

Road Advisory Minutes

February 10, 2010

Members Present: Manny Chavez, Barbra Jeffe, Thomas Pogue, Ivan Pato, Richard Sena, Paul Montoya, Linda McThoy, Mark Murdock, Gail West

Staff Present: Robert Martinez, James Martinez, Lorina A. Sanchez

Residents Present: None

Item One- Meeting called to order at 6:04 PM and Robert Martinez will be conducting the meeting since the Chair and Vice Chair are both absent.

Item Two- Roll Call- As per the signup sheet.

Item Three- Approval of Agenda, Motion to approve by Paul Montoya, second by Richard Sena.

Item Four- Approval of Minutes from January 13th, 2010, Ivan Pato requested an amendment to the minutes. On the original minutes typed it read, "I would like to *complaint* the staff for having done a real good job of maintaining the roads," It should read, "I would like to *compliment* the staff for having done a real good job of maintaining the roads," Motion to approve the January Minutes as Amended by Tom Pogue, second by Ivan Pato.

Item Five- Introductions, Tom Pogue Area 6, Mark Murdock Area 12-Alternate, Barbara Jeffe Area 3, Paul Montoya Area 9, Manny Chavez Area 1, Richard Sena Area 8, Ivan Pato Area 7, Gail West Area 15-Alternate, Robert Martinez Public Works, Lorina Sanchez Public Works, James Martinez Public Works

Item Six- Matters from the Commission, None

Item Seven- Matters from the Public, None

Item Eight- Old Business,

- **Report from Subcommittee on Road Advisory Manual-**

Robert Martinez- John Romero isn't here. We contacted him regarding the business cards and I will let Lorina briefly tell you what his comments were regarding the business cards.

Lorina A. Sanchez- John wrote back and stated that he was returning from a business trip and he will have the business cards for the members for the next meeting. I only heard from two members so anything that was turned in prior to Ed Benrock; I assume that John Romero has from him.

Ivan Pato- I know it's a work in progress but are those manuals available electronically?

Robert Martinez- I asked to get that, did we get that from John?

Lorina A. Sanchez- We didn't get it from him.

Robert Martinez- We will make that request again because even though it's a work in progress, what's in there will be beneficial to you members.

Item Nine- New Business,

- **Report from Members on Road Conditions in their Respective Areas**

Area 1 Member-

Manny Chavez, No particular reports. Nice job on work done on Arroyo Alamo West, CR88D. It says on the Project Status Report- widen and shape roadway, placing of millings.

James Martinez, We have millings and we want to see if we have enough to put on it.

Area 1 Alternate-

Edward L. Medina, Not present

Area 2 Member-

Bennie G. Gomez, Not present but emailed that there is a lot of mud on Camino Iglesia and other roads.

Area 2 Alternate- Vacant

Area 3 Member-

Barbara Jeffe, I would like to ask of James, when there is a private road "Tanito" and the apron slants down into the private road off of Tano West, so that when their coming out and it's icy at the entrance and exit of their road. Since the plow came from Tano West what can be done about that? Can we do cinders?

Robert Martinez- You know it's time consuming for the operators to back up into every apron. They are going down roads dropping cinders and it would take away cinders we have for the main road.

James Martinez- I believe that road is beyond the county. It's right off Ridgetop?

Barbara Jeffe, No, it's off of Tano West and the developer of one of the subdivisions there paved part of Tano West and he probably did the aprons.

Robert Martinez- The portion that the developer paved is private, the portion that we entered into an agreement with, we paved our portion but the developer paved their portion as required by their development, that still remains private, that's not county. There were two separate portions, was where the pavement used to end on Sundance. We entered into an agreement with that to do the sub grade on our portion and we paved our portion, but as part of the agreement they were going to pave their portion. Their portion remained private about 800 feet to the East. The main issue is that it's a private road and we don't have the resources to back to every apron.

James Martinez- Tanito is that incline to the top.

Robert Martinez- We could tell one guy to blast that intersection when he gets the chance but the thing is there could six or seven guys that are do that route at any given time.

Maybe after the storms are done clearing the entire road and they call but it probably won't be the same day we are doing Tano.

Area 3 Alternate-

Katy Glenn, Not Present

Area 4 Member- Vacant

Area 4 Alternate-

Paul White Vice Chairperson, Not Present

Area 5 Member-

Andrew Griego, Not Present

Area 5 Alternate-

Garry Onstott, Not Present

Area 6 Member-

Thomas Pogue, On CR58, there's a cattle guard there where there are many potholes around that cattle guard.

Robert Martinez- We talked about this before, the pot holes east of the right of way or West?

Thomas Pogue, East

Robert Martinez- That is State right of way, call 827-9500, call this number tomorrow morning and report this to their District 5 maintenance. If you notice everything west of the Old Las Vegas Highway, you go across the interstate; there are cattle guards on Nine Mile road and 58. That is the point where the State Right of Way ends and the county starts.

Thomas Pogue, Going up on the west side hill, there are potholes. Whatever we are using for fill just seems to pop right out. There is a drainage problem about one hundred and fifty yards west of the cattle guard. The potholes come back very quick.

Robert Martinez- We will continue to do what we can until we can come in there with some hot mix.

Area 6 Alternate- Vacant,

Area 7 Member-

Ivan Pato, I have nothing; thank you for picking up the signs. It just a matter now of putting them back up.

Robert Martinez- Did they put them back up?

Ivan Pato, No, somebody picked them up. Whether it was you guys or some kids, I don't know. I do have a question that isn't my area but it has to do with Rabbit Road.

Robert Martinez- It's not county; it's the state 827-9500.

Area 7 Alternate- Vacant,

Area 8 Member-

Richard Sena, The biggest issue is mud on CR68 and one stretch of CR70, Susana. One of the things that can help elevate that is to remove the snow so that the road can dry before it turns to mud. I would recommend not dropping cinders on the snow, because then you get an immediate snow melting and a real mud problem.

Robert Martinez- This is a hill and they don't use the plows on the dirt roads because that will tear up the blade. The reason they drop cinders on grades is for traction.

Richard Sena- We originally talked about upgrading the road to chip sealing in 2005 and again in 2007.

Robert Martinez- I had to respond to another email regarding somebody's comment about a road being on the plan. Remember that was a plan it wasn't a schedule so there's no funding and I want to make sure it's clear that sure it may have been on the plan until there's funding for it, it is just a plan.

Richard Sena- Well how do you move it up on the list, because it's not like you haven't been doing chip sealing between then and now on those particular roads? What is the difference between the Construction projects and the Base Course Program, is that two different things?

Robert Martinez- Yes, the Construction program are projects that have funding from Bond, legislative appropriation, or LGF. Sources like Questa Del Sol, it's been on our ICIP for five to six years now. ICIP is "Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan." The goes to the legislature for funding. Every road that is on our five year road improvement plan that will probably turn into a ten year is on our ICIP. That list gets forwarded to legislature and if they chose not to fund a road on the plan it's out of our control.

Richard Sena- They chose which roads to fund?

Robert Martinez- We send them the list and residents lobby their individual legislator for support of those projects, for example Ed Benrocks area got \$774,000.00 over a two year period for base course improvements because they were there at the legislature at those Capital outlay hearings. That is what needs to be done next year; it's too late this year. If you see that a road is on that ICIP, a couple of months before legislature get your neighbors to call and write letters to your representative.

Richard Sena- That's to get it on the Construction list?

Robert Martinez- That's to get funding for it.

Richard Sena- The base course program is something else?

Robert Martinez- We haven't had a base course program in a couple of years. Now you may get funding at the legislature for example \$200,000.00 that we need and if they appropriate \$50,000.00, or \$60,000.00, that may be enough to do 50 or 60 thousand dollars worth. If we get \$10 or \$15,000.00, then it's not even worth starting a project so we go back the next year to get additional funding. The road improvement plan is not in any sense prioritized. It's broken down into year that we plan on going to the legislature for funding because you didn't want to submit one hundred projects all at once.

Member- It's a wish list.

Robert Martinez- That's right. But out of that five year road improvement plan there were one hundred roads that were on the list initially and there's about thirty roads left on that list to do. That's how many projects we've done since 2006. There again all the funding that comes for that project are all specific for that road. It's illegal for to use that funding for a road on any other road. We don't even get the money, we build it with county funds and after we are done we apply for reimbursement. The DOT comes and inspects the improvements to make sure it is for that specific road. We enter into agreements with the DOT for these legislative appropriations prior to any work being done. I don't want you to think that you need to get your road higher on the list; you guys just need to contact you representative and legislator.

Member- Because there is no more base course program.

Robert Martinez- There hasn't been for a couple of years due to certain funding issues. It may be funded again next year or so but \$125,000.00 dollars doesn't do very much, it cost us \$100,000.00 dollars to chip seal a mile of road. So if you get \$125,000.00 for the entire county it doesn't go far.

Richard Sena- When should I contact you?

Robert Martinez- Around July of every year, the community services advertises public meetings that they conduct throughout the county. What this meeting is for is to get an input from the community on what projects they want funded through the legislature in their area. When you see that this meeting is in your area, go to these meetings and tell them you represent Questa Del Sol and the county has been trying to get funding for the chip sealing improvements to the remaining portion of the Questa Del Sol Subdivision, I would like to make sure that it gets on the list and that it is priority. That goes for all of the members here.

Barbara Jeffe- I can tell you it works, it took 13 years to get Camino Montoya's done. It was part of the County and part of the City and Ben Lujan helped out with getting funding, we joke about it because we say we both had dark hair when we started. If you get people to show up to the Capital outlay meetings, that when you really get heard. It took a long time but it got done and was worth it because it was very dangerous.

Richard Sena- Then the only real solution is to keep the snow off of it, how hard is it for you to keep that up?

Robert Martinez- About 600 hundred miles of road to do in roughly and 400 and some are dirt road with eight graders, by the time we get to other jobs the snow will already be melted. I received a call today from someone else who didn't want us to clear the snow because they liked the frozen snow and they don't have to deal with the snow for awhile. Prior to the next legislative session we should have a meeting to refresh everybody what the process is and to alert you of the public meetings that are going to be conducted.

Area 8 Alternate-

Anne Probst,

Area 9 Member-

Paul Montoya- Doing a good job with the asphalt. At the gas project, they are doing a lot of patches.

Robert Martinez- I understood that on Capia Vieja they are going to run an underground acequia, I don't know about an underground gas line.

Paul Montoya- Where they are doing the work they are doing patches and are tearing up the road.

Robert Martinez- Well they would have needed to get a permit from us so we will make sure we go out to check to the patches on Paseo C 'De Baca.

Paul Montoya- On Capia Vieja, they are doing patches.

Robert Martinez- That's news to me and that road was just recently paved and if they tear it up, they are going to have a hefty fine.

Paul Montoya- The main road in La Cienega needs salting.

Area 9 Alternate-

Richard Weinberg, Not Present

Area 10 Member- Vacant

Area 10 Alternate- Vacant

Area 11 Member-

Ed Benrock Chairperson,

Area 11 Alternate-

Frank Schober, Not Present

Area 12 Member-

Linda McThoy- Snow clearance has been amazing especially on CR51 you have been quick. Potholes on the lower part of 51 on the chip seal.

Robert Martinez- Did the State ever fix the potholes on opposite side of the cattle guards from Old Las Vegas Hwy to the cattle guard where the mailboxes are?

Linda McThoy- Yes, but they have all come out again.

Robert Martinez- 827-9500

Area 12 Alternate-

Mark Murdock- On the 26th of January, a guy pulling a forklift, jackknifed and blocked CR51. Nine of us were backed up behind him. What the guy did was he took the forklift off the back of the truck and used the forklift to lift the trailer and move it out of the way. My concern is that the grade of the hill is significant and when it becomes icy and muddy it's hard to get up it. Where I used to live we would have barrels with cinders in strategic places where people often got stuck they could take some cinders and help themselves get unstuck.

Robert Martinez- It's something to consider. One thing that we have to consider is NMED regulations and if a barrel would be considered stock piling. We have rules that we have to abide by considering stock piling salt to make sure the salt residue does not

get into the earth. I don't know if a barrel rust through and residue seeps through and we face a violation but we can look into it because it might help the motorist.

Linda McThoy- It's really bad if you don't get momentum especially when it's icy.

James Martinez- If you find that's it's icy you can call the office, because we do have certain areas where we will go back to salt. We aren't in the habit of putting cinders on all the roads because we just can't afford it.

Mark Murdock- Is the county road a county road or are there classes of roads. Where I used to live we had classes of road, like class 6, class 5, and class 4. Are there any designations where once a county road becomes a county road does it become more important county road than another county road or is that just a blanket class of road?

Robert Martinez- We classify our roads as major arterials, minor arterials, local roads, and lanes. We do concentrate on the higher priority roads like Agua Fria, Alameda, CR67, the main roads into El Dorado. The real people movers are the ones that get done first. It doesn't make sense for us to go inside a subdivision and do all these local roads if the major arterial hasn't been cleared because they can't get out anyway. We concentrate on the main people movers with larger volume.

Mark Murdock- Is CR51 a major road?

Robert Martinez- No it's a local road and not a high volume road like some of the others. The reason we get out there is because you get more snow than any else and because of the steep grade on CR51.

Area 13 Member- Vacant,

Area 13 Alternate- Vacant,

Area 14 Member-

John Romero, Not Present

Area 14 Alternate-

Jason Shepherd, Not Present

Area 15 Member-

Chris Mayrant, Not Present

Area 15 Alternate-

Gail West, I want to compliment how fast you got to Simmons Road and it's been maintained and kept in pretty good shape. The first mile off of 344 where it held the drifts is pretty weathered right now. Calle Victoriano was worked on and the residents were complimentary. They had a question, where they thought that the chips (cold millings) that got started on Calle Victoriano were supposed to go all the way up to Sheep Dog Lane.

Robert Martinez- No, we had \$40,000.00 legislative appropriation for Calle Victoriano; the cold millings that we purchased delivered to the site was roughly \$39,000.00 and some change, so we improved as much as what the funding would cover and all the culverts and everything we put in were at our expense. No labor no equipment charge, no nothing, the \$39,000.00 was strictly for the millings.

Gail West- Getting the snow off Simmons made a huge difference in the residence being able to get in and out. Calle Victoriano is very passable what goes north. Ramba De Caballo, thank you for the sign, there was a horse accident three day after that and 911 had to come out and because of that sign, they got to that kid. That was put in right after that meeting. Ramba Del Caballo is impassable except for four big wheel drives. Everybody is parking at Simmons. They didn't get the snow off of it and residence are working to take care of it. The wind came in and the drifts have built up and the road is getting very muddy, it's pretty rutted. Who is responsible for naming the roads because when Katherine was giving directions she said Simmons Road to Ramba Del Caballo and then North and then it stops being a county road when you cross CR28. They wanted a name for CR28, but CR28 doesn't have a name. Parts are CR roads and parts are named and they said for the 911 response you had to have names.

Robert Martinez- Right, for example let's say CR28, the portion that we maintain ends at a quarter mile and beyond that point the road is private and goes another quarter mile, well the way I understand it is that name would stay the same as the first section. There has to be a definite distinguishment or an intersection where the road goes in an opposite direction in order to have a different name.

Gail West- Ok Simmons and Calle Victoriano and Ramba Del Caballo all have names, and CR28 didn't have a name so we were trying to say pass over CR28, well what was the name, it doesn't have a name.

Robert Martinez- Contact rural addressing at Santa Fe County and ask for Socorro Ojeda. Tell her that you want a petition to name that section of CR28.

Gail West- Then how does it get put on Google or MapQuest, where 911 could look it up?

Robert Martinez- We don't have anything to do with MapQuest or Google. The county fire department looks at our IC information. Once the process is done in naming the road they will send it to our department to put signs up. They will put the address up.

Gail West- The ICIP you were talking about, is Simmons on that?

Robert Martinez- Simmons is on our five year road improvement plan; I'll have to check to see if Simmons is on there as a separate project, I know Commissioner Anaya had submitted a project for a million dollars for various roads in southern Santa Fe County. His intent may have been to cover some of the roads that are on our plan based on the amount of funding he gets with that, but I don't know if there is a specific entry just for Simmons road. I will have to look into that. But next year the community meeting may be in the Stanley community center or it may be in the Edgewood community center but make sure you go. You have to remember in your area, the majority of those roads were to service ranches and as ranchers subdivided their property and sold off lots, they never were required to do anything to the roads so that's why we have to pay for it now.

Gail West- When you get off of Simmons, the mud packs up so bad on the cars that it actually bald a tire. So I kept my mud flaps on. I don't think they can hit right now, the ruts are so deep close to a foot deep. It was totally drifted in and if it weren't for the tractors working on it we wouldn't have a road.

- **Status on construction projects**

Road Maintenance:

Dist 1-Millings on CR91, CR88-D east of CR88 to CR 88-E, Concrete Crossing CR84
Dist 2-Millings on Mutt Nelson Rd, All weather bridge construction on Paseo De Angel
Dist 3-Road Blading in El Dorado Subdivision
Dist 4-Road Maintenance-snow removal and making roads passable due to mud
Support Crew- Raise culvert on Estrada Calabaza, Assisting Dist 3.

Project Development:

CR42 Improvements Phase II, Aqua Fria Phase III- Sanitary Sewer, Drainage, and
Repaving Project, Last leg of South Meadows
CR84G Completed, CR78B Cancelled due to funding redirected, CR72D Cancelled due
to funding redirected, CR67G Ravens Ridge Completed.

Item Ten- Matters from the Members,

Item Eleven- Matters from County Staff and Attorney,

Item Twelve- Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn by Ivan Pato ad second by Paul Montoya at 6:55 PM.