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 September 4, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers, 700 N. Main St., Las Cruces, New Mexico.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Bartholomew (CLC Transit)
Larry Altamirano (LCPS)
Louis Grijalva (CLC Public Works)
John Gwynne (DA Flood Commission)
Jolene Herrera (NMDOT)
John Knopp (Town of Mesilla)
Harold Love (NMDOT)
Rene Molina (DAC Engineering)
Jack Valencia (SCRTD)
Greg Walke (NMSU)
Debbi Lujan (Town of Mesilla)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Willie Roman (CLC Transportation)
Luis Marmolejo (DAC)
Jesus Morales (EBID)
Bill Childress (BLM)

STAFF PRESENT: Andrew Wray (MPO Staff)
Orlando Fierro (MPO Staff)

OTHERS PRESENT: Desmond Cole, (Zia EEC)
Becky Baum, RC Creations, LLC, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Valencia: Meeting called to order at 4:02 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

John Knopp motioned to approve the agenda. Mike Bartholomew seconds the motion.
All in favor.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 August 7, 2014
Bartholomew: Mr. Chair, there’s a couple of little typo, grammatical things in there.

Valencia: Okay.

Bartholomew: On page 2, line ... where was it at, line 31, excuse me, page 3, line 31, it says “There’s a hyphen in 5310", there shouldn’t be a hyphen. Page 4 the very first line, it should be "multimodal" one word, it’s not "multi model". And page 10, line 39 the word should be alluding with an ALL instead of eluding EL.

Valencia: Is that it?

Bartholomew: That was it.

Valencia: Okay, we have an additional one, go ahead.

Knopp: On page eight, Murphy’s, toward the bottom of the page, it says the whip route, it’s really WIPP, Waste Isolation Project Plan.

Valencia: What line is that on?

Knopp: Oh, I’m sorry, that’s line 33.

Valencia: Thank you. Okay, I’ll take a motion with those corrections.

Mike Bartholomew motioned to approve the minutes as corrected.

Larry Altamirano seconds the motion.

All in favor.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

5. ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Amendments to the 2014-2019 TIP

Andrew Wray gave a presentation.

Valencia: I have a question and it’s probably more to Harold or Jolene. On these railroad crossings, as in the SLRP, that they ... maybe not the SLRP on the rail plan that’s out there presently, would these decrease those necessary improvements from that projected list?

Herrera: Probably. To be honest I haven’t looked at that list. A lot of these are just the routine maintenance type stuff that we do on railroad crossings, so I’m not sure if they correlate directly to that list. They’ve got to be related in some way, but I haven’t looked specifically at these projects and that list.
Valencia: Okay. Are there any other questions regarding any of the mentioned projects?

Gwynne: Mr. Chairman.

Valencia: John.

Gwynne: Yes, I’d like to ask a question about this LC00210, the Goat Hill Road crossing. Has there been any coordination on the design of this with ... with the County at all?

Love: Yes and actually we had a field review where Dickey Apodaca was there as part of the review, so.

Gwynne: Okay. The reason I’m asking is that we’re, we are experiencing some very large flooding events in that area and we want to make sure that we’re all working together on that. Thank you.

Valencia: Additional comments on any of the projects by the Board?

Bartholomew: Mr. Chair. I missed it I guess. What is the very first one, 1100830, which interchange is that?

Valencia: Andrew.

Wray: That is the I-10 mile point 140 through 143. Is that the Missouri Bridge?

Herrera: No, that’s Union Avenue and ramp E of University, so it’s the ones on I-10 towards the I-25 interchange.

Knopp: Excuse me Jolene, exit 140 is Mesilla.

Wray: That’s the mile point 140.

Knopp: Right, I know. But it’s the same thing, is it not? Isn’t that ...

Herrera: We always go a little bit wider on our project termini for clearance purposes, so.

Knopp: So the 140.5 to 143 mile markers is not ... you said it’s over by the interchange of I-10 and I-25.

Herrera: Towards the interchange. Yeah ...

Knopp: I thought that was like 144 or something thing that.
Herrera: No.

Knopp: Okay.

Valencia: Additional comments or questions? If not, Andrew do you want us to ... I assume take it all as one item.

Wray: Yes, Mr. Chair.

Valencia: As the amendment and it is page ... you're referencing page 15 correct?

Wray: Yes, that is the item up for vote.

Valencia: Okay.

Mike Bartholomew move to recommend the amendments to the TIP.
Harold Love seconds the motion.
All in favor.

6. COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS

Valencia: Any member of the Committee have any comments this evening? If not Andrew, you have comments?

Wray: Yes, Mr. Chair. I'd like to direct the attention of the Committee to page 18 in the packet and to the supplemental sheet that should have been provided at your stations. These are two administrative modifications that were requested by the Department of Transportation. These are not up for action. These changes have already been made on LC00110, there was construction funding moved to FY2015, and on LC00100 there was funding set aside for utilities and those changes have already been made.

Valencia: Okay.

Wray: And in addition, I also would like to announce to the Committee that we have extended an offer that has been accepted for Chowdhury's position and we are anticipating having that individual on board with us by the time this Body meets again in October.

Valencia: Okay, any additional comments on these two submissions?

Wray: Oh and I apologize Mr. Chair, there was one other thing that I ... was rather important, I should've remembered this. The TIP call for projects is going to be going out in October. I don't know that it'll be right at the first of the month,
so this Body may meet again before that letter actually gets sent out, but it is coming up in the very near future so be watching for it.

Valencia: And what is the time frame for submission of projects under the TIP?

Wray: Sometime before the end of the year. I apologize I can’t remember right off the top of my head. Jolene may actually be able to give a more accurate answer.

Herrera: I think the timeline that DOT is on right now, is we need to have your list or whatever of projects by March of 2015.

Wray: Oh, so it's not quite as constrained as I thought, but staff is probably going to ask for it before the end of the year.

Herrera: Well and there’s still steps in between that as far as ranking and all sorts of other things, so.

Valencia: Okay.

Bartholomew: Mr. Chair. I did have one question that stem back to the minutes, at the end of the discussion at the last meeting, Mr. Murphy had mentioned that there was going to be an agenda for public meetings relating to the truck routes in the City, has that been established yet?

Wray: Mr. Chair, Mr. Bartholomew. Mr. Murphy has been going through some difficult personal issues over the past month. I don’t think any work has been going on with regards to that. I don’t think there’s been time.

Bartholomew: Okay.

Valencia: I don’t know anything more about it than that.

Bartholomew: One other thing. I was at a City Council meeting the other day and he presented a time frame I guess where the MPO was going to be holding some community meetings throughout the affected areas and I think … and I just wanted to bring it to your all’s attention that that meeting schedule has conflicts with Viva Dona Ana that week also, so there might be some consideration made to possibly moving those meetings.

Wray: I am not aware of that. Mr. Murphy left immediately after the meeting you referenced so I didn’t … I didn’t get any information on that.

Bartholomew: If you could bring that to his attention I’d appreciate it.

Wray: Okay.
Valencia: Any other comments from members of the Committee. Andrew are you finished with ...?

Wray: Yes, I do believe I am now Mr. Chair. I apologize.

Valencia: No, no, no problem.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

8. ADJOURNMENT

Mike Bartholomew motioned to adjourn meeting at 4:15 p.m.
Jolene Herrera seconds the motion.
All in favor.

Chairperson