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LAS CRUCES METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY COMMITTEE AGENDA

The following is the Agenda for a meeting of the Policy Committee of the Las Cruces Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to be held **May 8, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.** in the **Dona Ana County Commission Chambers, 845 Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico.** Meeting packets are available on the [Las Cruces MPO website](http://lcmpoweb.las-cruces.org).

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** _____ Chair
2. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST INQUIRY** _____ Chair
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT** _____ Chair
4. **CONSENT AGENDA*** _____ Chair
5. *** APPROVAL OF MINUTES** _____
 - 5.1. *December, 12, 2012 _____ Chair
 - 5.2. *January 9, 2013 _____ Chair
 - 5.3. *February 22, 2013 _____ Chair
6. **OLD BUSINESS** _____
 - 6.1. Statewide MPO summit _____ MPO Staff
7. **ACTION ITEMS** _____
 - 7.1. Resolution 13-05: A Resolution Adopting an Adjusted Boundary for the Las Cruces Urbanized Area _____ MPO Staff
 - 7.2. Resolution 13-06: A Resolution Amending the FY 2012- 2017 Transportation Improvement Program _____ MPO Staff
8. **DISCUSSION ITEMS** _____
 - 8.1. Las Cruces Country Club Road Alignment _____ Zia Engineering
 - 8.2. NMDOT update _____ NMDOT Staff
 - 8.3. Advisory Committee Updates _____ MPO Staff
9. **COMMITTEE and STAFF COMMENTS** _____ Chair
10. **PUBLIC COMMENT** _____ Chair
11. **ADJOURNMENT** _____ Chair

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1 **LAS CRUCES METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**
2 **POLICY COMMITTEE (PC) MEETING**

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4 Following are the minutes from the MPO Policy Committee (PC) meeting held on
5 Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at Dona Ana County Commission
6 Chambers, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

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8 **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Trustee Linda Flores (Town of Mesilla)
9 Councilor Olga Pedroza (CLC)
10 Commissioner Leticia Benavidez (DAC)
11 Commissioner Billy Garrett (DAC)
12 Mayor Pro Tem Sharon Thomas (CLC)
13 Councilor Gil Sorg (CLC)

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15 **MEMBERS ABSENT:** Trustee Sam Bernal (Town of Mesilla)
16 Commissioner Karen Perez (DAC)
17 Mayor Nora Barraza (Town of Mesilla)

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19 **STAFF PRESENT:** Tom Murphy (Las Cruces MPO)
20 Andrew Wray (Las Cruces MPO)

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22 **OTHERS PRESENT:** Rebecca Maes (NMDOT) Harold Love (NMDOT)
23 Trent Doolittle (NMDOT) Jack Valencia (SCRTD)
24 Larry Altamirano (LCPS)

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26 **1. CALL TO ORDER**

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28 Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

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30 **2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST INQUIRY – No conflict of interest.**

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32 Trustee Flores asked for a motion to change the agenda because Rebecca Maes from
33 Santa Fe is present and Trustee Flores would like to move her presentation up on the
34 agenda.

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36 Commissioner Garrett motioned to move discussion item 8.1 to be heard after this
37 motion.

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39 Councillor Pedroza seconded the motion.

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41 All in favor.

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43 Tom called roll to establish a quorum.

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45 Murphy: Commissioner Garrett
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1 Garrett: Present
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3 Murphy: Councillor Pedroza
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5 Pedroza: Present
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7 Murphy: Commissioner Benavidez
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9 Benavidez: Present
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11 Murphy: Councillor Sorg
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13 Sorg: Present
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15 Murphy: Mayor Pro Tem Thomas
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17 Thomas: Here
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19 Murphy: Trustee Flores
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21 Flores: Present.
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23 8.1 NMDOT STIP

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25 Maes: Good morning, Madame Chair, Board members, I think you all have a
26 copy of this handout.
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28 Flores: It's the estimation of obligation limitation. Does anybody else not have
29 theirs?
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31 Maes: And actually in back of this front page there are a couple of attachments if
32 you want to take them apart and I'll show you exactly how the numbers
33 come across to that first page.
34
35 Flores: I would take the time to mark New Mexico on the second and third page
36 because those are the numbers we will be dealing with, my suggestion
37 just write a line across New Mexico so you can see the numbers better.
38
39 Maes: So what I'm going to do is I'm going to take you step by step of how we
40 come up the numbers that we distribute out to our districts with the federal
41 dollars. So on this first line as you can see under NHPP we \$217,768,101
42 and then going across under STP, HSIP, CMAQ, the Metropolitan
43 Planning and the TAP funds, which then if you look at this sheet comes
44 directly off of here under New Mexico's number, all I do is pull that directly
45 across onto this sheet and then the next three numbers are take downs
46 which you will also see on these attachments. The first one is Section

1 154, which is the open container requirement that is an automatic take
2 down before we even distribute any money and the second is
3
4 Thomas: And tell us what the open container requirement is about.
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6 Maes: This is for the DWI. And the second one is the Section 164.....
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8 Pedroza: Excuse me, does that mean that New Mexico is being penalized in the
9 amount of \$500,444,000 because we
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11 Maes: Yes.
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13 Pedroza: Because we do not have an open container law?
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15 Maes: Well, actually I think what it is, is how it was explained yesterday by Mike
16 Sandoval, our planning director, is that they weren't in compliance a
17 couple of years ago, so this is what happened as why we and this is
18 actually a new penalty that we just received because we only have to have
19 the Section 164.
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21 Pedroza: Will that at some point be lifted?
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23 Maes: I'm sure because he said now that they are in compliance so I guess it's
24 just how, because this is actually done through our Traffic Safety Bureau
25 so we just actually take it down as part of our targets before we even
26 calculate the numbers to issue.
27
28 Pedroza: Okay and about how long do you think that process will take?
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30 Maes: I'm not sure. I would have to check on that and get back to you on that
31 one.
32
33 Flores: I believe he said that they expected the legislature to correct that this year,
34 is my memory.
35
36 Maes: Okay and I can double check it for you and I could get back the
37 information, and then the next one is the Section 164, which is the
38 minimum penalties for DWI and DUI repeat offenders and this is the one
39 that we've had all along that has been a take down.
40
41 Thomas: And what's wrong with that one? Our minimum penalty is not high enough
42 or something so we pay a penalty?
43
44 Maes: This one I know we've had so I'm not sure on this one. I know it's been
45 ever since I started doing this which has been about four years now, we
46 always taken the take down.

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2 Thomas: If these are things that need to be corrected by the legislature then these
3 are things that this Body in particular needs to know about because we're
4 the policy makers and we're the ones that can actually go to the
5 legislature and try to get changes made so if we're being penalized this
6 much money for something the legislature's not doing, we need to know
7 that and we probably need to organize all the policy committees across
8 the State and try to do something about it, so we really need to have that
9 information.

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11 Maes: I will take this back and we will get some information to Tom, okay.

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13 Garrett: Madame Chair, just to follow up on that, the timing of our needing to get
14 the information is as soon as possible with the legislature starting in
15 January, thanks.

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17 Maes: And then the third line, the two percent SPR, that's two percent of the
18 amount that we were given is a takedown, which we take out of the NHPP
19 and the STP section. This is what funds our work program that comes to
20 the MPO's and the State-wide work program that's done through our
21 planning division.

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23 Thomas: Madame Chair, can you explain that a little more. What do you mean by
24 that?

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26 Maes: The work program is the one that funds the MPO's for some of the traffic
27 counts that they do and I don't know Tom if you can

28
29 Murphy: The SPR is essentially the State's equivalent of the PL funds. They fund
30 the general office activities out of it. They've funded in the past freight, a
31 freight study, they bend money towards developing their long range
32 transportation plan; they use them for traffic counts in the rural areas of
33 Mr. COG. I think they are discussing with El Paso about using them in the
34 rural parts of Dona Ana.

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36 Thomas: What does SPR stand for?

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38 Murphy: SPR is State-wide Planning and Research.

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40 Thomas: So it's used primarily for studies and research that the MPO's and the
41 RPO's do?

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43 Murphy: Primarily research coming out the general office in Santa Fe.
44 Occasionally they will sublet some of that down to the MPO. Last time we
45 got SPR funds was in 07/08 to help us update our travel demand model.
46

1 Thomas: So primarily it's research that's done in the main office in Santa Fe.
2
3 Murphy: That's correct.
4
5 Pedroza: Madame Chair, one more question. Does that mean that the SPR may or
6 may not be reduced from the funds that the MPO is going to have to use
7 depending on whether the State legislature has a research project to do or
8 is it automatic that they simply reduce it from the funding?
9
10 Murphy: Madame Chair, Councillor Pedroza, Rebecca jump in if I get wrong, the
11 MPO PL funds are set by federal legislation. There is a set amount that
12 they are taking down. The take downs affect the top number of what the
13 State is getting overall and that will filter down and affect the other
14 amounts as well.
15
16 Pedroza: Thank you.
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18 Maes: So then on the next line you'll see the sub-total, which after all the take
19 downs this is what's left and the next line is the assumed obligation
20 authority, which is set by, was actually set this year by Congress so we
21 actually got in our apportionment letter so this year it's at 94.6%. So what
22 that means is that we can spend 94.6% of the money that has been given
23 to us. We don't get the full 100% and then the available obligation
24 limitation is the amount after the take down of the obligation authority, so
25 then if you turn to the next page which is a little bit smaller and has all the
26 numbers. It's the estimation of obligation limitation available for
27 programming. So the available obligation limitation is brought forward
28 under each one of the categories, which your first one is NHPP and then
29 the STP, the HSIP, the CMAQ, the Metropolitan Planning, the TAP
30 program and then on the third line under is where it gets split out. NHPP
31 doesn't get split out into any further categories and then the STP funds get
32 split out into the STPL, which is surface transportation large urban and
33 then the STPS is surface transportation small urban, the STPR is surface
34 transportation rural, and the STPF is the surface transportation flexible,
35 and then also now is the surface transportation bridge off system.
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37 Thomas: Which ones are these; these are the ones that are here under funding
38 category?
39
40 Maes: Yes, those are the STPL, STPS, STPR, STPF.....
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42 Thomas: Okay, can you go over those again so we can put the titles in here.
43
44 Maes: Okay and actually I have them for you on the last page. I have a
45 conversion sheet for you so it tells you exactly what they are.
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1 Flores: This is what Claude went over. He went over the definitions of them
2 yesterday, right?
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4 Maes: Yes and they are all actually on here, the program descriptions are on
5 here.
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7 Flores: Right, okay.
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9 Maes: Surface transportation are larger, then there is the STPL.
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11 Thomas: I don't see it here on the last page. The first one here is STPL.
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13 Maes: It's the old TPU, if you go across.
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15 Thomas: Okay.
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17 Flores: And the flex was like an area.....
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19 Maes: It could be used anywhere in the State.
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21 Flores: It could go back and forth between like, what did he use, he used a mini-
22 urban. He had a special term for it.
23
24 Maes: The small urban?
25
26 Flores: Yes, small urban, is that what.....
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28 Maes: Yeah and the small urban can only be used between 25,000 and 200,000.
29 And then the STPO, which is the surface transportation bridge off system
30 that is for bridges that aren't on the NHS system, that money can be used
31 there.
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33 Murphy: Madame Chair, if I may, the NHS system consists of the interstate, the US
34 highways and the principle arterials within the State, so these would be
35 bridge monies for minor arterials, collectors and Rebecca, I'm not sure
36 about local roads but I think that it does apply to those.
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38 Garrett: Madame Chair. Tom, I'm just wondering if you could give an example of
39 the off system bridge that we would have talked about, do we have any?
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41 Murphy: Madame Chair, Commissioner Garrett, off-system bridge would apply to
42 say the Dripping Springs crossing there right near the Farm and Ranch
43 Museum. I'm trying to think where we do other bridges, probably would be
44 applicable to any local roads that would go over the interstate, things of
45 that nature.
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1 Garrett: Okay, thanks.
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3 Maes: And then the next line is our debt service, which is usually about \$122M
4 so.....we're on this page on the third column down, so that comes right off
5 the top. We take our debt service right off the top so those are the bonds
6 that we're paying back.
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8 Flores: Is that about 30%, what was the amount on that?
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10 Maes: It's actually.....
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12 Flores: Thirty-seven percent?
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14 Maes: Maybe a little bit more because what we actually distribute out is about
15 \$178,000 so we're taking \$121M right off the top. And then the next line is
16 our release of obligation authority which are releases that come back to us
17 after old projects are closed so usually what we'll do is we'll try and put
18 them back to distribute them out so they can use the money and this year
19 we only have the \$5.32M because we had an additional and we used
20 those to cover our 2012 closeout, so we wouldn't hold up any projects not
21 from getting obligated at the end of the 2012 federal fiscal year so we
22 advance constructed them and then we're paying back the money now
23 with the 2013 money that is available to us. So that is what the \$5M is
24 going back.
25
26 Thomas: Can you get just a little closer to the microphone. We're having trouble
27 understanding.....
28
29 Maes: Okay and then the line after that is just the totals after the takedowns and
30 any additions that were added in and then you're next line is the federal
31 share which shows the federal, state or local split on each one of these
32 funding categories and the only one that has changed was the NHPP
33 because we used to have individual of an IMNH which are now all
34 combined into NHPP with the new MAP21, so the split went from 92.64 to
35 85.44 and then what we do after that is we calculate in the federal share
36 and with the match and that gives the ob-limit with match. And then the
37 next line is our State-wide programs, which is our consultant program. We
38 do a takedown of \$8.5M under the STP flexible category and our next line
39 is the cost adjustments and if you notice that's a takedown. What we've
40 done is we've taken the release authority, added in the obligation limitation
41 and then we've taken it out so this is what we use for change orders that
42 come back so they don't affect the district's money and for any coverage's
43 that are over on when they start issuing change orders or anything on the
44 project or if a project needs to be closed and it's short, this is where the
45 money comes from, and then our safety program we take out the whole
46 amount because that's done by application process and then it's a

1 subtotal of everything after the additional takedowns or additions is the
2 next line. Then the next line is what we've added in here is the State 50%
3 of TAP, which 50% of the TAP funds now with MAP21 comes directly to
4 the State, so what we've done is we've taken down the 50% off of what's
5 been issued by TAP and we've put it in NHPP right now but I think that's
6 going to change. It's actually, what their process is right now I think it's
7 going, we're going to give all the TAP funds to the MPO's and RPO's for
8 them to do their competitive process to and they can award the funds.
9 And then the next line is the top selection which is the 50% that would be
10 left afterward to distribute and then the next line are sub-allocated
11 programs. That first \$12M that you see there, that's a takedown. What
12 we're doing is we took out \$12M off the top to do State-wide program for
13 bridges to start working on the bridges that are on the deficiency list and
14 you will also see a takedown of \$2M under the STBO, which is the off-
15 system bridges so that will also be done at a State-wide level, so our
16 bridge area is going to start looking at the deficiency programs to see what
17 bridges are in need of this and start working on that list from here forward.

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19 Flores: What do you mean by off-system bridges?

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21 Maes: These are the off-system bridges that aren't on the NHS system and the
22 next takedown is the CMAQ flex, they are working trying to see if they can
23 work on a program where this money may be used somewhere in the
24 State that qualifies for the CMAQ flex, of course, this is the stuff that
25 comes into play for the non-attainment areas, correct, for the non-
26 attainment areas so they are looking any suggestions of maybe that there
27 is an area where you have a non-attainment area where you can.....it
28 would be more down for the El Paso MPO area and then the next
29 takedown is the PL because we don't distribute the PL funds that come to
30 us, that gets distributed through planning so we don't distribute those so
31 we just take them off so they don't go across.

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33 Thomas: I'm sorry, say that again.

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35 Maes: The PL funds which are the planning funds, that takedown of \$1.729M, we
36 don't distribute those through our section that gets distributed through the
37 planning where they distribute them out to the MPO's for use.

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39 Thomas: It gets distributed through what?

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41 Maes: Through planning, our planning area distributes these funds.

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43 Murphy: Those funds are distributed by the general office planning section, not

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45 Thomas: Within NMDOT.

1 Murphy: Within DOT.
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3 Thomas: (inaudible) DOT.
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5 Maes: NMDOT.
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7 Murphy: New Mexico DOT. Rebecca says we, I believe she's talking about her
8 specific (interrupted)
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10 Thomas: So for example, what kinds of things might it be distributed toward?
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12 Murphy: That \$1.7M is distributed among the five MPO's through a formula that
13 was developed by the planning office in consultation with the MPO staff
14 from around the State.
15
16 Thomas: So it's divided among the five MPO's?
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18 Murphy: That's correct.
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20 Maes: Okay and then the last line is what's available left to program after these
21 takedowns or additions that were added in here.
22
23 Sorg: Madame Chair, could I ask a question about one line? In the TAP
24 columns the State's 50% of TAP, the State is providing 50% of the funding
25 in TAP, is that what that means?
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27 Maes: What the log reads is that 50% of the TAP funds come directly to the
28 State, to the DOT and the other 50% gets distributed out based on
29 population.
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31 Sorg: MPO's in other words.
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33 Maes: MPO's, RPO's, yes and that process is going to take place through our
34 planning division, which they are in charge of setting up the competitive
35 process and so that's why we take it out. The only ones that actually
36 we're distributing is the large urban because those go directly to the
37 TMA's so that's the only reason why you see a balance getting forwarded
38 there is because the TMA's do get to program there.....
39
40 Thomas: Madame Chair, can I restate, so the ones that get distributed directly to
41 the large MPO's, the TMA's – that's TAP funds too?
42
43 Maes: Yes.
44
45 Thomas: And that comes out of, does that get distributed first and then the rest of it
46 is divided up 50/50 or how does.....

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2 Maes: No, no, it's all done by population, so it's based off the population, for
3 example, like the Albuquerque metropolitan area; it's based off their
4 population and then the section (interrupted).
5
6 Thomas: That's what you're talking about the 50% that goes to the MPO's, you're
7 not talking about the whole fund at that point?
8
9 Maes: No.
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11 Thomas: You're talking the TAP gets divided 50% State/50% everybody else, then
12 the TMA's get theirs off the top by population.
13
14 Maes: No, no, that 50% that goes to the MPO's and RPO's is done by
15 population, so then that will get distributed by population, that's why if you
16 notice there are four different categories for it, so it kind of falls into the
17 same STP lines, like you have your rural, your large urban and the
18 small.....
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20 Thomas: And the TMA's are the large urban?
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22 Maes: Yes.
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24 Thomas: And yesterday they talked about some kind of equality factor or something
25 because it ended up short cutting the smaller MPO's.
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27 Maes: Yes, there is a formula sheet that they had handed out of how they did it
28 and that was done in our planning division.
29
30 Thomas: Right and what was it they did to try to make it more equal. Claude was
31 talking about yesterday.
32
33 Flores: They did a flat fee. Didn't they give it a flat fee for the smaller rural areas?
34
35 Murphy: If I may jump in, the equity factor applied to the PL funds distribution that
36 was essentially based on minimum staffing levels to operate an MPO.
37 The TAP funds from what I've seen so far, I have only seen what you saw
38 yesterday. It is strictly population based. There is no adjustment within
39 those population formulas for the TAP funds.
40
41 Maes: Okay, so then these totals across the Levels program, if you turn to the
42 last page which is the third one is the estimation of district targets for
43 federal fiscal year 2013.
44
45 Sorg: I have to comment, Madame Chair. It's pretty difficult for us to understand
46 you. It's mostly to do with this system we have and this, if you can go

1 slower that would help a little and make sure you speak right directly into
2 the microphone. Thank you.
3

4 Maes: Okay, so then if you notice the amounts have come across under the
5 NHPP, STPS, STPR, STPF, STBO and the TAP L, so then what happens
6 here is we break them out by district and I've also included the two large
7 TMA MPO's in here to show the funds that go directly to them, which are
8 the STPL, the large urban and the TAP large urban and then everything
9 else on this based on lane miles of how the distribution gets to each one
10 of the districts by fund on this sheet.
11

12 Thomas: And so at the bottom you have that MAP-21 target and the SAFETEA-LU
13 target, so you are telling us that under the new MAP-21 program it is \$4M
14 less?
15

16 Maes: Yes and that's only because we're not distributing the, we used to
17 distribute the enhancement money and now that TAP has come into place
18 with MAP-21, that has to be done on a competitive process so we can no
19 longer distribute that out to our districts because we can't be, the State
20 DOT cannot be a lead on any of these projects.
21

22 Thomas: Okay, so then yesterday they talked about the fact that for those TAP
23 projects that if we had old enhancement projects that we should sort of
24 dust them off and put them back in and if there was leftover enhancement
25 funds at the State level that you were going to use to kind of catch up on
26 some of those.
27

28 Maes: Yes and those we were, if you do have some that are ready to go I would
29 work with your districts to see about getting those programmed. We're
30 working with our districts to get a list so we can see about how much
31 money we are going to need. I don't know if we do have enough to
32 fund.....
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34 Thomas: And you have any idea what the deadline is going to be on that because
35 the other thing we talked about yesterday was the format and they said
36 that we could just use the TIP form but they wanted us to have it an
37 additional page that addressed this and that it has to be done on a
38 competitive process but if we have some projects that have already been
39 through our competitive process and we're currently on our TIP that are
40 enhancement projects that we only need to attach one page with some
41 reference to this.
42

43 Maes: That actually is in reference to TAP. The enhancement funds, the old
44 enhancement funds that were with SAFETEA-LU, those requirements
45 aren't the same as what TAP are, so if you have an enhancement project
46 that meets the old requirements of TPE, which was the transportation

1 enhancement funds then that is what we are going to go by. That TAP is
2 two different.....
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4 Thomas: So they are not going to re-evaluate those based on these new.
5
6 Maes: That's for the competitive process.
7
8 Thomas: Okay, so they are going to assume that we did a competitive process and
9 that's acceptable, that's not how I understood it yesterday.
10
11 Maes: No, for the TPE funds, it doesn't have to go through a competitive
12 process. Well, it has to go through your MPO's and that has to go through
13 all that but it doesn't have to meet the competitive process that the new
14 TAP under MAP-21, so it still falls under the old rules of SAFETEA-LU for
15 what the requirements are for enhancements, those are the rules that it
16 falls under.
17
18 Thomas: Okay, so we just need to go back and look at those and like I said sort of
19 dust them off and get back on the list because there are some left over
20 funds for enhancement projects, but we also have to start then looking at
21 projects for TAP and instead of using our process which we've worked on
22 pretty diligently here, we're now going to have to use some project that
23 satisfies this and this is what the State has tried to figure out.
24
25 Maes: No, it still has to go through your process but at the same it's going to, the
26 State level has to have a competitive process that meets all of your
27 processes so it can go through their process and they are going to be the
28 ones to make the overall decision.
29
30 Thomas: Right, but it would behoove us it seems to me to make our process satisfy
31 this process if that's what is going to happen to all those projects. If they
32 are going to go through, I mean why go through our process if it doesn't
33 shape those projects so that they can do well under this process and I
34 understood from yesterday that you are taking comments on this only until
35 the end of the year.
36
37 Maes: That's our planning division.
38
39 Flores: Yeah, I think they have said just by January 2 because he said the end of
40 the year and he said he would give two more days, January 2 so they
41 have to.....
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43 Thomas: So I think that this Body, we need to look at this because it is going to
44 have a big impact on how we choose projects in the future and so if we
45 have some comments on this we need to get them into the planning panel.
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1 Maes: Yes.

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3 Thomas: And who is that we're supposed to send them to Tom?

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5 Maes: I believe it was Maggie Ryan. Maggie Ryan.

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7 Murphy: Maggie Ryan but you can also send them to and I can send them

8 (inaudible).

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10 Maes: Or even to probably Jolene and she could.

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12 Pedroza: As I recall Maggie was going to be out of the office for quite a while till the

13 end of the year or something so it would be better to send them Tom.

14

15 Thomas: Okay, so maybe a little later when we get to staff report you can talk about

16 this a little bit more Tom and how we should respond to it.

17

18 Murphy: Yes.

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20 Maes: So I don't know if you any questions on this sheet of how distributions go

21 and how we distribute out to the districts.

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23 Thomas: Madame Chair, I think that it's, lowering the (inaudible) distribution is fine

24 in how the TAP is going to fit in. I think at least in my case I'm more

25 interested in what the goals and performance objectives are going to be

26 because this funding, I mean as we go forward with MAP 21 we have to

27 meet those goals and performance objectives and so this is how it's

28 divided up now but once those goals and performance objectives are in

29 place if you don't meet them, that money goes away.

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31 Maes: Yeah, our obligation limitation goes from 94.6 to 65%.

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33 Thomas: Right and so once again because this Body is a policy making body, it's

34 those goals and performance objectives that are of utmost importance to

35 us in how we are going to do that across the State with the legislature with

36 the DOT, those are the discussion we need to have and so I don't know

37 how you are planning to carry those out in the future but it seems to me

38 we need a lot of cooperation here and a lot of working together to make

39 sure that we're setting that the goals given what this federal government

40 has asked us to do that we're setting goals and performance objectives

41 that work for our State and most importantly, I guess the thing that worries

42 me the most is that we seem to do transportation planning without paying

43 attention to economic development and I really, I don't know how you can

44 send this message up the ladder but I think the State economic

45 development people ought to be involved in the transportation planning

46 because that's the bedrock for economic development.

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2 Maes: Unless you have any other questions, I'm done.
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4 Flores: Does anybody have any further questions for Ms. Maes?
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6 Garrett: And thank you for the briefing, I must say it was helpful for you to sort of
7 work us through and here is how this ties to this page and then you can
8 follow and see how the numbers move. I think I've got a pretty good idea
9 of how they shift from page to page. What I'm not real clear, I think and
10 this may be very basic but on the district targets how much is that our
11 district will have.
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13 Maes: District 1, it's the \$25,495,386.00.
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15 Garrett: Okay, now there are if I am understanding this, then there are five
16 program categories? Okay and the selection of projects within District 1
17 we have a role, I mean this sort of gets to the role of the MPO in
18 determining these projects, can you just sort of summarize that.
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20 Maes: Actually I'd probably have to defer to if I could to Trent because since he is
21 here with district, we just issue them out and from there.....
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23 Flores: Are we going to have any further questions for Ms. Maes?
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25 Garrett: I don't know it depends on the answer to this question.
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27 Doolittle: Good morning, Trent Doolittle with the DOT. Tom may have to expand a
28 little bit on at least the formal process with MPO but if we have projects
29 either in the Las Cruces or the El Paso MPO of course we have to through
30 your process to get it added, but ultimately the District prioritizes based on
31 our needs where we initially spend that money and Jolene's talked a little
32 bit about interstates, of course our top priority, but ultimately the District
33 will prioritize where that \$25M goes and if it happens to fall within the MPO
34 area then we run through your process to get it included as part of STIP.
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36 Garrett: Okay, so there is an interesting point of it is your priorities but if it's got to
37 go through our process, I mean that is where I think goals and process
38 begin to be important in terms of how we talk about that, right?
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40 Doolittle: Correct.
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42 Garrett: Because to some degree it needs to be our priorities too without
43 prejudging what it is.
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45 Doolittle: Correct, well for instance we're rebuilding Motel/Avenida de Mesilla/I-10/I-
46 25, all of those fall within your MPO area so we have to run through your

1 process to get it added into the STIP, but ultimately that also falls within
2 our priority because it's on the interstate so it really just kind of depends
3 on where the projects are falling.
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5 Garrett: So it would seem to me that for these categories, for this \$25M for those
6 projects you are going to identify within the Las Cruces MPO that the
7 criteria are important, that we understand how you see the situation and
8 what work needs to be done and that it would also a matter of our saying
9 well are there other projects that we also think are important that fit the
10 same criteria and then that would be where we would be having that
11 discussion.
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13 Doolittle: Certainly.
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15 Garrett: Okay, so that's going to be some of these large construction projects to
16 some degree, right? Is that one way to characterize these?
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18 Doolittle: For the most part, yes, but we do have some smaller pavement
19 preservation projects, you know those types of work, it doesn't necessarily
20 have to be a big project. I mean a lot of times it's actually good to have a
21 few smaller projects set aside in case we have redistribution of smaller
22 funds or we have a little bit of money left over. It's actually good to have
23 some smaller projects set aside to fill in gaps and we actually do have at
24 least some internal discussions tied to some of those smaller projects to
25 fill those gaps. We actually have shelf projects ready to go that don't
26 necessarily include a \$10M bridge project, so we can certainly have those
27 discussion and ultimately I think that's one of the good things about adding
28 myself to the Policy Board is those types of discussions can take place
29 amongst the Board.
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31 Garrett: Okay, yeah I mean a category for example like STBO. It would seem to
32 me that knowledge of local conditions and needs and all that kind of thing
33 would play a significant part of the discussion about how those monies
34 might be used.
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36 Doolittle: Correct and actually our bridge inspection program inspects all bridges
37 whether they are off-system or not and so we are familiar with the
38 condition that but you are correct amongst the group itself we could
39 certainly prioritize whether we replace a bridge in the City of Las Cruces or
40 the Town of Mesilla. Those discussions will certainly help prioritize that
41 deficiency list.
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43 Garrett: Okay, that helps me with that. I think then I'm probably going back to
44 page 2 and maybe the one thing that I would, that I'm not really, I tried to
45 take notes as fast as I could to identify those places where there are funds

1 that the MPO is going to be competing for and some of those are as I
2 understand it handled by the planning office.
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4 Maes: Yes, what is going to happen is the planning is putting together a plan for
5 if you are talking about the TAP funds.
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7 Garrett: This is the one thing I need to make sure I'm clear about, TAP funds are
8 one of the things we compete for.
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10 Maes: Yes.
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12 Garrett: What are the other things we compete for?
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14 Maes: Well, anything else that would qualify within your area as far as funding
15 goes because if you see the STPL, the larger one goes directly to the
16 TME's. The STPS can be used anywhere under 200,000 but up to 25,000
17 I believe. The STPR is the rural areas, so that's where anything for
18 \$25,000 and below so that is strictly for use in those areas.
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20 Garrett: But isn't it handled through the district?
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22 Maes: Yes and I believe, that's what I was just talking to Trent and will have to, I
23 believe every district has a call out for projects that they do every year and
24 I think it's from based on our policies and procedures that we have in
25 place for the STIP. We have it on there from January 1, so it would be
26 January 1, 2013 and I believe the deadline is April 1 of that same year, so
27 this would be for projects that you are looking at for maybe like in 2014 or
28 2015 that you would like to present to the district that you see that you
29 have need for and maybe they can look at their program and see where
30 they can maybe get you some for.....
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32 Garrett: Okay, maybe what I'm trying to here is that there is clearly one category
33 and it's \$25.5M, what happens here is tied to the District, it has to go
34 through the District however it's administered, right?
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36 Maes: Yes.
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38 Garrett: Okay, there are other funds that don't tie into the District and an example
39 of that might be the Metropolitan Planning funds, is that correct? Those
40 are distributed through the State planning among the DOT's?
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42 Maes: Yes, those are actually the funds that come to the MPO's. Those are the
43 ones that are based I believe on a calculation, is that how they distribute.
44 That's the calculation that.....
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46 Garrett: So there is no competition there at all, just

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2 Murphy: No, those are distributed by formula that is developed by the State.
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4 Garrett: Okay and the Highway Safety Improvement Program.
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6 Maes: Those are the ones that they put out a call for projects where you have to
7 do your application and also have your crash data available when you are
8 submitting them.
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10 Garrett: And in terms of process though, that doesn't tie directly through the
11 District.
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13 Maes: No, that is at a State-wide level.
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15 Garrett: That's a State-wide level that the MPO is competing for.
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17 Maes: That's everybody, the whole State.
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19 Garrett: What I'm trying to do is to understand where we in terms of the funds and
20 how they are going to come to us, there is some of these that we are
21 going to compete with everybody, there are some that we are working and
22 maybe through a competitive process within the District. There are going
23 to be some that are funded on a population basis and come directly to the
24 MPO, right.
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26 Maes: Yes.
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28 Garrett: And are those the three categories.
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30 Maes: Yes.
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32 Garrett: Okay.
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34 Thomas: Can you tie them to the way they are listed here so we know which are
35 which?
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37 Maes: All the TAP ones are by a competitive basis which will be done through
38 our planning section. The PL funds are also, those are the ones that are
39 issued directly to the MPO's, the PL, okay. The CMAQ mandatory goes
40 directly to the two TMA areas, non-attainment areas which is the El Paso
41 and the Albuquerque MPO. The STBOFRS goes to the District along
42 with the NHPP, which are the ones that you see on this sheet. Pretty
43 much everything that you see under each district goes directly to the
44 district unless it's within a TMA which would go directly to the TMA's.
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1 Murphy: Madame Chair, if I may jump in and the money is to go to the district, the
2 SPTS and STPF. I'd like to kind of get away from using the word
3 competitive. I think Mayor Pro-Tem had it right earlier, these are the funds
4 that we need to work with the District cooperatively to set common goals
5 that help achieve our objectives. This is where we can tie in economic
6 development. This is why we're trying to get the District engineer onto this
7 Body so that, you know, so that we do cooperate more with the District
8 and we align our goals and make sure that we have the same goals so
9 that we serve our constituents.

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11 Thomas: Thank you. I just wanted to say to Commissioner Garrett that the TAP
12 funds are, on the federal level they took the enhancement projects and
13 Safe Routes to School and a whole bunch of other things that used to
14 come by formula and they threw them onto this thing called TAP and then
15 they divided by half to the State and half to the MPO's and then the
16 projects there is a competition among the various projects to see which
17 ones go forward but so we no longer get direct funds by formula, for
18 example, for Safe Routes to School. But going back to working with the
19 District, Trent, I think what is mystifying to us is that you said well you
20 have a lot of projects sitting on the shelf and they are small ones you can
21 pull out and every year you pick some and bring them to us and you say
22 well these are in your area so we want you to approve those, but I think
23 that we have a hard time making those decision because we don't know
24 what your big picture is, so what are the goals for District 1 and in
25 therefore why did you pick this project. I'd like to know, okay our goals are
26 for District 1 are dadada, we have all these possible projects with this
27 many bridges and this interstates whatever and based on these goals we
28 decided to pick these projects, it's at that level I think we would like you to
29 come to us and say do you agree that these are the best ones to pick for
30 this project or are there some other projects that you have that might
31 replace or might be complimentary to what we're trying to do here so that
32 we can look at that whole area. I mean for example there is a lot of stuff
33 going on down along the border with Santa Teresa. We're working on an
34 economic development plan down there. The transportation is very
35 important. I suspect those of us who sit up here who also sit on a lot of
36 other committees have some knowledge about some things that are going
37 on that would be useful for making decisions about which transportation
38 projects we ought to pursue, so I think what we're asking you is could you
39 please come, we got all this funding information now but now we want to
40 know what our common goals for this District and what do you think the
41 possibilities are to meet those goals and what do we think the possibilities
42 are to reach those goals and how do we sort out all that out and put them
43 together in ways that will get us the most bang for the buck.

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45 Doolittle: Correct and Mayor Pro Tem, Madame Chair, I agree with you completely.
46 In all honesty where we sit now with our system being 50 years old, the

1 interstate system, you know we are spending a lot of money on bridges
2 that ultimately have to be replaced. They are on the deficiency list,
3 specifically here in Las Cruces we are running over State loads on New
4 Mexico 9 completely around all of this area because the bridges here in
5 town are deficient. They are load restricted. We cannot run those loads.
6 We are in the process of basically holding our interstate system and
7 replacing sections of roads, we don't have a choice. I think we're to the
8 point now where we are starting to catch up with that and we can actually
9 start looking at long term and being proactive rather reactive and honestly
10 for the past, I've been with the department for 15 years, for those 15 years
11 in all reality we've been reactive because we didn't have a choice. I think
12 we're to the point now we're starting to look long term. I actually sit on a
13 pavement management system committee that's going to be ultimately
14 looking at the State-wide system and really changing the way that we
15 think. We're doing a lot of Band-Aids now because we don't have a
16 choice. This pavement management system will actually start looking at
17 fully reconstructing roads and then ultimately managing those pavements
18 over the course of their entire life rather than us just throwing \$2 or \$3M at
19 a project just because it's falling apart and that's all that we can afford to
20 do and so ultimately I think this MAP21 is falling into some of the things
21 that we have been doing internally for quite some time, that we are
22 completely changing the way that we've done things in the past and I think
23 that's consistent with what you are requesting of us as a department to
24 come to this Board with, a long term plan and ultimately projects that will
25 meet those goals as well.

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27 Thomas: Yes and I think we're all facing, I mean we have the same problem in the
28 City, so does the County, so does Mesilla. We started doing the
29 pavement management program a year or so ago. We now have the data
30 from all (inaudible) and that's fine you have to have that, that's your first
31 step but now that we have that and we start looking at, that helps us say
32 these are the worst roads but in terms of which are the worst roads we
33 also have to tie that to our land use planning and to our economic
34 development planning because we can't make the decision solely on this
35 road is the worst road, you know maybe this road and this road are the
36 same but that one leads to you know it's going to be part of the road that
37 leads to the spaceport and this one goes to a subdivision with ten houses,
38 so it's at that level that I think we need to have the discussions so that we
39 can say this is going on at Santa Teresa or this is going on out at the West
40 Mesa Industrial Park and I think it's new territory for all of us. What I find
41 in the five years I've been on this Committee and on the Council is that
42 more and more everything that I'm involved in we're now starting to have
43 to look at it on a more regional level and we have to move away from this
44 "oh well, this is the worst street and that's the worst sewer" and it has to
45 be part of a larger vision, I guess.

1 Doolittle: And one of the other things that we're going to have to really consider is
2 we really can't afford to spend small portions of money on all of our roads,
3 eventually we're going to have to spend large portions to make bad roads
4 good and then ultimately keep them in that condition, with that being said
5 we're going to have some roads, if you've got two bad and you spend
6 money on one, one is not going to meet the expectations of governmental
7 entities and the department and our citizens and we're going to have to
8 address those public concerns as well but again, I think that works
9 towards a long term plan of addressing truly what our needs are long term.
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11 Thomas: And in some places paved roads have returned to dirt roads and as we
12 look at the overall system that might be true some places. We're the ones
13 who interact with the public most and so we need to know, we need to be
14 in on those decisions so that we have a way of talking to our constituents
15 and saying here is why.
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17 Doolittle: Correct, I agree completely and I think we as a department have been
18 heading that way, it's just a matter of changing the perspective and
19 ultimately the way we have been thinking for, honestly, at least 15 years.
20

21 Flores: Thank you, do we have any further questions for Rebecca Maes?
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23 Benavidez: You have made a study of which roads or bridges are the worst in this
24 area in Dona Ana County?
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26 Doolittle: For the most part, our bridge program we do have a deficiency list, so for
27 your bridges that list is readily available. The pavement management
28 committee that I sit on right now we're in the process of collecting the data
29 and putting that into the pavement management system software. My
30 guess is that is probably two or three years out before we have a real solid
31 list. Honestly, we prioritize our out because our maintenance patrol
32 supervisors call and say this road is falling apart and we'll look at how
33 much money we're spending on maintenance and supplies just to hold
34 that road together. Our roadway prioritizing is really due based on
35 experience and what we're spending to maintain.
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37 Benavidez: So in your opinion as we speak right now, do you know which road in
38 County or City needs immediate attention or you don't have that
39 information at the moment?
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41 Doolittle: I want to say right off the top of my head I don't. I can certainly visit with
42 my staff. Our STIP, we can look at our STIP and show you at least
43 internally what we feel because it will be on our, at least the next two year
44 STIP. You mentioned improvements along the border, we've been talking
45 about NM 136, of course it falls out of this area but NM 136 is a concern,
46 but again those issues we're addressing with small pavement preservation

1 2 ½ inch in-lay projects when ultimately they may require full depth
2 reconstruction. They are 25 years old, so what you are going to see on
3 the STIP and what our priorities are at this point might be Band-Aids when
4 long term we may need to look at full depth reconstruction projects and
5 ultimately more funding. I'm sorry I don't have anything for you right off
6 hand, bridges I could supply you that fairly quickly.

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8 Benavidez: Thank you and thank you so much for presentation.

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10 Flores: So I don't see any further questions for Rebecca and thank you for your
11 comments.

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13 Maes: Thank you Madame Chair and the Board for allowing me to present today.
14 Thank you, have a Merry Christmas too.

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16 Flores: Have a safe trip back. So moving on to public comment.

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

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20 **4. CONSENT AGENDA**

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22 Councillor Sorg motioned to approve the agenda.
23 Commissioner Benavidez seconded the motion.
24 All in favor.

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26 **5. *APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes approved under Consent Agenda vote.

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28 **5.1 September 12, 2012**

29 **5.2 November 14, 2012**

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31 **6. OLD BUSINESS**

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33 **6.1 Resolution 12-10: A Resolution Adopting the 2013 MPO meeting calendar**

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35 This is a request to recommend adoption of the 2013 MPO Meeting Schedule and the
36 2013-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment Schedule to the
37 Policy Committee. The Policy Committee is scheduled to meet on a monthly basis with
38 the exception of the months of March and July.

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40 The 2013 MPO Meeting Schedule should be adequate to accomplish MPO business in
41 2013.

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43 Tom Murphy presented three options regarding meeting times.

44 Flores: In addition, Commissioner Perez stated that if they are at 9 a.m. she will
45 not be able to make them and I know Sam Bernal works and so he would
46 not be able to the 9 a.m. either.

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2 Thomas: I'm sorry I think I missed it, Commissioner Perez says she cannot come to
3 9 a.m.
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5 Flores: She cannot come and I just assume that Bernal can't either because he
6 still works. Does anybody have any preference that they would like to
7 state? My personal feeling is that we have problems making a quorum.
8 We had a problem today so even though it personally benefits me to have
9 the 9 a.m. meetings, I think for making the quorum I suggest we do the 5
10 p.m. straight across. Does anybody have a problem with that? For all the
11 meetings Option A is my preference.
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13 Thomas: Yes, Madame Chair, especially if it means two other people can never
14 come to 9 a.m. meetings then we're facing even bigger.....my issue
15 this morning was just a one-time thing but if it's for all the meetings for
16 some of the members then that's a problem. I would go with A.
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18 Flores: Do I have a motion?
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20 Sorg: I'll move to approve the Option A for scheduled meetings of 2013.
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22 Thomas: Second.
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24 Flores: Do we need to have a roll call vote since it's a resolution?
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26 Murphy: Ok.
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28 Murphy: Commissioner Garrett
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30 Garrett: Aye
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32 Murphy: Councillor Pedroza
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34 Pedroza: Yes
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36 Murphy: Commissioner Benavidez
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38 Benavidez: Aye
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40 Murphy: Councillor Sorg
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42 Sorg: Yes
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44 Murphy: Mayor Pro-Tem Thomas
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46 Thomas: Yes.

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2 Murphy: Trustee Flores

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4 Flores: Yes

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6 Motion passes, vote 6-0 (3 members absent).
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8 **7. ACTION ITEMS**

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10 **7.1 Resolution 12-12: A Resolution amending the MPO Bylaws to have the** 11 **SCRTD represented on the TAC** 12

13 The South Central Regional Transit District (SCRTD) has requested membership on the
14 MPO TAC. The SCRTD is a political subdivision of the State and is comprised of Dona
15 Ana, Sierra, and Otero Counties plus most of the incorporated municipalities within. All
16 members of the MPO are also members of the SCRTD. The SCRTD was created to
17 provide public transportation on a regional basis and is poised to adopt its' initial Service
18 Plan this fall.

19 Federal regulations require that operators of public transportation are included in the
20 MPO process.

21 The addition of another TAC member will increase the membership to 15 and increase
22 the quorum requirement to 8. MPO staff supports this request.

23 Tom Murphy gave a brief presentation.

24 Flores: Does anybody have any questions for Mr. Valencia? Seeing none, I
25 noticed that there are some grammatical errors on the 5th Whereas,
26 adoption of its portion of the bylaws, its meeting – I believe it should read
27 because we're talking about the TAC not there, we're not talking about the
28 numbers of the TAC but the TAC as a whole; and additionally on the
29 bylaws under 2. Responsibilities amended the second paragraph, five
30 sentences down it should read "appropriate governing body for its review,
31 concurrence and recommendation" and then "a negative response from
32 the governing will be a veto with the proviso that if the veto process is
33 contrary to any State or federal statutory requirement", so just some typos
34 need to be fixed.

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36 Murphy: Okay, we'll work with you on that. I've just been notified that we're about
37 to lose our recording system, so you will probably.....

1 Flores: Well, it's just to me it's a typo so do we kind of just amend it?
2 Murphy: We'll work with it but what I want to do is get to the vote.
3 Flores: Can I have a motion for this Resolution?
4 Garrett: I move approval of Resolution 12-12 amending the MPO Bylaws to have
5 the SCRTD represented on the TAC.
6 Pedroza: Second.
7 Flores: Let's have a roll call.
8 Murphy: Commissioner Garrett
9 Garrett: Aye
10 Murphy: Councillor Pedroza
11 Pedroza: Yes
12 Murphy: Commissioner Benavidez
13 Benavidez: Yes
14 Murphy: Councillor Sorg
15 Sorg: Aye
16 Murphy: Mayor Pro Tem Thomas
17 Thomas: Yes
18 Murphy: Trustee Flores
19 Flores: Yes
20 Motion passes – vote 6-0 (3 members absent).

21 **8. DISCUSSION ITEMS**
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23 **8.1 NMDOT STIP – moved under Conflict of Interest**
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25 **8.2 Advisory Committee Updates**
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1 Murphy: We did not have the TAC meeting in December. We did update the
2 Bylaws and I think we're just going to be jumping into public participation
3 update with Committees in the upcoming new year.
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5 9. COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS 6

7 Murphy: From staff perspective, we had the MPO quarterly here yesterday. There
8 is a lot of information put out to us by the State. I do need to process a
9 bunch of that. We did pass out on Mayor Pro Tem's suggestion the TAP
10 priorities and I'm supposed to be getting an electronic document from Mr.
11 Morele that actually goes into deeper depth of that. We'll forward that to
12 you as well for comments to be disseminated, essentially that's the table
13 of contents and they want to develop those criteria deeper and that is I
14 think the substantive comments will come from.
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16 Within, hopefully, late January, early February time frame we'll be taking
17 the JPA through each of your governments. We did get approval from
18 FHWA so we meet our December 31 deadline from our FHWA review.
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20 Flores: I also wanted to discuss, we were going to have a work session today and
21 can you talk a little bit about what you were, we were thinking about
22 having it in January; however, you had volunteered.....I'll let you kind
23 of explain what you volunteered quickly.
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25 Murphy: Yes, as part of yesterday's meeting NMDOT informed us that FHWA
26 approached them about creating a summit and they would bring in some
27 national speakers and they wanted to have that within a invite with the
28 Policy Committee members and they were looking for a July time frame
29 and I volunteered to work on picking the speakers, organizing the logistics
30 and getting ideas through and I think that really fit into with what a lot of
31 this Body has been looking for. This will have FHWA backing on it. It will
32 be more motivating to the other Policy Committee members around the
33 State to come and join and we'll be able to have face to face.
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35 Flores: We might pay for them to come as well.
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37 Murphy: We're looking into being able to pay for travel expenses for Board
38 members to help also with the motivation to attend that meeting and just a
39 little side note, my MPO colleagues were jealous with four you attending
40 the MPO quarterly at portions and they are just complete jealous about the
41 level of participation that my Board is doing in the process so I
42 congratulate all of you for your interest in the process.
43

44 Flores: So for Mr. Murphy's ideas let's wait for July and organize this. I
45 responded that perhaps we would like to try and have a work session
46 anyway in January to plan the July session. Do we want to invite other

1 MPO members, maybe telephonically, to plan the July? Do we want to
2 meet together amongst ourselves to plan the July and have a work
3 session in January? I want to know what your thoughts are and of course,
4 be brief because have limited amount of time. Do we have to stop?
5 Okay. So we are adjourned (meeting stop because of system upgrade at
6 the County).

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8 **10. PUBLIC COMMENT** – No public comments.

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10 **11. ADJOURNMENT**

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12 Meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m. (due to system upgrade at County offices).

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1 **LAS CRUCES METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**
2 **POLICY COMMITTEE (PC) MEETING**

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4 Following are the minutes from the MPO Policy Committee (PC) meeting held on
5 Wednesday, January 9, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. at Dona Ana County Commission Chambers,
6 Las Cruces, New Mexico.

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8 **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Trustee Linda Flores (Town of Mesilla)
9 Commissioner Billy Garrett (DAC)
10 Mayor Pro Tem Sharon Thomas (CLC)
11 Councilor Gil Sorg (CLC)
12 Commissioner Wayne Hancock (DAC)
13 Trustee Sam Bernal (Town of Mesilla)

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15 **MEMBERS ABSENT:** Councilor Olga Pedroza (CLC)
16 Commissioner Leticia Benavidez (DAC)
17 Mayor Nora Barraza (Town of Mesilla)

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19 **STAFF PRESENT:** Tom Murphy (Las Cruces MPO)
20 Andrew Wray (Las Cruces MPO)

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22 **OTHERS PRESENT:** Trent Doolittle (NMDOT)
23 Jolene Herrera (NMDOT)
24 Aaron Chavarria (NMDOT)

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26 **1. CALL TO ORDER**

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28 Meeting was called to order.

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30 Roll call to establish quorum.

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32 Murphy: Trustee Bernal

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34 Bernal: Here

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36 Murphy: Commissioner Garrett

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38 Garrett: Present

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40 Murphy: Commissioner Hancock

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42 Hancock: Present

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44 Murphy: Councillor Sorg

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46 Sorg: Here

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2 Murphy: Mayor Pro Tem Thomas

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4 Thomas: Here

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6 Murphy: Trustee Flores

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8 Flores: Present.

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10 Quorum was present.

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12 **2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

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14 Trustee Flores stated that Olga Pedroza has been vice chair. Councillor Pedroza was
15 unable to attend today's meeting but she did state that she was willing to be Chair.

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17 Trustee Bernal nominated Councillor Pedroza for Chair.
18 Councillor Thomas seconded the motion.

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20 Murphy: Trustee Bernal

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22 Bernal: Yes

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24 Murphy: Commissioner Garrett

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26 Garrett: Yes

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28 Murphy: Commissioner Hancock

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30 Hancock: Yes

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32 Murphy: Councillor Sorg

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34 Sorg: Yes

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36 Murphy: Mayor Pro Tem Thomas

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38 Thomas: Yes

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40 Murphy: Trustee Flores

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42 Flores: Yes

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44 Motion passes, vote 6-0 (3 members absent).

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46 Commissioner Hancock nominated Billy Garrett for Vice Chair.

1 Councillor Thomas seconded the motion.

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3 Murphy: Trustee Bernal

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5 Bernal: Yes

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7 Murphy: Commissioner Garrett

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9 Garrett: Yes

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11 Murphy: Commissioner Hancock

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13 Hancock: Yes

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15 Murphy: Councillor Sorg

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17 Sorg: Yes

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19 Murphy: Mayor Pro Tem Thomas

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21 Thomas: Yes.

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23 Murphy: Trustee Flores

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25 Flores: Yes.

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27 Motion passes, vote 6-0 (3 members absent)

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29 New chair is Councillor Olga Pedroza and new vice chair is Commissioner Billy Garrett.

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31 In Councillor Pedroza's absence, vice chair Commissioner Billy Garrett acted as Chair.

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33 Commissioner Garrett thanked Trustee Flores for her service.

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35 Tom Murphy wanted to interject an agenda amendment. Since the work session item
36 6.1. IMIP of Cd. Juarez was discussed earlier; he wanted to amend the agenda by
37 removing Item 6.1. from the agenda and replace with NMDOT update.

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39 **3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST INQUIRY – No conflicts of interest.**

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41 **4. PUBLIC COMMENT – No public comments.**

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2 **5. ACTION ITEMS**
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4 **5.1. *Resolution 13-01: A Resolution Certifying Compliance with the Open**
5 **Meetings Act for the 2013 Calendar Year by the Las Cruces Metropolitan**
6 **Planning Organization.**
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8 Annually, the Las Cruces Metropolitan Planning Organization is required to adopt an
9 Open Meetings Resolution pursuant to the State of New Mexico's Open Meetings Act
10 (NMSA 1978, Article 10, Chapter 15). This resolution affirms the Policy Committees
11 intent to follow the Open Meetings Act. The Open Meetings Act specifies how meetings
12 that formulate and adopt public policy are to be conducted. In addition, it also identifies
13 the notice requirements of regular meetings, special meetings, and emergency
14 meetings.
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16 **OPTIONS:**

- 17 1. Vote "aye" to approve Resolution 13-01 approving the 2013 Las Cruces
18 Metropolitan Planning Organization Open Meetings Resolution.
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20 2. Vote "aye" to approve Resolution 13-01 with additional amendments or
21 modifications.
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23 3. Vote "nay" and do not approve Resolution 13-01 as presented. This action would
24 result in the Open Meetings Resolution being denied by the Policy Committee
25 and would result in the MPO's committees being in violation of the State's Open
26 Meetings Act.
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28 Tom Murphy gave a brief presentation.
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30 Councillor Sorg motioned to approve Resolution 13-01.
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32 Trustee Flores seconded the motion.
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34 Murphy: Trustee Bernal
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36 Bernal: Yes
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38 Murphy: Trustee Flores
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40 Flores: Yes
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42 Murphy: Commissioner Hancock
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44 Hancock: Yes
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46 Murphy: Councillor Sorg

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2 Sorg: Yes

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4 Murphy: Mayor Pro Tem Thomas

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6 Thomas: Yes

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8 Murphy: Commissioner Garrett

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10 Garrett: Yes

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12 Motion passes, vote 6-0 (3 members absent).

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14 **Work Session Item 6.1. removed from the agenda and replaced with updates**

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16 **6. NMDOT Updates**

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18 Jolene Herrera, NMDOT, introduced Aaron Chavarria. He is the new technical support
19 engineer for District 1. He is replacing Gene Paulk.

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21 Jolene gave updates on construction projects that are happening in the area and are
22 upcoming.

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- Engler is completed;
 - I-10/I-25 is scheduled to be completed by March 2013;
 - Motel Boulevard is supposed to be completed approximately the first week of March. Jolene heard from the project manager today that it should be open to all traffic on Motel Boulevard and I-10 by the end of January.
 - Cable barrier project on US 70 – it is from Rinconada to NASA Road – it is scheduled to begin February 4th, Smith & Aguirre was awarded the contract. They have 120 working days to complete this project, estimated completion date around mid-June. Working hours will be Monday thru Friday – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and there will be lane restrictions since the median is very narrow there.
 - Project on US 70 this side of Rio Grande Bridge all the way to Main Street, that is scheduled to begin the end of March. They have a 60 day ramp-up time and 85 working days of construction. It is a resurfacing project.
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38 Doolittle: that project (the barrier project) doesn't go all the way from Rinconada to
39 NASA, the contractor is going to do that in two mile segments so we won't
40 go in there and we won't have a one lane for that entire corridor from that
41 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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43 Councillor Sorg asked about Rinconada down to I-25.

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45 Doolittle: The cable barrier doesn't meet design specifications for that area. We are
46 actually in the process of trying to acquire funding to implement concrete

1 wall barrier. Right now, again, that is in the very preliminary stages of
2 trying to acquire that funding but we do recognize the need. It's just cable
3 barrier because of the deflection of a cable barrier with it not being rigid in
4 a lot of places there we don't have the room to allow that deflection so
5 we're looking at other options and other funding sources to get that
6 section addressed.
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8 Garrett: I just wondered two things. One is, is this the kind of thing that you would
9 consider having a groundbreaking on?
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11 Doolittle: Typically with this scope we don't, no.
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13 Garrett: I'm wondering because of the sensitivity of the things that have happened
14 along that stretch if it might not be a good thing to not just get out and get
15 started which is important but also to consider the possibility of having
16 some kind of a ceremony to initiate the work. It also gives an opportunity
17 to get more information out about how the work is going to be done in
18 terms of lane closures and speed control and the whole safety of the thing.
19 We could really work it into some kind of a safety themed event. That's
20 just a thought.
21

22 Doolittle: Certainly, we'll consider that and the other thing we may want to consider
23 also is a ribbon cutting.
24

25 Garrett: At the end of it.
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27 Doolittle: Correct.
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29 Garrett: Right. Councillor Thomas.
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31 Thomas: Mr. Chair, yeah, I think Councillor Sorg and I would both most be very
32 interested in that because it's our districts that are on either side of 70 and
33 Commissioner Hancock now has that area as well so we've got three
34 people on this end of the desk who probably would like that.
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36 Doolittle: The other thing we also discussed with the contractor is holding public
37 meetings on typically where we have high volume traffic, high profile
38 projects we'll have public meetings to share the lane closures and those
39 types of items with the public other than through a public announcement,
40 so I'm hopeful that before the project even starts we'll be able to go
41 through a sequence of construction and start putting out press releases
42 and having public meetings to discuss the long term scope as well.
43

44 Thomas: Okay, Mr. Chair, would you make sure that the three of us get that
45 information because we have big (inaudible) especially Councillor Sorg
46 and I have big email list. We had a community meeting last night, a joint

meeting, we had about 70 people there and people were very happy to get information. I think we might be able to get a pretty big crowd if we all work together on it.

Doolittle: Certainly.

Garrett: Good and the second question, with the reduced amount of time that work occurs on a daily basis you made the point of saying it was Monday thru Friday and is there, what are the implications of working at least one more day on a weekend in order to get the project finished. Do you have to pay special rates for that kind of thing?

Doolittle: We don't have to, ultimately the contract time has been established and it's up to the contractor to determine what his hours are and his time frame. One of the things that was discussed at the pre-con is they want to at least look at the possibility of working Saturday thru Wednesday because on Saturday and Sunday we're hopeful that we can expand those time frames. The contract right now is written regardless of the day of the week, they work from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. but on weekends if it allows us to expand those hours either before or after we're going to try that, so right now the scope of the work is Saturday thru Wednesday but regardless they get charged per a contract whether a working day is Monday thru Friday, so if they choose to work on Saturday or Sunday they are not charged a working towards the contract but you are exactly right it gets us a little bit ahead of the game. I think one concern that contractors typically have is if for some reason they are not as efficient as they hoped or traffic doesn't allow them to be as productive they typically use those weekends to make up for lost time that they may have had at the beginning of the project so my guess is initially they are only going to work five days a week and if there are delays due to whatever that they may start working more days over the course of the end of the project but for now it's a Saturday thru Wednesday schedule, proposed schedule.

Garrett: I would say that there is strong support for the idea of the project being finished ahead of time because of the safety issues and so whatever can be done I'm sure would be appreciated.

Doolittle: The other proposal was when you first begin a project, of course, there are inefficiencies in learning curves and they had originally scheduled to start up at Organ and then work their way into town; we have since convinced them to start at the other end just because of the traffic and the number of accidents and fatalities that we've had in that area, so they are actually going to start at Rinconada and then work two mile sections up the hill rather than down into town so that was another compromise we worked through with the contractor.

1 Flores: Do you give bonuses for early work being completed or completing early?

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3 Doolittle: Not on this project. We do have that capability, for instance, on the I-10/I-
4 25 it has that an early finish, on this project it does not.

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6 Garrett: Very good, thank you, good report and Mr. Chavarria welcome.
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8 **7. COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS** 9

10 Thomas: Thank you Mr. Chair, I just want to catch up on a couple of things that we
11 talked about at the last meeting and so going forward, we were going to at
12 this meeting plan the summer MPO Policy Committee – whatever we're
13 calling it – summit, so can we make sure that is on the next agenda so we
14 can get to that. We also in response to information about the federal
15 money that NMDOT receives that presentation we wanted to track what
16 happens with the open container and the DWI legislation so I don't know if
17 you have any more updates on that Tom, but the legislative session is
18 starting pretty soon and so I think we need to pay attention to that. I think
19 they are only looking at open containers, is that right, they are not looking
20 at DWI?
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22 Murphy: I don't recall off the top of my head. I think we're just at the deadline for
23 bill submittal for the legislature so we'll probably get a report in the next
24 day or so.
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26 Thomas: Okay, so let's make sure we have that on the next agenda so we can and
27 in the meantime if you get information and you want us and you need help
28 from us and we all to Santa Fe and we are there various times during the
29 sessions so you want to call on us to talk to our people or try to lobby on
30 behalf of the DOT so that we don't lose that money, that federal money,
31 please let us know because we all do that and then after we looked at the
32 presentation on all the federal money and how it gets divided up, some of
33 us still had some questions about places that wherever we might have
34 some impact on that and Tom and I sat down, my understanding
35 increased quite a bit but I could still use some more help and I think we
36 need to do that, whether it needs to be in this kind of a setting or a work
37 session but it's very helpful to me to sit down and do that with Tom and I
38 think it would be helpful if you did that with all of us and we have an
39 opportunity to increase our understanding as we go forward so I'd like to
40 ask that we find a way to do that sometime soon.
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42 Garrett: Duly noted, thank you.
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44 Flores: I'd comment that we had a work session today, it was very informative but
45 I guess if could make some notes for people that weren't able to come

1 because there was another meeting scheduled so a lot of people weren't
2 able to come.
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4 Garrett: Will we be able to get some material from that meeting.
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6 Thomas: We should have the presentations that were given.
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8 Flores: Maybe post them online or something.
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10 Thomas: Right and we'll transcribe Andrew's notes from it. I wasn't able to attend
11 the entire meeting myself.
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13 Sorg: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to add a word or two that I got out of the
14 meeting today with the folks down from Juarez and that is that what they
15 were talking about is a huge investment that they are making in their
16 infrastructure as well as projecting their economic growth. They are
17 talking about auto assembly plants; of course Fox-Con increasing three or
18 four times and so Homer from DOT was showing some of the
19 infrastructure that possibly we might need here on this side of the border
20 for supporting that growth they have or projecting down there and one of
21 the things that came to my mind, of course, he showed the UP project
22 there but the road from the Santa Teresa area up to I-10 at our West
23 Mesa Industrial Park is on their radar and so that will be something that
24 will be coming along and that we'll have to take a look at, at some point
25 and time and that's all that's the main thing I got out of and of course they
26 went into a lot of their planning and so forth that they have for the City
27 there and that was quite detailed and their GIS program down there is
28 remarkable. In fact I was told by Christine Logan in the meeting, she says
29 their GIS is better than the University's here but that's a subjective
30 comment, thank you.
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32 Garrett: Trustee Bernal, I would like to simply say it's good to see you again and
33 welcome back to the Committee.
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35 Bernal: Thank you.
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37 Murphy: One staff comment, Mr. Chair. Part of the reason I missed a portion of
38 today's work session is I've been deeply involved in interview processes to
39 replace Mr. Hume and Mr. Hoskins and while the associate transportation
40 planner process is still ongoing I'd like to introduce you to the MPO's
41 future new transportation planner, Andrew Wray, who was the successful
42 candidate in that process. He did very good and probably next month he'll
43 be joining me up at the table and speaking with all of you a lot more often.
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45 Garrett: Very good, congratulations.
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1 **8. PUBLIC COMMENT** – No public comments.

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3 **9. ADJOURNMENT**

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5 Meeting adjourned.

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Chair

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**LAS CRUCES METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
POLICY COMMITTEE (PC) MEETING**

Following are the minutes from the MPO Policy Committee (PC) Special meeting held on Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at City Hall Council Chambers, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Trustee Linda Flores (Town of Mesilla)
Commissioner Billy Garrett (DAC)
Mayor Pro Tem Sharon Thomas (CLC)
Councilor Gil Sorg (CLC)
Mayor Nora Barraza (Town of Mesilla)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Wayne Hancock (DAC)
Trustee Sam Bernal (Town of Mesilla)
Commissioner Leticia Benavidez (DAC)
Councilor Olga Pedroza (CLC)

STAFF PRESENT: Tom Murphy (Las Cruces MPO)
Andrew Wray (Las Cruces MPO)
Devashree Desai (Las Cruces MPO)
Chowdhury Siddiqui (Las Cruces MPO)

OTHERS PRESENT: Jolene Herrera (NMDOT)
Gabriela C-Apodaca (NMDOT)
Trent Doolittle (NMDOT)
Aaron Chavarria (NMDOT)
Willie Ramon (CLC)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Garrett called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m.

Tom Murphy called the role to establish quorum. Five Committee Members were in attendance so there was a quorum for the meeting.

Tom Murphy requested a change in the agenda to insert "Staff and Committee Comments" between "Action Items and Adjournment." The request was approved by the Members.

2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST INQUIRY – No conflict of interest.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.1 *Resolution 13-02: A Resolution amending the TIP

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2 Garrett: If I could just let me go ahead and get a motion on the floor and then we'll
3 move from that into presentation and discussion.
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5 Flores: Motion to amend the TIP.
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7 Barraza: Second.
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9 Garrett: It's been moved and seconded. Could we now have the presentation
10 about that?
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12 Tom Murphy reviewed the items for the amendment to the TIP Program.
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- 14 1. #W-100032, the funding for the Safe Routes to School coordinator and we
15 have been approved funding for FY 2013 and FY 2014 for Devashree's
16 position.
- 17 2. #TL-00011 is funding for some Roadrunner Dial-s-Ride vans that will be
18 funded into FY 2014.
- 19 3. #W-100080 is the Safe Routes to School Phase 2 Infrastructure Money in
20 the amount of \$500,000 that has been enabled through the Safe Routes to
21 School Action Plan and will be going to the City of Las Cruces to do the
22 projects for the Tier I schools as recommended by approved Action Plan.
- 23 4. #W-100060, Safe Routes to School Champion Funding. That is the
24 money that goes to Mesilla Elementary to fund their program.
- 25 5. #LC-0070 is a movement of pavement preservation for US-70 from Morton
26 Lane to the Rio Grande Bridge. It is being moved up one fiscal year from
27 FY 2014 to FY 2013 and the funding is being increased by \$600,000.
- 28 6. # LC-00080 the pavement preservation for NASA Road to Aguirre Springs
29 Road and is being moved back from FY 2013 to FY 2017.
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31 Garrett: Does anyone on the Committee have a question or a comment regarding
32 any of the items? Norma?
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34 Barraza: No, no. I do not.
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36 Garrett: Councillor Thomas.
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38 Thomas: Thank you, Mr. Chair. There was question as to how the schools were
39 chosen. Can you just explain that to us briefly so we know how to answer
40 that question if it keeps coming up?
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42 Murphy: Certainly. The Action Plan itself developed, through the coalition that
43 helped in the writing of the Action Plan, developed a multi-criteria
44 evaluation of all the schools within the Las Cruces Public Schools District.
45 They looked at things such as population of school age children within
46 what was deemed a walkable area. They looked at the roadway network

1 for roads that are relatively direct connections to the schools and then
2 there were some surveys that were done on willingness to participate.
3 Really the criteria was kind of established to pick the ones where the
4 environment was most suitable to encourage the walking and then to just
5 bring the facilities up to even high standards, hopefully to see some
6 progress in the amount of students that we have walking and biking to
7 school.
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9 Thomas: So, was there some kind of point system or...? I see some percentages
10 and an average so I didn't know how the scoring system worked.
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12 Murphy: There was a point system. I do not recall the weighing of the point system
13 at this level but it was certainly discussed through the Coalition. It was
14 discussed at the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee. It was discussed at
15 the Technical and Advisory Committee and it was discussed at this
16 Committee level at the time so we think that the process was really well
17 thought out and had a lot of opportunity to input and I do know that some
18 of the people that you may have heard from do not agree with the results
19 of it; but we did have this through a public process and it is what was
20 approved to do this evaluation
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22 Thomas: I think we need, you know,, if we do this again, I think it needs to come
23 with a paragraph or two describing how the system operated and how
24 schools got rated so that's right with the list so that we, you know, we
25 always have the explanation. It just saves us from having a lot of
26 questions so, you know, I guess I still don't understand how some schools
27 have 82 points average and some have 254. I don't know that works and I
28 don't know how to explain it to anybody.
29

30 Murphy: We'll see if we can get a better summary within there in the sheets but it's
31 all contained within the approved Action Plan, which was approved by this
32 Body. We also held various work sessions with the City on it, as well.
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34 Thomas: Yeah, I think we all know that but, you know, again, it comes down to
35 people looking at it and seeing these numbers and these schools chosen
36 and those not chosen and it's always a good idea just to be transparent to
37 make sure that this is how this worked and this is how these schools got
38 these points and got chosen.
39

40 Murphy: We'll certainly try and take those recommendations and we always want to
41 be as transparent as possible.
42

43 Thomas: All right, what's "BTW?" I just *(inaudible, laughing)*
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45 Murphy: "BTW?"
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1 Thomas: It was the first one in the list of schools. I didn't know what that was.
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3 Murphy: Booker T. Washington.
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5 Thomas: Oh, okay.
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7 Murphy: On Solano just north of Spruce.
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9 Garrett: Anyone else?
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11 Sorg: Me, Mr. Chairman.
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13 Garrett: Councillor Sorg.
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15 Sorg: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In the first column you have "percent R-E-P-
16 W." Could you just tell me what that means? *(inaudible)* "Percent...REP
17 W," it's just the initials. I don't see any explanation of it. No, said
18 separately.
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20 Murphy: That column which you are referring to is in the Action Plan and is the
21 "Percent of Reported Walkers" and those are numbers that are derived
22 from the in-school surveys that we conducted at every school throughout
23 the District.
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25 Sorg: And a "Pot Walker" is what?
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27 Thomas: A "Pot Walker" is a "potential walker."
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29 Sorg: "Potential Walker," okay.
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31 Murphy: And those would be the ones that exist *(inaudible – two people speaking*
32 *at the same time)*...
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34 Sorg: Well, I want to make that clear.
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36 Murphy: ... in the shed. *(general laughter)* Yes, we're not in Colorado or
37 Washington.
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39 Sorg: Right. Okay. Now, I didn't have a chance to look at this before so I'm
40 going to study it a little bit more and I'll ask questions later if I need it.
41 Okay? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
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43 Garrett: Other questions on any of the items in the TIP request? Could you just
44 briefly summarize why additional funding of \$600,000 was requested or
45 being potentially moved?
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1 Murphy: Mr. Chair, we'll have a representative from NMDOT answer that question.
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3 Garrett: Very good.
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5 Herrera: Good morning.
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7 Garrett: Good morning.
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9 Herrera: Jolene Herrera, NMDOT. \$600,000 was added to that one because the
10 initial Engineer's estimate went up slightly. We're going to do some
11 additional work that wasn't in the original scope.
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13 Garrett: Okay.
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15 Herrera: That's why that was added.
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17 Garrett: And again, just for the record, in terms of the shift from 2013 to 2017, in
18 terms of the work on US 70...
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20 Herrera: Um-hmm.
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22 Garrett: What was the reason for doing that?
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24 Herrera: There's a really large project in 2014 and we're going to have to clear the
25 way to provide funding to complete that large project. It's outside of the
26 MPO area, a bridge in Silver City.
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28 Garrett: Okay. I think we've heard about that bridge a number of times.
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30 Herrera: Yes.
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32 Garrett: Right. It's in Silver City....
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34 Herrera: In Silver City, Hudson Street bridge on....
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36 Garrett: ... and it's a safety issue, if I recall.
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38 Herrera: Right.
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40 Garrett: So it's within the District but outside the MPO?
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42 Herrera: Yes, it is.
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44 Garrett: All right.
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46 Sorg: One more time.

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2 Garrett: Councillor Sorg.
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4 Sorg: Are you finished, Jolene, then with what you wanted to say?
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6 Herrera: Yes, unless there was ...
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8 Sorg: I just have a comment.
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10 Herrera: Okay.
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12 Sorg: Just for the record. I see in 2015 there's a scheduled \$9,000,000 payment
13 with preservation on I-10 from Las Cruces to the Texas state line. I'm just
14 sad, a little sad, that that \$9,000,000 couldn't be put together to be used
15 for the rail going from Las Cruces. That way we would have a little less
16 traffic on I-10 and not have to preserve the pavement as often 'cause it is..
17 well, I suppose it's going to be on the older part of the pavement that
18 didn't... yeah. Okay.
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20 Herrera: Yes.
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22 Sorg: Understand. Thank you.
23
24 Garrett: Anything else from the Committee? Okay, anything else from our
25 audience in terms of comments? All right, in that case let's proceed with
26 the vote if you would call the roll, please.
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28 Murphy: Trustee Flores?
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30 Flores: Yes.
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32 Murphy: Mayor Barraza?
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34 Barraza: Yes.
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36 Murphy: Councillor Sorg.
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38 Sorg: Yes.
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40 Murphy: Mayor Pro Tem Thomas?
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42 Thomas: Yes.
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44 Murphy: Commissioner Garrett.
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46 Garrett: Yes.

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2 Murphy: Just to verify: it was a motion by Mayor Barraza and seconded by Mayor
3 Pro Tem Thomas?

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5 Garrett: Yes.

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7 Flores: The motion was by me and the second was by Mayor Barraza.

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9 Murphy: Oh, okay. Thank you.

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11 4.2 Resolution 13-03: A Resolution Approving the City of Las Cruces' Project
12 Application for Highway Safety Improvement Program (HISP) funding on El
13 Paseo Road
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15 Garrett: All right, we'll now move on to the next item, which is Resolution 13-03,
16 approving the City of Las Cruces' Project Application for Highway Safety
17 Improvement Program on El Paseo Road. Could I have a motion to
18 approve?

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20 Thomas: Move to approve.

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22 Sorg: I'll second it.

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24 Garrett: All right, so that was by Mayor Pro Tem Thomas and seconded by
25 Councillor Sorg. Mr. Murphy, could you proceed then with your
26 presentation on that or comments on that?

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28 Murphy: Yes. I will comment. Each year the New Mexico Department of
29 Transportation issues a call for safety projects. It's 100% funded and it's
30 essentially known as the Safety Program. Initially the call comes out
31 around September and jurisdictions are encouraged to apply for these
32 monies. At one point they announced that they were not going to do it and
33 then reversed themselves. We were not notified initially on the reversal of
34 the announcement and, I believe, it was probably late November when we
35 did, indeed get a notification that the funding would be available for this
36 year. We passed along that information to the Public Works Directors for
37 the City, the County and the Town.

38 We did receive back a project proposed by the City for this funding
39 and the project that they chose was to implement the recommendations of
40 the previously completed El Paseo Road Safety Assessment and the City
41 then went ahead and scoped out that project to figure out what the costs
42 would be and they put together, using the Road Safety Assessment as the
43 basis for the project, at \$335,000 safety project that will install new street
44 signs, upgrade pedestrian facilities to ASA compliance, do some restriping
45 of crosswalks, signal warnings and construction of medians along the El
46 Paseo Corridor from University up to where work has already been

1 completed near Wyatt. I will answer any questions you may have about
2 the project.
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4 Garrett: Do Committee Members of Mr. Murphy? Yes, Mayor Pro Tem Thomas?

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6 Thomas: Thank you. I just have a comment. This came out of the El Paseo
7 Project, right, when we were working on that?
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9 Murphy: That's correct. The City's looking for implementation and actually I did
10 skip over one point which should be pertinent. This is an application to a
11 competitive funding process so this project will be thrown into an
12 evaluation process along with the projects from all over the state and the
13 money's not guaranteed at any point but it does meet the approval of the
14 MPO in order to be submitted.
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16 Thomas: Yeah. It's a state-wide competition? Right?

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18 Murphy: Yes.
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20 Thomas: I just want to say that when we started doing the El Paseo Corridor Project
21 as part of the ETA Technical Assistance Program the first time they came
22 out and looked at El Paseo they went, "Oh, my God! You have a lot of
23 problems here." So they actually got...what was it, FHWA? That came
24 and did the...?
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26 Murphy: It was a company, FHWA, I think the.... There was another sub-agency
27 the DOT had asked.
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29 Thomas: Could have been but anyway this was kind of just gravy on top of what we
30 were doing with the ETA project. I mean, they were so horrified by the
31 problems on El Paseo that they kind of got somebody, "Well, you need to
32 do this," and so they got this done and you can see it's very thorough, I
33 mean, they looked at every place where, you know, a pedestrian wouldn't
34 be able to see across the street or the things weren't marked. So it would
35 really be excellent if we could start getting something done on that and it is
36 one of the highest, if not the highest, pedestrian corridors in the city and
37 so these problems, a lot of which are pedestrian, are real important.
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39 Garrett: Thank you. Other comments or questions? Yes, Mayor Barraza.

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41 Barraza: I just want to reiterate, as I looked over the report, the Assessment, I
42 agree. It is an area that definitely needs to be worked on and, hopefully,
43 the grant will be approved. It's a project from University all the way down
44 to Main Street. Am I correct? And I have seen the increase in
45 pedestrians along that area; but not only pedestrians, also the traffic flow.

1 So I think it is a project that definitely needs to get some funding and,
2 hopefully, this grant will be approved.
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4 Garrett: Any other comments by Committee Members?
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6 Sorg: Mr. Chairman?
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8 Garrett: Yes, Councillor Sorg.
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10 Sorg: I just want to add my support to this, too. It's high time we get moving on
11 some improvements on El Paseo. Thank you.
12
13 Garrett: Any comments by those in attendance? We're happy you're here. In that
14 case, let's proceed with the vote.
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16 Murphy: Trustee Flores.
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18 Flores: Yes.
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20 Murphy: Mayor Barraza.
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22 Barraza: Yes.
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24 Murphy: Councillor Sorg.
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26 Sorg: Yes.
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28 Murphy: Mayor Pro Tem Thomas.
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30 Thomas: Yes.
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32 Murphy: Commissioner Garrett
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34 Garrett: Yes.
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36 **5. STAFF COMMENTS**

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38 Garrett: Do we have any staff comments?
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40 Murphy: Just one, Mr. Chair and Members of the Committee. I'd like to introduce
41 the MPO's newest Associate Transportation Planner. His name is
42 Chowdhury Siddiqui. He comes to us most recently from the North
43 Dakota Department of Transportation and previous to that he's received a
44 Doctorate in Transportation Engineering as well as a Masters in
45 Transportation Engineering before that from the University of Central

1 Florida. We're looking forward to having him on board and we're
2 beginning to get a lot more work done.
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4 Garrett: Very good. Welcome.
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6 Sorg: Mr. Chairman?
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8 Garrett: Yes.
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10 Sorg: May I ask if you could spell his name?
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12 Murphy: Yes, I can, actually. It's C-h-o-w-d-h-u-r-y S-l-d-d-i-q-u-i.
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14 Thomas: I wasn't even close. *(all laughing)*
15
16 Sorg: Well, welcome. I see you're returning back to the warm country from
17 those icy places. I used to live in North Dakota so I know what it's all
18 about. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
19
20 Garrett: Anything else?
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22 Murphy: No more staff comments.
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24 Garrett: Very good. Committee comments? Mayor Barraza?
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26 Barraza: Mr. Chairman and members of the MPO, I just wanted to give you a bit of
27 information. I just got back from Santa Fe meeting with our Legislators, but
28 while I was up in Santa Fe I had an opportunity just to briefly speak to
29 Representative Steinborn and he did mention to me that his is considering
30 putting forth... and I wasn't sure whether with capital outlay or just a bill on
31 the floor, regarding a feasibility study for rail transportation from Doña Ana
32 County up north and he asked me if it was something the Town of Mesilla
33 would support and most definitely, the Town of Mesilla would support that
34 study and it's something that I'm very much interested in also. And he
35 knew that we were going to have some type of a meeting. He wasn't sure
36 if it was an MPO or RTC meeting today but I just wanted to keep an eye
37 out with the Legislative reports that are coming out and see if you see
38 something pop up from Representative Steinborn and I hope this is
39 something that the MPO would support.
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41 Garrett: If I understand correctly, we're not going to be having another meeting
42 before the Legislative session concludes so we're not going to have an
43 opportunity to actually act as a group on this but I think the point could be
44 that the staff could disseminate information as it becomes available, make
45 sure we have the information, then within our own individual capacities we
46 could express support for the measure. Yes, Mayor Pro Tem Thomas.

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2 Thomas: Yes, I talked to Representative Steinborn this morning. Actually, it's from
3 El Paso to here and, hopefully, to the Space Port so, you know, the plan
4 we're working on in the Regional Transit District and there was another
5 piece of that plan that was that feasibility study for the commuter rail.
6 We're updating the service and finance plan for the three county transit
7 district, but there was also a report that was part of that plan that was a
8 feasibility study for a commuter rail from El Paso to the Space Port but it's
9 based on 2000 census data. So Representative Steinborn's trying to find
10 money to update that with 2010 and also to look at economic impact
11 because since that time a lot of stuff has started and is going on now
12 down in Santa Teresa and on the southern border of the county ad he
13 would appreciate letters of support. I know we can only do individually;
14 that's, you know, what we're doing with the RTD as well. But I can send
15 around... Jack's working on the letter today, Jack Valencia, so I can send
16 around a little bit of everybody so you've got some facts to use if you want
17 to then write a letter.
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19 Barraza: Mr. Chair?
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21 Garrett: Yes, Ma'am.
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23 Barraza: If I could ask Mayor Pro Tem Thomas a question: is he requesting this,
24 the capital outlay money, or is it through a bill?
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26 Thomas: He's requesting it through capital outlay. They told us that's how we had
27 to do it.
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29 Barraza: Because I know today capital outlay requests are due to them...
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31 Thomas: Yeah. That's why I talked to him this morning and yesterday.
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33 Barraza: Okay.
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35 Thomas: So he's going to get it in today but he would like letters as soon as
36 possible in the next, you know, three or four days so that he can start
37 assembling some support.
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39 Barraza: Did he say how much he's requested?
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41 Thomas: Fifty thousand.
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43 Barraza: Okay. Thank you.
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45 Garrett: Mr. Murphy.
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1 Murphy: Thank you, Mr. Chair. If I may add to the Mayor Pro Tem's statement; that
2 Camino Real was something that we did look at within the confines within
3 the prevue of Transport 2040 so from a long range planning perspective
4 it's something that the MPO has adopted and supported a stance on that.
5 So in your capacity as individual leaders that is something you may
6 reference as well.
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8 Thomas: Thanks for that.
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10 Garrett: Very good. Thank you. Anyone else? Mayor Pro Tem?
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12 Thomas: If you remember at the last meeting I had kind of a list of things that keeps
13 getting blocked so I just want to do that again. We said we were going to
14 work on planning a summer MPO meeting and we haven't gotten back to
15 that yet. I'm still concerned about the legislation. I don't know if we know
16 anything about the Open Container or DWI, if anything's happening in the
17 Legislature 'cause I haven't followed that.
18 Then, a couple new things: I did a webinar a couple weeks ago on
19 the Invest Project that Federal Highway's doing. It's performance goals
20 and performance measures and they've tested it in a lot of places around
21 the country and now they're ready to move forward with it and if anybody
22 wants to use it, you know, they would like us to get involved. So I guess
23 I'd like to hear from, maybe at the next meeting, from DOT what they know
24 about this Invest thing that the Federal Highway's doing and if it's
25 something we want to look at 'cause since that's part of the Federal
26 legislation to move towards goals and performance objectives and if
27 Federal Highway is testing this I figure maybe we should know something
28 about it since it may indicate where they're going.
29 Maybe Joanne can answer this: there's an RFP out for something
30 to do with the West High Mesa Road. Can you give us a little information
31 about that?
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33 Apodaca: First, Members of the Committee, I'm not Jolene but I do have information
34 for you. My name is Gabby Apodaca.
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36 Thomas: Hi, Gabby.
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38 Apodaca: The RPF that we have out for the West Mesa study is just a study. It's a
39 Phase A study. It's not going to go into much detail other than to say, you
40 know, what is the feasibility of getting this done? So it's just the very first
41 step in a study.
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43 Thomas: Can you give us some kind of timeline on that when you might choose a
44 consultant and when you might get a report?
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1 Apodaca: We do have a consultant on board already. We are going to be working
2 through the negotiations with them and I do believe we have Molzen
3 Corbin.
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5 Thomas: And do you know about how long it'll be before they get the... what's the
6 length of time before...
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8 Apodaca: For the study, I would imagine by next year this time we'll have the first
9 portion of it.
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11 Thomas: By next year then. Okay. So some of us are working on various kinds of
12 economic development programs and stuff and this would be a big part of
13 that so if you can just kind of give us reports as you go along it'd be really
14 helpful.
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16 Apodaca: Sure.
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18 Thomas: Thanks.
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20 Garrett: Along those lines, just two things: one is that it would be helpful to know if
21 they're going to have any public meetings, scoping, discussion, input of
22 any kind if we could know what the schedule is for those meetings and
23 what the purpose of those meetings would be.
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25 Apodaca: Okay. I'd be surprised if we get any of that in the first initial because it's
26 just taking in the information of what's out there. The next phase would
27 bring us into a public information meeting.
28
29 Garrett: Okay.
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31 Apodaca: This is just us pretty much gathering information and not really making any
32 decisions.
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34 Garrett: Got it. The second question is: what are we calling this thing on the West
35 Mesa?
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37 Apodaca: I believe it's the High Mesa...
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39 Thomas: I had West High Mesa Road.
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41 Apodaca: Yes.
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43 Thomas: That was the information I got.
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45 Apodaca: Yes, you're right, The West High Mesa Alignment Study.
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1 Thomas: Would it be useful for them to, 'cause now we have some consultants on
2 board who are looking at economic development, especially along the
3 Border and what impact it's going to have on the county. Would that be
4 useful information for Molzen Corbin?
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6 Apodaca: It's information that we've connected them with already.
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8 Thomas: But we're doing new stuff now. We have a new study going out now that's
9 just starting.
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11 Apodaca: Actually, it would be useful to them.
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13 Thomas: Yeah. Okay, so we should have them get in touch with Molzen Corbin.
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15 Apodaca: Yes.
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17 Thomas: Okay. Thanks.
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19 Garrett: Anything else? Thank you very much.
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21 Apodaca: Thank you.
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23 Garrett: Mayor Pro Tem, do you have any other items? Just so I can... you asked
24 for the next meeting to include some discussion about the Summit.
25 Correct?
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27 Thomas: Yes. Uh-huh.
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29 Garrett: As well as the status of legislation relative to Open Container.
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31 Thomas: And DWI. Those were the two things that money was taken away from
32 the state because of our current legislation.
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34 Garrett: Okay.
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36 Thomas: And then the Invest thing from Federal Highway.
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38 Garrett: Very good. So if we could just make sure that those get added to agenda
39 for next time.
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41 Apodaca: Mr. Chair.
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43 Garrett: Yes, thanks,
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45 Apodaca: I actually have kind of an update on the Open Container Second Offender
46 Law. It's a couple of weeks old but last I heard from Mike Sandoval, he's

1 our Planning Division Director, but he's also in charge of the Traffic Safety
2 Bureau. He said that what he heard is that both of those bills had been
3 stopped in the House and he's not exactly sure why or for how long they
4 were going to be stopped. He didn't have a whole lot of detail on that. I
5 can check back with him today and see if he's received any updates since
6 then. But as far as I know it's somewhere in the House.
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8 Thomas: So I think this is something that, well, just to speak for myself, I know I'm
9 very interested in it and if it results in our losing Federal money, at the end
10 of the session, I guess, we would like a report on kind of what the
11 complaints were and why it got stopped so that we can figure out ways to
12 bring it back so that it will have a better chance 'cause I think... and if we
13 do this summer MPO meeting that should be a big part of that. But, you
14 know, how can we work together across the state to get something done
15 in these areas so we're not losing money?
16

17 Apodaca: Okay; and I'll check with Mike Sandoval to see if there's any more updates
18 and to be sure to send that to Tom so he can disseminate that information.
19

20 Garrett: Very good. Thank you. Anything else from the Committee Members? I
21 just have a housekeeping item of a sort: we get wonderful packets and
22 there's lot of information here. There's so much information that it's hard
23 to track if I have to leave it all in the packet. So I would really like to be
24 able to break my packets down so that I have the minutes, for example, I
25 can have a section of minutes and keep track of what we do in our
26 meetings that I can track the TIP as a file, that I can track the... I mean,
27 we have a nice report here about El Paseo but, just as an example, it
28 starts on the left-hand page rather than on the right-hand page. It means
29 that resolutions sometimes have information on the back side that has to
30 do with something else and it would be immensely helpful if these
31 packets... I love the fact that they are printed on two sides, but it means
32 it's very difficult to break these apart into manageable organized
33 notebooks or whatever we do as far as hard copies. If you could insert
34 blank sheets behind pieces so that there is a meaningful break and, you
35 know, we have a document and it always is going to start on the right-
36 hand page. I realize this is something that's unique to our culture but it
37 makes it really tough if... you know, 'cause otherwise then I have to take
38 these apart, make extra copies in order to make it useful. Would this be of
39 interest to the other Members of the Committee? It's not just an
40 idiosyncratic...
41

42 Sorg: Yes.
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44 Thomas: Yes.
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46 Garrett: personal... okay, well...

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2 Sorg: I concur.
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4 Garrett: That's good. You could try that for the next time and let's see how it works
5 for everybody and if additional direction is needed then we can provide
6 that at that time but I would appreciate that.
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8 **6. ADJOURNMENT**
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10 Garrett: Okay, are there any other items then for discussion? If not could I have a
11 motion to adjourn?
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13 Barraza: Motion to adjourn.
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15 Sorg: Second.
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17 Garrett: All in favor say aye.
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19 All: Aye.
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21 Garrett: Any opposed say nay. We are adjourned.
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24 _____
25 Chairperson



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LAS CRUCES METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION FORM FOR THE MEETING OF April 10, 2013

AGENDA ITEM:

7.2 A Resolution Adopting an Adjusted Boundary for the Las Cruces Urbanized Area

ACTION REQUESTED:

Review and Approval

SUPPORT INFORMATION:

Map of Urbanized Area

Resolution to be provided as addendum

DISCUSSION:

After each Census MPOs may adjust their Urbanized Area (UZA) based on projected conditions. In January TAC began the discussion of adjusting the UZA for the Las Cruces Urbanized Area. While the adjusted UZA is due to FHWA in June 2014, the NMDOT is undergoing a Functional Classification update and has requested that the MPO complete its adjustment by May 2013.

Proposals for adjusting the Las Cruces UZA include:

- Adding Onate High School and other land abutting US 70 from Sonoma Ranch to Porter
- Using proposed Mesa Grande alignment to proposed Lohman extension to square off UZA boundary south of US 70
- Using Desert Wind/ Arroyo Rd. from I25 to Sonoma Ranch extension to square off boundary north of US 70.
- Include the Las Cruces International Airport and the West Mesa Industrial Park.
- Include Red Hawk Golf Club and NMSU Golf Course Clubhouse.

LAS CRUCES METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION NO. 13-05

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE LAS CRUCES URBANIZED AREA BOUNDARIES

The Las Cruces Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Policy Committee is informed that:

WHEREAS, the Las Cruces Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is the Lead Agency responsible for boundary smoothing, subject to NMDOT and FHWA approval; and

WHEREAS, the adjusted UZA must encompass the entire Urbanized Area designated by the Census Bureau; and

WHEREAS, the adjusted UZA should be one, single contiguous area; and

WHEREAS, the adjusted UZA should encompass areas outside of municipal boundaries that have urban characteristics with residential, commercial, industrial or national defense land uses consistent with or related to development patterns within the boundary; and

WHEREAS, the adjusted UZA should encompass all large traffic generators within a reasonable distance from urban area – such as fringe area public parks, large places of assembly, large industrial plants etc.) To include transportation terminals and their access roads – such as airports, ports of entry, and

WHEREAS, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee recommended approval of the adjusted urbanized area (UZA) at their March 21, 2013 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Technical Advisory Committee recommended approval of the adjusted urbanized area (UZA) at their April 4, 2013 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Policy Committee has determined that it is in the best interest of the MPO for this resolution to be APPROVED.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Policy Committee of the Las Cruces Metropolitan Planning Organization:

(I)

THAT the Las Cruces Urbanized Area, as shown in Exhibit “A” attached hereto and made part of this resolution, is hereby approved.

(II)

THAT MPO staff are hereby authorized to take appropriate and legal actions to implement this Resolution.

DONE and **APPROVED AS AMENDED** this 8th day of May , 2013.

APPROVED:

Chair

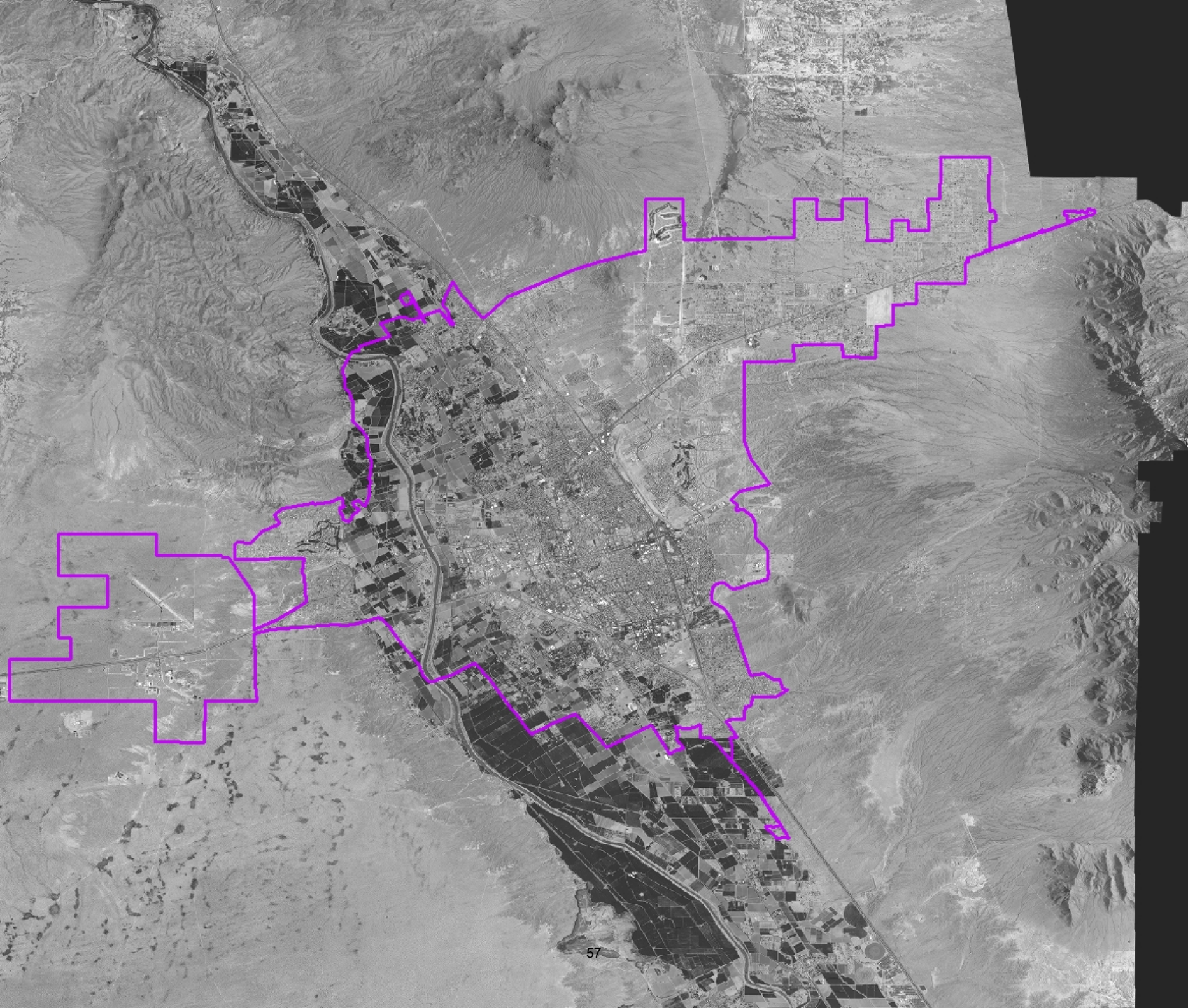
Motion By:	
Second By:	
VOTE:	
Chair Pedroza	
Vice Chair Garrett	
Councilor Sorg	
Councilor Thomas	
Commissioner Hancock	
Commissioner Duarte-Benavidez	
Mayor Barraza	
Trustee Bernal	
Trustee Flores	

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Recording Secretary

City Attorney





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LAS CRUCES METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION FORM FOR THE MEETING OF May 8, 2013

AGENDA ITEM:

7.2 2012-2017 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval of the requested amendments to the 2012-2017 Transportation Improvement Program by the MPO Policy Committee

SUPPORT INFORMATION:

FY2012 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Reports

DISCUSSION:

On May 11, 2011, the MPO Policy Committee approved the 2012-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

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

CN	FY	Agency	Project & Termini	Scope	Change
1100930	2014	NMDOT	US 70 Concrete Barrier Installation	I-25 Interchange and Rinconada	New Project

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

LAS CRUCES METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION NO. 13-06

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FY 2012-2017 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

The Las Cruces Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Policy Committee is informed that:

WHEREAS, preparation of a financially constrained Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a requirement of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) (U.S.C. 23 § 450.324) ; and

WHEREAS, the Las Cruces Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is responsible for the planning and financial reporting of all federally funded and regionally significant transportation-related projects within the MPO Area for the specified fiscal years; and

WHEREAS, the Policy Committee adopted the FY 2012-2017 TIP on May 11, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the NMDOT has requested amendments to the FY 2012-2017 TIP; and

WHEREAS, the Policy Committee has determined that it is in the best interest of the MPO for the Resolution amending the FY 2012-2017 Transportation Improvement Program to be approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Policy Committee of the Las Cruces Metropolitan Planning Organization:

(I)

THAT the Las Cruces Metropolitan Planning Organization's Fiscal Year 2012-2017 Transportation Improvement Program is amended as shown in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made part of this resolution.

(II)

THAT the Las Cruces MPO's Self-Certification, as contained in Exhibit "B", attached hereto and made part of this resolution is hereby approved

(III)

THAT staff is directed to take appropriate and legal actions to implement this Resolution.

DONE and **APPROVED** this 8th day of May, 2013.

APPROVED:

Chair

Motion By:	
Second By:	
VOTE:	
Chair Pedroza	
Vice Chair Garrett	
Councilor Sorg	
Councilor Thomas	
Commissioner Hancock	
Commissioner Duarte-Benavidez	
Mayor Barraza	
Trustee Bernal	
Trustee Flores	

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Recording Secretary

City Attorney

Las Cruces Metropolitan Planning Area

Las Cruces Metropolitan Planning Organization

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

CN: **Las Cruces MPO - PIN:** **NMDOT Dist.:** 3 **County:** Dona Ana **Municipality:** City of Las Cruces
Fed ID: 1100930 **Lead Agency:** NMDOT D-1 **Length:** 0 Miles
RT: **Proj:** US 70 Concrete Barrier Installation **Est. Proj. Cost:** \$3,010,000
Fr: I-25 Interchange **To:** Rinconada **Est. Letting:**
Category: Safety **TIP Amendment Pending?** ☐

Project Desc.: Installation of concrete barriers in US 70 between I-25 Interchange and Rinconada

Project Phases: ☐ Environ. Document ☐ Prel. Engr. ☐ Design ☐ Right-of-way ☐ Construction ☐ Other

Work Zone:

Remarks: New project as of 4/11/13

PROGRAMMED FUNDS - Four Year Federal TIP by Funding Category						TIP Informational Years	
FUND SOURCE	2012	2013	2014	2015	4 Yr. TOTALS	2016	2017
State Match			\$0		\$0		
Local Match			\$221,536		\$221,536		
HSIP MAP-21			\$2,788,464	01	\$2,788,464		
Totals			\$3,010,000		\$3,010,000		



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Resolution 13-06 Attachment "B"

LAS CRUCES MPO SELF-CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

In accordance with 23 U.S.C. 450.334, the New Mexico Department of Transportation, and the Las Cruces Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Las Cruces urbanized area hereby certify that the transportation planning process is addressing the major issues in the metropolitan planning area and is being conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements of:

- (1) 49 U.S.C. 5323(l), 23 U.S.C. 135, and 23 U.S.C. 450.220;
- (2) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Title VI assurance executed by each State under 23 U.S.C. 324 and 29 U.S.C. 794;
- (3) Section 1101(b) of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (Pub. L. 105-178) regarding the involvement of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in FHWA and FTA funded planning projects (Sec. 105(f), Pub. L. 97-424, 96 Stat. 2100; 49 CFR, Subtitle A, Part 26);
- (4) The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-336, 104 Stat. 327, as amended) and U. S. DOT implementing regulation;
- (5) The provision of 49 U.S.C. Part 20 regarding restrictions on influencing certain activities; and
- (6) Sections 174 and 176(c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act as amended (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506(c) and (d)).

POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIR

Date

NMDOT

Date



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LAS CRUCES METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION FORM FOR THE MEETING OF MAY 8, 2013

AGENDA ITEM:

8.1 Las Cruces Country Club Road Alignment

ACTION REQUESTED:

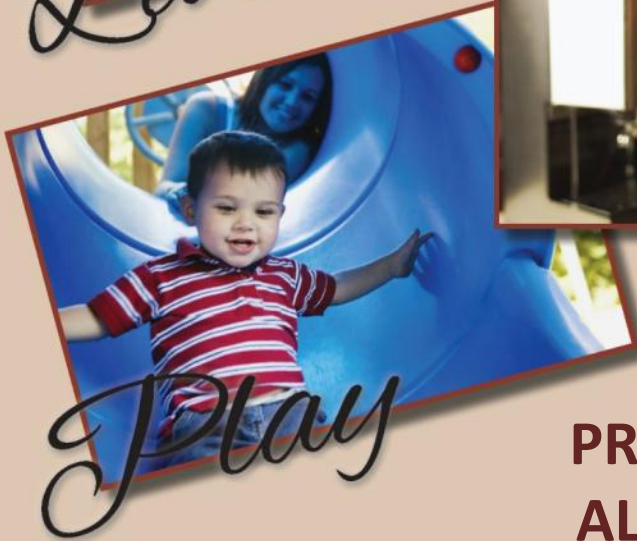
Review and discussion

SUPPORT INFORMATION:

None

DISCUSSION:

Zia Engineering will give a presentation regarding their proposals for the redevelopment of the Las Cruces Country Club.



PROPOSED ROADWAY ALIGNMENT OPTIONS



PROPOSED ROADWAY ALIGNMENT OPTIONS

- **OPTION A:** CONNECT ONTO N. SOLANO DRIVE AT EXISTING SIGNALIZED INTERSECTION WITH MADRID AVENUE.
- **OPTION B:** CONNECT ONTO E. MADRID AVENUE, EAST OF EXISTING BASEBALL PARK.

OPTION A



OPTION A - DETAIL



BENEFITS

- Uses existing infrastructure (existing lighted intersection)
- Lessens the number of signalized intersections in the area
- Promotes integration of Apodaca Park and Park Ridge Development
- The proposed point of intersection will allow full traffic movements
- Lower traffic and transportation costs
- Does not negatively impact surrounding business and properties
- Impacts less City property area

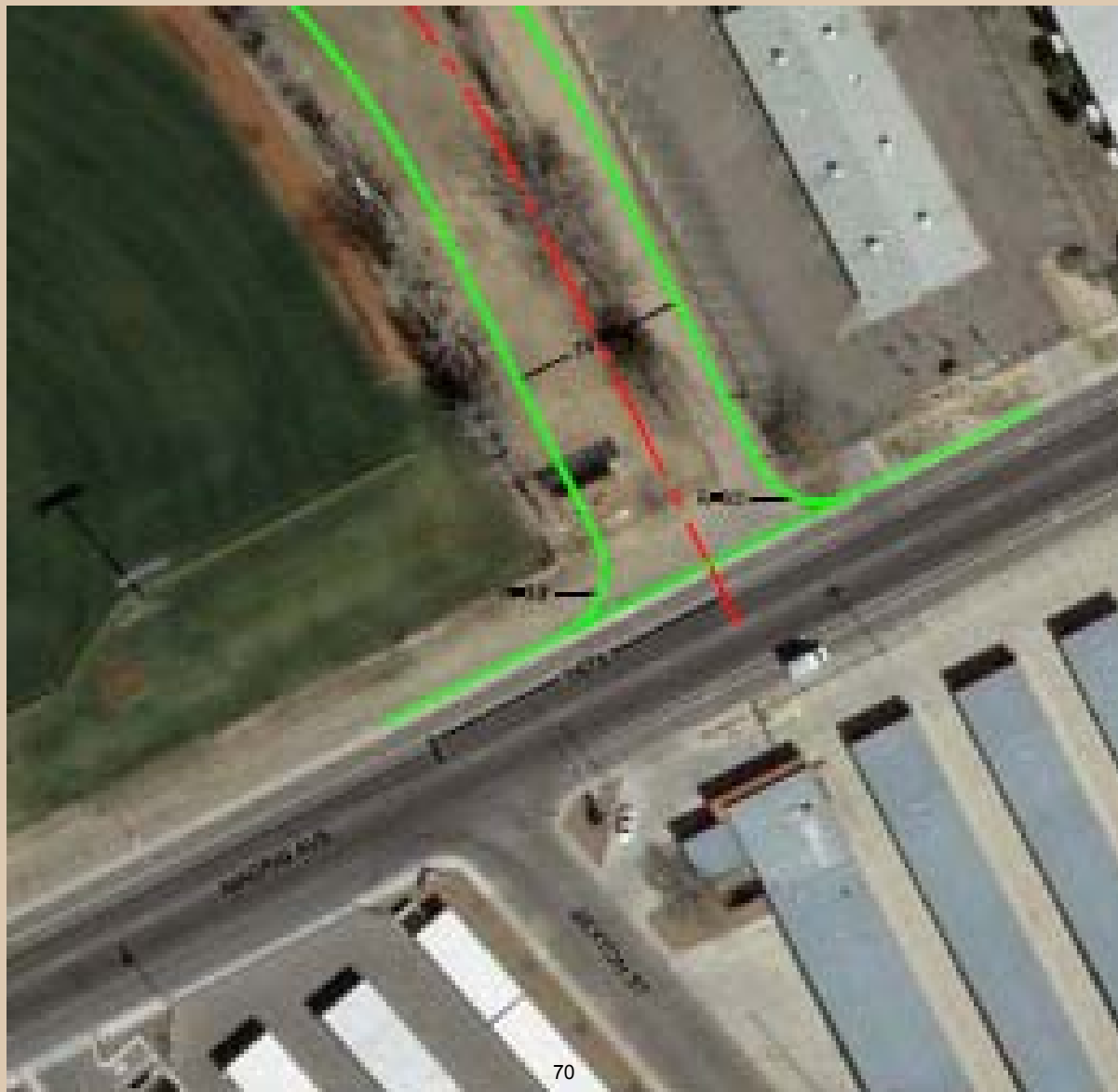
CHALLENGES

- Approximately five mature trees will have to be replanted or removed
- Existing restroom facilities will have to be relocated
- Impacts 0.216 acres of actual Apodaca Park
- Is not consistent with approved MPO Thoroughfare Plan

OPTION B



OPTION B - DETAIL



BENEFITS

- Direct connectivity between N. Main Street and Madrid Avenue will help mitigate traffic issues on N. Solano Drive and Desert Drive
- Invites pedestrians and traffic south of Madrid to Park Ridge Development
- Does not impact Apodaca Park property
- The placement of a multifamily residential development adjacent to the park provides land use compatibility while enhancing safety and security of Apodaca Park
- Is consistent with approved MPO Thoroughfare Plan

CHALLENGES

- Challenging intersection design due to close proximity of existing intersection between E. Madrid Avenue and Sexton Street
- Most left turns will be prohibited
- Could negatively impact surrounding properties and business (particularly Storage Units at the corner of Madrid and Sexton)
- Increases the number of signalized intersections in the area
- Higher traffic and transportation costs
- Impacts more City Property area
- Eliminates Girl Scouts Camp

Questions & Answers

