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MESILLA VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

The following is the agenda for the Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) Technical Advisory Committee meeting to be held on **April 2, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.** in the **Doña Ana County Commission Chambers, 845 Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico.** Meeting packets are available on the [Mesilla Valley MPO website](#).

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** _____ **Chair**
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** _____ **Chair**
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** _____ **Chair**
 - 3.1. February 5, 2015 _____
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT** _____ **Chair**
5. **DISCUSSION ITEMS** _____
 - 5.1. Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update _____ **MPO Staff**
6. **COMMITTEE and STAFF COMMENTS** _____
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT** _____ **Chair**
8. **ADJOURNMENT** _____ **Chair**

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
5 Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) which was held February 5,
6 2015 at 4:00 p.m. in Commission Chambers at Dona Ana County Government Building,
7 845 Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico.
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10 **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mike Bartholomew (CLC Transit)
11 Jerry Cordova (CLC Public Works proxy)
12 Louis Grijalva (CLC Public Works) (arrived 4:07)
13 Jolene Herrera (NMDOT)
14 John Knopp (Town of Mesilla) (arrived 4:13)
15 Harold Love (NMDOT)
16 Rene Molina (DAC Engineering)
17 Greg Walke (NMSU)
18 Luis Marmolejo (DAC)
19 Bill Childress (BLM) (arrived 4:07)
20 Debbi Lujan (Town of Mesilla)
21 John Gwynne (DA Flood Commission)
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23 **MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jack Valencia (SCRTD)
24 Larry Altamirano (LCPS) (departed 4:15)
25 Willie Roman (CLC Transportation)
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27 **STAFF PRESENT:** Tom Murphy (MPO Staff)
28 Andrew Wray (MPO Staff)
29 Michael McAdams (MPO Staff)
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31 **OTHERS PRESENT:** Becky Baum, RC Creations, LLC, Recording Secretary
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33 **1. CALL TO ORDER (4:02 p.m.)**
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35 Bartholomew: It looks like we have a quorum now. It looks like, I guess we have seven
36 members of the, got an eighth coming in right for the Technical Advisory
37 Committee. I'd like to call to order the, the meeting of the Metropolitan
38 Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee of February 5th.
39 Before we approve the agenda if I can have everybody state their name
40 for the record so that the, and throughout the meeting if you have
41 comments to make please state your name as well so we know who to
42 attribute the, the comments to in the minutes. And I'll start on my far right
43 down here.
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45 Marmolejo: Luis, Luis Marmolejo, Dona Ana County.
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1 Gwynne: John Gwynne, Dona Ana County Flood.
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3 Molina: Rene Molina, Dona Ana County Engineering.
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5 Lujan: Debbi Lujan, Town of Mesilla.
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7 Bartholomew: Mike Bartholomew, City of Las Cruces Roadrunner Transit.
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9 Walke: Greg Walke, New Mexico State University.
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11 Love: Harold Love, New Mexico DOT.
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13 Herrera: Jolene Herrera, New Mexico DOT.
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15 Bartholomew: Thank you.

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17 **2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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19 Bartholomew: Mr. Murphy are there any changes to the agenda?
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21 Murphy: No changes.
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23 Bartholomew: No changes. Do I have a motion from the Committee to approve the
24 agenda?
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26 Walke: So moved.
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28 Love: Second.
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30 Bartholomew: It's been moved and seconded. All in favor please say "aye."
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32 Agenda is approved unanimously.
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34 **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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36 **3.1 January 8, 2015**
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38 Bartholomew: Next is the approval of the minutes from January 8th, 2015. That's, if
39 everybody's had a chance to look at them and have a question if anybody
40 has any corrections to the minutes. Seeing none, do I have a motion to
41 accept the minutes?
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43 Love: So moved.
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45 Herrera: Second.
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1 Bartholomew: It's been moved and seconded. All in favor of approving the minutes of
2 January 8th, 2015 please say "aye."
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4 Minutes approved unanimously.
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6 **4. PUBLIC COMMENT** 7

8 Bartholomew: Next is the public comment period but it doesn't look like there's any
9 public to comment out here right now so I'll move on to the next item.
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11 **5. ACTION ITEMS** 12

13 **5.1 Amendments to the 2014-2019 Transportation Improvement Program** 14

15 Bartholomew: First action item is 5.1 Amendments to the 2014-2019 Transportation
16 Improvement Program.
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18 ANDREW WRAY GAVE HIS PRESENTATION.
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20 Bartholomew: Thank you. Any questions or comments? These are all NMDOT.
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22 Wray: Yes.
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24 Bartholomew: Recommendations.
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26 Wray: Well the LC00130 is a City of Las Cruces project but it's also in
27 collaboration with NMDOT.
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29 Bartholomew: Okay.
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31 Walke: I have a question about the El Paseo project. Is that, is that being
32 designed right now?
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34 Herrera: Yes. That's currently being designed by the City of Las Cruces
35 Engineering staff.
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37 Walke: And that's being done in coordination with this El Paseo Plan that, that the
38 City is doing. Is that right?
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40 Murphy: Mr., Mr. Chair, Mr. Walke, both of those, both of those are related
41 although independently funded. The intersection improvements are going
42 mostly off of a road safety audit that was conducted along El Paseo. The,
43 the larger, the El Paseo Project of which NMSU is a partner with the, with
44 the City and the Center for Urban, the, or the Urban Sustainability
45 Accelerator is, is, is funded apart from that but it you know both projects

1 are cognizant of the other and don't believe that there are any conflicts
2 inherent in doing, doing that project.

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4 Walke: Is, is someone checking to make sure that there are no conflicts? I mean I
5 don't know exactly what all this covers but it includes things like medians
6 and crosswalks which would be addressed by the, the other plan as well.

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8 Murphy: Mr. Grijalva who is not here today, but he's the, he's the Project
9 Development Administrator for the City who's developing the El Paseo
10 intersection improvements is also on the team for the Urban Sustainability
11 Accelerator.

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13 Walke: Okay. Thanks.

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15 Bartholomew: Any other questions regarding this item? Before we proceed, we have a,
16 another member join us. If you could please state your name for the
17 record.

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19 Cordova: Jerry Cordova, proxy for Louis Grijalva.

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21 Bartholomew: Thank you. And we also have Bill Childress joining us for, from BLM.
22 Okay, and so the, you need a recommendation to the Policy Committee
23 correct for, for these, this amendment?

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25 Wray: Yes Mr. Chair.

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27 Bartholomew: Okay. Do I have a motion from the Committee for such a
28 recommendation?

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30 Gwynne: So moved.

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32 Walke: Seconded.

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34 Bartholomew: It's been moved and seconded. Any further discussion? If not, I'll call for
35 the question. All in favor please say "aye."

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37 ALL: Aye.

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39 Bartholomew: Opposed? Motion passes.

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41 **6. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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43 **6.1 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update**

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45 Bartholomew: The next item is Discussion Item 6.1 Metropolitan Transportation Plan
46 Update.

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2 TOM MURPHY GAVE HIS PRESENTATION.
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4 Bartholomew: Tom could you point us to which page Chapter 4 starts on?
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6 Murphy: It'll start on page 74 of your packet.
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8 Bartholomew: Thank you.
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10 TOM MURPHY CONTINUED THE PRESENTATION.
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12 Bartholomew: Any questions for Mr. Murphy on this?
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14 Walke: I have a question about how does this, there's a lot of, there's a lot of
15 wording in here about land use, land planning, how does that overlay or
16 interact with the City's or the County's regulations in those, about those
17 things?
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19 Murphy: MPO staff serves an advisory function on, on both the City's Development
20 Review Committee and the Extraterritorial Development Review
21 Committee with the City and County. And the language within the
22 Transport 2040 allows us to advocate for, probably don't want to say
23 increased densities but kind of more, more pedestrian and, and transit-
24 oriented development that makes better use of the transportation system
25 than you know the conventional you know the, lacking a better term sprawl
26 that, that we've seen here in the last several decades.
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28 Walke: But it relies on, on, on your presentation to that, to those groups, right?
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30 Murphy: Yes. We make, we make recommendations, those get included into the
31 staff reports and then they're up to the, the essentially the Planning and
32 Zoning Committees to, to follow through on that. The MPO itself has no
33 land use authority whatsoever.
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35 Walke: Thank you.
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37 Bartholomew: Other, other questions or comments? I, I had, I had one on the, on the
38 transit on the performance measures you were looking at. Would, would
39 this just be fixed-route or would you be looking at para-transit performance
40 measures as well? Cause that's from my perspective that can really be
41 impacted a lot by the growth of the city on our ability to provide it well.
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43 Murphy: That's an excellent, an excellent question Mr. Chair. I, I do believe that I
44 mean ridership per revenue hour and operating costs per hour are
45 attributed to both, both forms but certainly if, if you can think of some other

1 more you know that are specific to para-transit performance measures
2 that should be included, by all means ...
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4 Bartholomew: And it might be like length of trip, like how long or how, in terms of time
5 how long the trip is? We're finding our trips are taking longer to do just
6 because the city's getting bigger to get people across.
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8 Murphy: And if we have a, if we have a way to accurately measure that data I
9 would be happy ...
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11 Bartholomew: And it's ...
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13 Murphy: I would happily include it.
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15 Bartholomew: Yeah and I think that is included in the Trapeze software that they use.
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17 Murphy: I will add that.
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19 Bartholomew: I had a, just a, just a curiosity question on freight. Is it, is that, are those
20 criteria, is it, a way, you said you have the ability to measure that. Is that
21 through surveys or is there actual like visual, is there, what's the process
22 that you, you do to survey freight?
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24 Murphy: The, the traffic count boxes that we use, the, the pneumatic tubes that we
25 set down on the road has the ability to do classification counts so we know
26 what percentage are motorcycles or automobiles or, or trucks you know
27 six, six axles or more.
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29 Bartholomew: Okay. Is it sensing axle weight or something like that when it goes over?
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31 Murphy: What it, what it's sensing is, is the amount of time elapsed between you
32 know hits of axles. So a motorcycle's got a shorter axle weight so it's
33 going to be hit quick. A three-axle truck's going to (*taps the podium*) you
34 know so and, and you know the algorithm's a little better, more responsive
35 than my hand tapping on the, on the podium but it, there's an algorithm
36 that, that generates that and the companies, the major companies that
37 produce the traffic count boxes and the software, they test them and they,
38 guarantee us a 95-99% accuracy, accuracy rate and these counts are
39 accepted by NMDOT as well.
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41 Bartholomew: Okay. Thank you. Other questions from the Committee on this? So this,
42 excuse me, so this will be coming back then at the next meeting for a
43 recommendation at that point?
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45 Murphy: Yes. We're, yes, we're going to put it into a, a format, a, a hopefully a
46 eye-pleasing format to, to send out to the public and then ask your, ask

1 your blessing on it to put it out. I guess on a, on a final note I'd ask each
2 of you to individually review the map on the table, make sure that any
3 project that your agency is interested in pursuing over the next five years
4 that we definitely know about it and that we can have it represented on the
5 map. Thank you.

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7 Bartholomew: Thank you.

8 9 **7. COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS**

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11 Bartholomew: It looks like we're ready to move on to comments at this point.

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13 Marmolejo: Chair.

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15 Bartholomew: Oh, I'm sorry.

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17 Marmolejo: Excuse me, can, will we be able to get to that map on, online also?

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19 Murphy: We can e-mail it.

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21 Marmolejo: Okay. Thank you.

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23 Murphy: And once it goes public, it'll be online as well.

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25 Marmolejo: Okay. Thanks.

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27 Bartholomew: I'm sorry. Is there any other comments? Okay. Next for Committee and
28 Staff comments. I was wondering if, I'll start with the Committee. Any
29 comments or announcements that Committee members would like to
30 make? How about Staff?

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32 Murphy: None.

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34 Bartholomew: None. Okay.

35 36 **8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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38 Bartholomew: And again there's no public here.

39 40 **9. ADJOURNMENT (4:25 p.m.)**

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42 Bartholomew: Before we adjourn, I, I would remind the, the Committee members if you
43 haven't signed the, the sign-in sheet, please do that before you leave.
44 Other than that, I will call for an adjournment.

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46 Marmolejo: So moved.

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Bartholomew: Been moved.

Love: Seconded.

Bartholomew: Been seconded. All those in favor please say "aye." Opposed?

Motion passes unanimously.

Chairperson



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MESILLA VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE DISCUSSION FORM FOR THE MEETING OF April 2, 2015

AGENDA ITEM:

5.1 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update

SUPPORT INFORMATION:

A draft of the MTP Update will be provided at the meeting.

DISCUSSION:

The Mesilla Valley MPO is currently in the process of updating its Metropolitan Transportation Plan, known as Transport 2040. This item is a public presentation of the MTP draft. This meeting is the kickoff of the 30 day public comment period for the MTP.