

Santa Fe Metropolitan Planning Organization









"Promoting Interconnected Transportation Options"

Santa Fe MPO Technical Coordinating Committee

Monday October 29, 2012 1:30 P.M.

City Council Chambers, City Hall 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, NM

AGENDA

- Call to Order
- ♦ Roll Call
- Approval of Agenda
- ♦ Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 24, 2012.
- 1. Communications from the Public
- 2. Items for Discussion and Possible Action:
 - a. Review and Approve the 2013 Meeting Schedule MPO Staff
 - b. Review and Recommendation on the proposed amendments to the FFY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program MPO Staff
 - c. TIP Project Updates Lead Agency Staff
 - d. Discussion on the Request for Projects for the development of the FFY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program MPO Staff
 - e. Discussion on Updating the MPO Public Participation Plan MPO Staff
 - f. Discussion of MPO Funding Distribution Formula MPO Staff
- 3 MPO Officer Report-
- 4. Communications from TCC Members
- 5. Adjourn Next TCC Meeting: Monday November 26, 2012

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MINUTES OF THE SANTA FÉ MPO TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE October 29, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Santa Fé MPO Technical Coordinating Committee was called to order on the above date by Mr. Mark Tibbetts at approximately 1:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 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]
Dave Quintana for Phil Gallegos – NMDOT District 5
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 [arriving later]

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

John Romero, City of Santa Fé, Chair Penny Ellis-Green – Santa Fé County Vacancy – Tesuque Pueblo

STAFF PRESENT:

Keith Wilson, Senior MPO Planner Mark Tibbetts, MPO Officer

OTHERS PRESENT:

Claude Morelli, NMDOT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Tibbetts said they could discuss 2-E.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - September 24, 2012

Mr. Quintana requested a change on page 3, #1. He was not sure the traffic was changed at Jaguar. They agreed on the language to be approved in the 3rd party agreement. Also, #5 was Cañoncito @ I-25. At #9, second to last sentence - DOT was waiting for Indian School.

Mr. Martinez moved to approve the minutes of September 24, 2012 as amended. Mr. Quintana 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 Approve the 2013 Meeting Schedule

Mr. Wilson said the TCC monthly schedule would be as usual and in December changed the meeting from the 23rd to the 16th. In May the meeting would be moved one week earlier because of Memorial Day. All would start at 1:30 p.m.

Mr. Martínez moved to approve the 2013 Meeting Schedule. Ms. Baer seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

B. Review and Recommendation on the proposed amendments to the FFY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Wilson said the amendments were the same two released on September 28 to October 28 for public review and he received no comments on them. They were no ready for TCC recommendation to the TPB for their next meeting.

Mr. Bulthuis moved to recommend the proposed amendments to the FFY 2012-2015 TIP to the MPO-TPB. Mr. Martínez seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

C. TIP Project Update

Mr. Quintana said #1 was the same status as last month. At a conference last week in Taos he was asked about the contract time. He asked them to look at 18 months for construction to avoid having it out there for 5-6 years. Closer to finalization the consultants would submit design plans to DOT for review. To meet requirements, DOT will supervise and the city would do the maintenance over 599. They were still working with Mr. Cook's reps on it.

For #2 they had placed girders on the bridge and it was taking shape although a little behind schedule. Traffic would be resumed before the holidays.

- #3 Washington Ave They had a meeting last week with the City on lighting and agreed to have standard aluminum lighting on Paseo and from Washington to Otero and Bishop's Lodge Road they would have decorative lighting. Construction would be in April.
- #6 was being moved to 2014 to accommodate the consultant schedule. A project team meeting update was scheduled for next month with the consultant to bring it back up to speed. They were working on the amendment now.
- #7 They were waiting to schedule a public meeting for comments from NPS and hoping to get them in next month for a public hearing in order to make 2013 production. They would have the public hearing for an August production date to October 2013.
- #9 was just piecemeal programming for a corridor study to analyze ADA needs. They planned to address the entire corridor.
- #11 will be done after St. Francis is completed. It would probably start in March or April. St. Francis is moving along and should be done by year end. Then they will do Zia traffic counts.
- Mr. Leigland shared the status on #4 where they were still working on selection of consultant. The #8 project is done. #14 was lined up for next year.
 - On #27, Ms. Baker had no funding update.
- Mr. Quintana said they were looking for available closeout funds and he would have a better idea in December.
 - Ms. Baker said she was going to submit for bid and hold until they heard.

For the City projects, Mr. Martínez said on #5 they submitted the agreement request to Margaret and Kim at District 5. The RFP was for design so once the agreement is in place they could submit for federal authorization funds to do the work sometime this fall.

Mr. Martinez asked if Mr. Quintana heard about the funding change request to 2015.

Mr. Quintana said to obligate the funds; they would have to have the bid package by August 2014. They could discuss moving it but just because the funds were not obligated by then didn't mean it couldn't happen.

- Mr. Martinez agreed to prepare a schedule for Margaret to have everything ready.
- Mr. Martínez said for #13 they should have public input meetings next month.
- Ms. Baer asked if it had to go to HDRB. Mr. Martinez agreed.

For #28 he said BTAC made the recommendation and would go back to Council on November 14th. There were still three options.

Mr. Bulthuis said for #25 the acquisition has fallen behind a little. It would go to Council during the 2013 first quarter.

D. Discussion on the Request for Projects for the development of the FFY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Wilson had a meeting this morning on it. Funding is set so new projects will be 2016 or 2017. The deadline to approve it by TPB is April 15. The new MAP 21 still has things that are unclear and hoped to clean up the PIF. Formal call for projects would go out on November 14th with appropriate documents and applicants have two months and it would be closed out on January 14 to review them with the District and review them at the January 28 TCC meeting. Final Review would be on February 25 for public review with one public input meeting and review by March 25 to recommend to TPB and approve on April 14. They must be listed in an MP to be eligible (either MTP or Bicycle MP).

Mr. Morelli briefly explained MAP 21. New Mexico gets about \$359 million and DOT takes out money for penalties on DWI, etc. so just under \$200 million is available. He listed the six core programs. The plan is to base funding on performance. No one knows what the requirements will be. But we have to set goals and perform. State of good repair - asset management plan must be in place or lose about 60% of funding for the state.

He commented that the feds were high on the Santa Fé MPO evaluation part.

He said the project proposals needed a description of what they were achieving in the projects. The new match is 84/16. They have to go through the new program for transportation enhancements. Also reprogramming. This is a two-year program so it probably will flat line the FY 15-16 projects.

Evaluation has to be consistent on state-wide basis with one framework for all TAP money in the state. DOT will try to get it together in next couple of weeks and get buy in from the MPOs.

There were two parts to TAP with half to statewide apportionment by DOT. DOT no longer can spend it. If not spent by local entities then they could flex it into other programs. The other half has to be apportioned on a population basis, first to rural areas and then to communities of 5,000 to 200,000 and the third part to communities above 200,000. It was not yet clear if it would be bundled into one statewide process or broken out to districts or thirdly by MPOs. The bottom line was a new project format in two weeks. They were working on it. Most interesting is the transportation alternatives program. They were trying to make it a transparent public process.

- Mr. Wilson provided a handout on the New Mexico Infrastructure Conference that was held on October 23, 2012.
 - Mr. Bulthuis asked about allocations and Mr. Morelli said they didn't know yet.
- Mr. Wilson said in the expansion, more roads were eligible for NHPP funding. With the new census information, they needed to update the system and probably would in the next few months.
- Mr. Morelli was thinking about money for safe routes to schools. Penalty money goes into a pot and could be used for some safety projects.
 - Mr. Wilson thought they could use data gathered by the WTI students.
 - Ms. Baer asked how one could get a project on the MTP.
 - Mr. Wilson said the MPO does an update every 5 years.
- Mr. Quintana added that the scope of the project requires public participation. Each of the 3 corridor studies had their own public participation plans.

E. Discussion on Updating the MPO Public Participation Plan

Mr. Tibbetts said the public needs to know when their issues can be considered. In the meeting this morning they talked about the constraints on projects. He thought shortening the time would encourage more input. He agreed to have a draft by next meeting.

F. Discussion of MPO Funding Distribution Formula

Mr. Tibbetts said this was done three years ago and they were trying to reinforce how it should be done. Some planning projects were not being matched so having technically capable MPO staff makes a

difference. The MPOs decided the small MPOs would get a certain amount and then the rest would be divided by population. Everyone there felt good about it.

Mr. Morelli noted that federal regulations allowed the DOT to set aside part of the money for discretionary grants. MAP 21 wants us to move to a defined framework. To keep left overs from happening MAP 21 would allow left over money to be pulled back and re-spent. Santa Fé MPO has a pedestrian MP and traffic counts and transit plan. If they are not done, the DOT could pull it back and spend it elsewhere. DOT has to make sure the money gets spent.

3. MPO OFFICER REPORT

Staff are going to an ITS conference on November 15.

Mr. Tibbetts reported that after the FHWA review staff responded to it.

Mr. Tibbetts excused himself from the meeting at this time.

Mr. Wilson reported they were working with a company for on-line programs for the traffic cam system. We need it for a tool on the traffic demand model and start feeding data to the county. They wanted to have a common location for it all. We also have VISM for simulations and modeling of specifics.

Mr. Martinez commented that it can show out 20 years in the modeling.

4. COMMUNICATIONS FROM TCC MEMBERS

Mr. Quintana received a call from SFCC asking about the NE/SE Connector. So people are getting savvy with the planning.

5. ADJOURN - Next TCC Meeting: Monday, November 26, 2012

The meeting was adjourned at 2:42 p.m.		
	Approved by:	
	John Romero, Chair	
Submitted by:		
Carl Hoos		

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Carl Boaz, Stenographer