

1 **MESILLA VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**
2 **POLICY COMMITTEE (PC) MEETING**

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

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8 **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilor Olga Pedroza (CLC)
9 Commissioner Billy Garrett (DAC)
10 Mayor Nora Barraza (Town of Mesilla)
11 Councilor Gill Sorg (CLC)
12 Trustee Linda Flores (Town of Mesilla)
13 Commissioner Leticia Benavidez (DAC)
14 Commissioner Wayne Hancock (DAC)
15 Trustee Sam Bernal (Town of Mesilla)
16 Trent Doolittle (NMDOT)
17 Councillor Nathan Small (CLC)

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19 **STAFF PRESENT:** Tom Murphy (MPO)
20 Andrew Wray (MPO)
21 Chowdhury Siddiqui (MPO)
22 Orlando Fierro (MPO)

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24 **OTHERS PRESENT:** Jolene Herrera (NMDOT)
25 Harold Love (NMDOT)

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27 **1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

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31 **2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST INQUIRY** – No conflicts of interest

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33 **3. PUBLIC COMMENT** – No public comment

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35 **4. CONSENT AGENDA***

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37 Trustee Flores motioned to approve the consent agenda.

38 Commissioner Hancock seconds the motion.

39 Motion passes, vote 10 – 0.

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41 Murphy: Councillor Sorg

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43 Sorg: Yes

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45 Murphy: Mr. Doolittle

1 Doolittle: Yes
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3 Murphy: Commissioner Benavidez
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5 Benavidez: Yes
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7 Murphy: Trustee Bernal
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9 Bernal: Yes
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11 Murphy: Trustee Flores
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13 Flores: Yes
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15 Murphy: Commissioner Hancock
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17 Hancock: Yes
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19 Murphy: Councillor Pedroza
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21 Pedroza: Yes
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23 Murphy: Councillor Small
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25 Small: Abstain
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27 Murphy: Commissioner Garrett
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29 Garrett: Yes

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

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33 **5. *APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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35 **5.1 *January 8, 2014** – minutes approved under the Consent Agenda vote.

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37 **6. ACTION ITEMS** – No action items

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39 **7. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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41 **7.1 MPO Bylaws**

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

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46 Tom Murphy gave a presentation.

1 Flores: Just looking at page 7 I noticed you didn't have or by Skype but I'm
2 assuming that you consider telephonic, Skype within the telephonic
3 sphere because later on you also say 'in accordance with the New Mexico
4 Open Meetings Act' because and I'm just thinking about when Trustee
5 Bernal is in.....we use Skype so maybe perhaps we can just say.....
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7 Murphy: Telephonic or electronic.
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9 Flores: Any means within the, in accordance with the New Mexico Open Meetings
10 Act and any other means besides being present and then I noticed that
11 you've limited it to only one person would be allowed to do that and I was
12 thinking about the situation when Councillor Thomas and Gil Sorg were
13 attending a conference for us, representing us in Albuquerque and then;
14 therefore, they were not able to help and be a part of the quorum and I
15 think it would be better to say that if we allow it, basically majority allows it
16 the other means would be acceptable. I mean that's my preference.
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18 Garrett: Alright, so the suggestion is and this is under voting procedures that the
19 telephonic vote that we entertain different language that would simply be
20 whatever is allowed under the Open Meetings Act and second, are you
21 suggesting that we would allow one or more but it would be at a given
22 meeting that we would make that determination.
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24 Flores: No but at the meeting that are preset could agree by a majority vote to
25 have however many so that way not limited to one person because what if
26 two people to respond telephonically are you going to choose between
27 two jurisdictions or two different committee members that doesn't
28 sound....
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30 Murphy: I know no limitations that would do, I think this is a remnant from when it
31 was technologically harder so I think in that manner if the Committee
32 agrees we just strike that last sentence and there is technically no limit on
33 there but it still would be up to the majority of those who are present at the
34 meeting to decide so it would leave up to the latitude of future policy
35 committees what they would like to allow.
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37 Garrett: Just so everybody is clear, what we're talking about is striking the last
38 sentence and under F. 3, it's the middle paragraph, is that amenable to
39 everyone at least in terms of the preparation of the draft.
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41 Sorg: I don't mind, that sounds good.
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43 Garrett: Okay, alright and also the change in language relative to simply allowing
44 for remote participation that is consistent with the Open Meetings Act, any
45 objection to that, okay, yes Trustee Flores.
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1 Flores: I can see possibly the reason why this was here before is because you
2 want to encourage people to be present for the meetings instead of kind
3 out, away in the office and I don't mind language being included saying
4 that the preference is that Committee members attend personally.
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6 Garrett: So we would put in a sentence then that simply says that participation in
7 person is preferred.
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9 Flores: Right.
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11 Hancock: Mr. Chair, I believe the Open Meetings Act does say that already so just
12 being consistent with the Open Meetings Act I think will solve the purpose.
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14 Garrett: Alright, is everybody okay with that. Okay so that addresses that
15 particular question, other things that were raised, yes, Mr. Doolittle.
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17 Doolittle: Chairman, I have two comments. On page 8, paragraph B, executive sub-
18 committee currently only lists three members and the way it is written DOT
19 is not represented on that executive committee so I would ask that we
20 could change that language to include a fourth member which would be a
21 representative from the department.
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23 Garrett: So we would then have an executive sub-committee of four, is that
24 correct, yes, just making sure. Any thoughts by other members of the
25 Committee. Alright so that would be inserted and you had another one.
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27 Doolittle: Yes, Chairman, on page 9, the Technical Advisory Committee, Jolene
28 informed me earlier that the South Central RTD is represented on the TAC
29 and they are not on that list so I ask that we modify that list to include
30 them as well.
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32 Garrett: Any objections, very good, thank you. Anything else, Mr. Doolittle.
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34 Doolittle: No, thank you.
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36 Garrett: Any other issues, items, omissions.....
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38 Mayor Barraza joins the meeting.
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40 Hancock: Under the section, under the meetings section both in Policy Committee
41 and Technical, under the meetings section for Policy it's page 7 and under
42 Technical it's on page 11, I think it is and then page 14, everywhere it says
43 yea's and nay's could we make that yes or no? That would be consistent
44 with what we've been doing.
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1 Garrett: Are we all comfortable with this yes or no, anything else, anyone else
2 have anything else to bring up on this. Is that all you need.

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4 Murphy: Yes.

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

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

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11 **7.2 Committee Training**

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

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

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18 Murphy: LRTP stands for Long Range Transportation Plan.

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20 Sorg: Okay.

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22 Murphy: It's interchangeable with Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

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

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

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

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38 Hancock: Thank you Mr. Chair, one of the things that is of concern to me and I think
39 it falls within the boundary under safety would be hazardous materials
40 moving through our area and how those things are measured and our
41 prohibition of those things coming through our individual municipalities
42 both the city's and the various municipalities. I think that would be an
43 important thing for us to be able to respond appropriately with the right
44 kind of equipment and the right personnel so I think that's an extremely
45 important point that we should include in this, thank you Mr. Chair.

1 Garrett: Just a couple things, one is that I'm interested in the timing of this work
2 relative to work on the Comp Plan for the Viva Dona Ana. Viva Dona Ana
3 Comp Plan should be finished prior to both the MTP update and getting
4 into measures but it would seem to that being able to have as much input
5 into the Viva Dona Ana Comp Plan so that we get an alignment between
6 what's going to come out of that and then what comes out of Transport
7 2040 and then how that influences our targets, this actually gives us some
8 substance of tying those things together, is that true?
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10 Murphy: I think within the effort for Viva Dona Ana once we hear the performance
11 measures coming out USDOT I think that we can start, we know where
12 that conversation is going to go and then we start aligning that way. I
13 think there is going to be some consistency with our effort at Viva Dona
14 Ana and with what's coming out of the performance measures, after all,
15 the DOT is one of the federal partners on the livability initiative so their
16 organization is involved with that too so I don't think there is going to be
17 too much dissimilarity and once we hear from them in March we can start
18 lining up on the runway and making sure that we are as close as possible
19 but I think it will be very important that we probably discuss this at the Viva
20 Dona Ana once the performance measures are released so that all of the
21 partners within that can be aware of what's coming out USDOT.
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23 Garrett: Good, okay, it seems to me that one of the sort of central issues with both
24 the Comp Plan and Transport 2040 is where we make decisions to differ
25 from existing scenario's and the degree to which we decide to do that
26 because we have a structure that is already in place so it's going to be
27 alright. Are there any significant variations we need to make based on
28 new information, new desired development patterns and so forth and in
29 that sense the Comp Plan could really influence a few important changes
30 in Transport 2040 and we would want to pay attention to that so okay that
31 sounds good. Any last comments or thoughts at this point, could you tell
32 us is this available online, this presentation?
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34 Murphy: No but I can email it out.
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36 Garrett: I think that would be helpful because there are categories, lots of words
37 and I think for everybody to have a copy at their discretion would be
38 helpful.
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40 Murphy: I think we can also put it online that could be done by the end of the day.
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42 Garrett: Any last comments or questions relative to 7.2; I'm going to make just one
43 editorial suggestion. In the future could we have committee briefing and
44 then a colon and then the topic.
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46 Murphy: Okay.

1 **7.3 NMDOT Updates**

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3 Trent Doolittle presented NMDOT updates

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- 5 • I-10/Avenida de Mesilla project – scheduled completion for the contract is June
 - 6 2014
 - 7 • US 70 paving project – scheduled completion date March 2014
 - 8 • NASA to Aguirre Springs – paving and pavement preservation
 - 9 • US 70 – North Main from Spruce/Picacho intersection north to Three Crosses –
 - 10 late spring startup
 - 11 • Last phase of US 70 corridor safety improvements from I-25 to Rinconada –
 - 12 concrete wall barrier project – 45 to 60 days before construction starts
 - 13 • Additional cable barrier work started earlier this month – should be finished late
 - 14 spring/early summer
 - 15 • Vado/Mesquite Interchange project – preconstruction conference today – elected
 - 16 to pursue 30 day ramp up period – should start construction early in March – 300
 - 17 calendar day project – estimated completion date sometime close to Christmas
 - 18 2014
 - 19 • Alamosa Canyon Project north of T or C – notice to proceed February 5th – initial
 - 20 work to start March 2014

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22 Barraza: I just have a comment, on highway 28 I think there was an article in the

23 paper today regarding how it is affecting some of the businesses but I

24 think DOT and the contractors have done an excellent job on keeping the

25 Town of Mesilla posted almost on a daily basis on the events that are

26 going there and we are sharing that on our web page just to let anyone

27 know that comes onto our web page or if they want to see an update that

28 Bridget Spedalieri shares with also that we also post, so I feel the project

29 is going really fast and we just appreciate all the work that DOT has done

30 out there and also keeping us posted and I think based on what the

31 businesses are saying is they just want to see more signage I guess on

32 the interstate diverting them as to how else they can come into the

33 community or the businesses on the City of Las Cruces' side so they can

34 bring those customers in.

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36 Small: Thank you very much Mr. Chair and thank you for the update. Briefly,

37 what are the enhanced transportation like shared use facilities or bike

38 lanes that are included on the Spruce project or did I miss here?

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40 Doolittle: Mr. Chair, Councillor Small, I think you're referring to the, it's basically

41 starting just north of Spruce and Picacho headed north on North Main, on

42 Main Street correct, honestly I haven't looked at the plans recently.

43 Harold or Jolene do you have any comments that you want to share with

44 us on the pedestrian and bicycle access?

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1 Love: From what I remembered the last time I looked at the plans there should
2 be four foot bike lanes and five foot shoulders or five foot sidewalks as
3 part of the construction.
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5 Small: Great, thank you very much.
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7 Garrett: Can I just ask a follow up on that if it's something other than that when you
8 have a chance to look at the plans get back to the Committee those in
9 particular who are interested, thank you.
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11 Sorg: Thank you Mr. Chairman, as long as we're handing out a compliment, I
12 want to compliment the project at Interstate 10 and Avenida de Mesilla.
13 The contractors seem to be holding down the dirt and dust from blow there
14 quite well. The limited times I have been through there I noticed they
15 water it well and I don't see much dust flying. The other thing is that it was
16 commented at one point, I forget when, on the North Main Street project
17 that besides the bicycle and sidewalks to have bus turnouts for the transit
18 RoadRUNNER and I just want to make a comment that that can be in
19 future projects not only for the highways but also for the City streets that
20 we have transit routes it be considered as being part of the project to have
21 turnouts where the buses can park to load and unload, thank you Mr.
22 Chairman.
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24 Doolittle: Mr. Chair, Councillor Sorg, we did coordinate with the transit. I believe we
25 have one pullout south bound so we did coordinate to have actual pullouts
26 built for them as part of this project; just one south bound was all that was
27 asked for from Transit.
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29 Sorg: I know it's hard to do it in already developed area, I understand that but I
30 just wanted to keep aware of those things, thank you very much for the
31 one.
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33 Garrett: Anything else on my right here, on my left thank you very much.
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35 **7.4 Advisory Committee Updates** 36

37 Murphy: I have one update coming out of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory
38 Committee. They made recommendation for the Policy Committee to
39 consider a resolution that will be sent the City, the County, and the Town
40 concerning appointing a bicycle coordinator within each entity and I
41 believe Ms. Herrera, who sits on that Committee, was going to address
42 the Committee in place of the Chair.
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44 Herrera: Thank you Tom. Jolene Herrera, NMDOT, and as he mentioned I also sit
45 on the BPAC, so I think the important point that the BPAC was trying to
46 make is that it's really hard especially for people traveling from out-of-town

1 to know who to contact about how to get around on bicycles within the
2 communities and beyond that to have somebody for internal staff to go to
3 as well to say what are the priorities, we're doing this project, can you tell
4 me what we need to be kind of doing so just more coordination on that
5 and they wanted to make it clear that they want this person to be in each
6 one of the jurisdictions so it wouldn't just be one person. It would be
7 someone within the City would do that, someone within the County would
8 do that and then someone in the Town of Mesilla would take on that roll
9 and I wanted to make it clear because it did come at one point that the
10 MPO staff that's not something that their federal allows them to do. They
11 can't specifically work for each one of the entities so their goals are more
12 regional. They can do things like the Bicycle Master Plan that's in the
13 Long Range Plan that takes more of a regional look at things so I know it's
14 kind of easy to say well why don't we have the MPO staff do that but that's
15 really not an appropriate use of their time so I just want to make that point
16 really clear and if there are any questions.....

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

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21 Herrera: Yes Mr. Chair it is.

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

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

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

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

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44 Herrera: Well, I was going to say also that I think it's really important to have a point
45 of contact for the local governments within themselves as well so that you
46 as a City Councillor can go to one person and say what are we doing with

1 bike lanes in the City or any of the Commissioners can go to their point of
2 contact within the County or the Trustees in Mesilla, so there is someone
3 within your internal staff that has that knowledge.
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5 Pedroza: Okay, now you're getting into an area where I'm pretty sure there isn't any.
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7 Herrera: Right and that is kind of what, I mean that's, the BPAC has been talking
8 about this for a number of meetings and it finally just came out that maybe
9 we should try having a resolution adopted by each of the jurisdictions and
10 kind of see how that works, kind of get the feedback from you all and see
11 if that's something that you would be willing to take back to your boards
12 and push.
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14 Pedroza: It sounds like something very, very useful but it'll have to be up to the
15 entire body, thank you.
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17 Small: Thank you very much Mr. Chair. At first blush it looks like a great
18 resolution. What also piques my interest is the Safe Routes to School and
19 their interest because of some of the changes there in having kind of
20 explicit representation and coordination with the various entities and so it
21 would be interesting to see if that can be worked into this resolution
22 because there is also very strong interest I think to make sure that that
23 very successful partnership continues to move forward under a different
24 funding environment and so just something to see how it fits in and
25 another kind of check in the let's do this box, thank you very much.
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27 Flores: Well, now I forgot what I was going to say but I was thinking along the
28 lines of the corridor plan and one of the catalytic projects that we were
29 looking at (inaudible) considered with cycling and I wonder if this could be
30 included in those ideas.
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32 Garrett: Eventually something to be followed up on.
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34 Hancock: I just goggled the subject or I did a browse, anyway,
35 mapmyride.com/US/LasCrucesNM has tons and tons of maps and
36 information and routes and it's just incredible. When I was on the Parks
37 and Recreation Board with the City I remember there was a lot of
38 information in maps that were already in place for the entire County. I
39 think the information is there. I'm not sure how that information is updated
40 but I believe we do have some sources, just an FYI.
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42 Garrett: Anything else, alright, one last thought I guess I have and that is that it
43 might be useful to have just a one page briefing sheet that identifies the
44 kinds of things in a little more detail, that might go into a position
45 description so that the three entities would know this is specifically what
46 we're being asked to do and then it can be scaled up or down depending

1 on the jurisdiction but that way it's less ambiguous what it is being asked
2 for and ties directly into the request from BPAC.

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

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

23 24 25 **8. COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS**

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

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32 Chowdhury Siddiqui gave a presentation.

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

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37 Siddiqui: As I say we moved into actually in the past five, six months we have made
38 several updates because we are finding problems. Now we're satisfied,
39 we can always fine tune and we can have a scheduled fine tuning in the
40 system so we move into this step, I'm thinking if the quality assurance test
41 is okay, it usually takes a week to get their feedback and then another
42 week to have the final engineering review from Goggle and then at that
43 point they are going to ask us when we are going to make it live so at this
44 point we can make it live as soon as three weeks maybe if there are no
45 problems.

1 Sorg: Okay, immediately some things come to mind, for one thing have our
2 County and City and I don't know if Mesilla has one too, our public
3 information office publicizes big time and the other thing, is there an app
4 for that?
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6 Siddiqui: Yes there is an app for that. Android phones they have, you know android
7 phones (inaudible) not the phone but the android system itself. Each
8 android smart phone comes with an app called maps basically the same
9 map using the same goggle algorithm and that automatically allows you to
10 do the same search option so this is something android phones have.
11 iPhones, they also have maps app available and then their other
12 commercial and then (inaudible).....I've seen communities have done it for
13 themselves basically with more information, for example, with more bike
14 information for example. The standard one does not have bike
15 information in particular but the communities have created that. We don't
16 have that, we don't have that interest right now but definitely there are
17 apps available out there with different options available for the public.
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19 Sorg: In other words an app that would take you directly to this bus system and
20 these ways of finding out when the bus comes and where it's going and so
21 forth.
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23 Siddiqui: Yes, this option is available in.....it's a free app so any android phone,
24 android smart phone comes with this app automatically.....
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26 Sorg: But not Apple?
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28 Siddiqui: iPhone users have to download it but that's a free app and once you have
29 this app all these options that you can see here are default.
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31 Sorg: Okay, I'll see you after the meeting, thank you.
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33 Hancock: Mr. Chair, fascinating, we need to work with South Central Regional
34 Transportation on this also because we've got rolling out March 1 the pilot
35 program and it would be a great advantage for a new program to be able
36 to have this kind of thing so we'll need to work with Jack, Jack Valencia, in
37 order to add in those 32 stops going south and 4 stops going east and
38 that's really exciting. I can see we could create a little to do this, thank
39 you, appreciate it very much, good work.
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41 Small: Thank you very much Mr. Chair and very exciting. What's the ceiling for
42 this? Can it be so these are the routes and the time that it takes as
43 signified in the system but is there a way to advance and track buses kind
44 of real time and see what and the reason that I ask that is I know it's been
45 discussed or at least I believe it's been discussed by the City for some sort
46 of system like that but as I recall had a fairly hefty price tag which is

1 acceptable but this might be if there are ways to expand into that realm in
2 a more open source and less costly way it would be very interesting.

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

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27 Small: Thank you very much.

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

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

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40 Siddiqui: Well as you can the Goggle itself is internet-based so the system runs
41 places where there have access to internet so even if a person has a
42 computer but does not have internet at their place they are not going to be
43 able use it. If they don't have a smart phone, definitely and then if they
44 have smart and they don't have data internet they are not going to be able
45 to use it so you have to have that component and then you have to have
46 that web access. For such cases, off the top of my head I'm thinking

1 places like library where they have access to the internet and, of course,
2 once this project comes in, finishes up with the RoadRUNNER project with
3 the real time information you would also be able to see the location of
4 buses in transit, big screen, stuff like that.
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6 Benavidez: Do you think about maybe providing some kind of literature where I mean
7 they cannot see things that are happening at the moment but to list
8 different routes for different people to take from one destination to the
9 other, would you be able to do that and then pick it up at different stations
10 around the City, I mean that's just an idea for example.
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12 Siddiqui: Yes, we currently we three transfer points right and then we have about 12
13 or 18, can't remember the exact number, stops which where you can
14 make only two transfers between buses so we have the transfer points
15 and then we have these 15 different ones. The rest is you cannot make
16 any transfers so pretty you have to take it to one particular route. Now
17 yeah we can definitely provide that information the places where you can
18 make a transfer between different routes with the names of the bus stops.
19 We can have a hard copy for example and have it placed in.....yeah
20 that's possible.
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22 Murphy: Chowdhury, Commissioner Benavidez, if I may, this application will also
23 be available to the transit staff that's on the customer service lines so they
24 can currently help with route scheduling, route planning now if you don't
25 have access to the computer or internet you can call the RoadRUNNER
26 number and speak with a customer service person and they will have this
27 available, so you them your address, give them where you want to go,
28 give them the time you want to and they will be able to do that on the
29 phone much easier than they have been doing in the past.
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31 Sorg: If I may add to all that, that's great. The old fashioned way is the
32 brochure. The City has tons of brochures that I don't know how they can
33 out to enough people that has the complete time schedule and routes and
34 everything that RoadRUNNER does and we should make it available. I'll
35 give you, I've got a stack this big myself but another thing that we
36 discussed in the Committee very briefly one time was in those places that
37 shelters have a posting on the wall that shows that bus route and times for
38 that particular bus, that is something we thought about too but there again
39 it's still in the thinking stage.
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41 Garrett: Anything else on this particular topic, thank you much for the briefing, very
42 good, any other staff presentations.
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44 Hancock: Thank you Mr. Chair, I want to thank Trent Doolittle and the NMDOT for
45 their help recently in ascertaining some of the information about the
46 Upham Interchange and the Rincon Interchange and I was referred to a

1 fellow in, can't remember his name, Frank something in Santa Fe who
2 gave me lots of great information about rail service and what we're doing
3 currently and what we're doing in the future and some of the costs and it
4 was really, really informative information and thank you so much, I
5 appreciate it.

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7 **9. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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9 Herrera: I'm not sure if I count as public but I want to make a comment anyway. I
10 think you all will be interested to know that yesterday I received a call our
11 CIP coordinator in Santa Fe to program some funding that Central Federal
12 Lands has awarded to I believe it's to the City of Las Cruces to pave
13 Dripping Springs Road. I'm still waiting for some details but you'll
14 probably be seeing a TIP amendment to add that in April so it's around
15 \$5M to pave that road and then they also from what I understood, it was a
16 very brief conversation, but there is about \$250,000 in State severance tax
17 for this year for the design and they would like to start that as early as
18 March.

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

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

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29 **10. ADJOURNMENT**

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31 Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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