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## MESILLA VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES 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 **March 17, 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](http://mvmpo.las-cruces.org).

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chair**
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chair**
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chair**
  - 3.1. January 20, 2015 \_\_\_\_\_
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chair**
5. **DISCUSSION ITEMS** \_\_\_\_\_
  - 5.1. Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update \_\_\_\_\_ **MPO Staff**
  - 5.2. Short Range Transit Plan Update \_\_\_\_\_ **MPO Staff**
  - 5.3. Bicycle Suitability Map \_\_\_\_\_ **MPO Staff**
6. **COMMITTEE and STAFF COMMENTS** \_\_\_\_\_
  - 6.1. Local Projects update \_\_\_\_\_ **CLC, DAC, TOM, NMSU Staff**
  - 6.2. NMDOT Projects update \_\_\_\_\_ **NMDOT Staff**
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chair**
8. **ADJOURNMENT** \_\_\_\_\_ **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 January 20, 2015 at 5:00 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                               Leslie Kryder, Vice Chair (Bicycle Community Rep)  
11                               Scott Farnham (City of Las Cruces Rep)  
12                               David Shearer (NMSU - Environmental Safety)  
13                               Jolene Herrera (NMDOT Rep)  
14                               Albert Casillas (DAC Citizen Rep)  
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16   **MEMBERS ABSENT:**     Ashleigh Curry (Town of Mesilla Staff)  
17                               Karen Rishel (Bicycling Community Bicycle Rep)  
18                               Carlos Coontz (Pedestrian Committee Rep)  
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20   **STAFF PRESENT:**       Tom Murphy (MPO)  
21                               Andrew Wray (MPO)  
22                               Michael McAdams (MPO)  
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24   **OTHERS PRESENT:**     Jennifer Kleitz, Recording Secretary, EMTS-DA  
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26   **1.     CALL TO ORDER**  
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28   Pearson:     It's like 5:23 p.m. on January 20th. So we'll call to order the Mesilla Valley  
29                   MPO Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting.  
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31   **2.     APPROVAL OF AGENDA**  
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33   Pearson:     Item number two is approval of the agenda. Do I have a, a motion to  
34                   approve?  
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36   Shearer:     I move to approve the agenda.  
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38   Kryder:       Second  
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40   Pearson:     All in favor of approving the agenda, say "aye."  
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42   All Approved.  
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44   Pearson:     Any opposed?  
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1     **3.     ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

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3     Pearson:     Next is election of officers. Since I'm currently Chair, I'll just turn it over to  
4                   Tom to run electing the Chair.

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6     Murphy:     Okay. At this point, I'd like to take, are there any, anybody wish to offer  
7                   them self or another fellow committee member up to be Chair for the  
8                   upcoming calendar year?

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10    Kryder:     George does a wonderful job.

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12    Shearer:    Our current Chair does a good job.

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14    Murphy:     So is that a nomination and a second?

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16    Kryder:     Yes.

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18    Murphy:     So nomination from Leslie of George, and second from David. Do you  
19                   refuse the nomination?

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21    Pearson:    No.

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23    Murphy:     Okay. Are there any others that wish to be, wish to nominate someone,  
24                   or? Seeing none, I'll close the floor for nominations. Since we have one  
25                   candidate, offer it up via acclimation. All in favor?

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27    All approved.

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29    Murphy:     Any opposed say "no." Seeing none George Pearson selected Chair  
30                   again for the 2015. We'll do the same process for the Vice-Chair.  
31                   Anybody like to make, make a nomination?

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33    Herrera:     I'd like to nominate Ashleigh Curry as Vice-Chair.

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35    Murphy:     Okay so Jolene nominates Ashleigh. Do we have ...

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37    Shearer:     Second the nomination.

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39    Murphy:     Okay second by David Shearer. Any other nominations? Seeing none,  
40                   close the floor. Again one, one candidate so I'll offer it up for acclimation.  
41                   All in favor say "yes."

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43    All approved.

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45    Murphy:     Any opposed say "no."

1 Pearson: That'll learn her.

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3 Murphy: None opposed so.

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5 Herrera: Well she's pretty much always here so it's a good backup I think.

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7 Murphy: Your officers for the year are George Pearson and Ashleigh Curry. And I'll  
8 turn it back over to you Mr. Chair.

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10 Pearson: Thank you.

#### 11 12 **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

##### 13 14 **4.1 October 21, 2014**

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16 Pearson: Next item then is item four, approval of minutes. Any discussion on the  
17 minutes that were presented in the packet? Hearing none I'll hear a  
18 motion to approve the minutes as presented.

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20 Shearer: I'll move to approve the minutes as presented.

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22 Pearson: David Shearer moves.

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24 Farnham: I'll second.

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26 Pearson: And we have a second.

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28 Farnham: Scott.

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30 Pearson: Scott.

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32 Farnham: Farnham.

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34 Pearson: Farnham. All in favor "aye".

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36 All approved.

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38 Pearson: Any opposed?

#### 39 40 **5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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42 Pearson: On to the next item five, is public comment. We have no members of the  
43 public unfortunately, so we'll move on to the action items.

1 **6. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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3 **6.1 Amendments to the 2014-2019 Transportation Improvement Program**

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5 Pearson: We have a TIP amendment. We'll turn it over to MPO staff.

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7 Wray: Thank you Mr. Chair. NMDOT has requested this TIP amendment, but  
8 MPO staff does not have the information, so I now turn it over to Ms.  
9 Herrera.

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11 Herrera: Thank you. I'm passing out a handout which is the information. It's just  
12 two changes. They're pretty minor. Well I think they're minor. You all  
13 might not think they're minor. So I'll let those go around and then I'll talk  
14 about them.

15 Okay if everybody has a copy, the first change is to a project, well  
16 they're both projects on I-10; LC00150, the change on that one is  
17 highlighted in red. We request to amend the project total up to \$12 million.  
18 We're now at 90% in the project development process and that's the  
19 current estimate is at \$12 million. And then the second change is pretty  
20 minor. We had the, the termini listed as 146 to 164 to reflect the Texas  
21 state line, but the Texas state line is actually at mile post 164.3. So we  
22 would like to request that the end mile post be changed to 164.3. And  
23 those are the only two changes. Are there any questions?

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25 Pearson: And the funding's for the first item is secured and all in order?

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27 Herrera: Yes. Yes.

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29 Pearson: Any other questions or discussion? Is there a motion to approve the TIP  
30 amendments as presented?

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32 Kryder: Move to approve.

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34 Shearer: Second.

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36 Pearson: Motion to approve and a second. All in favor "aye."

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38 All approved.

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40 Pearson: Any opposed?

1   **7.     DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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3       **7.1     MTP Update: Discussion of Bicycle Priorities Plan**

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5       **7.2     MTP Update: Discussion of Pedestrian Priorities Plan**

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7       **7.3     MTP Update: Discussion of Trail Plan**

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9   Pearson:     So that moves us through to the discussion items.

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11   Murphy:     Thank you Mr. Chair.   MPO staff is in the, the midst of getting our,  
12                finalizing the draft document for the MTP update. We've been working on  
13                the maps. We've been working on the motorized maps through the  
14                Technical Advisory Committee and we wanted to have this committee look  
15                at the non-motorized section of the maps. Just to give kind of a brief  
16                update, the MTP update is due July at the latest. We are still shooting for  
17                a June approval which means we'd like to come back with a you know a  
18                draft, a draft plan here in the next few weeks, next time you meet, and just  
19                kind of let, let the, let the, I guess the focus of the transportation plan is,  
20                staff is really going to be looking at a no new, no, no roadway expansion  
21                MTP for the end, for the end years one through five. That said, we'll you  
22                know be recommending that you know there, there be non-motorized  
23                improvements, public transit improvements, ITS improvements on  
24                existing, on existing roadways, but we're not recommending any building  
25                of, of new roadway facilities, primarily for the reason that one of the things  
26                found you know in the public process, what we mostly heard out on the  
27                county is that people would like their existing local streets paved, which  
28                are you know the county has I forget the, the lane miles of dirt roads, but  
29                they do have substantial amount of dirt roads. Within the city they just  
30                floated some revenue bonds for, for some pavement rehabilitation in the,  
31                on existing facilities. So I think, I think what the major point of this is, is  
32                that we're, as a region we're lagging behind in maintenance. We're not  
33                different from any other region in the United States, and it would be, I think  
34                be a wise policy choice for us to stand up and say we need to concentrate  
35                on maintenance, get the existing system you know get the existing system  
36                improved and that follows quite, that follows along very well with the  
37                language coming out of congress of where they want to have it but I think  
38                we're just going, I think it just needs to be stated a little more firmly in a,  
39                MPOs Transportation Plan.

40                So with letting you know that, what I see as the focus and we've  
41                spoken with the, we've been speaking with the Policy Committee on that  
42                and in fact at their meeting last week, they did ask us to present a map  
43                with removal of the future roadways on that. Not sure we still, I think we  
44                still want to keep some, some of those on there for preservation, right-of-  
45                way preservation purposes, but you can see where they're going as, as  
46                kind of maybe make a, an aggressive policy statement but I will leave that

up to the policy makers to do that. In the interim, what we want to get from this committee is for you to review the Transport 2040 maps on the trail priorities, the pedestrian priorities, and the in-road bicycle facility map. What we're specifically looking for is which projects you think need to be included in you know, in some list of, some listing of priorities. What should be done in years one through five? What should be done six through ten? And then 11 out through 20. Keep in mind that improvements of existing infrastructure are going to be, looked upon more favor, well these, these committees decide but I imagine it would be an easier sell to have improvements upon existing facilities, rather than the construction of brand new facilities. And with that I would ask for a recess to allow everyone to look at the maps and we can come back to the tables with what, what you view as the priorities off each of those maps. Thank you.

Pearson: Okay so I ask for a motion to temporarily adjourn or recess whichever.

Herrera: So moved, whichever.

Pearson: Is moved from, motion from Jolene. And a second?

Farnham: Second.

Pearson: Scott. All in favor of a temporary adjournment, "aye."

All approved.

MEETING RECESSED FOR 43 MINUTES.

Pearson: It's 6:16 p.m., I'll call us back to order for discussion of our discussion, looking at the maps.

Murphy: Okay. All right. Staff will also go over what you wrote on the maps, but just to kind of point by point of what we've discussed as priorities to go into the MTP: 1) Hadley Bike Boulevard; and these are in order that I've written them down, no other importance given to them, Boutz bike lanes, El Paseo complete streets; restripe, restriping of intersections; University from 478 to NM 28 as a, for motorized, non-motorized travelers; For pedestrian priority areas as we identify those, we identify what the priorities mean; do they have a minimum you know for example a minimum six foot of sidewalk, acceptance of lower car, automobile level of service, things of that nature. And we actually have a narrative on the plan so that, so that people who are putting together projects will have, have that to reference. Sidewalk needs assessment for outlying areas of Mesilla and sidewalk needs assessment for the MPO area in general. Another particular area of interest around Z-trans stops, also a sidewalk

assessment. Pedestrian crossings across University led to a discussion whether to really make that crash, crash analysis as far as where to concentrate on crossing improvements. Rerouting of state bike route 7 off of the US 70 main line on to, on to potentially more, more friendly route for non-motorized trail. And then the Rio Grande Trail connecting to, to Sunland, southward to Sunland Park and then I think ultimately northward to, to Albuquerque is, is a statewide aspiration and we need to have that reflected on, on our MTP.

So those are the priority projects and what else I can also, that you've written on to the maps, and then we'll, we'll include that into, into the draft MTP, and then assign priorities; probably year bands or you know or ultimately if any of these are unpalatable to you, you can work to have them taken, stricken from the list as well.

Herrera: Mr. Chair. I just wanted to add on the, obviously you can't really see it but that there were some notes made on the actual map too about where some of the in-road bicycle systems should be filled in.

Murphy: Right. That's why, staff will go over the maps and make sure we catch everything.

Herrera: Okay. Thanks.

Murphy: And we'll call, call all of you up if we can't interpret something.

Pearson: This is the bicycle pedestrian trail. Transit, does the transit fit into the MTP at all, or? And what I'm really asking about is how transit interacts with pedestrian bicycles. Because as I, I've noticed driving past the, the transfer station, central transfer station during the day, I see bikes parked there. So are people using that to park their bike and then use transit? And how, I mean all transit users are ultimately pedestrians.

Murphy: We, we do, we do work closely with Roadrunner Transit there. Roadrunner Transit's on the Technical Advisory Committee. Also the MPO attends the Transit Advisory Board meetings as well. I think a lot, you know when I, when I talked about the pedestrian priority plan earlier I have them focus areas of downtown; one along the, Lohman, from Telshor to Sonoma Ranch area was, was precisely in response to Roadrunner thinking of relocating their transfer facilities in the, on the east side of town. So I think those are, those go a long way to developing what our pedestrian priorities corridors are. Just to let, to let you know that this, it's also a focus for the other committee, the Technical Advisory Committee, since Roadrunner sits on that one.

Pearson: But is transit part of the MTP?



1 Murphy: Yes, yes.  
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3 Pearson: So that's just ...  
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5 Murphy: Trans ...  
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7 Pearson: Action.  
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9 Murphy: Well I mean, we're we have a multi-modal, we have a multi-modal  
10 document. We have a transit priority plan.  
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12 Pearson: So once we see the draft, we'll see how that interacts.  
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14 Murphy: Right. But, yeah we don't discuss that (*inaudible*) map in detail here  
15 because we have, we have Roadrunner and the RTD on the, on the TAC.  
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17 Pearson: And then the plan, are we talking anything about metrics? Because that's  
18 something we kind of focused.  
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20 Murphy: Right.  
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22 Pearson: We determine, still I think it, even the national levels as to what this  
23 means.  
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25 Murphy: I got, I got forwarded a FHWA document over the, Friday I think it was.  
26 That, that kind of touched on some of that and I think there's a lot that we  
27 can, we can glean into that as far as assembling our own metrics. I think  
28 we've been, we've been thinking about that and this will lead, led into the  
29 annual report that this committee has been, been requesting of us that we,  
30 we gave an outline to back in October at your last meeting. What we want  
31 to do is you know meld the annual report into the work document of the  
32 MPO which puts out how we are doing on each of the performance  
33 measures and we'll definitely have non-motorized sections as far as what  
34 those performance indicators are. So those are, those are foremost on  
35 the list. We're not, I haven't gotten all the way through that FHWA  
36 document, but I, I, I'm hoping to get some direction and we'll be able to  
37 put, put out something that anticipates what they ultimately tell us we're  
38 going to have to do so that we don't have to redo work. But performance  
39 measures is a major part of this MTP.  
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41 **7.4 MTP Update: Annual Report**  
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43 Pearson: So mentioning the annual report is that pretty much ... do you have  
44 anything else to say about the annual report?  
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46 Murphy: That, that's it. We're going to be rolling it into our performance metrics.

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2 Pearson: Oh and one other thing that was mentioned is, is talking about the best  
3 practices at doing intersections. Is that on your list?  
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5 Murphy: I think it ...  
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7 Pearson: Section on designs that are needed? Best practices.  
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9 Murphy: I wrote it as re-striping intersections. And these are just my notes to  
10 remind me.  
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12 Herrera: Mr. Chair?  
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14 Pearson: Yes.  
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16 Herrera: Can I make a comment about measuring things? I'm not sure if this is the  
17 exact committee to bring it up in but while I'm thinking about it, I wonder if  
18 there's a way that we can write into the MTP something about measuring  
19 how successful public participation, I guess your plan how successful it is  
20 and the different types of outreach that you're doing, how successful those  
21 are? Because I think that you guys have had some pretty good feedback I  
22 guess.  
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24 Pearson: Yeah I think there's also a gap from knowledgeable people at the Dripping  
25 Springs, Baylor Canyon public meeting. The public there didn't seem to  
26 know what the MPO was.  
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28 Herrera: Right.  
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30 Pearson: Which is probably typical of much of the public.  
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32 Herrera: Yeah probably. But that would be interesting I think to look at and it's just  
33 something that I've been hearing other state DOTs are looking into doing  
34 and other MPOs. I guess other areas of the country are looking at how  
35 they can measure their performance in that area. And it might be asking a  
36 lot at this late stage in the game but I'm just wondering if maybe you can,  
37 can think about that a little.  
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39 Murphy: I, I think, I think we do have some, some feedback loops in the public  
40 participation plan. Although having, having been in this you know, in this  
41 line of work for a while, I think you get the, the more satisfied the public is  
42 the less you see them. You don't see them, you don't see them unless  
43 you make them angry.  
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45 Herrera: That's, that's true and at the DOT we can attest to that as well.  
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1 Pearson: So any more discussion on the MTP?

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3 Murphy: No.

## 4 5 **7.5 BFC Renewal Process Update**

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7 Pearson: Okay, let's have a quick update then on 7.5 the BFC Renewal Process.  
8 I'd ask for this just to mostly make the committee aware (*inaudible*).  
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10 Wray: Thank you Mr. Chair. I have a statement here from Ms. Carol McCall who  
11 is the City of Las Cruces Representative. I'm going to read that into the  
12 record. She says that in mid-December there were the three Bicycle  
13 Friendly Community work groups: Enforcement, Engineering, and  
14 Education/Encouragement. These groups met for the 2015 BFC  
15 application. Ms. McCall is in the process of transferring that information  
16 into application format. She expects to have this task completed before  
17 the end of January. She will then, excuse me, she will then distribute the  
18 revised data sheets to the groups for further completion. There is still  
19 some information that needs to be gathered at this time but she does not  
20 elaborate in the statement as to the nature of that information. And that's  
21 what I have.  
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23 Pearson: The only other thing that you didn't say is, I believe she intends to meet  
24 the February 11th application deadline, make the application this cycle.  
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26 Wray: I have no idea about that.  
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28 Pearson: That's what she indicated to me, so whether that's, and that was  
29 sometime after, not long after the, the education meeting so. That's the  
30 information that we have available.  
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## 32 **8. COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS**

### 33 34 **8.1 Local Projects update**

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36 Pearson: Okay. Local Projects update. Item 8.1.  
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38 Farnham: Okay. Maybe just a couple of projects. One is the trail connection from  
39 Picacho to the Outfalls Channel, that's the La...  
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41 Pearson: La Llorona?  
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43 Farnham: La Llorona. It should probably go out this spring for construction. Safe  
44 walk to schools; it's been making progress at the various intersections for  
45 the ADA ramps. The one that's currently in design is El Paseo from  
46 University on up to Main. That's it.

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2 Pearson: In the city I had noticed one place on Solano at Idaho; Solano has, that's  
3 the road diet there with the bike lane and then at Idaho going both  
4 directions it's treated the same. There's a right turn only lane and a  
5 sharrow was added to the left side of the right turn only lane.  
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7 Farnham: What was added?  
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9 Pearson: A sharrow.  
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11 Farnham: Okay.  
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13 Pearson: A sharrow indicates that that's the positioning for the bicyclist. And my  
14 thought is, I, I question that particular intersection because the lane is so  
15 narrow there isn't really room for a bicycle and a car to share that lane  
16 where the car can make that right turn only motion. I would have  
17 expected the sharrow to be in the through lane and then, because then  
18 once you get through the intersection the bicycle goes back into the bike  
19 lane and cars go through. So I wonder if I can find out more about that.  
20  
21 Farnham: I can definitely bring it up, talk to our engineers and find out what's  
22 happening on that, and what's. You know more?  
23  
24 Murphy: I don't know anything directly on the sharrow, on which lane it is, but on a  
25 larger note as we were working with the City on, on giving them some,  
26 some statistic, excuse me it's getting late, on the Idaho road diet west of  
27 El Paseo we've, we were told that their intention east you know from El  
28 Paseo to Solano, when that comes up in the re-pavement schedule that  
29 that would be receiving the road diet treatment as well.  
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31 Pearson: Right. I've seen the sharrow in the right turn only lane but at intersections  
32 that are wide enough where a car can actually get passed, so that's, that's  
33 really the question. This particular intersection may not be a good  
34 candidate for that treatment. But there are other intersections that would  
35 be a good candidate. Even, well probably the issue is because there's a  
36 stop there. On Telshor where there's continuous traffic and right turn only  
37 lanes, that might be a place where you'd put the sharrow in the right turn  
38 only lane, because bicycles don't have to stop so there's less conflict.  
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40 Murphy: We'll, we'll check with the, with the traffic, or the Transportation  
41 Department with the City and ...  
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43 Pearson: Because I don't know what the engineering standards...  
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45 Murphy: Find out, find out ...  
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1 Pearson: Would be for that but.  
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3 Murphy: What their thoughts on that are.  
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5 Farnham: Was this recent striping?  
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7 Pearson: Yes.  
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9 Farnham: Okay.  
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11 Pearson: It was added ...  
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13 Farnham: Part of the Cutler?  
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15 Pearson: Yeah it must have been done, it was done after the Cutler. It was done at  
16 some point after the lane lines but it was done since then.  
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18 Farnham: Okay. So you're ...  
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20 Murphy: We'll check, we'll check with Transportation.  
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22 Farnham: Okay.  
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24 Pearson: Anything for the County?  
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26 Casillas: Not at this point. I think at the most what I can do is I can have  
27 Engineering come back here and do another presentation on, on the  
28 Baylor Canyon and Soledad Road. I know they had the public input  
29 meeting. I'm pretty sure they had a lot of information out of there. So I  
30 don't know how they're incorporating that into their final design.  
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32 Pearson: If they're coming up with some final designs I think we've love to hear  
33 them.  
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35 Casillas: So when they're ready I'll make sure they come here.  
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37 **8.2 NMDOT Projects update**  
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39 Pearson: Any news?  
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41 Herrera: Thank you Mr. Chair. Brief update on on-going construction projects.  
42 North Main, it says demolition and building of sidewalks and installation of  
43 sewer utilities between Chestnut and Gallagher. Placement of storm drain  
44 and water line from Madrid intersection to Solano. If you've been by there  
45 you notice that we have some roads closed off; Madrid, that intersection  
46 there is being worked on. That's City utilities doing some that work. But

1 everything is on schedule. We should hopefully be done around April or  
2 May of this year. So that will be a relief for everybody. The Missouri  
3 bridge hasn't started yet but they did have the preconstruction meeting  
4 last week, January 14th. We're looking at possibly starting construction I  
5 believe the end of March is what Trent said last time and we're looking  
6 320 weather working days, so that project will take about a year. We will  
7 be having monthly public meetings to let everybody know as we progress  
8 on how traffic's changing.  
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10 Pearson: You've got a lot of coordination there with the Fire Department and the  
11 local businesses.  
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13 Herrera: There's tons of coordination there and with the University, so we will be  
14 keeping the freeway open at all times. There won't be any time that it's  
15 closed. As far as what's happening underneath the street on Missouri, I'm  
16 not sure because I haven't been to any of those meetings. But like I said  
17 we'll be having monthly public meetings to let everybody know what's  
18 happening on that.  
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20 Murphy: I know that answer. At, at least during the initial design drawings the, they  
21 were only anticipated closing Missouri at two different periods, from 12  
22 p.m. to 6 a.m. when the, when the previous, when the bridge the existing  
23 bridge...  
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25 Herrera: Is torn down.  
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27 Murphy: Existing bridge is demolished.  
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29 Herrera: That makes a lot of sense. We don't want people driving under there  
30 while we're tearing the bridge down. And then it's a little bit outside of this  
31 MPO but the Mesquite Vado bridges, if you've been through I-10 there,  
32 we're done with Mesquite and we've moved on to Vado. So all the travel  
33 ...  
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35 Pearson: So Mesquite is complete?  
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37 Herrera: Yeah all the travel lanes are open on I-10 now. The work on Vado is  
38 building roundabouts. Where the ...  
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40 Pearson: So is there a roundabout on Mesquite?  
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42 Herrera: No. We just ...  
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44 Pearson: No.  
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46 Herrera: We replaced the bridge on Mesquite and then did some approach work.

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2 Pearson: So it's Vado that gets the roundabouts.  
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4 Herrera: It's Vado that gets the roundabouts. But all the I-10 travel lanes are open.  
5 So the Vado exit is closed though. So if you're going to be heading that  
6 way make sure that you take Mesquite. So that's everything under  
7 construction now in this area. And then just a quick update on things that  
8 are upcoming; Valley Drive we have that scheduled in fiscal year 2017,  
9 but we are starting the design process now. It has been awarded to  
10 Molzen-Corbin. I think I've already told you all that. And I just wanted to  
11 let you know that the PDE has sent an email to Molzen-Corbin that,  
12 George you are the contact for the BPAC and so you should have been  
13 invited to a meeting taking place next week.  
14  
15 Pearson: Right. There's a stakeholders meeting on, next Tuesday the 27th?  
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17 Herrera: Okay.  
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19 Pearson: At 8:30 in the morning over at Best Western or whatever it is. The  
20 Columbus Room or something.  
21  
22 Herrera: They didn't invite me, but as, as long as they invited you.  
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24 Pearson: Yeah. Okay.  
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26 Herrera: Because I did specifically ask that.  
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28 Pearson: I was going to ask because Harold sent a message that that conflicts with  
29 the mandatory NMDOT meeting, so are they still going to go? I guess you  
30 don't know if they're going to continue with that.  
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32 Herrera: I don't know. I haven't heard.  
33  
34 Pearson: I hadn't seen any other messages, so I guess the meeting's still on.  
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36 Herrera: Okay. Yeah, I'm not sure. But I just wanted to make sure that, that you've  
37 been invited. So I don't know if the rest of the committee remembers but  
38 we did say that George would be the point of contact for the BPAC on  
39 stakeholder type meetings. And so ...  
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41 Shearer: Absolutely.  
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43 Herrera: So if you're not able to attend and you want somebody else to go in your  
44 place please let us know. And that's as far as we've gotten on that  
45 project. And then the last one is the San Augustine Pass and that one's  
46 scheduled for fiscal year 2016, and we're asking for some design funding

1 right now from Santa Fe, about \$600,000.00 and so we should hopefully  
2 have an RFP out for that project in the next four to five months.

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4 Shearer: (inaudible) San Augustine Pass from Organ?

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6 Herrera: It's from Organ to the White Sands Interchange and we're widening  
7 shoulders. We're moving the concrete wall barrier back and widening the  
8 shoulders there to allow safer passage.

9  
10 Pearson: And taking the rumble strip out from in front of the guard rails.

11  
12 Herrera: Yes. Well the shoulders should be wide enough to allow for both. And  
13 that's all I have unless there were any questions.

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15 Pearson: You covered everything that I was thinking about.

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17 **9. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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19 Pearson: So we'll move on to Public Comment. Any more public comment? No.

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21 **10. ADJOURNMENT (6:35 p.m.)**

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23 Pearson: Hear a motion to adjourn.

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25 Wray: Unneeded.

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27 Herrera: So moved. Oh yeah. We don't have a quorum. We don't have a  
28 meeting.

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35 \_\_\_\_\_  
36 Chairperson  
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#### **AGENDA ITEM:**

5.1 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update

#### **SUPPORT INFORMATION:**

Current draft of the Transport 2040 Update

#### **DISCUSSION:**

The Mesilla Valley MPO is in the process of updating the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, called Transport 2040. This item is to introduce the complete draft of the Transport 2040 Update.



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#### **AGENDA ITEM:**

5.2 Short Range Transit Plan Update

#### **SUPPORT INFORMATION:**

Short Range Transit Plan Preliminary Summary

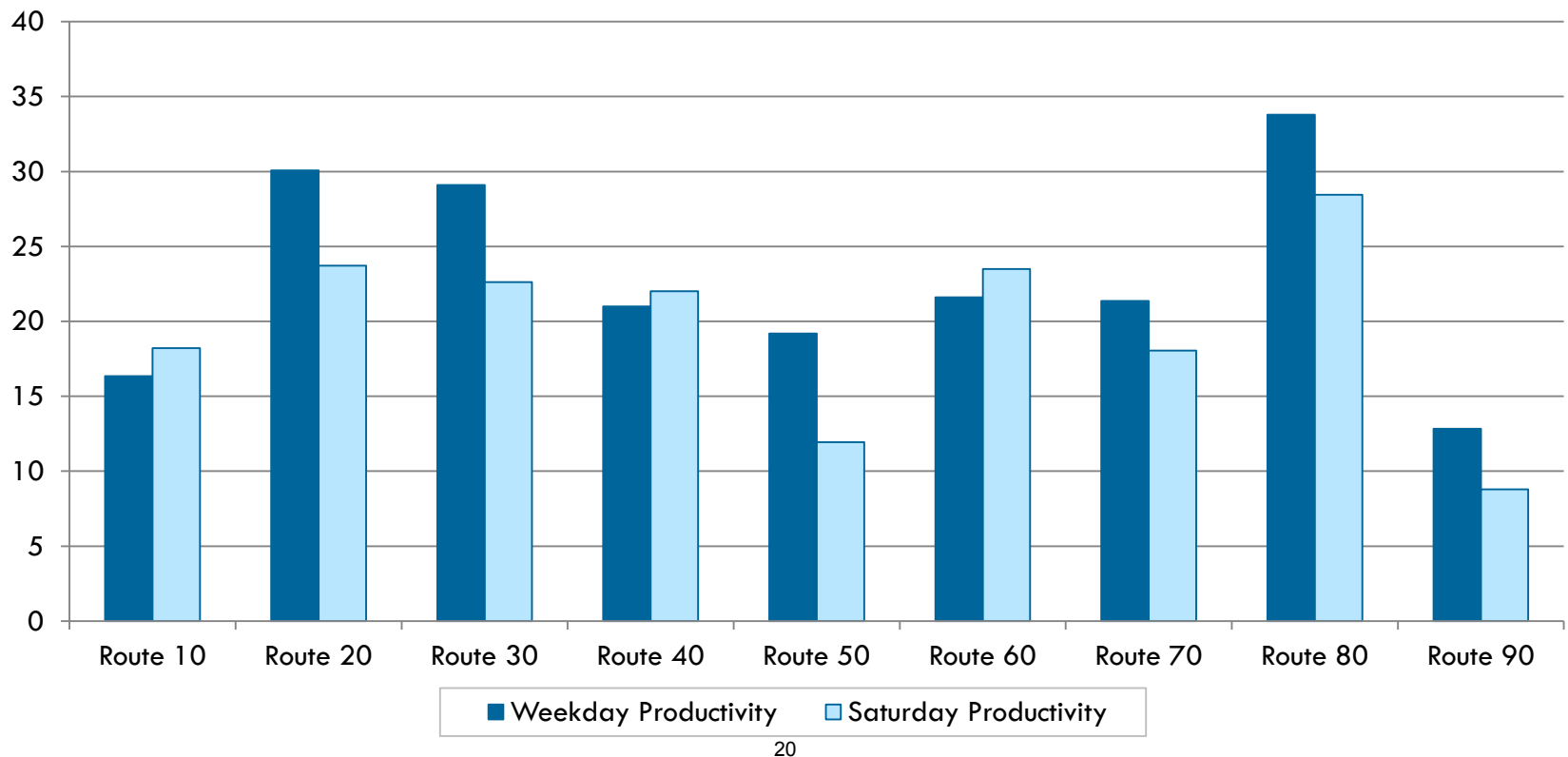
#### **DISCUSSION:**

The Mesilla Valley MPO Staff is working with a consultant on updating the Short Range Transit Plan. This item is to update the BPAC on the progress made so far.

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- This map illustrates the bus routes and school locations in East Mesa. The routes are represented by yellow lines with numbered yellow circles indicating specific stops. The schools are marked with blue icons and labels. The map includes a scale bar at the bottom, ranging from 0 to 3 miles, and a north arrow in the bottom left corner. Key landmarks and roads are also labeled, such as I-17, I-25, and various local streets like Lopez Rd, San Ysidro Rd, and Camino Real.

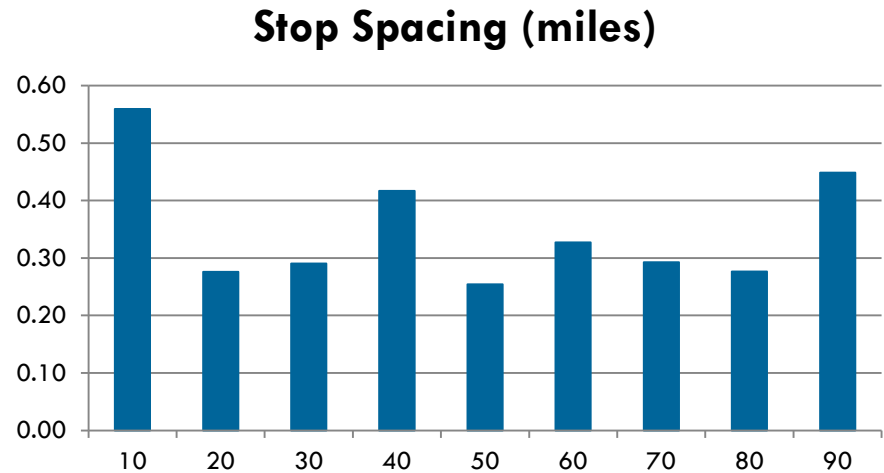
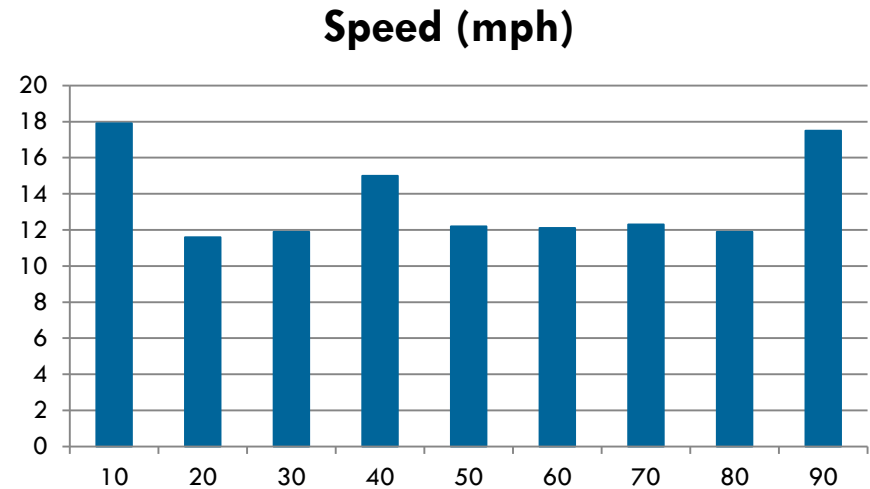
# Route Productivity (Riders per Hour)

- Several strong routes
- Longest routes have the lowest weekday productivity
- Routes 50 and 90 drop significantly on Saturday



# Speed and Stop Spacing

- Routes 10 and 90 characterized by high-speed corridors
- Fewer stops on Routes 10, 40, and 90 due to land use



# Transfer Activity (Weekday)

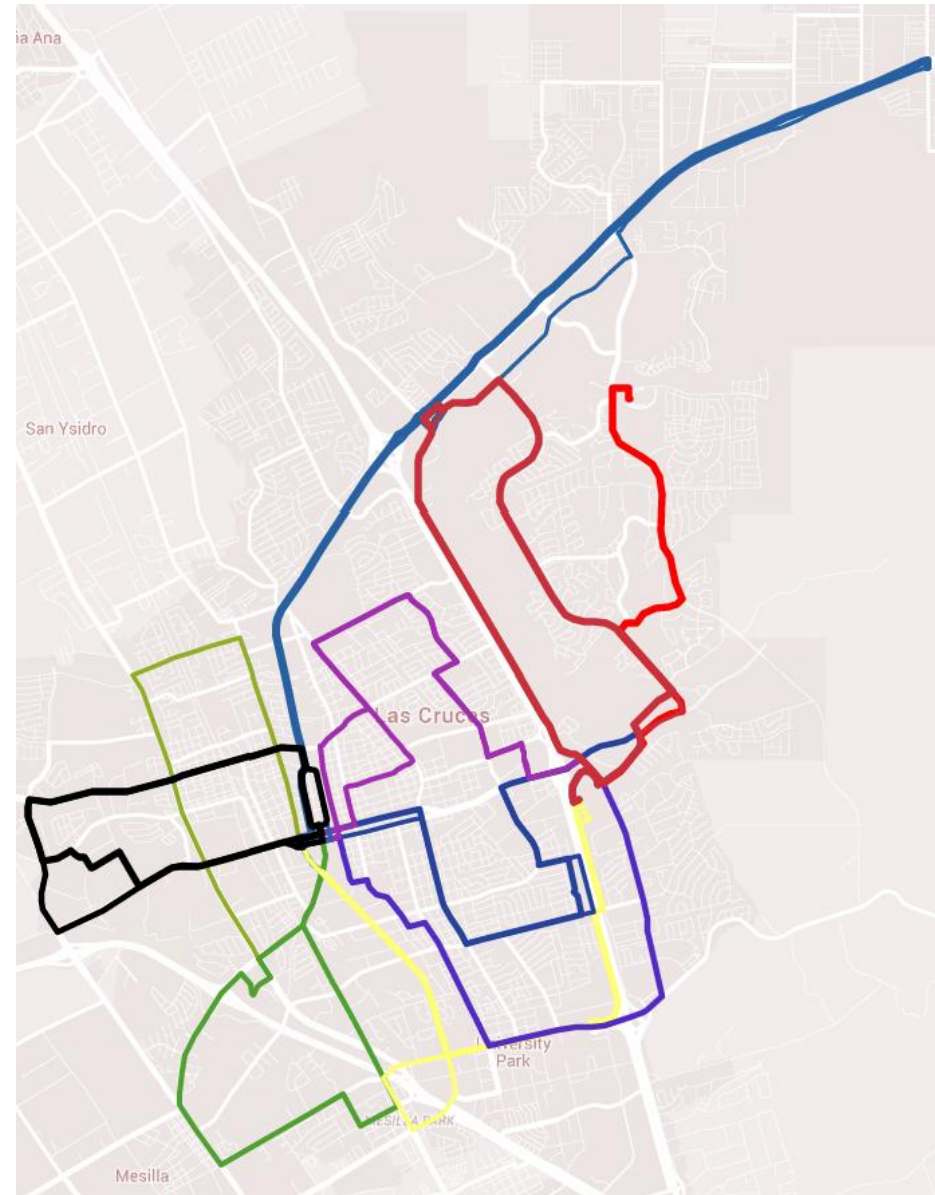
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# Concepts

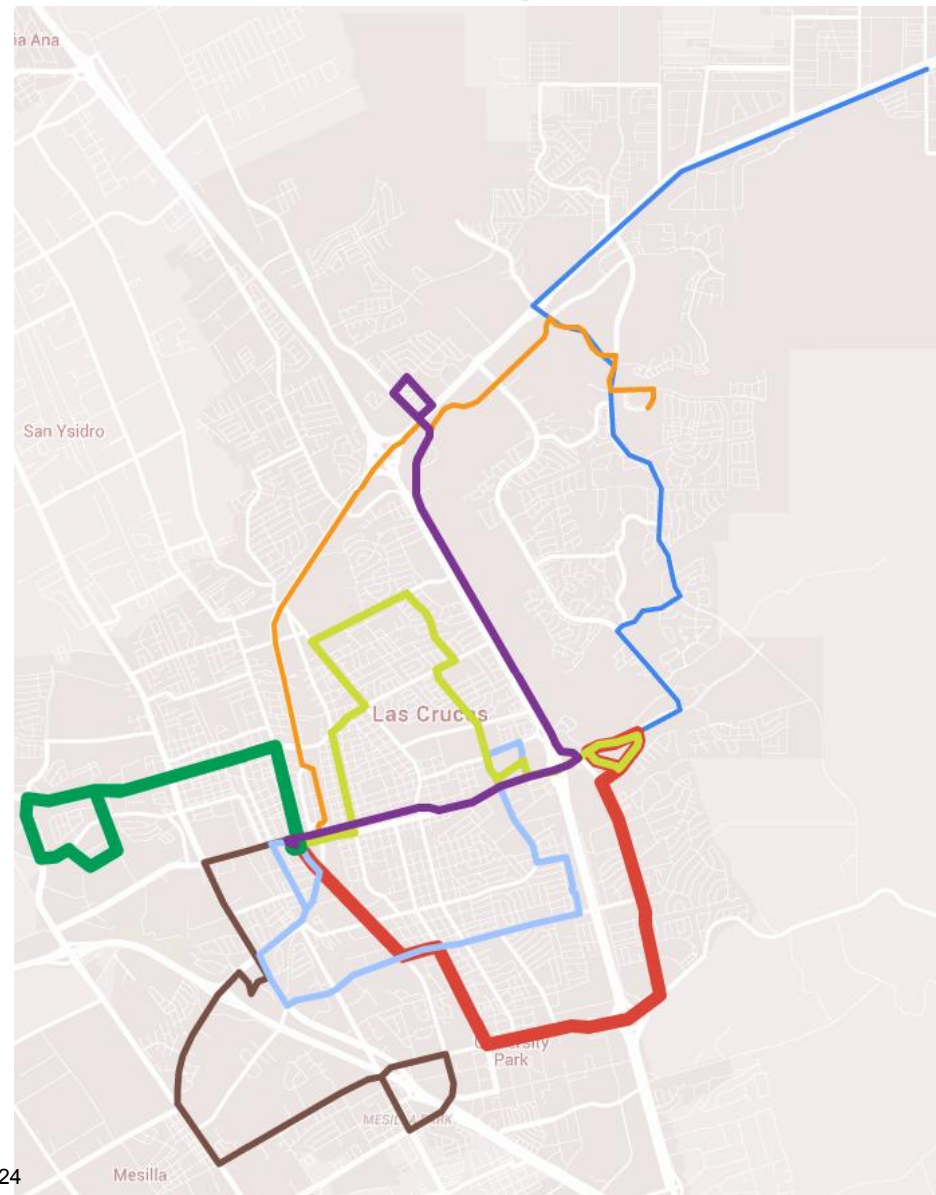
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- Shorten Routes 10 and 90 to improve schedule reliability
- Consolidate Routes 20 and 30 to provide 30-minute service
- Streamline Route 80 and operate every 30 minutes
- De-emphasize service at Mesilla Valley Mall
- Consider alternative transfer points east of I-25
- Improve access to Doña Ana Community College East Mesa
  - Extend Route 10 to DACC
  - Incorporate DACC route into regular route network
- Ensure direct access to grocery stores on each route
- Reintroduce Lohman crosstown service

## Current



## Concept A







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#### **AGENDA ITEM:**

5.3 Bicycle Suitability Map Update

#### **SUPPORT INFORMATION:**

Draft of the Bicycle Suitability Map

A large version of the draft will be available for review at the meeting

#### **DISCUSSION:**

Mesilla Valley MPO Staff is in the process of publishing an update to the Bicycle Suitability Map. This item is to present the draft map to the BPAC.

