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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 **April 21, 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. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chair**
  - 3.1. March 17, 2015 \_\_\_\_\_
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chair**
5. **ACTION ITEMS** \_\_\_\_\_
  - 5.1. Recommend Approval of Amendments to the 2014-2019 Transportation Improvement Program \_\_\_\_\_ **MPO Staff**
6. **DISCUSSION ITEMS** \_\_\_\_\_
  - 6.1. Bicycle Suitability Map Discussion \_\_\_\_\_ **MPO Staff**
7. **COMMITTEE and STAFF COMMENTS** \_\_\_\_\_
  - 7.1. Local Projects update \_\_\_\_\_ **CLC, DAC, TOM, NMSU Staff**
  - 7.2. NMDOT Projects update \_\_\_\_\_ **NMDOT Staff**
8. **PUBLIC COMMENT** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chair**
9. **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 March 17, 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                                 Scott Farnham (City of Las Cruces Rep)  
11                                 David Shearer (NMSU - Environmental Safety)  
12                                 Jolene Herrera (NMDOT Rep)  
13                                 Ashleigh Curry (Town of Mesilla Citizen)  
14                                 Albert Casillas (DAC Rep)  
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16                   **MEMBERS ABSENT:**     Leslie Kryder, Vice Chair (Bicycle Community Rep)  
17                                 Mark Leisher (DAC Citizen Rep)  
18                                 Karen Rishel (Bicycling Community Bicycle Rep)  
19                                 Carlos Coontz (Pedestrian Committee Rep)  
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21                   **STAFF PRESENT:**         Tom Murphy (MPO)  
22                                 Andrew Wray (MPO)  
23                                 Michael McAdams (MPO)  
24                                 Sharon Nebbia (MPO)  
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26                   **PUBLIC PRESENT:**         Derrick Pacheco  
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28                   **OTHERS PRESENT:**         Becky Baum, Recording Secretary, RC Creations, LLC  
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30                   **1.     CALL TO ORDER**  
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32                   Pearson:     It's 5:05. I'll call to order the Bicycle Pedestrian Facilities Advisory  
33                                 Committee of the Mesilla Valley MPO.  
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35                   **2.     APPROVAL OF AGENDA**  
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37                   Pearson:     We have approval of the agenda. Any comments or changes for the  
38                                 agenda?  
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40                   Murphy:     None from staff.  
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42                   Pearson:     Hearing none, I'll hear a motion to approve the agenda as presented.  
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44                   Shearer:     I move to approve the agenda as presented.  
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46                   Curry:      I'll second.

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2 Pearson: We have a motion and a second. All in order, “aye.” Any opposed?  
3 That’s approved.  
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5 MOTION IS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.  
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7 **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
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9 **3.1 January 20, 2015**  
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11 Pearson: So next is approval of the minutes. Any comments on the minutes?  
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13 Murphy: Staff received a couple of corrections on, on membership listings from Ms.  
14 Curry. We can go ahead and make those administrative, Albert being a, a  
15 DAC rep not a citizen’s rep and Ashleigh being a Town of Mesilla citizen  
16 not Town of Mesilla staff but we can change that administratively.  
17

18 Pearson: Okay. So any further comments on the minutes? So hear a motion to  
19 approve the minutes with the administrative changes?  
20

21 Shearer: *(inaudible)* action items *(inaudible)*  
22

23 Pearson: So your question is if we have action items in the agenda? Well anything  
24 that’s on the agenda has to be published ahead of time so if any action  
25 items would have to be on the agenda already and the only action item is  
26 the approval of the minutes. So any other, motion to approve the  
27 minutes?  
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29 Herrera: So moved.  
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31 Shearer: Second.  
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33 Pearson: I have a motion and a second to accept the minutes. All in favor “aye.”  
34 Any opposed? So the minutes are approved.  
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36 MOTION IS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.  
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38 **4. PUBLIC COMMENT**  
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40 Pearson: Next we have public comment. This is one of two opportunities for the  
41 public to comment. Anybody from the public wish to make a comment to  
42 us? If you can go up to the, or, yeah, you can just go to this chair so we’re  
43 on, have a microphone. Give us your name and whatever you wish.  
44

45 Pacheco: Hello. My name is Dereck Pacheco. I’m checking in from Phoenix,  
46 Arizona. I’m a guest today, just invited by I think it was Andy at the City.

1 So the reason I'm here exploring Las Cruces today is because I'm pretty  
2 fed up with the way that Phoenix is looking as far as bicycle transportation  
3 initiatives. I'm really impressed with cities such as Long Beach. I don't  
4 know what New Mexico's doing for bicycling right now but I'd like to get in  
5 on the ground floor as a bicycle shop owner myself. I have a lot of  
6 interesting forward-thinking ideas on how to deploy rapid transportation  
7 initiatives. I'd like to speak with anyone that is interested in doing similar  
8 projects in the valley here and I will be back.  
9

10 Pearson: Okay. Thank you. Anyone else?

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12 **5. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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14 **5.1 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update**

15  
16 Pearson: Okay. Hearing no more, we'll go on to our discussion items. So the 5.1,  
17 MPO Plan Update.

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19 Tom Murphy gave his presentation.

20  
21 Pearson: You mentioned no expansion of the roadway system but there still might  
22 be some individual things happening, Missouri extension, Baylor Canyon,  
23 things like that. Those aren't really covered by the plan but will still  
24 happen.

25  
26 Murphy: That's correct. I'll, I'll, I'll speak to each of those. It, I think I, hope I said  
27 nearly no, no expansion. Where we, where we proposed that there's new  
28 lane mileage or, or in, or in this effect, you know lane footage of new  
29 roadways it's to provide better connectivity to existing uses. I think  
30 Missouri satisfies that and with the existence of Centennial High School,  
31 that and we're, you know it's actually not a foregone conclusion that we're  
32 going to recommend going forward with that. We have Bohannon Huston  
33 on contract to do a, a study for that corridor. There are a couple others  
34 north, northeast of US-70 and I-25. There's a short quarter-mile segment  
35 of Engler and Arroyo crossing for Roadrunner Parkway that we would  
36 propose those get constructed but again they're, you know under a  
37 quarter of a mile in length and they provide connections to existing  
38 communities. So those would be the instances where we do call for, for  
39 new asphalt. In a case like Baylor Canyon Road, that's an existing right-  
40 of-way that's good, you know and I, and I think as we learned a couple of  
41 meetings ago that it's being, or actually we learned it at the Technical  
42 Advisory Committee that it's being paved to local road, minor local  
43 standard so it's not, it's not going to be a thoroughfare in the sense that,  
44 you know that the MPO would be interested in, in tracking it.  
45

46 Pearson: Anyone else have questions, comments?

1  
2 Curry: I think my question, it'd probably be answered if I read it but does it  
3 consider projects that are already underway or is it just a plan for future  
4 projects? If, if projects are already sort of in progress, is it included in  
5 here?  
6  
7 Murphy: It mostly includes projects, or future projects so things that are being  
8 constructed right now not, not necessarily going, going to show up. I think  
9 we have, we have projects listed on it that are expected to let next year in  
10 2016. An example is the Valley project that NMDOT is working on. We,  
11 we have it mentioned in the table on this and it shows on one of our maps.  
12  
13 Curry: Okay.  
14  
15 Murphy: But anything that's currently under construction like the Missouri bridge ...  
16  
17 Curry: So for example ...  
18  
19 Murphy: We're not, we're not showing.  
20  
21 Curry: Soledad Canyon. Is that a, is that a future or is that a current?  
22  
23 Murphy: It's a current project.  
24  
25 Curry: Okay. Okay. All right. Super. Thank you.  
26  
27 Pearson: So you mentioned Valley Drive. That would be the State portion. The City  
28 portion also needs some work at some point. Is that going, is that part of  
29 this or, I'm not even sure that that's on the City Capital Improvement Plan  
30 yet.  
31  
32 Murphy: I, I don't recall if that's on there and that would, if it's not that would be an  
33 excellent comment to, to make to, to add to this before we go through  
34 ultimate adoption. For some reason it, it, I don't recall seeing it in any of  
35 our tables so please, please let us know projects that we need to put on.  
36  
37 Pearson: Okay.  
38  
39 Herrera: Mr. Chair. Just one clarification on page 67, there's a list of projects on  
40 here; US-70/North Main bridge widening, I just want to make sure that  
41 that's the bridge that's sort of, what direction is that, west of Elks.  
42  
43 Murphy: That's correct.  
44  
45 Herrera: That, okay.  
46

1 Murphy: That is the bridge west of Elks that crosses over the outfall channel but it's  
2 identified as not, not having current funding.  
3

4 Herrera: Right. I just want to make sure that that's the actual bridge that we're  
5 talking about there. Thank you.  
6

7 Pearson: Okay. Another one that I've, recently come to my attention that may fit on  
8 this, on Main Street from Avenida de Mesilla to Boutz south-bound there's  
9 no shoulder area and I've been told that that might be a right-of-way issue  
10 with the, the railway there but that would be some, something to look at,  
11 maybe we can get some safety funding or something. There's just no  
12 room, there's no shoulder there so as a bicyclist you are in the roadway.  
13

14 Murphy: We can certainly look into that and add that to, to this list. The, the, and  
15 just to, for the record page 67 is the illustrated list. It's the list of projects  
16 that are needed not, not have identified funding on it. We will vet it again  
17 through this Committee and the Technical Advisory Committee and the  
18 Policy Committee will approve it. The meaning of this list is federal  
19 regulations allow us to establish a list of priorities that are not yet funded  
20 that we can then, then pursue, pursue some funding with a note that  
21 anything if, if we were to acquire some sort of funding it would require a  
22 Transportation Plan Amendment over the next five years but it's important  
23 to get it onto this list.  
24

25 Pearson: What about University from Main to NM-28? That's one of the, that's the  
26 corridor that the, the study had planned.  
27

28 Murphy: Right. We have a, we have a study on that and I'm pretty sure ...  
29

30 Pearson: Is that someplace else?  
31

32 Herrera: It's on, the study is done on the very last page, all the way ...  
33

34 Murphy: Right, bottom, yeah, thank, thank you, Jolene.  
35

36 Herrera: *(inaudible)*  
37

38 Pearson: So those are identified as projects that need to happen.  
39

40 Murphy: Right and we hope to, hope to ...  
41

42 Pearson: Okay. So that's ...  
43

44 Murphy: Improve upon our cost estimates and ...  
45

46 Pearson: Like is it a higher level of importance than this other list perhaps.

1  
2 Murphy: That's correct. That'll, that'll be included once we, once we conclude the  
3 study that we have Bohannan Huston contracted for.  
4  
5 Herrera: And, Mr. Chair if I could just jump in real quick on that particular project, I  
6 think I would call it more than (*inaudible*) pedestrian projects because  
7 we're looking at traffic flow kind of as well or (*inaudible*) ...  
8  
9 Pearson: It should be multimodal improvements probably too because that's, that  
10 was identified long ago as a location for a bicycle facility.  
11  
12 Curry: Or a multiuse path.  
13  
14 Pearson: Or something, yeah, and ...  
15  
16 Herrera: For bicycles and pedestrians.  
17  
18 Pearson: Something to help bicyclists and pedestrians because of the Zia, Zia  
19 Middle School's there. That's, I think we're all probably well aware of the  
20 problems there.  
21  
22 Shearer: So these are projects that are likely to be addressed or expected to be  
23 addressed in 2016 to 2020?  
24  
25 Murphy: On, on page 77, yes.  
26  
27 Shearer: Just they're not necessarily funded yet.  
28  
29 Murphy: Not necessarily.  
30  
31 Herrera: Some of these are.  
32  
33 Murphy: Some of them are, are funded. They are ...  
34  
35 Herrera: Three are.  
36  
37 Murphy: Included on the Transportation Improvement Program.  
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39 Herrera: I don't see the big University (*inaudible*).  
40  
41 Murphy: That's third, third from the bottom. I probably need to work on the, the  
42 listing for it but ...  
43  
44 Herrera: Oh, okay.  
45

1 Murphy: If you, yeah if you look over under the description it kind of carries in the I-  
2 25 ramps and ...  
3  
4 Pearson: The flow on the campus is the, the connection under University.  
5  
6 Murphy: And I think I was waiting on the, the cost estimate from you.  
7  
8 Herrera: It's 25 million.  
9  
10 Curry: Is that the one, is that plan to have the Triviz Trail go under so ...  
11  
12 Herrera: The whole road will go under. We're also going to be reconstructing  
13 University which is ...  
14  
15 Curry: Oh, so the whole of Triviz will, will go under University.  
16  
17 Herrera: Yes.  
18  
19 Curry: Okay. Including a bicycle ...  
20  
21 Shearer: Looks like Triviz goes under Lomador or Lohman I guess it is at that point.  
22  
23 Farnham: This is, this is an issue right, this is, and that's the expected cost.  
24  
25 Herrera: Yes.  
26  
27 Farnham: Might be other remedies or no funding at all.  
28  
29 Herrera: No, there is funding. The, the district, District 1 has committed \$25 million  
30 to construct that project.  
31  
32 Farnham: Oh, yeah.  
33  
34 Herrera: In 2019, 2018, yeah. Let me double-check that.  
35  
36 Pearson: So the signal lights at Amador and Melendres, would that be on this  
37 someplace? Cause that's, that's been ...  
38  
39 Curry: Where the pedestrian was hit?  
40  
41 Murphy: That is being done with local funds. We could in, we could include it as a  
42 regionally significant but I, you know since it is local funds then we're not  
43 required to.  
44  
45 Wray: Think it's on the illustrated list.  
46



1 Murphy: And ...  
2  
3 Herrera: I think that was the (*inaudible*) list.  
4  
5 Murphy: And it might be on the, and Andrew says it might be on the page 67 list.  
6  
7 Wray: Mr. Chair. Actually it's, I see a reference to Melendres as being a  
8 potential bike boulevard so that must have been what tripped my memory  
9 about Melendres so it's not, not elaborated on.  
10  
11 Pearson: Yeah, I just called, City's asking for State funding for that, or State  
12 assistance I believe cause ...  
13  
14 Herrera: They what? A traffic signal?  
15  
16 Pearson: Yeah. I thought there was a, like a map project that they were going to  
17 look at or, I don't recall now. Or maybe they're just looking at legislative  
18 funds.  
19  
20 Herrera: Could be, I'm just not sure. I'm just ...  
21  
22 Pearson: Seems like it got ramped up to a higher level than it has been in the past  
23 like the ...  
24  
25 Farnham: We could have the ...  
26  
27 Pearson: Like funding's in sight but not secure.  
28  
29 Murphy: Well the City's, the City's not notified us in total of what they're expecting  
30 to do.  
31  
32 Pearson: But that also does bring up the issue of safety on Picacho at about  
33 Melendres where we had the pedestrian incident. That probably is not  
34 part of this plan though, but that's something that maybe we can talk about  
35 at some other point.  
36  
37 Curry: Where the tennis courts are on Picacho?  
38  
39 Murphy: Yeah.  
40  
41 Shearer: From there and towards Main, Main Street it's really tight.  
42  
43 Pearson: Yeah, that's a 25 mile an hour zone but I guess that doesn't get respected.  
44  
45 Shearer: Nobody, everybody's going (*inaudible*).  
46

1 Herrera: Mr. Chair.  
2  
3 Pearson: Yes.  
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5 Herrera: Tom can I ask, and I'm sure I haven't (*inaudible*) yet so I'm sure these  
6 questions will be answered but where are the performance measures?  
7  
8 Murphy: We're going through performance measures beginning of chapter 4.  
9  
10 Herrera: Oh. Right in the table of contents. Got it.  
11  
12 Pearson: Also without having read it does that include traffic counts, especially  
13 multimodal?  
14  
15 Murphy: I, I think we, within this we've laid out a, a goal for how we're going to  
16 address the, address the performance measures. I think as, as we move  
17 along and I envision an annual report on all, all sorts of measures but with  
18 the, you know as we develop ...  
19  
20 Pearson: It's included in the summary here so ...  
21  
22 Murphy: Right, right. We need to pay particular mind to things that, that; 1) we can  
23 measure and 2) give us useful information, so I think we're, after, after we  
24 adopt this plan, I hate to sound like Congress, we'll, we'll find more out  
25 about what we'll, we'll be vetting the performance measures a lot more. I  
26 mean we're going to, we want to find measures that really mean  
27 something to this region.  
28  
29 Herrera: Mr. Chair, Tom, one more question. Has any of this been sent to Claude  
30 or have you coordinated any of your performance measures or population  
31 forecasting, any of that kind of stuff with Claude at the State?  
32  
33 Murphy: We've, we've worked with, with Claude, El Paso MPO, South Central  
34 Council of Governments on developing the population numbers, and we  
35 also sent him this list of performance measures.  
36  
37 Herrera: Okay. Great. Thanks.  
38  
39 Pearson: I did see a reference to the State Long-Range Multimodal Plan and State  
40 Safety plan, and those are still in process. They're coming together soon  
41 so probably about the same time frame as this plan is coming together.  
42  
43 Murphy: We've been at many of each others' own meetings. That's one of Jolene's  
44 major roles. The problem with having due dates very close and  
45 concurrent, we must write our plan, they must write their plan and ...  
46

1 Pearson: And hope that they're close enough.  
2  
3 Murphy: We know, we know that they're close enough but we can't quote ...  
4  
5 Pearson: Can't reference each other.  
6  
7 Murphy: We can't quote them.  
8  
9 Pearson: Okay.  
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11 Herrera: Yeah and just so you all know that, that coordination has been happening.  
12 I just wanted I guess you to tell everyone here that that coordination has  
13 been happening so ...  
14  
15 Pearson: Any further comments, discussion on this item?  
16  
17 Herrera: Mr. Chair, one other question. How would you like to receive comments,  
18 Tom; e-mail or written or what would you prefer?  
19  
20 Murphy: We would, we would like e-mail comments.  
21  
22 Herrera: Okay.  
23  
24 Murphy: You can send them to any MPO staff directly, can use the mpo@las-  
25 cruces.org general e-mail address, or you can, or next Committee meeting  
26 you can you know hand us written comments as well.  
27  
28 Herrera: Okay. Thanks.  
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30 Shearer: Comments by what end date?  
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32 Murphy: We have not set, I haven't, haven't looked at the calendar to do the end  
33 date. We have the Technical Advisory Committee meeting on the first  
34 Thursday of April and the comment deadline will be 45 days from that date  
35 so it'll be some point mid-May.  
36  
37 Pearson: So our next, next scheduled meeting, the April one may not happen if we  
38 don't have a TIP but the May one would be within that range for us.  
39  
40 Murphy: Right. And if you like we could, we could have an April meeting here just  
41 to go over, over this plan as well. I guess, I think, and probably we should.  
42 It's that important.  
43  
44 Pearson: Okay.  
45

1 Wray: Mr. Chair, I do want to jump in here and, mainly for Jolene's benefit since  
2 she's here. On page 69 we are still waiting for some financial numbers  
3 from Claude that we have not gotten yet so if you could use your influence  
4 to, thank you.

5  
6 Herrera: Will do.

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8 Murphy: And then I guess as a, as a closing note if you want to look at the color  
9 version Andrew will be, have this document on, up on the website along  
10 with the maps in the next few days for the, you, you can download them,  
11 look them, look at them on your screen.

12  
13 Pearson: And once you have them available you can just send us, the Committee  
14 an e-mail that points to that.

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16 Murphy: It's too big to e-mail.

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18 Pearson: No. I mean the, the pointer.

19  
20 Murphy: Oh. Yes. Absolutely.

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22 **5.2 Short Range Transit Plan Update**

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24 Pearson: Okay. I guess we're ready to move on to the next, 5.2 Short Range  
25 Transit Plan update.

26  
27 Michael McAdams gave his presentation.

28  
29 Pearson: Okay. Can I ask ...

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31 McAdams: Yes.

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33 Pearson: How this plan fits in with other plans that exist, or ...

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35 McAdams: Yes. If you noticed that the long range plan referenced the short range  
36 transit plan, we're required at intervals to, to update our plan and so the  
37 short range plan is mainly for, for incremental changes, not big changes  
38 you know so these will, the recommendations will have, and you can  
39 recommend too of course, that's why you're here, we can do it very  
40 gradually. So this is not a one-time deal.

41  
42 Michael McAdams continued his presentation.

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44 Pacheco: Would the turtle cost money or would this be free service?  
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1 McAdams: It would, I, I think that, the turtle I'm not sure. We have to check about  
2 that. I think it would be establish ...  
3  
4 Pearson: Would you restate the question for the record?  
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6 McAdams: The question was "Would this be a free service for city residents or  
7 anybody in, using the bike system?" Speaking a little bit off the cuff, I  
8 think that it would be available as a service that the City provides.  
9  
10 Pacheco: You said that ...  
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12 McAdams: The bike locker is, is, is a, is a rental. Yeah. Oh, sorry. I'm bad.  
13  
14 Pacheco: Did, did you also mention that that has to be a USA manufacture?  
15  
16 McAdams: Oh, it doesn't have to be. It could be, actually the, the, the bike lids are  
17 from anywhere I think but I, as you, as you know it's generally encouraged  
18 federal contracts and ...  
19  
20 Pacheco: What I've noticed in, in the major cities is it's all going to China.  
21  
22 McAdams: Yeah.  
23  
24 Pacheco: And you mentioned that these are not innovative ideas. I don't want to  
25 see non-innovative ideas. I want to see New Mexico have the most  
26 innovative ideas. These are Chinese bikes. If we're going to do bike  
27 share or bike libraries, you mentioned Boulder for the bike share.  
28  
29 McAdams: Right.  
30  
31 Pacheco: How about going a little further to Ft. Collins and looking at their bicycle  
32 library, lending library? No cost to citizens.  
33  
34 McAdams: Oh yeah.  
35  
36 Pacheco: This is a lot of fluff that gets real expensive really fast.  
37  
38 McAdams: It, well this is just, again this is a, idea to spur discussion and these would  
39 be great ideas. I agree. If we could do it for free, in fact it should be free  
40 you know to a certain degree and many, there's many people just  
41 abandon bikes. Why couldn't we use those too so I'm, I'm, we're not  
42 saying these are the best or, this just, it's just a idea and to have other  
43 type of discussion too.  
44  
45 Pacheco: Absolutely and ...  
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1 McAdams: And I think that you're right. We want to be the best. We can't help that I  
2 think it's been shipped to China that's, I can't, I can't ...  
3  
4 Pacheco: We can, we can help that though if we bring back manufacturing ...  
5  
6 McAdams: Oh I agree.  
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8 Pacheco: To a local level we could be manufacturing these bicycles and putting New  
9 Mexicans back to work ...  
10  
11 Pearson: Put a hold, let the presentation go on and then the questions  
12  
13 Pacheco: Absolutely.  
14  
15 McAdams: I agree with you entirely.  
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17 Pacheco: He did offer.  
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19 McAdams: This is just to introduce, I think that we're not ...  
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21 Pacheco: I didn't mean to shut you out.  
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23 McAdams: No, no, no. We, this is, these are good issues and again this is just for  
24 discussion and this could go anywhere right.  
25  
26 Michael McAdams continued his presentation.  
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28 Pacheco: But also it ...  
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30 Pearson: I'll hold questions till afterwards.  
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32 McAdams: Okay.  
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34 Pacheco: He invited questions earlier. I was just ...  
35  
36 McAdams: Okay.  
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38 Pearson: I'm going to hold public comment until after we're done with our  
39 discussion.  
40  
41 McAdams: Oh, okay. You want to see the, the map I guess.  
42  
43 Pearson: Yeah.  
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45 McAdams: Can we, can we, discussion or, I'll get it.  
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1 Pearson: Okay, so you're looking, Transit's looking at redoing the routes then, that's  
2 part of this plan?  
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4 McAdams: *(inaudible)*  
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6 Murphy: Mr. Chair, yes it, the MPO and Roadrunner Transit are, we've  
7 commissioned a study to, to look at the, or, yeah adjusting the Roadrunner  
8 routes.  
9

10 Pearson: Okay, so that's what part of this is, is part of, yeah.  
11

12 Murphy: Yeah. Part of, part of that's to give you the briefing on, on the work that's  
13 taking place on that and we're working closely with the Transit Advisory  
14 Board on the actual routes themselves. Where we thought it would  
15 intersect this committee was the, the idea of implementing the, the bike  
16 and ride kind of to you know, you know extend both the transit and, and  
17 cycling as very useful means of transportation. And ...  
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19 Pearson: *(inaudible)*  
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21 Murphy: That's, that's correct and, and just to reiterate the orange circles on the,  
22 the map that's closest to you represent areas that we would, we would  
23 propose you know the general areas where we'd propose these bike  
24 stations. The idea of people coming from very remote areas come in,  
25 have a safe place to store their, their bicycle and be able to take, take  
26 transit the rest of the way into the center of the city or the university. And  
27 the blue circles represent where we would have bike sharing programs  
28 and so that was, they could you know leave their bike remotely, come in,  
29 finish their, finish their trip on another one. The importance on it really,  
30 really stems from, we are limited safety reasons on how many, how many  
31 bike racks we can place on the bus so we figured if we give more options  
32 to, to bicycle riders that we can one, you know in, increase the range that  
33 they can travel and two, just provide more transportation options.  
34

35 Pacheco: A quick question. Based on the bus transit issue, what is the current  
36 regulation for taking bikes onto the bus if the bike racks are full?  
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38 Murphy: The, the current regulation is they are not allowed on the, on the bus  
39 because there's no way to secure it within them and if, and should there  
40 be a, a crash or other kind of incident you have a very heavy projectile  
41 within the bus.  
42

43 Pacheco: I've been stranded, last bus of the route and the bike racks are full and  
44 then I have to bike all the way to the next town. Are we forward, are we  
45 actively thinking of, of new measures to maybe increase ridership and  
46 participation by alleviating some of these concerns?

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2 Murphy: And that, that has happened to me as well and I think that's one of the  
3 things is, you know you, you, you know you can have a bicycle on both  
4 ends of your transit trip and ...  
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6 Pacheco: What if I'm a bicycle owner and I don't want to ride the bike?  
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8 Murphy: Then, then you lock your bicycle in a locker.  
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10 Pacheco: How am I going to get home?  
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12 Murphy: I don't want to do this back and forth but I know people can have two  
13 bicycles, one on each end if that's what they want to do. They're in, I  
14 mean, you know there's, there's many ways to go about it.  
15  
16 Pearson: One of the comments was the students, university level participation  
17 seems to be lower. I remember that there was some initiative to allow  
18 NMSU students free access to the buses and then Student Union would  
19 perhaps subsidize that. Has that happened, will that happen?  
20  
21 Murphy: We're continuing, continuing those discussions. This academic year the,  
22 the Associated Student Body for NMSU has chosen that they would, they  
23 would buy, purchase passes and then, and then give them to their  
24 membership upon request.  
25  
26 Pearson: Okay.  
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28 Pacheco: That's not an active program yet?  
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30 Murphy: Restate the question, Mr. Pacheco.  
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32 Pacheco: That's not an active program that's advertized yet? Students don't have  
33 subsidized cards? It seems like a no-brainer, easy one to get ridership up.  
34 Also I'd like to know the frequency of the late buses. Is this harming  
35 student travel? They won't use the bus if they can't get to class on time.  
36  
37 Murphy: Mr. Chair, Mr. Pacheco?  
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39 Pacheco: Yes, sir.  
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41 Murphy: Yeah. You know these are all, all things that we hear about. One of the  
42 primary concerns is to run the routes later in the day. That's you know  
43 right now that's a, a funding constraint. The City is running as, as much  
44 service as, as, as we can with the resources that we've, we've devoted  
45 towards that.  
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1 Pacheco: I noticed that the highest ridership is to Wal-Mart stores. Any thoughts on  
2 privately working with Wal-Mart on the, improving the transit line?  
3

4 Murphy: We do try engage with some of the private sector as far as, as notably  
5 getting employee passes. We've, I think we've had discussions with Wal-  
6 Mart. We've had discussions with the call centers. I am not sure on an  
7 operational basis how many, either any particular business has purchased  
8 bus passes though.  
9

10 Pacheco: And also if that discussion's on the table is a similar discussion available  
11 on maybe bringing some ridership away from Wal-Mart, i.e. China goods  
12 and maybe bringing it back into the old, the old neighborhoods.  
13

14 Pearson: Well I think that kind of exceeds what we're talking about here. On the,  
15 okay the student access, Roadrunner Transit provides the local Aggie  
16 Transit or whatever. There's also some service from main campus to  
17 Dona Ana Branch on the east side. Is that part of the integrated system,  
18 available to everybody or is that just specific for university students?  
19

20 Murphy: Oh everyone. That, that service is available to, to everyone. We do have  
21 a meeting with the, with Dona Ana Branch on Friday to really advance  
22 integrating that more into the system.  
23

24 Pacheco: Okay.  
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26 Pearson: So it's just pay your fare, get on, and you're good.  
27

28 Murphy: That's correct.  
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30 Pearson: Do we have any metrics for the use of bicycle, the bicycle racks on the  
31 buses because anecdotally and we started out the meeting, "Oh, they're  
32 always full," do you have any metrics that actually says you know certain  
33 routes you get certain amount of percent of use and how often they're full,  
34 things like that?  
35

36 Murphy: We haven't looked into that, that specifically. Michael and I did discuss it  
37 this morning. We are going to look into the fare box data to see if, if that is  
38 captured but, but right now all I can really tell you is the anecdotal  
39 evidence.  
40

41 Pearson: Okay. Cause I think that would be real important for future planning,  
42 identifying routes where it's used more often maybe or maybe we have to  
43 look at putting racks on the back of the bus too instead of just the front. I  
44 don't know what's technically available but ...  
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46 Murphy: Actually we ...

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2 Pearson: I know we've expanded.  
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4 Murphy: Actually we ...  
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6 Pearson: Initially we had two bike, a two-bike rack on the front of each bus and  
7 that's expanded to a three-bike rack and so if it's really that high usage  
8 and anecdotally it seems true that they're, more often you see a bike, bus  
9 with bikes than not it seems like but of course the metrics are really  
10 needed.  
11  
12 Pacheco: And can we treat the interior of the bus like a train and maybe put some  
13 racks inside that securely allow for that?  
14  
15 Pearson: Well that's where we need data.  
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17 Pacheco: And I'm, I'm pretty sure that the, that the fare box does not count the  
18 bicycle, the bike ridership.  
19  
20 Murphy: Mike Bartholomew from Roadrunner Transit is here.  
21  
22 Bartholomew: There, there is a key on the fare box as to count bicycles. It has to be  
23 manually done by a driver. We have done in past years, just done  
24 samples just to justify the, the bike racks and but we haven't done it in  
25 quite a few years because the first year that we tested it the, I can't  
26 remember, there was, I wanted to say there was 50-80 bikes a day that  
27 were being put on the buses and, and the, and the, we were going with  
28 the anecdotal data that they were pretty, pretty heavily used all the time.  
29 In fact there's occasions that we have to deny people with bicycles a, a  
30 spot because all of our, our racks are, the, all the spaces in the racks are  
31 full. But if the MPO wanted to do a sampling of the bike racks the key is  
32 still on there that, that we could pick a sample period and sample the, the  
33 bikes.  
34  
35 Pacheco: But, but also the denials need to be recorded. I don't think you have a key  
36 for the denials.  
37  
38 Bartholomew: We don't have a specific one but it, there's plenty of keys. We can create  
39 a key for that.  
40  
41 Shearer: I have a question. Are you saying that you have an agreement with  
42 ASNMSU for free passes? If so it certainly hasn't been advertised or  
43 provided.  
44  
45 Pearson: There you are.  
46

1 Shearer: Okay. So if there's some sort of agreement for the use of the buses that  
2 hasn't been communicated around campus?  
3

4 Murphy: We, we had the, we had the program and it was known as the UPass. I  
5 believe that was in fiscal year or academic year 2013-2014 and then since  
6 then, and the, it was some, the students paid for it out of, out of their fees.  
7 They, they directed a certain amount of their, out of their, out of their fees  
8 to Roadrunner Transit. In exchange Roadrunner Transit provided people  
9 with a valid ID, you know basically use that as their, as their bus pass and  
10 recently I think it was the, you know it's been the decision and I'm not sure  
11 if it rests at the, at the administration level or the student level for the, for  
12 NMSU was they prefer to go the pre-purchase of, of passes and I, I think  
13 from the, from the City's standpoint is they're always willing to, you know  
14 to reexamine the UPass idea. I think that it, it was a real boon to  
15 Roadrunner ridership and we would like to see it reinstated but again  
16 that's, a lot of it's the University's call.  
17

18 Shearer: Okay. I'll make sure that this gets brought up before ASNMSU and so that  
19 request to work back to the UPass. Thank you.  
20

21 Murphy: We would appreciate that.  
22

23 Pearson: And as far as bicycles at the transfer points, anecdotally the few times that  
24 I've driven past the, the new transfer, the multimodal transfer point there's  
25 some bike parking there and it seems to be at least half full if not full so  
26 from what I can tell there seems to be a demand for maybe more bike  
27 parking, maybe bike lockers, whatever so that is something certainly to  
28 investigate.  
29

30 Murphy: We think the demand's there and I think provided protected parking would  
31 just you know even, even increase the usage of that.  
32

33 Pearson: I know NMSU has some bike lockers. I don't know what, what the usage  
34 is of them though and if they, anybody even knows, there are some up by  
35 the Pan Am Center. I actually haven't been there in years cause...  
36 they've been removed, yeah, cause it's been years and years ago that I  
37 knew about them so they might be in storage someplace maybe.  
38

39 Herrera: Mr. Chair if I can, I just want to point out too for your information that El  
40 Paso is doing a bike share program. Right now the MPO is looking into  
41 getting that started up. They've put some of their, the City of El Paso has  
42 put some of their own money up for the startup but it might be good to talk  
43 to El Paso MPO staff if you're really seriously looking at that because they  
44 have looked into it a lot and come across some hurdles but they, they're  
45 overcoming those and so they're our next-door neighbors.  
46

1 Pacheco: You hear any budget numbers by chance?  
2  
3 Herrera: Yeah. They have them all. I just don't know them off the top of my head.  
4  
5 Pacheco: Cost Phoenix, City of Phoenix about a half a million bucks, and not the  
6 City, it's being subsidized by out of state and out of country companies.  
7  
8 Herrera: Yeah. I think their initial, what they put in their Transportation  
9 Improvement Program was \$800,000 just for the startup and that was I  
10 believe three location, one at UTEP, one in downtown, and one  
11 somewhere else that I don't remember right now ...  
12  
13 Pearson: So that was the reduced program from initial (*inaudible*)  
14  
15 Herrera: Right, that was the reduced. They initially had I think a million and a half  
16 and then ...  
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18 Pearson: TexDOT.  
19  
20 Herrera: TexDOT. And some other things happened so ...  
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22 Pacheco: Has it been part of the discussion in El Paso or New Mexico of instead of  
23 spending a million bucks on bikes, maybe the people are going to spend  
24 money on renting, maybe bicycle ownership for every single resident?  
25  
26 Herrera: Those discussions have not come up at the MPO. I'm not sure if they've  
27 happened.  
28  
29 Pacheco: I'd love to see New Mexico go that route instead of copying places like El  
30 Paso and like I said this money goes out of the state and out of the  
31 country to these providers. The GPS, the bicycles, the software, none of it  
32 stays local. If we issue a credit for \$100 bicycle to anyone that wants it  
33 and they can take that credit to a local bike shop, might run.  
34  
35 Herrera: Yeah. Well we do what we can with the resources that we have.  
36  
37 Pacheco: But we don't have the resources for bike share and we do have the  
38 resources for simple bicycle integration on a really simple level.  
39  
40 Pearson: As far as bike share it is, Albuquerque has a system that they are, have  
41 announced that will be operational sometime in May. It's a reduced  
42 system, small system but it will exist so New Mexico will have an example  
43 of bike share.  
44  
45 Shearer: Do we have budget numbers on that?  
46

1 Pearson: No. I just saw the press release for it. I'm not familiar with the operational  
2 of, anything more than the press release that a small system will be  
3 operational in May sometime. I, I like your "Uber for Hippies" logo there.  
4 They got the, the image correctly for hippies which are what 60-70 year-  
5 old hippies now.  
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7 Curry: *(inaudible)*  
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9 Pearson: No, no, no.  
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11 Herrera: Mr. Chair.  
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13 Pearson: Yes.  
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15 Herrera: Can I ask just another question? I know that we're talking about the  
16 Roadrunner fixed routes right now but does this plan look at all at  
17 paratransit or anything like that?  
18  
19 Murphy: Mr. Chair, Ms. Herrera, no this, this plan is not looking at the, at the  
20 paratransit. We had a, we had a limited budget. We decided to  
21 concentrate it on the fixed route, route timing issues. We, the, yes, yeah  
22 we decided that that would be where we would, we would focus the  
23 resources. I mean the paratransit and the Dial-a-Ride system will  
24 continue to operate as is. The adjustment of routes into new areas does  
25 not affect the operation of Dial-a-Ride since we've declared the service  
26 area is the city limits, we don't need to really worry about shifting the  
27 three-quarter mile buffer around much.  
28  
29 Herrera: Okay. Great. Thank you.  
30  
31 Pearson: And then any integration with regional transit, VTrans or whatever, that's  
32 just at the, the transfer points probably.  
33  
34 Murphy: Right, yes. The Roadrunner would continue to interact with other transit  
35 providers at, at those, at those points.  
36  
37 Pearson: Okay. Guests, any further comments?  
38  
39 Pacheco: Quick question for transit. Any thoughts on wifi enabled buses? Your,  
40 your bar chart was real low on the young people factor and young people  
41 want the wifi and maybe also some part, have you guys experimented with  
42 wrapping the buses and engaging more on a, a young person level  
43 instead of the boring old Roadrunner? Could be a source for income also.  
44

1 Bartholomew: We have enquired or looked a little bit into wifi at least at our intermodal  
2 center but on the buses themselves we haven't yet because it, it, it's a  
3 funding issue really for us to be able to put that in at this point in time.  
4

5 Pacheco: And if you did the ... if you rolled out a ...  
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7 Bartholomew: And as far as the wraps on the buses the, the program that we have right  
8 now is we have a vendor that gets paying businesses to advertise on the  
9 bus and so we don't really put our own advertisements on the bus. I mean  
10 if the university wanted, they've, if, and they have on some of the campus  
11 buses. They, they've put on their own logo, information and logo on the,  
12 on the routes that we run on the campus area. But we, as a city don't put  
13 our own wraps on the bus.  
14

15 Pacheco: Even just the feeder ones that you're talking about with the low student  
16 ridership, students aren't coming from all over the valley necessarily,  
17 maybe just off of one or two routes, maybe deploying a test plan with  
18 Sprint or someone. I know ASU did that and it's widely successful, wildly  
19 because they can do their homework while they're on the bus as students.  
20 Also with the, the wraps if you just want to do a test run on the one route  
21 that goes through school picking up all the kids, it could be a real low-cost  
22 way to get some numbers up.  
23

24 Bartholomew: And it certainly is something as a partnership with the university that the  
25 university might be interested in helping to, to fund that wrap and, and  
26 make it, make it happen.  
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28 Pacheco: I, I would think the Art Department would be.  
29

30 Pearson: The Transit's had some interaction with the, the Google Maps for timing  
31 and arrivals at locations. Is there, can you expand on that a little bit and  
32 maybe at the, the bus stops if there's going to be information of when the  
33 next bus will arrive or if you just do it with a smart phone or whatever.  
34

35 Bartholomew: It, well that's actually a pretty relevant question right now. We, we did  
36 have Google Transit up for a while and then it was down because there  
37 were some issues with it but it's up again. Yeah, it's up again now and I  
38 would say within a couple, two to three weeks that we're, we've been  
39 installing a, a, a, what's called a CAD/AVL system, Computer Aided  
40 Dispatch/Automatic Vehicle Location system in our buses and we've been  
41 working, it's in, it's in the process of implementation right now and we  
42 should have a public website or a link from our transit website to the  
43 Where's My Bus? website where people can find, see where their bus is,  
44 see when the next arrival is stop by stop, when the bus is anticipated to  
45 arrive at that stop. Again, that should be, probably within three weeks we  
46 should have that link to our, on our website.

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2 Pacheco: So you're saying the largest tech company in the whole world is working  
3 with you guys?  
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5 Bartholomew: What was that?  
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7 Pacheco: The largest tech company in the entire world is working with Las Cruces  
8 on their bus system? Is that what you're saying?  
9  
10 Bartholomew: The largest tech company in the world?  
11  
12 Pacheco: Google. They're working with Las Cruces, New Mexico on their transit ...  
13  
14 Bartholomew: Oh, no, no, no. That's, that's not the Google system. It's a company  
15 called Clever Devices that, the CAD ...  
16  
17 Pacheco: You mentioned Google.  
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19 Bartholomew: Google is, we have a presence on Google Transit and that's just a matter  
20 of providing data to Google to, that's uploaded and, and then the  
21 information is, is on there. That's free other than the time to put the, the  
22 data together and, but the CAD/AVL system is actually something that has  
23 a public interface but more importantly for us it's, it, it's an operating  
24 interface where we can get statistical data on what our buses are doing,  
25 we have better interaction with our buses, we can see where they, the  
26 buses are at all times and, and we have that on both of our, on our fixed  
27 route side and then just internally on our Dial-a-Ride side we have that  
28 CAD/AVL system.  
29  
30 Pacheco: So Las Cruces is giving the biggest data company in the world free data  
31 and we're not asking for some free internet on the buses yet?  
32  
33 Bartholomew: I still, I'm sorry, I couldn't hear your ...  
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35 Pacheco: We are working with Google and Google products ...  
36  
37 Pearson: I think this kind of exceeds what we're talking about right now so if we  
38 could go on ...  
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40 Pacheco: But ...  
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42 Pearson: Is there any ...  
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44 Pacheco: This is, this is very relevant actually.  
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46 Pearson: I'm going to disallow this at this point.

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2 Pacheco: Yes, sir.  
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4 **5.3 Bicycle Suitability Map**  
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6 Pearson: Let's move on to our next item which is the Bicycle Suitability Map.  
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8 Tom Murphy gave his presentation.  
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10 Curry: Mr. Chair, Mr. Murphy? Could you, would you be able just to give us a  
11 quick key of red, green, orange, stripy, (*inaudible*) path?  
12  
13 Pearson: And any changes of significance since the last time?  
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15 Curry: Thank you.  
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17 Murphy: Okay. The, the, the, when I show, I believe when it shows up on the  
18 screen is the, the dark green, I'm not sure if, it's more of an olive color  
19 here. That's, that's the, the highest suitable, the lighter green is ...  
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21 Curry: Highest.  
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23 Murphy: The highest, highest suitability, yeah excuse me. It's been a long day.  
24 The, the lighter green is, is somewhat suitable. The orange-ish is less  
25 suitable and the red is the least suitable, those being the, the high-speed  
26 large-volume roadways with no bicycle facilities. I think we have, I, I, I  
27 can't, can't pinpoint it but where we've, we had some changes on there,  
28 we've had some bike lanes implemented since then. I believe the road,  
29 road diet on Idaho is probably represented there.  
30  
31 Curry: So what year was this set? Is this the 2014?  
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33 Murphy: This is 2015.  
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35 Curry: Oh this is 2015.  
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37 Shearer: And the dotted white, a multiuse path?  
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39 Murphy: We, we also, originally this map was envisioned as dealing with in-road  
40 facilities but I believe it was, it was through working with this Committee  
41 we added the multi-use path since you know a recreational rider finding a  
42 map at a bike shop would want to know the locations of, of those facilities  
43 as well and there, I guess is our most obvious addition would be the outfall  
44 channel path.  
45  
46 Pearson: What's this one at the top?



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2 Curry: That's Sonoma Ranch.  
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4 Pearson: Oh, I guess technically it's ...  
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6 Murphy: Technically, yes.  
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8 Farnham: There's a, another path that goes from ...  
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10 Curry: DACC (*inaudible*)  
11  
12 Farnham: Yeah. Down through the arroyo and ...  
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14 Curry: Back behind the middle school.  
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16 Farnham: Right. And it's actually pretty ride-able to go, continue on down the arroyo  
17 and get to the outfall channel. It's not a, any formed trail but the, kind of a  
18 cross-country there.  
19  
20 Murphy: Right. We actually, we actually have counters on that, the, the paved  
21 portion but I don't think we ought to advertise riding on an unpaved one  
22 with, with, with, from our capacity.  
23  
24 Farnham: We should put it the ...  
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26 Curry: There's a problem with this the, the flood, whatever the floodwall ... what's  
27 that called?  
28  
29 Farnham: The dam?  
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31 Curry: The dam. The dam wall is in the way. Never had a discussion like that  
32 before. Maybe that was there's a, a dam wall that prohibits continuing that  
33 on. I, I have a quick question. On El Paseo our focus was really to turn El  
34 Paseo into a very ride-able road yet it remains red. Is there plans to make  
35 it a green road?  
36  
37 Murphy: This, the, there are plans to make that a, a green road but right now this  
38 is, represents ...  
39  
40 Curry: Okay.  
41  
42 Murphy: Current traffic, current conditions, current counts, current speed limit.  
43  
44 Shearer: I'll say for right now that you haven't looked at the university's roads. I'm  
45 certain that we have bus lanes the entire length of Stewart and you're  
46 showing it as orange which you say is the least suitable.

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2 Curry: No, red's the least suitable.  
3  
4 Shearer: Well okay, red then. So I would think you would need to be light green if  
5 not dark green. Also your road, your map doesn't show Arrowhead which  
6 is one of the newer roads which goes down past the early college high  
7 school. It has bike lanes on both sides and it's, it's very suitable for riding  
8 and I'm having it striped from, and it extends to Wells and I'm currently  
9 having it striped from, from Wells over to Stewart so there's a connection  
10 there. There may be some other ones that would be possibly not dark  
11 green but they ought to be depicted on the university's portion here.  
12  
13 Murphy: We'll, we'll send our, our co-ops back out there.  
14  
15 Shearer: Okay. Thank you.  
16  
17 Pearson: So the map shows suitability but doesn't really show places to go, for  
18 example Lomador, Lohman-Amador is clearly red and it should be red, but  
19 Kansas is a very suitable alternate route to get ...  
20  
21 Curry: Where's Kansas?  
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23 Pearson: Along there. It's the first road south.  
24  
25 Murphy: The first road south.  
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27 Pearson: So I, and I think that's on our suitability plan so maybe we should identify  
28 alternative connections where possible as green or at least orange. But  
29 green, I mean those are residential so those are green I would presume.\

30  
31 Murphy: I think we defaulted towards ones that are on the functional classification,  
32 either that is a collector or above which you know we certainly can look at  
33 local roadways when they, when they provide a very suitable alternative  
34 and, and we'll add that if you ...  
35  
36 Pearson: Well this isn't a route finding map. It's a suitability map which are two  
37 different functions so that's why I wonder if we can kind of work in the, the  
38 route finding as part of this.  
39  
40 Murphy: Well, it's ...  
41  
42 Pearson: Cause this is the only map that's going to be available in Las Cruces.  
43  
44 Murphy: Okay. So I think, I think you're, you're here and you want, you want some,  
45 some destinations identified on it and then, and then local roads where  
46 they provide a very good alternative to a, to a red travel.

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2 Pearson: Right, yeah like Kansas.  
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4 Murphy: Okay. All right.  
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6 Pearson: That's the only one I can think of offhand.  
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8 Murphy: Yeah, yeah I can you know ...  
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10 Curry: Well I, I could think of coming up Conway as a nice riding road as an  
11 alternative to the university or to Union. (*inaudible*) doesn't go all the way  
12 through but it would mediate some (*inaudible*).  
13  
14 Murphy: Yeah. I think you know and, and I missed, I, I wasn't at the particular  
15 meet, some of the particular meetings when the BPAC last discussed you  
16 know what the, the metrics to adopt this. I think you know, I think by, by  
17 default all local roadways are suitable for, for bicycling and they're very,  
18 you know they're very comfortable for pretty much all levels of cyclists and  
19 we provide the local map route as a background to there so somebody,  
20 you know somebody can see the local roadways and see that the  
21 connections exist but we don't do, we don't do traffic counts on them, they  
22 don't have facilities placed on them so as far as rank, you know I, I would  
23 say you know, you know maybe, maybe we'd put in the legend that the,  
24 the grey line is the, the grey lines are the utmost highest suitable you  
25 know for all, for all levels but I don't have a problem with identifying  
26 particular, particular alternatives when, when it's next to a heavy corridor.  
27  
28 Pearson: We have, we have the, the bicyclists' or the Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3 map. I  
29 wonder if we should, at least as an exercise at some point overlay the two  
30 and see if some of those routes are missing from this map. Maybe that's  
31 where we put in connection, make, make sure that they're ...  
32  
33 Murphy: The local roadways show? Okay.  
34  
35 Pearson: Officially overlapped.  
36  
37 Murphy: Okay. That sounds like a good suggestion.  
38  
39 Pearson: (*inaudible*) Cause I think Kansas should be on a Tier, like a Tier 1 route as  
40 an alternative.  
41  
42 Murphy: Right. Yeah, yeah similar to like Albuquerque and Silver as the bike  
43 boulevard parallel to Central Avenue.  
44

1 Curry: Yeah, and for example you could take, I'm looking at Hadley (*inaudible*) a  
2 light green/olive/orange or we could just work on making those orange  
3 ones like green or olive.  
4  
5 Murphy: Right.  
6  
7 Curry: (*inaudible*) connectivity.  
8  
9 Murphy: And that's, yeah and that's where we're identifying doing the first bicycle  
10 boulevards along Hadley so we would like to, you know those are the,  
11 probably the, the best, the best places to do initial treatments.  
12  
13 Pearson: Yeah, Hadley got darker colored since the last road improvement project  
14 there cause bike lanes were added.  
15  
16 Herrera: Mr. Chair, Tom, if I can just ask what do you consider suitable in a more  
17 rural area? What is the width of shoulder?  
18  
19 Murphy: I, I think we need to, we, we go to, AASHTO say that it needs to be a  
20 minimum of four feet before we can consider it.  
21  
22 Herrera: Okay, and that doesn't include if there's guard rail or I don't think we have  
23 any rumble strips on any roads in the MPO and yeah so guard rail  
24 because that takes away from a little bit of the ride-able shoulder area.  
25  
26 Murphy: Okay. We, we can check, see if there's any, anything where the guardrail  
27 reduces that but ...  
28  
29 Herrera: It, it's probably minimal. I guess it would just be nice to say some around  
30 here that's suitable for the rural areas needs at least four foot of shoulder  
31 just so that it's clear for people from out of town that are looking at this.  
32  
33 Wray: Mr. Chair, Ms. Herrera if I could interject, I, I don't know if all of you recall  
34 the current suitability map but on the back side there is a, sort of in a  
35 brochure style a wide range of various pieces of information. It sounds  
36 like it, it might be a good idea if the meeting we bring that map in, or that  
37 portion of the map in for discussion by this Committee so that we can  
38 make sure that the information presented will be useful to the cycling  
39 community at large but I, as Mr. Murphy said I think that we can put text in  
40 alluding to the local roads and we can also put text in the informational  
41 portion of the map regarding the rural road definition.  
42  
43 Herrera: Thank you. That would be helpful just because you know there's different  
44 levels of, of cyclists and their comfort levels so maybe suitable for  
45 someone who rides a lot is not suitable for somebody who's just starting  
46 out and so that could be helpful.

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2 Pearson: Any further comments?

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4 Herrera: I like it.

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6 Wray: Good.

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8 **6. COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS**

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10 **6.1 Local Projects update**

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12 Pearson: Okay. We'll move on to Committee and Staff Comments.

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14 Murphy: I guess I'll go first. Staff, we have, MPO has a new Planning Technician  
15 on board. In the, in the back you see Sharon Nebbia. We hired her  
16 formerly of the, the, she was working with the Boston MPO for a little bit  
17 and graduated from University of Delaware and we're, we're happy to  
18 have her. She's really bright and she's corrected us on many mistakes  
19 already.

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21 Wray: She's contributed significantly to the MTP already.

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23 Pearson: We've got an upcoming change in our Committee membership?

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25 Farnham: Yes. I did submit a letter to resign effective after this meeting here. I did  
26 provide a recommendation of Mr. James Nunez, sorry. Of course from  
27 what I understand the final decision is (*inaudible*) I believe with public  
28 works director.

29  
30 Murphy: Staff, staff appointments are, are the purview of the, of the Department so  
31 Ms. Reyes would have the final, final say-so.

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33 Farnham: James is, he actually works with Jerry Cordova who used to be on the  
34 Board as City rep and so I feel he's well qualified and very in tune with  
35 City projects (*inaudible*).

36  
37 Pearson: So do we ask MPO staff to request a letter from Ms. Reyes or ...

38  
39 Wray: Mr. Chair, yes I'll be getting in touch with Ms. Reyes tomorrow as a matter  
40 of fact to speed along the formal appointment.

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42 Pearson: Local updates?

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44 Shearer: Turn it off. Just some of the things going on the campus, NMSU campus.  
45 We're currently starting a campus-wide survey from students and staff and  
46 employees on the bike program there. It's going to more or less be open

1 to all individuals there for their comments on the program and also trying  
2 to collect information on, on their concerns for the campus, any hazards,  
3 that sort of thing, trying to get information if they've had an injury, an  
4 accident. It's directed mostly towards bicyclists but it's open to  
5 pedestrians and just general comments coming in if they have any  
6 information there and for bicyclists just trying to get some general  
7 information on their habits and that sort of thing, do they always wear a  
8 helmet and do they ride on the right side and so some of these other ones  
9 just, just for that. And the other thing that we've got coming up is on April  
10 25th just after Earth Day on Sunday we're going to do another family  
11 bicycle safety event for the youth and parents on our housing areas more  
12 or less, and inviting in, we have the City Codes coming in doing training  
13 and (*inaudible*) Club for repairs and a bike ride for youth as well as for the  
14 adults on the campus, (*inaudible*) Club and just going through our fix-it  
15 station and that's in the south campus area. That's about it.

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17 Pearson: Anything from the City today?

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19 Murphy: I don't have anything.

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21 Pearson: Please.

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23 Nunez: If I could, yeah. Thanks. I'm a new hire also at the City. Actually just  
24 worked with Dave, came from the university so I know Dave and I've been  
25 taking note of all your names so yeah, we'll see what Loretta says. Maybe  
26 she has a different candidate, that's fine too but I'm here just to see what  
27 the meeting's about so, also I did talk to Jerry briefly and he, he mentioned  
28 a couple projects that I might mention for you all. On Locust they're going  
29 to do a, from Missouri to Rentfrow Avenue they're going to do an overlay  
30 and then we're going to add bike lanes on that section and then also El  
31 Paseo, Boutz to Farney overlay also and I think he said share lanes there  
32 but maybe bike lanes, I can check for the next meeting but the  
33 construction's a ways out. It'll be going on next, next summer.

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35 Pearson: That includes the intersection, that includes the intersection at Missouri  
36 and Locust?

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38 Nunez: Yeah it appears, up to it.

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40 Pearson: On the north side?

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42 Nunez: South, so that goes to the south, to Rentfrow.

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44 Pearson: Oh, Rentfrow's on the south?

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46 Nunez: Yes. By that school.

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2 Pearson: Is there already bike lanes?  
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4 Nunez: Could be. I'm not sure. I don't remember actually seeing painted bike  
5 lanes but maybe somebody else can answer that.  
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7 Pearson: Yeah that, what I was thinking about was at Locust and Missouri on the  
8 north side of the intersection there's a right turn only lane and there's a,  
9 like a, a triangle shape marked off area and there would be room to  
10 actually put the bike lane on that side to connect with the bike lane on the  
11 other side of the intersection and we could also then talk to Traffic  
12 Engineering about making sure that bicyclists could be detected at that  
13 intersection.  
14  
15 Nunez: Okay.  
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17 Pearson: So if we're talking about the north side that'd be worth looking at. Cause  
18 otherwise it's a case where things just get put back the way they were and  
19 if we could make an improvement there I think that would affect safety.  
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21 Casillas: Dona Ana County. I don't have any updates unless you guys have any  
22 questions for us.  
23  
24 Shearer: I do have further question, a comment from one of the Bicycle Task Force  
25 members there and it was a concern on the new I-25, the Missouri  
26 overpass. The artist's rendition didn't show bike lanes under the  
27 underpass and they were wanting to know why that was or if they were  
28 going to be put in.  
29  
30 Herrera: I can check on that. That portion, the City did put in some money and they  
31 did participate in the design of Missouri under the overpass. I'm not sure,  
32 I haven't seen plans, but I'll definitely look at that and get back to this  
33 Committee. I'll probably send a response through Andrew if you can  
34 distribute.  
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36 Pearson: I think you're probably seeing the article about the artist's rendition of the,  
37 the graphics that will be added and clearly they, that was not an  
38 engineering drawing.  
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40 Herrera: Yeah, and so they may very well be there but I don't want to misspeak  
41 right now so ...  
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43 Pearson: Cause I, I recall some discussion there and there was, there was a lot of  
44 tightness in that area so they may have left out, they may intend on doing  
45 just a shared lane there for underneath the bridge. If we get lanes, bike  
46 lanes of course that would be wonderful.

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2 Herrera: Yeah. I'll, I'll definitely double check on that tomorrow and get a response  
3 back to you.  
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5 Pearson: Cause that's a very big intersection with facilities there.  
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7 Herrera: Right.  
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9 Pearson: With Missouri, the Triviz ...  
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11 Herrera: And then the multiuse path.  
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13 Pearson: The multiuse path, Don Roser.  
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15 Herrera: Okay.  
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17 Pearson: Do you have a question? Go ahead.  
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19 Curry: Thank you. I just wanted to give a quick update on behalf of Safe Routes  
20 to School. We have a whole lot of events coming up similar to the ones  
21 that Mr. Shearer mentioned for the NMSU. April the 4th we're going to  
22 have a bike education and family fun day at Conlee Elementary from 9-11  
23 a.m. and that'll be bike repair, bike education, free helmets, kind of just a  
24 fun bike, bike day. We'll have another one similar to that at Central  
25 Elementary from 9-11 a.m. on the 11th of April. The 2nd of May we'll have  
26 another one at Booker T. Washington Elementary and then just add the  
27 week of May 4th through 8th we have National Bike to School day and  
28 we'll be celebrating, so far we have 16 out of 25 schools signed up for  
29 that. So we have a lot of biking activity with the elementary schools.  
30 Thank you.  
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32 Shearer: Could I ask, what was the second school?  
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34 Curry: The second school was Central Elementary. It's the 11th of April.  
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36 Pearson: And as far as bicycling activities we're, we're seeing meetings of the  
37 Southern New Mexico Bicyclists educators with the Branigan Library, I  
38 think it's, it's a Saturday May 23rd, if I have that right, we'll probably have  
39 an event from like 10:00 to 5:00, might include a ride, some education  
40 things. It's not set yet but it actually will be. That'll be set in the next week  
41 or so at the meeting Thursday.  
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## 43 **6.2 NMDOT Projects update**

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45 Pearson: So NMDOT.  
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1 Herrera: Okay, so I'm sure you've all seen the orange barrels at Missouri on I-25. I  
2 know it's kind of a mess over there. Just please slow down, be careful.  
3 We've had some accidents, just people not paying attention to the work  
4 zone so please just make sure that you slow down and, and pay attention  
5 while you're going through there. That's going to be a long project. We're  
6 going to be working on it for 320 weather working days. That means you  
7 know if, if anything happens between now and then the contractor can  
8 take the day off if the weather's bad enough but so far they're pushing  
9 through. Everything's on schedule right now. They've completed the  
10 crossovers for the detour and so they'll be tearing down one side of the  
11 bridge at a time. So I don't have a date on when that will actually happen  
12 but that will be at night to minimize the impact to traffic that goes under  
13 Missouri. So as soon as we get a date for that I'll make sure to let this  
14 Committee know and we also do have monthly meetings just to go over  
15 construction updates so I believe the MPO receives those and somehow  
16 distributes those releases.

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18 Wray: Mr. Chair, Ms. Herrera, that was our practice historically. Unfortunately  
19 we are no longer able to do that. I, it is with profound regret and this was  
20 not by our choice but we are compelled to by City of Las Cruces IT. We  
21 have no, no choice in the matter.  
22

23 Herrera: Well if you do not receive press releases from Bridget Spedalieri our  
24 District 1 PIO please let me know and I will add your name to the list if  
25 you're interested. We send out all construction updates through press  
26 release as well for anything major that's happening within a work zone.

27 The other project is North Main. That one was a little bit behind  
28 schedule. I believe it still is but they're looking at finishing up hopefully  
29 here sometime midsummer so they're still doing some work to utilities at  
30 the intersection of Madrid and that's about all I know on that project. If you  
31 have any specific questions I can get those answered from our  
32 construction crews. And I think that's really all that we've got going on  
33 currently in the area now. There's some projects coming up. The Union  
34 bridges, I'm sure you're aware of that. I don't know what the plan is for  
35 that because Missouri is going on at the same time and so we have talked  
36 a lot internally about how to coordinate that to make sure that we can keep  
37 traffic flowing around the university so I'll have to get more details on, on  
38 that but I'm sure that there's going to be meetings about it and everything  
39 so I'll make sure to keep this Committee updated on that and again look  
40 for press releases for public meetings and things. And are there any  
41 questions about future projects or anything else?  
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43 Curry: I have a quick question. Are there going to be bike lanes on the North  
44 Main project once it's resurfaced?  
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46 Herrera: Yes. Yes.

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2 Curry: Great.  
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4 Pearson: That was included in the consultant's report way back when so if they're  
5 not there we're going to have an uprising.  
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7 Curry: And I am too.  
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9 Pearson: I guess, I did attend the National Bike Summit, a couple ideas one, just to  
10 throw out there they were showing some maps in neighborhoods and  
11 showing mapping according to stress levels so they would show green  
12 areas on one side, green areas on the other side, probably residential  
13 areas and then high, red areas in between and if there was a, a stress  
14 area between the two areas that was something to concentrate on and try  
15 to figure out how to reduce the stress which would increase the network.  
16 Another thing that's being talked about is Vision Zero and I've heard New  
17 York City's talking about Vision Zero where the idea is actually to reduce  
18 traffic fatalities to zero. It's a lofty goal but there are some planning efforts  
19 in order to try to take a whack at that. Right now we accept is, that's just  
20 the way it is, 33 some thousand people in America every year are killed.  
21 That's, if we have one Ebola patient in the country we go in a panic but  
22 33,000 traffic fatalities are okay. There is a, a bill proposed in Congress to  
23 provide some funding, you know shift some funding so it's not funding  
24 neutral. The communities would be able to do a Vision Zero plan and so  
25 that might be something. San Francisco's looking at that. There are  
26 some others in the area. You have a comment?  
27  
28 Murphy: Yeah, Mr. Chair. Just to, to latch onto that. I think that's, that's a, an  
29 attitude or a vision that we can follow through with our performance  
30 measures. You know safety's one of, going to be one of the key ones and  
31 I think reduction of crashes and particularly Vision Zero towards fatalities I  
32 think is something that you know, you know hopefully our Committee  
33 structure would, would endorse pushing forward.  
34  
35 Pearson: And then at the state level, yeah on April 18th the New Mexico Bicyclists  
36 Educators are having a summit up in Albuquerque. April 19th is a  
37 celebration of Bike Route 66, Adventure Cycling has maps throughout the  
38 country, they've just released Bike Route 66 from Chicago to California.  
39 We're going to celebrate the New Mexico segment with a 30-mile ride.  
40 The ride is free and then there'll be a, a lunch available for \$10 cost  
41 afterwards. Jim Sauter, president of Adventure Cycling will be there and  
42 so we should have interesting things going on there. And that's all I have.  
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44 Herrera: Mr. Chair.  
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46 Pearson: Yes.

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2 Herrera: Sorry.  
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4 Pearson: Oh, I, I've, my, there's also the safety summit up in Albuquerque. Go, you  
5 probably know more about that. I know, I don't remember the date.  
6  
7 Herrera: Yeah. The safety summit is the 24th. That's next Tuesday I believe and  
8 it's to finalize the, the NMDOT's state highway safety plan and part of that  
9 plan is specifically directed at bicycles and pedestrians. We didn't,  
10 actually we had a really good turnout at the last working group meeting for  
11 the bike/ped element and so I, I'm really excited to see what comes out of  
12 the plan but, but we had a really good representation and so if you're  
13 interested it's the 24th in Albuquerque. I believe it starts at eight. I can  
14 send you more information on it. And then also I just wanted to mention  
15 that Rosa Kozev, she is working on a state suitability map right now too.  
16 We're running into some issues with our shape files but hopefully we  
17 should have something out soon so it, it sort of mimics I guess what you're  
18 doing here but on a statewide level.  
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20 Pearson: Okay. Any other comments? Okay.

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22 **7. PUBLIC COMMENT**  
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24 Pearson: We're ready for our second opportunity for public comment. Okay. We're  
25 going to cut off the meeting at 7:00.  
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27 Pacheco: All right. I did a little research while you guys were ...  
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29 Pearson: You start with your name again, please.  
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31 Pacheco: Derrick Pacheco. I brought up an article just now. Headline is "Citybike is  
32 Failing and Jeopardizing Public Safety, New York City Audit Alleges." You  
33 might want to look that one up. These, these initiatives, the Ubers, the  
34 bike shares, the fluff like I called it earlier really concerns me. I love New  
35 Mexico. I love bicycling. I bicycle every single day. I love bicycling so  
36 much I opened up a bike store in a neighborhood that's pretty rough. We  
37 have all sorts of initiatives with, excuse me with kids, college kids,  
38 students of all kinds, professors, everyone is really into bikes. Ft. Collins  
39 Bike Library, brought them up. On the bottom of their webpage it says  
40 there have been 23,575 free bicycles checked out, free. Let me pull up  
41 another bit of information. Boulder, Colorado, \$107,000 is the median  
42 family income for Boulder, Colorado in 2012. The median income for Las  
43 Cruces, New Mexico \$36,000. Why we're comparing cities I'm not sure.  
44 Bike share in Phoenix costs a resident \$80 a year. I had some ideas on  
45 how to put Las Cruces on the map and I'm sure you guys do too cause  
46 you love New Mexico and Las Cruces just as much as I do. Let's really,

1 really dig deep and try to beat this cause this is crap. This is a losing  
2 venture. Do your research. I'm doing my research. Let's figure this out.  
3 I'll help you guys. I will come to every meeting. I'm going to be a property  
4 owner here by the next month so I have a vested interest. That's all.  
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6 Curry: Mr. Chair, may I comment, Mr. Chair.  
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8 Pearson: Sure.  
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10 Curry: I just wanted to clarify. You said you were from Phoenix? So can you,  
11 can you explain a little bit your relationship with Las Cruces? You love  
12 New Mexico but what's your relationship with Las Cruces other than you  
13 know getting smaller cities involved in ...  
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15 Pacheco: Absolutely. I, I love getting small cities on board because there's a real  
16 opportunity here. I love this small city in particular because my family's  
17 from here. My grandfather farmed onions in Deming. My grandmother  
18 lives on Mesquite Street, the oldest street in the town site. I'm buying her  
19 property, buying some more property around here. I'm interested. I really  
20 care. To see what happens in Phoenix and other cities where people that  
21 don't care come in, make some decisions, spend a bunch of money, and  
22 then leave from the City Manager double-dipping in pensions all the way  
23 to the local leaders not giving the kids opportunities, kids like me, kids that  
24 are under my direction. There's no opportunity that trickles down you  
25 know it's so weird. Bicycling's for everyone.  
26  
27 Farnham: Question. What's your bike shop?  
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29 Pacheco: Called Hood Ride Bicycles.  
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31 Farnham: When did you open?  
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33 Pacheco: About seven years ago in the recession.  
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35 Shearer: If you have some ideas, if you could jot them down and right now I think  
36 we're looking at five different bike share programs trying to find one that  
37 would be economically feasible for the university that they would be willing  
38 to support so David Boje with the business college has been working on  
39 this and so we'd be very interested if you wanted to forward that ...  
40  
41 Pacheco: Absolutely. I'll, I'll ...  
42  
43 Shearer: To, to, to me or to ...  
44  
45 Pacheco: I'll forward you the Popular Mechanics articles, the Discovery Channel  
46 stuff, the Sunset Magazine stuff.

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2 Shearer: Yeah. You're just trying to find out you know how we could afford  
3 something like that. Thank you.  
4  
5 Pearson: One other area that I probably should have brought up during the transit  
6 discussion but community bikes shops and also a bicycle library are ideas  
7 but Albuquerque has a successful bike shop. Took, took them 20 years of  
8 planning in order to get it going but they're running now. I'm not sure how  
9 their funding works there and it's, they could be TAP funding. Always  
10 something that's difficult to look at but looking at a community bike shop  
11 might be something worthwhile at some point, maybe partnering with  
12 Transit, maybe partnering with the Mesilla Valley Housing Authority.  
13 When you're looking at low incomes, you're looking at cost of living, you're  
14 looking at rents, you're looking at transportation.  
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16 Pacheco: Access to food, access to services, it's all integrated.  
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18 Pearson: Yeah. The part that this body could address is transportation and that's a  
19 large part of the problem.  
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21 Pacheco: If we get, if we can make clear lines of transportation to food and get rid of  
22 these food islands and this obesity problem and the problem with crime  
23 and people just wanting to watch TV inside their home. This is the perfect  
24 connector, the gateway to all of it and it's so cool that you guys get to  
25 delegate the future of Las Cruces bike program but I'd like to see it done  
26 on a shoestring, much as I have been able to accomplish a lot. If you give  
27 a zero budget you're forced to be creative. No one gave me a budget. I  
28 guarantee it but I did have some awesome patrons that put me into touch  
29 with the right people, gave me a little bit of push which I needed. I was  
30 able to sustain the seven hardest years of my life doing business and we  
31 are the only community bicycle shop in the downtown core and I want you  
32 to study what I've done and the, the control and the environment and the  
33 community that we've developed.  
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35 Pearson: So you mentioned that you're purchasing property. Are you moving to Las  
36 Cruces and taking your business here to Las Cruces?  
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38 Pacheco: Expanding.  
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40 Pearson: Okay.  
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42 Pacheco: We're, we've grown that big already.  
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44 Pearson: Okay. Well thank you. Any further public comment?  
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1 **8. ADJOURNMENT**

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3 Pearson: Seeing none, I'll call for a motion to adjourn.

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5 Shearer: I move to adjourn.

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7 Herrera: Second.

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9 Pearson: All in favor "aye."

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11 MOTION IS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

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13 Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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Chairperson

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 BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
 ACTION FORM FOR THE MEETING OF April 21, 2015**

**AGENDA ITEM:**

5.1 2014-2019 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Review and recommendation for approval to the MPO Policy Committee

**SUPPORT INFORMATION:**

2014-2019 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Report  
 Email from Doña Ana County Commissioner Wayne Hancock on behalf of the South Central Regional Transit District (SCRTD)  
 Email from Rosa Kozub, NMDOT Planner  
 TAP Award Spreadsheet provided by Rosa Kozub, NMDOT Planner

**DISCUSSION:**

On May 8, 2013, the MPO Policy Committee approved the 2014-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

The following amendment(s) to the TIP have been requested:

| CN      | FY        | Agency                    | Project & Termini  | Scope   | Change                                |
|---------|-----------|---------------------------|--|---|---------------------------------------|
| LC00260 | 2015      | SCRTD                     | Bus Purchase   | The SCRTD received funding to purchase buses            | New Project                           |
| W100032 | 2016-2017 | Las Cruces Public Schools | Funding for the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Coordinator | Funding for Fiscal Years 2016 – 2017                    | \$84,000 for the Coordinator Position |
| Unknown | Unknown   | NMDOT                     | Unspecified Project                                      | NMDOT Staff will provide the information at the meeting |                                       |

These amendments will not affect any other projects currently listed in the TIP.

| CN      | FY          | Route   | Project & Termini  | Scope   | Funds listed on TIP | Project total | Change  |
|---------|-------------|---|--|---|---------------------|---------------|---|
| LC00260 | 2015        | South<br>Central<br>Regional<br>Transit<br>District | Bus Purchase   | The SCRTD received funding<br>to purchase buses | \$440,000           | \$440,000     | New Project   |
| W100032 | 2016 - 2017 | Las Cruces<br>Public<br>Schools                     | Funding for the Safe<br>Routes to School (SRTS)<br>Coordinator | Funding for Fiscal Years<br>2016 - 2017         | \$84,000            | \$84,000      | \$84,000 for Coordinator Position from<br>TAP Funds |



**From:** Wayne Hancock <wdhancock@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2015 9:57 AM  
**To:** Andrew Wray  
**Subject:** Re: SCRTD Bus Purchase Information

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

We were give \$440,000 from the legislators last year.

Asking for proposals now.

What can I help you with?

Wayne

On Fri, Mar 27, 2015 at 11:05 AM, Andrew Wray <[awray@las-cruces.org](mailto:awray@las-cruces.org)> wrote:

Commissioner Hancock,

It is my understanding that the SCRTD is currently working on a bus purchase and Tom suggested that I touch base with you regarding this issue. I am seeking the financial information regarding this so that it can go on the MPO TIP. I will at least need the funding categories used but ideally the amounts would be broken down by funding category.

Please let me know if there is somebody else at the RTD that I should speak to about this.

Thank you.

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**Sent:** Friday, April 10, 2015 2:23 PM  
**To:** Herrera, Jolene M, NMDOT; Tom Murphy; Andrew Wray; Christina Stokes; Efren Meza; Steven Montiel; Peters, Bryan D., NMDOT; Quintana, David D., NMDOT; Sandoval, Heather L., NMDOT; Keith Wilson; Fran Fillerup, FMPO (ffillerup@fmtn.org)  
**Cc:** Detter, Aaron, NMDOT; Maes, Rebecca, NMDOT; Griffin, Jessica, NMDOT  
**Subject:** TIP/STIP Entry: FFY16/17 TAP and RTP Projects  
**Attachments:** 2015\_0407\_FFY1617 TAP Awards\_STIP Data.xlsx; 2015\_0409\_FFY1617 RTP Awards\_STIP Data.xlsx

Hi All,

Attached are spreadsheets detailing the TAP and RTP projects to be entered into the [baseline 2016-2021 TIPs/STIP](#). Please enter these projects in via your process and by the appropriate deadline. If you're not the appropriate contact, please forward to the correct representative from your District/MPO.

The spreadsheets contain the general project information, funding breakdowns, as well as the additional information needed for TIP/STIP entry (e.g. FMIS codes, project scope, etc.) There is also a notes column. If a note has an asterisk\* by it, please include this note in the STIP notes.

Lastly, please let Aaron or me know if you have any questions about the projects.

Thanks, and have a good weekend!

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| T/LPA  | MPO / RTPO | NMDOT District | Project Name                                      | FFY16 Award |              |            |              |              |            |            |                          | FFY17 Award |              |            |              |            |            |           |                          | Additional Info for STIP |   |  |  |   |  |  |
|--|------------|----------------|---|-------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------------------|-------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|-----------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|--|--|---|--|--|
|  |            |                |   | TAP Lg Urb  | TAP Sm Urb   | TAP Rural  | TAP Flex     | Total TAP    | Match      | Non Match  | Phase                    | TAP Lg Urb  | TAP Sm Urb   | TAP Rural  | TAP Flex     | Total TAP  | Match      | Non Match | Phase                    | Total Funds              | FMS Codes                                 | Route                                      | BOP                                    | EOP   | Project Scope  | Notes  |
| City of Sunland Park                               | EPMPO      | 1              | Racetrack Drive Sidewalk Installation             | \$ 41,550   | \$ -         | \$ -       | \$ 8,663     | \$ 50,213    | \$ 8,557   | \$ -       | Design, PE, Enviro       | \$ 41,550   | \$ -         | \$ -       | \$ 130,240   | \$ 171,790 | \$ 29,275  | \$ -      | Const                    | \$ 259,835               | FFY16: 15<br>FFY17: 28                    | Racetrack Dr                               | NM 273 / McNutt Rd                     | South side of Rio Grande Bridge   | Design and construction of ADA compliant pedestrian facilities   | *Portion of FFY17 funds are for const mgmt. Will need to get estimate and mod STIP after PS&E.   |
| Las Cruces Public Schools                          | MVMPO      | 1              | SRTS Program Coordinator                          | \$ -        | \$ -         | \$ -       | \$ 35,885    | \$ 35,885    | \$ 6,115   | \$ -       | Safety & Ed for Bike/Ped | \$ -        | \$ 35,885    | \$ -       | \$ -         | \$ 35,885  | \$ 6,115   | \$ -      | Safety & Ed for Bike/Ped | \$ 84,000                | FFY16: 38<br>FFY17: 38                    | NA   | NA                                     | NA  | Las Cruces School District Safe Routes to School Coordinator   |  |
| City of Socorro                                    | SCRTPD     | 1              | Socorro Bicycle & Trail Plan                      | \$ -        | \$ -         | \$ -       | \$ 46,945    | \$ 46,945    | \$ 8,000   | \$ -       | Planning                 | \$ -        | \$ -         | \$ -       | \$ -         | \$ -       | \$ -       | \$ -      | NA                       | \$ 54,945                | FFY16: 18<br>FFY17: 38                    | NA   | NA                                     | NA  | Socorro Bicycle and Trail Plan   |  |
| City of Deming                                     | SWRTPD     | 1              | Cedar St Sidewalk Enhancements                    | \$ -        | \$ -         | \$ -       | \$ 71,763    | \$ 71,763    | \$ 12,229  | \$ -       | Design, Enviro           | \$ -        | \$ -         | \$ -       | \$ 478,692   | \$ 478,692 | \$ 81,575  | \$ -      | Const                    | \$ 644,259               | FFY16: 15<br>FFY17: 28                    | Cedar St                                   | E Pine St                              | E Motel Dr  | Design and construction of ADA compliant pedestrian facilities   | *Portion of FFY17 funds are for const mgmt. Will need to get estimate and mod STIP after PS&E.   |
| City of Eunice                                     | SERTPO     | 2              | Main Street Phase V                               | \$ -        | \$ -         | \$ -       | \$ 337,488   | \$ 337,488   | \$ 57,512  | \$ -       | Const                    | \$ -        | \$ -         | \$ -       | \$ -         | \$ -       | \$ -       | \$ -      | NA                       | \$ 395,000               | FFY16: 28                                 | NM 248/207                                 | Ave M                                  | Ave N (south of triangle intersection NM 176)   | Construction of pedestrian facilities, ADA, and streetscape improvements                               |  |
| City of Lovington                                  | SERTPO     | 2              | Central Plaza, Phase II                           | \$ -        | \$ -         | \$ -       | \$ 58,954    | \$ 58,954    | \$ 10,046  | \$ -       | Design, PE, Enviro       | \$ -        | \$ 334,070   | \$ -       | \$ 334,070   | \$ 56,930  | \$ -       | Const     | \$ 460,000               | FFY16: 15<br>FFY17: 28   | Washington Ave                            | Main Ave                                   | Love St                                | Design and construction of pedestrian & bicycle facilities, ADA, and streetscape improvements |  |  |
| Village of Tularosa                                | SERTPO     | 2              | Granado St Pedestrian Improvements                | \$ -        | \$ -         | \$ 67,327  | \$ -         | \$ 67,327    | \$ 11,473  | \$ -       | Design, PE, Enviro       | \$ -        | \$ -         | \$ 425,140 | \$ 425,140   | \$ 72,449  | \$ -       | Const     | \$ 576,389               | FFY16: 15<br>FFY17: 28   | Granado St                                | US 54 / St. Francis Dr                     | First St                               | Design and construction of pedestrian & bicycle facilities, ADA, and streetscape improvements |  |  |
| Bernalillo County                                  | MIRMPO     | 3              | Alameda Drain Trail                               | \$ -        | \$ -         | \$ -       | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -       | \$ -       | NA                       | \$ -        | \$ -         | \$ -       | \$ 750,000   | \$ 750,000 | \$ 127,809 | \$ -      | Const                    | \$ 877,809               | FFY17: 28                                 | 2nd St NW                                  |  |   | Construction of ADA-compliant multi-use path   | Please verify termini for this phase. PIF is for Roy to Osuna, but I think these funds are for just one phase?   |
| Santo Domingo Pueblo                               | MIRMPO     | 3              | Santo Domingo Ped Trail Through Box Culvert       | \$ -        | \$ -         | \$ -       | \$ 21,360    | \$ 21,360    | \$ 3,640   | \$ -       | Design                   | \$ -        | \$ -         | \$ 47,846  | \$ 47,846    | \$ 8,154   | \$ -       | Const     | \$ 81,000                | FFY16: 15<br>FFY17: 28   | ISR 88                                    | W of Mateo/NM 22 Overpass                  | Cattle Guard E of Mateo/NM 22 Overpass | Design and construction of pedestrian walkway under and around NM 22 overpass                 |  |  |
| Santo Domingo Pueblo                               | MIRMPO     | 3              | Santo Domingo Multi-Use Trail Segment 2           | \$ -        | \$ -         | \$ -       | \$ 76,896    | \$ 76,896    | \$ 13,104  | \$ -       | Design                   | \$ -        | \$ -         | \$ 204,341 | \$ 650,059   | \$ 854,400 | \$ 145,600 | \$ -      | Const                    | \$ 1,090,000             | FFY16: 15<br>FFY17: 28                    | Old ISR 88                                 | ISR 88                                 | NM 22   | Design and construction of multi-use path  |  |
| Village of Bosque Farms                            | MIRMPO     | 3              | South Bosque Loop Ditch Crossing                  | \$ -        | \$ -         | \$ -       | \$ 14,439    | \$ 14,439    | \$ 2,461   | \$ -       | Design, PE               | \$ -        | \$ 96,633    | \$ -       | \$ 96,633    | \$ 16,467  | \$ -       | Const     | \$ 130,000               | FFY16: 15<br>FFY17: 28   | Bosque Loop Trail                         |  |  | Design and construction of ditch crossing on multi-use path                                   | Please verify termini with the local entity.   |  |
| Village of Corrales                                | MIRMPO     | 3              | Meadowlark Lane Pedestrian & Bicycle Trail        | \$ -        | \$ -         | \$ -       | \$ 107,654   | \$ 107,654   | \$ 18,346  | \$ -       | Enviro, PE               | \$ -        | \$ -         | \$ -       | \$ 348,403   | \$ 348,403 | \$ 59,372  | \$ -      | Const                    | \$ 533,775               | FFY16: 15<br>FFY17: 28                    | W Meadowlark Ln                            | Loma Larga Rd                          | Municipal Boundary w Rio Rancho   | Design and construction of ADA-compliant multi-use path  | From BOP, travel NW to Rio Rancho boundary for EOP. Not sure how to list EOP.  |
| City of Farmington, Red Apple Transit              | FMPO       | 5              | Bus Route Accessibility                           | \$ -        | \$ -         | \$ -       | \$ 3,400     | \$ 3,400     | \$ 579     | \$ -       | Design                   | \$ -        | \$ 33,556    | \$ -       | \$ 32,744    | \$ 66,300  | \$ 11,298  | \$ -      | Const                    | \$ 81,577                | FFY16: 15<br>FFY17: 23                    | Various Bus Stops in City of Farmington    |  |   | Design and construction of ADA-compliant transit stops   | *Portion of FFY17 funds are for const mgmt. Will need to get estimate and mod STIP after PS&E.   |
| San Juan County                                    | FMPO       | 5              | Kirtland Schools Walk Path System                 | \$ -        | \$ -         | \$ -       | \$ 102,527   | \$ 102,527   | \$ 17,472  | \$ -       | Design, PE, Enviro       | \$ -        | \$ 563,904   | \$ -       | \$ 187,969   | \$ 751,873 | \$ 128,128 | \$ -      | Const                    | \$ 1,000,000             | FFY16: 15<br>FFY17: 28                    | Cty Rds 6446, 6500, 6400, 6100, 6575, 6580 | 6446 at Kirtland Elem                  | Cty Rd 6580 at Ruth N. Bond Elem  | Design and construction of ADA-compliant multi-use path  | I'll send additional email with map of project location.   |
| Los Alamos County                                  | NPRTPD     | 5              | Canyon Rim Trail Ped Bridge                       | \$ -        | \$ -         | \$ -       | \$ 469,449   | \$ 469,449   | \$ 80,000  | \$ 424,093 | Const                    | \$ -        | \$ -         | \$ -       | \$ 207,741   | \$ 207,741 | \$ 35,402  | \$ -      | Const                    | \$ 1,216,685             | See notes                                 | Canyon Rim Trail                           | W of Fire Station #6 on NM 502         | S of Dp Rd, just E of Dp & NM 502 intersection  | Construction of ADA-compliant multi-use path, including bridge   | Dave, please code as either 28 (Fac for Bike/Ped) or 08 (Bridge, New Const) as you see appropriate for each year. I'll send additional email with map of project location.                 |
| North Central Regional Transit District            | NPRTPD     | 5              | ADA Transition Plan Phase 3                       | \$ -        | \$ -         | \$ -       | \$ 307,584   | \$ 307,584   | \$ 52,416  | \$ -       | Const                    | \$ -        | \$ -         | \$ -       | \$ -         | \$ -       | \$ -       | \$ -      | NA                       | \$ 360,000               | FFY16: 28 or 23 (previous phase coded 28) | Various NCRTD Transit Stops                | NA                                     | NA  | ADA improvements to transit stops  | *Portion of FFY17 funds are for const mgmt. Will need to get estimate and mod STIP after PS&E.   |
| Santa Fe National Forest, Espanola Ranger District | NPRTPD     | 5              | Vista Grande Overlook Reconstruction              | \$ -        | \$ -         | \$ -       | \$ 85,440    | \$ 85,440    | \$ 14,560  | \$ -       | Const                    | \$ -        | \$ -         | \$ -       | \$ -         | \$ -       | \$ -       | \$ -      | NA                       | \$ 100,000               | FFY16: 04                                 | NM 475, Vista Grande Overlook              | MM 157                                 | MM 157  | Reconstruction of Vista Grande Overlook  | They want to provide soft match of FS staff doing design; PIF didn't include design phase--not sure how to document this, or if it's allowed. Call if we should discuss before STIP entry. |
| City of Santa Fe                                   | SFMPO      | 5              | Downtown Transit Center Sheridan Ave Improvements | \$ -        | \$ 1,064,048 | \$ -       | \$ 935,952   | \$ 2,000,000 | \$ 340,824 | \$ -       | Const                    | \$ -        | \$ -         | \$ -       | \$ -         | \$ -       | \$ -       | \$ -      | NA                       | \$ 2,340,824             | FFY16: 28 or 23                           | Sheridan Ave                               | Marcy St                               | Palace Ave  | Construction of ADA-compliant pedestrian, bicycle and transit facilities, and streetscape improvements |  |
| Pueblo of Laguna                                   | NWRTPD     | 6              | NM 124 Road Diet                                  | \$ -        | \$ -         | \$ 610,000 | \$ 101,449   | \$ 711,449   | \$ 121,239 | \$ -       | Const                    | \$ -        | \$ -         | \$ -       | \$ -         | \$ -       | \$ -       | \$ -      | NA                       | \$ 832,688               | FFY16: 04                                 | NM 124                                     | Schoolhouse Rd                         | Rio San Jose Rd   | Construction of road diet, including addition of bicycle and pedestrian facilities.                    | Match are pueblo (local) funds--not TTP.   |
|  |            |                |   | \$ 41,550   | \$ 1,064,048 | \$ 677,327 | \$ 2,785,848 | \$ 778,573   | \$ 424,093 | \$ -       |                          | \$ 41,550   | \$ 1,064,048 | \$ 677,327 | \$ 2,785,848 | \$ 778,574 | \$ -       |           |                          |                          |   |  |  |   |  |  |
|  |            |                |   |             | \$ 1,064,048 | \$ 677,327 | \$ 2,785,848 |              |            |            |                          |             | \$ 1,064,048 | \$ 677,327 | \$ 2,785,848 |            |            |           |                          |                          |   |  |  |   |  |  |
|  |            |                |   | \$ -        | \$ -         | \$ -       | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -       | \$ -       |                          | \$ -        | \$ -         | \$ -       | \$ -         | \$ -       | \$ -       | \$ -      |                          |                          |   |  |  |   |  |  |



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### **MESILLA VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE DISCUSSION FORM FOR THE MEETING OF April 21, 2015**

#### **AGENDA ITEM:**

6.1 Bicycle Suitability Map Update

#### **SUPPORT INFORMATION:**

Draft of the Bicycle Suitability Map update will be provided at the meeting

Current Suitability Map will be provided 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.