MESILLA VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The following are minutes for the meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee of the Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) which was held June 4, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. in Commission Chambers at Dona Ana County Government Building, 845 Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Bartholomew (CLC RoadRUNNER Transit)
Louis Grijalva (CLC Public Works)
John Knopp (Town of Mesilla)
Greg Walke (NMSU)
Luis Marmolejo (DAC)
Dave Wallace Proxy for Bill Childress (BLM)
Debbi Lujan (Town of Mesilla)
John Gwynne (DAC Flood Commission)
Larry Altamirano (LCPS)
Louis Grijalva (CLC Public Works)
Willie Roman (CLC Transportation Department)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jack Valencia (SCRTD)
Jolene Herrera (NMDOT)
Harold Love (NMDOT)

STAFF PRESENT: Tom Murphy (MPO Staff)
Andrew Wray (MPO Staff)
Michael McAdams (MPO Staff)
Sharon Nebbia (MPO Staff)

OTHERS PRESENT: Becky Baum, RC Creations, LLC, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER (4:01 p.m.)

Bartholomew: I'll go ahead and call to order the meeting of the Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization's Technical Advisory Committee for June 4th. To start off with if I could have the Committee Members starting on my far right down here state your name and agency and whenever you speak please state your name as well for the, for the record so that the clerk can take the information. And I'll start down on my far right.

Altamirano: Larry Altamirano, Las Cruces Public Schools.

Lujan: Debbi Lujan, Town of Mesilla.

Knopp: John Knopp, Town of Mesilla.
Gwynne: John Gwynne, Dona Ana County Flood Commission.

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

Walke: Greg Walke, New Mexico State University.

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

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

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

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

Bartholomew: Thank you.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

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

Altamirano: So moved.

Gwynne: Second.

Bartholomew: It’s been moved and seconded. All in favor please say “aye.”

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Bartholomew: Opposed?

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 May 7, 2015

Bartholomew: Next item is Approval of the, the Minutes of May 7th, 2015. Has, has everybody had a chance to look at the minutes or have any corrections?
Seeing no corrections could I, is there, I’d entertain a motion to approve the minutes.

Gwynne: I move to approve the minutes as submitted.
Bartholomew: Is there a second?
Knopp: Second.
Bartholomew: It’s been moved and seconded. All in favor please say “aye.”
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.
Bartholomew: Opposed?

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

5. ACTION ITEMS
5.1 Review and Recommend Approval to the Policy Committee of Transport 2040, Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update
Bartholomew: Move on to the first Action Item, 5.1 Review and Recommended Approval to the Policy Committee of Transport 2040, Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update.

Wray: Thank you Mr. Chair.
Andrew Wray gave his presentation.
Bartholomew: Thank you Andrew. And are there any questions? I know we’ve been well introduced to this for a number of months now.
Wray: That’s why we decided to go brief on the presentation today.
Bartholomew: Anybody in the public that might have questions? Seeing none, I, I know that the MPO would like a motion to recommend the MTP to the Policy Committee, the MTP updates.

Altamirano: So moved.
Grijalva: Second.
Bartholomew: It’s been moved and seconded. All those in favor please say “aye.”

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Bartholomew: Opposed? I guess that one passes.

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

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

Wray: Thank you Mr. Chair.

Andrew Wray gave his presentation.

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

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

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

Gwynne: So moved.

Walke: Second.

Bartholomew: It’s been moved and seconded. All those in favor please say “aye.”

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Bartholomew: Opposed?
6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

Bartholomew: Discussion Item was eliminated from the agenda.

7. COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS

7.1 City of Las Cruces, Dona Ana County, Town of Mesilla, Las Cruces Public Schools, RoadRUNNER Transit, and SCRTD Project Updates

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

Murphy: Yes, that's ...

Bartholomew: To see if they have any updates. Any, any updates or anything that, from schools or Town of Mesilla people would like to share?

Lujan: They will be having a public meeting for the University study and it's going to be June 18th at 6:30 and they'll be sending out a, a notice to everybody.

Murphy: It'll be at the Mesilla Community Center.

Lujan: Correct.

Bartholomew: Okay. Anything from any other Committee? I would, I would point out for the, the, I mean, I, unless you were going to, wanted to announce the one that you're working on for the, I'll ...

Murphy: Go ahead.

Bartholomew: At the, there's going to be a, a City of Las Cruces Council work session next Monday at 1:00 and I, I, I, I'm not sure how many other topics there are but one of them is the ...

Murphy: Three.

Bartholomew: There's three topics and one of the three topics is, is the Transit Short Range Plan that the MPO is working on and it involves some redesign of, of our routes using existing resources that we have in the, in terms of manpower and vehicles and some future plans for it. I didn't know if you wanted to add any more to that but ...
Murphy: They're just going to, it's, you know, I guess we are, we do, are going to have representation from the Dona Ana Branch College on that. I'm not sure if NMSU wants to, to be there as well. Also this is you know will impact, not, the proposed changes could impact the service that, that is provided in, into Mesilla. I don't think it'll degrade the service in Mesilla but something the Town probably want to keep an eye on as well.

Bartholomew: Thank you.

Grijalva: I have a few updates. Control Number LC00130 which is El Paseo Safety Project, we have a tentative, we do have a scheduled PS and E for next week. After the PS and E hopefully we can get that funding authorized and start the construction shortly after, after the bidding of course. Control Number LC00180 which is La Llorona Trail improvements, we have advertised and bid that project and it's, currently - a pre-construction meeting is tentatively scheduled for the next couple of weeks so that project should be starting construction soon. Control Number LC00190 which is the Las Cruces Dam Trail improvements, again that's, that's one that we need to have a PS and E before July 15th. We should be having a PS and E for that project at the end of the month if not the beginning of July so we can get that funding authorized. The legislative funding for Control Number C11420642 which is the City of Las Cruces Roadway Improvements, we have awarded the design of the project to a local engineering firm so that, that project is moving forward. Control Number HWL100169 which is a LGRF funding from NMDOT District 1, that one's for the Amador ADA improvements, that should be, we have advertised and, and awarded it to the low bidder and that one should be starting soon. We were fortunate enough to receive a LGRF for this funding cycle which is Control Number HWL100216 and that's for the Solano ADA improvements.

Bartholomew: Thank you. Any other groups that want to report activities from their agency? Anything from the MPO?

Murphy: Yes Mr. Chair. We had one more, combined with the University study corridor we're also contracted to have a Missouri extension study corridor which would be Missouri from its current terminus eastward towards Sonoma Ranch Boulevard in the vicinity of Centennial High School. We've given the consultant the notice to proceed on that and many of you will, who, who've received notices to, to be part of the stakeholder or the, the steering committee on University will also receive a, invitation to be stakeholders on the Missouri project.

Bartholomew: Thank you.
Altamirano: Mr. Chair.

Bartholomew: Yes.

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

Thank you.

Bartholomew: Thank you. Any others?

7.2 NMDOT Projects Update

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

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

9. ADJOURNMENT (4:24 p.m.)

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

Gwynne: So moved.

Altamirano: Second.

Bartholomew: It’s been moved and seconded. All in favor please say “aye.”

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

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