



Santa Fe Metropolitan Planning Organization

"Promoting Interconnected Transportation Options"



Santa Fe MPO Transportation Policy Board

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AGENDA

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CALL to ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL of AGENDA

APPROVAL of MINUTES: March 27th, 2014

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B. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

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2. Presentation on the proposed NM599/Cerrillos Rd./St Francis Dr. Integrated Corridor Management Plan – *NMDOT/WPI Student Team*
3. Follow up Discussion on the Amtrak Southwest Chief Train – *NMDOT Staff*
4. Follow up Discussion on Approving Amended MPO Joint Powers Agreement – *MPO Staff*
5. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Project Updates – *MPO Staff*
6. Update on the Highway Safety Improvement Program – *MPO Staff*

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D. MATTERS FROM THE SFMPO TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

E. MATTERS FROM THE NMDOT AND FHWA

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**MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FÉ MPO
TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
April 24, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Santa Fé MPO Transportation Policy Board was called to order on the above date by Commissioner Miguel Chávez, Chair, at approximately 4:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room, 500 Market Station, Suite 200, Santa Fé, New Mexico.

ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the lack of a quorum at the beginning of the meeting as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Miguel Chávez, Chair, Santa Fé County
Ms. Sandra Maes, Tesuque Pueblo
Councilor Patti Bushee, City of Santa Fé
Commissioner Liz Stefanics, Santa Fé
Councilor Carmichael Dominguez, City of Santa Fé [arriving later]

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Commissioner Robert Anaya, Santa Fe County
Deputy Secretary Kathryn Bender, NMDOT, [Excused]
Mayor Javier Gonzales

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Chair Chávez went to agenda item B 2 in anticipation that a quorum would later be established.

2. Presentation on the Proposed NM599/Cerrillos Rd./St. Francis Dr. Integrated Corridor Management Plan – NMDOT/WPI Student Team

Mr. Wilson provided a brief introduction of the project and introduced the WPI students and their visiting instructor, Mr. Fabio Carrera.

Fabio Carrera gave an overview of their work and said on May 8th they would meet on the final version of the project work. Their presentation was entitled, "Project: Developing an Integrated Corridor Traffic System in Santa Fé."

Commissioner Stefanics asked for them to give their majors and they did.

Councilor Carmichael Dominguez arrived as they began their presentation, establishing a quorum.

To the majors question, Mr. Mathie spoke first, then Ms. Wilson then Mr. Carlson

Mr. Carlson introduced the presentation.

Chair Chávez asked if their study factored in the pedestrian aspect.

Ms. Wilson said the count was factored in but she was not sure about traffic times.

Councilor Bushee asked what kind of cameras they were using.

Mr. Carlson said they were television close captioned cameras that the traffic managers at DOT used.

Mr. Mathie added that the City maintained them but they were DOT cameras. The pioneer sites focused on one major road. The 10 to 1 and 20 to 1 ratios were seen in pioneer sites.

The students explained how the project worked and what they hoped to achieve.

Commissioner Stefanics explained that the Board had various levels of understanding of transportation issues. She asked why they would want to invest a great amount of money to do this.

Ms. Wilson said the money invest would not see coming right back but it would ultimately save money among the citizens by not sitting in traffic waiting, in accident reductions, reductions in medical bills and car repairs.

Ms. Maes thanked them for the presentation. She asked how far into Pojoaque they went.

Mr. Carlson said they went to the dynamic message signs and cameras to get information for them.

Ms. Maes said she was a commuter, and described a place where there was no capability of turning around to get to her destination. She would be interesting to see results of their study on that.

Mr. Wilson added in response to Commissioner Stefanics that they were providing a project that could possibly be implemented and the cost benefit was what they wanted. Hopefully they would get some perspective from the final report.

Ms. Maes said it would be a value added benefit for safety for Tesuque Pueblo.

Mr. Mathie said the project would build on pedestrian safety and in talking with the traffic engineer figures the adaptive timing signal system would hopefully recover in sync quicker than existed now.

Chair Chávez thought it was an interesting concept and asked if the project could be done in phases.

Mr. Carrera agreed that it would be done in phases. By making the existing infrastructure communicate actively they could also get traffic data in real time.

Commissioner Stefanics asked, if those arteries were state roads that were maintained by city, who would bear the cost

Mr. Wilson said this was through the ITS Bureau.

The Board thanked them for an excellent presentation.

Because a quorum was achieved, the Board went next to the beginning of the agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Stefanics moved to approve the agenda as amended since item B 2 had already been considered. Councilor Bushee seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 27, 2014

There was one correction to the minutes. The Mayor not present at the last meeting.

Councilor Bushee moved to approve the minutes of March 27, 2014 as amended. Councilor Dominguez seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

A. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no matters from the public.

B. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

1. Presentation on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update Process – MPO Staff

Mr. Wilson said the presentation was in the packet. There were minor amendments in the MTP. The deadline for this update is June, 2015. He gave a quick refresher of what was in plan and what had been done and the steps they were taking to follow through with the update. He went through the presentation that was in packet.

Councilor Bushee asked what the growth rate was.

Mr. Wilson said it was 17% over the past 25 years.

Commissioner Stefanics asked if Las Campanas was on it. Mr. Wilson agreed.

Councilor Dominguez asked if he anticipated that this map would change

Mr. Wilson said he did not expect it to change significantly.

Commissioner Stefanics asked if he had a map that listed all the areas.

Mr. Wilson said it was on the website but he could print one out if she wanted a hard copy. It could also be downloaded from the website.

Ms. Maes asked if the plan included the proposed annexed area.

Mr. Wilson agreed and said the annexation had been approved.

Chair Chávez asked clarification for the area along 599, the bike section parallel to the river.

Mr. Wilson said it was the traditional village area of Agua Fria.

Ms. Maes asked if he thought part of average decline was due to transit services that had been implemented.

Mr. Wilson thought it was a combination of factors. The millennial generation 18 to 25 seemed to be shunning the car and looking for alternative transportation.

Councilor Bushee asked what the impetus was to study Richards Avenue again.

Mr. Wilson clarified this was from the study that had already been completed.

Mr. Aune shared the information on what had been done already.

Commissioner Stefanics suggested the staff contact the community college and see if their students would do the on-line version before their semester ended.

Mr. Wilson commented the MTP would be a standing item on the agenda until completed. In response to Ms. Maes about bordering land issues, he said it was required that they communicate with all stake holders which includes all surrounding areas including entities like the National Park Service.

Ms. Maes said that was very beneficial to Tesuque Pueblo due to cultural sensitivities. She saw that as a real progressive step in this plan and a really good stepping stone to the Governor and Tribal Council.

Chair Chávez agreed it was critical that we communicate in an efficient way.

Mr. Wilson drew attention to the newsletter.

Commissioner Stefanics said she sent the last newsletter to her email list and told them to contact Mr. Aune.

Mr. Aune said as a result, he was getting folks contacting him.

Councilor Dominguez asked if on the survey they were keeping track of where input was coming from geographically.

Mr. Aune said they asked for zip codes so they could look at that dynamic. Most people were providing it. He described the demographics included and said they didn't want to overwhelm people with those details. They tried to keep the survey time to 5 minutes or less. They intended to get some consultants on board to help complete the project.

Mr. Tibbetts explained that part of this issue was that approximately \$7.5 million was spent annually for roadway projects and they were trying to find a way to be more equitable and trying to get more specific information to develop projects and how to weigh them more viable and get more input.

Councilor Bushee asked on page 17 if there was no crossing at County Road 70.

Mr. Wilson said there was an at-grade crossing. It was the next one north of County Road 62.

Councilor Bushee thought they were looking at crossing four lanes of traffic on bicycle and asked if there was any additional way to improve that with an interchange.

Mr. Wilson said the plan was eventually to have an interchange for it. It was on the radar.

Councilor Bushee asked if rapid transit buses might be in the works for the Cerrillos Road/Airport Road corridor.

Mr. Tibbetts said it might come out of this study.

2. Presentation on the Proposed NM599/Cerrillos Rd./St. Francis Dr. Integrated Corridor Management Plan – NMDOT/WPI Student Team

This item was considered at the beginning of the meeting before a quorum was established.

3. Follow up Discussion on the Amtrak southwest Chief Train – NMDOT Staff

Mr. Tibbetts said a presentation for this was made last month. Our congressional delegation was pushing to get federal monies for it. One issue was whether the Board wanted to write a letter collectively or just individually to support continuation of service. The Board was not supposed to lobby but could support existing service.

Chair Chávez asked if they would want one letter in support of this or three letters - from MPO, City and County.

Councilor Bushee said she had sponsored a resolution in support of this and they were pushing it forward. She suggested they might look and see if that had been sent.

Chair Chávez said one was on the books.

Commissioner Stefanics last year dealt with this topic and put together a work group. Some communities would be feeling a loss. The counties and cities were not willing to give up appropriations and wanted it to continue but that it be a federal responsibility. She did agree with the study.

Mr. Aune he had in his file a county one and a city one.

Chair Chávez asked if Tesuque Pueblo wanted to do a separate resolution.

Ms. Maes said she would take that back to the Governor to have pueblo support consideration. In her mind the Pueblo would more than likely support this. They formed a tribal transportation caucus and staff could do something with three signatures.

Commissioner Stefanics asked staff to bring to the next meeting what the City and County did and work with Ms. Maes to present a recommendation for action at the next meeting

4. Follow up Discussion on Approving Amended MPO Joint Powers Agreement – MPO Staff

Mr. Tibbetts clarified that the JPA stated that this organization did transportation planning for the whole region. What was approved by the MPO was now moving to the different bodies for signature. It was not sent yet but was going through legal review.

Commissioner Stefanics recalled last time that Councilor Ives said there were sections that need reworking.

Chair Chávez said they had a discussion about revenue sharing.

Mr. Tibbetts agreed. They talked about splitting the local match requirement for operations of MPO.

Councilor Bushee asked what it was currently.

Mr. Tibbetts said it had always been 100% by the City but the City was incurring a lot of expenses.

Councilor Bushee thought it was shared by the County.

Mr. Tibbetts said it had not been an issue before. Some of this came from the downturn in funding looking long distance if the MPO was going to keep its funding level they would have to rely more on local and there was going to be a lot of competition. They needed to get the JPA signed by end of summer and he would get it out of city and county attorneys' offices and forwarded for signatures. It had already been approved by the MPO.

Commissioner Stefanics said on page 5 there were some changes on which the County Attorney and City attorney would confer. She was not sure how the Pueblo fit in.

Ms. Maes said if she was going to ask Gov. Mora to sign this she would take it to legal first.

Mr. Tibbetts agreed to send it to her electronically.

5. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP_ Project Updates – MPO Staff

Mr. Wilson said there was a table in the packet and because of the time, wouldn't make verbal comments on it.

6. Update on the Highway Safety Improvement Program – MPO Staff

Mr. Wilson reported that the State revamped the program. The \$20 million in federal funds would be allocated to specific safety projects. The MPO had three applications submitted by the City and forwarded them on to DOT. They included the road safety audit for the Guadalupe Street Corridor, construction of a roundabout at Agua Fria Road at Cottonwood Drive and the Acequia Trail underpass, all of which were detailed in the staff report.

The statewide application committee would review the applications and eligibility and then make a recommendation. They would meet on May 2nd so at some point in the next week they should announce their recommendations.

Councilor Bushee pointed out that some people wanted to see the underpass project stopped.

Mr. Wilson said the acequia trail crossing project had a lot of possible funding scenarios. The application was for the scenario of \$3.4 million.

In response to questions about the roundabout location, Mr. Wilson pointed it out to the Board.

He clarified that the next deadline submittal date would be mid-July.

Councilor Bushee asked if he could present it to BTAC. She also asked why St. Francis was not on the list for safety issues.

Mr. Wilson explained that the DOT had a study of that intersection going on right now and he had asked them to look at this crash data. It might be a candidate for a safety audit since it was in the top 25. Cottonwood was number 3.

Councilor Bushee thought they should consider west Zia and St. Francis.

Mr. Wilson said they were awaiting the study results.

C. MATTERS FROM THE MPO STAFF

Mr. Tibbetts reported that Mr. Wilson was in Seattle last week at a conference. Mr. Aune was going to the American Planning Association conference in Atlanta next week. The big event coming up on May 14, 15 and 16 would have Dan Burton, internationally known walking expert talk on design to policy for all sorts of things along with Robert Ping. They had worked on a national level with Safe Routes to Schools. He shared some of the agenda and said further information was in the packet.

D. MATTERS FROM THE SFMPO TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

Ms. Maes invited the members to Tesuque Pueblo for their special event.

Councilor Dominguez apologized for being late. He explained that his work would cause him to be late each time and asked if he could get the packet electronically.

Mr. Wilson agreed to provide it on the website and he could get it there.

Chair Chávez said at the next meeting the Board would discuss changing the meeting time to 4:30.

E. MATTERS FROM THE NMDOT AND FHWA

There were no matters from NMDOT or FHWA.


F. ADJOURNMENT – Next Meeting: May 29, 2014

Having completed the agenda and with no further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Approved by:


Miguel Chávez, Chair

Submitted by:


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