

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2025, 4:00 PM  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX - PLAZA CONFERENCE ROOM  
240 GRANT AVENUE, SANTA FE, NM**

**1. OPENING BUSINESS**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee was called to order by John Nitzel, Chair, at 4:00 pm, on Wednesday, August 20, 2025, at the County Administrative Complex, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**B. ROLL CALL**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

John Nitzel, Chair  
Ruben Cedeno, virtually  
Bill Miller  
Daniel Painter  
Jack Sullivan  
Jim Murphy  
Grant Alexander  
Timothy O' Malley  
Phil Rowe, virtually

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Christina Chavarria, Vice Chair, excused  
Gillis Lang  
Charles Harrison  
Risana Zaxus

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Brett Clavio, Santa Fe County Planning  
Carrie Tremblatt, Santa Fe County Planning  
Alexandra Ladd, Santa Fe County, Director, Capital Planning  
Marvelous Echeng, Santa Fe County Transportation Planner, Planning  
Maxx Hendren, Planning  
Ryan Ward, Division Director, Public Works  
Erick Aune, Director, MPO  
Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

**SFC CLERK RECORDED 09/04/2025**

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION** A motion was made by Chair Nitzel, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the agenda as presented.

**VOTE** The motion passed on a voice vote.

**D. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 21, 2025**

**MOTION** A motion was made by Mr. Painter, seconded by Mr. O'Malley, to approve the minutes as presented.

**VOTE** The motion passed on a voice vote.

**2. INTRODUCTIONS**

**A. SF COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)**

Introductions were done during the roll call.

**B. SF COUNTY STAFF**

Santa Fe County staff introduced themselves.

**C. GUESTS**

There were no guests.

**3. MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN**

None.

**4. ACTION ITEM: PRIORITIZATION OF INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

Mr. Echeng gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan (ICIP), including background information on the ICIP, the scoring process for ranking the 18 projects, transportation goals, and project descriptions.

Chair Nitzel asked how were these projects selected.

Mr. Clavio said the projects came from different sources. A good portion came from the community itself. They were evaluated for inclusion in the ICIP. Projects could come from staff, constituents., the Board of County Commissioners or the County

Manager.

Chair Nitzel asked are there other aspects that TAC should do such make recommendations for inclusion.

Mr. Clavio said we have had input from the Committee as to projects they are interested in through the discussions at meetings. Some of them will end up in the ICIP. Most of these projects are reconciled projects where we found the projects in our 20 year plan, but they were never programmed into our ICIP process.

Chair Nitzel said we are seeing these 18 projects and are not familiar with a good number of them. He doesn't know how good we can do now when we are unfamiliar with them.

Mr. Clavio said we are going to acquaint you with the projects now and how they fit under the goals.

Mr. Echeng presented each of the 9 study projects and the 9 engineering and construction projects.

There was discussion.

Mr. Clavio said we will give you information on all projects and you can think about it and vote on them at a special meeting.

Mr. Sullivan asked what is our timing on this.

Ms. Hendren said typically, the ICIP gets amended in October. In November we prioritize projects again for the Legislature. TAC would need to submit their recommendations by then to move forward.

Mr. Sullivan said we have studies not on the ICIP and construction projects already on the ICIP. We want to prioritize those.

Ms. Hendren said none of these projects have any funding attached to them.

Mr. Clavio said they have gone past the planning phase. Most are in the design phase.

Ms. Hendren said this is an opportunity to have your voice heard to move the projects forward. There is not a guarantee that they will be moved forward. There will be a meeting in October or November to determine that. This is the first time we have asked this Committee to voice their priorities.

Chair Nitzel asked do these projects then go to the MPO list.

Ms. Hendren said possibly. They will be on the ICIP list.

Mr. Clavio said we try to reconcile everything and set priorities.

Chair Nitzel asked how do we say which have the highest priority.

Mr. Clavio said it is your subjective call. How do they address the transportation goals. It is a scoring qualitative process.

There was discussion about the scoring process.

Chair Nitzel said we appreciate the opportunity to weigh in on this opportunity.

After discussion, it was determined that the special meeting will be on September 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4:00pm to 6:00pm.

## **5. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **A. TAC WORK PLAN**

Mr. Clavio said the TAC work plan is similar to the last several years. We wanted to give you time to think about it. We got good feedback from Mr. Murphy.

### **B. WORKING GROUPS**

- 1. COMPLETE STREETS (TRANSIT, BIKE, PED, MOTOR VEHICLES)**
- 2. TRANSPORTATION FINANCE AND SUSTAINABILITY**

Mr. Clavio said we are working on getting going on the working groups so we can dive into things.

## **6. INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **A. TRANSPORTATION PROJECT UPDATES**

Staff updates were given briefly.

### **B. PARTNER UPDATES**

Chair Nitzel said there have been changes in budgeting for a variety programs. Federally. What is impact locally at the MPO or DOT level.

Mr. Aune said for the past 6 months we have been receiving information from

DOT and doing an analysis. We are a member of the National Association of MPOs. They are committed to doing policy analysis and lobbying for MPO funding. He serves on policy group for that organization. With that, we get drips of information on what is going on federally. Based on the administrations executive orders, we are looking at how we should prepare ourselves. We are looking at the nature of the projects we have and viewing those projects as to their positions aligned with those executive orders. We have removed some critical language that is now taboo by the administration, such as climate change, equity etc. The second step is what funds will be reviewed under the new circumstances. We do not have a lot of projects that are held up. The Federal funds for electric vehicle charging stations have been reestablished. We anticipate that the next year will remain largely the same. Federal fiscal year 2026. Beyond that, the uncertainty raises dramatically. The infrastructure bill expires in 2026. Fiscal years 27 and 28 are up in the air. There is a potential of being unfunded. It would then be up to the desire of the City, State and County as to what they decide they want to fund. There is speculation that, because of the nature of this administration, that the can will be kicked down the road as far as the new Federal Transportation Bill. It will be difficult to get bipartisan support. We anticipate that our grants will drop. We are preparing for the worst case scenario. The City of Santa Fe and the MPO have applied for complete streets funding with the trigger words of economic development and safety and are hoping for the best. Hopefully that gives you some perspective.

Chair Nitzel said thank you for your presentation and report in the meeting

**7. MATTERS FROM STAFF: FY26 TRANSIT PLAN**

Mr. Clavio said we will address this at our next meeting.

**8. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE**

None.

**9. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING**

Mr. Clavio said the next meeting will be the special meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup>. If we need more time, we can have an additional special meeting.

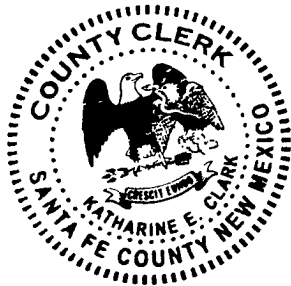
The next regular meeting will be on November 19, 2025 at 4:00 pm.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

There bring no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:09 pm.

John Nitzel  
John Nitzel, Chair

Elizabeth Martin  
Elizabeth Martin (Aug 25, 2025 11:24:52 MDT)  
Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer



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