

**MINUTES OF THE  
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) –  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 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 4:05 p.m., on Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at the County Administrative Complex, Plaza Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

**B. ROLL CALL**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

District	Name	Present?
District 1	Christina Chavarría, Vice-Chair	✓
	Gillis Lang	✓ [via webex]
District 2	Timothy O'Malley	✓ [via webex]
	David Martin	✓ [via webex]
District 3	Stephen McLaughlin	✓ [via webex]
	Ruben Cedeño	Excused
District 4	Bill Miller	✓
	<i>Vacant</i>	
District 5	Daniel Painter	Absent
	Phil Rowe	✓
At-Large Member	John Nitzel, Chair	✓
	Jim Murphy	✓
	Jack Sullivan	✓

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Anna Brunson, NCRTD  
Leah Yngve, Santa Fe MPO  
Ben Bachwartz-Lopez, Senior Transportation Planner, Planning Division (staff liaison)  
Brett Clavio, Planning Manager, Planning Division  
Matthew, Oshara Village resident (via Web Ex)

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chair Nitzel asked Mr. Bachwartz-Lopez to give an overview of the agenda. Mr. Bachwartz-Lopez pointed out that Item 6e of the original agenda had been removed and been made the action item (Item 4a).

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A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Miller. Seconded by (Mr. O'Malley). The agenda was then approved on a voice vote.

Chair Nitzel emphasized that Agenda Item 4 related to a concern raised by a TAC member (himself in this case). This illustrated how TAC members could bring forward issues/concerns. He asked staff how members of the public could share the same with the TAC. Mr. Clavio said that members of the public could ask to give presentations to TAC, as had been done by Madrid community members regarding Safety Study Implementation. Staff are gatekeepers to review whether presentations are relevant and to solicit presentation materials. Members of the public could also present under Agenda Item 8 – Matters of the Public, which also allows for agency partners, such as SFMPO, represented tonight by Ms. Yngve, to share relevant updates at each TAC meeting.

#### **D. APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF 2/21/2023**

Several revisions were presented by members. Chair Nitzel moved to approve the minutes, with the discussed changes. Seconded by (Mr. O'Malley). The minutes were approved.

## **2. INTRODUCTIONS**

### **A. TAC MEMBERS**

### **B. COUNTY STAFF**

### **C. OTHER AGENCY STAFF**

### **D. GUESTS**

The chair asked non-member and non-staff attendees to introduce themselves.

## **3. PRESENTATIONS**

None.

## **4. ACTION ITEMS**

### **REVISED RECOMMENDATION TO BCC REGARDING RESOLUTION SUPPORTING MADRID SAFETY STUDY IMPLEMENTATION**

Mr. Bachwartz-Lopez read from the staff memo supporting the item. He added that efforts had been made to contact the Madrid community representative, Ms. Marissa Aurora, who had presented the pavement artwork proposal previously to TAC and TSS, but had not been able to get in touch with her.

Mr. Clavio said the painted pavement artwork was among projects suggested by the community as part of the Madrid Safety Study, alongside recommendations made by the engineering consultant. Another one of these projects was the Madrid Walk. The

pavement art proposal could be adapted to the trail, rather than put on the NM-14 roadway surface.

Mr. Clavio explained that a request for proposals had been put together by staff to seek a consultant to complete the preliminary design for the Madrid Walk.

Mr. Murphy asked if the trail would be in the NM-14 right-of-way and if the state would require a permit for the trail. Mr. Clavio displayed a draft land survey of the NM-14 right-of-way through the heart of Madrid on the screen and explained that the trail would need to encroach on several private parcels. The trail would not be County owned – it would be privately owned and maintained, possibly by the Madrid Landowners Association.

Mr. Sullivan suggested a scenario involving a young lawyer who digs up documentation that the County had supported the pavement art during litigation involving a safety issue alleged to be related to the artwork.

Mr. Clavio clarified that the TAC's previous recommendation that included mention of the pavement artwork had not been brought before or acted upon by BCC, so it couldn't be construed that the County supported a particular course of action.

Chair Nitzel explained that 23 CFR says that agencies cannot be sued for doing safety studies – the Madrid Safety Study doesn't open the County up to liability.

Mr. Sullivan asked how much community support there was for any of the proposed safety remedies that had been discussed. Mr. Murphy said the Madrid community would be super sensitive to any change. He said the community doesn't fit the mold.

Mr. Clavio clarified that many of the proposals came from the Madrid Safety Study, which did have public involvement. He displayed the recommendations lists from the Safety Study on the room's screen. He also showed the project schedule from the Safety Study, showing multiple public engagement activities.

Chair Nitzel expressed that he was disappointed not to see bigger projects among the Madrid Safety Study recommendations. He said that speeding through the main commercial area was likely the main safety issue. The plan should propose a better-defined speed limit step-down on both approaches to the village on NM-14.

Mr. Miller made a motion to adopt the resolution as stated in the staff memo

Mr. Rowe asked if there was a disadvantage to tabling the TAC resolution. Chair Nitzel asked if the County Attorney had been consulted on the resolution.

Mr. Rowe made an alternate motion to table the item until further consultation with the Madrid community.

Mr. Bachwartz-Lopez explained that not approving the new resolution would leave the previously approved TAC resolution, which includes endorsement of the pavement paint (with which TAC members appear to have serious concerns), on the books.

Mr. Rowe retracted his previous motion and presented a new motion to recommend implementation of two broad activities: safety measures from the Madrid Safety Study and community-led initiatives. Mr. Sullivan asked about the wording of the motion. He asked if the motion could be what was presented on the staff memo but made to include only up until the words “Madrid Walk.” Mr. Rowe said this made sense.

Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Mr. Bachwartz-Lopez asked to read the language of the motion in order to clarify before the vote, and the Chair assented:

“Approval of recommendation to the BCC regarding a Resolution in support of implementing the Madrid Safety Study in cooperation with NMDOT and the Madrid Community, including the countermeasures of the proposed “Madrid Walk.”

The motion passed on a voice vote. Mr. Murphy voted no. He explained that he did not feel that moving forward with implementation of the activities stated in the motion would reflect the wishes of the majority of the Madrid and that further efforts should be undertaken to understand those wishes as related to safety solutions and the Madrid Walk project.

## **5. INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **A. NE/SE CONNECTOR PROJECTS**

Mr. Clavio said names had been identified for the key new facilities associated with the project. The NE Connector would be known as Rabbit Road; the SE Connector will be Falcon Way. Mathew Martinez with Public Works said that Rabbit Road has been closed since April 22<sup>nd</sup> to connect it to Richards Ave. It would open very soon. Mr. Sullivan asked when the Dinosaur Trail connection would be complete. Mr. Martinez said he was not exactly sure but that it would be soon.

### **B. EV CHARGING STATIONS PLANNING – NEXT STEPS**

Mr. Clavio said that implementing the EV infrastructure funded by the successful Charging and Fueling Infrastructure grant application made in 2023 was being led by the County’s Sustainability Division. The County was now beginning to look at which areas to serve with the next round of Federal charging infrastructure funding opportunity (NOFO).

### **C. OTHER PEDESTRIAN, BICYCLE, TRAIL, AND TRANSIT PROJECT UPDATES**

Mr. Clavio shared that staff were preparing a funding application to support the construction of the Turquoise Trail extension project. He referenced a map of the alignment. Mr. Sullivan asked about the proposed construction of a roundabout on

NM-14 as a new intersection to access the proposed development that the trail would serve. Mr. Clavio explained that the nearby location of the nearest signalized intersection at Rancho Viejo Boulevard is why a non-signalized intersection (roundabout) was being requested by NMDOT. He said the proposed roundabout would be a two-lane roundabout, the first in the County. Chair Nitzel suggested the access to the development could be a partial access rather than a roundabout. He hoped that roundabout-design experts would be engaged to design the roundabout, since many roundabouts are poorly designed and cause safety issues.

## **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 briefly described the outline of the report included in the packet. He explained that staff were working with the County Manager's Office to understand how the report should be presented to BCC. Staff were proposing Special Meeting of the TAC to review and discuss the draft report and consider a recommendation to forward the report to BCC. June 5<sup>th</sup> was the date discussed by staff and the Working Group to present the report to TAC. The Chair asked if a scheduling poll could be sent out to confirm members' availability; Mr. Bachwartz-Lopez said he would do this. Mr. Bachwartz-Lopez said the draft report would be reviewed and revised by the Working Group, and then the revised draft would be forwarded to TAC one week before the Special Meeting.

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

Chair Nitzel said a crash data request would soon be made to NMDOT to support this effort.

### **C. TRANSPORTATION FINANCE REVIEW**

Mr. Bachwartz-Lopez gave an abbreviated version of the presentation because of time constraints. He described the types of transportation funding available to the County, and explained the items on the Takeaways slide. He said the slideshow could be used by TAC members as a reference to understand funding during later TAC discussions about funding or specific projects.

### **D. DRAFT TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

## **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: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2024, 4:00 p.m.**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

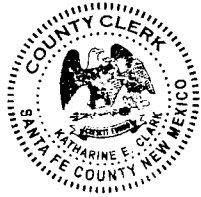
The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m. by voice vote.

  
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John Nitzel, Chair

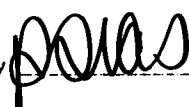
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