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## MESILLA VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### AGENDA

The following is the agenda for the Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting to be held on **January 20, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.** in the **Doña Ana Commission Chambers, 845 Motel Boulevard**, Las Cruces, New Mexico. Meeting packets are available on the [Mesilla Valley MPO website](#).

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chair**
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chair**
3. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chair**
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chair**
  - 4.1. October 21, 2014 \_\_\_\_\_
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chair**
6. **ACTION ITEMS** \_\_\_\_\_
  - 6.1. Amendments to the 2014-2019 Transportation Improvement Program **MPO Staff**
7. **DISCUSSION ITEMS** \_\_\_\_\_
  - 7.1. MTP Update: Discussion of Bicycle Priorities Plan \_\_\_\_\_ **MPO Staff**
  - 7.2. MTP Update: Discussion of Pedestrian Priorities Plan \_\_\_\_\_ **MPO Staff**
  - 7.3. MTP Update: Discussion of Trail Plan \_\_\_\_\_ **MPO Staff**
  - 7.4. MTP Update: Annual Report \_\_\_\_\_ **MPO Staff**
  - 7.5. BFC Renewal Process Update \_\_\_\_\_ **MPO Staff**
8. **COMMITTEE and STAFF COMMENTS** \_\_\_\_\_
  - 8.1. Local Projects update \_\_\_\_\_ **CLC, DAC, TOM, NMSU Staff**
  - 8.2. NMDOT Projects update \_\_\_\_\_ **NMDOT Staff**
9. **PUBLIC COMMENT** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chair**



1                   **MESILLA VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**  
2                   **BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
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4   The following are minutes for the meeting of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities  
5   Advisory Committee of the Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)  
6   which was held October 21, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. in Commission Chambers at Dona Ana  
7   County Government Building, 845 Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico.  
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9   **MEMBERS PRESENT:**     George Pearson, Chair (City of Las Cruces Citizen Rep)  
10                                Jolene Herrera (NMDOT Rep)  
11                                Mark Leisher (DAC Citizen Rep)  
12                                Scott Farnham (City of Las Cruces Rep)  
13                                David Shearer (NMSU - Environmental Safety)  
14                                Ashleigh Curry (Town of Mesilla Staff)  
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16   **MEMBERS ABSENT:**     Leslie Kryder, Vice Chair (Bicycle Community Rep)  
17                                Karen Rishel (Bicycling Community Bicycle Rep)  
18                                Carlos Coontz (Pedestrian Community Rep)  
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20   **STAFF PRESENT:**       Tom Murphy (MPO)  
21                                Andrew Wray (MPO)  
22                                Orlando Fierro (MPO)  
23                                Michael McAdams (MPO)  
24                                Carol McCall (CLC Planner)  
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26   **OTHERS PRESENT:**     Jamie Lakey (NMSU)  
27                                Becky Baum, RC Creations, LLC, Recording Secretary  
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29   **1.     CALL TO ORDER**  
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31   Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.  
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33   **2.     APPROVAL OF AGENDA**  
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35   Pearson:     First order of business is approval of the agenda. Are there any changes  
36                   to the agenda?  
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38   Farnham:     Changes? Yes, on line 16,  
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40   Shearer:     No, this is the agenda.  
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42   Farnham:     Oh, the agenda, okay.  
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44   Pearson:     Okay, do we need a motion to go there or just accept the agenda? I don't  
45                   remember.  
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1 Shearer: I'll move to accept the agenda.  
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3 Pearson: And your name?  
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5 Shearer: David Shearer.  
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7 Herrera: Jolene Herrera, second.  
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9 Pearson: There's a motion and a second to accept the agenda, all in favor, aye?  
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11 All: Aye.  
12  
13 Pearson: Any opposed?  
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### 15 **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#### 16 **3.1 August 19, 2014**

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19 Pearson: Next is approval of the minutes, any discussion on the minutes?  
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21 Farnham: Line 16, first sentence, that last word is, should be Cutler.  
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23 Shearer: Which page?  
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25 Farnham: On page 24.  
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27 Shearer: Thirty-five.  
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29 Farnham: Line 16.  
30  
31 Pearson: Okay, any other comments?  
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33 Leisher: Mr. Chair, I had a couple comments on the members present, or members  
34 absent actually. Carlos Coontz was, is listed as Pedestrian Committee  
35 Representative, should be Pedestrian Community Representative. And  
36 Ashleigh Curry is listed as Town of Mesilla, I think she was Citizen  
37 Representative, but I thought she ...  
38  
39 Wray: She was still staff.  
40  
41 Pearson: She was still staff at that meeting? Okay, so, and then, so we should  
42 maybe show that the Town of Mesilla Citizen position is vacant. So that  
43 would be my, my amendment for the, for the minutes is to change  
44 "Committee" to "Community," under member absent and note that the  
45 Town of Mesilla Citizen position is vacant; any other changes, discussion  
46 to the minutes?

1  
2 Murphy: Yes, Mr. Chair. Tom Murphy from the MPO. And I'd, I'd, I apologize I  
3 don't have the specifics but after we had sent out the, the minutes, we  
4 also discovered some various typographical errors that we had changed in  
5 the master file. Nothing, nothing of substantial to the, to the discussion  
6 but there are, there are typos that were changed administratively.  
7  
8 Pearson: Okay, (*inaudible*) Okay, do I hear a motion to accept the minutes as  
9 amended?  
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11 Curry: I make the motion to accept.  
12  
13 Pearson: Second?  
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15 Shearer: I'll second.  
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17 Pearson: The motion is seconded to accept the minutes as amended, all in favor,  
18 aye.  
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20 All: Aye.  
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22 Pearson: Opposed?  
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24 **4. PUBLIC COMMENT – No public comment**  
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26 **5. DISCUSSION ITEMS**  
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28 **5.1 Bicycle Friendly Community Certification Renewal Discussion**  
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30 Pearson: We'll go to our discussion item 5.1 which is the Bicycle Friendly  
31 Community Certification Renewal Discussion.  
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33 Murphy: Excuse me Mr. Chair, with us today is Carol McCall from the Community  
34 Development Department for the City of Las Cruces and she will be, she  
35 will be spearheading the City's application efforts for the bicyclist  
36 community this go-round and I believe the Committee wanted to have her  
37 in here to (*inaudible*) if we had any, any opening words you wanted to  
38 speak to the (*inaudible*). I'll turn the mic over to her, to Carol.  
39  
40 Pearson: Please.  
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42 Carol McCall gave a presentation.  
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44 Pearson: One thing is, anybody that's interested in participating in this should  
45 participate.  
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1 Pearson: November 13th, what, what day is it?  
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3 McAdams: I believe it's a Thursday.  
4  
5 Curry: Carol, I don't know if you're interested, but I have a biking class if you  
6 want to see any of that next week, Monday morning at Conlee  
7 Elementary, if you want to see what bike education looks like in action.  
8  
9 McCall: Okay.  
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11 Curry: In the schools.  
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13 McCall: What time, at the beginning of school?  
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15 Curry: Eight, 8:15 to 9:15.  
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17 Pearson: And then we're doing our bike basics class on Saturday from eight 'til ten  
18 at Peace Lutheran.  
19  
20 McCall: Every Saturday?  
21  
22 Pearson: No, we just do it, it's been the fourth Saturday of the month in spring and  
23 fall but this is the last one that we're doing. We didn't do one for  
24 November. Usually, we don't do December, January and we didn't  
25 schedule it for November for whatever reason.  
26  
27 McCall: So it's the last Saturday and it'll be this coming Saturday?  
28  
29 Pearson: Generally, but it's this coming Saturday.  
30  
31 McCall: What time?  
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33 Pearson: Eight o'clock in the morning.  
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35 McCall: Sorry. I'm having a yard sale. You're all welcome to come. But you know  
36 what? The other thing I wanted to mention that I, I talked a little bit about  
37 this earlier with one of my colleagues is ways that the, the City can help  
38 just through what we already have in place and that's the Public  
39 Information Office getting information through our various databases so  
40 like your, your bicycle education classes, anything that you might want the  
41 public to come to or that, that, you know might be of interest, we can put  
42 out since the City is a partner in all this. We can put out through the  
43 Public Information Office. The other thing that we talked a little bit about  
44 at, at one of the last meetings is using our Public Information Office to,  
45 and, and CLC TV Channel 20 on cable to put videos and the League of  
46 American Bicyclists has a, a whole library of various videos on lots of

1 various topics, short ones and longer ones and promotional ones and feel-  
2 good ones and teaching ones, so we would also be able to show those on  
3 Channel 20 because of this project and, and it, it's my understanding that  
4 they're free, but I'll have to, but it doesn't matter because we can still, we  
5 can still do it. So that is a really cool thing. The, the one we looked at at  
6 the meeting was about the Indianapolis program, and the thing that I liked  
7 about it is that the mayor was the, on-camera narrator and he was just so  
8 gung-ho about it and it, it really, you know I just imagined our Council and  
9 our staff people and everybody in the community looking at that video and  
10 just sort of going, "Oh, wow." So ...  
11  
12 Pearson: Yeah, there are some fairly active mayors. I think the mayor of Fort Worth  
13 actually does a, community meetings on bicycles, rides through and does  
14 her community meetings on a bicycle. Some of the other mayors know  
15 about, I mean the mayor of Chicago is very interested in, in the,  
16 promoting, they're trying to do like 25 miles of cycle track a year for the  
17 next, for four years.  
18  
19 McCall: Wow.  
20  
21 Pearson: And New York City's put in all sorts of cycle tracks and some of those  
22 things are geared more towards larger urban areas, but we're still an  
23 urban area and we need to do the right thing.  
24  
25 McCall: Yep, we do.  
26  
27 Shearer: For what it's worth, if you're interested, it's University, but we're going to  
28 do a, a bicycle family youth education, it's actually the same day as  
29 Homecoming, it's the November 8th. It's at the Safety Office, we're  
30 actually directing it to the, the families and youth that are right next to us,  
31 was, we're going to have City Codes is going to come in for bicycle safety  
32 and (*inaudible*) some bicycle repair that they, the buses are going to come  
33 and show them how to use the carriers and ...  
34  
35 McCall: Oh, cool.  
36  
37 Shearer: And so, it, it ...  
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39 McCall: Yeah. Who's, who's the Code, do you, do you know the, do you recall the  
40 Codes person who's going to come?  
41  
42 Shearer: (*inaudible*).  
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44 Herrera: It's Rudy.  
45  
46 McCall: Who?

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2 Shearer: Rudy.  
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4 McCall: Rudy, okay.  
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6 Shearer: We, we just got the Bronze so we're going to mark it down as one of those  
7 things we do later (*inaudible*).  
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9 McCall: For NMSU?  
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11 Shearer: Yeah.  
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13 McCall: Oh, that's great.  
14  
15 Shearer: (*inaudible*).  
16  
17 McCall: Okay.  
18  
19 Pearson: The league's awarding the University awards tomorrow and UNM has  
20 applied, so I'll find out if they're successful or not.  
21  
22 Curry: I have a quick question if I may. I think it's in relation to all of this. The  
23 Las Cruces Magazine did an interview, was doing interviews around town  
24 for bicycle-related things to, specifically pertaining to (*inaudible*) and they  
25 were asking if there was one central point of where people can get  
26 information about anything bicycling and I don't know of one, one source  
27 in Las Cruces where you can get all the information about coming things  
28 or anything bicycling-related. That's something that we could put on as  
29 kind of a goal so that we then can figure out some agency where  
30 (*inaudible*) could ...  
31  
32 McCall: Well, unofficially I think it's him but I think it's supposed to be me, at least  
33 for the City. We talked a little bit about that earlier, about what, what my  
34 role would be and whether I would just be, you know, putting the  
35 application together or if I am sort of the new bicycle person for the City  
36 and we don't have a bicycle person, so for now it's, it's me. It may be  
37 somebody else in the future.  
38  
39 Pearson: Yeah, I think as a Committee and as the MPO, we've done our part with  
40 the Resolution that we brought forward recommending that each entity  
41 appoint a bike pad contact, and then of course we continue to encourage  
42 that the entities implement that.  
43  
44 Curry: Even having just one of those entities kind of heading up an informational  
45 website or whatever it is, but if there are rides coming up or family events



1 or educational events or engineering things, then it's the kind of place you  
2 could post the ...  
3  
4 Pearson: Well, the important one is the City because they're the ...  
5  
6 Curry: Sure.  
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8 Pearson: The big population one.  
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10 Murphy: I, and for those of you who're not aware of why the MPO has stepped  
11 back from coordinating the application, that's a, it's, as we're federally  
12 funded it's a, it's a question of whether it's an appropriate, you know  
13 expenditure, is this something that's solely benefiting the City or you know  
14 should the City be spending its own local monies on that? That being  
15 said, I mean we are setting our, setting ourselves up as a resource and  
16 data center so I think as far as it's information that's already compiled, you  
17 know already exists, I think we can certainly house that with the MPO,  
18 become a singular point of contact for people looking for information. I  
19 think that's appropriate.  
20  
21 Curry: And who would the contact person at the MPO be for that particular?  
22  
23 Murphy: I mean right now it should be you know anybody, you know it should just  
24 be the MPO staff itself and then as, as workflows ebb and flow I think you  
25 know that'll, that'll probably, probably shift, but we, we have a, a general  
26 address [mpo@las-cruces.org](mailto:mpo@las-cruces.org) that ...  
27  
28 Curry: Okay.  
29  
30 Murphy: We all, we all receive that, so ...  
31  
32 Curry: Okay.  
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34 Murphy: That should be the one used for communications.  
35  
36 Curry: Okay.  
37  
38 Shearer: Do you know whether you plan on having a web page or activities or  
39 anything like that? I, we tried to do that on the Safety app program,  
40 [bikes@nmsu](mailto:bikes@nmsu) or web page we had there and (*inaudible*) possibly trying to  
41 keep up with (*inaudible*). It would helpful I think to have someplace that  
42 some of these groups can advertise their events coming down.  
43  
44 Curry: Exactly.  
45

1 Murphy: You know, our, our web pages are undergoing a, a major overhaul so  
2 we're in the process of, of doing that. We've kind of pared down to the, to  
3 the vital core information so that, so that nothing gets lost in transition.  
4 Once that's complete I think we can talk about adding it. We're also,  
5 pursuant to the Public Participation Plan, we're investigating use of social  
6 media, perhaps a Facebook page would be a, a great place to do that and  
7 that's something that we are looking into.  
8

9 McCall: I did, Andrew and I are both editors for the new, the new website for our  
10 department along with a few other people and so I did start a BFC page,  
11 but all it says is "Bicycle Friendly Community Coming Soon" so, cause I  
12 didn't have a lot to, to fill in but maybe we can talk together about how  
13 maybe we can both have access to it and then whenever we hear about  
14 anything we can just you know keep it posted there, only maybe not on  
15 the events calendar Andrew. It's been a nightmare.  
16

17 Pearson: So the other thing that Southern New Mexico Bicyclists will be doing is  
18 January 6th we're going to have a planning meeting at Beck's Coffee at  
19 6:00; where we try to plan out the next year's things that we're going to be  
20 involved with and also try to identify other things that are happening, so  
21 that's where we would decide the bicycle basics for Safe Routes to  
22 School. We've been doing three in the spring and a couple in the fall.  
23

24 McCall: Is that the sort of thing that you open to the public or like something that,  
25 that PIO could announce or that we could have on the TV station, like that  
26 that's going to happen, or, or do you want to wait until after you've got  
27 everything planned?  
28

29 Pearson: Well, that's where we set up the calendar so if somebody's interested in  
30 having an event, we pretty much, if they're interested in us participating in  
31 the event, then they need to be there.  
32

33 McCall: Okay.  
34

35 Pearson: So like if some Boy Scout or Girl Scout troop wants to do a bike event with  
36 us and knows about us then that's when, that's the opportunity to come to  
37 the table and say, "We'd like to do this one," could we schedule it?"  
38

39 McCall: Well if you want we can work together on a press release and send it out.  
40

41 Pearson: Okay.  
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43 McCall: Through PIO. They've got a, you know pretty broad net as you know.  
44

45 Pearson: So, any other comments on this?  
46

1 McCall: Gosh, you guys letting me off easy. Thought I'd be ...  
2  
3 Pearson: The deadline's still months away. When it gets closer, then it gets worse,  
4 right?  
5  
6 Curry: I, I do have one more quick question. Speaking of Beck's Coffee, they  
7 were wondering how to become a bicycle-friendly business, so I don't  
8 know ...  
9  
10 McCall: Oh, yeah.  
11  
12 Curry: If that's a condition that we had but how can we encourage other  
13 businesses to become bicycle-friendly businesses?  
14  
15 McCall: There is, there is. When you go to the website, they have different  
16 leagues.  
17  
18 Pearson: The League of American Bicyclists.  
19  
20 McCall: Yeah.  
21  
22 Pearson: Bikeleague.org.  
23  
24 McCall: Then, then you can click on Bicycle-Friendly America and then it says  
25 Business, Community, University. So there are things and, and that might  
26 be, that might be a good way to, we could pull in the Green Chamber  
27 maybe and try to rally ...  
28  
29 Pearson: Right.  
30  
31 McCall: And get all the businesses.  
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33 Pearson: There are three if I remember right statewide, three businesses in the  
34 State or maybe four: General Mills in Albuquerque, BTI which is a bicycle  
35 parts distributor, maybe there's only three, and Outdoor Adventures.  
36  
37 McCall: Well, at least we're on the map.  
38  
39 Leisher: We need a (*inaudible*) on there?  
40  
41 Pearson: Outdoor Adventure. Mesilla Valley Co-Op or whatever, Mountain View  
42 Market, that's what they're ...  
43  
44 McCall: Mountain View Market?  
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1 Pearson: They had applied a couple of years ago but they, I think they got close to  
2 an honorable mention or something but, so they went through the process  
3 once and they were hoping to have better cooperation with their landlord  
4 for better bike parking I think is really what they were looking at. Because  
5 otherwise their activity, they're very involved in some of these events that  
6 we've been doing.  
7

8 McCall: Yeah, yeah that's a great idea.  
9

10 Pearson: In planning out the May's bike month events that's kind of where, kind of a  
11 key element. That's something we can probably discuss at the January  
12 meeting too. We didn't really have anything last year. The Mayor  
13 volunteered that he would ride in the Mayor's Downtown Bike Ride and  
14 then, then couldn't make it. Had to be polite on the record.  
15

16 McCall: Yeah. Yea, things like that you really do have to know, you know a long  
17 time in advance to get ...  
18

19 Pearson: Right, so that's, last year we had this meeting and it worked, so we're  
20 going to do it again, and because the other time, year before we just kind  
21 of, it was real hit or miss as to whether anybody was available or we rely  
22 on Tammy for some of these things and she has tour schedules so she  
23 has to work those in. Okay? Well, thank you for coming Carol.  
24

25 McCall: Thank you. Thank you all, and I'll get maybe a contact list from, from you  
26 guys and send out some stuff and just make sure that everything gets  
27 passed along to you through Tom and Andrew.  
28

29 Shearer: But (*inaudible*) ask a question. Channel 20, you talked about introducing,  
30 is, is that available?  
31

32 McCall: Well, it's on cable.  
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34 Shearer: It's on cable.  
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36 McCall: It's a, yeah, it's the, the City's TV station, but you can access it on the  
37 internet; if you just go to the City of Las Cruces and up in the corner  
38 search for CLC-TV, there'll be a link there where you can watch live or  
39 watch archived City Council meetings, but they have little, you know there  
40 are little programs that they produce and things like the weather and today  
41 in history you know stuff that's always on.  
42

43 Pearson: They produce like a City Beat or something which highlights the part of the  
44 city ...  
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46 McCall: Yeah. Yeah.

1  
2 Shearer: But you're saying that there are public programs on bicycling safety, on  
3 bicycle use, or on, what ...  
4  
5 McCall: On, on the web, on the, the League of American Bicyclists website.  
6  
7 Shearer: But that's not on this cable TV?  
8  
9 McCall: No but, but they have agreed to show them, so, to show them on, on the  
10 TV station so I just have to find out whether there's a cost and how we do  
11 it.  
12  
13 Shearer: That's good.  
14  
15 McCall: If we download it or if there's an FTP site or if they send us a disk.  
16  
17 Shearer: So the PSAs that are on their, their web page.  
18  
19 McCall: Yeah.  
20  
21 Shearer: Yeah, I, yeah, I've seen this (*inaudible*) ...  
22  
23 McCall: And they're, you know they're really high production value. Some of them  
24 are real short you know little punchy things.  
25  
26 Shearer: Okay.  
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28 Pearson: The League took their Bike 1-2-3 curriculum ...  
29  
30 Shearer: Right.  
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32 Pearson: And turned it into the short pieces, so I mean, the whole curriculum's nine  
33 hours and the classroom part's like four hours, but it covers all, all the  
34 different things; how to ride, how to do intersections, stopping, signaling,  
35 you know braking, a lot of different pieces and they break them up. I  
36 haven't looked at them for a while, but they're probably four- or five-minute  
37 pieces.  
38  
39 McCall: That would be cool. If we, you know we could maybe do it like show one  
40 for a week and then show the next one you know? Just repeat it a  
41 number of times or show a series, two or three or four of them over the  
42 course of a week repeating and then do it again and then you know go to  
43 the next ones. That would be kind of cool.  
44

1 Shearer: Well, it would be interesting. Yeah, we, we tried to find out, I tried to find  
2 out about the University TV station broadcasting to see if we can put some  
3 PSAs before the game or after a game (*inaudible*).  
4

5 McCall: Yeah. Well, and you know if they're, if they're nonprofit it might be the sort  
6 of thing that, that KRWG can put on you know at the end of a program that  
7 ends at 10 'til 9 and they've got that ten-minute chunk of time that they've  
8 got to fill up. You know they might be interested in that if they're not very  
9 expensive or if they don't cost anything that would be, but that would be  
10 kind of ...  
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12 Pearson: That might be where we can take that, where the League has our logo and  
13 add the City of Las Cruces logo to partner up with them.  
14

15 McCall: Yeah or the MPO logo.  
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17 Pearson: Right, whatever.  
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19 McCall: Logo I mean lot of different ways, NMSU all of them, yeah.  
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21 Shearer: Yeah. Enforcement's always one that is curious to me and I've seen this  
22 lots and lots and (*inaudible*).  
23

24 McCall: Well they do have a database but the gentleman that came to the meeting  
25 is Rob Benavidez and he said that he would be the one to get the  
26 enforcement data for us and then there's another gentleman whose name  
27 I don't remember; two or three people have been assigned to this so I can  
28 pass those along to you. Do you guys, do you want the extra copies or  
29 George has an, has it electronically and I also do, so if you're interested,  
30 do you want one? And here's the other one you can have. Well thank  
31 you.  
32

33 Shearer: When does the current designation run out?  
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35 McCall: Well, I think it's the spring. It's every four years and I guess we applied in  
36 2011 so it'll be time next year, yeah. Hopefully, I think what we're thinking  
37 in the Department is spring you know and depending on if we get  
38 everything compiled but that's, that's my hope that that we can apply in  
39 the spring.  
40

41 Shearer: Next spring?  
42

43 McCall: Yeah, I don't know.  
44

45 Pearson: June or July is what I remember when it expires.  
46

1 McCall: Is when, when it's due?  
2  
3 Pearson: Yeah, cause ...  
4  
5 Shearer: Yeah I think it (*inaudible*).  
6  
7 Pearson: It's a different cycle for, than the University cycle. It's off by a couple of  
8 months probably and so ...  
9  
10 McCall: But it would be neat if we, since we've got, you know NMSU, if we get  
11 some more businesses rolling and, and I don't even know, I don't know if  
12 there's a County, is there a County designation? I don't know whether  
13 they've got a chance but ...  
14  
15 Pearson: Well, the City and the County have the opportunity to be bicycle-friendly  
16 businesses.  
17  
18 McCall: Oh. That's another avenue.  
19  
20 Pearson: The City of Austin I believe is a bicycle-friendly business.  
21  
22 McCall: That's another avenue. Great. I'm going to go vote.  
23  
24 Shearer: Oh, 20, 25 minutes.  
25  
26 Pearson: Okay, so our next ...  
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28 McCall: Thanks again.  
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30 Pearson: Thank you.  
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32 **5.2 BPAC Annual Report**  
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34 Pearson: Our next discussion item is the annual report.  
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36 Tom Murphy gave a presentation.  
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38 Pearson: Is that like a main, most important thing is just picking a spot and adding  
39 the data in one spot where you can go back to compare year to year.  
40  
41 Murphy: Right, yeah that's a key, key to having an evaluation and this is kind of,  
42 you know and we expect to make some great leaps forward with the  
43 transportation plan update as you know you're probably aware, we need  
44 to, we need to start adopting performance measures for the MPO area  
45 and ideally those performance measures will, will carry all, you know ...  
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1 Pearson: Right.  
2  
3 Murphy: All modes will be represented within those, so essentially I think we're,  
4 we're at a starting point with that. Also recently completed, we've gotten  
5 the framework for our asset management program, bicycle and pedestrian  
6 friend, pedestrian facilities, excuse me, are vital parts of our transportation  
7 assets as a whole, and as we implement that program that'll be an  
8 ongoing, ongoing record of what types of, what types of assets that we  
9 have.  
10  
11 Pearson: So when we ask for lane miles of bicycle, bicycle lanes and bicycle  
12 facilities, in-road facilities ...  
13  
14 Murphy: Right.  
15  
16 Pearson: About lanes you'll (*inaudible*).  
17  
18 Murphy: Ideally, ideally at some point we'll be able to even you know, you know,  
19 interact it on the web page so we could tell you, you know you could look it  
20 up, you know, anybody can look it up at any time. That would be, that  
21 would be the goal but we're currently in the process of trying to, trying to  
22 make sure we have that information and that we have it right. And, and  
23 then also I guess kind of include for, just kind of show the starting point of  
24 where we're at and the data that's, you know that's previously existed.  
25 Andrew put up on the, on the screen the current bicycle facilities within the  
26 MPO area broken down by multi-use path, bicycle lane, share the road.  
27 Just a quick look, you know it, it's not accurate, not entirely accurate.  
28 We're also, we're currently utilizing our co-ops to go out and audit this  
29 data and then we'll have that information transcribed over to the City GIS  
30 people who will, who will get it corrected but, I think this is our beginning of  
31 having that ongoing record.  
32  
33 Shearer: Is the key on the map?  
34  
35 Wray: It is. It's, I had to scroll in so.  
36  
37 Murphy: And I forgot, we're all sitting at the table so I'll go ahead and pass around  
38 my hard copy of, of the map in case you need to look at it more closely.  
39  
40 Herrera: Mr. Chair.  
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42 Pearson: Yes.  
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44 Herrera: Can I ask Tom, what the last bullet there, MPO staff also worked on  
45 updating the bicycle suitability map; what exactly do you mean by  
46 suitability?



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2 Murphy: One of, one of the publications that we've had for the last several years is  
3 we've, we created, through working closely with this Committee a bicycle  
4 suitability map for the Mesilla Valley region. What we've, what that does it  
5 takes the major thoroughfares and it evaluates it on, on speed limit, traffic,  
6 traffic, or automobile traffic level, type of bicycle facility present, and we  
7 have it rated green, orange, red I believe are the colors in the color code,  
8 with green being more appropriate for bicycle use, so a lower speed, lower  
9 volume with a bicycle lane would you know would pop up bright green  
10 whereas a high-speed arterial with no bicycle facilities would, would show  
11 up as red. We, we publish that, we distribute it to various places, bike,  
12 bicycle shops, what's, believe it's downloadable as a PDF off the website,  
13 and people use that to kind of plan their, their bicycle riding.  
14  
15 Herrera: Okay. Thank you. I thought that's what you meant, but I just wanted to be  
16 sure.  
17  
18 Pearson: So are you going to put the other report that's, has these numbers or  
19 what's the, what's the delivery look like?  
20  
21 Murphy: We can, we can publish this in a, in a report level. I think, I think probably  
22 one of the, the feedback we want to get from this committee this afternoon  
23 is, "Is this a complete enough picture from what you, what you know is  
24 happening, happening with the MPO and what's happening with bicycle  
25 and pedestrian issues in the, in the region?" And we'll, and then we'll  
26 publish that on the, on the website.  
27  
28 Farnham: For what it's worth, I think you're, you're missing a bike lane across the  
29 campus. Stewart Street says bike lanes going the length of it for four  
30 years now.  
31  
32 Murphy: Thank you.  
33  
34 Herrera: Also, Tom, there's not much talk about the County other than down here  
35 at the bottom about the, the miles of bike facilities. Are they just not very  
36 engaged with the MPO on this stuff or it's mostly just talking about what  
37 you've done with the City and then, you know what you're doing obviously  
38 within the MPO? I'm just curious on what's the County been up to.  
39  
40 Murphy: A lot of, lot of times we are constrained by the response that we get. We  
41 didn't get a, we didn't get a response from the Town of Mesilla either.  
42 That being, that being said with the work of our co-ops that are out, that  
43 are out in the entire MPO region and we'll be able to, we'll be able to at  
44 least know the facilities that bike lanes are on in the County if we, even if  
45 we don't get a, a precise measurement of mileage.  
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1 Herrera: Thank you. That's kind of what I expected.  
2  
3 Curry: Tom, the Town of Mesilla did not, the Town of Mesilla did not respond to  
4 inquiries. Was there something that I could've done to help get more  
5 information out of the Town of Mesilla?  
6  
7 Wray: In this particular instance the request went through the Public Works  
8 Department of the Town of Mesilla and I, I didn't get a response.  
9  
10 Curry: Okay. Are you still hoping for a response? Would you like me to see if I  
11 can go to *(inaudible)* ...  
12  
13 Wray: Sure.  
14  
15 Curry: And what, what were the specific inquiries? Could you, you know what I  
16 mean?  
17  
18 Wray: I, I specifically asked them ... well, I'll e-mail you as well but I specifically  
19 asked them how many lane, how many lane miles of bike facilities they  
20 have within the town limits.  
21  
22 Curry: Okay.  
23  
24 Pearson: cause some of that's NMDOT.  
25  
26 Wray: *(inaudible)*  
27  
28 Curry: It is. Yes.  
29  
30 Wray: But that, that still falls within ...  
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32 Curry: The Town of Mesilla.  
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34 Wray: The Town of Mesilla, so that's ...  
35  
36 Murphy: The Town of Mesilla, so that's ...  
37  
38 Pearson: So you're expecting these *(inaudible)* to report, or the County to report like  
39 the New Mexico 28 outside of city limits?  
40  
41 Wray: Yes.  
42  
43 Murphy: But I mean I think we want the report by, by jurisdiction not by ownership.  
44  
45 Pearson: Right.  
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1 Herrera: I guess my other comment would be looks good to me. I think that this is  
2 really a good thing to let us all know kind of what's been happening  
3 throughout the year. You guys do a lot of work, MPO staff does a lot of  
4 work that we just don't see a whole lot, so I think it's good to give the  
5 committee an understanding of what you guys are doing, cause it's a lot,  
6 so thank you.  
7

8 Pearson: And I think once it's done we should bring it forward to the Policy  
9 Committee as a report from this Committee.  
10

11 Leisher: Mr. Chair, should we include anything that's in the future, like Dripping  
12 Springs, Baylor Canyon, any of that stuff?  
13

14 Pearson: I don't, I think that, when it happens, it happens. Planning and conditions  
15 are two different things I think.  
16

17 Herrera: But kind of to more explain, I wonder if it would be good and I think we've  
18 talked about this before at another committee meeting maybe a long time  
19 ago, but setting goals for the committee kind of ...  
20

21 Pearson: Right.  
22

23 Herrera: At the beginning of the year so we know exactly what it is that we want to  
24 accomplish as a committee during the year, so I kind of think you do have  
25 a point there. Maybe this isn't the appropriate place for it but keeping  
26 track of that kind of stuff or just you know whatever.  
27

28 Pearson: Right, I think that's something that we'd try to do is just maybe two years  
29 ago even we had like four goals for the year. We had the TAP  
30 applications have to work through, we have the ... I can't remember now,  
31 I'd have to go back to the minutes. But so that's something to think about  
32 for our January meeting.  
33

34 Curry: With, with the TAC application due mid-December, is that right Tom?  
35

36 Murphy: Yes, December 19th.  
37

38 Curry: Is, right is there anything that, that pertains to bicycling that's going to be  
39 put forth in that TAP application? Have you heard of anybody proposing  
40 anything that's bicycling-related cause it seems like a great opportunity to  
41 get funding for, whether it be off-road paths or in-lane or whatever.  
42

43 Murphy: Right, this is, yeah, the TAP, the TAP funds and the, the, also the  
44 recreational trail funds are ...  
45

46 Curry: Right.

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2 Murphy: Being considered at the same point, as well as surface transportation  
3 funds which you know ...  
4  
5 Curry: Right.  
6  
7 Murphy: Which are eligible to be used on these types of projects as well? That  
8 said, I have not received any communication from any public entity about  
9 anything that needed planning as of yet, so I would say maybe go back to  
10 your, go back to your jurisdictions and remind them that this, this call is out  
11 there and encourage them to submit you know any projects that ...  
12  
13 Curry: So for example was the Town of Mesilla notified about the TAP  
14 application?  
15  
16 Murphy: Yes.  
17  
18 Curry: Okay and that was to David Lujan, Public Works?  
19  
20 Murphy: We sent it, I sent it to the MPO mailing list, so all the, you know the, the  
21 Trustees got them, Mayor Barraza got it.  
22  
23 Curry: Okay.  
24  
25 Murphy: Debbie got it, and I think there are some other staff members in Mesilla  
26 that got it, too.  
27  
28 Herrera: And just a note on that, universities are eligible so ...  
29  
30 Pearson: Yeah, I think I did, did want to touch on the TAP and the RTP, but that's  
31 kind of, that's more of the staff and committee update. I think we're done  
32 with the ...  
33  
34 Murphy: Okay.  
35  
36 Pearson: Annual report and ready for staff comments and local updates.  
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38 **6. COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS**  
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40 **7.1 Local Projects update**  
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42 Pearson: So can you tell us about the TAP and when that is?  
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44 Murphy: Actually, local projects I probably want to let Scott go ahead and go first  
45 since I know he's got to get out of here. He, he's got some, he's got  
46 handouts ...

1  
2 Pearson: Okay.  
3  
4 Murphy: On the Idaho Road guide.  
5  
6 Farnham: Okay, from the last meeting there was a request to get additional  
7 information on the Cutler projects and so I, the handout has several of the  
8 roadways that will be essentially re-striped the way it was before. There is  
9 one new roadway and that's on Lakeside Drive that has new striping on it.  
10 The handouts are, I noticed are black and white and a little bit hard to  
11 read. I did send Andrew a, a PDF file of each of these and that might be  
12 easier to see and read what the stripes are. The bike lane, or the bike  
13 lanes are these streets that have been addressed are, include Hadley  
14 Avenue from Valley Drive to 17th Street, Locust Avenue from University  
15 Avenue to Missouri, Lohman Avenue from Telshor Boulevard to 500 feet  
16 east of Nacho Drive, Solano Drive from Foster Road to Lohman Avenue,  
17 and Telshor Boulevard from University Avenue to Foothills Road.  
18  
19 Pearson: So the Idaho, the City Manager included in his newsletter that they're get,  
20 you're going to do a road diet there but then they also said no bicycle  
21 facilities which is somewhat confusing.  
22  
23 Leisher: So what part of Idaho's going (*inaudible*)?  
24  
25 Farnham: I'm not sure.  
26  
27 Murphy: Idaho is actually going to be done by the Transportation Department,  
28 Willie Roman. The segment is from El Paseo to Main Street and when I  
29 saw the City Manager newsletter that's the first time I heard that it wasn't  
30 being striped by cyclists, but it is being reduced to, to three lanes and I  
31 think they're not, they're not against in the future striping it, but it ...  
32  
33 Pearson: So we don't know if they're putting in a, a shoulder lane or, not shoulder  
34 lane but a shoulder that ... it's a (*inaudible*) turned into a bike lane but at  
35 Idaho it would just be a shoulder that's not going to be marked with  
36 signage or stencil is what I ...  
37  
38 Murphy: Right, yeah, I'm not, I'm not sure when we had provided them crash data  
39 on it and it's, you know when, when the newsletter came out that was the  
40 first I had heard of it, so I need to, I need to follow up with Mr. Roman and  
41 kind of get some more details.  
42  
43 Pearson: Cause I did send them an e-mail yesterday I guess and didn't get a  
44 response asking that question.  
45

1 Leisher: Cause right now the, the work done on Idaho between El Paseo and Main  
2 is set up for four lanes like it was before the, the little flattening strips that  
3 they have out there. So at least it was ...  
4  
5 Pearson: Well close to the intersections it's still going to be four-lane. It's going to  
6 go, go down to three lanes like past the Co-Op shopping center.  
7  
8 Leisher: Okay.  
9  
10 Pearson: And probably past where the realtor offices are on that corner over there.  
11  
12 Leisher: Okay, yeah, (*inaudible*), out past (*inaudible*) and then, so it's only going to  
13 go down to three just for a short distance?  
14  
15 Murphy: It's a, it, quite a distance, I think it's just the intersection transitions as you  
16 approach Main and as you approach El Paseo it's similar to ...  
17  
18 Leisher: El Paseo is, to Court?  
19  
20 Murphy: Similar to the way Solano transitions as you approach Lohman.  
21  
22 Leisher: Lohman, yeah okay. Okay, that, that actually makes sense, so ...  
23  
24 Pearson: On Locust at the intersection with University, do you know if they're going  
25 to put a bike lane, continue the bike lane ...  
26  
27 Farnham: Continuous.  
28  
29 Pearson: To the left of the right turn-only lane?  
30  
31 Farnham: I, I looked briefly at the plan there. I didn't see a whole lot of additional re-  
32 striping at the intersection so I may have to look at the plan, get a closer ...  
33  
34 Pearson: Yeah cause that's one that I think is an opportunity to have the bike,  
35 through bike lane connect directly with the bike lane that's on the  
36 University side.  
37  
38 Farnham: I'll bring that up with Willie, right at that location, unless you're aware of  
39 any ...  
40  
41 Murphy: I'm not aware of any, anything so yeah (*inaudible*) working in that area.  
42  
43 Pearson: Okay, excellent. I think it's the, they're waiting on striping apparently; they  
44 haven't done their striping all, in some places.  
45

1 Farnham: Perhaps you might be able to, to find a little bit more on the plan and might  
2 be a little bit more information exactly what you're thinking.  
3  
4 Pearson: Okay, well I can get?  
5  
6 Farnham: Yeah.  
7  
8 Murphy: Pass that on.  
9  
10 Farnham: Locust and University.  
11  
12 Pearson: Yeah, yeah, it's right there. Well it looks like it's right there going across  
13 University.  
14  
15 Farnham: Okay.  
16  
17 Pearson: Well is this.  
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19 Farnham: Is that not University?  
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21 Pearson: Well if this is it then that's, that's great.  
22  
23 Shearer: Yeah.  
24  
25 Farnham: Yeah, that is. It is.  
26  
27 Pearson: That's great.  
28  
29 Shearer: Yeah. It is.  
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31 Farnham: It is.  
32  
33 Pearson: Okay, good.  
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35 Shearer: Yeah, that'd be good.  
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37 Pearson: Cause I think that'll make it much safer.  
38  
39 Shearer: Yeah.  
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41 Pearson: Because bicyclists tend to go to the right.  
42  
43 Shearer: Sure.  
44  
45 Pearson: Unless they've taken our class and so on, if they've taken classes.  
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1 Shearer: Or they're bold enough yeah.  
2  
3 Pearson: They'll stay to the right of the right turn only lane which puts them in  
4 danger from right-turning traffic and they want to go straight. And this  
5 really, I mean that's why we have these facilities to make it obvious on  
6 how to use them hopefully.  
7  
8 Farnham: Just noticed that.  
9  
10 Shearer: So that's a reason to remind them to go in and stripe again on the  
11 university side, make sure it's bold.  
12  
13 Curry: Has there ever been, has there ever been talk of putting in an overhead  
14 (*inaudible*) on University at that pedestrian, the nearest pedestrian  
15 crossing?  
16  
17 Shearer: Pedestrian crossing where?  
18  
19 Curry: On University, you know the one that goes across from where Kinko's is,  
20 from the university itself across the ...  
21  
22 Shearer: Yeah, well one of the things that have sort of been talked about was the  
23 possibility of putting in a, flashing lighting that would be on demand.  
24  
25 Curry: Yeah.  
26  
27 Shearer: Coming out there and street lighting.  
28  
29 Curry: Sort of like the one on Triviz by Kohl's.  
30  
31 Shearer: I ...  
32  
33 Farnham: Yeah. Yeah, there ...  
34  
35 Curry: By the multi-use path right there.  
36  
37 Shearer: Oh, is it in there? Oh, okay.  
38  
39 Farnham: It's an on-demand (*inaudible*)  
40  
41 Shearer: I'd not be amenable to raising the funding.  
42  
43 Curry: Is that a, yeah is that a TAP qualifiable?  
44  
45 Murphy: I think that would be, that would be TAP eligible, so ...  
46



1 Shearer: Would it?  
2  
3 Murphy: For safety at least.  
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5 Herrera: I believe safety would be the easier way to go because it's 100% funded,  
6 there's no match.  
7  
8 Shearer: Oh, really? Okay.  
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10 Herrera: So if you have ...  
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12 Shearer: Now the street is actually not, it's the City's but, but we were interested for  
13 the university so it wouldn't apply.  
14  
15 Herrera: Yeah, well, I mean if you two can partner together that's even better, but  
16 you'd have to have the data to prove I guess that you need that which  
17 shouldn't be too difficult I don't think considering there's people crossing  
18 the road (*inaudible*) and that kind of thing, so it's really just about how you  
19 write up your application.  
20  
21 Murphy: Then you can submit the HSIP, or the Highway Safety Improvement  
22 Program applications to the MPO on a consistent basis.  
23  
24 Herrera: Right.  
25  
26 Murphy: They, they do awards every quarter so when you get your application  
27 done, turn it in to us, we'll get it in the next cycle. We can also work with  
28 you, get you some crash data or I can get you, get you traffic volumes,  
29 volumes you know per 15-minute intervals if necessary so work with us on  
30 whatever data you need.  
31  
32 Shearer: Okay.  
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34 Herrera: And just so you're all aware the FY-15 HSIP funding has been all  
35 awarded, so you would be applying for Fiscal Year '16 funding at the  
36 earliest.  
37  
38 Pearson: Any other City updates?  
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40 Farnham: That's it.  
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42 **7.2 NMDOT Projects update**  
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44 Pearson: NMDOT?  
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1 Herrera: Thank you Mr. Chair. I have a few brief construction updates and then if  
2 there are any questions, I know that there probably are some questions on  
3 the Avenida de Mesilla striping. I'll just start with that then. So I did talk to  
4 our construction project manager today and he said hopefully here within  
5 the next couple of weeks we should have everything out there corrected  
6 and the signs up and everything should be done.  
7

8 Pearson: That's very close to the end, isn't it?  
9

10 Herrera: Yeah, it's really close to the end. Right now they're just kind of wrapping  
11 up. We've reached what they call substantial completion, meaning it's all  
12 open to traffic. They're just doing some minor kind of closeout stuff to  
13 include the striping there. The North Main project is coming along well.  
14 We're right on schedule with that one. It started at the beginning of April  
15 and it's a 360-calendar day project, so you're going to see construction out  
16 there until probably next April unless they can finish it any quicker. The  
17 concrete wall barrier on US-70, they did the final inspection on that last  
18 week so pending any last-minute things that should be pretty much done.  
19 Hopefully they'll be picking the barrels up soon but all lanes of traffic are  
20 open now so we're pretty much done with that one. The Vado-Mesquite  
21 bridges, the contractor unfortunately is about a month behind on that  
22 project. They did have some issues with the bridge; I don't know what  
23 they're called.  
24

25 Pearson: Pilings.  
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27 Herrera: Something to do with, yeah, the pilings, there you go. We resolved that  
28 and then they had quite a few weather delays so they're a little bit behind.  
29 They're hoping they can make up some time though and get us back on  
30 track. I did mention at the last meeting that the contractor and the  
31 NMDOT did make a commitment to not have both interchanges closed at  
32 the same time so we will finish work on one before we start the other one.  
33 And a quick update on the Missouri bridge so that did let October 17th, so  
34 last Friday I guess we have some bids in right now that are kind of going  
35 to review so we should probably start seeing construction out there in the  
36 spring of next year and we'll be having public meetings just like we do with  
37 all of our urban projects. I'm sure we'll be coordinating with the university  
38 on traffic and all that kind of stuff. So that's really all I have unless there's  
39 any questions.  
40

41 Pearson: US-70 safety project?  
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43 Herrera: Yes, that one we are in the process of writing the RFP. We're going to put  
44 that out to consultants to work on because we have kind of a short  
45 timeline on it. We wanted to get it out there as soon as possible so we're  
46 just now in the stages of writing the, the RFP now.

1  
2 Pearson: So the funds are all lined up. It's just a matter of getting it done?  
3  
4 Herrera: Everything's lined up. It's just a matter of getting it designed, so and then  
5 also the Valley Drive project. We did have the internal state or kickoff  
6 meeting so just with NMDOT and the consultant and then the City to kind  
7 of figure out what exactly we're looking at. We should be having a public  
8 meeting here in the next couple of months. The BPAC has been added as  
9 a stakeholder so we will be receiving an invitation specifically for BPAC  
10 members to attend those meetings.  
11  
12 Pearson: Okay, I guess since the TAP and RPT stuff is through the NMDOT, can  
13 you tell us about, I don't know maybe Tom wants to jump in at this point  
14 for the process, I guess needing the TIP stuff. Everything's coming  
15 together in one cycle now I guess, right?  
16  
17 Herrera: Yes, that's our goal is to put everything on one cycle so there's one call for  
18 projects we're not doing all these random kind of calls throughout the year.  
19 So hopefully it'll align with the MTP process, the TIP process, everything  
20 should be all on one cycle. As far as the application process for TAP, it's  
21 a little bit different than last year because it's not going to be rated by the  
22 MPO. They'll be all in a statewide competitive process and the same for  
23 the Rec Trails program, so that's a little bit different, but all applications  
24 still need to go through the MPO.  
25  
26 Pearson: Okay.  
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28 Herrera: First.  
29  
30 Pearson: So what's the match for the TAP and the RTP now?  
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32 Herrera: Both of them have a 14.56% match.  
33  
34 Pearson: Okay. So I was at the National Bike (*inaudible*) said something about the  
35 match and they were saying 20%, so it was, how does that work out that  
36 everybody else thinks 20% and New Mexico is 14.5%?  
37  
38 Herrera: It actually is 20% under the federal law, but since New Mexico is what we  
39 call a recipient state, meaning we get more federal funding back than we  
40 put in, then that ratio is lower for us.  
41  
42 Pearson: Okay.  
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44 Herrera: So that's how that works, so that's for all the programs except for the off-  
45 system bridge program.  
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1 Pearson: Okay, and so our Safe Routes to School applications need to be done and  
2 make sure we get the ...  
3  
4 Herrera: Yes.  
5  
6 Pearson: The stakeholders lined up and that they have their 14.5% budget set  
7 aside.  
8  
9 Herrera: Yes and we will need resolutions of support again the same as we did last  
10 time from the governing bodies to say that "Yes, we do have the match."  
11 If it's an infrastructure project, "Yes, we will be responsible for  
12 maintenance after the fact," all of that kind of stuff. So that's all the same  
13 and we're going to implement that same process for the Rec Trails  
14 program as well.  
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16 Pearson: Do you have a feel for how much money's available for each of the  
17 projects, programs?  
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19 Herrera: Yes, for TAP there's just under \$6 million available, and that's for FYs '16  
20 and '17 so a total of about \$12 million statewide. For Rec Trails there's  
21 about \$1.4 million per year, but because we have a backlog we're going to  
22 be awarding just over \$5 million for FYs '16 and '17 for the Rec Trails  
23 program.  
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25 Curry: The, the TAP is \$6 million per year.  
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27 Herrera: Yes.  
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29 Curry: For each year, '16 and '17.  
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31 Herrera: Yes.  
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33 Curry: And that's statewide?  
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35 Herrera: Yes.  
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37 Curry: Okay.  
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39 Herrera: The large MPOs do get their own allocation because they're transportation  
40 management areas, but the rest of the pot is going to be on a state-wide  
41 competitive ...  
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43 Pearson: Only Albuquerque gets the center pot money and everybody else  
44 competes?  
45

1 Herrera: El Paso gets a little bit; I think they get \$41,000 or something so pretty  
2 much everybody except Albuquerque is going to be competing for the rest  
3 of the money.  
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5 Pearson: Okay and we won't have a feel of what the projects are until the deadline.  
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7 Herrera: Right and one of the decisions or one of the reasons that the decision was  
8 made to go do a statewide process is because last year we got  
9 applications that were really fitting the project to the money and we don't  
10 want to do that. We really want to make a good project and make sure  
11 that we're getting entire projects out there cause, just an example, in the  
12 City of T or C we received an application that used up exactly the amount  
13 of money that that RPO had, which I guess is a good thing but they were  
14 short by a couple of blocks to complete their sidewalk and so we don't  
15 want to do that ...  
16  
17 Pearson: Right.  
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19 Herrera: Anymore, so that's part of the, the reasoning behind that. I know that  
20 there was some contention about kind of taking the power away from the  
21 local governments but really we feel like we can fund better projects this  
22 way.  
23  
24 Pearson: So if we can get the City of Las Cruces and Town of Mesilla to decide they  
25 want a bike, bike lane on University they can apply for that whatever \$2  
26 million project or whatever it might be?  
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28 Herrera: Yes.  
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30 Pearson: I don't know what it is but, okay.  
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32 Herrera: Yes, yeah, there's no limit. There's no cap on what you can apply for as  
33 long as the local governments have the match to pay for it. Rec Trails is a  
34 little bit different because some of the federal agencies are eligible, so the  
35 Forest Service, BLM is eligible. There are some different things with the  
36 Rec Trails program, universities are eligible. Everything is in the guide  
37 though so just make sure that you read that thoroughly if you're planning  
38 on applying for either program actually.  
39  
40 Leisher: *(inaudible)* isn't getting a rec person until December *(inaudible)*  
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42 Herrera: I'm not sure.  
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44 Leisher: *(inaudible)* the last one just retired.  
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### 7.3 Transportation Plan update

Pearson: Okay. I guess the transportation plan update.

Tom Murphy gave a presentation.

Pearson: And the trail plan's part of that also, is that ...

Murphy: The trail plan's a separate document.

Pearson: Okay.

Murphy: Separate map, I should say, you know in-road and trail separated so I think we've established priorities for both. Those who you know what comes out of those actually will determine you know the first level of eligibility for future TAP cycles so that becomes important in that regard. Other than that staff is working on writing of the chapters and we hope to have a, hope to have a draft this spring and for, and for ultimate adoption by next summer.

Curry: May I jump back, may I jump back to, to TAP quickly? Do you know if anybody else has applied for Safe Routes to School related things like last time like the City applied? So that if we were to take it up ...

Murphy: I, I do not know. I would, I would expect that the City is cropping up and flying in.

Curry: Okay.

Murphy: Okay.

Pearson: Can I, the MPO's not eligible.

Murphy: MPOs and DOTs are not eligible for TAP funds.

Herrera: Okay.

Curry: If you, if you do find out about one I, would you be willing to let us know so that we could work together to make a better application as a whole?

Murphy: Yeah.

Curry: Or let them know that I would be, we would be interested in working with them, you know?

Murphy: I will, I'll certainly, I'll certainly let them know.

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2 Curry: Okay.  
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4 Murphy: Yeah, unless, unless they threaten me with (*inaudible*)  
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6 Curry: Yeah, I know may not want to, but if, we would like to know if other people  
7 are, we'd like to work with other people ...  
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9 Murphy: Okay.  
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11 Curry: So that we can put together you know a really nice complete package.  
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13 Murphy: Okay. And I think that's probably something that would be looked  
14 favorably upon by the ...  
15  
16 Curry: Sure.  
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18 Murphy: Evaluators is that, is the collaboration so ...  
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20 Curry: All right.  
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22 Murphy: Definitely I will, I will.  
23  
24 Curry: Okay, thank you.  
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26 Murphy: If anyone mentions, approaches me about it.  
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28 Curry: Super, thank you.  
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30 Herrera: Mr. Chair, can I add something since you brought up Safe Routes to  
31 School and TAP? A really big point that I forgot to bring up is that we did  
32 remove the certifications portion of the TAP application so there's no  
33 longer points attached to that because there was the comment a lot that  
34 the programs like Safe Routes to School were not treated fairly in the last  
35 cycle, so we are mindful of that this time and have removed that  
36 specifically to help the programs ...  
37  
38 Murphy: Compete.  
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40 Herrera: Compete.  
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42 Curry: Thank you. That's great.  
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44 Leisher: And if there's no other comment on that I just wanted to see if everybody's  
45 willing to briefly chat about what we should make our goals in January. I  
46 mean, Tom brought one thing up, the priority list facilities for January. Is

1 there anything else that can think that we should keep in mind when we  
2 meet in January for our goals?

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4 Pearson: Supporting the Bicycle Friendly Community application.

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6 Leisher: Yeah, okay.

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8 Murphy: Mr. Chair I think probably you know better rather than kind of brainstorm  
9 here at the table, as ideas pop into your head what that should be e-  
10 mailed to staff so we can make it part of the discussion form for January.  
11 We're sure everyone's going to walk out of the, out of the room and have  
12 an idea, "Oh, I should've said that," so I'm going to meet, leave that door  
13 open to e-mail Andrew any ideas, then we can, we can just have a point  
14 by point discussion come January.

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16 Pearson: Okay.

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18 Murphy: And then if we're, we didn't have a, I guess I was looking for staff  
19 comment and wanted to recognize our new Transportation Planner,  
20 Michael McAdams. He joined us end of last month so this committee  
21 hasn't seen him before. Michael comes with us with many years of  
22 transportation planning. He's mostly going to be working on transit issues  
23 but he's got a good, high interest in bicycle and pedestrian issues as well  
24 so he'll be working on a lot of stuff that intersects with this committee as  
25 well.

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27 Pearson: Great.

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29 McAdams: Anything I can do to serve this Committee, please let me know.

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31 Pearson: Okay, any other Committee member comments?

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33 **7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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35 Pearson: So we'll go on to public comment.

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37 **8. ADJOURNMENT**

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39 Pearson: So hearing no public comments, ready to adjourn. Motion to adjourn?

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41 Leisher: I second the motion.

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43 Pearson: I didn't hear a motion.

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45 Curry: I, I'll motion.

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1 Pearson: So Ashleigh moves, Mark seconds, and we're adjourned.

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3 Meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

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Chairperson



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### **MESILLA VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACTION FORM FOR THE MEETING OF January 20, 2015**

**AGENDA ITEM:**

6.1 2014-2019 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Review and recommendation for approval to the MPO Policy Committee

**DISCUSSION:**

The New Mexico Department of Transportation has requested Transportation Improvement Program Amendments and will provide information on those amendments at the meeting.



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#### **AGENDA ITEM:**

7.1 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update: Bicycle Priorities Plan Discussion

#### **SUPPORT INFORMATION:**

Draft of the Bicycle Priorities Plan

#### **DISCUSSION:**

The Mesilla Valley MPO is in the process of updating the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, called Transport 2040. This item is to discuss the Bicycle Priorities Plan.



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#### **AGENDA ITEM:**

7.2 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update: Pedestrian Priorities Plan Discussion

#### **SUPPORT INFORMATION:**

Draft of Pedestrian Priorities Plan

#### **DISCUSSION:**

The Mesilla Valley MPO is in the process of updating the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, called Transport 2040. This item is to discuss the Pedestrian Priorities Plan.



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**AGENDA ITEM:**

7.3 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update: Trail Plan Discussion

**SUPPORT INFORMATION:**

Draft of the Trail Plan

**DISCUSSION:**

The Mesilla Valley MPO is in the process of updating the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, called Transport 2040. This item is to discuss the Trail Plan.



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#### **AGENDA ITEM:**

7.4 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update: Annual Report

#### **DISCUSSION:**

The Mesilla Valley MPO is in the process of updating the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, called Transport 2040. This item is to discuss the creation of an MPO Annual Report as part of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan.



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#### **AGENDA ITEM:**

7.5 Bicycle Friendly Communities Certification Renewal Update

#### **DISCUSSION:**

The City of Las Cruces is in the process of submitting an application to the League of American Bicyclists to renew the Bronze level certification the City currently holds. This item will be an update on the status of that process.