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## MESILLA VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

#### **AGENDA**

The following is the agenda for the Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) Technical Advisory Committee meeting to be held on **February 1, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.** in the **Doña Ana County Government Building, 845 Motel Blvd.**, Las Cruces, New Mexico. Meeting packets are available on the <u>Mesilla Valley MPO website</u>.

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1.	CALL TO ORDER	Chair
2.	APPROVAL OF AGENDA	Chair
3.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Chair
	3.1. January 4, 2018	_
4.	PUBLIC COMMENT	Chair
5.	DISCUSSION ITEMS	
	5.1. Discussion of the 2019-2020 UPWP	MPO Staff
	5.2. Presentation on the eSTIP	MPO Staff
6.	COMMITTEE and STAFF COMMENTS	
	6.1. City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, Town of Mesilla, Las Cruces Pub RoadRUNNER Transit, and SCRTD Project Updates	
	6.2. NMDOT Projects Update	
	6.3. MPO Staff Update	
<b>7.</b>	PUBLIC COMMENT	Chair
8.	ADJOURNMENT	Chair

1 2 3	ME	MESILLA VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE		
5 6 7 8 9	Mesilla Valle 2018 at 4:00	ey Metropolit p.m. in Com	s for the meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee of the an Planning Organization (MPO) which was held January 4, imission Chambers at Dona Ana County Government Building, ces, New Mexico.	
10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18	MEMBERS	PRESENT:	Mike Bartholomew (CLC Transit) (arrived 4:09) Michael Garza (DAC Flood Commission) Jolene Herrera (NMDOT) Rene Molina (DAC Eng.) Luis Marmolejo (DAC Planning) Lily Sensiba (EBID) Tony Trevino (CLC Public Works)	
19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27	MEMBERS	ABSENT:	David Armijo (SCRTD) Bill Childress (BLM) Todd Gregory (LCPS) Dale Harrell (NMSU) Soo Gyu Lee (CLC) Harold Love (NMDOT) Debbi Lujan (Town of Mesilla) Larry Shannon (Town of Mesilla)	
28 29 30 31 32	STAFF PRE	SENT:	Tom Murphy (MPO Staff) Andrew Wray (MPO Staff) Michael McAdams (MPO Staff) Dominic Loya (MPO)	
33 34	OTHERS P	RESENT:	Becky Baum, RC Creations, LLC, Recording Secretary	
35 36	1. CALL	TO ORDER	(4:05 PM)	
37 38 39 40	Marmolejo:	meeting, th	od afternoon everybody. We're going to call to order this e first meeting of 2018, January 4th, of the Mesilla Valley Planning Organization TAC Advisory Committee.	
41	2. APPR	ROVAL OF A	GENDA	
42 43 44 45	Marmolejo:		er two, approval of the agenda. Any changes to the agenda? I Motion to approve the agenda.	
46	Bartholomev	w: I move we	approve the agenda.	

1 2 3	Marmolejo:	Also real quick, I failed to do so is to please call out your names so we can get it on the record for our scorekeeper.		
4 5	Bartholomev	v: That scorekeeper.		
6 7 8	Herrera:	I second the motion.		
9 10	Trevino:	For roll, Tony Trevino, City of Las Cruces.		
11	Bartholomev	v: Are we doing roll right now or?		
12 13	Marmolejo:	Yes sir.		
14 15	Bartholomev	v: Mike Bartholomew, City of Las Cruces RoadRUNNER Transit.		
16 17	Molina:	Rene Molina, Dona Ana County Engineering.		
18 19	Garza:	Michael Garza, Dona Ana County Flood Commission.		
20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27	Marmolejo:	Luis Marmolejo, Dona Ana County Planning.		
	Sensiba:	Lily Sensiba, EBID.		
	Marmolejo:	Okay. And then item number three is calling out for election of officers.		
	Murphy:	Mr. Chair.		
28 29	Marmolejo:	Yes sir.		
30 31 32	Murphy:	We have a motion and a second on the approval of the agenda. We need a vote.		
33 34	Marmolejo:	I'm sorry. Okay. All in favor.		
35 36	MOTION AF	N APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.		
37 38	3. ELEC	CTION OF OFFICERS		
39 40	Marmolejo:	Now can I go on to three?		
41 42	Murphy:	Yes.		
43 44 45 46	Marmolejo:	Thank you. My bad. Okay so action number three we'll do election of officers, we can go with the Chair first or is there any particular order?		

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1 2 3	Murphy:	There's no set order. I guess open for nominations and then you guys fight it out.
4 5 6	Marmolejo:	Okay. As said, is there any motions for, let's go with election of the Chair. Is there any motions to elect a Chair, new Chair? Being none.
7 8	Herrera:	I have one.
9 10	Marmolejo:	Yes ma'am.
11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18	Herrera:	Mr. Chair. I motion that we elect Harold Love from the NMDOT as the Chair of the TAC.
	Marmolejo:	Okay. There's a motion made. I just want to bring something up that was brought up by DOT last time. Is it, will there be any conflict with your people on your end?
	Herrera:	No, because Harold doesn't serve in the same capacity
20 21	Marmolejo:	Okay.
22 23 24 25 26 27	Herrera:	As oversight of the MPO but I do and so there won't be any conflict of interest.
	Marmolejo:	Okay. We have a motion on the table to elect Harold Love from New Mexico DOT as Chair. Do I hear a second?
28 29	Trevino:	Second.
30 31	Marmolejo:	Okay. All in favor.
32 33	2 MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.	
34 35 36 37 38	Marmolejo:	Any opposed? And I'm wondering if there was going to be a second motion for anybody else. I don't see any. Okay and now also motion of the Vice-Chair. Do I see a motion to either keep or select, or a motion to elect another Vice-Chair?
39 40	Herrera:	Mr. Chair.
40 41 42	Marmolejo:	Yes ma'am.
42 43 44	Herrera:	I'd like to move that we elect Lily Sensiba from EBID as Vice-Chair.
45 46	Marmolejo:	It appears she's willing to accept the motion. I'll second that motion. Okay and go ahead and do the vote. All in favor.

1 2	2 MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.			
3 4 5 6	Marmolejo:	Any nays? No nays. Okay so congratulations Chair and Vice-Chair. And of that I will go ahead and move and allow Harold Love to take over the, he's not here? Okay Vice-Chair.		
7 8	Murphy:	We expected Harold to be here.		
9 10 11	4. APPR	OVAL OF MINUTES		
12	4.1	December 7, 2017		
13 14 15 16 17	Sensiba:	Okay. We move on then. So we'll move on to action item number four, the approval of minutes from December 7, 2017. Anybody have any changes?		
18 19 20 21 22	Bartholomew	or: On page 3 of the minutes, on line 14, I think the word "breakthrough" is supposed to be my name, Bartholomew there based on the pattern. And on page 7, line 21 just in the context of it I think the word should be "report" instead of "rapport."		
23 24	Murphy:	Staff's noted those.		
25 26	Sensiba:	And do we approve the minutes with the changes?		
27	Murphy:	As amended.		
28 29	Sensiba:	Right.		
30 31	Murphy:	Want to ask for a motion to		
32 33	Sensiba:	Motion to		
34 35	Murphy:	Approve as amended.		
36 37	Sensiba:	Yes. Do we have a motion to approve for the amended changes?		
38 39	Bartholomew	holomew: I move we approve the amended minutes.		
40 41	Trevino:	Second.		
42 43	Sensiba:	All in favor.		
44 45 46	MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.			

Sensiba: Motion approved.

## 5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Sensiba: And we have no public here, looks like.

#### 6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### 6.1 Presentation on the MVMPO Traffic Count Program

Sensiba: So we'll move on to item number six, the presentation of the traffic count.

Murphy:

Madam Chair I'd like to present for the Committee Dominic Loya, the Senior Planning Technician for the MPO. He's going to give a presentation on our traffic count program, kind of give you a little insight to some of the work that staff does on a daily basis.

#### DOMINIC LOYA GAVE HIS PRESENTATION.

Bartholomew: I just had a couple questions, with the traffic volume, the traffic count ones, is there effects by, because you're looking at a particular segment. Is there effects based by, like Telshor to Nacho stretch of Lohman, real close to Telshor which is a real heavy corridor so, I know because I drive home that way. There's a lot of traffic congestion and there's not a lot of cars moving through there very fast sometimes because of the crosstraffic on Telshor. Does that affect what, really how busy or heavily used the street is?

Loya:

Madam Chair, Mr. Bartholomew. It can affect, let me go ahead and bounce back to it, so a lot of times what you'll see especially in that section because there are two stoplights, it can affect the flow volume depending on the stoplights, how the cars hit the tubes. Also, this is a traffic count I happened to put out so I do know that at times a car may hit one tube but be parked in the middle of it so it does affect the volume counts slightly because of that and sometimes you can't see it especially with dips at certain times. So we do actually count all segments in that area so we can, and I don't believe we count them in the same year but, I take that back. We did count Telshor from Lohman to Foothills this year. So we can look at that and compare and see if we're seeing at times the way traffic is flowing.

Bartholomew: Okay. And my other question is just, on the speed ones do you sometimes get anomalies? Because I think on the one, I was looking at the Lohman one that you had, there was somebody at 4:00 in the afternoon that was at 65. I was wondering if that was anomaly or somebody really.

1 2 Loya: Madam Chair, Mr. Bartholomew. Sometimes you do get anomalies 3 because there can be two cars hitting fairly close together, but in some 4 cases it can be somebody playing "beat the light," especially in that area. 5 There are, I'm trying to, actually ... 6 7 Bartholomew: There's several at 70 too, I know. 8 9 There are several at 70 and at times, usually when we see them during Loya: 10 the day it's, a lot of times it's "beat the light." So they'll speed up, 11 especially if they think they can make both lights in that segment. In some 12 cases though it is just the fact that two cars hit so close together ... 13 14 Bartholomew: Okay. 15 16 That they appear to be going faster than they were. Loya: 17 Bartholomew: Thank you. 18 19 20 Marmolejo: I have a question. So most of your, maybe I'm wrong, most of your, can 21 you go to your map please? 22 23 Loya: Certainly. 24 25 On all of your counts where you laid out your, think you call them baskets? Marmolejo: 26 Okay. They're mostly taking a count of the built-up areas within the City 27 proper? 28 29 Loya: So we actually, across the entire MPO we take counts. Down here, this is 30 all out in the County, as well as we do north County and east County. We do have I believe the furthest out west we go is still within the City limits 31 32 because it's the airport. 33 34 Marmolejo: Right. 35 36 Loya: So we do collect on major roads within the County. That includes NM 28. 37 most of the major crossroads as well, all the way down to Berino. 38 39 Marmolejo: Like 185, I'm thinking like 185s and the 28s and the 478s. I mean do you 40 guys, when you guys pick up anything, a surge, how do you apply, what is 41 it that you guys do when you see some, a surge in traffic counts in a 42 certain roadway that's outside of the City limits? What is it that you guys, how will you apply that or do you just ... 43 44

Is it, are you talking specifically an increase?

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Loya:

Marmolejo: Yeah, an increase.

Loya:

In counts, so at that point then you would take a look further at it, seeing if something has changed in the area, land uses, things like that. If not it could be an anomaly at which point we would then recount it, if it turns out to be an anomaly. Now if land uses have changed as you would see out here, say, I can use this example right here. On the City's East Mesa you're going to see a change on North Main as counts go down because people have more, there's more land uses out there that are conducive to what they're doing, commercial, things like that, so you don't have to go as far into town, so we're going to see a drop on roadways on Main Street, whereas if that wasn't there, as it wasn't a few years ago, we're going to see high-volume traffic come down Main Street. So that's the first thing we do, is look to see what's changed, if there is anything that's changed. It could also simply be there's road construction and people are seeking alternate routes, such as if we were to count North Main right now we would come up with a much lower count because of the construction going on at Spitz, Three Crosses, and Solano.

Marmolejo: Because I see, down the road there's a, and Rene's familiar with this there's Vista Rancho subdivision's coming and it has up to like over 200 parcels. It's phased out but that's going to be, it's going to affect I think Elks Road, what's the other one, the Elks Road and that goes east, Taylor Road, and some other roads around that area. And when you have that kind of data does that, are you able to then start looking to or considering the widening or the, or coming up with funding for those roadways, or would that be like Dona Ana County would be the ones who would go that

 Loya:

So in that case we would provide you with the information and then Dona Ana County would have to decide what route they wanted to take, or the State, depending on if it's a State-funded roadway. So that's what we would do. We would just count it and say, "Okay. Here's what the map is. Here's what it says. We've increased over the last few years because as you said a new subdivision went in." And then you can look at it and say, "Maybe we need to widen this road or maybe we need to look for other ways to relieve pressure."

Marmolejo: Okay. Thanks.

route?

Trevino: Tony Trevino.

Molina: I will ...

45 Trevino: Go ahead Rene.

1 Molina: Go ahead. 2 3 Trevino: Mine's kind of more of a request. I was intrigued by the decrease in speed 4 along the Solano road diet. I wonder if we can kind of get some of that 5 information in Project Development because we're considering that for 6 South Main between Avenida de Mesilla and Valley Drive. We have a 7 segment between Avenida de Mesilla and Boutz that we're going to be 8 reconstructing so we have some right-of-way issues. We might, we're 9 considering actually a road diet there, but we're still pondering back and 10 forth. So I was kind of intrigued by the reduce in speed. So can you share some of that data with us? Who would be the one to contact, would 11 12 it be Andrew or who would I get this information from? 13 14 Loya: Actually you can go ahead and contact me and I will get you the 15 information that you need on that, the section of road as well as the areas 16 that we've done road diets before and some of them we do have the 17 before-and after, some of them depending on when the road diet went in, it may be four or five years in between. Because if the road diet went in in 18 19 the year we're supposed to count and during our count ... 20 21 Trevino: Right. 22 23 Loya: Then we wouldn't have been able to count it. 24 25 Trevino: Yeah, and that's understandable and the latest counts for those segments 26 would be great. So I'll be in touch by tomorrow or next week with you. 27 28 Loya: All right. 29 30 Trevino: Cool. Thanks man. 31 32 Molina: My question was related or in regards to the rating for the roadways and sidewalks and stuff. How did the, you all know that the City and the 33 34 County did, acquired services of IMS to do road rating on our roadways. 35 We did it, you guys, I think the City completed it probably two, three 36 months prior to us. But is there a comparison? Did you guys look at that 37 data, the road rating data that you guys have established versus what was 38 done by a consultant? 39 Mr. Molina. So no, we have not actually looked at the data from the 40 Loya: 41 consultant. This is just when our co-ops go out or they look at the road, they go, "Okay," and this is just for us to be able to say, "Okay, is there an 42 issue?" and it maybe something we might have to point out, saying, "Hey, 43 44 this," especially if we ended up with like a road rating of one where the 45 road's washed out, pavement's coming up, there are potholes everywhere,

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to where we can say, "There is an issue here." Most of this is for us but

it's also a way just to keep track of what's going on and, because if we're consistently getting nines and tens on a road over a couple of years that means it's being fairly well taken care of. If, yeah, there's a couple roads that because of how everything works with funding that you take care of when you can and it's just a way to keep track of kind of what's going on out there for us, just because that way we can also say if we see that dip in the volume of traffic going through there, the ADTs, we go, "Okay, maybe this is a reason." It's at least a reason that can be looked into.

Molina: Thank you.

Sensiba: Thank you. So anything else?

Bartholomew: I had one more question.

Sensiba: Okay.

Bartholomew: Do you have any information out like five-year trends in certain corridors, if you've seen any increases, decreases, has it stayed the same in the traffic volumes?

Loya:

Mr. Bartholomew. It, some do, as I said North Main, depending on what's going on in there because there's been construction over the last few years as well as we do see decreases at times. We don't necessarily track the trends unless they become something specific as in when North Main being reconstructed, we wanted to know what was going on along there, what the trends were. On North Main we did see a decrease in traffic and that included even before the construction, and that's before the round of construction that happened three years ago. There was a trend that was decreasing on traffic there. But as I said that's when you start looking at land uses. So what happened east of the highway, we ended up with a Wal-Mart, we ended up with more services out there, restaurants. So that can be one explanation to why we're seeing that trend, where is if you don't have to go all the way down to Albertson's to get groceries, you can go right there to Wal-Mart, more than likely people are going to Wal-Mart.

Bartholomew: Okay. Thank you.

Sensiba: There any other questions? Okay. Thank you.

#### 7. COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS

 7.1 City of Las Cruces, Dona Ana County, Town of Mesilla, Las Cruces Public Schools, RoadRUNNER Transit, SCRTD Project Updates

Sensiba: Moving on to item number seven, the Committee and staff comments.

We'll start with City of Las Cruces.

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Trevino: Just an update on two projects that are pretty much in the same status as last month. Roadrunner Parkway, the bid opening is set for January 11th. We did have quite a bit of contractors interested in the prebid so hopefully that is a fairly reasonable bid when we open that up. And Harrelson Road, still waiting on a few storm water and some access permits from NMDOT

before that one gets going. So that's it from my end.

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Sensiba: Okay. And Dona Ana County.

12 13 Molina:

Yeah. I got two projects. Soledad Canyon, again 70% plans were reviewed and we have meetings going with the utility companies for relocates but we're moving forward and looking at getting that one into construction in September 2018. And also, the next one is LC0110, I think. It's Dona Ana School and El Camino Real. We're working with DOT on right-of-way certification, have been, and soon after we'll move into construction. That's all. Thanks.

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Sensiba: Town of Mesilla. Nobody? Nope. Is anybody from the Public Schools here? No. RoadRUNNER Transit.

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Bartholomew: The City Council approved some route changes we're doing with our routes. We're going to add a route that we were running as more of a demonstration/relief route that provides 30-minute service between the West Picacho area and our intermodal center. That route will become a permanent route and it'll run the same hours throughout the week and Saturday as the other routes. We're also redesigning some routes to get service back onto Solano Avenue, which we had taken away on July 2016 when we changed the routes then. So our customers are going to be pretty happy with the route changes there as well. We're going to be also re-serving some other areas of the City with some other minor route changes. So we're looking forward to implementing the bulk of those in March of this year. We're going to make one change to what we call our Route 1 that serves the Elks Road and Del Rey area so that it goes the opposite direction around that loop. The reason we were planning that change is because the VA clinic opening up on Del Rey mid-February and we wanted to make sure the bus was on the same side of the road as the VA clinic. And then we do have the sad report from last week because we had our first-ever transit-related fatality last week on our system. So it's been guite an ordeal going through with that and by all accounts from our perspective it was not our driver's fault but the police report is still pending on that incident. But it was a pretty sad situation.

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Sensiba: SCRTD?

Bartholomew: They're not here.

Sensiba: No? Okay.

## 7.2 NMDOT Projects Update

Sensiba: NMDOT project updates.

 Herrera:

Thank you Madam Chair. Just a few updates for you. Tortugas Road and Thorpe Road are both done, the small sidewalk and drainage projects, so there shouldn't be any more barrels. Both contractors are doing punch-list items but it shouldn't be impacting traffic at all to those two roadways.

The big ones, Spitz/Solano/Three Crosses, beware when you drive out there, there is a traffic control change that was implemented today, so we are switching traffic from, let's see, from the southbound lane to the northbound lane so that we can reconstruct. Maybe vice versa. I don't know. Just be careful when you're going through there because the traffic control is changing. But we're still on schedule.

Bartholomew: Is that one still on track for completion in May ...

Herrera: Yes.

Herrera:

Bartholomew: Or whatever it is?

 Yeah. It's actually looking like the end of April as long as nothing crazy happens. We're on schedule and actually a little bit ahead. But I'm still going to say end of May.

And then the other project that's not currently under construction but will be soon is Valley Drive. We were finally able to award the project. We're still going through paperwork. The bids came in high again but this time they were only \$3 million over versus \$11 million over so that's good news. Hopefully we should be having construction out there in the next three to four months. And that's all I have.

Sensiba: Thank you.

## 7.3 MPO Staff Projects Update

Sensiba: MPO staff updates.

Murphy: We don't have anything new at this time.

## 8. PUBLIC COMMENT

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3	9. ADJ	OURNMENT (4:39 PM)
4 5 6	Sensiba:	So do we have a motion for adjourning?
7 8	Bartholome	w: I move we adjourn.
9 10	Herrera:	Second.
10 11 12	Sensiba:	All in favor.
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#### **AGENDA ITEM:**

5.1 Discussion of the 2019-2020 UPWP

#### **DISCUSSION:**

Mesilla Valley MPO Staff will present on the work done so far on the Federal Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

The UPWP is the biannual document that outlines the planning activities that Mesilla Valley MPO Staff will undertake over the next two years. The UPWP also includes a budget allocating staff time and funds to accomplishing the tasks. The UPWP must be in compliance with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

This meeting begins the public comment period of the FFY 2019-2020 UPWP.



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#### **AGENDA ITEM:**

5.2 eSTIP Presentation

#### **DISCUSSION:**

MPO Staff will present on the new State of New Mexico eSTIP.