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MESILLA VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY COMMITTEE AMENDED AGENDA

The following is the Agenda for a meeting of the Policy Committee of the Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MVMPO) to be held **January 11, 2017 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. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS** _____ **Chair**
3. **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.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT** _____ **Chair**
5. **CONSENT AGENDA*** _____ **Chair**
6. *** APPROVAL OF MINUTES** _____
6.1. *December 10, 2016 _____ **Chair**
7. **ACTION ITEMS** _____
 - 7.1. * Resolution 17-01: A Resolution Certifying Compliance with the Open Meetings Act for the 2017 Calendar Year by the Mesilla Valley MPO _____ **MPO Staff**
 - 7.2. Resolution 16-18: A Resolution Rescinding the Camino Real Consortium of MPO Project Priorities (Resolution 16-15) and Advising the Camino Real Consortium of New MPO Project Priorities _____ **MPO Staff**
 - 7.3. Resolution 17-02: A Resolution Specifying the boundary between the MVMPO and the El Paso MPO and amending the Memorandum of Understanding between the MPOs. _____ **MPO Staff**
 - 7.4. Appointment to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee _____ **MPO Staff**
8. **DISCUSSION ITEMS** _____
 - 8.1. NMDOT update _____ **NMDOT Staff**

- 9. **COMMITTEE and STAFF COMMENTS** _____ *Chair*
 - 10. **PUBLIC COMMENT** _____ *Chair*
 - 11. **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 December 14, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.
6 in the City Hall Council Chambers, 700 N. Main, Las Cruces, New Mexico.
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8 **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Commissioner Leticia Benavidez (DAC)
9 Trent Doolittle (NMDOT)
10 Councillor Jack Eakman (CLC)
11 Trustee Linda Flores (Town of Mesilla)
12 Councillor Gill Sorg (CLC)
13 Councillor Olga Pedroza (CLC)
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15 **MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mayor Nora Barraza (Town of Mesilla)
16 Commissioner Billy Garrett (DAC)
17 Commissioner Wayne Hancock (DAC)
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19 **STAFF PRESENT:** Tom Murphy (MPO staff)
20 Andrew Wray (MPO staff)
21 Michael McAdams (MPO staff)
22 Dominic Loya (MPO Staff)
23

24 **OTHERS PRESENT:** Becky Baum, RC Creations, LLC, Recording Secretary
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26 **1. CALL TO ORDER (1:06 p.m.)**
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28 Sorg: Now that it's about 1:06 p.m. the quorum has come and we are in a
29 quorum so I'll call the meeting to order.
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31 **2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST INQUIRY**
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33 Sorg: First order of business is the conflict of interest inquiry. Does any Member
34 of the Committee have a known or perceived conflict of interest with any
35 item on the agenda?
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37 Doolittle: None.
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39 Pedroza: None.
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41 Benavidez: None.
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43 Sorg: Okay. None.
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45 **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**
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1 Sorg: Next item is the public comment but I might at this point acknowledge the
2 fact that State Representative Ricky Little is in the audience today, this
3 afternoon. Is there any member of the public that wants to speak to the
4 MPO? Okay. Seeing none.
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6 **4. CONSENT AGENDA ***
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8 Sorg: We'll move on to the consent agenda. Consent agenda amounts to the
9 approval of the minutes and the first resolution 6.1, is that not right?
10

11 Wray: That is correct.
12

13 Sorg: Is there a motion?
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15 Eakman: I would move approval.
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17 Pedroza: Second.
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19 Sorg: Okay. It's been moved and approved to accept the agenda as is, so we'll
20 move right on to 6.2, resolution 16-7, a resolution amending ...
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22 Wray: Mr. Chair. We need to have a vote.
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24 Sorg: A vote, yes. Sorry. Could you call the roll?
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26 Wray: Commissioner Benavidez.
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28 Benavidez: Yes.
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30 Wray: Councillor Pedroza.
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32 Pedroza: Yes.
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34 Wray: Councillor Eakman.
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36 Eakman: Yes.
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38 Wray: Mr. Doolittle.
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40 Doolittle: Yes.
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42 Wray: Trustee Flores.
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44 Flores: Yes.
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46 Wray: Mr. Chair.

1 Sorg: Yes.

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3 MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

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5 **5. * APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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7 **5.1 * November 16, 2016**

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9 - VOTED ON VIA THE CONSENT AGENDA

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11 **6. ACTION ITEMS**

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13 **6.1 * Resolution 16-16: A Resolution Adopting the 2017 MPO Calendar of**
14 **Meetings**

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16 - VOTED ON VIA THE CONSENT AGENDA

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18 **6.2 Resolution 16-17: A Resolution Amending the 2016-2021**
19 **Transportation Improvement Program**

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21 Sorg: Now we'll move on to the resolution action item number 6.2, resolution 16-
22 7: A resolution amending the 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement
23 Program.

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25 Wray: Thank you Mr. Chair. On page 33 of the packet ...

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27 Sorg: Is there a motion to accept this resolution?

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29 Flores: So moved.

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31 Eakman: Second.

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33 Sorg: Okay. Moved and second. Proceed Mr. Wray.

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35 Wray: Thank you Mr. Chair. On page 33 of the packet is the information
36 regarding this amendment. This is an emergency out-of-cycle
37 amendment. The required letter from NMDOT justifying the out-of-cycle
38 request is on page 34 for your review. This is to add \$1.4 million in Fiscal
39 Year 2017 which is the one we're currently in for preliminary engineering
40 for the Valley Drive, Picacho to Las Cruces City Limits project.

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42 Sorg: Any questions or comments?

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44 Eakman: Just to clarify if I might Mr. Chair.

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46 Sorg: Yes Councillor.

1 Eakman: Valley Drive in 2017 will be done from Picacho to Avenida de Mesilla. Is
2 that correct?
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4 Doolittle: Mr. Chair.
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6 Sorg: Mr. Doolittle.
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8 Doolittle: That is correct.
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10 Eakman: And so what would be the timing of this if everything went perfectly, what
11 would be the timing of this, 2018, 2019?
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13 Doolittle: For the upcoming construction project?
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15 Eakman: Yes.
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17 Doolittle: May of 2017 is letting, so I would expect construction be June, July we'll
18 have a contract so you're talking late fall/early winter of 2017 for start of
19 construction and then approximately a year for contract time.
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21 Eakman: But I am referencing the extension of Valley Drive going the opposite
22 direction, from Picacho to City limits. And this is what this ...
23
24 Wray: No, the ...
25
26 Sorg: Going north.
27
28 Wray: What you're talking about is the project that's being amended right now.
29
30 Eakman: Oh. It is the project that's ...
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32 Wray: Yes.
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34 Eakman: Being amended.
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36 Wray: Yes.
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38 Eakman: From Picacho to Avenida de Mesilla, or from City limits to Picacho?
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40 Wray: City limits. I'm sorry. Yes, City limits to Picacho is the, I think. Now I'm
41 confused.
42
43 Eakman: It's Valley Drive to Picacho is the one coming up in 2017.
44
45 Wray: No. This is Valley Drive to Avenida de Mesilla, I believe is the project. So
46 I miswrote the item in the packet. It's to Avenida de Mesilla is the correct.

1 Eakman: Thank you. Thank you, thank you so much.
2
3 Doolittle: That is correct. If you'll allow, just to clarify, the section that it mentions on
4 this project in termini, that's the one that we completed a couple of years
5 ago. So Andrew's correct. This is to do the preliminary engineering for
6 the project that's currently under design. Good catch.
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8 Pedroza: Mr. Chair.
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10 Sorg: Yes Councillor Pedroza.
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12 Pedroza: I have a question. Was it just an oversight that ...
13
14 Wray: It was just a typo on my part.
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16 Pedroza: The \$1.4 million had not been agreed to or accounted for or what? It was
17 just left out?
18
19 Wray: I would have to defer to NMDOT staff as to why this particular amendment
20 was necessary. I don't know.
21
22 Pedroza: Okay. Thank you.
23
24 Doolittle: Mr. Chair. If you'll allow, I think Jolene ...
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26 Pedroza: Okay.
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28 Doolittle: Has some information.
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30 Sorg: Yes please.
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32 Pedroza: Absolutely.
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34 Sorg: Jolene. Come forth.
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36 Herrera: Thank you Mr. Chair. So to clarify, this is for the second phase, the final
37 design phase. It had been accounted for. I left it out of the normal TIP
38 amendment cycle that you approved last month ...
39
40 Pedroza: Ah, okay. I see.
41
42 Herrera: So that's why this is an out-of-cycle amendment.
43
44 Pedroza: All right.
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1 Herrera: It had been accounted for all along but we couldn't add it until the first
2 phase of design was done.

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4 Pedroza: Okay.

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6 Herrera: That's the case now so now we need to move to Phase 2.

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8 Pedroza: Thank you very much.

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10 Herrera: You're welcome.

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12 Pedroza: Thank you Mr. Chair.

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14 Sorg: All right. Is there any further discussion on this resolution? Hearing none,
15 could a vote be taken?

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17 Wray: Commissioner Benavidez.

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19 Benavidez: Yes.

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21 Wray: Councillor Pedroza.

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23 Pedroza: Yes.

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25 Wray: Councillor Eakman.

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27 Eakman: Yes.

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29 Wray: Mr. Doolittle.

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31 Doolittle: Yes.

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33 Wray: Trustee Flores.

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35 Flores: Yes.

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37 Wray: Mr. Chair.

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39 Sorg: Yes.

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41 MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

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43 **6.3 Resolution 16-18: A Resolution Advising the Camino Real**
44 **Consortium of MPO Project Priorities**
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1 Sorg: Okay. Moving on to action item number 6.3, resolution 16-18: A
2 resolution rescinding the Camino Real Consortium of MPO project
3 priorities and advising the Camino Real Consortium of New MPO project
4 priorities.
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6 Flores: I can speak to that.
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8 Sorg: Is there a motion to accept this amendment?
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10 Flores: So moved.
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12 Eakman: Second.
13
14 Sorg: Okay. Moved and second.
15
16 Flores: If I could.
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18 Sorg: Mr. Murphy.
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20 Flores: Actually, I asked Mr. Murphy and I think I sent you an e-mail as well just
21 saying that Viva Dona Ana had postponed picking the three until January
22 so I thought since we were having another meeting we might want to
23 consider whether or not we wanted to revisit this. I know Councillor
24 Eakman had said that he would like to vote on projects and so looking at
25 this list, and please correct me if I'm wrong, these top ones are ones that
26 have ICIPs attached to them, the ones that are kind of a, it's supposed to
27 be highlighted but they're in grey. And then the last ends are the ones that
28 are in the TIP and those are already funded, if you look at your chart here.
29 So page 43, those last few projects are ones that are already on the TIP.
30 So I thought we could look, I think Viva Dona Ana is only interested in
31 ones that are on the ICIP already because I know that's one of their things
32 that they ask, "Is it already on somebody's ICIPs?" And maybe we can
33 look at this list and see if we think three of these projects particularly
34 speak to the principles that livability principles that Viva Dona Ana wants
35 to promote. So, and just give us another chance to vote on those and
36 bring them forth. And I would be more than happy to present them at the
37 January meeting, and if you just want to leave it as it is, we did go to the
38 December 2nd meeting and just gave them this list and said, "This is what
39 our list is, these are what our, these are projects that we have on our ICPs
40 and that we have on our list so."
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42 Sorg: Okay.
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44 Murphy: And ...
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46 Sorg: Can you add some more Mr. Murphy?

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2 Murphy: Certainly. These are the projects that kind of filtered up through our public
3 involvement process in developing the Metropolitan Transportation Plan
4 and I think if we want to deliberate more on this I do believe the next RLC
5 meeting was January 27th.

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7 Flores: Yes.

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9 Murphy: So this Committee will have another meeting January 11th so there's no
10 necessity to act on it today. I think additionally we pointed out at the RLC
11 that we are a planning organization. We do not have our own CIP so for
12 us to develop and implement projects is not something that this body is
13 capable of but we can provide guidance to our member agencies and our
14 partner agencies. I think that really just kind of covers what the discussion
15 at the RLC was. I think their intention is to work with the Legislature in
16 identifying the regional priorities.

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18 Sorg: Is it possible for this Committee to add to this list, suggest?

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20 Murphy: I see no reason why you couldn't.

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22 Sorg: I would like to, as long as, I'll start as long as I'm ready. I would like on a
23 road diet issue, an improvement, the streets of Mars and possibly
24 Rinconada. If not road diet then traffic calming features. My last two
25 neighborhood meetings those were two of the biggest issues. Then in the
26 category of sidewalks, Mesa Grande and McGuffey Streets. Neither of
27 those have sidewalks complete. They have bits and pieces but. If we can
28 just add those two things to the list that would be good. Any others from
29 the rest of the Committee?

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31 Eakman: Mr. Chair. I wouldn't add anything. I would just say that from observation
32 and data, one of the intersections in town with the most challenges for
33 people seems to be El Paseo and Idaho.

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35 Flores: Based on accidents.

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37 Eakman: Yes. And it says here safety improvements are already written down. I
38 think City data shows that we have quite a few incidents and accidents
39 right there, and I'm not sure exactly what the safety improvements in mind
40 are, but I would really like to see those prioritized for the safety of the
41 residents and the visitors and probably our car insurance rates. Thank
42 you.

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44 Sorg: Councillor Eakman that intersection has been on the radar for several
45 years, has it not Mr. Murphy, where there has been a few changes but. Is

1 there, do you know if there's plans in the El Paseo project to redo that
2 altogether, maybe put a traffic circle there, maybe?
3
4 Murphy: Mr. Chair. I know that there's been some analysis done by the City's
5 Public Works Department and I would have to check with them to see
6 what the status is on that.
7
8 Sorg: Yeah. I know they're working on it. I don't know what their conclusion is.
9 We can all ask for a traffic circle though, can't we?
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11 Pedroza: Mr. Chair.
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13 Sorg: Go ahead.
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15 Pedroza: The only problem I have with that is I believe that anything that's
16 presented on here has to already be on some entity's ICIP list.
17
18 Sorg: Yeah.
19
20 Pedroza: And I don't know that those particular improvements are on anybody's
21 ICIP. So maybe they are, it would not be eligible.
22
23 Sorg: Give me a minute or two. I'll find out if it's on the City's CIP list.
24
25 Flores: I'm not sure, I mean I think we would have a small chance or less of a
26 chance I guess I would like to say, of having that be picked just because if
27 you remember, Olga's also on Viva Dona Ana, if you remember the sheet
28 that they gave us one of the questions is, "Is it on an ICIP?" And I think
29 that what they're hoping to do is to advance that and say, "These are
30 projects that are already on ICIPs." But if you just wanted to put it out
31 there just to let people know about that, just for educational purposes, go
32 ahead.
33
34 Sorg: I found it.
35
36 Flores: Okay.
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38 Sorg: In the City's CIP, El Paseo/Idaho intersection improvements. I've got to
39 have a ruler to follow across the page here. Ah, yes. The improvements
40 are scheduled to begin in 2022.
41
42 Flores: Do you have an idea of the cost?
43
44 Sorg: Yes. The cost is \$948,000. And if I read this correctly it doesn't cite a
45 funding source. It's blank as a funding source.
46

1 Flores: So ...

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3 Sorg: That's probably why it's in 2022.

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5 Murphy: Mr. ...

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7 Flores: You know based on, go ahead.

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9 Sorg: Go ahead.

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11 Murphy: Oh, no. Sorry Mr. Chair. I just wanted to interject. I do believe, and this is
12 typical of most entities, items more than two years out on a CIP currently
13 aren't dedicated with the funding so it's just kind of a holding list, and as
14 we get closer to those years those projects have the funding identified to
15 it, but I think that project would fit in with the spirit of what the RLC is
16 asking of us.

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18 Sorg: What is the RLC?

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20 Murphy: The Regional Leadership Consortium. That's the convening body of the
21 Viva Dona Ana effort.

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23 Sorg: Oh, okay.

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25 Flores: Kind of (*inaudible*).

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27 Sorg: Thank you. Any other discussion? Go ahead.

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29 Flores: I would just say that I wouldn't mind putting that project forward. I
30 remember when I first was appointed to the MPO, reading about, you
31 know I was interested in seeing where the most traffic accidents were and
32 I remember noting that Idaho and Paseo and thinking, "I'm not surprised."
33 So and I could see that basically supporting our livability principles as well,
34 and I happen to have brought my copy. But provide more transportation
35 choice, let's see, I know safety is in here in one of these.

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37 Sorg: Mr. Murphy. Are we going to need to pass this today or not?

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39 Murphy: No. As I said the next meeting of their body is January 27th. Your next
40 meeting is January 11th.

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42 Sorg: Okay.

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44 Flores: So we could just be advised to take this back, maybe speak to the people
45 on your staff and perhaps look up, and I'd be willing to lend this out for

1 copies, look over the livability principles and see which projects that are on
2 this list that you think would be most beneficial to the region.
3
4 Sorg: Okay.
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6 Flores: And I'd be more than happy to present those.
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8 Sorg: So would it be appropriate to table this until the next meeting then?
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10 Flores: Postpone.
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12 Murphy: Yes sir. I believe it would be.
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14 Sorg: Okay. If there's nothing further to be discussed.
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16 Flores: Okay.
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18 Sorg: You okay?
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20 Flores: I'm fine with that.
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22 Sorg: You're done? All right. Go ahead.
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24 Eakman: I move that we table this resolution until January 11, 2017.
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26 Pedroza: Second.
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28 Sorg: Moved and second to table. Take the roll.
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30 Murphy: Commissioner Benavidez.
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32 Benavidez: Yes.
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34 Murphy: Councillor Pedroza.
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36 Pedroza: Yes.
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38 Murphy: Councillor Eakman.
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40 Eakman: Yes.
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42 Murphy: Mr. Doolittle.
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44 Doolittle: Yes.
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46 Murphy: Trustee Flores.

1 Flores: Yes.

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3 Murphy: And the Chair.

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5 Sorg: Yes.

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7 MOTION TO TABLE PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

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9 **7. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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11 **7.1 NMDOT Update**

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13 Sorg: Okay. So the next item is the discussion by the DOT update.

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15 Doolittle: Thank you Mr. Chair. As I mentioned last month, it's still pretty quiet for
16 the Department. The only project that we have coming up real soon is the
17 Spitz/Three Crosses. Bid tabulations are still being reviewed so I don't
18 have a schedule for award or expected construction start yet. I would
19 expect fully that we'll have all of that ready by the January meeting. So at
20 this point we'll have a quiet Christmas, shouldn't have any impacts to the
21 entities and groups around here. But I should have some more
22 information for you at the start of the calendar year.

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24 Sorg: Okay. Thank you Mr. Doolittle.

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26 **8. COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS**

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28 Sorg: Then the Committee and staff comments are next. Is there any comments
29 by the Committee or staff? Commissioner Benavidez first and then Linda.

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31 Benavidez: Thank you. Thank you very much. I would like to just say that this is my
32 last meeting and I've been a member of the MPO for like I think eight
33 years and I remember the meetings were held at the old City Hall and we
34 moved to this new building of course. So it's bittersweet that this is my
35 last meeting and I won't be here next month. But I'm going to miss
36 everybody so I'm just really sad to end all this but thank you so much for
37 being so supportive and have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
38 Thank you.

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40 Sorg: Trustee Flores.

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42 Flores: I had just wanted to thank Ms. Benavidez for her service and let her know
43 what a pleasure it's been to work with you. I'm disappointed I didn't have
44 the chance to say that to Commissioner Hancock. Very inspiring. I hope
45 that we can all work on his idea to put a value on the right-of-way and look
46 at, I see that as being a great idea for value that we can give and get and

1 help us in match money for projects going forward. I think we really ought
2 to all try and pursue that and it would be beneficial so. Additionally I would
3 just like to invite everybody to the plaza on December 24th. We have our
4 lighting of the luminarias and we sing Christmas carols and it's a very nice
5 moment, and if you have a chance to get out there I hope you come and
6 share it with us.
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8 Sorg: Time? What time?
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10 Flores: Oh, 5:30, I think it's 5:30.
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12 Sorg: 9:30?
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14 Flores: 5:30.
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16 Sorg: 5:30.
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18 Flores: It's 5:30.
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20 Sorg: Okay. I'll be there.
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22 Pedroza: Mr. Chair.
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24 Sorg: Okay. Councillor Pedroza.
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26 Pedroza: Thank you very much. I just wanted to also say congratulations. Enjoy
27 your retirement. It has been a pleasure working with you and I look
28 forward to continuing to be with you possibly on some other work in some
29 other organizations as well. Thank you.
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31 Benavidez: Thank you and I look forward to it. Thank you very much.
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33 Sorg: Councillor Eakman.
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35 Eakman: Thank you Mr. Chair. And I also would like to thank Commissioner
36 Benavidez for all her service to this group and I learned quite a bit from
37 you on this and other boards and I really do appreciate, so please don't
38 forget us.
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40 Benavidez: Thank you, I won't forget you. Thank you.
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42 Eakman: And then I just had an observation that came to mind as the meeting
43 began today. This is one of the few Boards or Committees I serve on
44 where we don't recite the Pledge of Allegiance and I just wanted to bring
45 that forward as an observation. Thank you.
46

1 Sorg: Okay. Any other comments? I'll make a quick comment too. Thank you
2 Leticia for being on the Committee and we've enjoyed having you here. I
3 have enjoyed having you on the Committee and appreciate all the work
4 you've done here. And best wishes to you and yes we will see you from
5 time to time in the future.

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7 Benavidez: Thank you so much. I really appreciate your comments and goodbye
8 everybody. Thank you for being so nice. Thanks.

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10 Sorg: Okay. Mr. Murphy, you have any comments?

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12 Murphy: Yes. First real quickly, our TIP open call for projects closes on Friday.
13 We've been in communication with most of your staffs. They're aware of
14 it, but if there are any projects that they're working on they might want to
15 have a gentle reminder to turn in the applications on Friday. And then
16 also to join in thanking Commissioner Benavidez for her service. Staff has
17 appreciated your eight years with us and we did get you something so you
18 couldn't forget us. It's got our logo on there and your years of service and
19 so.

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21 Benavidez: Well thank you.

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23 Murphy: On behalf of staff, thank you.

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25 Benavidez: Thank you so much. I really appreciate that.

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27 Murphy: That's all I had.

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29 Sorg: Okay. If there's no other comments from the staff or Committee.

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31 **9. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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33 Sorg: Then there's one last chance for the public to speak. Is there anybody in
34 the public that wants to speak? Okay. Representative Little.

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36 Little: Thank you Mr. Chairman, Committee. I'm glad to be here today. I just, I
37 guess I just have a few questions. The first one is how far do you extend
38 up Highway 70 with this, with the organization?

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40 Sorg: Not all the way. I think we go over the Pass and that's about it. Isn't it?

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42 Murphy: Our boundary goes slightly east of the unincorporated area of Organ. I
43 could pull a map up off of our website and perhaps that would be
44 illustrative.

1 Little: Well my reason for the inquiry Mr. Chairman is the, what I'd like to take
2 under consideration is probably the, we have a lot of private roads in there
3 that contractors put in some time ago and we have a public safety issue
4 with if we get bad weather, especially rains, up on the side of the mountain
5 there we have these private roads that are, people, we can't get our Fire
6 Department, the ambulances, or anything else in that area. Even a Sheriff
7 can't get down some of the streets. One of them, Arroyo, is an arroyo and
8 when it rains there's people that have their property's gate both sides of it
9 and they can't get down it. We were just looking at trying to get it just,
10 even if we could just get it graded it would help but I know there's conflict
11 of interest as far as private property and those kind of things but I really
12 believe it's a public safety issue that needs to be looked at and mainly
13 from my area, my district starts where the dirt roads and all the problem is.
14 The other area up there is flood control and I got some money for some
15 flood control last time. That flood that starts up there on that mountain
16 goes all the way down to the river so, and you know we've got roads and
17 infrastructure and those kind of things in between. I do have one question
18 for Mr. Doolittle and that's the 404, I thought they were going to have
19 another meeting out in Chaparral and I haven't seen it yet. Is that still in
20 the study phase?
21

22 Sorg: Go ahead Mr. Doolittle.
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24 Doolittle: Thank you Mr. Chair. Representative Little. That is correct. We are still
25 currently in the study phase. I'll have to follow up on the public meetings
26 real quick Mr. Chair. Harold, are you aware or is Aaron, is Aaron
27 attending those meetings? Do you know if we have something coming
28 up?
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30 Love: SPEAKING, NOT AT THE MICROPHONE.
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32 Doolittle: I'll find out for you Representative and, but we are still in the study phase
33 of that project.
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35 Little: And thank you for that. One of the things I'd like to see us do, I think it
36 would probably end up being cheaper too, is if we could leave the road the
37 way it is and build another two-lane on the other side of it, I think it would
38 end up cheaper, less traffic problem, less just, I mean altogether I think it
39 would end up cheaper by doing it that way than even trying to, I know the
40 numbers decide whether there's a, you know whether you're going to put
41 three lanes and passing lanes and those kind of things in but when you're
42 tearing up the same road you're using it, you know what that causes and
43 how much delay and all that that's going to be for traffic and whatnot. The
44 last thing is are you all involved in the bus system, the Metro system that
45 goes out to Chaparral and that we have in, is that part of what you do
46 here?

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2 Sorg: Not so much.
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4 Murphy: The ...
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6 Little: Sorry.
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8 Murphy: Mr. Chair. If I may respond. The RTD is a member of our Technical
9 Advisory Committee so we do have communication with them and we can
10 pass along any kind of concern or questions or comments.
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12 Little: Yes and thank you, and Mr. Chair. My only comment on that is we have a
13 system out there that runs three times a day and we had a pilot system
14 first that nobody used and then, and now we have a system out there that
15 nobody's using and if it could be used somewhere else I think it would
16 probably be a better thing to look at. Because of the City of Chaparral's so
17 close to El Paso and the fact that we're out in the middle of nowhere
18 anyway and everybody has a vehicle more or less, or a way to get around
19 it's just not being used and you know if we could do something else with
20 that I think that would be a better idea for it. I mean, and I don't know if
21 you're headed to Hatch or not or whatever with it, but even if we sent it
22 somewhere else I think it would be a better use of taxpayer money so.
23 And that's all the comments I had Mr. Chairman. Thank you. Thank you
24 Committee and I thank you for the work that you do. I know sitting up here
25 in public office and for Committees and organizations sometimes it's a
26 thankless job and I know that y'all are working hard at it and I appreciate
27 what you're doing. Thank you.
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29 Benavidez: Representative Little.
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31 Sorg: Thank you Mr. Little.
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33 Benavidez: Mr. Chair. Can I say something real quick?
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35 Sorg: Sure.
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37 Benavidez: I think the bus system you're talking about, it belongs to the County.
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39 Little: Yes. Yes ma'am.
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41 Benavidez: It's a County program so I think the best person that we need to bring this
42 up is to Commissioner Garrett since he's going to be the next
43 Commissioner still on the Board next year. But that is something that I
44 could bring to his attention and let him know what's happening with the
45 bus system to Chaparral.
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1 Little: Thanks for that. I appreciate it.
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3 Sorg: Speak directly in the mic.
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5 Little: Sorry. I was talking about the transit system and they had told me at first,
6 I don't know where the monies are, the City has something to do with the
7 monies or something but then that's the only reason for my question. But I
8 will check into that.
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10 Benavidez: No. It's the County.
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12 Little: Yes ma'am.
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14 Benavidez: The County's involved in that. They're the ones that fund that program for
15 the bus system.
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17 Little: Okay. Thank you very much.
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19 Benavidez: You're welcome.
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21 Sorg: Well I could add to that too. The County's in charge of it but about two-
22 thirds or three-quarters of the funding for it comes from grants from the
23 federal government. So the County only pays for a third or so, or less I
24 should say. Okay. Thank you.
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26 Little: Thank you.
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28 Sorg: Any other business? Seeing none.
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30 **10. ADJOURNMENT (1:38 p.m.)**
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32 Sorg: I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.
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34 Flores: So moved.
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36 Sorg: A second? I didn't hear a second. Who?
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38 Pedroza: Second.
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40 Sorg: Okay. Moved and second to adjourn. Is there any opposition to an
41 adjournment? Hearing none, the meeting is adjourned.
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46 _____
Chairperson

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MESILLA VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION FORM FOR THE MEETING OF January 11, 2017

AGENDA ITEM:

7.1 Resolution No. 17-01: A Resolution Certifying Compliance with the Open Meetings Act for the 2017 Calendar Year by the Las Cruces Metropolitan Planning Organization.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Review and adoption of Resolution 17-01 (Open Meetings Resolution)

SUPPORT INFORMATION:

Resolution 17-01

DISCUSSION:

Annually, the Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization is required to adopt an Open Meetings Resolution pursuant to the State of New Mexico's Open Meetings Act (NMSA 1978, Article 10, Chapter 15). This resolution affirms the Policy Committees intent to follow the Open Meetings Act. The Open Meetings Act specifies how meetings that formulate and adopt public policy are to be conducted. In addition, it also identifies the notice requirements of regular meetings, special meetings, and emergency meetings.

OPTIONS:

1. Vote "yes" to approve Resolution 17-01 approving the 2016 Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization Open Meetings Resolution.
2. Vote "yes" to approve Resolution 17-01 with additional amendments or modifications.
3. Vote "no" and do not approve Resolution 17-01 as presented. This action would result in the Open Meetings Resolution being denied by the Policy Committee and would result in the MPO's committees being in violation of the State's Open Meetings Act.

MESILLA VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION NO. 17-01

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT FOR THE 2017 CALENDAR YEAR BY THE MESILLA VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION.

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

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1(B) of the Open Meetings Act (NMSA 1978, Sections 10-15-1 to 4) states that, except as may be otherwise provided in the Constitution or the provisions for the Open Meetings Act, all meetings of a quorum of members of any board, council, commission or other policy-making body of a state or local public agency held for the purpose of formulating public policy, discussing public business or for the purpose of taking any action within the authority of, or the delegated authority, of such body, are declared to be public meetings open to the public at all times; and

WHEREAS, meetings subject to the Open Meetings Act at which the discussion or adoption of a proposed resolution, rule, regulation, or formal action occurs and shall be held only after reasonable notice to the public; and

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1(C) of the Open Meetings Act requires the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to determine annually what constitutes reasonable notice of its public meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Policy Committee has determined that it is in the best interest of the MPO for the Resolution certifying compliance with the Open Meetings Act for the 2017 calendar year for all MPO Committees to be approved.

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

(I)

THAT all meetings of the Committees of the Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization shall be held in accordance with the Open Meetings Act

and with the provisions contained in the MPO Bylaws and the Public Participation Plan, as amended.

(II)

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

DONE and **APPROVED** this 11th day of January , 2017.

APPROVED:

Chair

Motion By:	
Second By:	
VOTE:	
Mayor Barraza	
Trustee Arzabal	
Trustee Flores	
Mr. Doolittle	
Commissioner Garrett	
Commissioner	
Commissioner	
Councillor Eakman	
Councillor Pedroza	
Councillor Sorg	

ATTEST:
FORM:

APPROVED AS TO

Recording Secretary

City Attorney

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MESILLA VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY COMMITTEE DISCUSSION FORM FOR THE MEETING OF January 11, 2017

AGENDA ITEM:

7.2 Resolution No. 16-18: A Resolution Advising the Camino Real Consortium of MPO Project Priorities

ACTION REQUESTED:

Review and Adoption of Resolution 16-15

SUPPORT INFORMATION:

Resolution 16-18
Draft Project List

DISCUSSION:

The Camino Real Consortium has requested the Mesilla Valley MPO provide a list of priority projects to the Consortium for consideration.

MESILLA VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION NO. 16-18

A RESOLUTION RESCENDING THE CAMINO REAL CONSORTIUM OF MPO PROJECT PRIORITIES (RESOLUTION 16-15) AND ADVISING THE CAMINO REAL CONSORTIUM OF NEW MPO PROJECT PRIORITIES

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

WHEREAS, the Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization developed a list of regionally significant projects as part of Transport 2040: Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update; and

WHEREAS, the Camino Real Consortium requested a list of project priorities from the Mesilla Valley MPO; and

WHEREAS, the Policy Committee developed a list of recommended list of projects and submitted it to the Camino Real Consortium (see Resolution 16-15);

WHEREAS, the Policy Committee has reconsidered the list of recommended list of projects recommended to the Camino Real Consortium and developed a revised list of recommended projects (see Exhibit “A”);

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

(I)

THAT the revised project list as shown in Exhibit “A” attached replaces the previous list in Resolution 16-15.

(II)

THAT the revised project list Exhibit “A” be submitted to the Camino Real Consortium as the recommend list of projects;

(III)

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

DONE and **APPROVED** this 11th day of January , 2017.

APPROVED:

Chair

Motion By:	
Second By:	
VOTE:	
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Trustee Arzabal	
Trustee Flores	
Mr. Doolittle	
Commissioner Garrett	
Commissioner	
Commissioner	
Councillor Eakman	
Councillor Pedroza	
Councillor Sorg	

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Recording Secretary

City Attorney

Exhibit "A"

Location	Issue/Improvement	Status
ITS Implementation	ITS Signal Coordination Plan for City of Las Cruces	\$3.5M funded by City Hold Harmless GRT
Roadrunner Parkway (US 70 to Lohman)	Redesign as a Complete Street	Applied to CLC ICIP
Spruce (Main to Triviz)	Road diet	Applied to CLC ICIP
Walton (Lohman to Griggs)	Road diet	Applied to CLC ICIP
Idaho	Road diet	Applied to CLC ICIP
Walnut (Lohman to Griggs)	Road diet	Tier 1 Bicycle Priority/ Applied to CLC ICIP
Missouri/Roadrunner Extension to Sonoma Ranch	Connection of Missouri/Roadrunner to Sonoma Ranch	Phase A report adopted
Sonoma Ranch	Sonoma Ranch Study Area	MPO UPWP FY18 (\$200K State Planning and Research (SPR)funds)
Connection to Bosque Park	Improve Calle del Norte bridge crossing	Proposed Tier 1 Trail System Priorities Plan
South Side of Tortugas Hill (A Mountain)	Multi-Use Path	On BLM Land
Melendres	Bike Boulevard	MPO Coord. w/CLC
Carver Road	Shoulders	MPO Coord. w/DAC

US 70/North Main bridge widening	Bridge not wide enough for bicycle lanes or pedestrians	Tier 1 Bicycle Priority
Las Alturas (University to Mesquite Interchange)	Road deterioration and bicycle lanes/shoulders	Tier 1 Bicycle Priority
Stern	Road deterioration and bicycle lanes/shoulders	Tier 1 Bicycle Priority
Griggs	Wide street needs bicycle lanes for traffic calming	Tier 1 Bicycle Priority
Alameda Arroyo	Designated Trail	Tier 1 Bicycle Priority
Las Cruces Arroyo South Fork	Designated Trail	Tier 1 Bicycle Priority
South Main (Downtown to University)	Shoulder work for bicycle facility	Tier 1 Bicycle Priority
Engler Interchange	Requires Interstate Access Request	Engler grade separation project allotted for future interchange geometry
Arrowhead Interchange at I-10	Requires Interstate Access Request – I-10/I-25 IAR considered possible future interchange at Arrowhead	A new IAR will be required for future interchange geometry
Brazitos Interchange at I-10	Requires Interstate Access Request	Potential location identified during I-10 widening (2010)
El Paseo and Idaho	Safety Improvements	MPO Coord. w/CLC
Intersections	Adapting intersection striping for bicycle use per NACTO guidelines	MPO Coord. w/Jurisdictions
El Paseo	El Paseo Complete Street Implementation	MPO Coord. w/CLC

Town of Mesilla	Sidewalk assessment	MPO Coord. w/TOM
Sidewalks	Asset Management on Sidewalks	MPO Coord. w/Juridictions
Sidewalks	Improvements leading to ZTrans bus stop on East Mesa	MPO Coord. w/ZTrans
Sidewalks	Improvements leading to RoadRUNNER bus stops	MPO Coord. w/RoadRUNNER
Hadley	Hadley bicycle boulevard	MPO Coord. w/CLC
Boutz	Installation of bike lanes	MPO Coord. w/CLC
State Bike Route 7	Reroute State Bike Route 7 off US 70	MPO Coord. w/NMDOT
RoadRUNNER Transit	Relocate Mesilla Valley Mall Transfer Point	MPO Coord. w/RoadRUNNER

Projects Already Funded/on TIP

Location	Issue/Improvement	Status
Triviz Grade Separation at University	Interchange Redesign	MPO Coord. w/NMDOT
West Mesa Corridor Study	Study of potential West Mesa Road	MPO Coord. w/NMDOT
University	Pedestrian crossing improvements on University	MPO Coord. w/CLC
Rio Grande Trail	Portion of statewide trail from Albuquerque to Sunland Park	MPO Coord. w/CLC

Short Range Transit Plan	Implement findings of short range transit plan	MPO Coord. w/RoadRUNNER
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MESILLA VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY COMMITTEE DISCUSSION FORM FOR THE MEETING OF January 11, 2017

AGENDA ITEM:

7.3 Resolution No. 17-02: A Resolution Specifying the boundary between the Mesilla Valley MPO and the El Paso MPO and amending the Memorandum of Understanding between the MPOs.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Review and Adoption of Resolution 17-02

SUPPORT INFORMATION:

Resolution 17-02

Memorandum of Understanding between the Mesilla Valley MPO and the El Paso MPO

Map of the Proposed Boundary

DISCUSSION:

The Camino Real Consortium has requested the Mesilla Valley MPO provide a list of priority projects to the Consortium for consideration.

MESILLA VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION NO. 17-02

**A RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN THE
MESILLA VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AND THE
EL PASO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

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

WHEREAS, the MVMPO and the El Paso MPO (EPMPO) planning areas share a common boundary; and

WHEREAS, the MVMPO and EPMPO currently share a Memorandum of Agreement wherein the MVMPO and EPMPO agree to implement a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive (3-C) planning process; and

WHEREAS, to improve the 3-C process, New Mexico Department of Transportation recommends that the MVMPO and the EPMPO memorialize their boundaries; and

WHEREAS, it is determined to be in the best interest of the Mesilla Valley 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 boundary description as shown in Exhibit "A", attached hereto 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 11th day of January , 2017.

APPROVED:

Chair

Motion By:	
Second By:	
VOTE:	
Mayor Barraza	
Trustee Arzabal	
Trustee Flores	
Mr. Doolittle	
Commissioner Garrett	
Commissioner	
Commissioner	
Councillor Eakman	
Councillor Pedroza	
Councillor Sorg	

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Recording Secretary

City Attorney

Exhibit "A" for Resolution 17-02

Meets and Bounds of the Southern Boundary of the Mesilla Valley MPO

From the southwest corner of Township 25 South, Range 4 East;

Thence South $106^{\circ} 34' 53''$ West to the point of intersection with $32^{\circ} 03' 25''$ North;

Thence West $32^{\circ} 03' 25''$ North to the point of intersection with the east Right of Way of New Mexico Highway 28;

Thence South along the east Right of Way of New Mexico Highway 28 to the point of intersection with $32^{\circ} 00' 07''$ North;

Thence West $32^{\circ} 00' 07''$ North to the point of intersection with $106^{\circ} 42' 53''$ West.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

This **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT** is entered into by and between the EL PASO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (the “EPMPO”) and the MESILLA VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (“MVMPO”) this ____ day of _____, 2017, to-wit:

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the EPMPO is the duly designated regional metropolitan planning organization for the El Paso Urbanized Transportation Study Area; and,

WHEREAS, the MVMPO is the duly designated regional metropolitan planning organization for the southern New Mexico Urbanized Transportation Area that includes a portion of Dona Ana County, New Mexico; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of New Mexico approved recent changes to the planning boundaries of the El Paso Urbanized Transportation Study Area extending the El Paso Urbanized Transportation Study Area into the MVMPO Planning Area containing the unincorporated community of Berino, New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, recent guidelines issued by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Authority (FTA) require the cooperation and coordination across MPO boundaries and across State boundaries where appropriate to ensure a regional approach to transportation planning; and,

WHEREAS, the EPMPO and the MVMPO wish to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement that provides the framework for the respective responsibilities of the EPMPO and the MVMPO in regard to federally mandated planning, programming and funding for a portion of

the El Paso Urbanized Transportation Study Area within Dona Ana County, New Mexico and that addresses the federal planning emphasis area (PEA).

NOW THEREFORE, KNOW ALL ME BY THESE PRESENTS, that the EPMPO and the MVMPO agree as follows:

A. General Points of Agreement:

1. The EPMPO and the MVMPO agree to implement a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive (3-C) planning process.

2. The MVMPO accepts the authority for the planning, programming, and reporting of regionally significant transportation related activities for the portion of the El Paso Urbanized Area within the MVMPO that includes the unincorporated area of Berino, New Mexico.

3. The MVMPO will address all federal and state requirements for the Berino, New Mexico portion of the El Paso Urbanized Area within Dona Ana, New Mexico.

4. The EPMPO retains the authority for the planning, programming, and reporting of transportation related activities for the portion of the El Paso Urbanized Area located within Dona Ana County, New Mexico, but outside of the MVMPO Planning Area, which Planning Area includes the cities of Anthony, New Mexico and Sunland Park, New Mexico, and the unincorporated New Mexico communities of Santa Teresa and Chaparral ((hereinafter referred to as “Southern Dona Ana County”).

5. The EPMPO will address all federal and state requirements for the Southern Dona Ana County portion of the El Paso Urbanized Study Area within Dona Ana County, New Mexico.

6. The EPMPO and the MVMPO agree that this Memorandum of Agreement is

subject to periodic review when the need for such review arises, and particularly when the United States Census Bureau designates and updates new urbanized planning area boundaries.

B. Metropolitan Planning Organization Boundary:

7. The EPMPO and the MVMPO acknowledge and agree that the unincorporated community of Berino, New Mexico (“Berino”) is part of the El Paso Urbanized Study Area within Dona Ana County, New Mexico, and that Berino is within the MVMPO Planning Area boundary.

8. The boundary between the EPMPO and the MVMPO shall exist south of Berino and as shown in Exhibit A.

9. The EPMPO and the MVMPO agree that Berino will be represented in the MVMPO’s travel demand model, and that current and forecast demographic data will be captured in the MVMPO traffic analysis zones.

10. The EPMPO and the MVMPO agree to work together to identify the need for studies and multi-modal projects that abut and/or cross the EPMPO and the MVMPO planning boundaries areas.

C. Planning Emphasis Area (“PEA”):

11. The EPMPO and the MVMPO agree that their staffs will meet and coordinate, as needed, to review the progress of planning efforts, to discuss key findings from program activities, and to discuss the scope, plans and implementation of activities in coordination with FHWA, FTA, the New Mexico Department of Transportation, and the New Mexico Environmental Department. It is agreed that these activities include but not are not limited to the implementation of unified planning work programs, annual performance and expenditure reports,

long-range transportation plans, transportation improvement programs, Title VI plans, and Limited English Proficiency plans as required by 23 C.F.R. 450, Presidential Executive Orders, FHWA, FTA, and other applicable federal and state policies and practices.

12. The EPMPO and the MVMPO further agree to perform public outreach as may be required by federal and state Public Participation Programs. It is further agreed that all planning documents are subject to public comment as required by their respective Public Participation Programs.

13. The EPMPO and the MVMPO agree that the Transportation Policy Board for the EPMPO shall be responsible for regional transportation policy-making within the EPMPO Urbanized Study Area, and that the Policy Committee for the MVMPO shall be responsible for regional transportation policy-making within the MVMPO planning area.

14. The EPMPO and the MVMPO agree to exchange and share information of regional significance, including but not limited to, studies, travel surveys, GIS data, and traffic data, as well as demographic information.

15. The EPMPO and the MVMPO agree to host joint public meetings as often as deemed necessary, outlining current and future planning activities identified in each metropolitan planning organization's UPWP, MTP, TIP. The EPMPO and the MVMPO agree that these joint gatherings may include but are not limited to, a joint meeting of each metropolitan planning organization's planning board or committee, or an informational or open house hosted by the staff of both metropolitan planning organizations.

16. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** Regardless of the date of its execution, this Memorandum of Agreement becomes effective on _____, 2017, and shall automatically renew on its

anniversary date each year thereafter.

WITNESS the following signatures and seal:

**EL PASO METROPOLITAN
PLANNING ORGANIZATION:**

By: _____
Joe Moody, Texas State Representative
Vice Chair, Transportation Policy Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

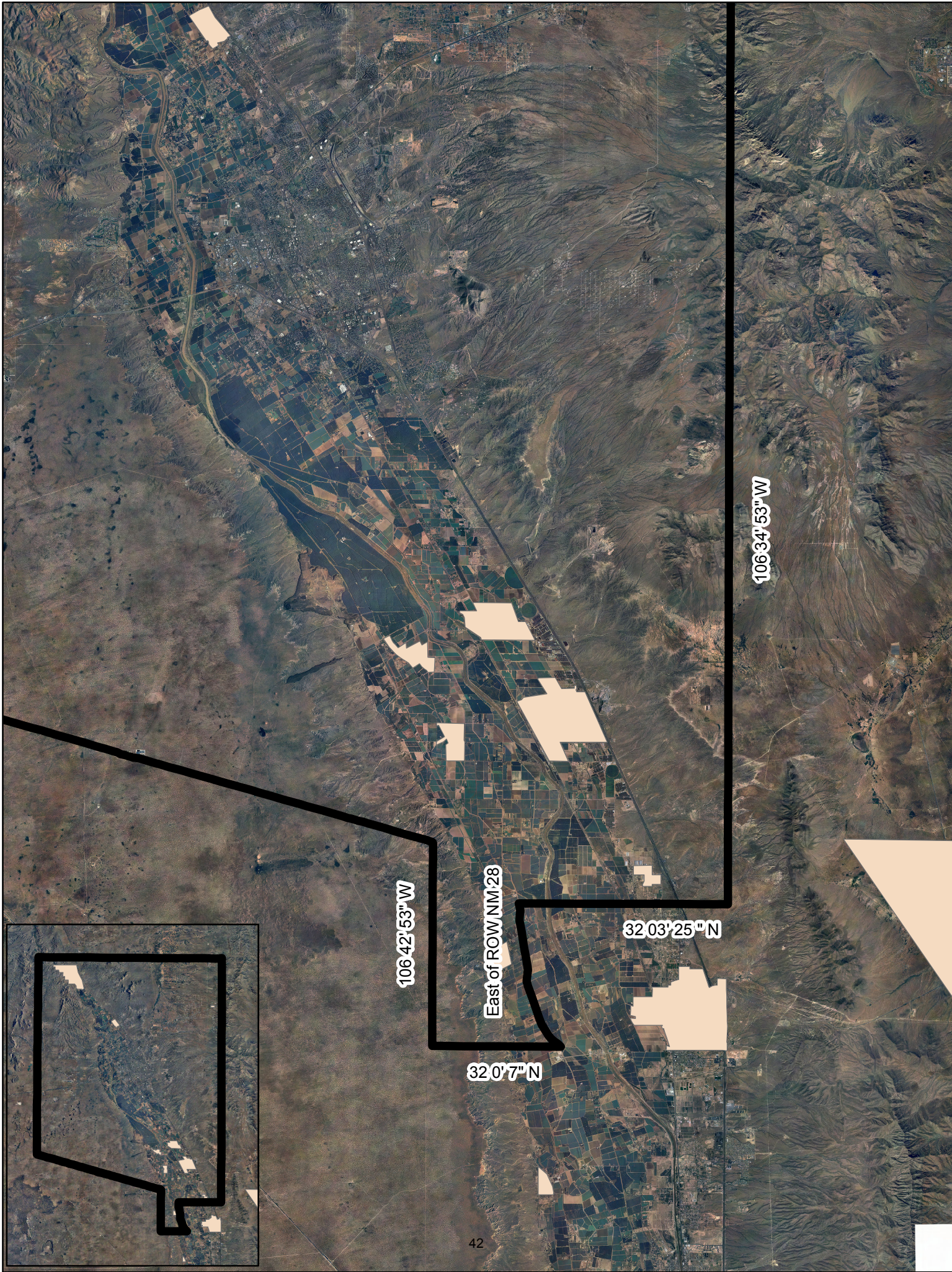
Eduardo Miranda
EPMPO Legal Counsel

**MESILLA VALLEY METROPOLITAN
PLANNING ORGANIZATION:**

By: _____
Planning Committee Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MVMPO Legal Counsel



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POLICY COMMITTEE

ACTION FORM FOR THE MEETING OF January 11, 2017

AGENDA ITEM:

7.4 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee Appointments

ACTION REQUESTED:

Review, Evaluation, and Appointment

SUPPORT INFORMATION:

Letters of Interest from Frank Sholedice, Len Paulozzi, Jess M. Waller, and John Gagne

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: Frank <fsholedice@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2016 9:51 AM
To: Andrew Wray
Subject: Bicycle Community Citizen Representative

Dear Mr. Wray,

My name is Frank Sholedice, and I am writing to express my interest in serving as the MPO's Bicycle Community Citizen Representative.

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 am currently serving on NMSU's Bicycle Friendly University task force, working to improve bicycling education, safety, and infrastructure on campus. I would appreciate the opportunity to continue this advocacy as the MPO's Bicycle Community Citizen Representative.

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

Sincerely,

Frank Sholedice

From: Len Paulozzi <lenpaulozzi@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2016 10:55 AM
To: Andrew Wray
Subject: Application for Mesilla Valley Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Dear Mr. Wray:

I am writing to apply to be the Bicycle Community Citizen Representative to the BPAC. I am a resident of Las Cruces, have an interest in bicycling and health issues, and can attend the necessary meetings.

I have no experience on such committees, but I am a cyclist and have an interest in biking and walking safety.

I recently retired to Las Cruces. Formerly, I was a medical epidemiologist at the Injury Center of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta. In the course of my career there, I spent some time working on motor vehicle safety, including pedestrian safety. I continue to have access to public health publications on these topics, and I can bring this research to bear on questions of urban design for the safety of vulnerable road users.

I was originally trained as a physician, and so I can also speak to issues such as the health benefits of exercise.

If you'd like to get more information from me or to talk in person, I can be reached at 678-596-1613. I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,

Len Paulozzi, MD, MPH

From: Waller, Jess M. (WSTF-1330)[Jacobs Technology Inc]
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Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2016 1:43 PM
To: Andrew Wray
Cc: Waller, Jess (home)
Subject: letter of interest to serve as a board member for the Mesilla Valley Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee

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Andrew,

As an avid cyclist who has lived in Las Cruces for 22 years, I am indicating my interest in joining/participating in this Advisory Committee.

Thank you,
Jess

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Hi Andrew,
Please allow me to introduce myself to you, my name is John Gagne. I am writing you to let you know I am interested in applying for the open position on the MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee.

I relocated to Las Cruces in February 2016, and am relatively new to the area but have been an avid cyclist since 2004.
In 2007, myself and a friend cycled across the U.S. on a 41 day trip from California to Florida, where I gained a lot of perspective on how towns, cities and states handle their road maintenance and care for the cycling community. Now being a New Mexican, I very much want to be a part of bettering the local community and making cycling more accessible and safe for our citizens.

I want to get more involved with the local NM community and know being a part of the advisory committee, along with providing a voice for the betterment of the cycling community would be a very rewarding experience.

Please let me know how I can apply for the MPO position, and if there is any other information that can be shared at this time.

Thank you for your consideration and please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.
Looking forward to hearing back from you.
Sincerely,
-John

