

1 **MESILLA VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**
2 **TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
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4 The following are minutes for the meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee of the Mesilla
5 Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) which was held February 6, 2014 at 4:00
6 p.m. at Dona Ana County Government Building, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico.
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8 **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mike Bartholomew (CLC Transit)
9 Larry Altamirano (LCPS)
10 Aaron Chavarria (proxy for Harold Love - NMDOT)
11 G.C. Apodaca (proxy for Jolene Herrera - NMDOT)
12 Louis Grijalva (CLC Public Works)
13 John Gwynne (DA Flood Commission)
14 Bill Childress (BLM)
15 Jack Valencia (SCR TD)
16 Greg Walke (NMSU)
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18 **MEMBERS ABSENT:** Luis Marmolejo (DAC)
19 Jesus Morales (EBID)
20 John Knopp (Town of Mesilla)
21 Willie Roman (CLC Transportation)
22 Debbie Lujan (Town of Mesilla)
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24 **STAFF PRESENT:** Andrew Wray (MPO staff)
25 Chowdhury Siddiqui (MPO staff)
26 Orlando Fierro (MPO staff)
27 Tom Murphy (MPO staff)
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29 **OTHERS PRESENT:** Councillor Olga Pedroza (CLC)
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31 **1. CALL TO ORDER**
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33 Meeting was called to order by Jack Valencia (Chair) at 4:05 p.m.
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35 **2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
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37 Mike Bartholomew motioned to approve the agenda.
38 Larry Altamirano seconded the motion.
39 ALL IN FAVOR.
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41 **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
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43 **3.1 January 2, 2014**
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45 John Gwynne motioned to approve the minutes of January 2, 2014.
46 Mike Bartholomew seconded the motion.

1 ALL IN FAVOR.

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

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5 **5. ACTION ITEMS**

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7 **5.1 MPO Bylaws Update**

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

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12 Tom Murphy gave a brief presentation. Tom stated staff is asking for a
13 recommendation to the Policy Committee for approval.

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15 Jack Valencia asked if all the items were included that Tom discussed with the
16 exception of the RTD and the membership. He stated that representation of the district
17 engineer and the bike component was noted so these are all included with the
18 exception of the RTD and the membership.

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20 Tom stated that was correct.

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22 Mike Bartholomew asked if an absence counted if the member sends a proxy.

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24 Tom stated no that an absence doesn't count if a proxy is present.

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26 Greg Walke motioned to recommend to the Policy Committee for approval.

27 Mike Bartholomew seconded the motion.

28 ALL IN FAVOR.

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30 **6. COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS**

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32 Tom Murphy stated that next month Bohannon-Huston will bring back the Transportation Asset
33 and Safety Management Plan draft. Tom stated it was important that the full Committee be
34 present for full discussion. Tom asked that if a member(s) could not attend to please send a
35 proxy. He stated that this would be the last step prior to taking it to the Policy Committee. The
36 date will be March 6, 2014 at DAC Commission Chambers.

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38 Greg Walke asked if it would be possible to see the draft plan before the meeting.

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40 Tom replied yes, he is hoping to get a draft of the plan very soon and it will be made available
41 in the packet. If he can make it available sooner, he will.

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43 Mike Bartholomew asked if the progress of the Transit Asset Management Plan will be held
44 back until there is more determination on the FTA guidelines and goals.

1 Tom stated that they are in the same boat with FTA and FHWA. The consultant is tracking
2 that nationally and they are also tracking NMDOT's progress on their asset management
3 program so the idea is that this is going to be something to use as a living document. Yes it
4 can and will be tweaked as things change from FHWA or FTA.

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6 **7. PUBLIC COMMENT – No public comment**

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8 **8. ADJOURNMENT**

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10 Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

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Chair