

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 June 4, 2015  
6   at 4:00 p.m. in Commission Chambers at Dona Ana County Government Building, 845  
7   Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico.  
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10 **MEMBERS PRESENT:**     Mike Bartholomew (CLC RoadRUNNER Transit)  
11                                Louis Grijalva (CLC Public Works)  
12                                John Knopp (Town of Mesilla)  
13                                Greg Walke (NMSU)  
14                                Luis Marmolejo (DAC)  
15                                Dave Wallace Proxy for Bill Childress (BLM)  
16                                Debbi Lujan (Town of Mesilla)  
17                                John Gwynne (DAC Flood Commission)  
18                                Larry Altamirano (LCPS)  
19                                Louis Grijalva (CLC Public Works)  
20                                Willie Roman (CLC Transportation Department)  
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22 **MEMBERS ABSENT:**     Jack Valencia (SCRTD)  
23                                Jolene Herrera (NMDOT)  
24                                Harold Love (NMDOT)  
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26 **STAFF PRESENT:**        Tom Murphy (MPO Staff)  
27                                Andrew Wray (MPO Staff)  
28                                Michael McAdams (MPO Staff)  
29                                Sharon Nebbia (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 (4:01 p.m.)**  
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35 Bartholomew: I'll go ahead and call to order the meeting of the Mesilla Valley  
36                Metropolitan Planning Organization's Technical Advisory Committee for  
37                June 4th. To start off with if I could have the Committee Members starting  
38                on my far right down here state your name and agency and whenever you  
39                speak please state your name as well for the, for the record so that the  
40                clerk can take the information. And I'll start down on my far right.  
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42 Altamirano:    Larry Altamirano, Las Cruces Public Schools.  
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44 Lujan:         Debbi Lujan, Town of Mesilla.  
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46 Knopp:         John Knopp, Town of Mesilla.

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2 Gwynne: John Gwynne, Dona Ana County Flood Commission.

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4 Bartholomew: Mike Bartholomew, City of Las Cruces RoadRUNNER Transit.

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6 Walke: Greg Walke, New Mexico State University.

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8 Wallace: Dave Wallace, proxy for Bill Childress with the Bureau of Land  
9 Management.

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11 Bartholomew: Thank you. Oh, and we've got a couple more come in. If, once you get  
12 to a mic if you could introduce yourself.

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14 Grijalva: Louis Grijalva, City of Las Cruces Public Works.

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16 Roman: Willie Roman, City of Las Cruces Transportation Department.

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18 Bartholomew: Thank you.

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20 **2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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22 Bartholomew: First item is the approval of the agenda. Are there any changes to the  
23 agenda that we need to know about?

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25 Wray: Yes Mr. Chair. There will be no Item 6.1. There's no staff from NMDOT  
26 present to give that presentation today.

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28 Bartholomew: Thank you. Do I have a motion to approve the agenda, removing Item  
29 Number 6.1?

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31 Altamirano: So moved.

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33 Gwynne: Second.

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35 Bartholomew: It's been moved and seconded. All in favor please say "aye."

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37 MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

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39 Bartholomew: Opposed?

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41 **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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43 **3.1 May 7, 2015**

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45 Bartholomew: Next item is Approval of the, the Minutes of May 7th, 2015. Has, has  
46 everybody had a chance to look at the minutes or have any corrections?

1 Seeing no corrections could I, is there, I'd entertain a motion to approve  
2 the minutes.

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4 Gwynne: I move to approve the minutes as submitted.

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6 Bartholomew: Is there a second?

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8 Knopp: Second.

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10 Bartholomew: It's been moved and seconded. All in favor please say "aye."

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12 MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

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14 Bartholomew: Opposed?

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16 **4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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18 Bartholomew: Next item is public comments. Do we have anybody from the public that  
19 wishes to speak? Seeing none.

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21 **5. ACTION ITEMS**

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23 **5.1 Review and Recommend Approval to the Policy Committee of**  
24 **Transport 2040, Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update**

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26 Bartholomew: Move on to the first Action Item, 5.1 Review and Recommended Approval  
27 to the Policy Committee of Transport 2040, Metropolitan Transportation  
28 Plan Update.

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30 Wray: Thank you Mr. Chair.

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32 Andrew Wray gave his presentation.

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34 Bartholomew: Thank you Andrew. And are there any questions? I know we've been  
35 well introduced to this for a number of months now.

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37 Wray: That's why we decided to go brief on the presentation today.

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39 Bartholomew: Anybody in the public that might have questions? Seeing none, I, I know  
40 that the MPO would like a motion to recommend the MTP to the Policy  
41 Committee, the MTP updates.

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43 Altamirano: So moved.

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45 Grijalva: Second.

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1 Bartholomew: It's been moved and seconded. All those in favor please say "aye."

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3 MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

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5 Bartholomew: Opposed? I guess that one passes.

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7 **5.2 Review and Recommend Approval to the Policy Committee of the**  
8 **2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program**

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10 Bartholomew: We're moved, moving on to Action Item 5.2 Review and Recommended  
11 Approval to the Policy Committee of the 2016-2021 Transportation  
12 Improvement Program.

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14 Wray: Thank you Mr. Chair.

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16 Andrew Wray gave his presentation.

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18 Bartholomew: Any questions regarding the, the projects on the TIP? Just a quick  
19 question on the University interchange at the, and Triviz area in there. Is  
20 that, is that, how's that, what's the intended, like to make Triviz go under  
21 one of the, kind of like go under University Avenue like it does and goes  
22 under Lohman or what is the ...

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24 Wray: That is my understanding that that's the intent is to, to put Triviz under the  
25 intersection. And there will be various safety improvements and cycling  
26 improvements along with that, but that's going to be the major noticeable  
27 impact.

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29 Bartholomew: Any other questions or comments from the Committee Members? Any,  
30 any public? Nope. Seeing none, is there a recommendation of approval  
31 to the Policy Committee of the 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement  
32 Program?

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34 Gwynne: So moved.

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36 Walke: Second.

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38 Bartholomew: It's been moved and seconded. All those in favor please say "aye."

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40 MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

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42 Bartholomew: Opposed?

1 **6. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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3 **6.1 NMDOT Long Range Plan Update (Removed from agenda per**  
4 **Approval of Agenda vote.**

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6 Bartholomew: Discussion Item was eliminated from the agenda.  
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8 **7. COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS**

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10 **7.1 City of Las Cruces, Dona Ana County, Town of Mesilla, Las Cruces**  
11 **Public Schools, RoadRUNNER Transit, and SCRTRD Project Updates**

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13 Bartholomew: So the next is Committee and Staff Comments. First one is, the idea is I  
14 guess we go around to the various Committee Members, right? Is that  
15 right Tom?

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17 Murphy: Yes, that's ...  
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19 Bartholomew: To see if they have any updates. Any, any updates or anything that, from  
20 schools or Town of Mesilla people would like to share?  
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22 Lujan: They will be having a public meeting for the University study and it's going  
23 to be June 18th at 6:30 and they'll be sending out a, a notice to  
24 everybody.  
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26 Murphy: It'll be at the Mesilla Community Center.  
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28 Lujan: Correct.  
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30 Bartholomew: Okay. Anything from any other Committee? I would, I would point out for  
31 the, the, I mean, I, unless you were going to, wanted to announce the one  
32 that you're working on for the, I'll ...  
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34 Murphy: Go ahead.  
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36 Bartholomew: At the, there's going to be a, a City of Las Cruces Council work session  
37 next Monday at 1:00 and I, I, I, I'm not sure how many other topics there  
38 are but one of them is the ...  
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40 Murphy: Three.  
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42 Bartholomew: There's three topics and one of the three topics is, is the Transit Short  
43 Range Plan that the MPO is working on and it involves some redesign of,  
44 of our routes using existing resources that we have in the, in terms of  
45 manpower and vehicles and some future plans for it. I didn't know if you  
46 wanted to add any more to that but ...

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2 Murphy: They're just going to, it's, you know, I guess we are, we do, are going to  
3 have representation from the Dona Ana Branch College on that. I'm not  
4 sure if NMSU wants to, to be there as well. Also this is you know will  
5 impact, not, the proposed changes could impact the service that, that is  
6 provided in, into Mesilla. I don't think it'll degrade the service in Mesilla  
7 but something the Town probably want to keep an eye on as well.  
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9 Bartholomew: Thank you.

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11 Grijalva: I have a few updates. Control Number LC00130 which is El Paseo Safety  
12 Project, we have a tentative, we do have a scheduled PS and E for next  
13 week. After the PS and E hopefully we can get that funding authorized  
14 and start the construction shortly after, after the bidding of course. Control  
15 Number LC00180 which is La Llorona Trail improvements, we have  
16 advertised and bid that project and it's, currently - a pre-construction  
17 meeting is tentatively scheduled for the next couple of weeks so that  
18 project should be starting construction soon. Control Number LC00190  
19 which is the Las Cruces Dam Trail improvements, again that's, that's one  
20 that we need to have a PS and E before July 15th. We should be having  
21 a PS and E for that project at the end of the month if not the beginning of  
22 July so we can get that funding authorized. The legislative funding for  
23 Control Number C11420642 which is the City of Las Cruces Roadway  
24 Improvements, we have awarded the design of the project to a local  
25 engineering firm so that, that project is moving forward. Control Number  
26 HWL100169 which is a LGRF funding from NMDOT District 1, that one's  
27 for the Amador ADA improvements, that should be, we have advertised  
28 and, and awarded it to the low bidder and that one should be starting  
29 soon. We were fortunate enough to receive a LGRF for this funding cycle  
30 which is Control Number HW2L100216 and that's for the Solano ADA  
31 improvements.  
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33 Bartholomew: Thank you. Any other groups that want to report activities from their  
34 agency? Anything from the MPO?  
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36 Murphy: Yes Mr. Chair. We had one more, combined with the University study  
37 corridor we're also contracted to have a Missouri extension study corridor  
38 which would be Missouri from its current terminus eastward towards  
39 Sonoma Ranch Boulevard in the vicinity of Centennial High School.  
40 We've given the consultant the notice to proceed on that and many of you  
41 will, who, who've received notices to, to be part of the stakeholder or the,  
42 the steering committee on University will also receive a, invitation to be  
43 stakeholders on the Missouri project.  
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45 Bartholomew: Thank you.  
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1 Altamirano: Mr. Chair.

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3 Bartholomew: Yes.

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5 Altamirano: Just an update not so much on, on street or transportation improvements  
6 but on, just overall with the District, as you know the, the Court Youth  
7 Center project that we have there with the J. Paul Taylor being built, that  
8 should be ready to go for this beginning school year. Crossroads which  
9 was originally there off of Armijo will now be at the old Bradley Elementary  
10 right across the street from Roberto's so you will see some additional  
11 traffic and additional buses in, in that particular area. Mesilla Valley  
12 Alternative Center which is in Mesilla Park, the old MV Tech or Chaparral  
13 depending how long you've been here in Las Cruces, it will be vacated at  
14 this point in time for possibly a year and then some decision as to what  
15 type of program will go back in, into there. And of course Las Cruces High  
16 School; we will now hopefully be ready to move into the east side of El  
17 Paseo, the brand new buildings and continue with demolition of the  
18 remaining part of Las Cruces High. There are a lot of other construction  
19 projects that will be starting but those are probably the, the bigger ones.  
20 Thank you.

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22 Bartholomew: Thank you. Any others?

## 23 24 **7.2 NMDOT Projects Update**

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26 Bartholomew: And I guess there's no one from NMDOT correct, to do an update at this  
27 point so there'll be no 7.2.

## 28 29 **8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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31 Bartholomew: And one final chance for public comment and I don't see any public out  
32 there.

## 33 34 **9. ADJOURNMENT (4:24 p.m.)**

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36 Bartholomew: With that I guess I take a motion for adjournment.

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38 Gwynne: So moved.

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40 Altamirano: Second.

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42 Bartholomew: It's been moved and seconded. All in favor please say "aye."

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44 MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

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46 Bartholomew: Thank you. Are we having a meeting in July? I'm trying to remember.

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Murphy: No. I, I don't believe we are.

Bartholomew: Okay.

Wray: July is the month off.

Bartholomew: Okay.

Wray: And this, I should mention that this is the last meeting of this year for the TAC to be held at Dona Ana County. When we reconvene in August it'll be at the State.



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Chairperson