

MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FE COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

August 17, 2022

Santa Fe, New Mexico

1. A. This meeting of the Santa Fe County Transportation Advisory Committee was called to order at approximately 4:04 p.m. on the above-cited date by Chair John Nitzel.

The meeting was conducted in hybrid fashion incorporating both in-person and virtual participation.

B. A quorum was achieved with the following members present:

Members Present:

John Nitzel, Chair, Member-at-large
Tim O'Malley, District 2
David Martin, District 2 [via Webex]
Steve McLaughlin, District 3
Dan Painter, District 5 [via Webex]
Bill Miller, District 4 [via Webex]
Nolan Zisman, District 5 [via Webex]

Member(s) Excused:

Joe Archuleta, District 1
Christina Chavarria, District 1
Fred Greve, District 4
Gillis Lang, District 1
[Two Vacancies]

Staff Present:

Gary Brett Clavio, Senior Transportation Planner
Robert Griego, Planning Manager
Brian Snyder, [via Webex]
Ivan Trujillo, Public Works, Engineering Services Manager [via Webex]

Others Present:

Erik Aune, MPO [via Webex]
Paul Barriclow, Lee Engineering [via Webex]
Stephen Montano, Lee Engineering [via Webex]
Bryce Gibson, NCRTD [via Webex]
Debbie Doyle, Wordswork

C. **Approval of Agenda**

Chair Nitzel requested having a discussion on equity in multi-modal planning. Mr. O'Malley moved approval. Mr. McLaughlin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

D. May 18, 2022 TAC Minutes

Mr. O'Malley moved to approve the May meeting minutes and Mr. McLaughlin seconded. The motion carried unanimously

2. Introductions

- A. Santa Fe County Transportation Advisory Committee**
- B. Santa Fe County Staff**
- C. Guests**

Those present introduced themselves.

3. Presentation: SFMPO Local Road Safety Plan

Erik Aune from the Santa Fe Metropolitan Planning Organization shared a power point presentation, noting Santa Fe received a grant from the Federal Highway Administration to develop a Local Road Safety Plan with the goal of reducing fatalities and serious injuries by 50 percent by the year 2027. This was to be accomplished through analyzing crash data in the metropolitan planning district area, which encompassed the city, Agua Fria, and some areas of the county south of the city. The data was comprised of 2,852 crashes of which 118 involved fatalities. 85 percent of the crashes occurred in seven percent of the areas studied.

Mr. Aune stated stakeholder meetings were held that yielded strategies consistent with the Safe Systems Approach. This examines multiple variables, among them, transportation equity. He shared a map demonstrating the dangerous places in the network, focusing on the intersection of St. Michael's/South Pacheco. Some intersections are susceptible to low-cost measures to mitigate the problems. Systems Safety Analysis was done on data collected around pedestrians and bicycles. Pro-active measures are applied to areas of identified risk. "Crash trees" organize the data, and he provided examples of recommendations, as well as looking at existing and planned infrastructure. Mr. Aune expressed his gratitude for the help provided by Federal Highway Administration in light of the fact New Mexico has among the worst statistics for traffic fatalities and injuries.

Chair Nitzel noted the Local Road Safety Plan is based on the State's Strategic Highway Safety Plan, which also looked at the St. Mike's/Pacheco intersection. There are countermeasures that can be employed to address future potential crashes and systematically look at high pedestrian areas, especially in the city. Lightings and street markings can make a difference. The problem is lack of funds.

Mr. Clavio pointed out that the information was available on BoardDocs and he shared a map with the problem areas in the county: Camino La Tierra, Los Pinos, C de Baca, Old Santa Fe Trail, Avenida Vista Grande, Avenida Amistad, West Alameda, Agua Fria, Rufina, Lopez Lane and Rabbit Road. One contemplated countermeasure is roundabouts. Chair Nitzel indicated roundabouts reduce collisions by 75 percent due to the elimination of left turns and potential for head-on collisions and T-bones. Mr. Painter noted roundabouts are not safer for pedestrians, and Mr. Martin said the single direction of travel is better for the handicapped

Mr. Clavio introduced the concept of accidents classified as “roadway departures” and HIN, or High Injury Network. Mr. Zisman noted that of the 23 measures listed nine are low cost. He pointed out that some of those listed as involving pedestrians are toward the bottom of the priority list. Mr. Aune said this is a draft and suggested changes have already been submitted and the ranking shown doesn’t necessarily govern the decision making process. He solicited ideas, including those for potential leveraging of funds.

4. Action Items: None

5. Information Items

A. Current Transportation Updates

1. Tesuque Road Safety Study

Paul Barriclow from Lee Engineering stated they were also involved in the Madrid Road Safety Study. Currently the work in Tesuque is in the very initial phases. They will be looking at parking on the streets, heavy truck traffic, and gallery areas. He provided a timeline of their expected work, including a stakeholder meeting in August leading to a final report anticipated on November 17th. He showed a map with the areas of concerns and a graphic of traffic intensity compiled in the past. Mr. Barriclow reviewed crash data highlighting that there have been 62 crashes in ten years, with one fatality. He shared a breakdown with time of day data, and described their data collection techniques.

Chair Nitzel asked how the statistics were trending, and asked the difference between stakeholder and public meetings. Mr. Barriclow stated stakeholders are usually organizations such as the school and fire department, as well as businesses such as Bishop’s Lodge. He added there will be multiple meetings soliciting public input.

Mr. Clavio mentioned that the Madrid study was recommending people park at the ball field and walk into town. The County will be involved in the ADA path, and NMDOT has a role to play in their rights-of-way.

B. NCRTD

Bryce Gibson, project manager for the North Central Regional Transit District, noted the organization is updating their long-range strategic plan after the last plan was done in 2017. They are seeking public engagement and had their fourth meeting yesterday, with two more virtual meetings scheduled. Comments collected will help them plan for capital investment. He said the high level operations require feedback.

Mr. McLaughlin asked about getting notifications regarding the meetings and Mr. Gibson provided a website and said information was available at ncrtd.org.

Mr. Gibson spoke of barriers and building ridership in the post-pandemic era. Recreation is a huge attractor, the mountain trail routes being very successful. Emphasis is on the arterials. Mr. Clavio asked about micro-transit and Mr. Gibson stated they are looking at on-demand and para-transit rides with 24 hours advance notice. This will be akin to Uber and Lyft, and will use nine-passenger vans. They are struggling to recruit and retain drivers but the smaller vehicles do not require a commercial license. They hope to be using electric vehicles by 2024.

Chair Nitzel mentioned when Santa Fe Trails began there was a similar micro-transit option with 24-hour advance request.

Due to staff having to leave the meeting early, discussion of the NE/SE Connector Project and the Zafarano Drive Extension was deferred.

6. Discussion Items

A. Santa Fe County Transportation Plan 2040; Functional Classification of Roadway Systems Subcommittee – Subcommittee Report

Mr. Clavio noted that the subcommittee met on July 20th and 27th to discuss the El Centro growth area, consisting primarily of the city and Agua Fria. He shared a spreadsheet highlighting functional classifications for the Airport District, Arroyo Hondo, Bobcat, Bonanza, Cañada de los Alamos, Conejo (Rabbit), Hyde Park, La Bajada, La Cienega, Waldo, La Tierra, Las Campanas, Santa Fe Community College Area, Sunlit Hills, Seton Village, Tano Road, Tres Arroyos del Poniente and Valle Vista. The focus is on what is existing now, and then they will go on to 2040. He shared a color-coded map with new classifications.

Chair Nitzel said they will be tackling the Galisteo growth area next and a subcommittee meeting was planned for September 28th at 4:00. Mr. Zisman and Mr. Painter expressed an interest in participating. If a subsequent meeting is deemed necessarily it can be held on October 5th.

B. Transportation Finance Review

Mr. Clavio indicated he attended a New Mexico meeting with the USDOT's Build America Bureau, convened by NMDOT and MRCOG (Mid-Region Council of Governments). The meeting discussed options for financing projects. They stressed money is available through numerous federal programs, including TIFIA, that will loan funding up to 33 percent at half the Treasury rate. Funds can be used for matches. He showed the County's ICIP list of roads needing attention. A Federal accelerator program can be established as a project delivery tool and Mr. Clavio will speak to Albuquerque about this, possibly combining grants for additional capacity and cost-savings through project bundling. Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs) will be forthcoming.

7. Matters from Staff

Mr. Clavio showed the overall work plan noting items to be discussed at the next meeting.

8. Matters of Public Concern

None were presented.

9. Matters from the Committee

Consideration of Transportation Multi-Modal Aspects and Desirability of a More Comprehensive Multi-Modal Process and Requirements for Entire County or Portions Thereof [Exhibit 1]

Chair Nitzel distributed a memo (email) outlining ideas for a comprehensive plan to make functional classifications more equitable throughout the county, with an eye to changes in the

Sustainable Land Development Code. For example, the Community College has much higher standards for road design standards. Legal leverage might be brought to bear.

10. Schedule Next Meeting

TAC: November 16, 2022, 4:00

Subcommittee: September 28, 2022, 4:00

11. Adjournment

Upon motion and second the meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Approved by:



John Nitzel, Chair

Respectfully submitted by:

Debbie Doyle, Wordswork

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