

MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FE COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 16, 2022

Santa Fe, New Mexico

1. a. This meeting of the Santa Fe County Transportation Advisory Committee was called to order at approximately 4:09 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
Christina Chavarria, District 1
Gillis Lang, District 1 [via Webex]
Tim O'Malley, District 2
David Martin, District 2 [via Webex]
Steve McLaughlin, District 3 [via Webex]
Dan Painter, District 5 [via Webex]
Fred Greve, District 4 [via Webex]
Bill Miller, District 4 [via Webex]
Nolan Zisman, District 5 [via Webex]

Member(s) Excused:

Joe Archuleta, District 1
[Two Vacancies]

Staff Present:

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

Others Present:

Erick Aune, MPO [via Webex]
Leah Yngve, MPO [via Webex]
Paul Barricklow, Lee Engineering [via Webex]
Stephen Montaña, Lee Engineering [via Webex]
Debbie Doyle, Wordswork – Secretarial Services

c. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Clavio recommended hearing 6. a. i. in conjunction with item 4. c. After a vote on this issue it can be taken to the Board of County Commissioners. Mr. Painter moved approval as amended. Ms. Chavarria seconded and the motion passed unanimously. [Mr. McLaughlin was not present for this action and arrived shortly thereafter.]

d. August 17, 2022 TAC Minutes

Mr. Zisman moved to approve the August meeting minutes and Mr. O'Malley 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: Tesuque Road Safety Plan

Paul Barricklow of Lee Engineering shared a power point outlining their work thus far on three roads of concern in Tesuque: a stretch of Tesuque Village Road, Arroyo Griego, and a section of Bishop's Lodge Road.

The report will be out later this month. Data collection began on August 3rd and there have been a number of public and stakeholder meetings. They examined a number of areas of concern, including width of rights-of-way, cleanup and maintenance responsibilities, drainage, parking, poor speed compliance,

One countermeasure to poor speed compliance is larger and different signs, wider stripes to minimize available driving space, and opportunities to change the driver's mentality with use of gateway signage. Mr. Barricklow pointed out that speed bumps are not advised in rural areas due to the need for snow grading, etc. Another countermeasure is feedback signs. There are currently two signs and he suggested other potential locations.

Due to the use of the roads by hikers and bicyclists, there are needs for hard-packed walking spaces. The city segment of Bishop's Lodge Road is moving toward the "complete streets" concepts with multi-modal accommodations and possibly curb and gutter and the intent is to move in that direction in the county section. He showed a street cross-section with potential sharrows on Tesuque Village Road.

There are currently two bus stops in the project area. There is an opportunity to create a hard-packed space for standing, or a bench. There are definite ADA challenges.

Additional challenges are narrow roads and sharp turns. They are recommending a center stripe in some areas as warranted by crash data. A four-way stop is another possibility.

Mr. Barricklow reviewed the crash data sorted by daytime and nighttime by traffic volumes. Dark hours are over-represented in the data. Since lighting is not a preferred solution for the most part in this area, reflectors may be in order. Some lighting that exists in the town center is not functional.

Turning to Arroyo Griego, potential countermeasures include striping, reinforced parking demarcation, enhanced pedestrian crossing, vegetation work, and repairing of the drainage structure. There is no dedicated bike parking. Additionally, there is an ad hoc right turn channel.

Mr. Clavio noted that the Tesuque Market has submitted an application to continue their outdoor dining area, allowed during the pandemic. The outdoor dining area encroaches into the right-of-way.

Ms. Chavarria said the area is a mess with people parking all over. Mr. Painter asked if the parking was on private property. Mr. Barricklow said it was. Mr. Clavio stated the plat shows a 30-foot right-of-way. They are proposing parking on both sides of the road.

Possible countermeasures to the parking challenge is defining sight triangles and designating non-parking areas. Volumes do not warrant an all-way stop.

Mr. Barricklow demonstrated areas where sediment is a problem due to erosion. More study is needed. He speculated the crashes have been undercounted. Mr. Painter asked if it would be possible to raise the road. Mr. Clavio said the County maintains the drainage structure and a new study would cost in the millions.

Mr. Zisman said feedback signs are effective in speed control. Chair Nitzel spoke in favor of the gateway idea. Villages tend to be proud of their communities. Chair Nitzel favored the use of retroreflective tape, which is more expensive but wears well and is more visible.

4. Action Items
a. Election of Officers

Mr. Clavio said these elections take place once a year. Mr. O'Malley moved to retain the previous Chair and Vice Chair. Mr. Greve seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Mr. Nitzel was retained as Chair and Ms. Chavarria as Vice Chair.

b. Approval of Meeting Calendar

Mr. Clavio distributed the list of meetings for 2023. Meetings are to be held quarterly on the third Wednesday of the month at 4:00.

Mr. O'Malley moved approval and Ms. Chavarria seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

c. Review and Recommendations Regarding 2022 Functional Classification of Roadway Systems Map

6. a. i. Reports on Galisteo and Estancia Growth Management Areas

Mr. Clavio shared a map and offered that the Transportation Subcommittee has met at least four times over the course of a year to discuss each Growth Management Area. The Federal Highway

Administration recommends showing planned roads in these maps, and there are several in the offing in the county, including the northeast-southeast connector and extensions on Avenida del Sur.

Ms. Yngve asked about changes or additions to the map. Mr. Clavio said there are many significant changes. They have removed the distinction between urban and rural road. As an example, the MPO area Bishop's Lodge Road was changed from a minor arterial to a major collector. Some roads were not classified previously. He mentioned the extensive spreadsheet that delineates changes and reasons for them.

Mr. Zisman asked if the changes imposed obligations or limitations on the City and County. Chair Nitzel noted the subcommittee used specific criteria, such as heavy pedestrian use, which would call for sidewalks. Mr. Clavio said the system comes from the federal government and funding considerations come into play. Mr. Trujillo added there were opportunities for funding for high priority items, and Mr. Clavio indicated roads that may behoove the County to adopt that were previously privately maintained. Growth patterns dictate a planning framework for new roads.

Mr. Clavio stated the 2040 Plan has a map that shows road classifications anticipated in the future, especially in the Edgewood area.

Chair Nitzel commended the transparency involved in the process with public vetting and emphasis on connectivity.

Mr. O'Malley move to approve the functional road classifications and Ms. Chavarria seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

4. d. Review and Make Recommendations Regarding 2023 County Road Map – 2023 County-Maintained Roads Update

Mr. Clavio stated the County Public Works Department produces an inventory yearly on the roads it maintains. This year's amount is the same as last year's: 557.24 miles. This report goes before the Commission and then to the state, which determines funding. Mr. Trujillo spoke of new accurate measuring technology. The PASER rating has given way to LIDAR surveying, which is less subjective.

Mr. Painter asked if this report entailed lane-miles, which would be a more accurate measure of maintenance needs. Mr. Trujillo said it does not, but does describe driving surface condition, which changes over time. The report is submitted every April. Mr. Trujillo said revisions may be forthcoming before then.

Mr. Clavio pointed out that the maintenance districts do not align with Commission districts.

Mr. O'Malley move to approve the County-maintained road list and map, subject to possible revisions, and Ms. Chavarria seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

4. e. Review and Make Recommendations Regarding 2023 TAC Work Plan and Work Tasks

Mr. Clavio shared a list of nine tasks and a spreadsheet of prior and future projects. The work involves prioritization and funding recommendations. He suggested looking at road design standards as well, possibly using the Functional Classification Subcommittee. They accomplished a great deal in 2022.

Chair Nitzel stated AASHTO is revising its road design standards so doing that review is a good idea. Mr. Clavio said that would dovetail with the planned work. He added Bernalillo County is in the process of identifying specific design standards and they could look at what other jurisdictions are doing.

Ms. Yngve asked if the City and County would have different road design standards. Mr. Clavio agreed that they need to cooperate. The public doesn't care about boundaries, only that the roads work.

Mr. Painter moved approval of the 2023 Work Plan, to be presented before the Commission. Mr. O'Malley seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Information Items

a. Current Transportation Updates: Zafarano Drive Extension Study and NE/SE Connector

Mr. Trujillo said they hope to bring the engineer back on board for the Zafarano Drive Extension and they hope to have a public meeting soon. Mr. O'Malley asked if that study would include a bridge over the San Isidro Crossing and Mr. Trujillo said that is a separate project although the traffic study will take that into account.

Regarding the northeast/southeast connector, they are in the final steps of negotiation with the contractor before starting construction. Mr. Trujillo indicated it is a two-step procurement and construction could start this winter, contingent upon weather. They hope to finish in one construction season. The next big project is extension of Avenida del Sur, which will include roundabouts at all intersections.

Mr. Trujillo mentioned they are currently working on the overlays on the County-maintained roads in the Agua Fria area and will be using message boards to advise of closures.

Returning to the question of the San Isidro bridge, Mr. Trujillo stated they want to include the funding request concurrent with that for the river trail. Mr. O'Malley said the Village is in favor of roundabouts. Chair Nitzel noted that years ago there was a condition of approval for road improvements near the school that required a roundabout. It was approved by the City Council. Mr. Trujillo said the City is taking the lead on the project on Henry Lynch Rd. He stated anyone wanting to participate at the public meeting on November 30th can register at <https://bit.ly/hnrylynch>.

6. b. **Transportation Finance Review – TIP Projects [Exhibit 1]**

Mr. Clavio indicated there are significant projects coming that should be included in the State’s Transportation Improvement Program, which are typically federally funded, although the NE/SE connector funding is local and state, as is Avenida del Sur. He said Ms. Yngve has helped polish the plans, which include the Arroyo Hondo Trail Segments #1 and #2 which were awarded Congestion Management and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds, which requires a 14.56% local match. Additionally, the Rail Trail towards Lamy is in the TIP.

7. **Matters from Staff**

Mr. Trujillo expressed his gratitude that the bond issue passed.

8. **Matters of Public Concern**

None were presented.

9. **Matters from the Committee**

Good wishes for Thanksgiving were shared.

10. **Schedule Next Meeting**

TAC: February 15, 2023, 4:00
Subcommittee: December 14, 2022, 4:00

11. **Adjournment**

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

Approved by:



John Nitzel, Chair

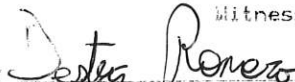
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Debbie Doyle, Wordwork

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