

1                   **MESILLA VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**  
2                   **TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
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4   The following are minutes for the meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee of the  
5   Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) which was held September 4,  
6   2014 at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers, 700 N. Main St., Las Cruces, New  
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9   **MEMBERS PRESENT:**   Mike Bartholomew (CLC Transit)  
10                            Larry Altamirano (LCPS)  
11                            Louis Grijalva (CLC Public Works)  
12                            John Gwynne (DA Flood Commission)  
13                            Jolene Herrera (NMDOT)  
14                            John Knopp (Town of Mesilla)  
15                            Harold Love (NMDOT)  
16                            Rene Molina (DAC Engineering)  
17                            Jack Valencia (SCRTD)  
18                            Greg Walke (NMSU)  
19                            Debbi Lujan (Town of Mesilla)  
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21   **MEMBERS ABSENT:**   Willie Roman (CLC Transportation)  
22                            Luis Marmolejo (DAC)  
23                            Jesus Morales (EBID)  
24                            Bill Childress (BLM)  
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26   **STAFF PRESENT:**     Andrew Wray (MPO Staff)  
27                            Orlando Fierro (MPO Staff)  
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29   **OTHERS PRESENT:**   Desmond Cole, (Zia EEC)  
30                            Becky Baum, RC Creations, LLC, Recording Secretary  
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33   **1.     CALL TO ORDER**  
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35   Valencia:     Meeting called to order at 4:02 p.m.  
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37   **2.     APPROVAL OF AGENDA**  
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39   John Knopp motioned to approve the agenda.  
40   Mike Bartholomew seconds the motion.  
41   All in favor.  
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43   **3.     APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
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45       **3.1    August 7, 2014**  
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1 Bartholomew: Mr. Chair, there's a couple of little typo, grammatical things in there.  
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3 Valencia: Okay.  
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5 Bartholomew: On page 2, line ... where was it at, line 31, excuse me, page 3, line 31, it  
6 says "There's a hyphen in 5310", there shouldn't be a hyphen. Page 4 the  
7 very first line, it should be "multimodal" one word, it's not "multi model". And  
8 page 10, line 39 the word should be alluding with an ALL instead of eluding  
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11 Valencia: Is that it?  
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13 Bartholomew: That was it.  
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15 Valencia: Okay, we have an additional one, go ahead.  
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17 Knopp: On page eight, Murphy's, toward the bottom of the page, it says the whip  
18 route, it's really WIPP, Waste Isolation Project Plan.  
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20 Valencia: What line is that on?  
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22 Knopp: Oh, I'm sorry, that's line 33.  
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24 Valencia: Thank you. Okay, I'll take a motion with those corrections.  
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26 Mike Bartholomew motioned to approve the minutes as corrected.  
27 Larry Altamirano seconds the motion.  
28 All in favor.  
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30 **4. PUBLIC COMMENT – None**  
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32 **5. ACTION ITEMS**  
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34 **5.1 Amendments to the 2014-2019 TIP**  
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36 Andrew Wray gave a presentation.  
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38 Valencia: I have a question and it's probably more to Harold or Jolene. On these  
39 railroad crossings, as in the SLRP, that they ... maybe not the SLRP on the  
40 rail plan that's out there presently, would these decrease those necessary  
41 improvements from that projected list?  
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43 Herrera: Probably. To be honest I haven't looked at that list. A lot of these are just the  
44 routine maintenance type stuff that we do on railroad crossings, so I'm not  
45 sure if they correlate directly to that list. They've got to be related in some  
46 way, but I haven't looked specifically at these projects and that list.

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2 Valencia: Okay. Are there any other questions regarding any of the mentioned  
3 projects?  
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5 Gwynne: Mr. Chairmen.  
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7 Valencia: John.  
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9 Gwynne: Yes, I'd like to ask a question about this LC00210, the Goat Hill Road  
10 crossing. Has there been any coordination on the design of this with ... with  
11 the County at all?  
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13 Love: Yes and actually we had a field review where Dickey Apodaca was there as  
14 part of the review, so.  
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16 Gwynne: Okay. The reason I'm asking is that we're, we are experiencing some very  
17 large flooding events in that area and we want to make sure that we're all  
18 working together on that. Thank you.  
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20 Valencia: Additional comments on any of the projects by the Board?  
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22 Bartholomew: Mr. Chair. I missed it I guess. What is the very first one, 1100830, which  
23 interchange is that?  
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25 Valencia: Andrew.  
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27 Wray: That is the I-10 mile point 140 through 143. Is that the Missouri Bridge?  
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29 Herrera: No, that's Union Avenue and ramp E of University, so it's the ones on I-10  
30 towards the I-25 interchange.  
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32 Knopp: Excuse me Jolene, exit 140 is Mesilla.  
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34 Wray: That's the mile point 140.  
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36 Knopp: Right, I know. But it's the same thing, is it not? Isn't that ...  
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38 Herrera: We always go a little bit wider on our project termini for clearance purposes,  
39 so.  
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41 Knopp: So the 140.5 to 143 mile markers is not ... you said it's over by the  
42 interchange of I-10 and I-25.  
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44 Herrera: Towards the interchange. Yeah ...  
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46 Knopp: I thought that was like 144 or something thing that.

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2 Herrera: No.  
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4 Knopp: Okay.  
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6 Valencia: Additional comments or questions? If not, Andrew do you want us to ... I  
7 assume take it all as one item.  
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9 Wray: Yes, Mr. Chair.  
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11 Valencia: As the amendment and it is page ... you're referencing page 15 correct?  
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13 Wray: Yes, that is the item up for vote.  
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15 Valencia: Okay.  
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17 Mike Bartholomew move to recommend the amendments to the TIP.  
18 Harold Love seconds the motion.  
19 All in favor.  
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## 21 6. COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS

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23 Valencia: Any member of the Committee have any comments this evening? If not  
24 Andrew, you have comments?  
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26 Wray: Yes, Mr. Chair. I'd like to direct the attention of the Committee to page 18 in  
27 the packet and to the supplemental sheet that should have been provided at  
28 your stations. These are two administrative modifications that were  
29 requested by the Department of Transportation. These are not up for action.  
30 These changes have already been made on LC00110, there was construction  
31 funding moved to FY2015, and on LC00100 there was funding set aside for  
32 utilities and those changes have already been made.  
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34 Valencia: Okay.  
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36 Wray: And in addition, I also would like to announce to the Committee that we have  
37 extended an offer that has been accepted for Chowdhury's position and we  
38 are anticipating having that individual on board with us by the time this Body  
39 meets again in October.  
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41 Valencia: Okay, any additional comments on these two submissions?  
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43 Wray: Oh and I apologize Mr. Chair, there was one other thing that I ... was rather  
44 important, I should've remembered this. The TIP call for projects is going to  
45 be going out in October. I don't know that it'll be right at the first of the month,

1 so this Body may meet again before that letter actually gets sent out, but it is  
2 coming up in the very near future so be watching for it.  
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4 Valencia: And what is the time frame for submission of projects under the TIP?  
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6 Wray: Sometime before the end of the year. I apologize I can't remember right off  
7 the top of my head. Jolene may actually be able to give a more accurate  
8 answer.  
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10 Herrera: I think the timeline that DOT is on right now, is we need to have your list or  
11 whatever of projects by March of 2015.  
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13 Wray: Oh, so it's not quite as constrained as I thought, but staff is probably going to  
14 ask for it before the end of the year.  
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16 Herrera: Well and there's still steps in between that as far as ranking and all sorts of  
17 other things, so.  
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19 Valencia: Okay.  
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21 Bartholomew: Mr. Chair. I did have one question that stem back to the minutes, at the end  
22 of the discussion at the last meeting, Mr. Murphy had mentioned that there  
23 was going to be an agenda for public meetings relating to the truck routes in  
24 the City, has that been established yet?  
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26 Wray: Mr. Chair, Mr. Bartholomew. Mr. Murphy has been going through some  
27 difficult personal issues over the past month. I don't think any work has been  
28 going on with regards to that. I don't think there's been time.  
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30 Bartholomew: Okay.  
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32 Valencia: I don't know anything more about it than that.  
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34 Bartholomew: One other thing. I was at a City Council meeting the other day and he  
35 presented a time frame I guess where the MPO was going to be holding  
36 some community meetings throughout the affected areas and I think ... and I  
37 just wanted to bring it to your all's attention that that meeting schedule has  
38 conflicts with Viva Dona Ana that week also, so there might be some  
39 consideration made to possibly moving those meetings.  
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41 Wray: I am not aware of that. Mr. Murphy left immediately after the meeting you  
42 referenced so I didn't ... I didn't get any information on that.  
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44 Bartholomew: If you could bring that to his attention I'd appreciate it.  
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46 Wray: Okay.

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Valencia: Any other comments from members of the Committee. Andrew are you finished with ...?

Wray: Yes, I do believe I am now Mr. Chair. I apologize.

Valencia: No, no, no problem.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Mike Bartholomew motioned to adjourn meeting at 4:15 p.m.  
Jolene Herrera seconds the motion.  
All in favor.



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Chairperson