MESILLA VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
POLICY COMMITTEE (PC) MEETING

Following are the minutes from the Mesilla Valley MPO Policy Committee (PC) meeting held on Wednesday, February 12, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at the Dona Ana County Commission Chambers, 845 N. Motel Blvd.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilor Olga Pedroza (CLC)
Commissioner Billy Garrett (DAC)
Mayor Nora Barraza (Town of Mesilla)
Councilor Gill Sorg (CLC)
Trustee Linda Flores (Town of Mesilla)
Commissioner Leticia Benavidez (DAC)
Commissioner Wayne Hancock (DAC)
Trustee Sam Bernal (Town of Mesilla)
Trent Doolittle (NMDOT)
Councillor Nathan Small (CLC)

STAFF PRESENT: Tom Murphy (MPO)
Andrew Wray (MPO)
Chowdhury Siddiqui (MPO)
Orlando Fierro (MPO)

OTHERS PRESENT: Jolene Herrera (NMDOT)
Harold Love (NMDOT)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Garrett called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST INQUIRY – No conflicts of interest

3. PUBLIC COMMENT – No public comment

4. CONSENT AGENDA*

Trustee Flores motioned to approve the consent agenda.
Commissioner Hancock seconds the motion.
Motion passes, vote 10 – 0.

Murphy: Councillor Sorg
Sorg: Yes
Murphy: Mr. Doolittle
Doolittle: Yes
Murphy: Commissioner Benavidez
Benavidez: Yes
Murphy: Trustee Bernal
Bernal: Yes
Murphy: Trustee Flores
Flores: Yes
Murphy: Commissioner Hancock
Hancock: Yes
Murphy: Councillor Pedroza
Pedroza: Yes
Murphy: Councillor Small
Small: Abstain
Murphy: Commissioner Garrett
Garrett: Yes

Motion passes, vote 8 – 0 (1 abstention, 1 absent)

5. *APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1 *January 8, 2014 – minutes approved under the Consent Agenda vote.

6. ACTION ITEMS – No action items

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1 MPO Bylaws

The new Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) which took effect July 1, 2013 necessitates revisions to the MPO bylaws.

Tom Murphy gave a presentation.
Flores: Just looking at page 7 I noticed you didn't have or by Skype but I'm assuming that you consider telephonic, Skype within the telephonic sphere because later on you also say 'in accordance with the New Mexico Open Meetings Act' because and I'm just thinking about when Trustee Bernal is in..........we use Skype so maybe perhaps we can just say.....

Murphy: Telephonic or electronic.

Flores: Any means within the, in accordance with the New Mexico Open Meetings Act and any other means besides being present and then I noticed that you've limited it to only one person would be allowed to do that and I was thinking about the situation when Councillor Thomas and Gil Sorg were attending a conference for us, representing us in Albuquerque and then; therefore, they were not able to help and be a part of the quorum and I think it would be better to say that if we allow it, basically majority allows it the other means would be acceptable. I mean that's my preference.

Garrett: Alright, so the suggestion is and this is under voting procedures that the telephonic vote that we entertain different language that would simply be whatever is allowed under the Open Meetings Act and second, are you suggesting that we would allow one or more but it would be at a given meeting that we would make that determination.

Flores: No but at the meeting that are present could agree by a majority vote to have however many so that way not limited to one person because what if two people to respond telephonically are you going to choose between two jurisdictions or two different committee members that doesn't sound....

Murphy: I know no limitations that would do, I think this is a remnant from when it was technologically harder so I think in that manner if the Committee agrees we just strike that last sentence and there is technically no limit on there but it still would be up to the majority of those who are present at the meeting to decide so it would leave up to the latitude of future policy committees what they would like to allow.

Garrett: Just so everybody is clear, what we're talking about is striking the last sentence and under F. 3, it's the middle paragraph, is that amenable to everyone at least in terms of the preparation of the draft.

Sorg: I don't mind, that sounds good.

Garrett: Okay, alright and also the change in language relative to simply allowing for remote participation that is consistent with the Open Meetings Act, any objection to that, okay, yes Trustee Flores.
Flores: I can see possibly the reason why this was here before is because you want to encourage people to be present for the meetings instead of kind out, away in the office and I don’t mind language being included saying that the preference is that Committee members attend personally.

Garrett: So we would put in a sentence then that simply says that participation in person is preferred.

Flores: Right.

Hancock: Mr. Chair, I believe the Open Meetings Act does say that already so just being consistent with the Open Meetings Act I think will solve the purpose.

Garrett: Alright, is everybody okay with that. Okay so that addresses that particular question, other things that were raised, yes, Mr. Doolittle.

Doolittle: Chairman, I have two comments. On page 8, paragraph B, executive sub-committee currently only lists three members and the way it is written DOT is not represented on that executive committee so I would ask that we could change that language to include a fourth member which would be a representative from the department.

Garrett: So we would then have an executive sub-committee of four, is that correct, yes, just making sure. Any thoughts by other members of the Committee. Alright so that would be inserted and you had another one.

Doolittle: Yes, Chairman, on page 9, the Technical Advisory Committee, Jolene informed me earlier that the South Central RTD is represented on the TAC and they are not on that list so I ask that we modify that list to include them as well.

Garrett: Any objections, very good, thank you. Anything else, Mr. Doolittle.

Doolittle: No, thank you.

Garrett: Any other issues, items, omissions.............

Mayor Barraza joins the meeting.

Hancock: Under the section, under the meetings section both in Policy Committee and Technical, under the meetings section for Policy it’s page 7 and under Technical it’s on page 11, I think it is and then page 14, everywhere it says yea’s and nay’s could we make that yes or no? That would be consistent with what we’ve been doing.
Garrett: Are we all comfortable with this yes or no, anything else, anyone else have anything else to bring up on this. Is that all you need.

Murphy: Yes.

Garrett: Very good so what is our, you will be updating this based on the feedback today.

Murphy: That's correct and then we'll bring it back as an action item April 9th.

7.2 Committee Training

Tom Murphy gave a presentation on the performance measures that were enacted as part of MAP21.

Sorg: I just have a simple question. What does the acronym LRTP stand for?

Murphy: LRTP stands for Long Range Transportation Plan.

Sorg: Okay.

Murphy: It's interchangeable with Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

Pedroza: It isn't just the acronym, some of the terms I think it would really help us if they could be defined such as transit state of repair and others that I'm sure are very clear to you but they are not quite as clear to some of the rest of us.

Murphy: That's a good question and actually I think transit state of repair isn't exactly clear to me yet and it's one of the things that when the USDOT comes out with them we'll all learn more but I wanted to get the acronyms out here so that they are familiar words to you when they do come out.

Pedroza: Thank you very much, Ms. Jaime Rickman did a long list of the most common acronyms that the City uses and that could form the basis to start if we want to do something that this Body would be able to use.

Hancock: Thank you Mr. Chair, one of the things that is of concern to me and I think it falls within the boundary under safety would be hazardous materials moving through our area and how those things are measured and our prohibition of those things coming through our individual municipalities both the city's and the various municipalities. I think that would be an important thing for us to be able to respond appropriately with the right kind of equipment and the right personnel so I think that's an extremely important point that we should include in this, thank you Mr. Chair.
Garrett: Just a couple things, one is that I'm interested in the timing of this work relative to work on the Comp Plan for the Viva Dona Ana. Viva Dona Ana Comp Plan should be finished prior to both the MTP update and getting into measures but it would seem to that being able to have as much input into the Viva Dona Ana Comp Plan so that we get an alignment between what's going to come out of that and then what comes out of Transport 2040 and then how that influences our targets, this actually gives us some substance of tying those things together, is that true?

Murphy: I think within the effort for Viva Dona Ana once we hear the performance measures coming out USDOT I think that we can start, we know where that conversation is going to go and then we start aligning that way. I think there is going to be some consistency with our effort at Viva Dona Ana and with what's coming out of the performance measures, after all, the DOT is one of the federal partners on the livability initiative so their organization is involved with that too so I don't think there is going to be too much dissimilarity and once we hear from them in March we can start lining up on the runway and making sure that we are as close as possible but I think it will be very important that we probably discuss this at the Viva Dona Ana once the performance measures are released so that all of the partners within that can be aware of what's coming out USDOT.

Garrett: Good, okay, it seems to me that one of the sort of central issues with both the Comp Plan and Transport 2040 is where we make decisions to differ from existing scenario's and the degree to which we decide to do that because we have a structure that is already in place so it's going to be alright. Are there any significant variations we need to make based on new information, new desired development patterns and so forth and in that sense the Comp Plan could really influence a few important changes in Transport 2040 and we would want to pay attention to that so okay that sounds good. Any last comments or thoughts at this point, could you tell us is this available online, this presentation?

Murphy: No but I can email it out.

Garrett: I think that would be helpful because there are categories, lots of words and I think for everybody to have a copy at their discretion would be helpful.

Murphy: I think we can also put it online that could be done by the end of the day.

Garrett: Any last comments or questions relative to 7.2; I'm going to make just one editorial suggestion. In the future could we have committee briefing and then a colon and then the topic.

Murphy: Okay.
7.3 NMDOT Updates

Trent Doolittle presented NMDOT updates

- I-10/Avenida de Mesilla project – scheduled completion for the contract is June 2014
- US 70 paving project – scheduled completion date March 2014
- NASA to Aguirre Springs – paving and pavement preservation
- US 70 – North Main from Spruce/Picacho intersection north to Three Crosses – late spring startup
- Last phase of US 70 corridor safety improvements from I-25 to Rinconada – concrete wall barrier project – 45 to 60 days before construction starts
- Additional cable barrier work started earlier this month – should be finished late spring/early summer
- Vado/Mesquite Interchange project – preconstruction conference today – elected to pursue 30 day ramp up period – should start construction early in March – 300 calendar day project – estimated completion date sometime close to Christmas 2014
- Alamosa Canyon Project north of T or C – notice to proceed February 5th – initial work to start March 2014

Barraza: I just have a comment, on highway 28 I think there was an article in the paper today regarding how it is affecting some of the businesses but I think DOT and the contractors have done an excellent job on keeping the Town of Mesilla posted almost on a daily basis on the events that are going there and we are sharing that on our web page just to let anyone know that comes onto our web page or if they want to see an update that Bridget Spedalieri shares with also that we also post, so I feel the project is going really fast and we just appreciate all the work that DOT has done out there and also keeping us posted and I think based on what the businesses are saying is they just want to see more signage I guess on the interstate diverting them as to how else they can come into the community or the businesses on the City of Las Cruces’ side so they can bring those customers in.

Small: Thank you very much Mr. Chair and thank you for the update. Briefly, what are the enhanced transportation like shared use facilities or bike lanes that are included on the Spruce project or did I miss here?

Doolittle: Mr. Chair, Councillor Small, I think you’re referring to the, it’s basically starting just north of Spruce and Picacho headed north on North Main, on Main Street correct, honestly I haven’t looked at the plans recently. Harold or Jolene do you have any comments that you want to share with us on the pedestrian and bicycle access?
Love: From what I remembered the last time I looked at the plans there should be four foot bike lanes and five foot shoulders or five foot sidewalks as part of the construction.

Small: Great, thank you very much.

Garrett: Can I just ask a follow up on that if it's something other than that when you have a chance to look at the plans get back to the Committee those in particular who are interested, thank you.

Sorg: Thank you Mr. Chairman, as long as we're handing out a compliment, I want to compliment the project at Interstate 10 and Avenida de Mesilla. The contractors seem to be holding down the dirt and dust from blow through quite well. The limited times I have been through there I noticed there water it well and I don't see much dust flying. The other thing is that it was commented at one point, I forget when, on the North Main Street project that besides the bicycle and sidewalks to have bus turnouts for the transit RoadRUNNER and I just want to make a comment that that can be in future projects not only for the highways but also for the City streets that we have transit routes it be considered as being part of the project to have turnouts where the buses can park to load and unload, thank you Mr. Chairman.

Doolittle: Mr. Chair, Councillor Sorg, we did coordinate with the transit. I believe we have one pullout south bound so we did coordinate to have actual pullouts built for them as part of this project; just one south bound was all that was asked for from Transit.

Sorg: I know it's hard to do it in already developed area, I understand that but I just wanted to keep aware of those things, thank you very much for the one.

Garrett: Anything else on my right here, on my left thank you very much.

7.4 Advisory Committee Updates

Murphy: I have one update coming out of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. They made recommendation for the Policy Committee to consider a resolution that will be sent the City, the County, and the Town concerning appointing a bicycle coordinator within each entity and I believe Ms. Herrera, who sits on that Committee, was going to address the Committee in place of the Chair.

Herrera: Thank you Tom. Jolene Herrera, NMDOT, and as he mentioned I also sit on the BPAC, so I think the important point that the BPAC was trying to make is that it's really hard especially for people traveling from out-of-town
to know who to contact about how to get around on bicycles within the
communities and beyond that to have somebody for internal staff to go to
as well to say what are the priorities, we're doing this project, can you tell
me what we need to be kind of doing so just more coordination on that
and they wanted to make it clear that they want this person to be in each
one of the jurisdictions so it wouldn't just be one person. It would be
someone within the City would do that, someone within the County would
do that and then someone in the Town of Mesilla would take on that roll
and I wanted to make it clear because it did come at one point that the
MPO staff that's not something that their federal allows them to do. They
can't specifically work for each one of the entities so their goals are more
regional. They can do things like the Bicycle Master Plan that's in the
Long Range Plan that takes more of a regional look at things so I know it's
kind of easy to say well why don't we have the MPO staff do that but that's
really not an appropriate use of their time so I just want to make that point
really clear and if there are any questions.....

Garrett: Can I just as a point of clarification, is the draft of the resolution that would
be for us to consider at the next meeting?

Herrera: Yes Mr. Chair it is.

Garrett: So everyone should have a copy of that, if you don't have a copy, okay,
very good. Questions or comments regarding this proposal.

Pedroza: Just so that I understand, is it like from what you started, the way you
started it sounded like having an information source available for people
who come into our area. I would always have thought although I cannot
assure you of this that the Convention and Visitors Bureau in the City of
Las Cruces would have that information and would be ready to give it out
to whoever and it would not have to fall upon the shoulders of the MPO
but I'll check into that and see if that is a source of information and if not I
would suggest, I'll try to suggest that it become one at least for that entity.

Herrera: Mr. Chair, Councilor, I think that they probably do a really good job at
providing information. This would be more specifically bicycle routes
within the City or within the County so if somebody say from Adventure
Cycling or somebody that was just touring through the area maybe the
Visitors Bureau couldn't tell them oh well maybe you should take Spruce
and the go down Hadley and that's kind of what we're looking for.....

Pedroza: And if there, I'm sorry I didn't mean to interrupt.

Herrera: Well, I was going to say also that I think it's really important to have a point
of contact for the local governments within themselves as well so that you
as a City Councilor can go to one person and say what are we doing with
bike lanes in the City or any of the Commissioners can go to their point of
contact within the County or the Trustees in Mesilla, so there is someone
within your internal staff that has that knowledge.

Pedroza: Okay, now you’re getting into an area where I’m pretty sure there isn’t any.

Herrera: Right and that is kind of what, I mean that’s, the BPAC has been talking
about this for a number of meetings and it finally just came out that maybe
we should try having a resolution adopted by each of the jurisdictions and
kind of see how that works, kind of get the feedback from you all and see
if that’s something that you would be willing to take back to your boards
and push.

Pedroza: It sounds like something very, very useful but it’ll have to be up to the
entire body, thank you.

Small: Thank you very much Mr. Chair. At first blush it looks like a great
resolution. What also peeks my interest is the Safe Routes to School and
their interest because of some of the changes there in having kind of
explicit representation and coordination with the various entities and so it
would be interesting to see if that can be worked into this resolution
because there is also very strong interest I think to make sure that that
very successful partnership continues to move forward under a different
funding environment and so just something to see how it fits in and
another kind of check in the let’s do this box, thank you very much.

Flores: Well, now I forgot what I was going to say but I was thinking along the
lines of the corridor plan and one of the catalytic projects that we were
looking at (inaudible) considered with cycling and I wonder if this could be
included in those ideas.

Garrett: Eventually something to be followed up on.

Hancock: I just googled the subject or I did a browse, anyway,
mapmyride.com/US/LasCrucesNM has tons and tons of maps and
‘information and routes and it’s just incredible. When I was on the Parks
and Recreation Board with the City I remember there was a lot of
information in maps that were already in place for the entire County. I
think the information is there. I’m not sure how that information is updated
but I believe we do have some sources, just an FYI.

Garrett: Anything else, alright, one last thought I guess I have and that is that it
might be useful to have just a one page briefing sheet that identifies the
kinds of things in a little more detail, that might go into a position
description so that the three entities would know this is specifically what
we’re being asked to do and then it can be scaled up or down depending
on the jurisdiction but that way it's less ambiguous what it is being asked
for and ties directly into the request from BPAC.

Herrera: That's a great suggestion. I will definitely take that back Mr. Chair. Can I
also just add a comment as well, it kind of goes along with that, some of
the discussion that came up at the BPAC and some of the things that we
talked about regarding this resolution. We kind of felt like it wouldn't
necessarily have to be its own specific position within each of the entities,
it would mainly just be one person to contact and if they didn't know the
answer at within the entity they would know who to ask so that I think was
kind of some of the discussion behind it, that you wouldn't necessarily
have to go hire someone but maybe if you had a person who is already
kind of doing that they could fall into that roll.

Garrett: That's exactly the reason I asked for this because it's not so much that it's
a full position description, it's that it's ancillary duty but if you don't define
what the duties are you don't know what is being expected and so it
sounds as though it doesn't even have to be a technical person
particularly it's just somebody who would keep track of that kind of
information and might even ride a bicycle so not necessarily required,
okay, anything else, very good thank you, are there any other Committee
updates.

8. COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS

Murphy: MPO staff has been working on getting RoadRUNNER onto Goggle
Transit, speaking of Goggle, and Chowdhury was going to kind of run
through of what we look like on there and I think he has us online and
ready for a demonstration so I'll turn the microphone over to him.

Chowdhury Siddiqui gave a presentation.

Sorg: This is awesome. I want to know how soon can we start using it and how
can we publicize this all over the City and County?

Siddiqui: As I say we moved into actually in the past five, six months we have made
several updates because we are finding problems. Now we've satisfied,
we can always fine tune and we can have a scheduled fine tuning in the
system so we move into this step, I'm thinking if the quality assurance test
is okay, it usually takes a week to get their feedback and then another
week to have the final engineering review from Goggle and then at that
point they are going to ask us when we are going to make it live so at this
point we can make it live as soon as three weeks maybe if there are no
problems.
Okay, immediately some things come to mind, for one thing have our County and City and I don’t know if Mesilla has one too, our public information office publicizes big time and the other thing, is there an app for that?

Yes there is an app for that. Android phones they have, you know android phones (inaudible) not the phone but the android system itself. Each android smart phone comes with an app called maps basically the same map using the same goggle algorithm and that automatically allows you to do the same search option so this is something android phones have. IPhones, they also have maps app available and then their other commercial and then (inaudible)…..I’ve seen communities have done it for themselves basically with more information, for example, with more bike information for example. The standard one does not have bike information in particular but the communities have created that. We don’t have that, we don’t have that interest right now but definitely there are apps available out there with different options available for the public.

In other words an app that would take you directly to this bus system and these ways of finding out when the bus comes and where it’s going and so forth.

Yes, this option is available in…….it’s a free app so any android phone, android smart phone comes with this app automatically…….

But not Apple?

IPhone users have to download it but that’s a free app and once you have this app all these options that you can see here are default.

Okay, I’ll see you after the meeting, thank you.

Mr. Chair, fascinating, we need to work with South Central Regional Transportation on this also because we’ve got rolling out March 1 the pilot program and it would be a great advantage for a new program to be able to have this kind of thing so we’ll need to work with Jack, Jack Valencia, in order to add in those 32 stops going south and 4 stops going east and that’s really exciting. I can see we could create a little to do this, thank you, appreciate it very much, good work.

Thank you very much Mr. Chair and very exciting. What’s the ceiling for this? Can it be so these are the routes and the time that it takes as signified in the system but is there a way to advance and track buses kind of real time and see what and the reason that I ask that is I know it’s been discussed or at least I believe it’s been discussed by the City for some sort of system like that but as I recall had a fairly hefty price tag which is
acceptable but this might be if there are ways to expand into that realm in a more open source and less costly way it would be very interesting.

Siddiqui: Mr. Chair, Councillor, I believe the current algorithm they have they provide live information because I have seen live information available and accurate, yes, accurate up to the minute level but I'm not sure how that had been done. Now the platform itself is free of charge so I'm not sure if there is a money (inaudible) component into it, that's one thing. The other thing is that RoadRUNNER is working with a consultant right now who is going to put real time information like an ITS component into the bus itself and MPO had been supporting the data to the consultant so in my understanding once it is done the users will be able to know, if not in the smart phone but at least in the transit centers, they will be able to know where the buses are in real time. Now once we have that in place that infrastructure in the buses, as I said there are some ways that you can coordinate and take that information and have it relate to the web and if that's possible again that can record and of course the feed file, the raw data set that I have been working on has different fields and of course, we did not complete all the fields. We just did the foundations and started roll but definitely I can look into it and actually that happened in my (inaudible) as well but it's a typical thing once we have the real time info you want to make it public so that they have more accurate information. So looking at the project that RoadRUNNER Transit is working on and getting the feedback data from that I believe we can look at that in the future, definitely.

Small: Thank you very much.

Sorg: If I could piggy back on that, as a member of the RoadRUNNER Transit Advisory Committee, we have had discussed this a couple of times in the last few meetings and yeah the administrator for Transit in the City is well aware of this and they are looking into it and they want to do it and it's just a matter of money.

Benavidez: Mr. Chair, yes thank you. I guess I'm a little concerned regarding if somebody doesn't have a computer or an IPhone how do you reach people who use the transit who don't have computers or IPhones, how do you communicate with those people?

Siddiqui: Well as you can the Google itself is internet-based so the system runs places where there have access to internet so even if a person has a computer but does not have internet at their place they are not going to be able use it. If they don't have a smart phone, definitely and then if they have smart and they don't have data internet they are not going to be able to use it so you have to have that component and then you have to have that web access. For such cases, off the top of my head I'm thinking
Benavidez: Do you think about maybe providing some kind of literature where I mean they cannot see things that are happening at the moment but to list different routes for different people to take from one destination to the other, would you be able to do that and then pick it up at different stations around the City, I mean that's just an idea for example.

Siddiqui: Yes, we currently we three transfer points right and then we have about 12 or 18, can't remember the exact number, stops which where you can make only two transfers between buses so we have the transfer points and then we have these 15 different ones. The rest is you cannot make any transfers so pretty you have to take it to one particular route. Now yeah we can definitely provide that information the places where you can make a transfer between different routes with the names of the bus stops. We can have a hard copy for example and have it placed in......yeah that's possible.

Murphy: Chowdhury, Commissioner Benavidez, if I may, this application will also be available to the transit staff that's on the customer service lines so they can currently help with route scheduling, route planning now if you don't have access to the computer or internet you can call the RoadRUNNER number and speak with a customer service person and they will have this available, so you them your address, give them where you want to go, give them the time you want to and they will be able to do that on the phone much easier than they have been doing in the past.

Sorg: If I may add to all that, that's great. The old fashioned way is the brochure. The City has tons of brochures that I don't know how they can out to enough people that has the complete time schedule and routes and everything that RoadRUNNER does and we should make it available. I'll give you, I've got a stack this big myself but another thing that we discussed in the Committee very briefly one time was in those places that shelters have a posting on the wall that shows that bus route and times for that particular bus, that is something we thought about too but there again it's still in the thinking stage.

Garrett: Anything else on this particular topic, thank you much for the briefing, very good, any other staff presentations.

Hancock: Thank you Mr. Chair, I want to thank Trent Doolittle and the NMDOT for their help recently in ascertaining some of the information about the Upham Interchange and the Rincon Interchange and I was referred to a
fellow in, can't remember his name, Frank something in Santa Fe who
gave me lots of great information about rail service and what we're doing
currently and what we're doing in the future and some of the costs and it
was really, really informative information and thank you so much, I
appreciate it.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Herrera: I'm not sure if I count as public but I want to make a comment anyway. I
think you all will be interested to know that yesterday I received a call our
CIP coordinator in Santa Fe to program some funding that Central Federal
Lands has awarded to I believe it's to the City of Las Cruces to pave
Dripping Springs Road. I'm still waiting for some details but you'll
probably be seeing a TIP amendment to add that in April so it's around
$5M to pave that road and then they also from what I understood, it was a
very brief conversation, but there is about $250,000 in State severance tax
for this year for the design and they would like to start that as early as
March.

Hancock: Mr. Chair, if I may, wasn't there something about Dripping Springs Road
on the ICIP that the legislation is currently going through. I remember
seeing something and I think it was Senator Soules, his secretary asked
me about it. We might want to inform him of that information; it would be
very timely, thank you.

Herrera: And I'm going to be working on getting that information together and
providing it to the MPO as soon as possible.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Chair