

**MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF SANTA FE / SANTA FE COUNTY
REGIONAL PLANNING AUTHORITY**

**Tuesday, June 16, 2009
4:00 PM
Santa Fe, New Mexico**

The Regular Meeting of the City of Santa Fe / Santa Fe County Regional Planning Authority (RPA) was called to order by Co-Chair Kathy Holian at approximately 4:13 PM on the above-cited date in the Santa Fe County Commission Chambers in the County Administration Building.

ROLL CALL

County Commissioners Present:

Kathy Holian
Harry Montoya
Liz Stefanics
Virginia Vigil

City Councilors Present:

Patti Bushee, Chair [arrived after role call]
Matthew Ortiz

City Councilors Excused:

Rosemary Romero
Rebecca Wurzburger

Santa Fe RPA Staff:

Mary Helen Follingstad, Executive Director

Santa Fe County Staff Members:

Penny Ellis Green, Assistant County Manager
Andrew Jandácek, Transportation Planner
Steve Ross, Attorney

City of Santa Fe Staff Members:

Jon Bulthuis, Santa Fe Trails

Others Present:

Jacob Riger, Charlier Associates, Inc.
Ken Smithson, KNS Resources, LLC

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Follingstad stated that she had included in the handout packet information from the NCRTD that she felt would be important to the discussion under X., Matters from Staff.

Ms. Follingstad noted that Chair Bushee had asked that IX.A., Approval of 2010 RPA Budget, be removed from the agenda and taken up at the July meeting.

**Commissioner Stefanics moved to approve the agenda, as amended, seconded by
Commissioner Montoya and approved unanimously.**

Chair Bushee arrived at the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 19, 2009, REGULAR MEETING

Commissioner Holian moved to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2009, Regular Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Montoya, and approved unanimously.

Councilor Ortiz abstained from voting because he was not in attendance at the May 19 meeting.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- **Transit**
 - **Introduction of Charlier Associates, consultant to the RPA for the Transit Service Plan**
 - **Report on Status of the Transit Service Plan Project (Charlier Associates)**

Ms. Follingstad introduced Jacob Riger with Charlier Associates and Ken Smithson with KNS Resources, the consultants for the transit service plan contract. The consultants have been under contract since May 20, 2009. She explained there are several handouts for the Authority members to refer to during the presentation.

Mr. Riger stated he is a project manager of Charlier Associates that is based in Boulder, Colorado. The company is a multimodal transportation planning firm for transit and industrial planning. He said his company has done quite a bit of work in New Mexico, recently with a local architectural firm on the Rail Runner potential station sites and with the assessment for transit oriented development around the sites. They helped the City of Santa Fe on the traffic assessment for the Northwest Quadrant project. He added that he is originally from New Mexico.

Mr. Riger introduced Ken Smithson who was previously the assistant transit director for Santa Fe Trails and now has his own consulting service. He will function as the sub-consultant on the project, providing valuable help in terms of local presence, financial analysis and support.

Mr. Riger referred to a project status summary as of June 16, which has a full accounting of where Charlier stands on each individual task and work effort. Since going under contract, they have primarily focused on data collection, financial analysis and existing conditions. They have had a series of stakeholder meetings to get input to help understand the issues, to collect information to use from a technical perspective, to deal with service planning efforts, and to look at new and expanded service. They have reviewed the public input from the RPA meetings and public hearings and will synthesize everything to use as the financial basis for the actual technical work.

Commissioner Montoya asked if their report will be done by the deadline of July 1. Mr. Riger replied that it will not. His company has done this type of work many times before, and experience has shown that this will be about a three-month project. He said he is aware of the July 1 timeframe because the NCRTD is updating their service plan. There is a lot of work to be done and his company wants to step through it deliberately and do it right.

Commissioner Stefanics noted that the NCRTD meeting has been moved to July 10. She expressed her concern that, in order to have a viable piece of the NCRTD service plan represent Santa Fe City and County, at least preliminary information containing the requests, ideas and

needs should be available. The NCRTD needs to prepare a budget, and services such as that to Highway 14 should be included. She suggested that a minimal plan be developed from the comments made at public hearings and meetings to take to the NCRTD for consideration.

Chair Bushee suggested that the RPA hold a study session with equal City-County representation to begin a list of priorities that can be submitted to the consultant, so that they can develop an abbreviated version of the study with the priorities. She said this is very important and is one of the main tasks of the Regional Planning Authority.

Councilor Ortiz echoed Commissioner Stefanics' and Commissioner Montoya's recognition of the importance of developing the service plan within the time constraints of the NCRTD to have it incorporated into their budget process. He expressed his understanding of the consultant's concerns for their process that they would normally do, but stressed the need to have a placeholder service plan in place to present to the NCRTD, which will have to occur much sooner than the estimated time. He agreed that the RPA should meet in special session to come up with those parameters and then rely on Commissioner Stefanics and Councilor Romero to be the advocates to the NCRTD for the RPA.

Mr. Riger said that he was hearing the Authority loud and clear and knows where they are coming from. In response, in order to have something in place by the end of the month, he asked for the RPA's help in identifying short term needs to start the process forward. He has spoken with Santa Fe Trails staff about a tiered implementation plan that begins with what he called "the low hanging fruit" and works its way up to the more complex issues. Part of the consultant's job is to balance and consider the different perspectives of the agencies, the public and the elected officials. He said it will help facilitate if there is quick consensus on the immediate needs.

Councilor Ortiz commented that the NCRTD may want to take care of the easiest, least controversial items, but that is not necessarily the placeholder approach the RPA is talking about. He noted that the very extensive public and political dialogue that occurred for the City and the County to just remain within the NCRTD was a long and at times contentious process, and no one wants the NCRTD to go forward with a plan that is completely oblivious to the needs in Santa Fe. This is why it is so pressing that whatever is decided at least gets incorporated and there is buy-in from the NCRTD. The GRT money will start flowing from July 1, and if Santa Fe does not have a place to start spending it, it will get spent somewhere else.

Commissioner Stefanics reported that she just spoke to one of the staff from the NCRTD. She was told that the service plan is ready, the NCRTD budget will be implemented July 1, and they are only waiting for the portion from Santa Fe.

In reply to a question from Commissioner Vigil, Commissioner Stefanics stated that the service plan absolutely can be amended, and it is a document that has to be developed and presented to both state and federal governments in order to assure the continued flow of money.

Commissioner Vigil said that it makes sense that the RPA have a study session in order to meet the needs for the timelines. The Authority members all have representative districts and know more or less what the transit needs are. She felt that, as elected representatives, the Authority can come together with a proposal based on their constituencies' communications of transportation needs and develop a template from which to work. She added that there are two

focuses. The City actually has Santa Fe Trails and can look at ridership and building capacity, and the County would look at new routes.

Commissioner Montoya asked how often the service plan will need to be presented and approved to the state and the federal governments.

Mr. Jon Bulthuis replied that there is not a formulated deadline, but the governments do require that a plan be available for their review. He agreed with Commissioner Stefanics that the plan is a living document and able to be amended over time. At the May RPA meeting, continuing business as usual for the first quarter of the next fiscal year was discussed because funds will not come in to the County until late September or early October. By that time the consultant team will have the opportunity to present some of the options that has been requested of them. Now the RPA is asking them to do that quicker, but there is still an opportunity to make amendments after the first quarter, if a negotiated service agreement is made with the NCRTD to keep things rolling for the next couple of months.

Chair Bushee expressed her concern about taking a status quo approach to continuing the current services and not presenting additional planned services.

Commissioner Stefanics explained that new routes do get discussed in the NCRTD committees, but decisions do not get made in the NCRTD committees. She stated that the Tribal Subcommittee is not only applying for some of the federal stimulus monies, but they are also making their needs known to the staff of the NCRTD for planning. In the Coordination and Consolidation Committee, the topic of routes has not come around yet. The Finance Committee has had some discussion around what the finances can sustain. Any new money, especially the GRT money, is used for expansion, not used to sustain.

Mr. Bulthuis added that no decisions about service expansions have been made yet. The only thing the NCRTD has approved to date is to set aside and commit \$1.29 million to Santa Fe County to spend on new routes, which is the 86% of the 50% of what is being forecasted to be collected during the coming fiscal year. That money has not been spent, and there is an opportunity to show the public that good use is being made of the revenues that they are being taxed for, but those funds will not be available until the first quarter is over.

Following discussion, it was decided to hold a study session of the RPA on Monday, June 29, at 3 PM, that will be limited to transit issues to bring priorities for the consultants to develop a plan to be brought to the NCRTD by the July 1 deadline.

Ms. Follingstad said that she would request the County Commission chambers for the meeting and will send confirming emails to the Authority members.

Chair Bushee said that the consultants could help by providing a template to the Authority to help set parameters for specific services. She added that the City's shuttle for the Rail Runner is an appropriate service to be funded.

Commissioner Stefanics said that she would like to see the reports with input from the public meetings. Ms. Follingstad said she would email those reports to the members.

Mr. Bulthuis stated that the goal is to service the Rail Runner and to ensure that local services at all the Rail Runner stations continue. He agreed that the Santa Fe pickups are a part of that, but also Santa Fe Trails added quite a bit of service at the Rail Runner stations that does not have a long-term funding stream. There are also future Rail Runner stations that are going to be coming on line that will need to be served.

Commissioner Vigil requested that Mr. Bulthuis restate the specific uses for the \$1.29 million.

Mr. Bulthuis stated that the \$1.29 million is the 86% of funds that come to the RPA for prioritization. This will certainly include the Rail Runner connections, but will not necessarily be limited to that. When the referendum went to the voters, the language had statements about funding the Rail Runner and associated transit connections. As to whether that limits it strictly to service provided at the connections is debatable.

Commissioner Vigil said it would be helpful for the study session to know how the funds have been budgeted to create that frame of reference when they are identifying what would be prioritized.

Commissioner Montoya added the RPA should look at what is needed in terms of new routes and secondarily consider what has been given to the County by the NCRTD. He said he feels that the new funding of 86% from the GRT should be for new services. The County has received existing services from the NCRTD that they now want the County to pay for. In reviewing the handout in the meeting packet, he noted there are quite a number of routes that are not in existence. Another misperception that continues at the NCRTD is that the 14% is administrative. It is also for connectivity and administration, which means routes to and from the Rail Runner. Commissioner Montoya suggested that the RPA factor in that 14%, what it is going to cover and what is in existence already, as opposed to taking that out of the new funding for the new routes.

Councilor Ortiz agreed with Commissioner Montoya and suggested that a list be created of those particular projects that are going to be carried by the Rail Runner portion of the tax and whether or not the MPO can provide some of that funding. Referring to a letter from the NCRTD, he brought up questions about some of the directions that the NCRTD has taken, particularly as it pertains to Santa Fe Trails. He said that the funds for the new route to IAIA, currently being funded by a Los Alamos County grant, will be cut in September and the County will need to start paying for the Eldorado Express route. It appears that the route to Tesuque Pueblo that has been paid for by the pueblo is going to be one of the costs that the County will have to assume. He asked Mr. Bulthuis to make sure that Santa Fe Trails comes forward with a cost breakdown of where the monies will come for that particular expanded route, especially since it is outside the City and in the County. He said that his understanding had been that route would be covered by funds coming through the NCRTD. If the direction from the NCRTD is to fund new services and they want the County to have a plan that prioritizes what those services should be, he said he felt that mandates should not be handed down that would require funding, essentially stripping away priorities from what the County currently has.

Commissioner Stefanics agreed with Councilor Ortiz and stressed the need to show that Tesuque Pueblo is still a new route and an expansion of service, and that it was created with extra funding that is not ongoing. She added that the IAIA route goes out into the County and should be expansion, as well as the NM599 connection when the train station is finished.

Councilor Ortiz said he had thought that the IAIA route was supposed to be a loop route to connect to the NM599 station, so that Rail Runner funding could be available for that route as well.

Commissioner Stefanics said that was discussed, but she said she heard the route from the NM599 train station down Highway 14 to the state penitentiary and the County jail could provide transportation for employees. She was not sure whether that would still be part of the loop or a spur.

Mr. Bulthuis stated those are the kind of questions they will be looking to Charlier to square away. The fact that there is no funding post-September 2009 is absolutely true, not only for the new route 22, but also for all the service expansions that were put in place to meet the Rail Runner at the downtown depot and the South Capitol station.

Commissioner Montoya suggested that all the other contractors for the current services should be taken into consideration, including Santa Fe Trails.

Chair Bushee referred to discussion about expanding a Santa Fe pickup up to the Ski Basin. Ms. Follingstad confirmed this was also raised in the public meetings and that Councilor Wurzbarger met with Ski New Mexico and others regarding weekend-seasonal service.

Mr. Riger confirmed that the information being discussed is what the consultants need to hear. He agreed it is part of their charge to look at new service and expanding existing service, and the idea that new funding should perhaps fund new service. From his experience, he strongly urged that new service not be put on the street just to have new service on the street. There needs to be a component that questions whether it is a viable service, will it hold up, and is it something that is really needed as new service. It is a trial by error. With the Rail Runner coming in and the new GRT starting up, there is an opportunity today that the City and County have not had before and may not have again for a long time. The credibility of transit is paramount in this community, and all of the collective efforts of the RPA and Mr. Bulthuis and the public are building that credibility, which is important to maintain. The way to do that is to be strategic about the types of investments made in the transit services. Sometimes it is appropriate to have new service and that is what should be done. Other times it is to make current service better. For example, the RPA might look at pumping up the service on Cerrillos Road, which is Santa Fe Trail's highest route, because that is where the need has clearly been.

Mr. Riger pointed to the maps in the handout that took all the different operators, the different types of service, the different transfer centers, the different times of day and put them together to make sense of how these types of service integrate. For instance, if someone takes the Rail Runner, where can he transfer. If he comes in on the Park and Ride, what are his options when he gets to the end. This is a unique challenge here of integrating, synthesizing and collaborating among the several different operators in Santa Fe, so that it does not preclude having new service and certainly does not preclude expanding service where it is needed on existing routes. Part of the challenge is very simply coordinating all these lines of transit routes in this region.

Commissioner Stefanics pointed out that the resolution with the NCRTD spells out the percentages of money of how the GRT will be broken up, and the portion for transportation does

talk about increased or expanded services. She wondered if there has been a discussion at the RPA regarding other sources of funds to sustain existing routes. The contractors have to know the first parameter is that there is a legal agreement about the use of new money from the 86% of the 50%.

Mr. Smithson said it appears that the RPA is well aware of the funding levels that can be anticipated for Santa Fe County and how it is broken down. He said that the discussion about future forecasts can be held later. Mr. Riger confirmed that Mr. Smithson has started the process of looking at the high, medium and low scenarios of the funding that could be available, based on the funding formulas and based on the delay in receiving funding.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Discussion of 2009 RPA Work Plan**

Ms. Follingstad presented the 2009 RPA Work Plan and said the format for it was put together when Councilor Wurzbarger was chair of the RPA. The plan has flexibility, and included are administrative items that will be on the agenda in the future, such as the RPA Rules of Order, approval of the budget, rotation of chair, and approval of meeting schedule for next year.

Ms. Follingstad said there will be a report every month on the energy task force when it begins to meet and a report on transit matters, which have become time consuming and dominate the agendas. Included in the handout is a memorandum based on a list of priority topics identified last year by the RPA as items to explore. Those are criteria for GRT funds, which is in the charter; joint interest topics, such as affordable housing, waste reduction, joint sharing of financing of various infrastructures; economic development; trails and bikeways; water resources; and pueblo relations. These items are in the JPA as matters of joint interest that the RPA could take up.

Commissioner Vigil said she was amenable to keeping all these items on the work plan, which is an evolving process because the RPA will maintain focus on the priority of transit. Regarding affordable housing, Commissioner Vigil said she was at a City Council meeting asking them to consider a joint project with the County on affordable housing. She felt that both the City and the County are at a place where it may be feasible to bring their staffs together. There is a joint resolution that will go through the City's process, and she will bring the joint resolution before the County Commission. In response to a question by Chair Bushee, Commissioner Vigil said she would be happy to bring the resolution to the July RPA meeting also. She pointed out that the City is looking at the Northwest Quadrant and the County is looking at the Galisteo property it owns, and there are a couple of other projects that it may be feasible for the City and County staffs to work on, because both governments have created a priority of affordable housing. Based on the economic downturn, she was not sure that either government can do affordable housing independent of the support system that could be provided jointly.

Commissioner Stefanics suggested that time at a future meeting be set aside for the Authority to brainstorm joint ventures, such as those brought up by Councilor Wurzbarger that could range from renewable energy to solid waste. She said that such a conversation would be especially useful to the new RPA members to learn the history of what has been done by the Authority.

Chair Bushee suggested a topic called collaborative efforts.

Commissioner Vigil pointed to collaborative models that currently exist, such as the RPA, MPO, ELUA and SWAMA and said the idea of brainstorming was good.

Councilor Ortiz brought up an area never discussed, the relationship of the City as a principle user of the County jail and the issues that surround the County jail from a BCC standpoint. There may be a way for the City to reduce the fees it is being charged by participating in the management of the jail or following other city-county models, such as Bernalillo County and the City of Albuquerque.

Commissioner Stefanics said it would be good to have the County jail discussed from a financial review point. Another thought is cooperative energy savings for both the City and County that may be a result of the renewable energy committee. She said she visited with the State Land Commissioner and learned that Sun Edison was trying to put up a solar park next to the penitentiary to provide energy there. But because New Mexico is not a de-regulated state, the PRC is not leaning towards allowing that to happen. If the RPA were to become involved in projects like this, changes might be made either at the state level through statute or at the PRC to bring in energy savings for the County and City that would not be tied directly into PNM.

Chair Bushee requested that Commissioner Stefanics meet with Councilor Wurzburger to develop an agenda item.

Commissioner Montoya said that the next inter-government summit will be held July 1 and that invitations were sent to the RPA members. If the RPA were to become involved with pueblo relations, they would need to have representatives from the pueblos in attendance at the meetings.

Commissioner Stefanics pointed out that the MPO has a tribal representative who is the vice-chair of the MPO. There has not been a specific topic or priority that he has advocated or pushed at the table. Having him at the table is great in terms of when plans are approved, the tribal representative has a way to share the information and to tell his colleagues that he has a vote at the MPO as well.

Chair Bushee noted that trails and bikeways or alternative transportation would be a good place to start, but it does not have to be at every meeting. She said that the city has BTAC, and she spoke early on with Paul Olafson when he was doing the open space that the City and County need to collaborate more on that. The City is so busy working on its own connectivity that it has no idea what the County has been doing with regard to bikeways and it is time to link the two.

Ms. Follingstad confirmed that there will be a placeholder on the agenda for specific and focused matters of joint interest.

Chair Bushee requested that Authority members alert her or Ms. Follingstad to any additional topics of joint interest that can be added into a discussion of the work plan.

- **Proposed process for consideration of awards of Regional GRT Funds**

- **Proposed criteria to use in evaluating proposed projects for awards of Regional GRT Funds.**

Ms. Follingstad presented a memorandum with the background for Capital Projects and a recommendation for establishing an evaluation criteria. The criteria was included with the memorandum and had been considered by the RPA earlier in the year, but was set aside because of funding uncertainties and the economic downturn. She also presented a spreadsheet that showed the history of funds distributed through the GRT, how much money is coming in from the GRT, how much has been promised, and how much is available.

She stated that it was clear the RPA needed an evaluation criteria and process for evaluating capital projects. She pointed out that funds have been awarded to the Buckman Direct Diversion, South Meadows Road, numerous parks and trails, Santa Fe Farmers Market, Rail Yard Park, and Siler Road extension. She presented the criteria for discussion purposes.

Commissioner Montoya recommended that the five-year update to the Joint Regional Capital Improvements Plan be put on a future agenda for updating. He said he is comfortable with the criteria plan and pointed out a minor typo in #6, which should read, "Will the project fill and identified and pressing need in the community?" He suggested that the RPA begin the process, and if it does not work, it can always be amended to make it work. He suggested this be brought back as an action item to adopt at the next meeting.

There followed some conversation as to whether action can be taken on a subject listed on the agenda under "Discussion Items." Mr. Ross was asked to research the question and bring it back at the next meeting.

Commissioner Holian referred to criteria #1 and asked if she could get a list of what the "other purposes as allowed by law" is. Ms. Follingstad replied the statement is a quote from the ordinance, and added that "other" is something worthy and legal. Another criteria is that the project should be in the City's or County's RCIP, so that it will have been looked by the City and the County as having a valid community purpose and community need.

Commissioner Montoya added that past funds from the "Other" category have been used for the senior center in Eldorado and in his district for some of the acequias that needed repair.

Chair Bushee stated it is important to note that this GRT is the only joint funding source, and the RPA was given authority to review and authorize those expenditures. It is still the only place where the City and the County come together around funding and expenditure of resources.

Commissioner Vigil requested an update of past funding and the percentages allowed to the specific categories from the GRT.

Commissioner Holian noted that energy projects were not specifically listed, and that they could qualify as a joint City-Council project. She said she would be interested to know if they would be eligible. She asked how the process of ranking would work.

Commissioner Stefanics asked if an energy project would be allowed under "other purposes as allowed by law." Commissioner Vigil suggested that a legal opinion would be in order.

Commissioner Stefanics asked if a nonprofit that was building infrastructure on the south side of town would qualify under “Other.” She added that Girls Inc. has had a proposal submitted to the RPA, and they have not been given an answer and do not know whether they will be able to count on the funds. In fairness to that agency she suggested that they be told whether any funds will be allocated to them.

Chair Bushee replied that is the type of issue that has prompted this discussion. Various nonprofits had spoken to individual commissioners and councilors, who brought proposals forward on behalf of those entities. The proposed evaluation criteria is an effort to enable the RPA to prioritize how to expend the money and avoid difficult situations.

Commissioner Vigil agreed on the need to discuss whether or not nonprofits should be included in consideration of grants. She said there are many nonprofits that need the funding and she would like to help them. She added that the City of Santa Fe is one of the few cities in the nation that has a GRT to assist in education and nonprofit organizations.

Mr. Ross said that he would put together a memo explaining where money can be spent. The source document, which is the statute, is the most general of all the documents. It is a capital outlay GRT, which means it has to be for capital expenditures, which are things that are depreciable over one year under the IRS code. He said the document has a list and almost anything can be fit into these categories except for operational expenditures or expenditures for non-public improvements, which is important to keep in mind when talking about some nonprofits.

1. Design, construction and acquisition improvement, furnishing of public buildings.
2. Acquisition, construction, improvement of water, wastewater or solid waste systems or facilities, related facilities, including water and sewer lines, etc.
3. County jails, juvenile detention facilities, other county correctional facilities or regional adult jails.
4. Roads, streets, purchase, including the acquisition of rights of way.
5. Airport facilities.
6. Open space, public parks or public recreation facilities, and anything related to that.
7. Making payments on bonds related to any of the six things.

Mr. Ross stated that this revenue stream is very powerful in going to bonds.

Commissioner Montoya referred to Mr. Ross’ statement and said he did not know that the RPA has capacity to bond.

Commissioner Stefanics said she mentioned to Mayor Coss and Commissioner Vigil that the College of Santa Fe property could become a joint project for affordable housing.

Chair Bushee suggested it would be one that is actually sustainable and affordable, and it is in the center of Santa Fe.

Chair Bushee requested that Mr. Ross write a memo to the RPA with a copy of the authorizing section.

Commissioner Montoya stated that the beginning premise should be whether the Authority is going to fund nonprofits or not, regardless of how much money it has.

Following some discussion on funding nonprofits, Chair Bushee stated it is important to have all the facts on the table, including the amount of money that will be available on a regular basis. Once the criteria process is established, the decision on funding nonprofits can be made.

Commissioner Stefanics recommended that Ms. Follingstad develop a grid and matrix for a hard core ranking or scoring that is not subjective.

Chair Bushee asked that Ms. Follingstad have the spreadsheet of GRT revenues and expenditures reworked to make it easier to read and more clear what money is unencumbered, and to include previous expenditures in a timeline for background and history.

ACTION ITEMS

- **Approval of 2010 Budget – Removed from Agenda**
- **Designation of RPA Member to the NCRTD Tribal Advisory Committee**

Since there was no longer a quorum and Commissioner Montoya had left, Chair Bushee suggested this item be brought to the July RPA meeting.

MATTERS FROM STAFF

Ms. Follingstad pointed to two items in the handout packet having to do with the history on the potential funding from the NCRTD.

MATTERS FROM THE REGIONAL PLANNING AUTHORITY

Commissioner Holian said that she asked David Griscom, who is the program manager for the Regional Development Corporation, if he would agree to serve on the Energy Task Force. He said that he would accept if he were selected. She will bring his name to the July RPA meeting for approval.

Commissioner Holian said that on Friday, June 19, from 9 to 11 AM, there will be a working group meeting in County chambers regarding how to implement HB 572, which is a solar energy improvement financing act, and SB 647, which is a renewable energy improvement district act. County Bond Attorney Peter Franklin is going to give a presentation.

Commissioner Stefanics reported that the NCRTD is having a special board meeting on Friday, June 19, to look at other properties for their new office. The actual site turned out to be not appropriate or feasible. They have received stimulus funding and need the bus barn and bays for their fleets of vehicles and intend to incorporate the offices into it.

Chair Bushee noted that the City is building a new transit facility on Siler Road area and suggested Commissioner Stefanics speak with Mr. Bulthuis.

DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT RPA MEETING

There will be a special meeting of the Regional Planning Authority to be held at 3 PM, Monday, June 29, 2009.

The next regular meeting of the Regional Planning Authority will be held at 4 PM, Tuesday, July 21, 2009, in the County Commission Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the RPA, this Regular Meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:07 PM.

Approved by:

Chair, Regional Planning Authority
Patti Bushee, Councilor, City of Santa Fe

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