



# Santa Fe Metropolitan Planning Organization

*"Promoting Interconnected Transportation Options"*



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## Santa Fe MPO Transportation Policy Board

Thursday, May 24, 2018

5:00 P.M.

City of Santa Fe Offices @ Market Station  
500 Market Street, Suite 200, Santa Fe, NM  
(Map: <http://tinyurl.com/l6kejeq>)

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

### AGENDA

5/16/18 TIME 9:08  
BY Mark Tibbetts  
[Signature]

- CALL to ORDER
- ROLL CALL
- APPROVAL of AGENDA
- APPROVAL of MINUTES: *April 26, 2018*

- A. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC
- B. PUBLIC HEARING
  - 1. Approval of Amendment 3 to the FFYs 2018-2023 Transportation Improvement Program – *MPO Staff*
- C. ITEMS for DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION:
  - 1. Approval of FTA Program Funding Distribution Formula for Sections 5307 and 5339 – *MPO Staff*
  - 2. Update on Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Projects – *MPO Staff*
- D. MATTERS FROM THE MPO STAFF
- E. MATTERS FROM THE SFMPO TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
- F. MATTERS FROM THE NMDOT AND FHWA
- G. ADJOURNMENT – Next Scheduled Meeting June 28, 2018

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Roll Call	A quorum was established with roll call.	
Approval of Agenda	Ms. Hansen moved to approve the agenda as presented Councilor Lindell seconds which passed by voice vote.	
Approval of Minutes from the April 26, 2018	Councilor Lindell moved to postpone approval of the minutes of April 26, 2018 with a second from Councilor Rivera which passed by voice vote.	
MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC	Discussion Only	
PUBLIC HEARING 1. Approval of Amendment 3 to the FFYs 2018-2023 TIP	Commissioner Hansen moved to approve Amendment #3 which includes the I-25/ Canoncito (S100520) project and excludes the NE Connector (S100121) project with a second from Councilor Lindell. <i>Further Discussion</i> <b>VOTE:</b> Voice Vote was held, motion passed.	
ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION 1. Approval of FTA Program Funding Distribution Formula for Section 5301 and 5539 2. Update on Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) projects	Councilor Rivera moved to approve the distribution formula with a second from Councilor Lindell which passed by voice vote.  Discussion Only	
MATTERS FROM MPO STAFF	Discussion Only	
MATTERS FROM THE SFMPO TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD	Discussion Only	
MATTERS FROM THE NMDOT AND FHWA	Discussion Only	
ADJOURNMENT – Next Scheduled Meeting June 28, 2018	Commissioner Hansen moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. with a second from Ms. Haas.	
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**SANTA FE MPO TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD**  
**City of Santa Fe Offices at Market Station**  
500 Market Street, Ste. 200 Santa Fe, NM  
May 24, 2018

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Ed Moreno, Chair of the Santa Fe MPO Transportation Policy Board called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. at the City of Santa Fe Market Station Offices. A quorum was established with roll call.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:**

Commissioner Ed Moreno, Chair  
Councilor Chris Rivera  
Commissioner Anna Hansen  
Councilor Signe I. Lindell  
Tamara Haas, NMDOT  
Councilor Carol Romero-Wirth

**NOT PRESENT/EXCUSED:**

Commissioner Robert Anaya  
Governor Charlie Dorame, Tesuque Pueblo (Edward Escudero, alternate)

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mark Tibbetts, MPO Officer  
Erick Aune, MPO  
Keith Wilson, Transit  
Linda Vigil, Stenographer  
Anthony Mortillaro, NCRDT  
Justin Greene, Citizen

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Ms. Hansen moved to approve the agenda as presented Councilor Lindell seconds which passed by voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES- April 26, 2018**

Councilor Lindell would like to see more detail to the discussion over the budgeting for the movie project.

Councilor Romero-Wirth agreed they should revisit the minutes when the corrections are made. Councilor Romero-Wirth reflected the conversation about the money for the money should be detailed because it was critical to her vote.

Chair Moreno agreed it was a meaningful discussion.

**MOTION:** Councilor Lindell moved to postpone approval of the minutes of April 26, 2018 with a second from Councilor Rivera which passed by voice vote.

## **A. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Justin Greene discussed the dangers of Hyde Park Road, which is a state facility. He would like to voice his concerns to the board when they are approving projects to keep this one in mind.

## **B. PUBLIC HEARING**

### **1. Approval of Amendment 3 to the FFYs 2018-2023 Transportation Improvement Program**

Mr. Aune explained the amendment to the FFYs 2018-2023 TIP. (See packet) The amendments are as follows:

Project S100520 the I-25 Canoncito is asking for an increase.

Project S100121 the Santa Fe County NE Connector was not approved by TCC and will be submitted in the next TIP amendment cycle. Santa Fe County will fund the design and construction.

Project S100430 is the 599/US285 ramp, this project will be moved to FY 2021. There were issues that raised the cost and designs will not be complete in time.

Project S100440 is the St. Michael's project, it will be combined with the interchange. NMDOT is to pull out the rail trail underpass and add it into that project.

Commissioner Hansen asked what will happen to the funds to the NE Connector project. Mr. Aune stated the money is still intended for the project. They will request from both the City and SF County what would be removed and how it can be reallocated and what process it might go through.

Chair Moreno stated he just met with the Deputy County Manager and he confirmed that the County is going alone on the NE Connector but there are other details that NMDOT needs to work on is up to them.

Commissioner Hansen wants to be assured that the money in that line item to be taken out of the TIP stays put even if the County takes it on.

Mr. Aune doesn't have enough information, however he knows until they approve the amendment to that particular project, it will remain.

Councilor Lindell asked about the St. Michaels Drive project and the underpass, if it being moved out why is there is a 19 million dollar total.

Mr. Tibbets explained the total was 19 million and now the underpass will be combined in, and it was dependent to the road diet to make it a six lane road. Now it will be better managed and designed.

Councilor Lindell asked when the original project approved and if there was public input.

Mr. Wilson explained it was some time ago, when he worked in MPO he worked on the project. Mr. Wilson explained the underpass began in 2012 when they started the bicycle master plan. Because it's a NMDOT project involving the roadway there were complications because it was close to the Railroad. With engineering and the feasibility, the state funded the design and safety it shifted when the state got involved. Mr. Wilson explained NMDOT will hold a public hearing on it.

Councilor Lindell disappointed that they can't move forward on the NM599/NM285 project. It is dangerous and seems like a safety oriented project that needs money much sooner than the other ones. It doesn't make sense to increase a project by 2 million dollars and not fund another, and push out another project over \$350,000.

Commissioner Hansen feels it is discouraging that NMDOT engineers and project managers do not attend this meeting.. Mr. Paul Brasher is the NMDOT District 5 Manager and he is making these project decisions, he should attend the meetings. There are so many questions.

Mr. Aune states the underpass crossing is not new. Procedurally two years ago NMDOT thought it was easier that since there were other St. Michael's projects they decided to lump them all together. It is a new project on the TIP process.

Councilor Lindell doesn't see the projects that have safety behind bike and pedestrian projects on the list, it makes no sense. If they have to postpone it they should.

Mr. Aune discussed the Arroyo Hondo project has been in a long process. It was awarded transportation alternative funds. That is competitive and limited, and the County did their diligence and were awarded the funding.

Mr. Aune MPO has made several attempts to request more information and NMDOT presence at the meetings. Councilor Lindell asked when they requested NMDOT. Mr. Aune stated he has had a string of emails and requests even up to today.

Commissioner Hansen has also requested that Mr. Brasher be here to answer these questions.

Ms. Haas explained the challenges the district engineers and managers. They have to balance a large area and MPO area.

Ms. Haas explained the Arroyo Hondo project was awarded transportation alternative funds, the NMDOT cannot use that money it goes to local governments only. The St. Michael's project involved different types of funding. It will take multiple years to complete, the timing that is why is moved it out for construction due to the amount of work needed. The I-25/Canoncito project has the type of funding that is, they will need to be ready by September.

Ms. Haas stated the NM599/285 project was originally to use Highway Safety Improvement funds. They were to replace the concrete wall barrier however the federal government denied it and NMDOT District 5 had to look into finding other funds. That will be an in-house design that will take 12-18 months that will need a public meeting.

Ms. Haas explained the improvement are competing against paving and other projects in the entire District. Ms. Haas used to be a district engineer and at times it is difficult to schedule the project and when the funds have to be shared it's a balancing act.

Commissioner Hansen states she understands how hard it is to get money from the Federal Government.

Chair Moreno states the highway industry and how they subdivide funds makes it almost impossible to advance these project. They must emphasize the safety or they have to wait in line with others.

Commissioner Hansen states with the NE/SE Connector project, the SF County has withdrawn and they decided they will design it. They were going to be limited on the design had they decided not to take it over.

Councilor Rivera states there is frustration because the board doesn't have a say so in these decisions or someone to talk to. The NM/599 is safety concern, he is familiar with it, when he was in the Fire Department there were several calls at that location.

Councilor Rivera asked how long is the I-25/Canoncito project. Mr. Aune explained it is nearly 4 miles on both sides of the highway. Ms. Haas explained they will mill off and repave the pavement and repair rail guards along the entire corridor.

Councilor Rivera asked where the NE Connector is. Commissioner Hansen explained it is the section from Richards to the Highway and connects the road. Commissioner Hansen explained the SE Connector that goes down from the right away to the

Community College. They are trying to create a relief route from Richards which is a two lane. They will build a frontage road that runs parallel.

Councilor Rivera asked how the project that the County is taking over would remain on the TIP. Commissioner Hansen explained the line item in the TIP is specific for that project. In order to remove it even though the SF County took it over they have to hold a public hearing before this board.

Mr. Wilson explained in the TIP the total for the FY adds up to programmed for construction removing the amendment does not change it, it will remain there. If NM DOT or SF County want to change they will have to have a public hearing.

Councilor Rivera asked what would happen if this amendment is not approved. Ms. Haas states she needs to know the target, if it doesn't move forward this FY those funds will be reallocated to another district. If NMDOT pulls out the federal money goes away, the NE connector will remain in the TIP but will remain until the County shows when they will have the design funding in.

Commissioner Hansen asked if the money they are removing can move potentially to another safety project. Ms. Haas explained that is Mr. Brasher's call. Because the ramp project will not have plans by the September deadline, it cannot be placed towards it. The RFP for the design isn't even out.

Councilor Lindell asked why there was no effort put into this project. Ms. Haas believes they were over optimistic, there was trouble on priorities with the design consultants.

Councilor Lindell would like to have a meeting with NMDOT to discuss this project. Ms. Haas emailed the Deputy Secretary during the meeting to inform him of the Board's discontent, he states he will speak to Mr. Brasher about attendance.

Councilor Lindell states it doesn't matter if they approve or not approve. The District Engineer makes the changes they would like to see, she isn't sure what the work of the Board is here.

Commissioner Hansen agrees and would like a letter sent to NMDOT explaining their frustration.

Ms. Haas explained in order to approve the TIP, the City leads the project at Cottonwood. It needs more funding if it is not approved the City won't get the money to complete it. Mr. Aune states some of the amendments for today have been on the list for years.

Ms. Haas states the critical project that involves NMDOT is at I-25/Canoncito. If not approved it will have a significant affect.

**Chair Moreno OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING at 6:11**

Mr. Greene agrees that the projects take a while to get traction, he hopes the next amendment in August will look at the short term projects. He would like to see how they can optimize the funds for Hyde Park Road.

**Chair Moreno CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING at 6:12**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Hansen moved to approve Amendment #3 which includes the I-25/ Canoncito (S100520) project and excludes the NE Connector (S100121) project with a second from Councilor Lindell. *Further Discussion*

Councilor Lindell states it is difficult to move it through knowing they are putting away an important safety project. For the sake of moving other projects forward, she supports it but would like to see other possibilities.

Councilor Romero-Wirth asked if they can exclude the NM/599 also. Commissioner Hansen would like to see it remain on the TIP.

**VOTE:** Voice Vote was held, motion passed.

**C. ITEMS for DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION:**

**1. Approval of FTA Program Funding Distribution Formula for Sections 5307 and 5339**

Mr. Wilson introduced Anthony Mortillaro from NCRTD. The FTA funds the way they get annually were formulated. (See *packet*) This money is for transportation in urban areas. Up until last year Santa Fe Trails was the only transit entity so they got it all appropriated. Now that there are routes, NCRTD are now eligible.

Mr. Wilson explained when there is more than one transit system it is up to the MPO to decide how the money gets distributed. The changes are that NCRTD used projected costs and estimates, this year they have real costs and estimates. SF Trails added capital costs. The analysis is they show over 24% to get reimbursed

Councilor Romero-Worth asked what UZA was. Mr. Wilson explained it means it is an urbanized area and is determined by the census based on population. It extends to the city limits and south and southeast.

Commissioner Hansen asked if the new buses will be electric or gas buses. Mr. Wilson explained they will be CNG as well as the trash trucks. They are near zero emissions.

Mr. Mortillaro explained the NCRTD uses E85 flex fuel.

Councilor Lindell asked if they have an assessment for the Mountain route and the La Cienega route. Mr. Mortillaro states every year they review those routes and present to their board. They are both effective routes, last year there was not much snow so the numbers were low. Ridership shows close to 6,000 riders in a year. There is a lot of use for cyclists.

Councilor Lindell asked for a rough estimate and if it was effective. Mr. Mortillaro states he would have to look at capital expenses. Depending on the time of the year they run up to three buses. It would take five years to replace those buses by revenue. You would have to look at all the routes to formulate it.

Mr. Mortillaro states it is a recreational route and there is a charge, all other routes are at no charge. They get funding from the City, County, Railrunner, and the Ski Basin. They also get Federal money and GRT, it is funded differently.

**MOTION:** Councilor Rivera moved to approve the distribution formula with a second from Councilor Lindell which passed by voice vote.

## **2. Update on Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Projects**

Mr. Tibbets discussed the other projects on the TIP that are pending. (*See packet*)

Mr. Aune was informed today that the Agua Fria and Cottonwood project received federal safety funds. They have moved to 60% design phase. Construction may start in the summer of 2019.

Mr. Aune states the Guadalupe Street project is at 30% design. There was a public meeting that was well attended that showed design options last month. There will be another public meeting soon.

Councilor Lindell would like the Board to be informed when that meeting is scheduled so they can attend.

Councilor Romero-Wirth asked if there was an issue with the site page. She could not download it. Mr. Aune states there are two sites, one is for staff and the other is public.

Councilor Romero-Wirth asked if there are more details on them. Mr. Aune states there is not. Ms. Hass explained that the NMDOT site has maps.

Mr. Tibbets states they are working on an interactive map.

## **D. MATTERS FROM THE MPO STAFF**

Mr. Tibbets addressed the events for Bike Week. He would like to acknowledge the Rail Yard to Baca Street ride that Mr. Aune worked on and he has worked on a lot of the week's events.

Commissioner Hansen wanted to acknowledge Neal from the County and the bike convoy, it was very successful. They had a Sheriff and City Police escort. Mr. Pacheco did great work on the underpass.

Mr. Tibbets reported the next MPO quarterly meet will be hosted in Farmington, which is also in District 5.

Mr. Tibbets reported that they may have another MPO staff starting in early June. This person will help more on the technical side of things.

Mr. Tibbets reported he worked with the Mayors Committee and is working with the ADA Coordinator to prioritize pedestrian and side walk systems and on the bus stops and connectivity.

#### **E. MATTERS FROM THE SFMPO TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD**

Commissioner Hansen would like a letter sent to Mr. Paul Brasher and Deputy Secretary Lujan requesting their presence at these meetings. Mr. Tibbets will draft and have the Chair and will email.

Councilor Rivera asked Mr. Tibbets to reach out to Councilor Vigil Coppler. There was a Resolution initiated for bicycle and pedestrian safety brought up in a public meeting. It was sent to BTAC however they need some ideas on the pedestrian aspect of it.

Mr. Tibbets developed a Resolution for a walk friendly community that addressed issues for pedestrians. He also suggests BTAC and change the name of their committee and or add some pedestrian advocates. Councilor Rivera agrees and would like him to discuss with Councilor Vigil Coppler who is the Chair of BTAC.

#### **F. MATTERS FROM THE NMDOT AND FHWA**

Ms. Haas reported the Transportation Asset Management Plan was submitted it meets the requirements and will change the way they do business on projects. It is in the NMDOT website. She has some hard copies with a summary she can bring to the next meeting. Performance measures are also listed on the plan.

Commissioner Hansen asked about the Veteranos pass project. Ms. Haas states they completed their study the interim safety improvements, they should be in the TIP. It should be in FY19.

Mr. Aune states the construction will start in 2019, at the TCC meeting they reprioritized the study and bumped it up. TCC requested to see the document.

Ms. Hansen states her constituents consider it is a serious interchange. She wants to see the money spent and see it built.

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

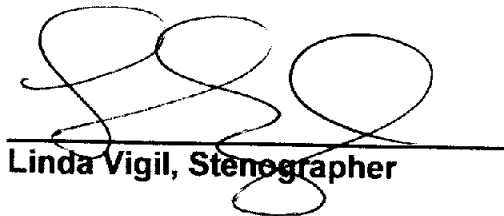
**MOTION:** Commissioner Hansen moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. with a second from Ms. Haas.

**SIGNATURES**



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**Commissioner Ed Moreno, Chair**



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**Linda Vigil, Stenographer**