality but were trying to identify spots where they could make those improvements. It was just a matter of identifying the locations. They only had ROW approval for one quadrant and were hesitant on the north side because of traffic impact. It is a tough stretch of road there. He would have some identified at the next meeting.

#10 - Beckner Road - Mr. Quintana didn't have information on it. Mr. Wilson said they had the road graded and it was moving forward.

Ms. Baker reported on the Santa Fé Rail Trail. She said they would begin the western portion tomorrow and the current section was all but complete.

d. Update on the status of the Federal Transportation Bill Reauthorization

Mr. Wilson said they were five days away from expiration of the present extension and it looked like another six month extension. The Conference Committee was trying for a compromise bill. They seemed to be getting close on significant issues and might get something out of the Conference Committee tomorrow and so it would be a short extension. He was nervous about it. He couldn't see having a very good bill by

rushing through it.

3. MPO OFFICER REPORT

Mr. Tibbetts introduced Lucy as the summer intern who was working on the web page and looking at best practices.

The public hearing would be on July 18 and 19 at the downtown Public Library. The team included DOT and FHWA personnel.

At the quarterly meeting tomorrow in Farmington they would talk about the impacts on reauthorization.

They would have a new UPWP starting July 1 with significant changes.

Traffic model development would be done in the next couple of months.

Mr. Wilson shared the Bicycle law cards. They were developing other education materials. The cards would be available in bike shops. BTAC was working with a driving instructor to get them to new drivers. He could get more for groups.

4. COMMUNICATIONS FROM TCC MEMBERS

Mr. Leigland reported that Siler was working well and the signs at La Tierra were great.

A County resolution tomorrow would recommend adopting Willowback. They were working on signage and a little drainage but no other improvements because the County wanted to finish the NE/SE connector. Roads had money on the bond for a November 2012 vote. They would have that location study and then let a design to construct probably starting next February.

Regarding Agua Fria the County was in communications with the City on Rufina and the meeting was good.

Chair Romero noted that a four lane Agua Fria was not in the MTP.

Ms. Baer said Rufina came up at the Planning Commission meeting and a spokesperson from Agua Fria referred to this meeting but it wasn't clear to the Commission if it was unofficial meeting to just talk about what was happening. She wondered how it came about and who set the agenda.

Mr. Leigland said it originated at a community meeting that arose out of the District 2 elections and he was invited because they wanted to hear about traffic calming on Agua Fria. They wanted speed humps and Mr. Leigland said County staff would get a scope of the problem and then meet with village people. They decided a coordinated effort between city and county would be best. That spokesperson brought 20

people to the meeting.

What came out of the meeting was that diverting traffic could be done from Agua Fria to Rufina. The County had 2 week old traffic counts and people there didn't want to hear about it. There might be quick fixes. The traffic calming webinar gave some ideas.

Chair Romero said the people thought there was more speeding on Agua Fria than there really was.

Chair Romero didn't see that as a reason to stop working on it.

Mr. Leigland said the residents thought long ago that they would get a four lane road. There were people there who had land that was taken for the ROW.

Mr. Martínez felt there was some need for four-lane there.

Chair Romero explained that the Task Force came up with a "no four lane policy" and City Council adopted it.

Mr. Wilson said when the traffic demand model was finished they would be better able to do long range planning. It would provide a good level of detail and should answer some of these questions. They could always amend the MTP if necessary but it would take a long time for funding.

Mr. Tibbetts asked what they said at the meeting about the roundabout at Henry Lynch.

Mr. Leigland said staff brought it up but residents didn't think about it.

Mr. Tibbetts asked if the ROW acquisition to Henry Lynch was for four lanes. Chair Romero agreed.

Mr. Tibbetts thought it would encourage more people to divert if they did that piece at Henry Lynch.

Mr. Leigland said they had some money from Scenic Byways and planned to do a little gateway treatment at Agua Fria Village and a median there. They had many ideas.

Mr. Wilson thought maybe the sheriff could do speed enforcement there.

Ms. Baker said County staff looked at Agua Fria Village for a trail through Rufina using the ROW that was acquired for a bike trail.

Chair Romero said they might have to realign the road there. The school there created a lot of the traffic.

Mr. Wilson said they were trying to develop a plan for safety to school. Safe Routes to Schools but the current superintendent was reluctant.

Mr. Tibbetts thought they were going to lease that school and it might become another charter school.

Mr. Wilson - thanked Mr. Leigland for bringing it up.

Mr. Leigland said the County was looking at \$20 million in road projects.

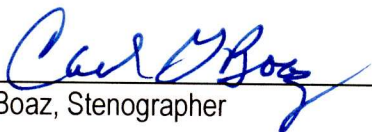
5. ADJOURN - Next TCC Meeting: Monday July 23, 2012

The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Approved by:

John Romero, Chair

Submitted by:



Carl Boaz, Stenographer