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To Whom It May Concern:

The Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Policy Committee maintains a priority listing of transportation projects. This list, known as the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) provides a four (4) year, prioritized and financially constrained list of federal and state funded transportation projects for the Mesilla Valley MPO Area.

Although anyone can suggest a new project throughout the year, the MPO is required to publicize an Open Call for Projects every two years. As part of its commitment to public participation, the MPO invites citizens, stakeholders, and local governments to make project recommendations to be considered for inclusion in the 2020 – 2025 TIP, which is scheduled to take effect on October 1, 2019.

The required TIP Application and Evaluation form is available on the MPO website in Word and PDF formats at: <http://mesillavalleympo.org/mpo-documents-resources/>.

Citizens and non-governmental stakeholders with a potential project of interest must coordinate with the jurisdiction which owns the transportation facility in question. All TIP applications must be submitted by transportation facility owners.

Project lead agencies must demonstrate their ability to secure the local monetary match, if applicable, and oversee the project through design, construction, and maintenance. All projects submitted to the MPO without prior approval may experience a delay and may not be included in the list of this year's call for projects.

Eligible projects include but are not limited to: roadway reconstruction, street/bicycle/pedestrian way construction, street lights, traffic signals, bridge improvements, and enhancement projects, such as landscaping and scenic preservation. Capital purchases and operating expenditures for public transportation are also eligible. Eligible projects must conform to the Mesilla Valley MPO's Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

Transit Projects

The public involvement procedures outlined in this Plan serve as the public participation process required for the development of transit projects as per Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Circular 9030.1E. The MPO and the City of Las Cruces, as the administrative agent for the MPO, address the transit Program of Projects requirements as per Federal Transit Administration Circular 9030.1E through the public involvement process for developing this TIP. In addition, the transit program of projects is included in the MPO Transportation Improvement Program each year, which is developed through a consultative process with interested parties, including private transportation providers.

The deadline for submitting applications to the Mesilla Valley MPO is the close of business on **February 22, 2019**.

Any interested person or entity may submit a project application to: Andrew Wray, Mesilla Valley MPO, P.O. Box 20000, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004, via email to Mr. Wray at awray@las-cruces.org, or hand deliver the application to the MPO at the Las Cruces City Hall, 700 N. Main St.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Mr. Wray at (575) 528-3070 or awray@las-cruces.org.

Sincerely,

Andrew Wray
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