

1 **MESILLA VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**
2 **POLICY COMMITTEE**

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4 The following are minutes for the meeting of the Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning
5 Organization (MPO) Policy Committee which was held February 8, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. in
6 Commission Chambers at Dona Ana County Government Building, 845 Motel Blvd., Las
7 Cruces, New Mexico.

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9 **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Nora Barraza (Town of Mesilla) (arrived 1:23)
10 Trent Doolittle (NMDOT)
11 Councillor Jack Eakman (CLC)
12 Trustee Linda Flores (Town of Mesilla)
13 Councillor Olga Pedroza (CLC)
14 Commissioner Benjamin Rawson (DAC)
15 Commissioner Isabella Solis (DAC) (arrived 1:03)
16 Councillor Gill Sorg (CLC)
17 Commissioner John Vasquez (DAC)
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19 **MEMBERS ABSENT:** Trustee Carlos Arzabal (Town of Mesilla)

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21 **STAFF PRESENT:** Tom Murphy (MPO staff)
22 Andrew Wray (MPO staff)
23 Michael McAdams (MPO staff)
24 Dominic Loya (MPO Staff)
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26 **OTHERS PRESENT:** Becky Baum, RC Creations, LLC, Recording Secretary
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28 **1. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (1:02 PM)**

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30 Flores: I'm going to call this meeting to order and we'll start with the Pledge of
31 Allegiance.
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33 ALL STAND FOR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
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35 **2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST INQUIRY**
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37 Flores: And then I'm going to ask if any Member of our Board has a conflict of
38 interest. Does any Member have any known or perceived conflict of
39 interest with any item on the agenda? If so that Committee Member may
40 recuse themselves from voting on a specific matter or if they feel that they
41 can be impartial we will put their participation up to a vote by the rest of
42 the Committee.
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44 Pedroza: No conflict.

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46 Flores: Okay.

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2 Sorg: None.
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4 Eakman: None.
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6 Vasquez: None.
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8 Flores: Okay. Seeing none.
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10 **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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12 Flores: We'll move on to public comment. Is there anyone in the public that would
13 like to make a comment? No. Okay.
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15 **4. CONSENT AGENDA ***

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17 Flores: And then we'll move to the consent agenda. So on the consent agenda I
18 have the approval of the minutes. Do I hear a motion?
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20 Eakman: I would move that we approve those minutes as published.
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22 Pedroza: Second.
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24 Flores: Okay, so I hear a motion and a second. All in favor say "aye."
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26 MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.
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28 Flores: All opposed say "nay." Okay. So that's passed.
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30 **5. * APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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32 **5.1 * January 11, 2016**

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34 - VOTED ON VIA THE CONSENT AGENDA
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36 **6. ACTION ITEMS**

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38 **6.1 Resolution 17-03: A Resolution Amending the 2016-2021**
39 **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**
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41 Flores: We have, next are action items. Next I have action item 7.1, Resolution
42 17-03: A Resolution Amending the 2016-2021 Transportation
43 Improvement Program, the TIP.
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1 Wray: Thank you Madam Chair. I'd like to direct the attention of the Committee
2 to page 42 of the packet. This is the first amendment that's being
3 requested today. This is an NMDOT requested amendment.
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5 Sorg: Madam Chair. Should we have a motion to approve the resolution first?
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7 Flores: Oh, that's right, I'm sorry. Okay.
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9 Sorg: I'll do that.
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11 Flores: Are you making that motion?
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13 Sorg: I'll make that motion to approve the resolution.
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15 Flores: Okay. That was Councillor Sorg. Do I hear a second?
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17 Pedroza: Second.
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19 Flores: And that was seconded by Councillor Pedroza.
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21 Wray: Thank you Madam Chair.
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23 Flores: Actually if we could just pause I see Commissioner Solis has arrived. So
24 we'll note that for the record. Who has the signup sheet and we'll just
25 make sure she gets that. Okay. If somebody can give her the sign-in
26 sheet. Okay. So welcome and have they told you where we're at on the
27 meeting? On 7.1 we're looking at. Okay. So we got our first and a
28 second, go ahead and continue.
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30 Wray: Thank you Madam Chair. Again on page 42 of the packet, this is an
31 NMDOT requested amendment, LC00160. This is actually City of Las
32 Cruces contributing money for the utility work to be done on the Valley
33 Drive project. The City wants to do the utilities work concurrent with the
34 NMDOT reconstruction project and that is the purpose of that amendment.
35 We also have, and this is the sheet that was handed out to you by Mr.
36 Murphy just a moment ago, the very last item, LC00300. This project,
37 NMDOT has requested that it be moved to Federal Fiscal Year 2019, as
38 it's my understanding that they do not have the funding to pay for it in
39 Fiscal Year 2018. And I don't know if Mr. Love wishes to elaborate any
40 further on that or if that pretty much sums it up.
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42 Love: That pretty much sums it up.
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44 Wray: Okay. Those are the amendments being requested today Madam Chair.
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1 Murphy: Andrew. Madam Chair, if I may interject. On this amendment on the
2 sheet that was passed out, it was passed out after the packets were
3 published. It was presented as a floor amendment to the TAC
4 amendment, so the TAC did vote on it and recommend approval.
5 However the BPAC did not review this amendment. But it is not, you can
6 take that under and advisement and act on it how you see fit.
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8 Flores: Okay. Thank you.
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10 Wray: Madam Chair. Also you'll note that the Exhibit A listed in the packet does
11 not have the second amendment that will be, I guess we need an
12 amendment to the listed document and that will be included in the
13 document that's delivered to the Chair for signature.
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15 Flores: Okay. And in addition we'll need to strike the whereas, basically the MPO
16 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility Advisory voted on this and recommended
17 on January 17th.
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19 Wray: That is correct. We will need to do that.
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21 Flores: Okay. That's page 43, the second whereas up needs to be scratched.
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23 Pedroza: Excuse me. Which whereas are we excluding?
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25 Flores: On page 43. If you go from the bottom up, the second whereas because
26 that basically says the BPAC ...
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28 Pedroza: Oh, because they did not do that.
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30 Flores: Reviewed and recommended. They did not do that so that needs to be
31 scratched.
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33 Pedroza: That leads me to another question Ms. Chair.
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35 Flores: Yes.
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37 Pedroza: What will the effect be of our taking some action on it if the BPAC and the
38 pedestrian have not done that, have not taken any action?
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40 Wray: Madam Chair, Councillor Pedroza. Ultimately the Policy Committee is the
41 one who approves the resolutions so it wouldn't have a substantive impact
42 on the resolution. The MPO bylaws just ...
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44 Pedroza: Our vote would not have a substantive impact.
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1 Wray: No. No. The MPO bylaws just call for the TIP amendments to go through
2 each one of the Advisory Committees but because this is something of an
3 emergency amendment, it came up after the BPAC had already convened
4 and voted and staff judged and NMDOT requested that we not hold it up
5 until the next amendment cycle so it's being brought to you for approval
6 today.
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8 Pedroza: But our taking any kind of action on it will have an effect then?
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10 Wray: It'll approve the resolution, it'll approve the amendments.
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12 Pedroza: Regardless.
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14 Wray: Yes.
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16 Pedroza: Okay. Thank you.
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18 Flores: Commissioner Rawson.
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20 Rawson: Madam Chair, thank you. Madam Chair, it sounds like we really have two
21 different amendments here and the first one did go through the MPO
22 Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee and the second one did not. Is that
23 correct?
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25 Wray: Madam Chair, Commissioner Rawson. Yes. That is correct.
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27 Flores: So then do we want to just kind of state that in the information?
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29 Wray: We could ...
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31 Flores: Just say in the first part?
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33 Wray: We could write something in the resolution. We can craft some language
34 for that, to that effect.
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36 Sorg: Madam Chair.
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38 Flores: Councillor Sorg.
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40 Sorg: I am confused. What two amendments are we talking about?
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42 Wray: On page 42, Councillor. Actually both of the amendments are on the
43 sheet that was handed out to you. They're the ones that are highlighted in
44 red. LC00160 has the additional funding from the City of Las Cruces to
45 pay for the utilities and then the last one listed on that page, LC00300 is
46 the movement of that project from Fiscal Year '18 to Fiscal Year '19.

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2 Sorg: Very good. And then which one got approved by the BPAC and which
3 one did not?
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5 Wray: LC00160 went through the BPAC and LC00300 did not.
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7 Sorg: Thank you. That makes it very crystal clear. Thank you. In addition to
8 that, in the packet on page 42, the description of the amendment there for
9 LC00160 it says Valley Drive Picacho to City of Las Cruces City limits.
10 Which City limits are we talking about here?
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12 Wray: Madam Chair, Councillor Sorg. That is an error and I apologize. I actually
13 had a note right here in front of me to mention that and I overlooked it.
14 But that description is in error. The termini of the project is Picacho to
15 Avenida de Mesilla.
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17 Sorg: Okay. Thank you. That clears it up. That's what I was wondering about.
18 Thank you very much Madam Chair and all.
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20 Flores: I have a second ...
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22 Eakman: Madam Chair.
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24 Eakman: Actually I just wanted to ask, on the actual sheet that you handed out it
25 says from Valley to Hickory, so ...
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27 Eakman: That is correct.
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29 Wray: I do not have an explanation for that particular, this is a sheet that was
30 developed by NMDOT but you'll notice on that, that's in the Scope column.
31 The Project Termini is still called Picacho to Avenida de Mesilla. You'd
32 have to ask NMDOT for a further explanation as to why Hickory is listed
33 there.
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35 Eakman: Madam Chair if I could. The project does extend from Picacho to Avenida
36 de Mesilla and then on to Hickory. And this is a vital project for District 4
37 of the City of Las Cruces. And so I would ask my fellow Board Members
38 to give it full consideration here because doing the utilities parallel with
39 doing the road construction will save us a lot of problems in the decades
40 to come.
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42 Pedroza: Madam Chair.
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44 Flores: Councillor Pedroza.
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1 Flores: It seems to me as if for everybody's peace of mind and clarity it would be a
2 good idea to amend the writings of this item to reflect exactly what we
3 want, because otherwise it seems as if it's awfully confusing. In other
4 words, possibly on page 42, this could be the first amendment that the
5 Project and Termini be changed to say "Valley Drive to Avenida de
6 Mesilla, from there to Hickory." That would be amendment number one. I
7 move that we amend this writing in the first instance, as the first
8 amendment to say that.
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10 Flores: Do I hear a second?

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12 Eakman: For the sake of clarification, I second.

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14 Flores: Okay. Anyone else have any comments?

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16 Wray: So just for staff's clarities when we are writing the resolution, what
17 language exactly should appear under that whereas?
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19 Pedroza: Madam Chair. The only thing I was addressing was the wording in the
20 little box called Project and Termini because that's where I heard that
21 there had been a little tiny bit of clarification needed. So instead of saying
22 "Valley Drive to Picacho to City of Las Cruces City limits," it will say
23 "Valley Drive, Picacho to Avenida de Mesilla and on to Hickory."
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25 Wray: Oh, okay. I apologize I thought we were discussing the BPAC whereas.

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27 Pedroza: No, no. We're taking them one at a time so that everything is as clear as
28 we can make it.
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30 Flores: Did we actually get a motion to amend that part on the BPAC, though?
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32 Wray: There has not been a motion, no.
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34 Flores: Okay. Can I hear a motion?
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36 Pedroza: To what?
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38 Flores: To basically straighten out the verbiage on the BPAC and what was
39 considered.
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41 Pedroza: I thought I did that.
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43 Flores: We talked about it but I don't think there was an actual motion and a, to
44 amend.
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46 Wray: I apologize. I did not hear the Councillor make a motion.

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2 Sorg: I believe Councillor Pedroza made the motion and I seconded.
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4 Pedroza: Yes. That's my recollection as well.
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6 Flores: But that was the motion for actually determining the termini.
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8 Pedroza: Well whatever makes it clear.
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10 Flores: Are you motioning for both those amendments?
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12 Pedroza: No. I want to do them one at a time if ...
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14 Flores: Okay.
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16 Pedroza: So if Councillor Eakman moved to make one amendment that would come
17 prior to this one then I'll second that.
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19 Flores: Okay.
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21 Pedroza: If I haven't already done it.
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23 Rawson: Madam Chair. Point of order.
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25 Flores: Okay.
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27 Rawson: Madam Chair. Since we do have a motion on the table with an
28 amendment let's vote on that amendment, and just to clarify my
29 understanding of the motion made by the Councillor, on Exhibit A which is
30 part ...
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32 Pedroza: Right.
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34 Rawson: Of the resolution and that is on page 46, is where the change would be,
35 not on page 42 since page 42 is not part of the resolution and the
36 amendment. And so just to clarify if that is my understanding Councillor, I
37 think that's what your goal was.
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39 Pedroza: Yes.
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41 Rawson: And Madam Chair I'd like to suggest that we go ahead and take a vote on
42 that motion and then come back to the BPAC question if that'd be
43 appropriate.
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45 Flores: That would be fine. So do we want to take a ...
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1 Wray: Yes.
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3 Flores: Vote by person?
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5 Wray: Mr. Love.
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7 Love: Yes.
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9 Wray: Councillor Sorg.
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11 Sorg: Yes.
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13 Wray: Councillor Pedroza.
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15 Pedroza: Yes.
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17 Wray: Commissioner Rawson.
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19 Rawson: Yes.
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21 Wray: Commissioner Solis.
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23 Solis: Yes.
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25 Wray: Councillor Eakman.
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27 Eakman: Yes.
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29 Wray: Madam Chair.
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31 Flores: Yes.
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33 MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.
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35 Flores: Okay. Sounds like that passed. Okay. And so now we haven't voted on
36 the amendment for the BPAC portion of the resolution. Did we decide that
37 there was a first and you seconded, did you second the motion on that?
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39 Pedroza: Well I'm not sure because I wonder whether we have the authority to
40 amend something that the BPAC already passed.
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42 Flores: The issue is basically clarifying what they passed and what they did not
43 pass.
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45 Pedroza: And I ...
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1 Flores: Because they did not pass both.
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3 Pedroza: That would ...
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5 Flores: They didn't discuss both.
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7 Pedroza: Trouble me if I were on the BPAC.
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9 Flores: They just discussed one and passed it.
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11 Pedroza: If I passed something and then the Policy Committee just overrode it and
12 said, "No, this is what we're going to do."
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14 Flores: It's my understanding that they weren't given the opportunity to discuss
15 one of the issues. Guess I'll let Mr. Murphy clarify that.
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17 Murphy: Yes. Thank you Madam Chair. And staff would like to propose some
18 language to help clear this up in that we insert specifically Project
19 LC00160 into the whereas BPAC line and reflect that they reviewed and
20 recommended approval of that project.
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22 Pedroza: Even though they didn't.
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24 Murphy: That's the project that they did review.
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26 Pedroza: Oh, they did.
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28 Murphy: And they did recommend approval. And I'd like to ...
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30 Pedroza: Okay.
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32 Murphy: To pause on my language here for both the BPAC and the TAC. They're
33 not approving bodies to you guys.
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35 Pedroza: Okay. Okay.
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37 Murphy: They are recommending bodies.
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39 Pedroza: Okay.
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41 Murphy: And so they make recommendations to this body which has the
42 responsibility ...
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44 Pedroza: Final authority to ...
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46 Murphy: And the final authority ...

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2 Pedroza: Pass or not pass.
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4 Murphy: And responsibility ...
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6 Pedroza: Okay.
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8 Murphy: To pass on this. So what we're hoping to achieve through all of this is to
9 reflect upon that you decided, if you were to vote to approve this
10 amendment the decision would be that it was presented to you. You were
11 made aware that it was presented after such time that BPAC had an
12 opportunity to review it but you feel that it should be approved anyway
13 because of the urgency on the behalf of the DOT.
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15 Pedroza: Right.
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17 Murphy: That they need to have that amendment done now.
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19 Pedroza: Madam Chair.
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21 Flores: Councillor Pedroza.
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23 Pedroza: Yeah. That's very very clarifying to me. What I still need though is if you
24 can pinpoint on there what page are we talking about amending.
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26 Murphy: What we are talking about is amending as Commissioner Rawson pointed
27 out page 46.
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29 Pedroza: I thought we already did that.
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31 Murphy: And we're essentially taking out that Exhibit A and putting in this Exhibit A
32 that I'd handed out, the one that we passed out that was produced by
33 NMDOT reflect ...
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35 Pedroza: Page 48?
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37 Murphy: This, the loose sheet that was handed out to you.
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39 Pedroza: I believe that corresponds to what in the packet is page 48.
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41 Wray: Madam Chair, Councillor Sorg. It does not because that sheet does not
42 reflect the change that NMDOT is requesting in this case.
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44 Pedroza: Are we substituting the one we received today for the one that's in the
45 packet?
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1 Murphy: Madam Chair, Councillor Pedroza. We are substituting the one handed
2 out today for page 46. Page 48 was informational from the e-mail and
3 although LC00300 was listed on that, the subsequent change from when
4 this packet was published to today is they're requesting that that project be
5 moved to Fiscal Year '19. The page on page 48 does not reflect that
6 movement of fiscal years.
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8 Pedroza: So we are substituting this one that we received today for page 48.
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10 Murphy: Page 48 is part of an e-mail from ...
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12 Pedroza: So we don't, we can just not consider it.
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14 Murphy: Yeah. Page 48's not any part of the official record. It's just the packet.
15 The official record is the resolution and the Attachment A.
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17 Pedroza: Okay.
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19 Murphy: And so what was handed out is intended to replace Attachment A on page
20 46 and now that may change the information, may make the information in
21 the packet not correct any longer but the information in the packet was
22 merely informational and is not part of the action requested.
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24 Pedroza: Okay. So I think I've got it. Exhibit A as it appears in the packet is going
25 to be removed. Okay?
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27 Murphy: Yes.
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29 Pedroza: The packet titled FY2017-FY2019 TIP, the one that we received, that's
30 going to replace page 46.
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32 Murphy: That is correct.
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34 Pedroza: Okay. Replaces page 46. Should we do those things separately or is
35 everybody else clear and I'm the only one kind of in a muddle here?
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37 Flores: I thought that's what we had voted on was to basically add that (*inaudible*).
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39 Murphy: We already voted on replacing Exhibit A.
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41 Flores: Okay. That was my understanding, so okay. All right. So do we need
42 now to vote on the whole resolution as amended?
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44 Murphy: Yes.
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46 Flores: Okay. Do I have any more discussion? Commissioner Rawson.

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2 Rawson: Thank you very much. Madam Chair. The resolution references an
3 Exhibit B as well and I didn't see that Exhibit B in the packet, at least not
4 labeled as Exhibit B.
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6 Wray: Madam Chair, Commissioner Rawson. That is correct. Staff neglected to
7 include the self-certification statement that is a requirement in order for us
8 to process it through NMDOT. We apologize. What that document just
9 says is that this MPO has followed the relevant Federal Laws and it's
10 handed to the Chair for her signature and then it is sent on up as part of
11 the packet to NMDOT for the approval by the Transportation Commission
12 and then ultimately FHWA for the Statewide STIP approval.
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14 Rawson: And Madam Chair. If you would please send me a copy of that just so that
15 I have it for my records. I know this is the first time I've seen that so as
16 long as everyone else is comfortable with that being a normal thing that's
17 done I'm happy to move forward, Madam Chair.
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19 Flores: Okay. Thank you. So can we send him a copy via e-mail then?
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21 Wray: I will send that to everyone, yes.
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23 Flores: Okay. Thank you.
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25 Sorg: Madam Chair.
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27 Flores: And then I had ... Councillor Sorg.
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29 Sorg: I have a couple of questions on Exhibit A.
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31 Flores: Okay.
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33 Sorg: The control number 160, we're approving the funding of this project but
34 are we approving any plans or design of the project?
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36 Wray: No. Madam Chair, Councillor Sorg. No.
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38 Sorg: Okay. That's good, clear. And the second question is on control number
39 300, could someone describe what that project is going to be about? It
40 says "bridge and pavement preservation and ADA improvements from
41 Elks to Del Rey." Well that just goes over the bridge and Del Rey doesn't
42 cross Highway 70. It goes underneath it. I'm a little unclear just where it
43 begins, where it ends I should say. I guess it begins at Elks Drive. But
44 what kind of pavement preservation is that going to be, in other words?
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1 Wray: Madam Chair, Councillor Sorg. I only know in vaguest detail about the
2 intentions of NMDOT in this project but it's my understanding that
3 specifically it's the bridge that is being talked about and Del Rey is only
4 being utilized in this context as a geographic point of intersection. I don't
5 believe any sort of work is going to be going on below or around the
6 bridge. It's my understanding that it's just the bridge and that the
7 pavement there, NMDOT has judged that it is in bad enough condition that
8 it cannot wait any longer and it needs to be rehabilitated. But I'll defer to
9 Mr. Love if he has any other comments.
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11 Love: Madam Chair. Yes. That is correct. It's a project to do repairs on the US-
12 70 bridge, and also to repair the pavement between the termini of Elks
13 and Del Rey.
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15 Sorg: So the pavement preservation will go beyond the bridge surface?
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17 Love: That is correct.
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19 Sorg: Okay. That's what I really wanted to know and I approve that quite a bit
20 because I drive that often and I notice the pavement is going very bad.
21 Thank you Madam Chair.
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23 Flores: Thank you. Anyone else? Just want to note that Mayor Barraza has
24 joined us, for the record. Okay. So then we need to, nobody has any
25 more issues with this. Can we have a vote on it then?
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27 Wray: Yes Madam Chair. Mr. Love.
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29 Love: Yes sir. Oh, we're voting?
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31 Wray: Voting.
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33 Love: Yes.
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35 Wray: Councillor Sorg.
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37 Sorg: Yes.
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39 Wray: Councillor Pedroza.
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41 Pedroza: This is for all of the amendment then?
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43 Wray: This is for the whole shebang.
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45 Pedroza: The whole shebang. Yes.
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1 Wray: Commissioner Rawson.

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3 Rawson: Yes.

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5 Wray: Commissioner Solis.

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7 Solis: Yes.

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9 Wray: Councillor Eakman.

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11 Eakman: Yes.

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13 Wray: Mayor Barraza.

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15 Barraza: I will recuse myself because I was not part of the discussion.

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17 Wray: Madam Chair.

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19 Flores: Yes.

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21 MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

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23 **6.2 Resolution 17-04: A Resolution Amending the FY2018 - FY2019**
24 **Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

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26 Flores: Okay. So we'll move along to action item 7.2, Resolution 17-04: A
27 Resolution Amending the Fiscal Year 2017 - Fiscal Year 2028 Unified
28 Planning Work Program. Do I hear a motion?

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30 Pedroza: Move to approve.

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32 Eakman: Second.

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34 Flores: So the first motion was from Councillor Pedroza and the second was from
35 Councillor Eakman. Okay. Any discussion? Or actually, do your
36 presentation.

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38 Murphy: You'd like to hear about it? Madam Chair. The MPO received notification
39 from the New Mexico Transit and Rail Division that we had accumulated
40 an amount of \$66,910 of carryover funds and that they wished for us to
41 expend rather immediately. To do so we need to amend our Unified
42 Planning Work Program and we had proposed the actions as listed out on
43 page 50 of your packet. We propose investigating purchasing software
44 that will assist in downloading data that is collected by automatic
45 passenger counters we have installed on two RoadRUNNER Transit
46 buses. Currently that data is downloaded manually by staff. They need to

1 physically go over to the bus yards on Monday mornings, transfer a data
2 file, convert it to spreadsheet. This software, we have been told, would
3 allow this information to be uploaded to the Cloud and allow a much easier
4 dissemination of information on that. The other, and I'm going to skip
5 down to item 3 which is "add an additional item for tasks 5.5," and I'll direct
6 you to jump your packet to page 59 and 60 where we propose to join in
7 with the City of Las Cruces' long-range planning section. They're currently
8 developing an RFP to seek a consultant to develop an Active
9 Transportation Plan. This would look to identify gaps for non-motorized
10 transportation specifically in the City limits and in what we the MPO's
11 looking at, the urbanized area. We would add to this these transit funds.
12 We would look for the, they already have the emphasis but a greater
13 emphasis on connections to transit stops and so we're proposing to add
14 that to our Work Program. The specific amounts are going to be
15 dependent upon the bid we receive on the software but we anticipate that
16 to be in the \$27,000 range, allowing approximately, including the matches
17 \$33,000 to be added to the Active Transportation Plan work. And then the
18 other change in our UPWP, skipping back up to that item 2, we're deleting
19 reference to the Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan. What
20 we had proposed was doing a more localized update to a plan that the
21 State had already done. However, our initial reach-out to service
22 agencies and other transportation providers, we did not find a lot of
23 interest in pursuing that task and since it's not a statutory requirement we
24 thought our efforts would be better served working on other items. With
25 that I will hope to answer any questions you may have.

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27 Flores: Councillor Eakman.

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29 Eakman: Yes. Thank you Madam Chair. And to staff I'd like to ask what options
30 you looked at other than what was proposed here for the use of those
31 return funds from NMDOT. I'm asking this because we three City
32 Councillors are directly affected by this going straight to the City and not
33 being used for any other purpose that the County might have or the
34 various cities and colonias of Dona Ana County might have. So I'm
35 wondering what options were also looked at besides these.

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37 Murphy: Madam Chair, Councillor Eakman. For these funds, and these are the
38 Transit 5303 funds, and pursuant to the Joint Powers Agreement since
39 those funds are allocated essentially for urban transit system planning, per
40 our Joint Powers Agreement the City is the sole matcher of these funds
41 and whereas our MPO PL funds are matched by also the County and the
42 Town of Mesilla. So we really did just consult with the City, we consulted
43 with the BPAC who have representation outside, and we consulted with
44 the TAC which also has representation outside as well but really we did
45 primarily look at within the City since the City is the one on the hook for
46 the match for this particular type of funding. Additionally because, if I

1 could give a shout-out to the City here, because I imagine they consider
2 themselves a regional player, the bus system itself does go outside the
3 City limits. So it could address places in the near County and also the
4 urbanized area which includes the Town of Mesilla as well.
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6 Eakman: You've answered my question. Thank you.
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8 Flores: Anyone else? Okay, seeing no further discussion do we want to take a
9 vote?
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11 Barraza: Madam Chair. We need a motion on the floor first.
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13 Flores: I thought we started with a motion. We started with the motion.
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15 Barraza: We did?
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17 Flores: Yeah.
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19 Barraza: I thought that was for approval of the other resolution. I'm sorry.
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21 Murphy: Mr. Love.
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23 Love: Yes.
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25 Murphy: Councillor Sorg.
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27 Sorg: Yes.
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29 Murphy: Councillor Pedroza.
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31 Pedroza: Yes.
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33 Murphy: Commissioner Rawson.
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35 Rawson: Yes.
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37 Murphy: Commissioner Solis.
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39 Solis: Yes.
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41 Murphy: Councillor Eakman.
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43 Eakman: Yes.
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45 Murphy: Mayor Barraza.
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1 Barraza: Yes.
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3 Murphy: And Chair Flores.
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5 Flores: Yes.
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7 MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.
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9 Flores: Okay. So moving ...
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11 Barraza: Madam Chair. Can I just make a comment?
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13 Flores: Mayor Barraza. Go ahead.
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15 Barraza: I too had the same question that Councillor Eakman had as to how that
16 project was designated and I understand your point about the matching
17 funds, but I also think that the other entities should have at least been able
18 to have some say as to what projects would be considered in the future.
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20 Flores: Well I think this was our opportunity where we could have not approved,
21 we could have had a further discussion, someone could've come up with
22 additional alternatives. So I mean ...
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24 Barraza: No, and I agree, but that's what I'm saying, just for the future if we could
25 have staff consider that.
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27 Flores: Okay. So what are you asking, that maybe perhaps they send us notice
28 and say, "Here are some funds. For our next meeting we're going to ..."
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30 Barraza: We have a resolution on the table for these funds ...
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32 Flores: Right.
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34 Barraza: Do you have any projects that you would like to be considered? The
35 stipulation is that each ...
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37 Flores: Would have to do the match.
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39 Barraza: You'll have to have the match. Correct.
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41 Flores: Right.
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43 Barraza: Yes.
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45 Flores: Okay. Does anybody have any comments to that? Would that
46 (*inaudible*)?

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2 Murphy: I think we can work with that.

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4 Flores: Okay. Thank you.

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6 **7. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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8 **8.1 NMDOT update**

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10 Flores: All right. So we'll move on to discussion items, 8.1: New Mexico DOT
11 updates. I believe that's Mr. Love. Do you have any updates?

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13 Love: I did not come prepared to give updates but if anybody has any questions
14 of any projects that we're looking to for the future that are currently under
15 design I'd be more than happy to try to answer.

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17 Flores: Okay. Councillor Sorg.

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19 Sorg: Thank you Madam Chair. Mr. Love. Do we have any update on when the
20 project on Solano and Main Street will begin, the intersection there?

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22 Love: That's a good question and I'm thinking May or June, somewhere around
23 that time they're going to start breaking ground.

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25 Sorg: Thank you. Thank you Madam Chair.

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27 Pedroza: Madam Chair.

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29 Flores: Councillor Pedroza.

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31 Pedroza: Thank you. When Mr. Doolittle has been here we have discussed the
32 intersection of Triviz and Missouri and there's been a lot of discussion
33 back and forth as to when the project will be deemed finished so that then
34 the City can say, "Okay. It reverts to our control, the intersection reverts to
35 our control now and if we think that the medians that have been installed
36 are detrimental to the businesses and the residents then we can remove
37 the medians." But as far as I can tell from Mr. Doolittle and he can correct
38 me if I'm wrong but I think I'm understanding him, that point has not been
39 reached even though there are no more orange barrels anyplace and it
40 doesn't look like there's any more work being done. Do you have any idea
41 what's going on, how soon we will be told that particular intersection now
42 is within the control of the City?

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44 Love: My understanding is that the project is physically completed, as you
45 stated, but there's a claim I think by the contractor that has to be resolved
46 before it can be completed on paper.

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2 Pedroza: Okay. I see. Okay. Thank you. I'm going to ask you, I've asked Mr.
3 Doolittle and he's agreed that once that happens he will notify me, I
4 believe by e-mail. So would you do that if he's not available?
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6 Love: I will make sure he gets the message.
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8 Pedroza: Thank you. Thank you Madam Chair.
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10 Flores: Any other questions for Mr. Love? Seeing none.
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12 **8. COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS** 13

14 Flores: We'll move on to Committee and staff comments, so staff.
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16 Murphy: Madam Chair. Just one announcement, we have extended our
17 Transportation Improvement Program call for projects that we had
18 published back in October. We have extended that deadline to February
19 24th. We did notify each of your staffs of this extension.
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21 Flores: Councillor Pedroza.
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23 Pedroza: Thank you Madam Chair. I sit on the Board of the South Central Solid
24 Waste Authority and also on the Board of the Joint Utilities and I mention
25 the two of them because some few years ago each one of them
26 contracted with Suzanne Michaels to do informational articles to the Sun
27 News and I believe that they have been very very effective because they
28 say in language that laypeople can understand exactly what's going on
29 and why. I suspect that if DOT were to, I don't mean every day, but every
30 couple of weeks or so have an article that explains some of these fairly
31 intricate processes that we're going through, that would be very very
32 helpful to the general public that would know where their money or other
33 monies is coming or going and what the intentions are. But that's just a
34 suggestion.
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36 Flores: Anyone else have a comment?
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38 Murphy: Madam Chair. I apologize. I missed one. We're working with
39 RoadRUNNER Transit. They have scheduled two public hearings at the
40 Mesilla Valley Intermodal Transfer Center on February 16th from 10:00
41 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and on February 25th, which is a Saturday, from 10:00
42 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and these are to discuss proposed route changes to
43 their system, specifically I believe on Route 8 on Picacho and affecting
44 service on Solano as well. So if you can make any of these meetings that
45 would be great.
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1 Pedroza: Can you give the dates again?
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3 Flores: So the second one was February 25th from 10:00 to 11:30 and that would
4 be at the transit ...
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6 Murphy: At the Transit Center.
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8 Flores: At the, okay. And then what was the first one, from 10:00 to 11:00 as
9 well?
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11 Murphy: First one, yeah. February 16th, that's next Thursday from 10:00 to 11:30
12 and there'll be maps posted in the passenger waiting area. I believe a
13 presentation will be made. Additionally if we don't already, we'll have
14 those routes and documents on display on our website.
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16 Flores: Okay. Any other comments? Mayor Barraza.
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18 Barraza: Madam Chair. I just wanted to apologize to the Board for walking in late. I
19 was at White Sands Missile Range at a military-civilian forum and that was
20 my reasons for being in late.
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22 Flores: Okay. Anyone else?
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24 Solis: Madam Chair.
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26 Flores: Commissioner Solis.
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28 Solis: I just want to say that I want to apologize for also being late this afternoon.
29 I've got a little bit of a, I don't know what you call it, you know cold. But
30 anyway I'm here and I'm thankful to be here and I just wanted to say that I
31 want to say thank you to be on this Committee and hopefully I can serve
32 well. So thank you for having me.
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34 Flores: And I would just like to welcome Commissioner Rawson. He's been with
35 us at least once before, maybe twice before. No, but I mean you've come
36 in as a proxy at least once before and it's our first time to have
37 Commissioner Solis and I just want to welcome you and that's it. Okay.
38 So seeing no more comments from staff or the Committee Members.
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40 9. PUBLIC COMMENT

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42 Flores: Do we have anybody from the public that would like to make a comment?
43 And I'm seeing somebody shake their head "no."
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45 10. ADJOURNMENT (1:42 PM)


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1 Flores: So if I don't have any objections we'll move to adjournment. Any
2 objecting? Seeing none.

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4 Sorg: Move to adjourn.

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6 Flores: We're adjourned.

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