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MESILLA VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AMENDED AGENDA

The following is the agenda for the Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) Technical Advisory Committee meeting to be held on **August 4, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.** in the **City of Las Cruces Council Chambers, 700 N. Main**, 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. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** _____ **Chair**
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** _____ **Chair**
 - 3.1. May 5, 2016 _____
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT** _____ **Chair**
5. **ACTION ITEMS** _____
 - 5.1. Amendments to the 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program ____ **MPO Staff**
 - 5.2. Multi-Use Loop Trail Alternative Selection _____ **MPO Staff**
6. **DISCUSSION ITEMS** _____
 - 6.1. Missouri Ave. Study Corridor Presentation _____ **BHI Staff**
7. **COMMITTEE and STAFF COMMENTS** _____
 - 7.1. City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, Town of Mesilla, Las Cruces Public Schools, RoadRUNNER Transit, and SCRTD Project Updates _____ **Jurisdictional Staff**
 - 7.2. NMDOT Projects Update _____ **NMDOT Staff**
 - 7.3. MPO Staff Projects Update _____ **MPO Staff**
8. **PUBLIC COMMENT** _____ **Chair**
9. **ADJOURNMENT** _____ **Chair**

1 **MESILLA VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**
2 **TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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4 The following are minutes for the meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee of the
5 Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) which was held May 5, 2016
6 at 4:00 p.m. in Commission Chambers at Dona Ana County Government Building, 845
7 Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico.

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9 **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mike Bartholomew (CLC Transit)
10 David Wallace - proxy for Bill Childress (BLM)
11 Todd Gregory (LCPS)
12 Jolene Herrera (NMDOT)
13 Harold Love (NMDOT)
14 Debbi Lujan (Town of Mesilla)
15 Daniel Sambrano - proxy for Rene Molina (DAC Eng.)
16 Tony Trevino (CLC Public Works)

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18 **MEMBERS ABSENT:** David Armijo (SCRTD)
19 John Gwynne (DAC Flood Commission)
20 Dale Harrell (NMSU)
21 Stephen Howie (EBID)
22 SooGyu Lee (CLC)
23 Luis Marmolejo (DAC Planning)
24 Larry Shannon (Town of Mesilla)

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26 **STAFF PRESENT:** Tom Murphy (MPO Staff)
27 Andrew Wray (MPO Staff)
28 Michael McAdams (MPO Staff)
29 Zach Tarachi (MPO Staff)

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

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33 **1. CALL TO ORDER (4:05 p.m.)**

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35 Bartholomew: It looks like we have a quorum now so I'll call the meeting to order of the,
36 the Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization's Technical
37 Advisory Committee for May 5th, 2016. First item, oh actually the first
38 item I, I'd like to remind the Committee Members whenever you speak to
39 state your name for the record so the clerk knows who's, who to associate
40 the comments to. And if, if everybody that's present could please
41 introduce themselves and I'll start on my far right.

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43 Sambrano: Daniel Sambrano, Dona Ana County.

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45 Baum: Your microphone's not on.
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1 Sambrano: Daniel Sambrano, Dona Ana County Engineering.

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3 Love: Harold Love, New Mexico DOT.

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5 Wallace: Dave Wallace, Bureau of Land Management.

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7 Lujan: Debbi Lujan, Town of Mesilla.

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

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11 Trevino: Tony Trevino, City of Las Cruces Public Works.

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13 Herrera: Jolene Herrera, NMDOT.

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15 Gregory: Todd Gregory, Las Cruces Public Schools.

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17 Bartholomew: Thank you.

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19 **2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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21 Bartholomew: The first item is the Approval of the Agenda. Does staff have any
22 changes before we make that approval?

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24 Wray: No Mr. Chair.

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26 Bartholomew: Okay. Do I have a motion to approve the agenda?

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28 Love: So moved.

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30 Trevino: Second.

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

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34 MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

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36 Bartholomew: Opposed?

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38 **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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40 **3.1 April 7, 2016**

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42 Bartholomew: Next is the Approval of the Minutes from April 7th, 2016. Hopefully
43 everybody's had a chance to look over the minutes and are there any
44 corrections of, and if not is there a motion to accept them? Is there a,
45 anybody'd like to make a motion to accept the minutes then?
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1 Trevino: Tony Trevino.

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3 Bartholomew: You move to ...

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5 Trevino: Motion, motion to approve.

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7 Bartholomew: Okay.

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9 Herrera: I second.

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

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13 MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

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15 Bartholomew: Opposed? Motion passes.

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17 **4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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19 Bartholomew: Next is Public Comment. I don't know that I see any members of the
20 public here so.

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22 **5. ACTION ITEMS**

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24 **5.1 Amendments to the 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program**

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26 Bartholomew: I'll move on to the next, the first Action Item 5.1: Amendments to the
27 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program.

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29 ANDREW WRAY GAVE HIS PRESENTATION.

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31 Bartholomew: Do any other Committee Members have questions about the
32 amendments being proposed? If not I'll, I'll take a motion to, to
33 recommend the amendments to the Policy Committee.

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35 Love: So moved.

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37 Trevino: Second.

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

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41 MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

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43 Bartholomew: Opposed?

5.2 Multi-Use Loop Trail Alternative Selection

Bartholomew: The next item, Action Item is the Multi-Use Loop Trail Alternative Selection.

ANDREW WRAY GAVE HIS PRESENTATION.

Bartholomew: Any comments and questions from Committee Members? Does Mesilla have any particular comments on uh the merits of either option?

Lujan: Mesilla prefers Option A for University, down University.

Bartholomew: Mr. Wray I was wondering can you go back to the maps, one of them, at least one of them showing the two options on the one map?

Wray: I'll just go back to the one that shows both.

Bartholomew: Okay.

Wray: Both options.

Bartholomew: Now when you said on the Union one that it was uh, or the, the University one was more direct to the town core, is that because you're considering like even from, from Zia Middle School as being part of the core or, it just seems like it's just two different ways to get to the same area without much difference.

Wray: We're, we're looking more at the core as defined by the proximity to the Plaza um which the, the University option is closer to the Plaza is, actually let me move this so I can see the screen myself but it's, it's in this vicinity right there and University is much closer to, to the Plaza than the Union option.

Bartholomew: And my other question was is there any ways like to kind of do a blending of you know where, where you could use either like McDowell or Bowman to cross over, were those kind of looked at too?

Wray: We did not look at that because the issues along the University Corridor are, are heavily centered along this area so in order to get to utilize University to get to Bowman it, it, it's dealing with, with many of the issues already. The, the biggest advantage that would have would be to avoid the, the, the crossing of Main Street which it could be an advantage to that but under the circumstances we, we just looked at it from that prospect. I suppose the, the TAC could offer an amended proposal um if they wished.

1 Bartholomew: I was just thinking if, I, I was thinking blended like if there is, it, it's part of
2 the corridor plan already on University that says have been some
3 consideration of this and it sounds like one of the big issues is the
4 crossing at Main and I-10.
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6 Wray: That is an ...
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8 Bartholomew: I-10 in there and if the transition could be like at Bowman or something
9 like that, I was just curious if that was a, and that would, either Bowman or
10 what's the other one that goes in front of Mesilla Park, Linden, is that ...
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12 Lujan: McDowell.
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14 Bartholomew: The, the Mesilla Park, or the Papen Center, that was what I meant.
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16 Lujan: Oh.
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18 Bartholomew: Is that Linden, I think?
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20 Wray: I don't remember.
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22 Lujan: Yes.
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24 Herrera: Mr. Chair. Andrew can I ask, which I think I already know the answer to
25 but I want to ask anyway: Is the reason this map is being updated right
26 now with the intention for somebody to apply for TAP funding?
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28 Wray: Yes. That is exactly the intention.
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30 Herrera: Okay. Well if that's the case then there's going to be less issue with going
31 down Union because the right-of-way on University, there's some
32 problems there with a short-term type project. I'm not saying that it can't
33 be done, it's just going to take longer and specifically in the TAP
34 guidelines purchase of right-of-way is not an eligible activity. Also working
35 through the easement process with EBID is going to be a process.
36 There's no telling how long that could take so just to give the Committee
37 the full background, if we're looking for a short-term project that one of the
38 agencies could submit for this funding cycle, we're probably gonna want to
39 pick Union.
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41 Trevino: Mr. Chair. Andrew can you go back to, or forward to where you have the
42 map of Option B that has the Tier 1, Tier, or, or in the ...
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44 Wray: Certainly.
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46 Trevino: Downgraded version.

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2 Wray: There we go.
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4 Trevino: So right there where we cross Main Street it's going to, find myself again,
5 it's going to go from a Tier 1, it's going to be downgraded for a certain
6 distance along that small stretch of right-of-way and then back up to a Tier
7 1 so it's going to ...
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9 Wray: No. The reason why it is, it, it's designated that way on this current map,
10 that is actually a, a good catch, it is, it, it got confused with the existing
11 line. I believe the existing line overwrote the, the proposed so that, that is
12 a good catch but that is the reason why that happened.
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14 Trevino: So the entire length will be a Tier 1.
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16 Wray: Yes, the, the entire length. Good catch but thank you, we'll need to
17 correct that.
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19 Trevino: And just another comment, and just regards to the, the increase of, of
20 bicycle accidents along Union, it kind of makes no sense. If there is
21 already a problem there, that needs to be addressed.
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23 Wray: There, there are issues along either corridor, whichever one is selected
24 there, there will be issues that will have to be addressed. Neither one is,
25 is free of problems.
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27 Herrera: Mr. Chair. Another question, do you have a sense Andrew of who would
28 possibly be sponsoring the project?
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30 Wray: Um, I'm, I'm honestly not sure that I really want to say too much about that
31 at this moment in time for, for various reasons so can I just beg off of that
32 question?
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34 Herrera: Well can I ask the entities then that are on the TAC? Would the Town of
35 Mesilla or the City be interested in sponsoring a TAP project along one of
36 these two alignments?
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38 Lujan: At this time I can't make that decision without taking it to the Board and to
39 the Mayor.
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41 Trevino: Same issue here, with just the little amount of travel that's actually in the
42 city limits it's going to be a discussion for the third floor of the City Hall.
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44 Bartholomew: So before you, right now you would like us to come, recommend either
45 Option A or B to the Policy Committee, is that the, the action you're
46 looking for?

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2 Wray: Yes, that's the action we're looking for but the, an amendment of some
3 sort could also be proposed which we would then obviously forward on to
4 the Policy Committee.
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6 Bartholomew: Is there a will of the Committee? Sound, sounds like from what I'm
7 hearing there's a lot of, it seems to be a, more advantages towards the
8 Option B, correct for, for Union. Although there's some desire, it, it, the,
9 because of it being a part of the corridor and everything along University
10 that sounds like there's a lot more problems along that way as well. Does,
11 is, is there any Committee Member that would like to make a motion that
12 perhaps that we could discuss?
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14 Love: I would like to recommend that we go with Option B.
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16 Bartholomew: Okay. There's been a recommendation for Option B. Is there a second
17 for that?
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19 Herrera: Second.
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21 Bartholomew: There's been a motion and a second. Is there any discussion on that
22 before we would like to vote?
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24 Gregory: So when you talk about the issues on the University Corridor cause I'm
25 kind of on Town of Mesilla side here that it would help solve some issues
26 since we did a study on the University Corridor and have some plans for a
27 nice route through that area, getting these MOUs with, it, is there a lot
28 more of them on, on University than there is Union or ...
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30 Wray: Mr. Chair, Mr. Gregory. With regards to the issue with EBID and the
31 MOUs, Union is actually the only one of the two that might potentially have
32 an issue because the existing Laguna Lateral on the north side, which is
33 the side that the trail currently exists on, the trail stops some, some yards
34 short of where the lateral picks up currently. Along University, um the
35 proposals that were entertained at the time of the, of the study um might,
36 well actually they might and still fall into difficulties because there is the
37 trail, the, the, the EBID facility on the south side. However there is
38 possibility of having the facility on the north side of, of, of University so I
39 guess I, I want to walk back from my earlier statement there's, there's no
40 possibility. There is possibility on the University side but there's, there is
41 the option for it, it to be avoided completely depending on which side of
42 the road might or might not be chosen on down the road. So I guess a
43 non-answer is the best answer I can give you.
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45 Gregory: All right. All right. Thanks.
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1 Herrera: Mr. Chair.

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3 Bartholomew: Yes.

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5 Herrera: If I could just add a little bit to that, so the study that was completed on
6 University was only a Phase A. We at this time don't have funding for the
7 Phase B to move that study forward and narrow down the options to pick a
8 preferred alignment. There are some right-of-way issues. There's also
9 going to be very extensive public involvement because one of the
10 proposals, I think the one that the BPAC liked most and possibly this
11 Committee too I think chose the same one, had a trail going along the
12 EBID ditch if it was piped. But there could be issues with that as far as
13 homeowners because then you would have people on the ditch being able
14 to look right into the back yards there so those are all possibilities. Of
15 course until we get further into the study phases we won't really know
16 what those are. I guess my suggestion was just more of a, if we're looking
17 for a short-term project that can be implemented with this funding cycle,
18 that one might be a little more difficult than the other one. That's not to
19 say that NMDOT doesn't plan on looking for funding to further the
20 University study in the future.

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22 Wray: Mr. Chair. I, I do want to say and I apologize for not saying this sooner.
23 What we are doing today and any, and any construction that may happen
24 in the future in no way excludes any future construction of any facilities
25 that may happen along any of these corridors at any time in the future.
26 We're just trying to get an alignment picked for this purpose for the TAP
27 cycle since it, it does dovetail very nicely with the completion of La Llorona
28 and the impending construction that's going to happen at the University
29 interchange within the next couple of years. That project is, is already
30 programmed in the TIP.

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32 Bartholomew: Okay. That was actually what, going to be my next question is whether
33 it's you know if, if Option B was, it was the selection this Committee made
34 it doesn't preclude ...

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36 Wray: No.

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38 Bartholomew: The possibility that, of still developing out facilities on University in the
39 future.

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41 Wray: No, not in any way.

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43 Bartholomew: Oh, okay. Oh, yes.

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45 Trevino: I just have a question. This is, these alignments were set before I was
46 part of the, the TAC Committee, but was the possibility of combining these

1 two alignments in, like how you brought up around Bowman or, or along
2 478 from the intersection of University that heads south down Main Street
3 to get to, to Union to avoid that whole intersection with the freeway there
4 and then combine it all so we can accommodate the City, the Town of
5 Mesilla as requested to be near the core but still avoid the whole crossing
6 of the interstate and that area right there.
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8 Wray: Mr. Chair, Mr. Trevino. Staff, we, we, we had a little bit of I guess blinders
9 on, on our thinking because of the University Corridor, we had analyzed it
10 as an entire length of the corridor and so we approached it as, as, as a
11 corridor. As I said if the TAC wishes to, to amend, to offer an amended
12 option we will certainly advance that to the Policy Committee for their
13 consideration. But the reason why is a lot of the right-of-way issues we
14 would already have to have coped with in order to get it to the point of
15 connecting with Bowman to go down to Union so that in and of itself was a
16 bit of a disadvantage to, to that approach. But it does avoid, it does avoid
17 dealing with Main Street and the interchange.
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19 Trevino: Thank you.
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21 Bartholomew: But from what I'm hearing it sounds like with Option B if, if there's an
22 entity that wants to develop this out a bit more that's going to be probably
23 the more expeditious or least obstacles to, to, to surmount to, to develop
24 that one out first. Is, is that what I was hearing, that, from Jolene? Yeah.
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26 Herrera: Mr. Chair. Yeah, I think so. It also seems to me like the data, I know that
27 you know it's kind of theoretical right now but ...
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29 Wray: Use with caution.
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31 Herrera: Right. But it does show that more people are using Union. I don't know if
32 it's one of those things where if you build it they will ride there but for right
33 now having the data that we do, I think Union makes more sense.
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35 Bartholomew: I, I think I would favor Option B but I, I don't know whether we'd want to
36 word it in the, in the motion but I, I would want us to you know always
37 keep in mind that the other options along University and perhaps
38 transitioning across to one of the other streets such as Bowman wouldn't
39 be precluded in the future.
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41 Wray: No, certainly not.
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43 Bartholomew: Okay. Is there any further discussion, if there, we, I can call for a vote on
44 the, on the motion at this time, I'll, I'll call for a vote. All those in favor of
45 the motion to ...
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1 Wray: Mr. Chair. Should we do a roll call just since there does seem to be some
2 question?

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4 Bartholomew: Okay. I, I would be happy to do that. I'll do a roll call starting on my far
5 right.

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7 Sambrano: Vote for Option B.

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9 Love: Option B.

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11 Wallace: Option B.

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13 Lujan: Option A, or oppose I guess.

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15 Bartholomew: Option B.

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17 Trevino: Option B.

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19 Herrera: Option B.

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21 Gregory: Option A.

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23 Bartholomew: Thank you everyone.

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25 Wray: Thank you Mr. Chair. The motion does pass.

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27 Bartholomew: Thank you everyone.

28 29 **6. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

30 31 **6.1 Committee Training - Committee Responsibilities**

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33 Bartholomew: The next item is a Discussion Item on Committee Training and
34 Committee Responsibilities.

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36 MICHAEL MCADAMS GAVE HIS PRESENTATION.

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38 Bartholomew: Any questions from the Committee? Thank you.

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40 McAdams: You're welcome. Thank you too.

1 **7. COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS**

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3 **7.1 City of Las Cruces, Dona Ana County, Town of Mesilla, Las Cruces**
4 **Public Schools, RoadRUNNER Transit, SCRTD Project Updates**
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6 Bartholomew: Okay. The next item is Committee and Staff Comments and the first
7 would be the various Members of the Committee, any comments. I guess
8 I'll start with the, the City of Las Cruces.
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10 Trevino: As shown here LC00130 which is the EI, the El Paseo Safety Project. It's
11 currently under construction and is on schedule. The Las Cruces Dam
12 Trails, LC00190, the contract time has started and construction it, has
13 commenced so hopefully by next month we'll have some more updates on
14 those. Thanks.
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16 Bartholomew: How about Dona Ana County.
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18 Sambrano: Current projects G100030, reconstruction of Dripping Springs is currently
19 on time and should be done according to, in June 2016. The design and
20 construction for the intersection for realignment for El Camino Real and
21 Dona Ana School is, it's still being reviewed by NMDOT General Office.
22 That's all we have.
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24 Bartholomew: Thank you. Any comments from Town of Mesilla? No. Las Cruces, Las
25 Cruces Public Schools.
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27 Gregory: The Safe Routes to School Program is still walking and rolling I, I guess
28 you could say. During the month of April we continued the bicycle and
29 pedestrian safety curriculum in, in the elementary schools. We've
30 implemented walking school buses and bike trains at 19 elementary
31 schools. Our Safe Routes to School Coordinator funded by the grant
32 funds went to the National Safe Routes to School Conference in
33 Columbus, Ohio and gave a presentation, also gave a presentation at the
34 New Mexico Bike Summit. We had a big event at Young Park at the end
35 of April. We, we had a bike, bike fiesta. We partnered with the Junior
36 League and several other entities, City of Las Cruces, to do a bike rodeo,
37 help about bike safety and, and how to, healthy and be fit at that event.
38 And there was something else but I think that's good enough. Can't
39 remember if there was something else.
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41 Bartholomew: Thank you. I guess I'm up next. It's pretty much as it was presented in
42 the, in the documents you have here but uh we are moving forward in
43 implementing our new service routes. We're hoping to implement them in,
44 in July. There's a lot of steps in place to, to move bus stops, print new
45 schedules, get our Caddy VL service upgraded, there's a lot of steps that
46 we're going to have to take and we're, we're, we're excited about the

1 change but then we're, we're daunted by the amount of work it's going to
2 take, the change as well. We are having a fare-free week the week of
3 May 16th. We're having a somewhat belated 30th birthday in that
4 RoadRUNNER Transit began service 30 years ago on April 21st and on
5 the Monday, on the, the 16th we're, we're going to from 11 to 2 in our
6 Intermodal Center there's going to be cake and water and, and displays of
7 the new routes that we'll be having in July. So you're all welcome, excuse
8 me, to attend that. The, the City is also putting in a, a, a grant funding
9 request for Section 5339 funds to replace three buses and then expand
10 two buses. The two expansion buses would be used as part of our short-
11 range transit plan in the, one, some of the upcoming phases involved in
12 adding new routes so those additional buses would help with adding those
13 new routes. So if there's no other questions for me I'll move on to, I guess
14 I can, don't have to move on cause SCRTD isn't here right now.

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16 Wray: No.

17 18 **7.2 NMDOT Projects Update**

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20 Bartholomew: Next is the NMDOT Project Update.

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22 Herrera: Mr. Chair. I'll be doing those. I apologize for not getting something in
23 writing in time for the meeting packet but I'll go over the list that the MPO
24 staff sent to us.

25 The West Mesa Road study is in Phase B. We're moving forward
26 with that now. We just got the notice to proceed last month, late last
27 month so we're just at the very beginning stages of that. The consultant
28 will be doing a presentation to the Policy Committee next week so if you're
29 all interested in that project the meeting's here at one p.m. next
30 Wednesday.

31 The Spitz/Solano/US-70 intersection project is being designed right
32 now. We're, we had to add a retaining wall to hold up that old retaining
33 wall that's there which sounds crazy but we had to do it so we're in design
34 of that right now. We're looking to let that project in October of this year.

35 The Safety Project on US-70 through San Augustin Pass, the
36 contract is at the General Office right now for processing so we should
37 hopefully have a kickoff meeting on that one in the next month or so.

38 The University Interchange, the contract for that one is also at the
39 General Office for processing. We should hopefully be getting underway
40 on that one here in the next couple of months.

41 And then the Capacity and Safety Study on US-70 from
42 Spitz/Solano/Three Crosses to the I-25 interchange is at the General
43 Office being processed so again we should be starting that one here in the
44 next month or so. So that's what we have in development now.

45 What we have under construction, the Missouri Project is moving
46 right along. We were supposed to be done by the end of April. That's

1 been extended a couple of weeks but they're, they're almost done.
2 They're just doing some finishing touches on that. We've got a couple of
3 lanes of traffic open in both directions so, but still there's workers out there
4 so slow down and be, be careful when you're on the road.

5 The Union/Ramp E Bridge Project is almost completed. We should
6 be done hopefully by the end of May. It might be you know some little
7 punch list items through the end of June so we'll probably have traffic
8 control out there through the end of June.

9 The I-10 Paving Project from the I-10/I-25 interchange to the Texas
10 state line, they're working at night so they start at six p.m. every day and
11 then they end at six a.m. so here it says right now they're doing the
12 eastbound center lane. They're expected to turn around and come back
13 actually starting this Monday so we're moving right along on that one. We
14 should be done here in the next, well probably by the end of summer with
15 all of that and then we'll come back and do a final coat on all of I-10 from
16 Jackrabbit to the Texas state line and we'll be hopefully done with I-10
17 through the city for a while. And that's all I have unless there are any
18 questions.

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20 Bartholomew: And, and is the project that's going to be Valley Road at, I, Avenida, is
21 that a joint City and NMDOT one or how's it?

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23 Herrera: I forgot about that project. That one is an NMDOT project. Right now
24 we're in negotiations with the City to do a road transfer agreement,
25 though. We're talking with the Public Works Director on that. We are, one
26 of the TIP amendments that was approved today at the meeting and will
27 go to the Policy Committee next week was to add \$3 million. That was to
28 add some of the elements from the Amador Proximo that the City
29 requested. And I don't really know the specifics on that yet, that's still kind
30 of being worked out but it's definitely a, a DOT lead project.

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32 Bartholomew: Okay, yeah. I was wondering it's, as, as a transit operator here when
33 we're going to start having to deal with that and how long out, how far out
34 that might be.

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36 Herrera: So we're looking at a, a let date of May of 2017 right now.

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38 Bartholomew: For, for letting of the ...

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40 Herrera: For letting, yeah. So construction probably a couple months after that and
41 I imagine it would probably be a somewhat lengthy construction process
42 just because it's going to be a pretty complex project so. But we'll
43 definitely keep you and everyone else informed. We'll have some public
44 meetings and things as we get further along.

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46 Bartholomew: So, so we will, we'll be seeing effects probably summer of 2017.

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2 Herrera: Yes.

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4 Bartholomew: Okay.

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6 **7.3 MPO Staff Projects Update**
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8 Bartholomew: And next is the MPO staff.
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10 Wray: Thank you Mr. Chair. The main thing to update the Committee on is the
11 MPO is moving towards the final stages of an update to the MPO Model.
12 I've been working on that for several months now. We're, I don't know if I
13 would say that the end is in sight but we are, are getting, are getting there.
14 Um, also I believe I announced this last month but I want to emphasize it
15 again. We do have a brand-new website, mesillavalleympo.org. I, I hope
16 everyone has utilized it to get their packets, etc. but we're, we're quite
17 pleased with the website. We have yet to receive a single piece of critical
18 feedback which surprises me. But that's all for MPO.
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20 Bartholomew: I, I did tell Tom yesterday it would be nice to have a direct link to the STIP
21 added to it. Any other?
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23 **8. PUBLIC COMMENT**
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25 Bartholomew: Let's see, I guess no, no public to make comments.
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27 **9. ADJOURNMENT (4:58 p.m.)**
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29 Bartholomew: So at this point I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.
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31 Herrera: So moved.

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33 Gregory: Second.
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35 Bartholomew: It's been moved and seconded. All in favor please say "aye."
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37 MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.
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39 Bartholomew: Hope nobody's opposed. Thank you.
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Chairperson



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MESILLA VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACTION FORM FOR THE MEETING OF August 4, 2016

AGENDA ITEM:

5.1 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments

ACTION REQUESTED:

Review and recommendation for approval to the MPO Policy Committee

SUPPORT INFORMATION:

Email from Mike Bartholomew, RoadRUNNER Transit Administrator

DISCUSSION:

On June 10, 2015, the MPO Policy Committee approved the 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

The following amendment(s) to the TIP have been requested:

CN	FY	Agency	Project & Termini	Scope	Change
TL00016 (Proposed)	2016	RoadRUNNER Transit	5339 Funds for Rolling Stock	FTA 5339 \$172,335 Local Match \$30,413 Total \$202,748	New Project

This amendment will not affect any other projects currently listed in the TIP.

From: Michael Bartholomew
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 10:56 AM
To: Andrew Wray
Cc: Tom Murphy; David Maestas; Gabriel Sapien; Amy Bassford
Subject: New TIP project
Attachments: Signed NMDOT 5339 Letter 5-6-16.pdf

Importance: High

Follow Up Flag: Follow up

Flag Status: Flagged

Andrew –

The NMDOT is the designated recipient of ongoing capital funding for small urban systems under FTA's Section 5339 program. The NMDOT has been directly applying to FTA for the grants for these allocations and then they enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with each of the state's small urban systems to implement the projects in the grant.

Beginning this year NMDOT is formally sub-allocating the apportionment to each of the state's small urban systems and requiring each small urban to directly apply to FTA for these projects. This means that these projects will have to be in our TIP/STIP. The actual sub-allocation is in the email below and I have attached the sub-allocation agreement letter that NMDOT has provided to FTA. These funds are actually available for us to apply for now. Depending on the TIP cycle and the fact there is not much time left in the current federal fiscal year, I defer to your recommendation as to whether these should be added as a FY16 or FY17 project.

We need to have a new project added to the TIP to reflect this new source of funding.

The project would be for revenue vehicle rolling stock at an 85/15 match

FTA Section 5339 sub-allocated by NMDOT:	\$172,335	85%
Local match:	\$ 30,413	15%
Total Project:	\$202,748	

Because at this time this source of funding seems to be ongoing, we probably could replicate the project amount in future "in" years in the TIP, but again I defer to your recommendation on this.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Mike Bartholomew

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----- Original message -----

From: "Harris, David C, NMDOT" <DavidC.Harris@state.nm.us>

Date: 4/29/16 8:59 AM (GMT-07:00)

To: "City of Las Cruces Roadrunner Transit (MBARTHOLOMEW@las-cruces.org)" <MBARTHOLOMEW@las-cruces.org>

Cc: "Eppler, Marsha, NMDOT" <Marsha.Eppler@state.nm.us>, "Bach, Deborah, NMDOT" <Deborah.Bach@state.nm.us>

Subject: Las Cruces FY16 Section 5339 Suballocation Letter

Hi Mike,

The FY 2016 FTA Section 5339 small urban appropriations were published and can be found at: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/apportionments/table-12-fiscal-year-2016-section-5339-bus-and-bus-facilities-apportionments>

Similar to the prior years, we will continue to distribute Section 5339 funds by utilizing the Section 5307 formula distribution. Unlike prior years, Las Cruces will apply directly to FTA for these funds.

Please sign the attached suballocation letter and return it to me for my signature as soon as possible. We will be sending the complete packet along with your signed letters to FTA Region VI.

Dave

.....
David C. Harris, AICP

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Funding will be rounded to the nearest dollar.





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AGENDA ITEM:

5.2 Multi-Use Loop Trail Alternative Selection

DISCUSSION:

For several years, the MPO has been working with its member agencies to develop a multi-use trail loop around the urban core of Las Cruces. The loop currently exists on the western, northern, and eastern sides of Las Cruces. Currently the loop is incomplete on the southern leg.

Through 2016, MPO Staff has engaged in a process to evaluate alternatives for the southern leg. Staff has solicited feedback from the Policy Committee, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee, the Technical Advisory Committee, Elephant Butte Irrigation District, New Mexico State University, Town of Mesilla, Doña Ana County, and the City of Las Cruces during this process.

At their June meeting, the Policy Committee directed Staff to return to the advisory committees with refined alternatives. The TAC may endorse its previous selection or make an alternate selection.

The Policy Committee intends to resume selection on this item at its August meeting.

All Options Proposed Multi-Use Connection

Triviz Trail Extension
Transportation Improvement
Plan # LC00250



Legend

- Railroad
- Streets Background
- Current Multi-Use Facility
- Rio Grande River
- Mesilla Boundary
- Municipal Boundary
- NMSU Boundary
- County Boundary

Proposed Multi-Use Facilities

- Main Trail Route
- Option A Route
- Option B Route
- Option C Route
- Option D Route
- Option E Route





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AGENDA ITEM:

6.1 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.



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AGENDA ITEM:

7.1 City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, Town of Mesilla, Las Cruces Public Schools, RoadRUNNER Transit, and South Central Regional Transit District (SCRTD) Project Updates. Updates have been requested from the entities. The responses from the entities are included below.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Updates from the Jurisdictions regarding current projects

DISCUSSION:

City of Las Cruces Current Projects:

City of Las Cruces did not provide a written update.

Doña Ana County Current Projects:

G100030: Reconstruction of Dripping Springs Project - Project is complete.

LC00110: Design and Construction for Intersection Realignment: El Camino Real at Doña Ana School Road - Currently working on ROW and title work.

Town of Mesilla

No current projects

Las Cruces Public Schools

We gave a yearly presentation to the LCPS School Board and City of Las Cruces City Council in June. International Walk to School Day we had 100% from all LCPS Elementary Schools and had 19 schools participate in National Bike to School Day May 3-6.

19 of the LCPS Elementary Schools have regular Walk to School Buses/ Bike Trains.

Presented the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety education at 17 elementary schools.

Alameda

Central

Conlee

Desert Hills

East Picacho

Hermosa Heights

Highland
Jornada
Loma Heights
MacArthur
Mesilla Park
Monte Vista
Sonoma
Sunrise
Tombaugh
University Hills
White Sands

LCPD SROs in the middle schools assisted with safety messages for pedestrians and bicyclists.
Picacho Middle School “Scorpion Bike Club” created and biked weekly.

Conducted School Bus Driver Education to all school bus drivers.

Presented at the National SRTS Conference In Columbus, Ohio.

Presented at the New Mexico Bike Summit.

Coordinated and participated in the Family Bike Fiesta at Young Park.

RoadRUNNER Transit

RoadRUNNER Transit did not provide a written update.



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AGENDA ITEM:

7.2 NMDOT Projects Update. Updates were requested from NMDOT Staff. The responses from NMDOT have been included below.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Update from NMDOT regarding current projects

DISCUSSION:

NMDOT did not provide a written update.