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MESILLA VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY COMMITTEE AGENDA

The following is the Agenda for a meeting of the Policy Committee of the Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to be held **April 13, 2016 at 1:00 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](http://MesillaValleyMPO.org).

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** _____ **Chair**
2. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST INQUIRY** _____ **Chair**
Does any Committee Member have any known or perceived conflict of interest with any item on the agenda? If so, that Committee member may recuse themselves from voting on a specific matter, or if they feel that they can be impartial, we will put their participation up to a vote by the rest of the Committee.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT** _____ **Chair**
4. **CONSENT AGENDA*** _____ **Chair**
5. *** APPROVAL OF MINUTES** _____
 - 5.1. *February 10, 2016 _____ **Chair**
6. **ACTION ITEMS** _____
 - 6.1. Resolution 16-04: A Resolution to Amend the MPO By-laws _____ **MPO Staff**
 - 6.2. Appointment to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee _____ **MPO Staff**
7. **DISCUSSION ITEMS** _____
 - 7.1. Missouri Avenue Study Corridor _____ **BHI**
 - 7.2. Committee Training (Trail loop issues) _____ **MPO Staff**
8. **COMMITTEE and STAFF COMMENTS** _____ **Chair**
9. **PUBLIC COMMENT** _____ **Chair**
10. **ADJOURNMENT** _____ **Chair**

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1 **MESILLA VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**
2 **POLICY COMMITTEE**
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4 The following are minutes for the meeting of the Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning
5 Organization (MPO) Policy Committee which was held February 10, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.
6 in Commission Chambers at Doña Ana County Government Building, 845 Motel Blvd.,
7 Las Cruces, New Mexico.
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9 **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Commissioner Leticia Benavidez (DAC)
10 Trent Doolittle (NMDOT)
11 Trustee Linda Flores (Town of Mesilla)
12 Mayor Nora Barraza (Town of Mesilla) (arrived 1:12)
13 Councillor Gill Sorg (CLC)
14 Commissioner Billy Garrett (DAC)
15 Councillor Olga Pedroza (CLC)
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17 **MEMBERS ABSENT:** Councillor Jack Eakman (CLC)
18 Commissioner Wayne Hancock (DAC)
19 Trustee Sam Bernal (Town of Mesilla)
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21 **STAFF PRESENT:** Tom Murphy (MPO staff)
22 Andrew Wray (MPO staff)
23 Michael McAdams (MPO staff)
24 Zach Tarachi (MPO staff)
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26 **OTHERS PRESENT:** Angela Rael, South Central COG
27 Andrew Bencomo, Mesilla Valley MPO BPAC Member;
28 Board Member, Doña Ana Communities United
29 Becky Baum, RC Creations, LLC, Recording Secretary
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31 **1. CALL TO ORDER (1:07 p.m.)**
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33 Sorg: It appears we have a quorum so we'll get the meeting started at 1:07.
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35 **2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST INQUIRY**
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37 Sorg: First order of business is a Conflict of Interest. Is there anybody on the
38 Commission or in the staff that has a conflict of interest on any item on the
39 agenda today?
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41 Pedroza: No.
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43 Garrett: No.
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45 Sorg: Okay.
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2 **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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4 Sorg: Any public comments? Any member of the public would like to comment?
5 Seeing no hands raised.
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7 **4. CONSENT AGENDA ***

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9 Sorg: We'll move on. Consent Agenda. Is there a motion to move to approve
10 the agenda?
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12 Garrett: So moved.
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14 Pedroza: Second.
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16 Sorg: Okay moved by Commissioner ...
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18 Pedroza: Garrett.
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20 Sorg: Garrett and seconded by Councilor Pedroza. All those, go ahead and
21 take a vote here Mr. Murphy.
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23 Murphy: Okay. Member Doolittle.
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25 Doolittle: Yes.
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27 Murphy: Member Flores.
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29 Flores: Yes.
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31 Murphy: Member Pedroza.
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33 Pedroza: Yes.
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35 Murphy: Member Garrett.
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37 Garrett: Yes.
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39 Murphy: Member Barraza.
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41 Barraza: Yes.
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43 Murphy: Mr. Chair.
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45 Sorg: Yes. Okay, passed.
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2 **5. * APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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4 **5.1 *January 13, 2015**

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6 - VOTED ON VIA THE CONSENT AGENDA
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8 **6. ACTION ITEMS**
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10 **6.1 Removal of BPAC Member of Nonfeasance of Office**
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12 Sorg: The first Action Item is removal, is 6.1, removal of PA, BPAC member for
13 nonfeasance of office. Is there a motion?
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15 Pedroza: Move to approve.
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17 Flores: Seconded.
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19 Sorg: Motion and move to approve and second. Could the staff explain?
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21 Murphy: Okay.
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23 Sorg: This Action Item.
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25 Flores: *(inaudible)*
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27 Murphy: Mr. Chair, Members of the Committee. Mr. Bentley was a, was appointed
28 to the, the BPAC last, last summer I believe. He attended one meeting
29 and has since not been. We have a request from the Chair of the BPAC.
30 We also had as a discussion item at one of their meetings. Mr. Bentley
31 has, has been, contact has been attempted, we've received no response.
32 The, the will of the BPAC was to ask for you, this Committee, to remove
33 him so that the MPO staff can advertise the position as vacant and place
34 somebody else on that, in that spot.
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36 Sorg: Okay. Thank you Mr. Murphy. Is there any further discussion?
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38 Pedroza: I have a question.
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40 Sorg: Councilor Pedroza.
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42 Pedroza: Thank you. Is there something in the bylaws that says that once you have
43 missed such and such a number of meetings the question of your
44 continued membership can be brought up?
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1 Murphy: Mr. Chair, Member Pedroza. That is correct. The, the number is two
2 meetings, is, is two consecutive meetings and also if you do not maintain
3 a 75% attendance record through a calendar year.
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5 Pedroza: And are you telling us that that has occurred with Mr. Bentley?
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7 Murphy: He ... that is true.
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9 Pedroza: Thank you.
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11 Sorg: Okay. Any further comments or discussion? If not, Mr. Murphy take a roll.
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13 Murphy: Member Doolittle.
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15 Doolittle: Yes.
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17 Murphy: Member Flores
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19 Flores: Yes.
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21 Murphy: Member Pedroza.
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23 Pedroza: Yes.
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25 Murphy: Member Garrett.
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27 Garrett: Yes.
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29 Murphy: Member Barraza.
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31 Barraza: Yes.
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33 Murphy: And Chair.
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35 Sorg: Yes.
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37 **6.2 Resolution 16-03: A Resolution Amending the 2016-2021**
38 **Transportation Improvement Program**
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40 Sorg: All right next item on the agenda is discussion ... oops, this is different
41 than the agenda we got earlier, isn't it?
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43 Wray: Yes Mr. Chair we ...
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45 Sorg: Okay.
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1 Wray: We distributed an updated agenda ...
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3 Sorg: Okay.
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5 Wray: Middle of last week.
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7 Sorg: Yeah I just had the first one. I got the new one here. Yeah. So the next
8 Action Item is 6.2, an Action Item, Resolution 16-03. Move to approve.
9 I'm waiting.
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11 Garrett: Could you, could you explain that again?
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13 Sorg: The Action Item 6.2, a resolution 16-03, a resolution amending the 2016-
14 2021 Transportation Improvement Program.
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16 Garrett: So moved.
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18 Pedroza: Mr. Chair. I don't have that.
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20 Sorg: Moved, moved by Commissioner Garrett.
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22 Wray: Could you bring ...
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24 Sorg: Is there a second?
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26 Pedroza: Councilor Pedroza ...
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28 Flores: I'll second it but maybe we should have discussion.
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30 Sorg: We will have discussion ...
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32 Pedroza: Thank you very much.
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34 Sorg: For sure.
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36 Barraza: Okay, I, I need, Mr. Chair.
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38 Sorg: Yes.
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40 Barraza: I have a copy and I don't think Commissioner Garrett has one either so if
41 you could provide us with some copies please.
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43 Sorg: Yes.
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45 Barraza: Thank you.
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1 Sorg: Okay it's moved by Commissioner Garrett and second by Commissioner,
2 by Trustee Torres, Flores. And we'll move on to discussion. We'll have to
3 have staff explain this one.
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5 Wray: Thank you Mr. Chair. I'd like to ask the Committee to direct their attention
6 to page 57 of their updated packet. This is an amendment that's been
7 requested by RoadRUNNER Transit staff. This is the result of the close
8 out of the, the past federal fiscal year. The, the roll over money was made
9 available and the request is to move that money over from the now past
10 federal fiscal year 2015 to the current federal fiscal year of 2016. The, the
11 particular project is for support and rolling stock. The amount is new FTA
12 5307 amount is \$1,038,719 and the new local match amount is \$127,021.
13 And I'll stand now for any questions.
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15 Barraza: Mr. Chair.

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17 Sorg: Yes. Trustee Flores, uh, Trustee Barraza.

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19 Barraza: I just have a question. I see that the amendment is for the RoadRUNNER
20 Transit program and I was just curious how did you go about in choosing
21 this project versus other projects?
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23 Wray: This was requested by their staff. The, the process is that the agencies
24 initiate their own amendments to bring forward, so RoadRUNNER staff
25 requested that this amendment proceed forward.
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27 Barraza: Okay. And Mr. Chair if I may?

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29 Sorg: Sure.

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31 Barraza: Where there any other entities that knew, I guess I probably need to ask
32 when you say "Unobligated federal funds" is it a pool of money that's in
33 there and they're not obligated and that way different programs can ask for
34 it?
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36 Wray: Mr. Chair, Mayor Barraza. No it is not. These monies were supposed to
37 have been obligated for this particular project for RoadRUNNER Transit in
38 2015, they were not obligated in time because the wheels of the Federal
39 Government grind slowly, so this is, this is money that is not up for grabs
40 for anybody. It is, it's for RoadRUNNER Transit.
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42 Barraza: Mr. Chair thank you. Thank you Andy.

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44 Sorg: Thank you Andrew. And may the record correct my referring to Mayor
45 Barraza as Mayor instead of Trustee. Thank you. Any other comments or
46 questions on this resolution? If not we'll take a vote.

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2 Wray: Member Doolittle.
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4 Doolittle: Yes.
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6 Wray: Member Flores.
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8 Flores: Yes.
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10 Wray: Member Pedroza.
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12 Pedroza: Yes.
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14 Wray: Member Garrett.
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16 Garrett: Yes.
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18 Wray: Member Barraza.
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20 Barraza: Yes.
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22 Wray: Member Benavidez.
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24 Benavidez: Yes.
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26 Wray: Mr. Chair.
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28 Sorg: Yes.
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30 **7. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

31 **7.1 Committee Training**

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34 Sorg: Next item, next item on the agenda is on Discussion for Committee
35 Training, 7.1. Can, take, take it over Mr. Murphy.
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37 Murphy: Thank you Mr. Chair. At last month's meeting the Committee, the
38 Committee had asked staff to come back with a report on, on coordination
39 between the MPO and the, and the RTPPO and, as well as the El Paso
40 MPO. So Mr. McAdams has put together a presentation that kind of, kind
41 of lays out the rules of, and all of the work products of the various
42 transportation planning agencies. We also have in the audience Ms.
43 Angela Rael who is the Planning Program Manager for the South Central
44 Council of Governments. And with that I'm gonna turn you over to Mr.
45 McAdams.
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1 Sorg: Thank you.

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3 McAdams: Thank you Mr. Chair and Members of the Committee. This is by, this is
4 maybe a little dry but I hope you'll stay with me. But it's very important I
5 think. If you look at, here are all, the state is divided into RTPOs and
6 MPOs and we'll discuss that later, and the roles of both, and where they
7 cooperate together too, or what is the means of cooperation. The
8 transportation planning process of New Mexico is, is really specified by
9 federal law and requires states to carry a continuing cooperative and
10 comprehensive statewide planning that considers all modes of
11 transportation and provides for consideration and implementation of
12 projects, strategies, and services. Transportation planning's a cooperative
13 process designed to foster involvement by all users of this system, such
14 as community, a business community, community groups, environmental
15 organizations, the public, the traveling public, freight operators, and also
16 public transportation providers too as well. If you look at, in New Mexico
17 the process of, is conducted jointly by the NMDOT, MPOs, the RTPOs,
18 and public transit operators. It involves a lot of things you're already
19 aware we do already. Both organizations do is monitoring existing
20 situations, forecasting population and employment, and land use along
21 major corridors, identifying current and projected future transportation
22 problems, analyzing through detailed studies like you know the Missouri
23 and University, developing long-range plans, we just got through, and of
24 course short-range plans like the transit development, short-range transit
25 plan. If you look at how many MPOs we have; we have one, two, three,
26 four, five MPOs. The El Paso Metropolitan Organization, the Farmington
27 MPO, the Mesilla Valley MPO, the Mid-Region MPO, and the Santa Fe
28 MPO. What do they do?

29 And all these work items should be very familiar with you as we, we
30 go through them every couple of years right. The MTP we just completed.
31 We have a plan that we do public participation plan we have to do every
32 five years. The Title VI plan is for antidiscrimination and for addressing
33 discrimination. The transportation system performance measures and
34 targets. The unified work, planning work program we'll be doing this year.
35 The, the TIP which we do every year. We do this every two years and we
36 update it often. And the traffic counts that we do daily almost to try to
37 show traffic flow maps and for analyzing relative to do, for this as far as
38 what we do the, the TAZ, the, the transportation analysis zones and
39 update for the, the statewide travel demand model. And some important
40 but not, you know I guess you know some more but not equally important
41 is quarterly reports. The annual list of obligated projects where we, the
42 projects we're gonna do this year. The annual performance and
43 expenditure report every, every 10 years or 14 years out we look at. The
44 smoothed urbanized area based on the density, that are contiguous
45 density. And then also we look at almost yearly the functional, the
46 functional classification are according to schedules. This with the, the 12

1 is TMA but it really doesn't apply to us too much because we're looking at
2 congestion management process and that's really Albuquerque and El
3 Paso area. And also we do the FHWA New Mexico certification process
4 and documentation and also the FTA Regional Five certification
5 documentation.

6 If you look at the internal project, you're part of the internal structure
7 here too and we look at several major put, keys that, the keyboards of
8 course, the Policy Committee, and of, made up of local elective leaders
9 and appropriate state and local officials and the Policy Boards for the
10 MPO serving the area designated as a transportation management for the
11 MRMPO and also the EPMPO as well. So they're kind of sped off a little
12 bit different. And the MPO boundaries are really specified, one as a
13 contained urbanized area but also where, where we think in 20 years we'll
14 be growing, so it's always larger than, than the metropolitan areas. The
15 boundaries are specified every 10 years as far as the MPO planning areas
16 and the urbanized areas as well. And we, we smooth the areas around as
17 well.

18 Here is again all the, the MPO, the state RTPOs and the MPOs,
19 and you noticed that the, where we're located and look at specifically the
20 area where we're in. And so sort of zooming in we can see that Doña Ana
21 County is contained really has three people, three boards they have to
22 answer to, well more than that but in transportation, the El Paso area
23 which is one MPO, our MPO, the Mesilla Valley MPO, then also the, the
24 County is also involved in the South Central RTPO which includes Otero
25 and Socorro and Doña Ana. And I'll go a little bit more specifically in
26 looking at the RTPOs. Angela correct me if you would like to chime in.
27 The RTPOs are federally designated forums for cooperative planning for a
28 population of 50,000 or fewer people and there are seven RTPOs in the
29 state; the Mid-Region, the Northeastern, Northeast, Northern Pueblos, the
30 Northern regional, the South Central Regional Transportation Planning
31 Authority Organization which contains Doña Ana County, Otero,
32 Southeast Regional Transportation Planning Organization, and the
33 Southwest Regional Transportation Organization. All the state is
34 contained, or divided in these, the RTPOs. The, the RTPOs are
35 consistent with Federal Surface Transportation law. The RTPOs have
36 been established and designated by NMDOT. They're different from
37 MPOs. MPOs are designated by the Federal Government, by the
38 urbanized area and then, they cooperate with the states or the, where
39 MPOs are kind of autonomous and we'll explain that later, where, where
40 RTPOs are, are subject to, to the state and they're coordinated through
41 the state directly. So the DOT is their, forward, well they're designated by
42 the DOT to enhance planning, coordination, and implementation of
43 statewide, strategic long-range transportation plans and TIP programs,
44 TIPs as well, with the emphasis on addressing the needs of non-
45 metropolitan areas of the state, rural areas, all right, outside the urbanized
46 areas, but not, well outside the MPOs as well.

1 And if you look at RTPOs, their core responsibilities are to develop
2 and maintain in cooperation with the state, regional long-range plans,
3 develop regional transportation improvement program recommendations
4 or the RTIPR for consideration by the state. See the recommendation,
5 they're, they're different from our TIP. The RTIPR is a recommendation to
6 the state. The state can either decide they will approve it and put it in the,
7 in the STIP or they can decide to reject it too. So when we put our things
8 is in the STIP is considered, is not changed, it will, a (*inaudible*) that, these
9 regulations. So we foster, it's also to foster the coordination we, our local
10 planning, land use, and economic development plans of course. The
11 RTPOs to provide technical assistance to local officials, provide training to
12 Board and Commissions like I'm doing today but it's basically a national
13 multistate and state policies and planning development.

14 If you look at also the RTPOs are providing a forum for public
15 participation and the statewide and regional transportation planning
16 process. Consider and share plans and programs with neighboring, with
17 other regional organizations including MPOs and travel organization.
18 Maintain an RTPO website which shows you know the current documents
19 like we do in our website as well. Conduct other duties as necessary to
20 support and enhance the regional statewide planning process. Maintain in
21 an organized fashion all applicable records per the state achieving
22 records, all the well, according to FHWA and FTA Region VI regulations.

23 This is, this also part of the, this, the RTIP, RTIPR process is
24 looking at each RTPOs individual agents to (*inaudible*) something called
25 the Project Feasibility Form and this is to provide it, a way to open the
26 dialogue between the MD, the, the NMDOT districts and the local
27 governments regarding projects for possible inclusion in the RTIPR and
28 the STIP. The RTO member organizations complete and, and submit the
29 RTIP, the PFFs to the RTPO planning program manager and the
30 respective NMDOT district technical support and appropriate GTE, G
31 liaison. The following the RTPO established submittal deadlines,
32 meetings are held and you know really discussion about the
33 appropriateness and the feasibility of this project with the MPO district.

34 This is really important too, how do coordinate, there is coordination
35 between the MPOs and RTPOs. The NMDOT coordinates with the MPOs
36 and the RTPOs through the following; cooperative agreements; so they
37 have to have a cooperative agreement says we agree these things also
38 the membership and abide by the, by rules and regulations that were set
39 by, for by the state and by the federal government. And the CAs delineate
40 the responsibility each organization carry out the task contained work
41 program, so we have to have a, a work program, you know our work
42 program, our planning work program and also the RTPOs do as well. And
43 the MPOs are required to submit every two years, we're doing right now
44 and the RTPOs are also required to submit a two-year regional program.
45 In addition this goes in a statewide work planning work program to the
46 New Mexico Division of Federal Highway and also Region VI of the FTA.

1 The PWP includes all the RTR, the MPO and RTPO work programs as
2 part of the submittal package, so they are submitted all to the H, FHWA
3 and the FTA. Any questions? And I have something to hand out. I came
4 with goodies. This is the STIP, I mean not the RTIPR for the South
5 Central Regional Transportation I mean, I mean the South Central
6 Regional Transportation Planning Authority Organization. Get, get my
7 acronyms confused. You can see this is what, these are not, these are
8 not, like they're not like the TIP, these are recommended for approval by
9 the state. So the state can say we don't have enough money or we don't
10 think it's appropriate at this time of year, but it's not like our TIP which we
11 approve it, it becomes part of the STIP, all right. And of course we check
12 as a staff and also people with DOT and other organizations attribute
13 where there's money available for it. So I'm standing now for questions.
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15 Sorg: Any questions from the Commission? Commissioner Garrett.
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17 Garrett: Thank you. Appreciate the presentation.
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19 McAdams: Oh thank you.
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21 Garrett: Could you go back to the slide that shows the close up of the, Doña Ana
22 County and ...
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24 McAdams: Okay.
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26 Garrett: And the map. Yeah right there.
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28 McAdams: All right.
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30 Garrett: I brought up the issue of coordination at the last meeting ...
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32 McAdams: Right.
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34 Garrett: Because there are two areas and projects that Doña Ana County and I
35 think City of Las Cruces, Mesilla, we all have a vested interest in, and that
36 has to do with development along the border and it also has to do with our
37 connection with the Spaceport. And I wanted to look at this because I've
38 never really paid a lot of attention to the boundaries with the El Paso
39 MPO, to what degree, are there portions of a connection from Santa
40 Teresa to 404 that go outside of the MPO boundaries? You know Tom
41 we've talked about ...
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43 McAdams: Yeah.
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45 Garrett: An alignment that would run along the escarpment and then actually
46 that's, that's a potential beginning of a West Mesa connection. I'm just

1 curious about where, if, if you've got a portion of a road system that's in
2 two MPOs and an R, RPO how does that get anchored? Who, who works
3 on that?
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5 Murphy: Mr. Chair, Member Garrett. In the case of New Mexico 404 that's, the,
6 the, it's pretty much entirely within the El Paso planning area.
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8 Garrett: Okay so even if portions of it go outside it's, it's going to be looked at as ...
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10 Murphy: I mean if, if portions went into different things we would, we would
11 coordinate it, but in this specific instance and, I, it is entirely contained in
12 the El Paso planning boundaries.
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14 Garrett: Okay. So let's, let's work with that as a, as a working assumption. It
15 seems to me that it's important to know where projects like a connection
16 between Santa Teresa and Chaparral and, and connecting in with, with I-
17 10 as, as part of New Mexico, where that project would sit in I guess the
18 work program and the STIP for the El Paso MPO. Do we know if it's on
19 their STIP? Okay.
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21 Murphy: Mr. Doolittle indicate, indicates no.
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23 Garrett: Okay. So, so, the question that, I mean it's great that this is all set up to
24 promote coordination and, and, and cooperation and yet this is something
25 that's an important issue, we've been talking about it for several years and
26 I think part of it may be that we don't know what the process is to actually
27 get these projects into the system and it's one thing if, if we're, you know
28 we're simply sort of muddling around in the dark, but it's another if there's
29 real opposition. And, and, and so we need to sort out what it is. Do we
30 need to fill out a Project Feasibility Form and write a letter and submit it to
31 the El Paso MPO and say "We would really appreciate it if you would work
32 on this." Because as I understand your presentation that would then
33 trigger at some point or is that just for the RPOs, or the, yeah the, the
34 RTPO?
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36 McAdams: Yeah the RTPO for the PFF is for ...
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38 Garrett: That's when you get into consultation.
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40 McAdams: Right.
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42 Garrett: Okay so ...
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44 McAdams: But I think ...
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46 Garrett: We could do this and nothing would happen necessarily.

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2 Murphy: Mr., Mr. Chair, Member Garrett. The MPO could work within the
3 framework of the, of the PFF. In this instance I am unsure how it's, NM-
4 404 and I-10 I believe are you know are state owned facilities so I'm, I'm
5 unclear whether the, the County could submit, submit one, a project on
6 those facilities or do they need to, or does County staff need to work with
7 DOT staff in order to have that project submitted, but generally those are,
8 are DOT facilities so you would expect that the, the origin would come
9 from, from their staff. If it was you know, if the County felt strongly enough
10 about it I think that the County staff would need to engage the DOT on
11 getting that project and perhaps the County could do a PFF on that. Mr.
12 Doolittle if you could assist me on, on that, that process.

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14 Doolittle: Mr. Chair if I may. I, I believe, we're currently working on trying to get the
15 contract completed with Molzen for the Phase B study for the West Mesa
16 Corridor, or the West Mesa Study and I believe that they're supposed to
17 work on giving a presentation at the April Policy Board meeting to bring us
18 up to speed on what happened with the Phase 1, or the Phase A study.
19 Maybe what we can do as part of that is I can be sure to have Jolene here
20 so that we can talk through that process. I'm not as familiar with it as
21 Jolene would be, but maybe when Molzen gives us an update on what
22 happened with that initial study we can have Jolene also present on where
23 the El Paso MPO sits with that, what we need to do to coordinate that
24 process, but I think having that update from Molzen would be the first step.

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26 Garrett: Thank you. Would, would it be possible for us to know what the scope is
27 earlier than April? You know one of the things that, that's interesting about
28 the transportation planning is it, it's very regimented and it just feels like if
29 you miss a, you know the, the window to get something on the work plan
30 or you miss a window to get something on a project list, you're out of luck
31 for a long time. And, and you know part of what we've been asking for is
32 an evaluation of the feasibility and the implications of having that loop
33 instead of just going straight up the West Mesa. And, and, a, I, I'd like to
34 know whether it's in the study that they're working on because if it's not
35 then, then the question is "Well how do we get an amendment or how do
36 we get another study or whatever." I mean we're trying to work within a
37 very regimented bureaucratic system and, and I don't think we've been
38 clear about what the steps are we need to do in order to, to move forward
39 on, on that. But what I'm, what I'm hearing is that, that we, the County
40 should initiate some kind of, I mean maybe it's a matter for County staff to
41 talk with, look at the El, El Paso MPO planning and their work plan and,
42 and all those kinds of things and then out of that figure out if there's
43 something missing that has to do with the south, southern part of the, of
44 the County. And then maybe the, this MPO could weigh in with a letter of
45 support or something. I mean it, these are, these, these, these
46 boundaries are, are very difficult to work with because they are, they seem

1 to be held as if there, these are silos and it's just really hard for us to know
2 how we can get the planning and eventually the development that we
3 need.
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5 McAdams: Okay.
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7 Garrett: That's one, that's part one. I don't want to dominate, but I'm, I'm really
8 concerned with this and I'm looking for clarity. Part of what I'm looking for
9 is direction on what to do. The other one is at the other end of the County,
10 and that has to do with the Spaceport. How do we get an interchange
11 plan on somebody's list? Because it's outside the MPO boundary. Do we
12 have to initiate the Project Feasibility Form in order to get, okay well, then
13 is that something that we can ask staff to do?
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15 Murphy: That would be a, a function of the County staff to, to submit that.
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17 Pedroza: Mr. Chair.
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19 Sorg: Okay. Thank you. Member Pedroza.
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21 Pedroza: Thank you very much. I have a, a somewhat related question but maybe
22 it's a little bit easier. If you look on the map that we have up right now, you
23 see Doña Ana County is in that greenish/blue.
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25 McAdams: Yeah.
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27 Pedroza: But, a, the boundaries for the MPO are much smaller than the entire
28 County.
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30 McAdams: Yes, because that's ...
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32 Pedroza: So who do, who does anything outside of that area?
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34 McAdams: The RTPO goes everything outside of the, both the MPOs. They're the
35 one, like we're discussing (*inaudible*) projects outside the area, they would
36 go to the RTPO. They are not, we are not contained with the RTPO, they
37 are separate distinct boundaries. You know that's on purpose so we don't,
38 we don't mess around with other people's business (*inaudible*).
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40 Pedroza: So are you saying that in order to answer Commissioner Garrett's
41 question we have to go and present it to the RTPO?
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43 McAdams: Exactly.
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45 Pedroza: To ...
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1 McAdams: Exactly. We can issue like a letter of support of course, say we support it
2 but we can't, it, it should be initiated in the RTPO all right.
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4 Pedroza: Do we know who that is?
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6 Sorg: Well I was going to ask if maybe ...
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8 Pedroza: Okay.
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10 Sorg: Commissioner Pedroza. What representation from Doña Ana County is
11 there on the RTPO?
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13 Rael: Mr. Chair and, and Members of your Committee. We have ...
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15 Sorg: Your name please.
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17 Rael: I'm sorry. I'm Angela Rael. I'm the Regional Transportation Coordinator
18 for the South Central RTPO.
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20 Sorg: Okay. Thank you. Welcome.
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22 Rael: You're welcome. Thank you for having me. Thank you Tom for inviting
23 me. To try to provide some clarity we have, the boundaries as you can
24 see, we generally go up to I guess I would say a little north of Radium
25 Springs, right, right about there and then you know we have an ... to
26 correct you we have ...
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28 Pedroza: We meaning who?
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30 Rael: Sierra. Sierra County, Socorro County, and portions of Doña Ana County.
31 We have someone who sits on our, our Policy and Technical Assistance
32 Committee from the area of Hatch. We, he never shows up and we've ...
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34 Pedroza: Oh.
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36 Rael: Tried to get him to go. But we, years ago had somebody, Robert Armijo, I
37 believe he's still employed with the County, he attended some meetings
38 for our RTPO but that's been years ago. We haven't seen anybody at all
39 from Doña Ana County. And so part of our responsibilities is yes to
40 communicate with our local government agencies and, and such,
41 however, it's, we, we are employ, I'm the single employee of the South
42 Central RTPO, so it's just me covering all those three counties and the
43 areas that you see. So it's difficult for me to make monthly phone calls,
44 weekly phone calls to ever municipality within my region to say "Do you
45 have a project? Do you have a list? Can you get me a Project Feasibility
46 Form?" So I, I rely on the members of my committee who come and, and

1 represent themselves at our quarterly meetings to come with ideas from
2 their local governments and their elected officials and so they're
3 Commissioners and Mayors, so much as yourselves, who come in and
4 say "This is what my Commission's telling me. This is what my project
5 manager's are telling me. This is what my you know County Manager is
6 telling me." Things like that. So we can make those contacts and
7 connections and then we're gladly, I just was on the phone all the way
8 over here with people from City of Socorro and Socorro County because
9 they have projects that are in the STIP and so those kinds of things, we're
10 glad to provide that technical assistance, however it's next to impossible to
11 try to pull those projects from you guys unless we even know that they're,
12 they're happening so.

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14 Sorg: I understand. So; therefore, as Mr. Murphy referred to it, it's up to the
15 Doña Ana County to provide that impetus for this exchange on I-25 then?

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17 Rael: Definitely. And I'll gladly, I'd love for somebody from Doña Ana County to
18 identify some, someone, I would gladly add them onto our, onto our
19 committee, give them a seat at the table to, to come and bring those
20 projects to us. Unlike the MPO we don't have a, a pot of money that
21 would identify projects and be able to, to fund those within our
22 organization you know, so we do have to go through the Project Feasibility
23 Forms.

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25 Sorg: Sure.

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27 Rael: So we get to sit ...

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29 Sorg: Understand.

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31 Rael: With DOT, which is great and it's been a, a good practice so far. This was
32 our first year that it was a requirement. So any other projects that you see
33 on your handout that were on the RTIPR, those projects have all been
34 vetted out through a feasibility meeting with the DOT and that's how they,
35 they got on there. And so, I, I know that when you do an application of
36 course you all know it's based on some points, on you get points ...

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38 Sorg: Yeah, I understand.

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40 Rael: *(inaudible)* planning. So a lot of planning, I know that there was made
41 mention of the statewide long-range plans that each of the MPOs and the
42 RTPOs did and so we have mentioned in my, in my, my regional long-
43 range plan have made mention of you know the, the importance of access
44 to Spaceport and things like that, although in ours I think it's different than
45 yours. We don't identify specific projects. We just try to identify the needs
46 of our region and incorporate dialogue and some, and some you know

1 verification and clarification about what is needed in our area. So I, it's,
2 there's a, made mention extensively about rural transportation and you
3 know the importance of it, the need of it, so that if somebody's making an
4 application for a transit program maybe like the RTPO, they can refer to
5 our plan as something that, that shows a need for their area, so.
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7 Sorg: Okay. Thank you.
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9 Rael: You're welcome. Any other questions?
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11 Sorg: I have one of more a, a general question concerning the TIP and the
12 STIP. Can the state put a project on the STIP that is not on a local TIP
13 list?
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15 Murphy: Mr. Chair. The, outside of an MPO boundary the state can, can put any
16 project they're working on onto the STIP subject to the Transportation
17 Commission approval. Within the ...
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19 Sorg: So they can initiate a new project that the MPO or RTPO doesn't initiate?
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21 Murphy: They can, they can, in the RTPO areas they can do that.
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23 Sorg: They can do it in the RTPO.
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25 Murphy: Within an MPO area they must first get approval of the TIP.
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27 Sorg: From the MPO.
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29 Murphy: In order for, to include it on ...
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31 Sorg: Okay.
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33 Murphy: The STIP.
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35 Sorg: Okay, that's good to know.
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37 Pedroza: One more question.
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39 Sorg: Any more questions? Pedroza.
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41 Pedroza: You mentioned the Transportation Commission, are they a part of, who
42 are they a part of or, or are they separate entity or?
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44 Murphy: Mr. Chair, Member Pedroza. The Transportation Commission is a, a body
45 of six members appointed by the Governor to oversee the, to oversee the
46 New Mexico Department of Transportation.

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2 Pedroza: Excuse me. Are they, do they sit in Santa Fe or do you know when they
3 meet?
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5 Murphy: They meet ...
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7 Pedroza: How are they formed, etc.?
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9 Murphy: A, again they're appointed, appointed by the Governor. They do meet on
10 a monthly basis. They do rotate their meetings throughout the state,
11 month-by-month. Usually they're in District 1 in December and May ...
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13 Doolittle: It really depends on the other schedules but typically it's December and
14 then right around, like for instance this year it's during the Engineering
15 Conference that we have at the university's convention center.
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17 Murphy: That's usually in April.
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19 Doolittle: Right.
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21 Pedroza: Okay. And where is District 1? Oh is this District 1?
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23 Doolittle: Yes. And, and just to clarify Mr. Chair if I may, our, our Commissioner for
24 District 1 is Dr. Ken White from the university.
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26 Pedroza: That's good to know. Thank you.
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28 Sorg: Any other comments or questions?
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30 Benavidez: Mr. Chair.
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32 Sorg: Sure, Commissioner Benavidez.
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34 Benavidez: Thank you. I needed to ask a question to Ms. Rael. It's regarding the
35 organization that you represent is the, what again, I'm sorry.
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37 Rael: Mr. Chair and Members of the Board. It's the South Central RTPO. So on
38 the map it's the like teal area that surrounds the, the green.
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40 Benavidez: And it's not the Regional Planning Organization policy committee, that's a
41 different organization? Because I'm having, I'm, I see that Mr. Robert
42 Armijo is a, sits on, sits in on that organization so it's not the same one.
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44 Rael: Yeah, no it's definitely the same on. I have been in this position for a little
45 over a year, maybe about a year and a half. The, the program manager
46 before me was Tony Mcrobert, I think he was there two or three years. I

1 helped him you know in the planning of those meetings and I don't know
2 that I've ever met Mr. Armijo so I know that he hasn't been in attendance
3 in, in several years.
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5 Benavidez: Okay so when's the next meeting so I can inform Mr. Armijo to, to be
6 present at the next meeting.
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8 Rael: Okay, we have scheduled it for March 15th.
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10 Benavidez: March 15th, at what time?
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12 Rael: At 10:30 a.m. in Elephant Butte.
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14 Benavidez: Okay.
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16 Rael: I will gladly forward you all the information that I have out for that and
17 make sure that you get that information.
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19 Benavidez: Great. Thank you. Because I'm an alternate to that organization.
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21 Rael: Okay.
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23 Benavidez: So, yeah just send me that information please.
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25 Rael: I definitely will. I'll get it to you if I get back to my office in time today.
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27 Benavidez: Great.
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29 Rael: Thank you.
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31 Benavidez: Thank you very much.
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33 Rael: Thank you.
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35 Benavidez: That's, that's all Mr. Chair.
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37 Sorg: Thank you. Then we have removed a, the next discussion item, the 7.2
38 on Doña Ana.
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40 Doolittle: Mr. Chair.
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42 Sorg: Yes Mr. Doolittle.
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44 Doolittle: I'm sorry, real quickly before we move on from that subject.
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46 Sorg: Doolittle.

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2 Doolittle: If I may, don't forget that the County also has representation on the El
3 Paso MPO in the same capacity.

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5 Sorg: Yeah, we know.

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7 Doolittle: So Dr. Garcia and then through all of their technical committees, there's
8 Doña Ana County staff that sit in on those so that, that's the coordination
9 that we have with that group as well. Thank you.

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11 Sorg: That's right. Very good to point that out.

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13 **7.2 Viva Doña Ana! Presentation**

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17 **8. COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS**

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19 Sorg: So therefore we will go onto Committee and Staff Comments. Mayor
20 Barraza.

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22 Barraza: Mr. Chair just to inform staff also, Trustee Sam Bernal will no longer be on
23 the MPO. He did not run for re-election. Our elections are March 1st so
24 once we do our reorganization we will appoint another member from the
25 Town of Mesilla. And I think Trustee Bernal served, I know at least six
26 years on the MPO and if not longer I think. So I just wanted to recognize
27 him. Thank you.

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29 Sorg: Thank you Mayor. All right, any more public comments? Commissioner,
30 Commissioner Garrett.

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32 Garrett: Thanks, just as a follow-up to that, would it be appropriate for us to
33 approve a resolution appreciate, of appreciation for Trustee Bernal's
34 service? That could be developed and provided to us at our next meeting.

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36 Sorg: Very good. Agree.

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38 Murphy: Mr., Mr. Chair, Member Garrett. We could do that. Traditionally we've,
39 we've presented the member a plaque commemorating their service, but
40 we've, we've not done a full, a resolution in the past, but ...

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42 Garrett: Whatever.

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44 Sorg: A plaque sounds good.

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46 Murphy: The committee's preference.

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2 Garrett: No, plaque is, is nice too. I mean maybe a plaque and a letter that goes
3 with it. I don't know.

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5 Sorg: Very good.

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7 Barraza: That is much appreciated. Thank you.

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9 Sorg: Very good Mayor. Any other comments from Commission? Mr. Doolittle
10 do you have any reports on your projects?

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12 Doolittle: Mr. Chair honestly I, since it wasn't on the agenda I failed to give my guys
13 notice but I, I can give you some real quick updates on the projects that
14 we have in the area.

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16 Sorg: Greatly appreciated.

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18 Doolittle: I'll, I'll make it real brief.

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20 Sorg: Please.

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22 Doolittle: For the most part the North Main project is finished. I know that we have a
23 few very small clean up repair punch list items to do but for the most part
24 we are finished.

25 The Missouri bridge, I know originally we were a little bit ahead of
26 schedule, right now we are about right on schedule for an April
27 completion. That, that project's still continues to, to move along very well
28 even though we had a few small setbacks.

29 The Union bridge project which is replacing the four bridges right at
30 the I-10/Union/University area, that one is currently a little bit ahead of
31 schedule, we're probably looking at a May completion. Again that's
32 working very well even with you know the University being on one side
33 and you know the apartments and some of those things on the south side,
34 I think our contractor has done a really good job coordinating with our
35 media outlets to get those closures out. So it, it's moving along very well.

36 Those of you that travel on I-10 will have noticed that we, we've
37 been doing some pavement preservation on the west side of town with
38 Mountain States, they're expected to finish all of the paving except for the,
39 the seal coat which requires a little bit warmer temperature. All of the
40 paving will be completed around the 16th or 17th of this month. Those
41 guys are actually way ahead of schedule and they do really good work for
42 us. With that being said, they're also the contractor to replace the hot mix
43 on the six-lane section between Las Cruces and the Texas state line. And
44 just to clarify, you know a lot of people have asked you know why are we
45 already out there when we just did the six-lane a few years ago. That six-
46 lane all it did was added a new pavement, a new roadway to the inside, so

1 this project is going to mill and replace the old asphalt on the two lanes
2 that we didn't do anything at all. And then we'll do one, one quick seal
3 coat on that one. They're expected to start the Monday after the Pope's
4 visit. They actually wanted to start on the 17th, the day he was here, and
5 we very forcefully told them "No way." So they'll start on the Monday
6 following that. They're expecting that project to take about 14 weeks for
7 total completion, so I'll keep you in the loop on that. But you may want to
8 avoid that area if you can. They're gonna adjust their closures based on
9 directional traffic for the eastbound lanes, they're gonna work, they're
10 gonna try to work from about 10:00 until eight in the evening. For the
11 westbound lanes basically coming from El Paso to Las Cruces they're
12 gonna work from two o'clock in the morning until about 10:00 in the, until
13 about 10:00 in the morning and then we'll adjust those depending on how
14 the traffic flows. For the most part that's the, the major projects in this
15 area. I'll do, I'll do a better job. We have some studies coming up, we, for
16 instance the US-70 between Three Crosses and the I-25. We're doing a
17 study on the NM-404 pass to determine you know do we need a four-lane
18 improve the intersection specifically at I-10. We've been waiting on notice
19 to proceed with those consultants and I don't have those yet. As soon as
20 we get that I'll be able to give you a better idea of the schedule for those
21 studies. I, I guess with that being said, Tom one thing I would ask is I
22 know you and, and I and Andrew have had discussions, if you wouldn't
23 mind on the discussion topics just put NMDOT update, don't necessarily
24 list items specific to that update, but that'll be a good reminder for me to
25 come in with, with more details for you all.

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27 Sorg: Very good. Commissioner Pedroza.

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29 Pedroza: Thank you Mr. Chair. Trent is there any kind of a document or any kind of
30 maybe a letter that would advise the, the City Streets and Transportation
31 Department that in fact you have finished, when, when you have finished
32 the Missouri bridge so that then they can say "Okay now the street again
33 becomes the jurisdiction of the City and then I can start bugging them
34 about ..." I didn't mean that. I never do that. About the, the changes that
35 I think might be needed.

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37 Doolittle: Mr. Chair. That's, we actually have a final inspection on all of our projects
38 and because a lot of the work that was included on that one is City work,
39 they will be in, invited to that final inspection. Once all of the punch list
40 items are completed there is a final letter of acceptance that goes to the
41 contractor and the City is copied on that letter as well. At that point ...

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43 Pedroza: *(inaudible)* is, how 'bout me?

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45 Doolittle: I, I will be sure to get you a copy of that letter.
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1 Pedroza: Thank you very much.

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3 Sorg: Okay, thank you Ms. Pedroza.

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5 **9. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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7 - NO PUBLIC.

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9 **10. ADJOURNMENT (1:55 p.m.)**

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11 Sorg: So if there's no more business, I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

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13 Barraza: So moved.

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15 Garrett: Second.

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17 Sorg: All those in favor signify by saying aye.

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19 MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

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21 Sorg: Meeting's adjourned.

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Chairperson
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MESILLA VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION FORM FOR THE MEETING OF April 13, 2016

AGENDA ITEM:

6.1 Resolution 16-04: A Resolution to Amend the MPO By-laws

DISCUSSION:

At the January 19, 2016 meeting, the BPAC directed staff to develop alternative proposals for consideration of an amendment to the MPO Bylaws regarding BPAC quorum size. At their February 16, 2016 the BPAC recommended the following amendment to the MPO Bylaw to the MPO Policy Committee:

A quorum of the Committee shall consist of five members. At least one of those members must be a citizen representative. No action shall be taken without a quorum of the Committee in attendance at any meeting.

MESILLA VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION NO. 16-04

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE MPO BY-LAWS

The Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Policy Committee is informed that:

WHEREAS, the Mesilla Valley MPO's Policy Committee has the authority to adopt and amend the MPO Committee Bylaws and Operating Procedures as it deems appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the MPO Bylaws provide the basic framework for the Policy Committee and the advisory committees to conduct the business of the MPO; and

WHEREAS, the MPO Bylaws identify the role and make-up of each Committee; and

WHEREAS, the MPO Bylaws govern quorum size for each committee; and

WHEREAS, at their February 16, 2016 meeting the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee requested an amendment to the MPO Bylaws regarding the quorum size of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Policy Committee has determined that it is in the best interest of the MPO for this resolution to be APPROVED.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the Policy Committee of the Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization:

(I)

THAT the proposed Amendment to the MPO Bylaws attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made part of this resolution be APPROVED.

(II)

THAT staff is directed to take appropriate and legal actions to implement this Resolution.

DONE and **APPROVED** this 13th day of April, 2016.

APPROVED:

Chair

Motion By:	
Second By:	
VOTE:	
Chair Sorg	
Vice-Chair Garrett	
Mayor Barraza	
Trustee Flores	
Mr. Doolittle	
Commissioner Duarte-Benavidez	
Commissioner Hancock	
Councillor Eakman	
Councillor Pedroza	

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Recording Secretary

City Attorney

Exhibit "A"

The following language will replace the existing language in the MPO Bylaws regarding the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee quorum size:

A quorum of the Committee shall consist of five members. At least one of those members must be a citizen representative. No action shall be taken without a quorum of the Committee in attendance at any meeting.

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POLICY COMMITTEE

ACTION FORM FOR THE MEETING OF April 13, 2016

AGENDA ITEM:

6.2 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee Appointments

ACTION REQUESTED:

Review, Evaluation, and Appointment

SUPPORT INFORMATION:

Letters of Interest from Maggie Billings, Chambo Chambers, Charles Clements, Carol Flinchbaugh, John Gallagher, and Frank Sholedice

DISCUSSION:

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee (BPAC) has 11 members: 6 citizen representatives and 5 staff representatives. According to the MPO Bylaws, the staff representatives are appointed by the head of the department they will represent within each jurisdiction. The citizen appointments are made by the Policy Committee.

Currently, there is one citizen representative positions open: Bicycle Community Representative.

There are two types of citizen representatives: jurisdictional and modal. The jurisdictional representatives will be selected to represent the three MPO member agencies – one per agency. Based on MPO staff's interpretation of the Bylaws, this representative should understand planning issues and facility needs surrounding non-motorized transportation. This understanding is required to integrate walking and biking into the regional transportation system. Finally, the role of the citizen should be to promote walking and biking in their respective jurisdiction.

The modal representatives consist of two bicycling community representatives and one pedestrian community representative. For their respective roles, the desired representative should understand the planning issues and facility needs for bicycling or walking, and promote bicycling or walking in the community at large.

Attached to this Action Form are the letters of interest from the individuals who answered staff's request for volunteers on the BPAC. Please review the letters, evaluate the applicants' abilities to fulfill the roles described above, and prepare questions that may help you make a final decision. As there are multiple candidates, the appointee will be selected by ballots to be provided to the Policy Committee at the meeting.

From: Maggie Billings <maggie.billings@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2016 1:59 PM
To: Andrew Wray
Subject: Letter of Interest for MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee

To Mr. Andrew Wray,

Please consider this my letter of interest to be on the MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee. I grew up in Las Cruces and have recently moved back here as a political science student at NMSU after spending a year in Albuquerque. I have been riding a bicycle as my regular means of transportation for several years, and I am very interested in improving the city for other bicyclists and pedestrians, as I think Las Cruces is a truly beautiful place to live and ride a bike in. I believe that it's important to have a bike and pedestrian friendly city because it increases access for those who do not have an alternate means of transportation, making the city safer and more accessible for all. I am able to attend all BPAC meetings and fulfill all other qualifications listed in the letter, and I am very excited to have this opportunity to help work to improve this beautiful city and my and other's means of getting around in it. Thank you for your consideration!

Maggie Billings

6.2 Chambo Chambers BPAC Application

From: chambo3@me.com [mailto:chambo3@me.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 21, 2016 7:17 AM
To: Andrew Wray <awray@las-cruces.org>
Subject: BPAC

Andrew

Please consider me a candidate for community representative on BPAC.

I am a 76 year old active bike rider. In recent years I have managed the cycling event in the Senior Olympics both for Dona Ana County and the state of New Mexico. I am a member of the Bike and Chowder cycling group.

I have competed in cycling events in NM, NV and UT.

Currently I volunteer as a tax preparer for low income people, a docent at The Farm and Ranch Heritage museum and as a Las Cruces tree steward.

Thanks for your consideration.

Chambo Chambers

From: Charles Clements <CClements@live.com>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2016 12:32 PM
To: Andrew Wray
Subject: Bicycling and Pedestrian Committee

Good afternoon. Several folks have encouraged me to volunteer for a committee that advises the city about bicycling and pedestrian policies. I currently serve on the Transit Advisory board. I'm retired and use either the city bus or my feet for transportation. I have walked pretty much everywhere in Las Cruces west of I-25. If it looks like I could be of help, please let me know the hoops I have to jump through. Thanks.

Charles Clements
2141 N Solano Dr #305
Las Cruces, NM 88001
541-0036

From: Carol Flinchbaugh <cflinch@nmsu.edu>
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 10:59 AM
To: Andrew Wray
Subject: BPAC citizen representative

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Hi Andrew,

I'm sending this email to express my interest in serving as a citizen member on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee. I received your information from both Dave Rutledge and Ryan Blickem. I am an avid cyclist – I race for Via Velo, ride recreationally, and also occasionally bike commute to my job at NMSU. I am interested in joining the conversation about avenues to improve bicycle facilities in our community.

Please let me know if you need any further information from me.

Thanks,
Carol

Carol Flinchbaugh
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6.2 John Gallagher community member board position application
From: johng@selenetechsolutions.com
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 12:41 PM
To: Andrew Wray
Subject: community member board position application

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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hi Andrew

my name is John Gallagher and I met a friend of yours Ashleigh Curry at Becks coffee shop on my bike a couple of weeks ago

i would like to apply for community member board position of BPAC

i have been residing in Las Cruces since June 2014 - originally from the UK and have lived in Chicago, Paris, Richmond VA, and the island of Crete

i have my own tech support company here

i am an avid cyclist and trips i have undertaken include London to Athens, south Italy to Amsterdam, Sydney to Adelaide and the circuit of Tasmania to name a few

plus a few other back packing trips

i am a certified spin instructor and taught class at the Y in Richmond for several years

i have an interest in all things bike technology and maintenance

i have cycled around las cruces extensively and traveled on very city bus route

have a bunch of suggestions and ideas and hope i can bring my international experience to the organization

cheers

john

From: Frank <fsholedice@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2016 1:16 PM
To: Andrew Wray
Subject: BPAC community member

Dear Mr. Wray,

My name is Frank Sholedice, and I am writing to express my interest in serving as a community member on the MPO's Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee.

I am a bike commuter; I do not own a motor vehicle, and my bicycle is my main mode of transport. Las Cruces has made great strides in recent years toward becoming more accessible for bicyclists and pedestrians. I feel we can continue to build on this success to make bicycling, walking, and other forms of non-motorized transport part of the fabric of this city.

In the past, I have advocated for bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure by writing to city councilors and attending public input sessions. I would appreciate the opportunity to continue this advocacy as a member of the BPAC.

I can be reached at fsholedice@gmail.com or 575-571-0544 for questions or to discuss this position further. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Frank Sholedice

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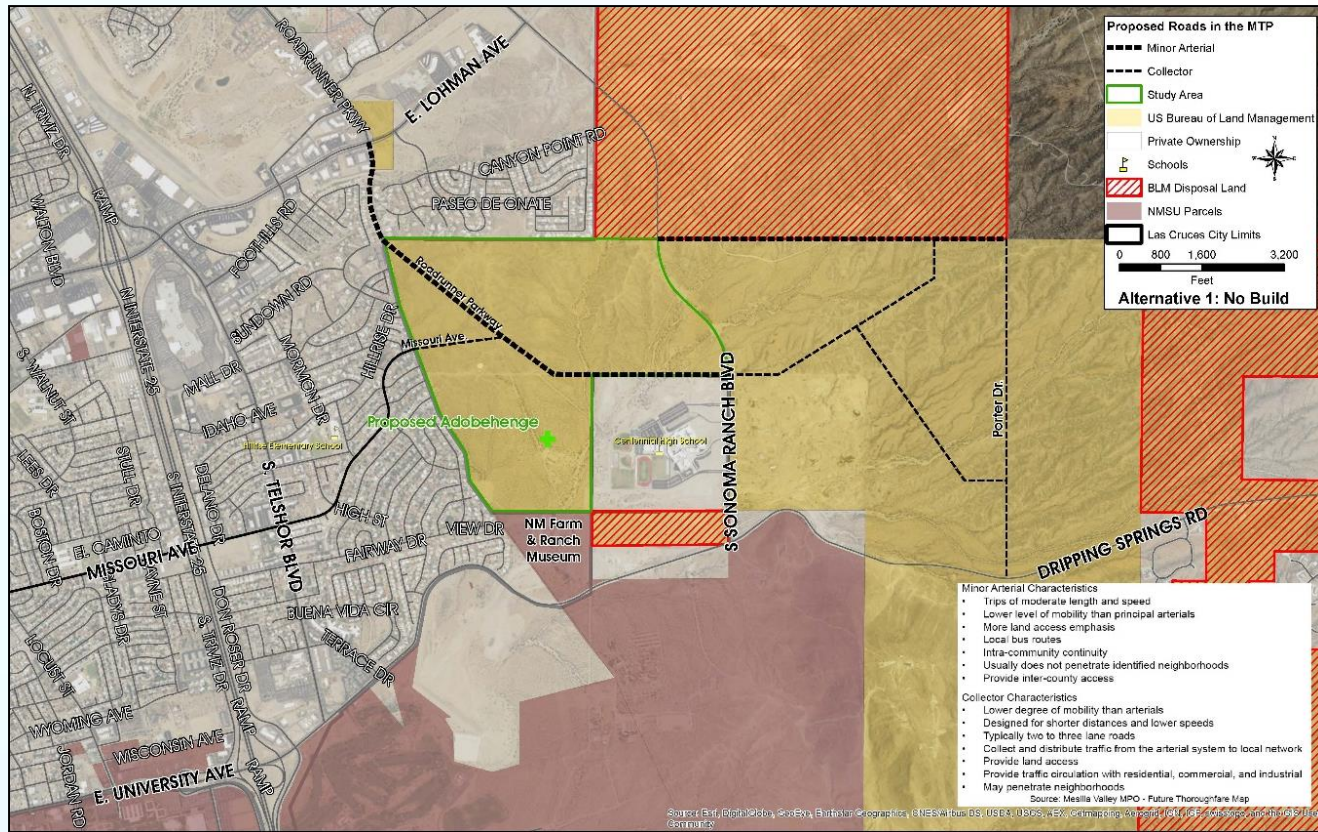
AGENDA ITEM:

7.1 Presentation on the Missouri Ave./Roadrunner Pkwy. Study Corridor

DISCUSSION:

Bohannon-Huston Staff will give a presentation on the ongoing Missouri Ave./Roadrunner Pkwy Study Corridor.

Missouri Avenue Corridor Study



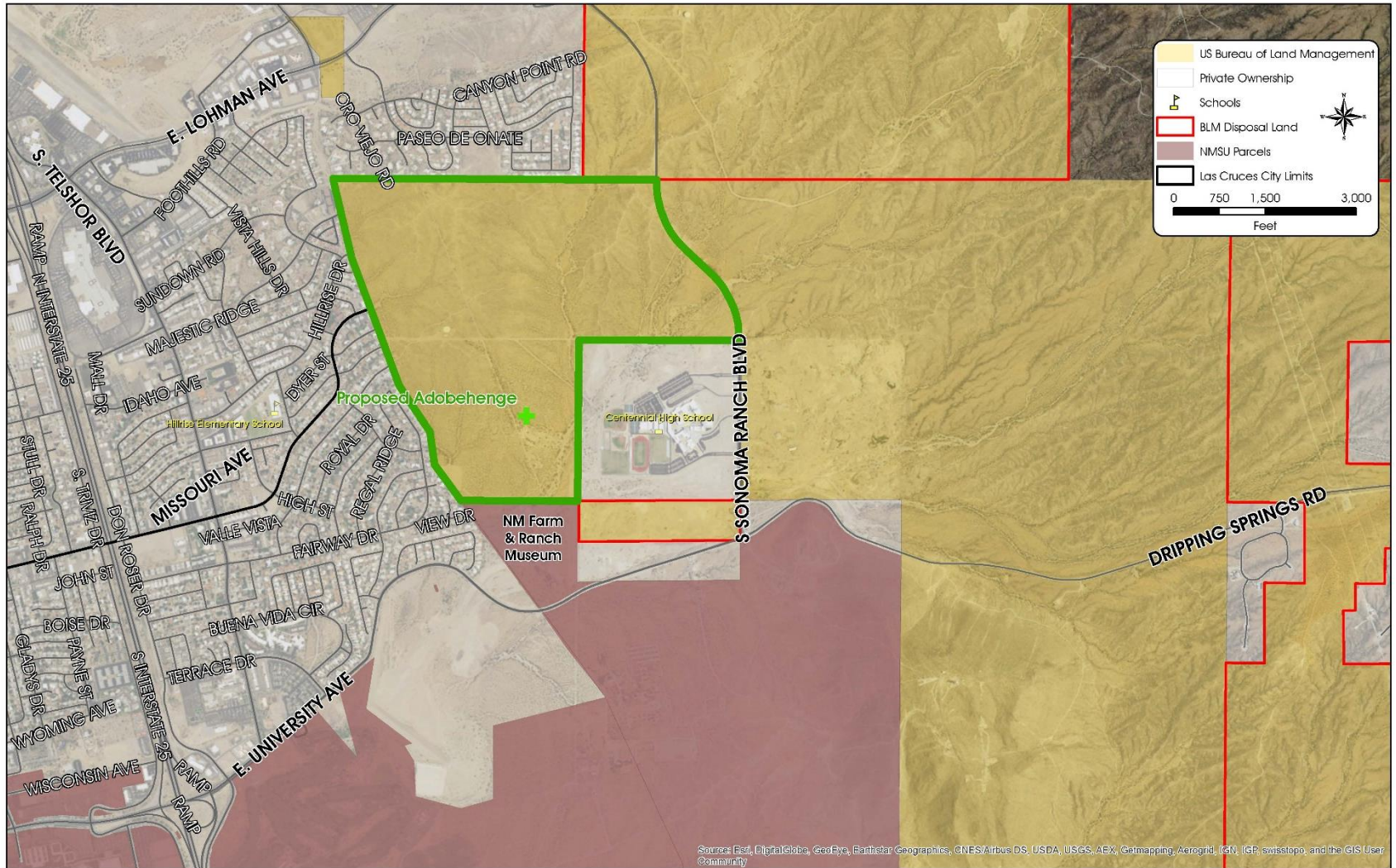
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Missouri Avenue Corridor Study

- ▲ Study Area
- ▲ Planning Process
- ▲ Purpose and Need
- ▲ Input and Feedback to Date
- ▲ Potential Alternatives
- ▲ Next Steps

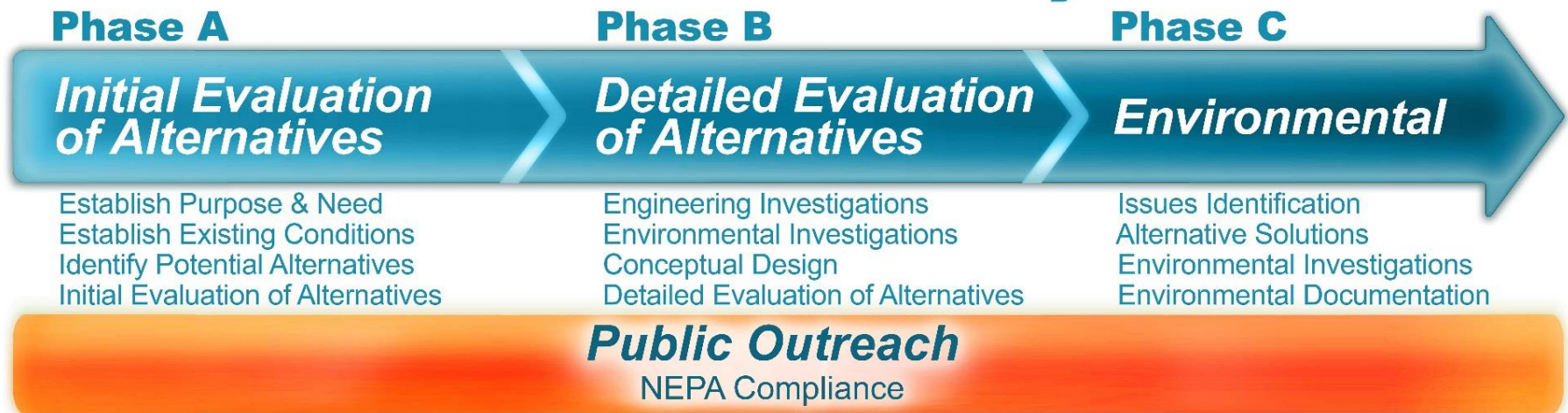
Study Area Map



Planning Process

- ▲ Study utilizes Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Planning funds
- ▲ NMDOT Location Study Procedures Phase A
- ▲ Public input is critical
- ▲ Plan and recommendations will be used to request funding
- ▲ Environmental analysis, design, and construction to be undertaken in later phases

NMDOT Location Study Process



▲ Phase A includes:

- Initial alternatives, screening for fatal flaws, limited engineering
- Recommendations on 1-3 alternatives (including No-Build)

▲ Phase A does not include:

- Exact costs (will consider magnitude of costs)
- Preliminary engineering analysis (i.e. project design)

Purpose and Need

The **purpose** of the **Missouri Avenue Corridor Study** is to provide additional multi-modal connectivity from Missouri Avenue or Roadrunner Parkway across vacant land to Sonoma Ranch Boulevard.

The **NEED** is based on the following:

- ▲ Lack of **network connectivity** in the area
- ▲ Lack of **pedestrian and bicycle facilities** in the area

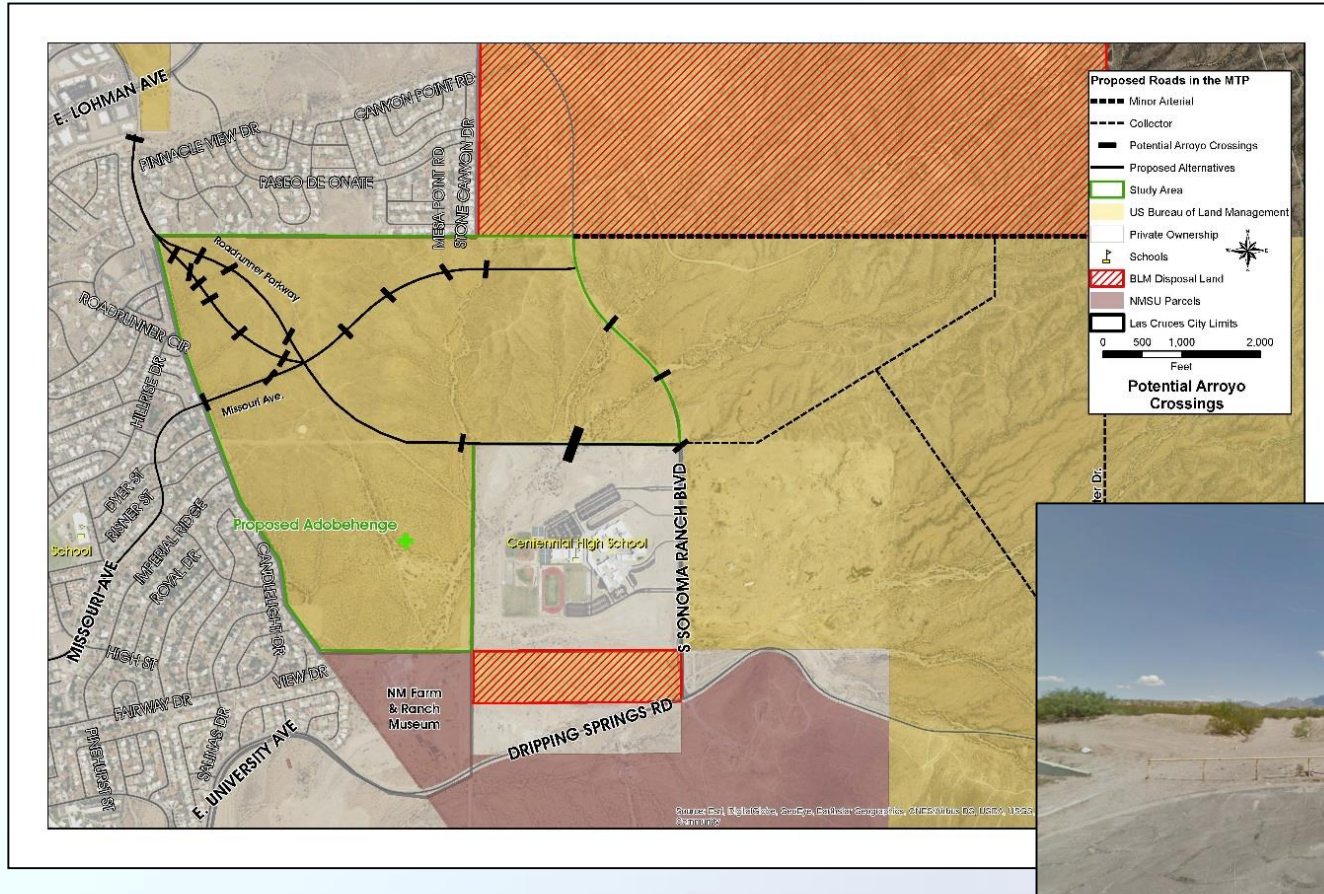
Opportunities

- ▲ Enhance multi-modal facilities
- ▲ Create additional network connectivity
- ▲ Active participation of BLM and NM Farm and Ranch Museum
- ▲ Potential trail connection with Adobehenge

Challenges

- ▲ Land is owned and maintained by BLM
- ▲ Potential conflicts with ATVs on vacant land
- ▲ Project implementation funding has not yet been identified
- ▲ Topography / drainage

Topographical Issues



▲ Study area is generally rugged and marked by a number of arroyos

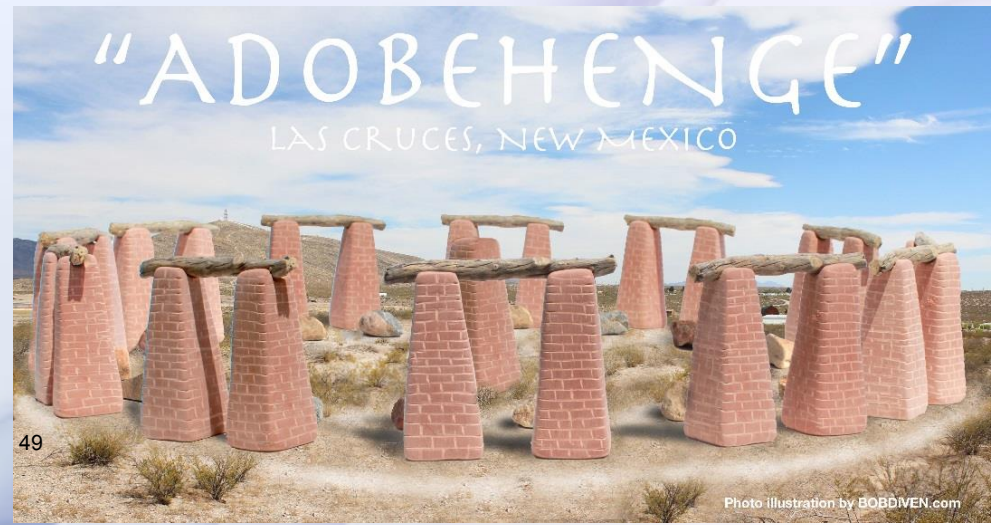
Project Team

- ▲ Mesilla Valley MPO
- ▲ NMDOT
- ▲ City of Las Cruces
- ▲ Doña Ana County
- ▲ Bureau of Land Management
- ▲ Las Cruces Public Schools
- ▲ NM Farm and Ranch Museum

Meetings in August 2015 / September 2015 / January 2016

Input & Feedback

- ▲ New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum
 - Supports access to Museum
 - Appreciate bicycle/pedestrian facilities
 - Supports least intensive development near museum
- ▲ Adobehenge
 - To be built in conjunction with Farm and Ranch Museum
 - Could be accessed via bicycle / pedestrian facilities



Input & Feedback

▲ Las Cruces Public Schools

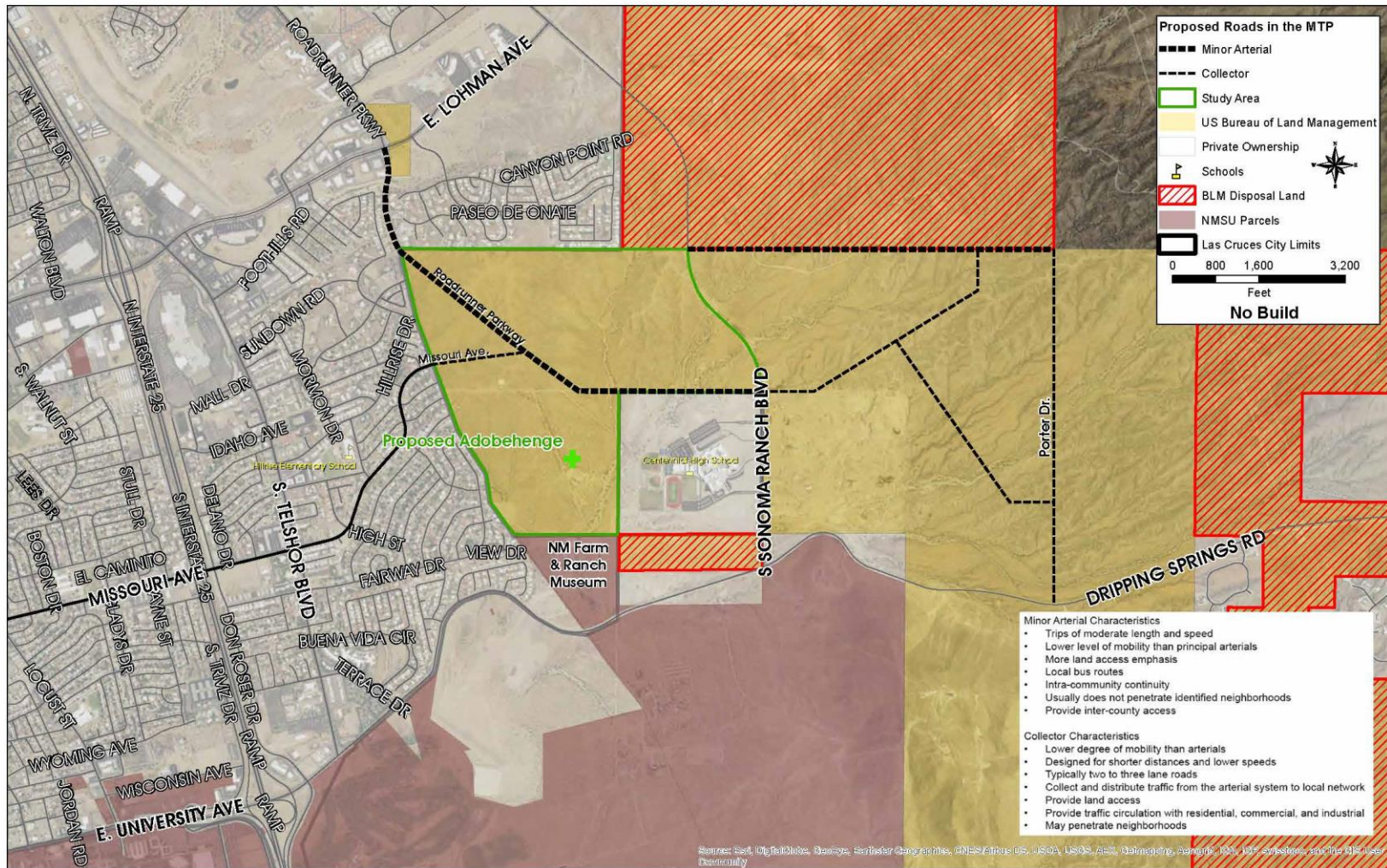
- No immediate need for additional roadway access
- Roadway to north would require additional access point and traffic management
- Appreciate the bicycle/pedestrian access for students



Input & Feedback

- ▲ Public meeting on December 2, 2015
 - Concerns about additional through traffic on Missouri Ave and impacts to property values
 - General support for pedestrian/bicycle facilities
- ▲ Additional meeting later in 2016

Transport 2040 MTP Network



Potential Alternatives to be Considered

▲ Roadway Typical

- Travel lanes / bicycle lanes / multi-use trail

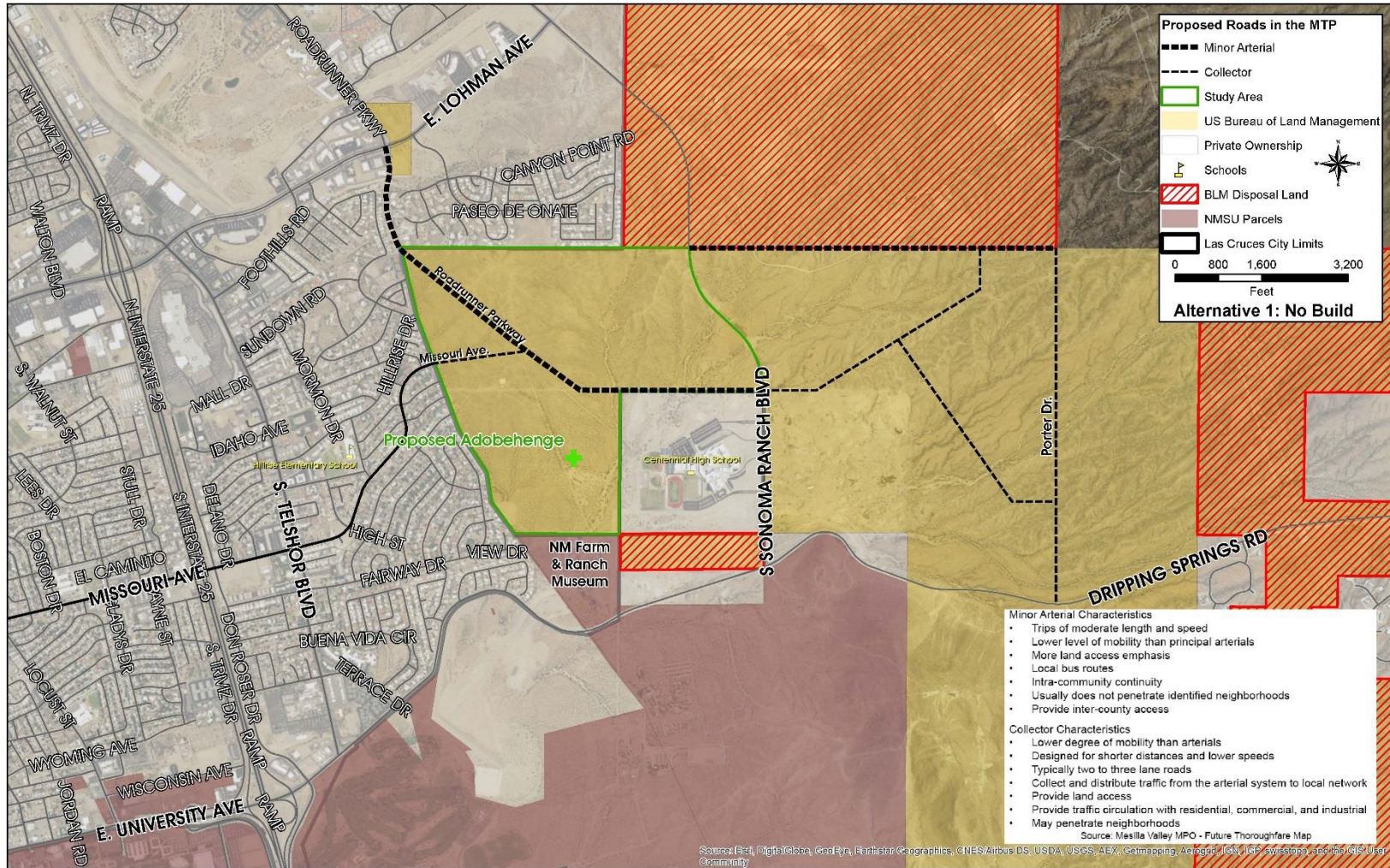
▲ Non-Motorized Trail

- Trail to accommodate bicycles and pedestrians

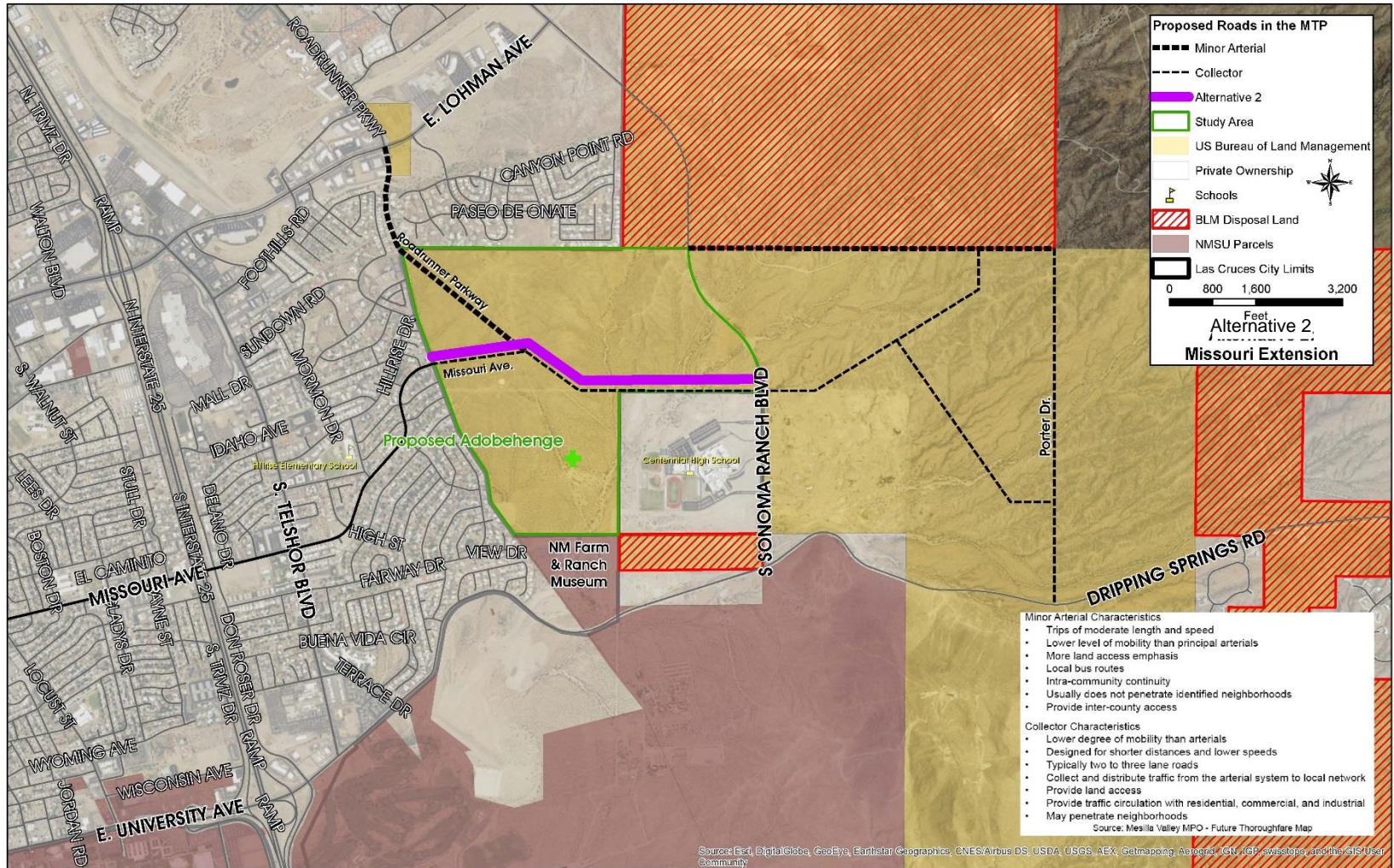
▲ No Build

- Do nothing at this time

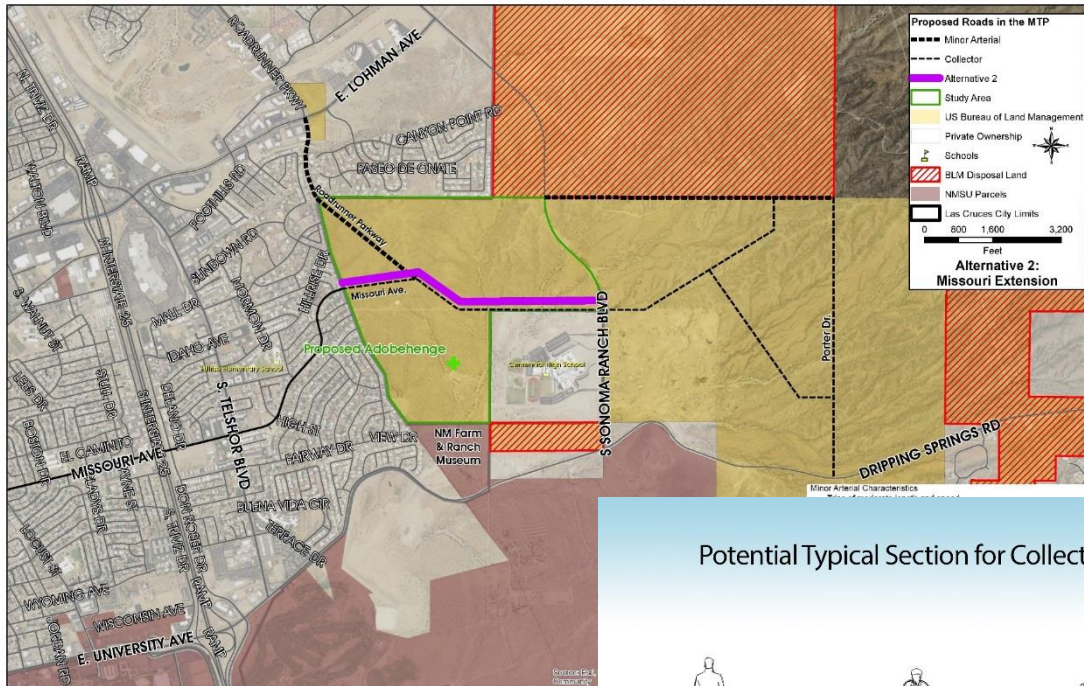
Alternative 1: No Build



Alternative 2: Missouri Extension

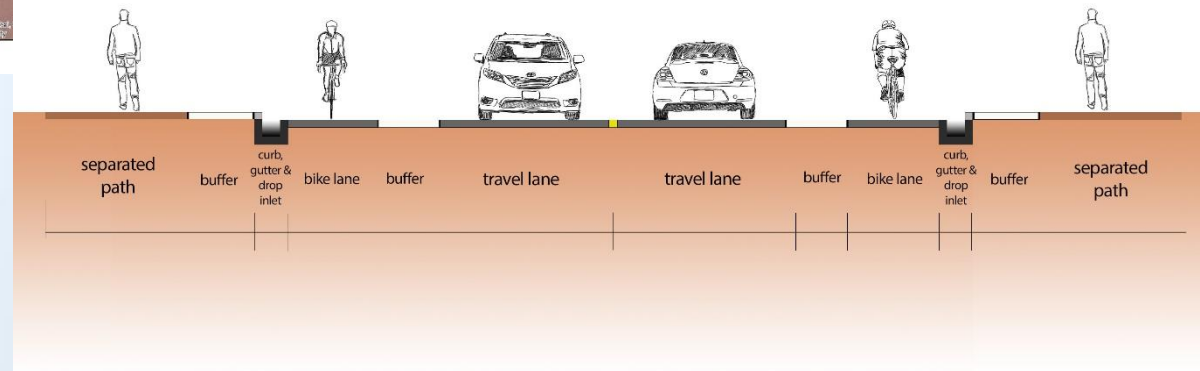


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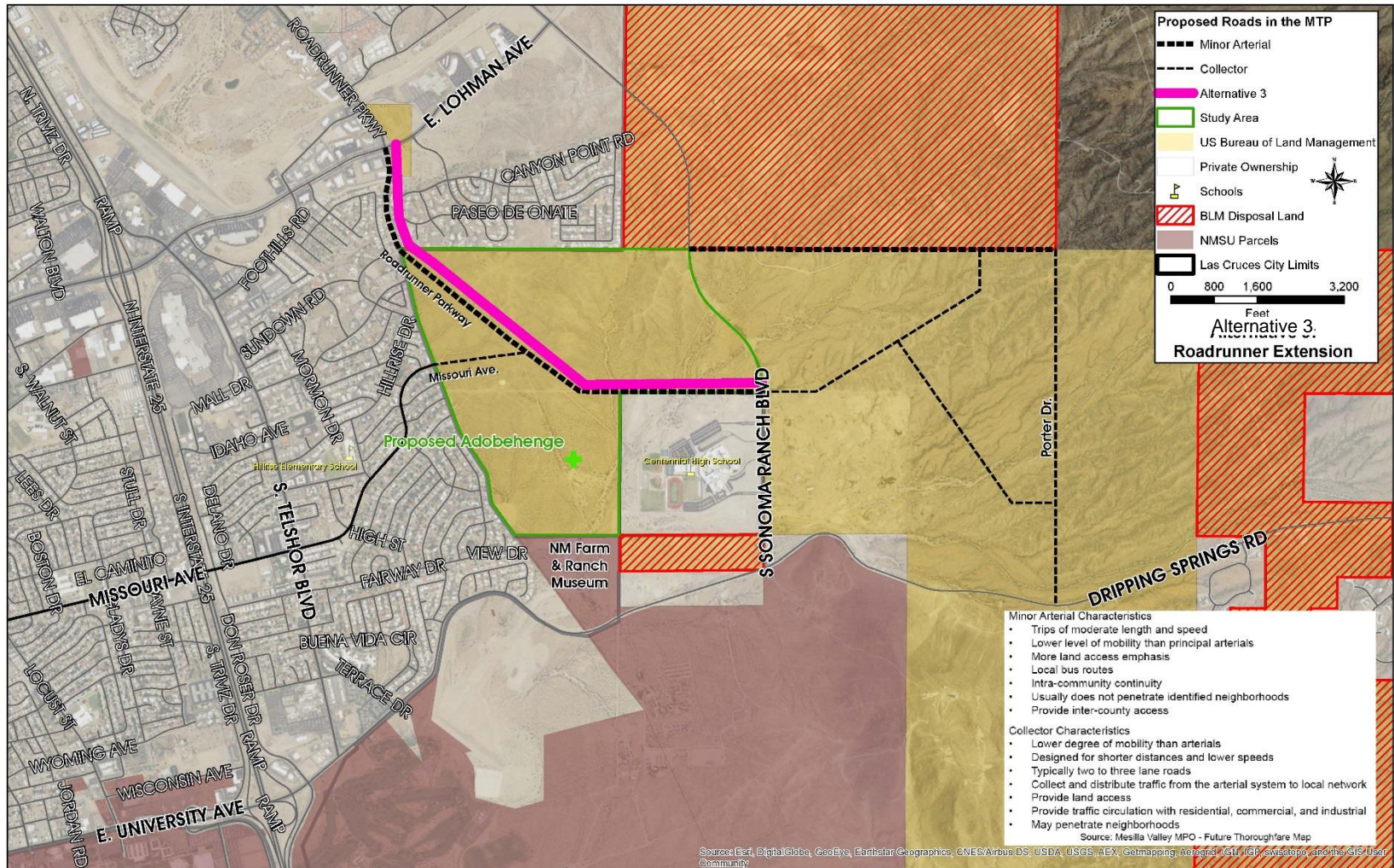


Potential Typical Section for Collector

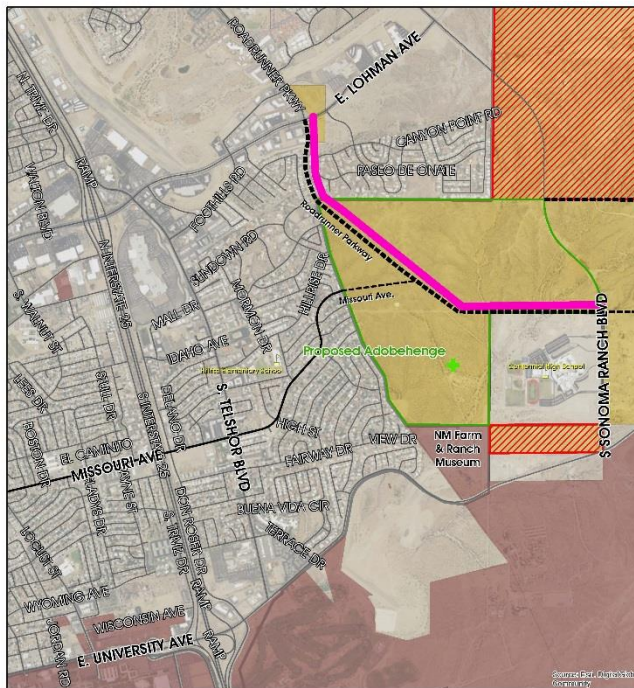
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Alternative 3: Roadrunner Extension

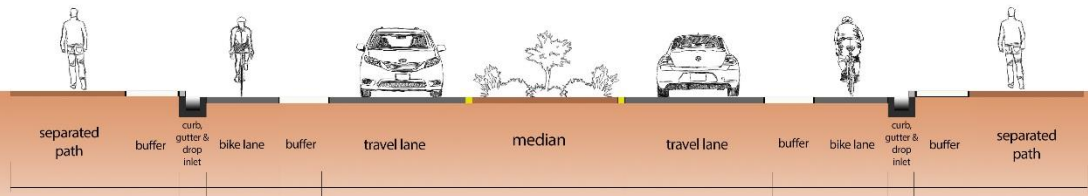


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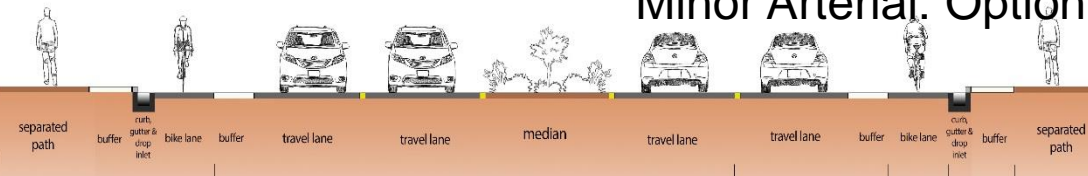
Potential Typical Section for Minor Arterial A

Minor Arterial: Option A

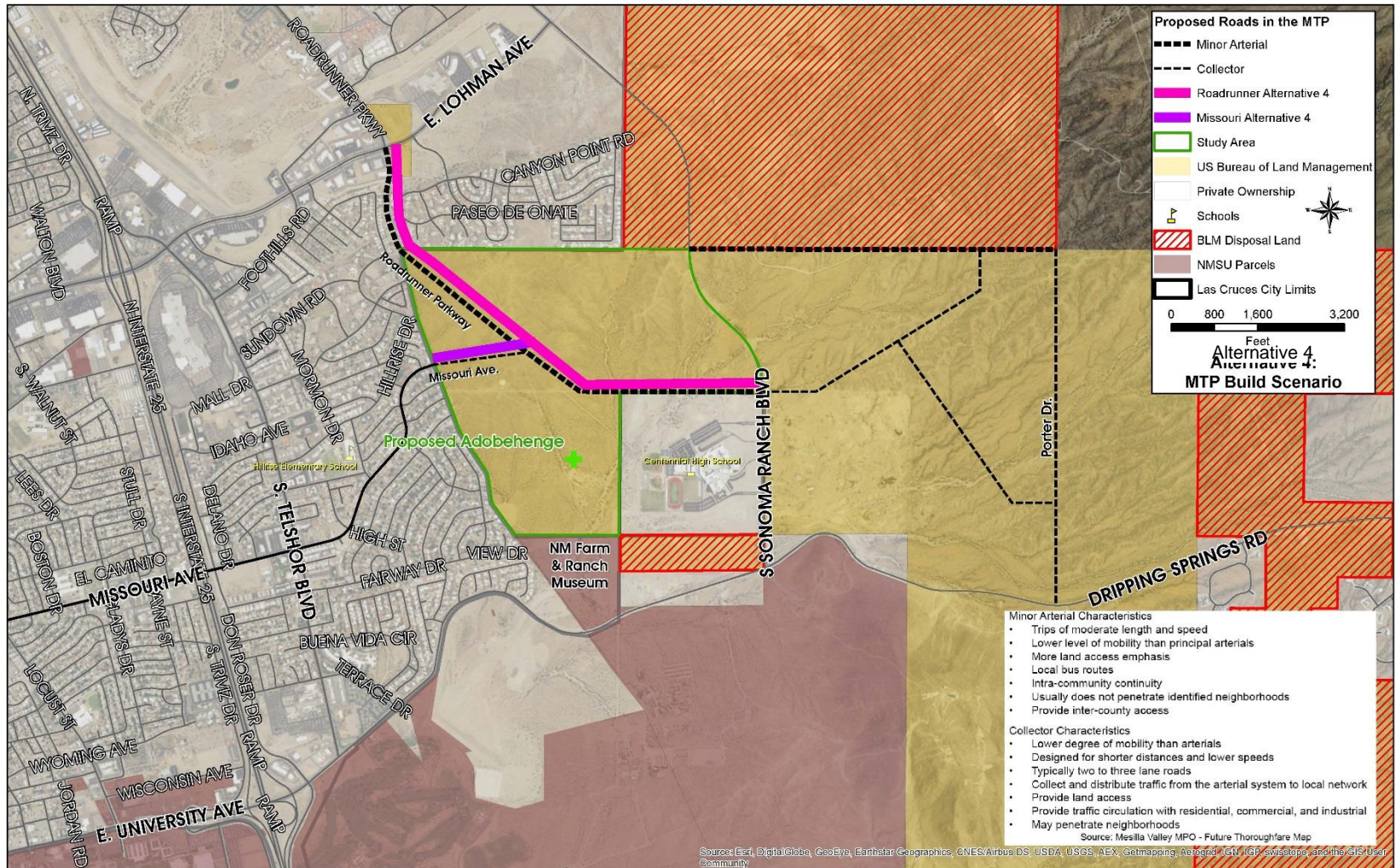


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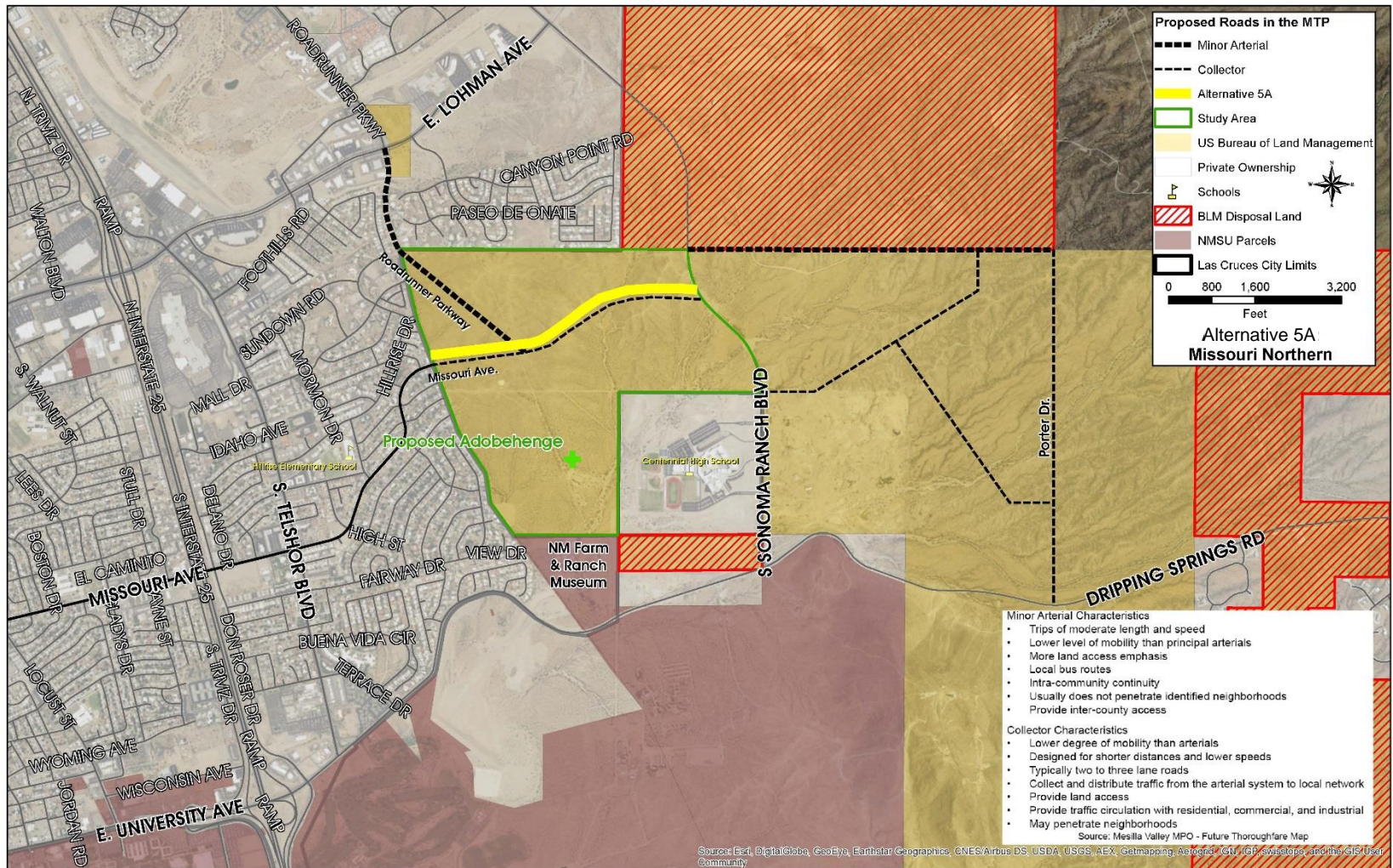
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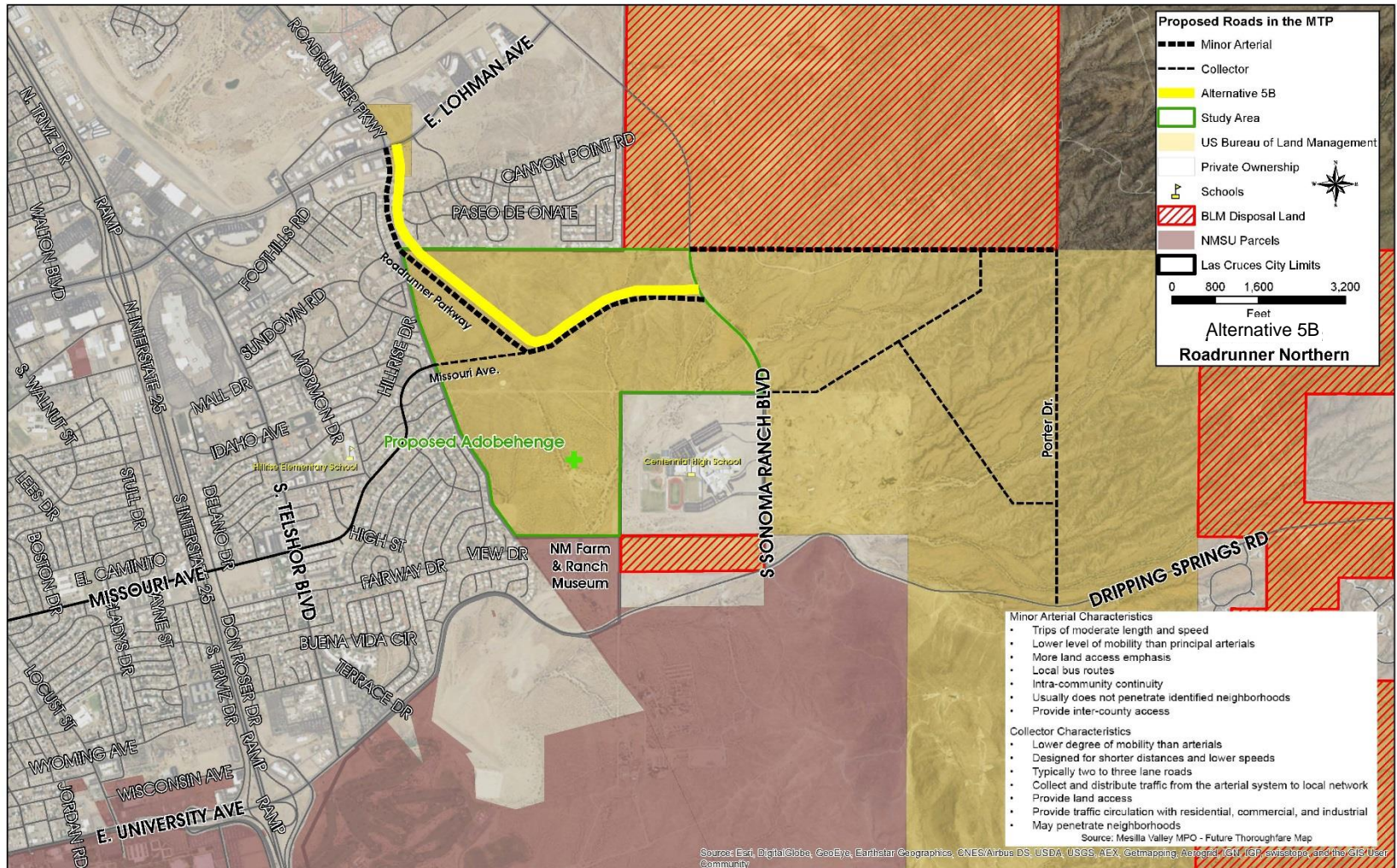
Alternative 4: MTP Build Scenario



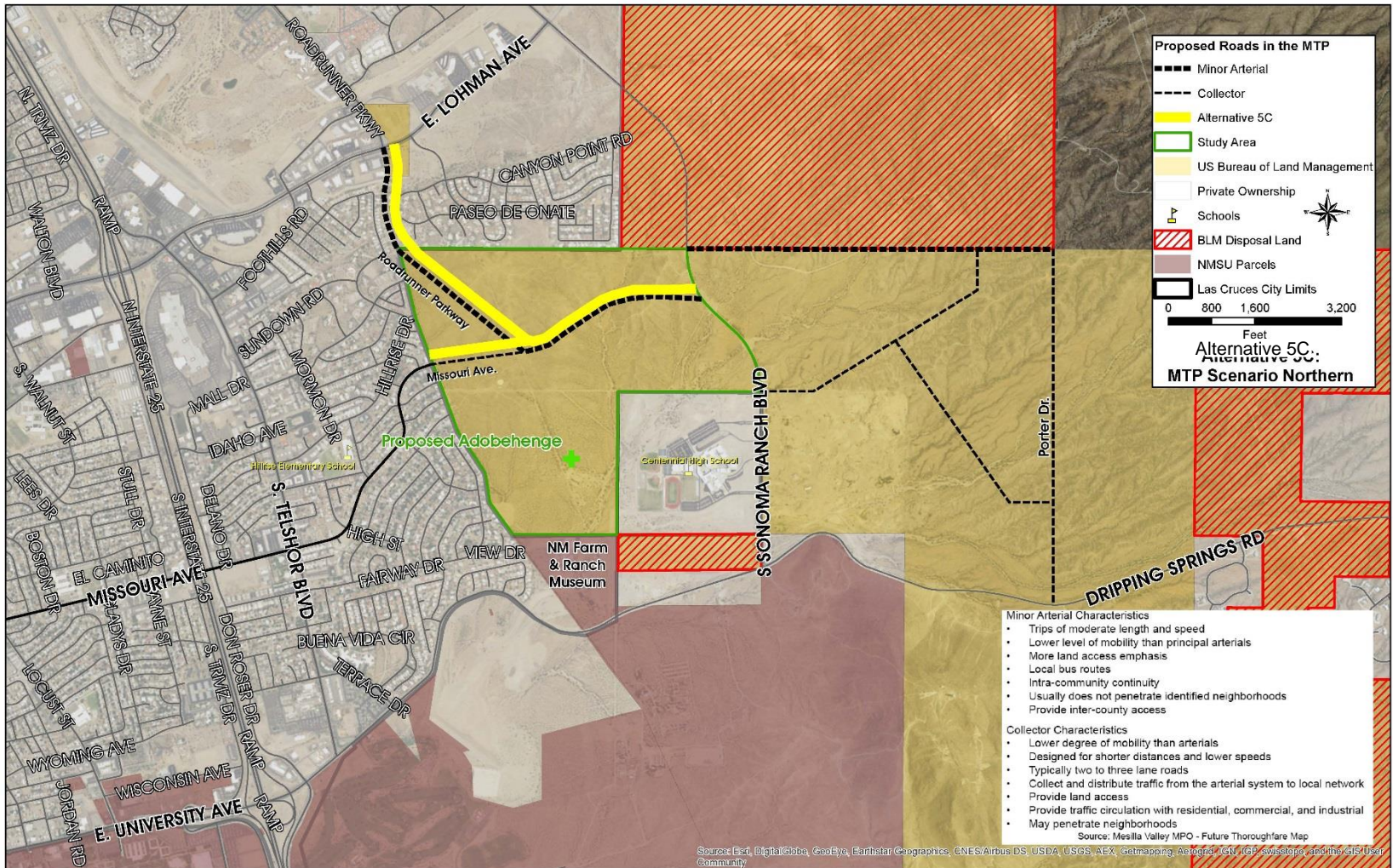
Alternative 5A: Missouri Northern



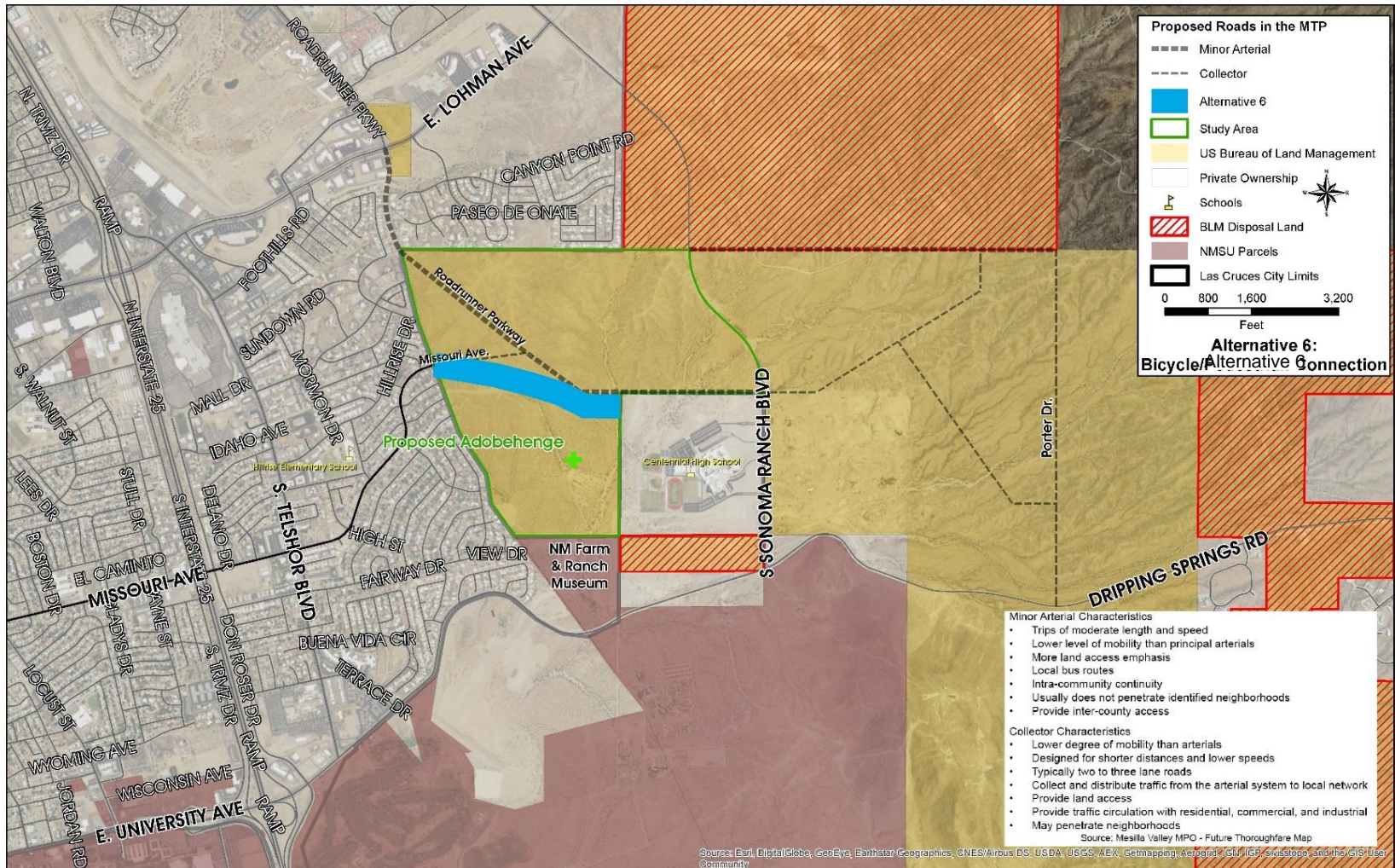
Alternative 5B: Roadrunner Northern



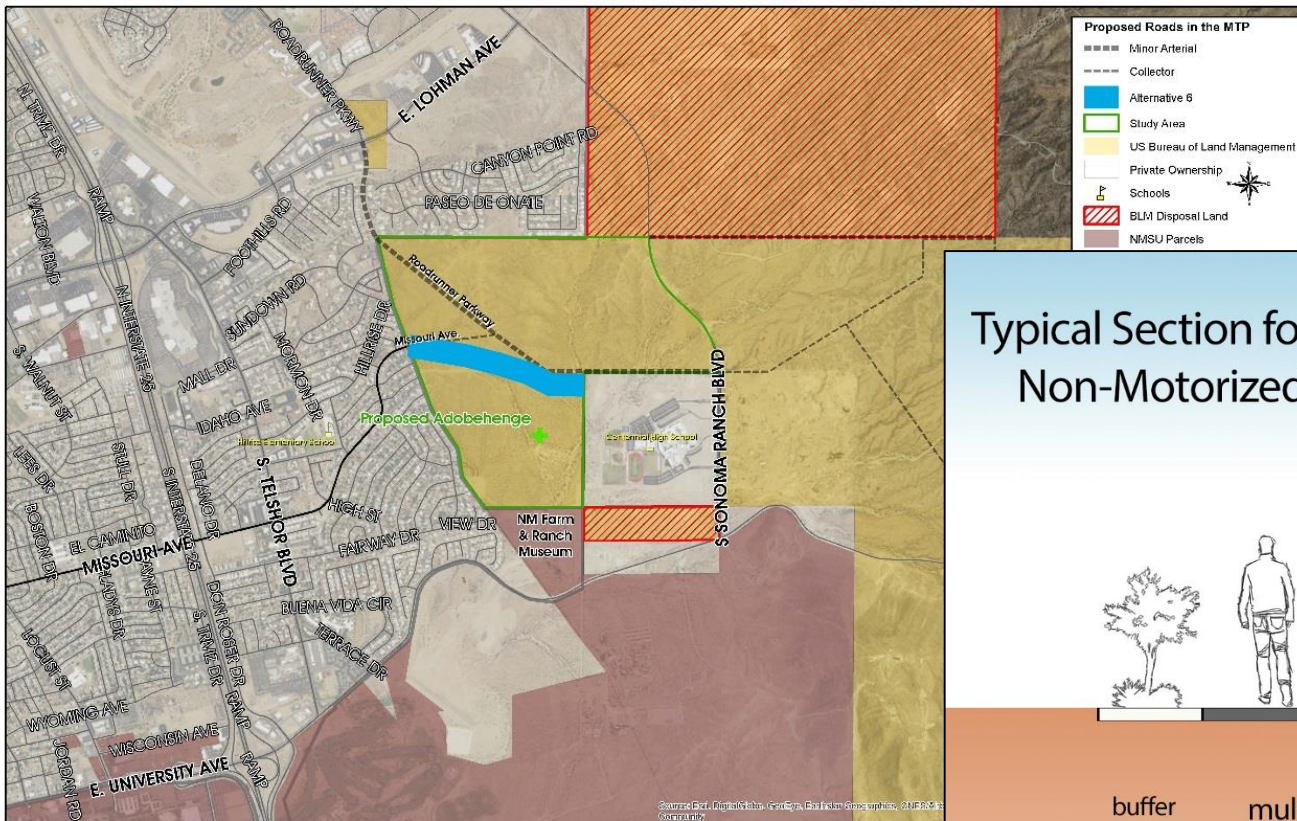
Alternative 5C: MTP Scenario Northern



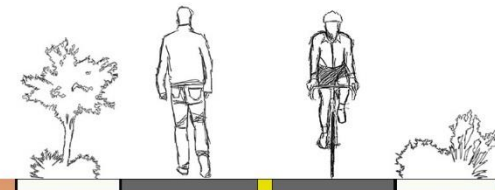
Alternative 6: Bicycle/Pedestrian Connection



Alternative 6: Bicycle/Pedestrian Connection



Typical Section for Potential Non-Motorized Facility



buffer

multi-use path

buffer

Alternatives Evaluation Criteria

- ▲ Purpose and Need
- ▲ Access Across Study Area
- ▲ Network Connectivity
- ▲ Environmental Impacts
- ▲ Community Impacts
- ▲ Consistency with Existing Plans
- ▲ Right of Way Needs
- ▲ Magnitude of Costs

Next Steps

- ▲ Generate feedback on alternatives
- ▲ Further analysis (e.g. bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, drainage concerns)
- ▲ Refine alternatives with project team
- ▲ Public meetings in fall 2016
- ▲ Identify potential funding opportunities
- ▲ Finalize study by mid-late 2016

Questions?

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AGENDA ITEM:

7.2 Committee Training - Presentation on the Multi-Use Trail Loop

DISCUSSION:

MPO Staff will give a presentation on the ongoing work planning for the southern leg of the Multi-Use Trail Loop.

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EL PASO MPO INFORMATION FORM FOR THE MEETING OF April 13, 2016

INFORMATION REPORT:

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DISCUSSION:

The El Paso Metropolitan Transportation Board met on February 19, 2016.

The New Mexico members of the Transportation Policy Board who were present:

Trent Doolittle, NMDOT D1 Engineer

Javier Parea, Mayor of Sunland Park, NM

David Garcia, Doña Ana County Commissioner

New Mexico Related Items on the February 19 Agenda:

Item 3.

- a. Program the NM 273 Drainage and Guardrail Project, using \$350,000 STP-Flex funds in Fiscal Year 2017. This amendment was sponsored by NMDOT
- b. Program the Airport Road Improvements project using \$294,931 of NM Local Government Road Fund, \$8432,000 of New Mexico Capital Outlay funds and \$100,000 of Doña Ana County Local Match for a total project cost of \$8,826,931 in Fiscal Year 2017. This amendment was sponsored by Doña Ana County

Item 9.

Status report on the New Mexico Department of Transportation's Santa Teresa Border Area Transportation Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan.

The consultants on this project, Wilson and Company and Bohannon Huston gave an update on their work on prioritizing transportation investments based on economic potential and creating a foundation for a regional asset management program. They also briefed the TPB on the timeline of the project.

The PowerPoint presentation is attached.

Non-New Mexico Related Items on the February 19 Agenda:

Item 1. Executive Director's Report

Item 2. Approval of Minutes

Item 4. Series of Texas amendments to the El Paso MPO TIP and MTP

Item 5. Rescission of CMAQ funds

Item 6. Excuse Absent TPB Members

Item 7. Discussion of the Texas 2016 Unified Transportation Program Update

Item 8. Discussion of proposals to end toll roads in Texas

- Item 10. Status report of efforts at International Ports of Entry
- Item 11. Monthly Report

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TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD AGENDA PROJECT SUMMARY

FEBRUARY 19, 2016

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9:

Status report on New Mexico Department of Transportation's (NMDOT) Santa Teresa Border Area Transportation Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Status report, no action required.

SUPPORT INFORMATION:

- PowerPoint Presentation

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS:

The Santa Teresa Border Area Transportation Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan (STBAT) will be a guiding document designed to contribute to effective decision-making strategies for transportation infrastructure in the Santa Teresa Border Area. The study is funded by a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant from the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT), and, consistent with the objectives of that grant, the study examines potential long-term outcomes related to economic competitiveness, quality of life, state of good repair, safety and environmental sustainability. Given the proximity to the U.S.-Mexico international border and the significant economic changes – current and projected – in the New Mexico, Texas and Chihuahua Tri-state region, a specific emphasis of the study is the nexus between employment opportunities and transportation infrastructure, in particular investment in regional transportation projects that will ensure proactive transportation planning related to regional economic development.

The STBAT represents the first attempt to aggregate all previous regional plans, studies and reports and determine the highest priority transportation infrastructure projects for the Santa Teresa border region based on the considerations mentioned above. The study is multi-modal in nature, and while there is by necessity a strong emphasis on freight mobility, other transportation modes such as personal vehicles, transit, pedestrian and bicycle facilities are included as they are important factors in defining economic development opportunities in the region. The process of determining the highest priority recommendations is supported by a Needs Assessment of the existing transportation infrastructure network that identifies current and projected economic development growth and needs. **Ultimately, the study is designed to provide local, regional, state, and national entities with concrete, viable recommendations to guide their policy decisions given identified constraints and opportunities.**



Santa Teresa Border Area Transportation Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan

El Paso MPO Transportation Policy Board

February 19, 2016



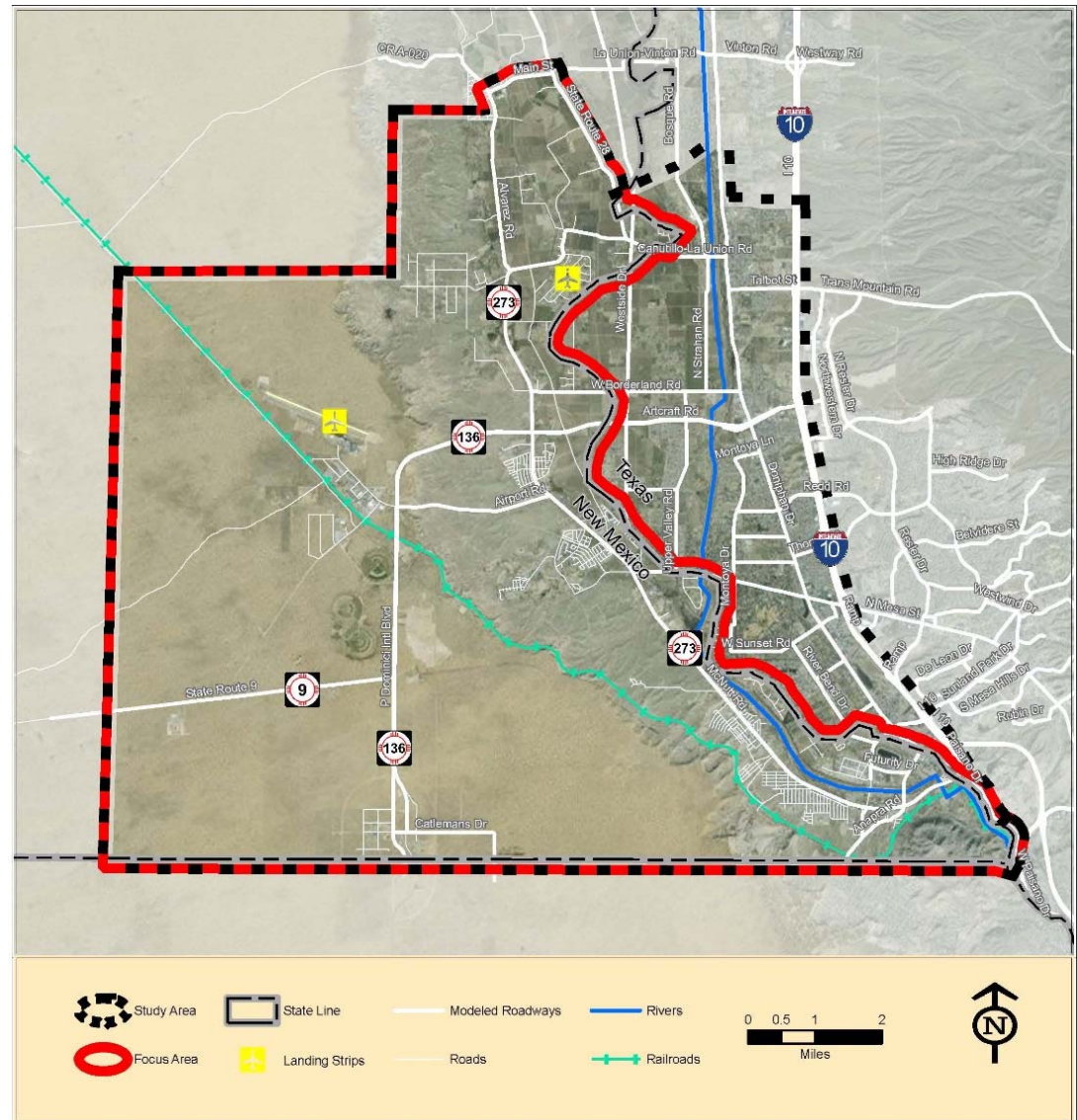
Project Team

- **Randall Soderquist**
NMDOT Project Manager
- **Homerio Bernal**
NMDOT Assistant Project Manager
- **Vanessa Spartan, AICP**
Wilson & Company Project Manager
- **Mario Juarez-Infante, PE**
Wilson & Company Project Manager
- **NMDOT District 1**



Study Area

- Existing condition impacts within study area
- Recommendations target area within New Mexico only



Santa Teresa Border Area Transportation
Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan



Project Goals

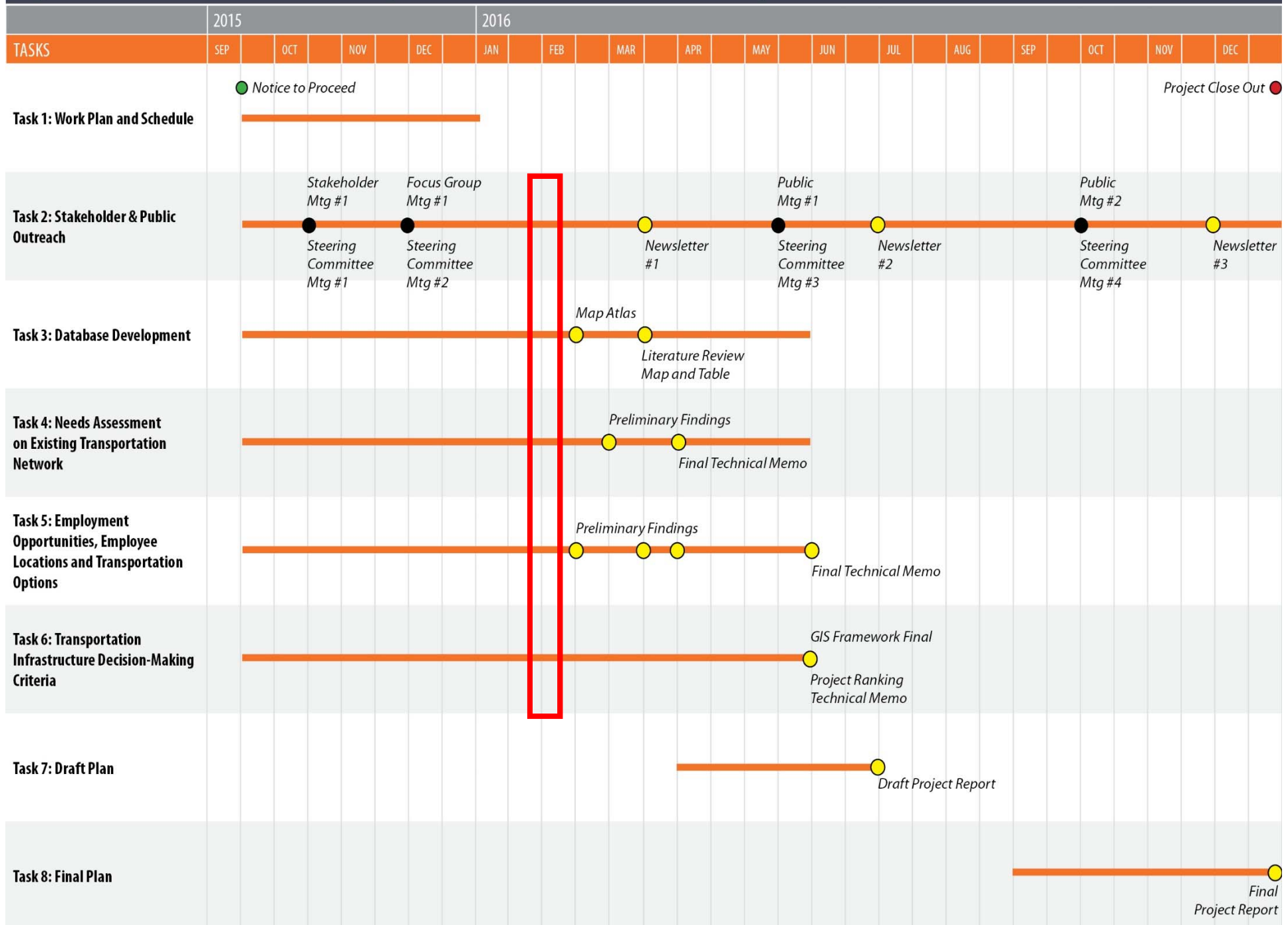
- Prioritize transportation investments based on most advantageous economic development potential.
- As data is compiled and a shared database is developed, a strong foundation for a regional asset management program will be provided.
- Provide a comprehensive approach for developing feasible transportation options.



Project Goals (continued)

- Coordinate maintenance, planning and capital improvements.
- Improve the housing-job connection for residents of the border area.
- Promote new transit service connecting the current and expanding employment centers.
- Identify the highest priority projects for implementation.

Project Schedule: Santa Teresa Border Area Transportation (STBAT) Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan





Process

- **Task 1: Work Plan & Schedule**
- **Task 2: Stakeholder & Public Outreach**
 - Project Steering Committee
 - Focus Group Forums/Interviews
 - 2 Public Meetings
 - **Online Transit Survey**
 - Electronic Newsletters
 - Project Website
 - Email Blasts & Social Media
 - Spanish Outreach and Translations

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Process (continued)

- **Task 3: Database Development** 
 - Task 3.1 Base Mapping
 - Task 3.2 Transportation Literature Review
- **Task 4: Needs Assessment of Existing Transportation Network** 
 - Task 4.1: Travel Demand Modeling & Traffic Modeling
 - Task 4.2: Transit Survey
 - Task 4.3: Pavement Evaluations
 - Task 4.4: Safety Study



Process (continued)

- **Task 5: Employment Opportunities, Employee Locations and Transportation Options**
 - Task 5.1: Economic Literature Review
 - Task 5.2: Ongoing and Future Developments
 - Task 5.3: Economic Forecasts & Workforce Development
 - Task 5.4: Transportation Options
- **Task 6: Transportation Infrastructure Decision-making Criteria**
 - Task 6.1: Project Ranking Methodology
 - Task 6.2: Data Sharing Framework (GIS Based Monitoring)
- **Task 7: Draft Document**
- **Task 8: Final Plan**
- **Project Completion Date: December 2016**



Project Ranking Method

- Project Ranking Precedent Review:
 - TIGER grant recipients
 - NMDOT LRTP Performance Measures
 - NM-CH Border Master Plan
- Categorization by TIGER categories
 - Safety
 - State of Good Repair
 - Mobility
 - Economic Competitiveness
 - Quality of Life
 - Environmental Sustainability
 - Project Readiness/Delivery

Where we left off...

- Work with Steering Committee to identify points and weights for evaluation criteria.
- Received project evaluation criteria from EPMPO.
- Present recommended method at future Stakeholder Meeting.



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Gene Paulk, proxy for Trent Doolittle, NMDOT D1 Engineer
Mayor Diana Trujillo, City of Anthony, NM

New Mexico Related Items on the March 18 Agenda:

Item 4.

Approve the recommendation from the Transportation Project Advisory Committee to amend the Horizon 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the Horizon 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program to program the NM 136 (Pete Dominici Highway) Roadway improvements project to include pavement rehabilitation, bridge maintenance and drainage improvements in Fiscal Year 2018 using \$16,000,000

Non-New Mexico Related Items on the March 18 Agenda:

All other items on the agenda were administrative in nature