

MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FE COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 19, 2021

Santa Fe, New Mexico

I. A. This meeting of the Santa Fe County Transportation Advisory Committee commenced at approximately 5:40 p.m. on the above-cited date.

In accordance with the Public Health Emergency Order issued by the State of New Mexico, and pursuant to the New Mexico Attorney General's Open Government Division Advisory during COVID-19, public entities are authorized to conduct virtual meetings.

II. Roll call indicated a quorum with the following members present:

Members Present:

John Nitzel, Chair, Member-at-large
Christina Chavarria, District 1
Bill Miller, District 4
Fred Greve, District 4
Dan Painter, District 5
Nolan Zisman, District 5
Tim O'Malley, District 2
Rick Drake, District 2

Member(s) Excused:

Joe Archuleta, District 1
Gillis Lang, District 1
[Three Vacancies]

Staff Present:

Gary Giron, Public Works Director
Paul Olafson, Growth Management
Gary Brett Clavio, Senior Transportation Planner
Robert Griego, Planning Manager
Ryan Ward, Public Works Road Division Director
Ivan Trujillo, Public Works, Engineering Services Manager

Others Present:

Leah Yngve, Santa Fe MPO
Joseph Moriarty, NM DOT Planner
Paul Barricklow, Lee Engineering
Emma Polhemus, NCRTD
Stephen Montañó, Lee Engineering
Paul Sittig, NPRTPO



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III. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Painter's motion was seconded by Mr. Miller, and the agenda was approved by unanimous roll call vote. [Chair Nitzel was experiencing technical difficulties and did not vote on this action.]

IV. Approval of the February 17, 2021 TAC Minutes

Mr. Zisman made a correction to his name on in Section 4.

Mr. Drake moved to approve and Mr. Greve seconded. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote. [Chair Nitzel was experiencing technical difficulties and did not vote on this action, and Mr. Painter and Mr. O'Malley abstained.]

V. Introductions

The committee members present introduced themselves:

- Mr. Miller, District 4 and lives on Old Galisteo Road
- Ms. Chavarria, District 1 is a resident of Casa Solana
- Mr. Painter, a new member, Pueblos del Sol, District 5, prior to retirement he worked for the Virginia Department of Transportation
- Mr. Greve represents District 4 and lives in Seton Village
- Mr. Zisman, District 5, has a background in transportation and was chairman of the Eldorado Road Committee for many years
- Mr. O'Malley, District 2, has worked in transportation and facility management

VI. Action Items: Election of Vice Chair

Mr. Zisman nominated Christina Chavarria and Mr. Miller seconded the nomination. Ms. Chavarria accepted the nomination and was elected Vice Chair without opposition.

VII. Information Items:

A. NMDOT Call for Projects

Mr. Clavio said the state's Transportation Project Fund is seeking shovel-ready projects. The County's Planning Division and Public Works reviewed the SGMP and SLDC criteria and decided the Avenida del Sur Extension was the most appropriate shovel-ready choice, since it already has preliminary engineering designs and cost estimates.

The next phase will be the state's solicitation of projects for Congestion Management /Air Quality, Transportation Alternatives fund, and Recreational Trails.

B. Current Transportation Projects Updates

1. NE/SE Connector

Ryan Ward gave updates on current projects, some of which involve the upcoming paving season and maintenance. On the northeast-southeast connector, nine of the ten easement

donations have been completed and approved by the BCC. Work continues with the final landowner. The design work by Souder Miller is 60 percent complete and should be ready for bids by the first of the year, with construction anticipated to begin in early spring of 2022 after bidding is complete.

2. Bond Issue

The 2020 bond issue was approved and the in-house maintenance team will be working on six projects:

- Two-inch overlay on Old Santa Fe Trail
- County Road 84 – two-inch overlay and repair work
- Double Arrow Road – overlay
- Star Vista – prepping and subgrade work, waiting on bond funding for paving
- Caja del Oro – milling and inlay, scheduled
- Agua Fria – milling and inlay, scheduled

Additionally, if bandwidth and time allow, work will be done on:

- CR 63 – reconstruct
- CR 78 – Camino Chupadero – drainage and pavement improvement
- Encantado Road – drainage and pavement repair
- Feeder routes to Rancho Alegre

LGRF (Local Government Road Fund) projects include Hill Road, Martin Road, Avenida Torreon, and Santuario Drive. These will be done by internal crews.

Mr. Ward stated Cerrado Loop in Eldorado is now complete after overcoming numerous technical difficulties.

He announced Ivan Trujillo has been hired as the engineering services manager with the Roads Division

2. Zafarano

Mr. Ward indicated that Mr. Trujillo is working on the Zafarano alignment and location study with GIS. The goal is to have a community meeting in June. The project, which is in the area where Zafarano intersects with Rufina has grant funding for design work.

Mr. O'Malley noted that the Village of Agua Fria strongly opposes the extension. Mr. Ward agreed noting that the local road committee in the area has voiced opposition.

Chair Nitzel asked about the County's policy for dealing with stakeholder opposition. Mr. Olafson replied that once staff has completed the study it is presented to the community for their input.

Mr. O'Malley said the problem is fear of overloading Agua Fria. Mr. Ward indicated he hoped the meeting could be done in person and they could get direction for the future.

C. Madrid Safety Study

Joseph Moriarty from the DOT planning division introduced Paul Barricklow with Lee Engineering, who is undertaking the multi-modal safety plan in conjunction with District 5 for Madrid. He said the study is two-thirds complete, having finished data collection and three public meetings. Another meeting is tentatively scheduled for early June.

Mr. Barricklow identified three principle challenges to safety in Madrid: Speeding, lack of pedestrian facilities, and limited parking. There are also issues with truck traffic. The study is recommending a three tiered approach, with each tier providing countermeasures of increased complexity and cost. Key to success of formation of partnerships. He mentioned a project website has been created.

Mr. Barricklow said they are recommending narrower driving lanes to increase awareness and oversized regulatory signs. There are multiple approaches to enhancing driver awareness that they are sharing the space with pedestrians including ADA crosswalks, gateway treatments, flashing beacons, pedestrian islands, dedicated walkways, potentially with colored asphalt, low-level lighting, bollards, or combinations of the measures. Additionally, there is a historic boardwalk heading out to the ballpark that could be restored.

Countermeasures to alleviate the parking problems include alternate parking areas such as the ballpark with shuttles. Suggested community initiatives include redoing the contract with the Mine Shaft Tavern, using the railroad right-of-way for recreational trails, increased public transit opportunities, particular during peak days and seasons, and creating artistic gateway at the town entrances stressing local tradition and culture.

Mr. Miller asked if bikes were taken into consideration. Mr. Barricklow said the presentation at the previous meeting addressed that. Four video cameras were used to monitor bikes and pedestrians, but given it was February in the middle of a pandemic, the data was not wholly representative. At 20 miles per hour bicycle traffic blends in with vehicles.

Mr. O'Malley asked if it would be possible to dedicate a bike lane behind the houses. Mr. Barricklow said that was an option but would require the involvement of the landowners. DOT's recommendations are not prescriptive, the community and stakeholders will decide.

Mr. Painter asked about local buy-in in general, and Mr. Barricklow said participation at the meetings has been good and they come with ideas, since they are frustrated with the current state of affairs. While they seem disinclined to accept concrete sidewalks which would conflict with the rural environment, a context-sensitive compromise involving something like a track surface that was ADA compliant might work.

Mr. Greve asked if there were rumble strips at both ends of town and Mr. Barricklow said currently they are only at one end. Mr. Greve spoke in favor of crosswalks and would recommend there be one near the Mine Shaft since many of the incidents that have occurred have been alcohol-related. Noting the plans were still conceptual, Mr. Barricklow said it is narrow at that curve, and they are still looking at a number of different locations. Mr. Greve pointed out that solving the parking problem would help since looking for spaces causes distraction.

Mr. Painter asked about the extent of truck traffic and whether that could be restricted. Mr. Barricklow said trucks comprise approximately two percent out of a 7,000 ADT, and the longest do not fit on the tight curves through town. Weight limits would not solve the problem since the issue is length.

Committee members were invited to submit any further questions to the working team through Mr. Clavio.

D. Other Pedestrian, Bicycle, Transit, and Vehicle Projects

Mr. Clavio encouraged the committee members to visit Arroyo Hondo Trail now being worked on by new project managers. They have asked the DOT to move the project to FY23 in order to have everything ready. He noted the presence of North Central Regional Transit District Representative Emma Polhemus, adding the buses go through Madrid but they are looking at adding more service. Also referring to Madrid, he mentioned they are looking into bike racks.

VIII. Discussion Item: Santa Fe County Transportation Plan Draft Review

- i. Discuss Comments received from the last meeting**
- ii. Functional Classification of Roadway Systems Plan Update**

To acquaint the newest members with the issue, Mr. Clavio indicated traffic counts throughout the 60 communities in the county are being reviewed to see if the functional classification of the roads has changed and whether they now qualify as arterials or collectors, which would make them eligible for federal funding. He shared an example of La Puebla, with a list of roads undergoing review. He said the information is on BoardDocs and encouraged everyone to review it.

Mr. Painter noted that Paseo de Chavez is listed as a private road. Mr. Clavio said part of the process is to look for errors in the classifications.

IX. Matters from Staff

Mr. Clavio welcomed the new members.

X. Matters of Public Concern - None were raised.

XI. Matters from the Committee

Chair Nitzel asked when they could anticipate moving to a traditional in-person meeting format. Mr. Olafson said negotiations are underway with the unions and everyone will be advised through Mr. Clavio of any changes.

XI. Schedule Next Meeting – August 18, 2021, 5:30

XII. Adjournment

Upon motion and second the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Approved by:



John Nitzel, Chair

Respectfully submitted by:

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