

**MINUTES OF THE
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) –
TRANSPORTATION SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024, 4:00 P.M.
100 CATRON STREET, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

1. OPENING BUSINESS

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Transportation Safety Subcommittee was called to order at approximately 4:03 p.m., on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at the County Administrative Complex, Palace Conference Room, 1st Floor.

B. ROLL CALL

Chair Nitzel asked for a clarification on who was formally a member of the subcommittee. Mr. Clavio said that as a subcommittee of the TAC, the Subcommittee's membership should technically be the TAC members who sit on the Subcommittee. At the same time, the Subcommittee's role is not defined or recognized by the County, and the meaning of its votes is unclear – it is the TAC that would still take formal votes on items, even if those items are first discussed by the Subcommittee. He added that we have a number of “friends” or “advisors” of the subcommittee who represent partner agencies but who aren't members of the TAC. It may be prudent to call them Friends of the Subcommittee, or something similar, in order to distinguish them from members.

These distinctions are reflected in the attendance lists below.

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Nitzel, Chair, TAC
Tim O'Malley, Vice Chair, TAC District 2
Dr. Ruben Cedeño, TAC District 3
Phil Rowe, TAC District 5

NON-VOTING ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT

Renee Nix, SFC Fire Marshal's Office [via Webex]
Anna Brunson, NCRTD
Hannah Burnham, SFMPO [via Webex]
Bianca Borg, MRRTPPO [via Webex]

MEMBERS AND ADVISORY MEMBERS ABSENT

Bill Miller, TAC District 4, Excused
Eppie Tapia, SFC
Chris Ortiz, NMDOT
Erik Aaboe, City of Santa Fe BPAC, Excused

OTHERS PRESENT

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Ben Bachwartz-Lopez, Senior Transportation Planner, Planning Division (staff liaison)
Brett Clavio, Planning Manager, Planning Division
Maria Gomez Molina, Director, Roads, Fleet, and Solid Waste Division
Mathew Martinez, Traffic Manager, Roads, Fleet, and Solid Waste Division
Jill St. Thomas, COLTPAC

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Nitzel asked Mr. Bachwartz-Lopez to give an overview of the agenda. Dr. Cedeño clarified that although he asked the presentation item to be included on the agenda, he wasn't otherwise associated with the item, so his name shouldn't be listed with Ms. St. Thomas's.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Rowe. Seconded by (Ms. Brunson). The agenda was then approved on a voice vote.

D. APPROVAL OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF 1/17/2023

Several revisions were presented by members. Chair Nitzel moved to approve the minutes, with the discussed changes. Seconded by (Ms. Brunson) The minutes were approved.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

A. TAC MEMBERS

B. COUNTY STAFF

C. OTHER AGENCY STAFF

D. GUESTS

All of the people present at the meeting introduced themselves.

3. ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items.

4. PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Jill St. Thomas made a presentation, "Cerrillos/NM-14 Safety Concerns and Suggestions." She introduced herself as a member of the County's COLTPAC committee and as a resident of Los Cerrillos.

Regarding her suggestion for a pedestrian-bike path along NM-14 to Madrid, Mr. Clavio shared that such a facility was proposed from Placitas near the Bernalillo County/Santa Fe County line to NM-599, as part of the statewide Rio Grande Trail Master Plan. Jurisdictions along the proposed trail are responsible for officially designating trail segments and for implementing them. Mr. Bachwartz-Lopez said he would forward

Subcommittee members and tonight's attendees the Master Plan, which includes details about proposed trail alignments in Santa Fe County.

Ms. St. Thomas briefly described her second item, regarding mowing strategies along NM-14 to promote wildflowers. She said she would not go into further detail since it was not related to transportation safety.

Ms. St. Thomas moved onto her third item, which related to maintenance of the roads connecting Los Cerrillos community to Los Cerrillos State Park. She said that Camino Turquesa in particular has been becoming wider and wider as maintenance crews grade the road. She said the road was once safe and enjoyable for walking into the park – but as it has become wider, reckless driving has increased, leading to safety concerns. What she felt was excessive grading has also removed natural vegetation and led to erosion issues.

Ms. Gomez Molina asked Ms. St. Thomas to reach out to her to discuss the issue. Mr. Bachwartz-Lopez said he would connect them via email after the meeting.

Ms. St. Thomas said she had seen surveyors at NM-14 and the railroad tracks and asked what project that might be related to. Attendees were not sure what that activity might be related to. Ms. Burnham with Santa Fe MPO said she would ask around.

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. MADRID SAFETY STUDY FOLLOW-UP

Mr. Clavio presented this item. He gave background on the Madrid Safety Plan and the NM-14 creative traffic calming proposal, which included painted pavement art, that community members had brought forward to staff and the TAC, via the TSS. At its last meeting, TAC had approved a recommendation to BCC to approve a resolution supporting implementation of the actions recommended by the safety plan and to implement the pavement art.

Since the TAC vote, he had discussed the issue further with NMDOT and County Public Works staff. NMDOT, which owns NM-14, said that the County could work with the community to implement the pavement art. County Public Works staff said they did not want to take on the project because the road is not the County's responsibility, and if the County led the project they could be required to remove the paint later (at County's expense).

He said that staff would present the item for discussion at the next TAC meeting. Dr. Cedeño said it would be important to invite Ms. Aurora, who had presented the item to TAC and TSS, to the TAC meeting or at least inform her of the fact TAC would be re-discussing the item.

Mr. Clavio also explained that staff had submitted a procurement package to seek a consultant for preliminary design for the Madrid Walk project, which was one of the

recommendations of the Madrid Safety Study. The project would connect the ballpark and parking area on the north side of the town to the main commercial stretch of NM-14.

B. LA CIENEGA ROAD SAFETY STUDY PROCUREMENT

Mr. Clavio presented this item. He said that similar to the Tesuque Road Safety study and the Madrid Safety Plan, the County was putting together a procurement package to seek a consultant to complete a road safety study for the main roads in the La Cienega area. Mr. Bachwartz-Lopez referenced and screen-shared a list & map of the study roads.

Dr. Cedeño said this was a welcome step. There are plenty of cyclists on the weekend in the area, and they often don't have the best conditions.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. SPEED CAMERA WORKING GROUP UPDATE

Mr. Bachwartz-Lopez presented an update on the progress of the Speed Camera Working Group. He said the group had met for the first time since February on April 11th, 2024. He referenced a written summary of the meeting from the meeting packet.

He explained that the group reviewed the speed camera task from BCC, agreed that a written report to BCC would be the best format for presenting the information, and discussed next-step data needs. The group had agreed that ensuring that speed cameras, if employed, were part of a broader transportation safety strategy would be very important.

The group will meet again on 5/1/24 and, at that meeting, discuss a work plan to complete a report by the June 30th deadline given by BCC. Mr. Bachwartz-Lopez said it was likely that special meeting of the TAC and/or TSS would be called so that members could review and discuss the Working Group's work product before it is transmitted to BCC.

B. PROCESS FOR FUTURE SAFETY REQUESTS AND INITIATIVES/SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM/CRASH DATA MANAGEMENT

Chair Nitzel gave an update on this item. He said that acquiring NMDOT crash data would be an important next step and would help staff and the Subcommittee understand where the county's road safety issues are located. He, Mr. Rowe, and Ms. Burnham had been discussing how to go about making the request and what parameters to include. He asked for staff guidance on whether to have the request from staff or from County leadership to NMDOT.

Mr. Bachwartz-Lopez said that requests can be made through an online form. Mr. Rowe said they were aware of the form, but felt it may be important to elevate/expedite the request by having it come from County leadership. Mr. Bachwartz-Lopez said that requests through the online form are responded too within

two weeks – in his experience, NMDOT is able to deliver the requested dataset within that time.

7. MATTERS FROM STAFF

There were no items from the subcommittee.

8. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no items from the public.

9. MATTERS FROM THE SUBCOMMITTEE

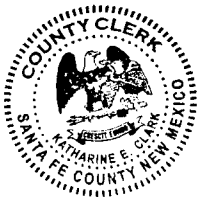
There were no items from the subcommittee.

10. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: JULY 24, 2024, 4:00 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m. by voice vote.

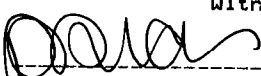

John Nitzel, Chair



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