

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 November 5,
6 2015 at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 700 N. Main Street, Las Cruces,
7 New Mexico.
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10 **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mike Bartholomew (CLC Transit) (arrived 4:14)
11 Louis Grijalva (CLC Public Works)
12 Jolene Herrera (NMDOT)
13 Larry Shannon (Town of Mesilla)
14 Harold Love (NMDOT)
15 Dale Harrell (NMSU)
16 Debbi Lujan (Town of Mesilla)
17 Willie Roman (CLC Transportation)
18 Todd Gregory (LCPS)
19 John Gwynne (DAC Flood Commission)
20 Rene Molina (DAC Engineering)
21 Stephen Howie (EBID)
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23 **STAFF PRESENT:** Tom Murphy (MPO Staff)
24 Andrew Wray (MPO Staff)
25 Michael McAdams (MPO Staff)
26 Sharon Nebbia (MPO Staff)
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28 **OTHERS PRESENT:** Soogyu Lee (CLC)
29 Becky Baum, RC Creations, LLC, Recording Secretary
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31 **1. CALL TO ORDER (4:07 p.m.)**
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33 Love: Okay we'll go ahead and get started. I guess we can get started with a, a
34 roll call starting with my far left.
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36 Herrera: Jolene Herrera, NMDOT.
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38 Molina: Rene Molina, Dona Ana County.
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40 Gregory: Todd Gregory, Las Cruces Public Schools.
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42 Love: Harold Love, New Mexico Department of Transportation.
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44 Gwynne: John Gwynne, Dona Ana County Flood Commission.
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46 Grijalva: Louis Grijalva, City of Las Cruces Public Works Department.

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2 Roman: Willie Roman, Street and Traffic Operations, City of Las Cruces.
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4 Howie: Stephen Howie, Elephant Butte Irrigation District.
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6 Lujan: Debbie Lujan, Town of Mesilla.
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8 Shannon: Larry Shannon, Town of Mesilla.
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10 Harrell: Dale Harrell, University of, New Mexico State University. Sorry, got it
11 wrong there.
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13 **2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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15 Love: Next we're looking for approval of the agenda. Do I hear a motion?
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17 Gwynne: So moved.
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19 Herrera: Second.
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21 Love: Moved and second. All in favor.
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23 MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

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25 **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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27 **3.1 October 5, 2015**

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29 Love: Next is approval of the minutes. Do I hear a motion?
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31 Lujan: Motion.
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33 Grijalva: Second.
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35 Love: Moved and second. All in favor.
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37 MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

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39 **4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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41 Love: Public comments. Do we have anybody in the, for public comment?
42 Seeing none.
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1 **5. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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3 **5.1 Tribal/Local Public Agency Process Monitoring Presentation**

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5 Love: We'll move on to the number five discussion item.

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7 Wray: Thank you Mr. Chair.

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9 Andrew Wray gave his presentation.

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11 Herrera: Mr. Chair. Not a question but a comment I guess to follow-up with
12 Andrew's presentation. What we're going to really be looking for is things
13 like certifications: Are you working on them? Have you submitted them to
14 the Bureaus? Are you having any issues with responses back? Things
15 that could potentially hold up your project: If you're purchasing right-of-
16 way are you following the Uniform Act? All of those types of things is what
17 we'll be interested in receiving reports on, so just so you have some idea
18 of what we'll be looking for.

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20 Love: And if I understand right this is going to start at the November 5th
21 meeting?

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23 Wray: It's the, this is November 5th.

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25 Love: I mean December, yeah.

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27 Wray: December, actually I don't remember what the date is but the, at the
28 December TAC. So at the end of this month I'll be sending out e-mails to,
29 to all the, the jurisdictions that have projects and asking for updates on
30 them.

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32 Love: Any other questions or comments?

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34 **6. COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS**

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36 **6.1 City of Las Cruces, Dona Ana County, Town of Mesilla, Las Cruces**
37 **Public Schools, RoadRUNNER Transit, SCRTD Project Updates**

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39 Love: Okay we'll move on to item number six, Committee and Staff Comments.

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41 Wray: We don't really have any. Oh, yes. For a MPO staff perspective at the
42 December meeting we're going to be bringing the University Study
43 Corridor project before this Committee asking them to recommend
44 approval to the Policy Committee. Also, please mark on your calendars
45 December the second we're going to be having a public meeting regarding
46 the Missouri project. That's going to be at the Farm and Ranch Museum

1 but we don't have a specific time yet so please be watching for that. We
2 hope to have that completely finalized in the very near future. And that's
3 all for MPO staff updates.
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5 Love: Are we looking to receive updates from the other entities?
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7 Wray: Yes, please.
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9 Love: City of Las Cruces.
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11 Grijalva: Testing. Mr. Chairman. Just a quick update on the control number
12 LC00130 which is the El Paseo Safety Road Project. We have opened
13 bids and we have sent the bids and the recommendation award to South
14 Region Design. We received a notification today that we were good to
15 move forward with the contract so we'll be getting all paperwork on our
16 side to, to sign the contracts and move forward with that project.
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18 Update on LC00190 which is the Las Cruces Dam Trails Project. We
19 opened bids last month. We've already sent that to South Region Design
20 to get the recommendation for a contract award. We haven't received
21 notification yet so we're still waiting on, on them to, to review all the bids
22 and, and make sure that we got every, all the proper paperwork submitted.
23 And that'll be all.
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25 Love: Dona Ana County.
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27 Molina: Mr. Chair. On Dona Ana County G100030, that's Dripping Springs and
28 Baylor Canyon, that's out to bid right now. Bids close towards the middle
29 of December.
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31 LC00110, that's Camino Real and Dona Ana School Road intersection.
32 Preliminary right-of-way take mapping has been submitted to DOT for
33 review, awaiting response and the plans are at, also submitted to DOT for
34 review. That's all I've got. Thanks.
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36 Love: Town of Mesilla.
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38 Lujan: Mr. Chair. We don't have anything. Thank you.
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40 Love: Las Cruces Public Schools.
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42 Gregory: We're still doing weekly/monthly walking programs but our main focus so
43 far this go around is our classroom lesson plans on how to walk safely and
44 cross streets at, at our elementary schools right now. That's what's
45 keeping us busy right now is trying to get into those classrooms and get
46 them done at each school.

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2 Love: RoadRUNNER Transit.
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4 Bartholomew: Sorry I, I joined a little late today. I really don't have much other than to,
5 the, I believe a month ago I mentioned that the MPO had completed the
6 short-range service plan for transit and we'd like to bring that to Council for
7 adoption but the Department, Transportation Department Director right
8 now is working with the City Administration to see if we can find some
9 funding to implement it before, before, so we can bring the whole package
10 to City Council.
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12 **6.2 University Ave. Study Corridor Update, Missouri Ave. Study Corridor**
13 **Update, Short Range Transit Plan Update**
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15 - SEE ABOVE. NOTHING DISCUSSED
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17 **6.3 NMDOT Projects Update**
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19 Love: NMDOT project updates. Jolene, did you have anything?
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21 Herrera: Sure. I can take care of that. The first project, I-10 mill and inlay mile post
22 146 to 164.3 has a December bid opening so we're not doing anything
23 with that right now except waiting for bids to open.
24 The I-10 bridge replacement at Union, they're scheduled to do a
25 deck placement on Ramp E on November 7th which is this Saturday so
26 look for something from our District 1 office on that.
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28 Bartholomew: Is that going to affect Union underneath?
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30 Herrera: Probably. I'm not sure exactly how though I haven't talked to the project
31 manager but I'll make sure to get you ...
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33 Bartholomew: Cause we have a bus route that goes on Union underneath there.
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35 Herrera: Right, okay. I'll, I'll talk to our, who's taking care of our PIO duties right
36 now and make sure to get you something.
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38 The next project is the Missouri Bridge I-25 project. That's on schedule,
39 well it's actually a couple months ahead of schedule. They're moving very
40 well on that and traffic control seems to be really good. We haven't had
41 any issues there.
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43 Bartholomew: Is there a estimated opening time for Don, Don Roser? We're getting a
44 lot of questions about that.
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1 Herrera: Yeah and last time I asked that we were told indefinitely until they get the
2 work completed and so I don't think that that date has been nailed down
3 any more than that unfortunately. Sorry about that.
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5 The next I-10 pavement preservation project, mile post 133 to 146 that's
6 from Jackrabbit interchange to the I-10/I-25 interchange. I believe the pre-
7 con was last week and that one has a mandatory completion date of
8 November 2016 but we do have notes in there that the contractor will not
9 work in the vicinity of Union at the same time as that work is going on just
10 so there's not conflicting traffic control.
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12 The Valley Drive reconstruction project is still in the design phase and that
13 one is scheduled to open bids summer of 2017. And the next two are
14 railroad crossing projects and they're on schedule is what I heard from the
15 Rail Bureau. I'm not exactly sure what that means but if there's any
16 specific questions I can get those answered. And that's all.
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18 Love: Any other comments or questions on the project updates?
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20 **7. PUBLIC COMMENT**
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22 Love: Let's see, item number seven, public comment. Seeing none.
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24 **8. ADJOURNMENT (4:22 p.m.)**
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26 Love: We'll move to adjournment. Do I hear a motion?
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28 Bartholomew: I move we adjourn.
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30 Herrera: I second.
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32 Love: All in favor.
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34 MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.
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36 Love: We are adjourned.
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Chairperson