



Santa Fe Metropolitan Planning Organization

"Promoting Interconnected Transportation Options"



Santa Fe MPO Technical Coordinating Committee

Monday July 23, 2012, 1:30 P.M.

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

AGENDA

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

DATE 7-17-12 TIME 8:29am

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- ◆ Call to Order
- ◆ Roll Call
- ◆ Approval of Agenda
- ◆ Approval of Meeting Minutes from June 25, 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. Update on the status of the Federal Transportation Bill Reauthorization – *MPO Staff*

3 MPO Officer Report- Feedback on FHWA/NMDOT Review of SFMPO 7/18-7/19

4. Communications from TCC Members

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**MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FÉ MPO
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
July 23, 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 1:38 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 for Greg Smith – City of Santa Fé
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 Martinez – City of Santa Fé
Anthony Mortillaro – NCRTD
Colleen Baker – Santa Fé County

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Jon Bulthuis – Santa Fé Trails
Miguel Gabaldon – NMDOT District 5
Vacancy – Tesuque Pueblo

STAFF PRESENT:

Keith Wilson, Senior MPO Planner
Mark Tibbetts, MPO Officer

OTHERS PRESENT:

Anne McLaughlin, NMDOT

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 - June 25, 2012

Mr. Martínez referred to page 2, item 2 where he felt something missing from the initial paragraph to the second paragraph.

Mr. Wilson clarified that the project with the "plus" referred to the Interstate 25 project.

Mr. Martínez asked on Page 8, 4th paragraph to say, "Some residents felt there was a need for four lanes there."

Ms. Baer requested a change on the top of page 4 related to resurfacing of I-25 that it should add at the end of her statement, "since there was repaving from Old Pecos Trail to 285."

Mr. Martínez moved to approve the minutes of June 25, 2012 as amended. Ms. Baer seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Leigland joined the meeting at this time.

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 said the amendment he brought last month for a 30-day public review had only one change with a County project that should be listed in the TIP for potential future federal funding. It was on Old Santa Fé Trail with state capital outlay and general fund monies for multi-modal improvements to Old Santa Fé Trail and proposed bike lanes starting at El Gancho Way.

This amendment could have been an administrative change but it was not bad for it to go to public comment and he received a couple of comments. The County responded to those and clarified the question there. He spoke with Public Works earlier today and the utility was doing a waterline project there. They would do the design for the shoulders and it would go forward for construction funding.

The deadline for public comment is July 29th and then it would go to TPB on August 9 for approval. The spreadsheet showed the formal amendment. He explained the difference of administrative change vs. a formal amendment process. Administrative modifications could be made by staff without full notification.

Two types of projects for modifications: The City got \$150,000 of MAP funding for work at DeFouri and the Guadalupe Bridge. And he just got word that Santa Fé Trails received FTA 5316 funding (JARC) for New Freedom, ADA services and urban transportation funds. He put placeholders in the TIP for such things as the reauthorization money becomes available. That was just a heads up for the September meeting.

Ms. Baker noted the Bikeways MP had the bike lanes going from Zia to El Gancho. But there was not sufficient funding so it was only going from Quail Run in the county and would have a gap to Zia Road.

Mr. Wilson said the City approved issuance of a \$4 million bond and referenced the MPO Bikeways Master Plan. That part was in the City and that might help the City prioritize that project for some of their funding.

Ms. Baer moved to recommend approval of the amendment to the Transportation Policy Board. Mr. Martínez seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

b. TIP Project Updates

Mr. Leigland referred to #4 on the list and was pretty sure it would continue NE from Rabbit Road and SE to Windmill. The County wanted to do the SE Connector so the NE Connector could be put here.

Mr. Wilson said this list showed funding for location study and when it got to design and construction it would come back to be put on there. It was a process to go through. The location study was a no-build. Construction could not begin on a construction project until the location study was finished.

Mr. Tibbetts said the EA could coincide with it.

Mr. Wilson said they could not add projects without identifying the funding source. Every two years we develop a new TIP and seek approval in April or May.

Mr. Tibbetts asked Mr. Leigland if they had started a bid process or an RFP. Mr. Leigland agreed. It was an RFP.

Mr. Martínez said # 25 for Acequia Trail would be at City Public Works Committee tonight and he hoped to get a recommendation so the EA could be closed out and go on to design work that the Committee recommended.

Mr. Leigland commented on #8 that they had selected a firm at \$2.9 million and that would go to the BCC on Thursday to start August 27. Bridger was selected for construction.

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

Mr. Wilson said when TCC met on June 25 there were 5 days left on the continuing resolution and he was skeptical that a new bill could be passed but the House and Senate managed to pull it together. It was called MAP 21 (Moving Ahead for Progress). It was a 27 month appropriation to start July 1 through September 30, 2014. It would extend Safetylu through September. The 105b was authorized which was the existing amount plus inflation. They split funding between highways and transit funding. It also extends gas tax through 2016. The highway trust fund would run out in 2015 at its current rates.

A big concern was talk about increasing the thresholds for MPOs from a base population of 50,000 to either 100,000 or 200,000 but MAP 21 keeps it as is. So there would be no major changes in core staff. But it would have in a couple of years some big performance measures to track effectiveness of money used. They were also consolidating funding sources. The main one was that the current 10% now being put aside for enhancements they got rid of for Transportation Alternatives at 2% of which states could choose not to use half for transportation.

NMDOT would put together some presentations and would show them at the September MPO meeting here in Santa Fé.

3. MPO OFFICER REPORT

- **Feedback on FHWA/NMDOT Review of SFMPO 7/18-7/19**

Mr. Tibbetts reported that TPB and staff had a review by FHWA and NMDOT initiated by letter to the TPB chair. No one came from the TCC. They had a 7-member team and eventually 9 and it was split between planning & procedures we have in place and the financial side - how the funds were used.

Findings were in several types. Some were for immediate actions, some for later changes and some for commendations.

SFMPO received commendations on the MTP, the LRP and the rating system we set up. Goals and objectives were clear. The other plus was on the interface between the TIP and the STIP. That was a long ongoing process and not very decipherable when it was started and then we reformatted it. We transformed all of the TIP with mid region and STIP.

The update of the Public Participation Plan would be finished in October. We need a 45 day review of that so we would make sure and might have to have a special meeting.

On Title Six (disadvantaged), there was a recommendation from the reviewers but they felt we were on the right track. The Title Six plan wasn't as specific as they wanted but we had done the work on it, mostly through Lucy Foma (intern) and put together some maps which they thought were well done.

The other recommendation was to improve communications with DOT. The Review Committee wanted clarification on documentation of approval of documents. The federal guidelines were not to be interpreted

by FHWA- they left it up to DOT to interpret as their agent. So internal things needed to be communicated clearly and clarified.

They talked about standardization so staff is not shooting in the dark but out front and clarified. All in all, the review was pretty positive. They liked the way we did things. Mr. Tibbetts felt good about the whole thing. The Finance group came to the City and was told the only use of the funds was for personnel and the meeting lasted 20 minutes and the review team was upset. But they met the next morning with Maria and the finance people and sorted it all out and gave a commendation to Maria.

Ms. McLaughlin asked if they shared their expectations.

Mr. Tibbetts said they introduced Damien who was the state Title 6 person and he would meet with us to set it up.

Mr. Wilson said they had 60 days to get a report to the FHWA and it wouldn't just be for Santa Fé.

Mr. Tibbetts added that it had to be integrated to the PPP.

Mr. Wilson said Bob Shule was the traffic demand consultant. The travel demand model would start in late August to overhaul. He was working on I-25/Cerrillos interchange design model study. He had been working on traffic with a web-based platform so you could see all the traffic counts being done - dynamically. They had at least one feeding data session to the cloud so he hoped in the next six months it would be significant. The more live-feed sites the better off we'll be. By September, he should be able to do a presentation.

Mr. Tibbetts announced they finished the fourth quarter report. They also finished the two-year UPWP and now were starting a new one. The annual report would review the whole UPWP and he was trying to get it out this week. He was discussing it with DOT also and updating policies and procedures. They should see some real progress during the next two years.

Mr. Wilson announced the final Bikeways Master Plan would be on the web by this afternoon.

4. COMMUNICATIONS FROM TCC MEMBERS

Mr. Leigland announced a meeting with Albuquerque Asphalt at NM Game and Fish.

Chair Romero reported on the need for a 4 lane Rufina that the capacities didn't justify a four lane thoroughfare.

Mr. Leigland asked if something could be done on Agua Fria that would not divert travel to somewhere else. The city portion carried a lot of traffic

Mr. Wilson said it was about the same. He had a 2011 map on the website with counts on Agua Fria that were done last year.

Mr. Leigland said the County was going to use temporary traffic calming ideas he got from the webinar. They would try them out ad they were developing a county policy right now. The County was going to loan them a radar gun today and ask them to report what they saw.

Ms. Baer said Charlie Gonzales was coming to Council to dispute the counts the City made.

Mr. Wilson noted that volumes dropped with the Siler Road opening. And it jumped up since August 1.

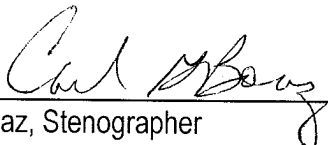
5. ADJOURN - Next TCC Meeting: Monday, August 27, 2012

Having completed its business, the TCC meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Approved by:

John Romero, Chair

Submitted by:



Carl Boaz, Stenographer