

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 May 10, 2017 at 1:30 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:** Carlos Arzabal, (Town of Mesilla)
10 Mayor Nora Barraza (Town of Mesilla)
11 Trent Doolittle (NMDOT)
12 Councillor Jack Eakman (CLC)
13 Councillor Olga Pedroza (CLC)
14 Commissioner Benjamin Rawson (DAC)
15 Commissioner Isabella Solis (DAC)
16 Councillor Gill Sorg (CLC)

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18 **MEMBERS ABSENT:** Trustee Linda Flores (Town of Mesilla)
19 Commissioner John Vasquez (DAC)

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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:** Jolene Herrera, NMDOT
27 Harold Love, NMDOT
28 Becky Baum, RC Creations, LLC, Recording Secretary

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30 **1. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (1:30 PM)**

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32 Murphy: And the computer clock here says 1:30.

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34 Sorg: Okay. Very good. We'll call the meeting to order again and in order to
35 have a meeting since our Chairman and Vice-Chair are absent today, is
36 there a motion to appoint a temporary Chair for today's meeting?
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38 Arzabal: Mr. Chair. Sir I'd like to nominate Mr. Sorg as our temporary Chairman for
39 today's meeting.

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41 Eakman: I am honored to second that motion.

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43 Sorg: Okay any further discussion? Then call the roll.

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45 Murphy: Okay. Councillor Eakman.
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1 Eakman: Yes.
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3 Murphy: Mr. Doolittle.
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5 Doolittle: Yes.
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7 Murphy: Councillor Sorg.
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9 Sorg: Yes.
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11 Murphy: Councillor Pedroza.
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13 Pedroza: Yes.
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15 Murphy: Trustee Arzabal.
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17 Arzabal: Yes.
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19 Murphy: Commissioner Rawson.
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21 Rawson: Yes.

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23 MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

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25 Sorg: Okay. The first order of business on the agenda is to call to order and the
26 Pledge of Allegiance. Where's the flag?
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28 COUNCILLOR SORG LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
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30 **2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST INQUIRY**

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32 Sorg: The next order is conflict of interest. Is there any Member of the
33 Commission or staff that has a conflict with any item on the agenda?
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35 Pedroza: None.

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37 Eakman: None.

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39 Arzabal: None.

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41 Sorg: Hearing none, we'll assume. Oh, good. Mayor Nora Barraza has just
42 entered the room.

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44 Barraza: Thank you.
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46 **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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2 Sorg: Any public comment? Seeing no public.
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4 **4. CONSENT AGENDA ***
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6 Sorg: We'll move on. Let's have a motion on the consent agenda.
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8 Solis: Mr. Chair. I make a motion we approve the consent agenda.
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10 Eakman: Second.
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12 Sorg: Okay. Any discussion? Then let's take a vote.
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14 Murphy: Commissioner Solis.
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16 Solis: Yes.
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18 Murphy: Councillor Eakman.
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20 Eakman: Yes.
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22 Murphy: Mr. Doolittle.
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24 Doolittle: Yes.
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26 Murphy: Councillor Pedroza.
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28 Pedroza: Yes.
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30 Murphy: Trustee Arzabal.
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32 Arzabal: Yes.
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34 Murphy: Mayor Barraza.
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36 Barraza: Yes.
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38 Murphy: Commissioner Rawson.
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40 Rawson: Yes.
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42 Murphy: And Councillor Sorg.
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44 Sorg: Yes.
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2 **5. * APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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4 **5.1 * April 12 2017**

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6 - VOTED ON VIA THE CONSENT AGENDA

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8 **6. ACTION ITEMS**

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10 **6.1 Resolution 17-05: A Resolution Amending the FFY 2017- FFY 2018**
11 **Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

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13 Sorg: Next item on the agenda is the action item 6.1: Resolution 17-05: A
14 Resolution Amending the FY 2017 - 2018 Unified Planning Work Program.

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16 Eakman: I would move approval.

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18 Barraza: I would second.

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20 Sorg: Who was that? Oh, Councillor Eakman moves approval and ...

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22 Barraza: Mayor Barraza.

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24 Sorg: Mayor Barraza seconded. Mr. Murphy.

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26 Murphy: Mr. Chair, Members of the Board. This action item is to amend our two-
27 year Unified Planning Work Program which covers Federal Fiscal Years
28 2017 and Federal Fiscal Year 2018. We received an e-mail
29 communication from the planning group New Mexico DOT in Santa Fe
30 notifying us that there was an adjustment in what is termed the "obligation
31 limits" and thereby reducing the amount of planning, or PL funds that are
32 available statewide. This affects every MPO in the state of New Mexico.
33 We were reduced proportionally and this is going to have an impact of
34 \$17,516.00 on our Fiscal Year '18 program. What we've done is we've
35 reduced the amounts proportional in that budget by that amount and it
36 should not affect a lot of program delivery. We may have delays on
37 replacing equipment and stuff like that but we will not have to lose any
38 staff or postpone or eliminate any program. With that I'll stand for any
39 questions.

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41 Sorg: Questions? Councillor Pedroza.

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43 Pedroza: Thank you. Mr. Murphy. Can you tell us what that was motivated by?
44 Was there a cut, was there an ask for return of monies, or what
45 happened?
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1 Murphy: Mr. Chair, Councillor Pedroza. I'm not sure the exact motivation of it. This
2 is something that was decided at the Federal Highway level and it affects
3 the obligation limit that is applied towards the Federal Transportation
4 funds in the state of New Mexico and I might ask for Mr. Doolittle's
5 assistance on this. I imagine this affects all of the federal-funded
6 programs in the state.
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8 Pedroza: Mr. Doolittle? Thank you.
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10 Doolittle: Tom. I think Jolene has more information than I would.
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12 Herrera: Thank you. Jolene Herrera, NMDOT. This actually was done at the
13 federal level, so through Congress. Every year they allocate a certain
14 amount of money but then they tell us that we can only spend a certain
15 portion of that money. Last year it was 94.6%. This year it's gone down to
16 90% and so that's really, it's trickled down to the states now and it will
17 impact District 1 and all the other districts' programs also.
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19 Pedroza: Thank you.
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21 Herrera: You're welcome.
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23 Sorg: Any other comments or questions? Seeing none, let's have a vote Mr.
24 Murphy.
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26 Murphy: Okay. Commissioner Solis.
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28 Solis: Yes.
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30 Murphy: Councillor Eakman.
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32 Eakman: Yes.
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34 Murphy: Mr. Doolittle.
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36 Doolittle: Yes.
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38 Murphy: Councillor Pedroza.
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40 Pedroza: Yes.
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42 Murphy: Trustee Arzabal.
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44 Arzabal: Yes.
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46 Murphy: Mayor Barraza.

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2 Barraza: Yes.
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4 Murphy: Commissioner Rawson.
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6 Rawson: Yes.
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8 Murphy: And Councillor Sorg.
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10 Sorg: Yes.

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12 MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

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14 **6.2 Resolution 17-06: A Resolution Amending the 2016-2021**
15 **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

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17 Sorg: Next item on the agenda is 6.2: Resolution 17-06: A Resolution
18 Amending the 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program.

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20 Wray: Thank you Mr. Chair. Good afternoon Members of this Committee.

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22 Sorg: Is there a motion to approval?

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24 Eakman: I would move approval.

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26 Arzabal: Second.

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28 Wray: I'd like to direct the attention of the Committee to page 25 of the packet.
29 There are three amendments that have been requested by RoadRUNNER
30 Transit and by New Mexico Department of Transportation.

31 The first one is TL00010. This is a RoadRUNNER Transit
32 amendment. Mr. Bartholomew of RoadRUNNER Transit has requested
33 that the FTA portion of that project be increased, actually both the FTA
34 and the local fund portions be increased by \$1,655,184 for a total increase
35 of \$3,310,368.

36 The next project is TL00013. Mr. Bartholomew has requested to
37 reduce the 2017 portion for that project down to \$322,000.

38 The last amendment that's been requested for this cycle is
39 LC00230. That's a New Mexico Department of Transportation project. It
40 deals with signal upgrades at railroad crossings and the request is to
41 move the project from Fiscal Year 2020 to Fiscal Year 2022 which moves
42 it out of the current 2016-2021 TIP. I'll stand now for any questions.

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44 Sorg: Any questions by the Committee? Councillor Pedroza.

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1 Pedroza: Thank you. Andrew does that mean that if it's moved from 2020 to 2022 it
2 will still be available come 2022, or it will re-resurrect?
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4 Wray: It's been moved out of the current TIP. I'll say that it has been requested
5 to be included in the next TIP that's going to be coming up. I'm going to
6 be talking about that a little bit more in just a moment. But 2022 is within
7 that, the next, the 2018 TIP's time frame and that project has been
8 requested to be in that TIP so.
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10 Pedroza: Thank you very much.
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12 Sorg: Any others? I'm just a little curious, Andrew. Did Mr. Bartholomew explain
13 what RoadRUNNER Transit operations they were going to increase?
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15 Wray: He was not specific about that level of detail, no. I do not know.
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17 Sorg: I would like that in the future so we know what we're putting this money
18 into. He's increasing it by \$1.6-something million. Do you know where
19 that money is coming from?
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21 Wray: I do not sir.
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23 Sorg: Okay. There again, that would be good to know. If there's no other
24 questions or comments, I'll call for the roll.
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26 Wray: Commissioner Solis.
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28 Solis: Yes.
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30 Wray: Councillor Eakman.
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32 Eakman: Yes.
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34 Wray: Mr. Doolittle.
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36 Doolittle: Yes.
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38 Wray: Councillor Pedroza.
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40 Pedroza: Yes.
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42 Wray: Trustee Arzabal.
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44 Arzabal: Yes.
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46 Wray: Mayor Barraza.

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2 Barraza: Yes.
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4 Wray: Commissioner Rawson.
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6 Rawson: Yes.
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8 Wray: Mr. Chair.
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10 Sorg: Yes.

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12 MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

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14 **7. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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16 **7.1 Committee Training**

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18 Sorg: So let's proceed onto the discussion item 7.1: Committee Training.

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20 Wray: Thank you Mr. Chair. Mr. Loya is currently passing out a copy of the draft
21 of the 2018 to 2023 TIP. The open call for projects for this TIP, or excuse
22 me not the open call, the public comment period for this TIP began at the
23 TIP meeting last week. Our Public Participation Plan requires that there
24 be a 30-day public comment period for this TIP. As part of the public
25 comment period we always give an overview of the TIP and the TIP
26 process to this Committee and to the members of the public in attendance
27 at this meeting. So just as a brief overview the TIP or Transportation
28 Improvement Program is a short-range fiscally-constrained list of federally
29 funded and/or regionally significant projects in the MPO planning area as
30 determined by the MPO Policy Committee. The list of projects is created
31 in cooperation with residents, local governments, and the New Mexico
32 Department of Transportation. Federal law requires that the TIP cover a
33 period of four years but the State of New Mexico requires that there be an
34 additional two so-called "out years" included in the TIP. So in this
35 instance the required years are 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021 and then the
36 out years are 2022 and 2023. The TIP goes directly into the Statewide
37 Transportation Improvement Program or STIP. It's required to go in
38 without alteration. The STIP is maintained by the New Mexico
39 Department of Transportation and is approved by the New Mexico
40 Transportation Commission. Development of the STIP as required by law
41 is also to include input of public transportation providers. All regionally
42 significant transportation projects requiring action by the Federal Highway
43 Administration or the Federal Transit Administration are required to go on
44 the TIP. For the purposes of the TIP "regionally significant" is defined as
45 any transportation project that is on a facility which serves regional
46 transportation needs, connects to areas outside the region, connects to a

1 major activity center, or connects to a major transportation terminal, for
2 example a major airport or an airport, something of that nature. According
3 to the New Mexico STIP Policies and Procedures Manual it's required at
4 minimum to include all principal arterial highways and fixed guideway
5 transit facilities and also all capital and non-capital transportation projects
6 other than FTA-funded planning projects.

7 Again as I mentioned at the beginning the MPO's required to
8 publish an open call for projects every two years, although the TIP can be
9 amended at any time during that period. The Mesilla Valley MPO, we
10 initiated our call for projects for this TIP in October of 2016. We then
11 extended the deadline of that TIP in January of this year to the end of
12 February of 2017. Citizen stakeholders and local governments are all
13 invited to make project recommendations. After the application deadline
14 MPO staff works with New Mexico Department of Transportation to
15 identify potential sources of funding. Matching funds have to be identified
16 in any TIP application and it's important to understand that just because
17 there is an application for a TIP project that does not mean that a project
18 is ultimately going to go on the TIP.

19 When it comes to amending the TIP there is a set process laid
20 down in the Statewide Policies and Procedures Manual. The process has
21 to follow a set schedule. There also has to be an opportunity for public
22 participation provided in each TIP amendment. A recent update to this I'll
23 add as an aside, but now going forward MPO staff will be required to
24 include an announcement of an impending TIP amendment on the MPO
25 website. And there is one such announcement for today's amendment
26 that this Committee has just approved. Common causes for an
27 amendment are an addition or deletion of a project that would require an
28 amendment, substantial changes to the scope of the project, well I'm not
29 going to read through all of them. Another very important potential cause
30 for an amendment is a change in the project's total programmed amount
31 greater than 20% or any amount greater than \$2 million.

32 As I said the TIP amendment operates on a cycle. It's a quarterly
33 cycle. The dates that are on the screen in front of you are just an example
34 of the first quarter dates that would need to be followed in order for an
35 amendment to be processed by New Mexico Department of
36 Transportation in order for it to go before the Transportation Commission.
37 The cycle does repeat itself on a quarterly basis throughout the year so
38 there are four opportunities in any given calendar year for the TIP to be
39 amended.

40 There is a process for out-of-cycle amendments but it is
41 emphasized in the Policies and Procedures that this process is to be used
42 sparingly. In this current 2016 TIP that we're currently operating under
43 there's been one time where an out-of-cycle amendment was requested.
44 The process is that the lead agency on the project has to address a letter
45 to the MPO Policy Committee Chair. The letter has to address why the
46 amendment is necessary and why the amendment cannot wait for the

1 regular cycle. If the amendment is approved by the Policy Committee
2 then it is forwarded to the Transportation Secretary who can then approve
3 it to include it in the TIP.

4 There is another process to make changes in the TIP. It's the
5 Administrative Modification process. It's minor changes in the scope of
6 the project, deletions of project phases that do not change the scope of
7 the project, and minor one-time changes in the total amount of the federal
8 funds, the project has to be less than 20% of the project total or up to \$2
9 million. If that is done then it cannot be done again without a full
10 amendment to the project.

11 And the page that you see on your screen in front of you, it is
12 actually the first page of the 2018 TIP. I just wanted to briefly illustrate the
13 portions of the sheets for everybody's benefit. But up here in the upper
14 left corner is the control number. That's the control number that is
15 associated with this project all the way from the MPO up to the State and
16 up to the, ultimately when FHWA looks at it, up to the Federal level. It has
17 the NMDOT district and the county recorded on the sheet. It also has the
18 municipality recorded. In this instance this is the railroad crossing project
19 that Councillor Pedroza was asking about earlier. You'll note that it is
20 within the out years of the impending 2018 TIP. So while it has been
21 moved out of the 2016 TIP it's now been requested to be included by
22 NMDOT on the 2018 TIP. You'll see the project description here and then
23 the meat of the sheet is the funding information there on the table.

24 Again the public comment period for the 2018 TIP commenced on
25 May 4th at that day's Technical Advisory Committee. MPO staff intends to
26 bring the 2018 TIP to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory
27 Committee next Tuesday at their May 16th meeting for their
28 recommendation to this Committee and then MPO staff will bring this TIP
29 to the Technical Advisory Committee on June 1st, and then our intention is
30 to bring this TIP back before this Committee on June 14th for their
31 approval. And I'll stand now for any questions.

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33 Eakman: Mr. Chairman.

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35 Sorg: Yes.

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37 Eakman: I do have a question.

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39 Sorg: Councillor Eakman.

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41 Eakman: Is this the total programs that are included in this TIP like ...

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43 Wray: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Eakman. Yes. These are all the projects that
44 we were requested by all of our jurisdictions to include in the 2018 TIP.
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1 Eakman: I wanted to clarify that. I'm going to attend my first meeting as a member
2 of the South Central Regional Transit District later this month and so
3 there's absolutely nothing in the TIP for the SCRTD. Is that correct?
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5 Wray: Councillor. Yes, that is correct. The SCRTD did not request any projects
6 to go onto our TIP.
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8 Eakman: Thank you.
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10 Pedroza: Mr. Chair.
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12 Sorg: Anybody else?
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14 Pedroza: I have a question.
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16 Sorg: Councillor Pedroza.
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18 Pedroza: Thank you very much. Did I understand you correctly, Andrew that you
19 said that individuals not on any committee can also suggest or make
20 recommendations for projects to be included in the TIP?
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22 Wray: Mr. Chair, Councillor Pedroza. Yes. That's correct. They would need to
23 ultimately if, let's just lay out a scenario. If an individual came to MPO
24 staff with a project that they wanted to do we would take the information,
25 but then we would take them to meet with the staff of the relevant
26 government jurisdiction. So if it was a project that was out in the county
27 we would take them to meet with Dona Ana County staff. If it was within
28 the city we would take them to meet with City of Las Cruces staff, etc. So
29 while an individual can make suggestions and recommendations, it
30 ultimately does have to be sponsored through a government entity. But
31 we do want to put that in there because the possibility for individuals to
32 come and make recommendations is most definitely out there and
33 available, and we want to make sure that people are aware of that.
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35 Pedroza: Do you know how many, and I don't ask you to give me exact numbers,
36 but approximately how many of the projects that have been approved
37 have come from individuals in the community?
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39 Wray: In my four years of being in this position that has never happened. I would
40 have to defer to Mr. Murphy for ...
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42 Pedroza: I kind of suspected that.
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44 Wray: For any further, his experience of this ...
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46 Pedroza: Sure.

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2 Wray: Goes much further back than mine.
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4 Murphy: Mr. Chair, Councillor Pedroza. As for a direct citizen suggestion right onto
5 the TIP, I'd have to say probably not, but ...
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7 Pedroza: I see.
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9 Murphy: I do believe that a lot of the projects that kind of start out, that get into the
10 MTP, the Metropolitan Transportation Plan are suggested during our
11 public input process.
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13 Pedroza: I see.
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15 Murphy: The City or the State or the County or Town staff see those projects in the
16 Long-Range Plan and they begin working on them, and it ultimately gets
17 funded. So you know it's never as direct as it's laid out. I think it gets laid
18 out in the Federal Regulations to allow it to be that direct but from a
19 practical standpoint, you know public involvement takes a little bit longer.
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21 Pedroza: Okay. All right. Thank you very much. Thank you Mr. Chair.
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23 Sorg: Any other questions on this discussion item? Thank you Andrew.

24 7.2 NMDOT Update

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27 Sorg: Next is the NMDOT update. Mr. Doolittle.
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29 Doolittle: Thank you Mr. Chair. Just real briefly I've got three projects that I wanted
30 to give updates on.
31 The US-70 pavement preservation from Aguirre Springs to the
32 county line is completed with the exception of our final application of
33 stripe.
34 We do have the one over the pass for the bicycle, the continuation
35 of the bicycle route that I mentioned last month. We're still in the
36 preliminary stages of contract awards. I don't have any further information
37 on that one other than we do have a tentative contractor I guess for that
38 project.
39 The next one I wanted to briefly talk about was the Spitz/Three
40 Crosses. Those of you that have driven through there know that we're
41 moving dirt and tearing up the roadway. In all reality I know that we've
42 had some congestion there but it seems like a lot of people are finding
43 ways around it or they're being very patient getting through that project.
44 It's actually flowing much better than I think any of us could've expected,
45 at least this early on in the project. So I'm glad to see people are
46 respecting the traffic control and the speed through there and finding other

1 ways through it. But we are continuing to have our monthly public
2 meetings. Our next one will be on May 18th at our Solano project office
3 and we're trying to do those on every third Thursday of the month but I'll
4 continue to update this Board each month on when those meetings are in
5 case we have to move them. Again that project is slated for a one-year
6 contract time. But I'll continue to provide updates on timeline as we move
7 into the project. We're just real early on and it's just a lot of utility
8 coordination beginning to prepare for storm drain and utility work that the
9 City is participating in. So we're real early stages of that project but at
10 least we're real happy with the way it's starting off.

11 The next one is just an early notice for a project that we have
12 coming. We're putting in the signal at 17th and Picacho. The contractor is
13 scheduled to be on site starting on Monday but they're going to be doing
14 their sub-service utility work. So basically they are doing potholing to
15 make sure that we're not going to impact utilities or have conflicts with the
16 signals that are coming in. They won't actually start any kind of work until
17 probably within the next three weeks. We have our pre-con next week so
18 we'll have a better idea of their schedule. But again the intent of that one
19 is not to start until school is out. That way we're not impacting the school
20 buses. And those are the only three projects I have at this point that's
21 taking place in the area. And I'll stand for any questions.

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23 Sorg: Mr. Doolittle. The public meeting on the 18th of May, what time and day
24 would that be?

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26 Doolittle: I'll have to find out. I think they're at 6:00.

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28 Sorg: Sounds about right.

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30 Doolittle: I thought I had one in my calendar that I could look back at the date, but I
31 do not. Yes I do, 6:00.

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33 Sorg: Very good. Thank you. Any questions for the DOT? Yes Mr. Eakman.

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35 Eakman: Mr. Chair. I wonder if there's some program we could put together to
36 assist the NMDOT and our own local economy by educating our local
37 contractors on how they can better receive contracts with NMDOT rather
38 than big projects go out of the area and that thing. I wonder if there's
39 some way we could power up on an education program for our local
40 contractors so they're more able to win competitive projects. Yes, a level
41 playing field but is there a way we could educate them to step up on some
42 of these?

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44 Sorg: Thank you.

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1 Doolittle: If I may Mr. Chair. We have had some of our local contractors be prime.
2 Smith and Aguirre's one that comes to mind. It frequently bids on a lot of
3 our urban projects. For the majority of the work that we're doing, they are
4 New Mexico contractors but I will tell you that a lot of our local contractors
5 are subs to the bigger primes who tend to manage. La Calerita is actually
6 out of Las Cruces and they do a lot of our bridge projects. Toby Villalobos
7 is the owner and he actually lives just east of town. So we have seen a lot
8 of our contractors, maybe not necessarily being prime but several of our
9 local, Sandoval Construction that bid the North Main project is local to the
10 community. So if they're not prime they are doing a lot of work as subs.
11 The thing that I tend to notice is a lot of the bigger projects like this are
12 very difficult to manage when it comes to your subcontractors, the media
13 and the public interactions and sometimes our local contractors aren't
14 equipped or don't have the knowledge and expertise to necessarily do
15 those things. It just kind of depends on the project and the scope. But I
16 would say in general on every project we see our local contractors working
17 in some capacity on those projects themselves.
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19 Eakman: I appreciate that answer. I wonder if we could discuss this you know at a
20 future meeting, maybe at the next meeting because all of us might come
21 up with some ideas on how we can improve and have more of our people
22 down here working. Thank you.
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24 Pedroza: Mr. Chairman.
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26 Sorg: Councillor Pedroza.
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28 Pedroza: Thank you. On that very question, yesterday I attended a Small Business
29 Association presentation at Arrowhead Park and it was very very
30 informative. And I think that they teach local people who are interested in
31 becoming, they pretty much they hold their hand and take them through
32 the whole process of where do they go, what is a business plan, what tax
33 documents are required, etc., etc., etc. So in the future if we wanted to
34 have them come and do some sort of a presentation, that might be very
35 very good. Thank you.
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37 Sorg: Any others?
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39 Barraza: Mr. Chair.
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41 Sorg: Mayor Barraza.
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43 Barraza: Thank you Mr. Chair. I just want to thank NMDOT for the TAP award. We
44 did receive our letter for design and construction for the multi-use path
45 from La Llorona to Calle del Norte and we're sincerely grateful for that. It's
46 over \$600,000 and the Town within the two years come up a match. But

1 it's a project that we had been discussing and had been prioritized and I
2 just want to say thank you so much for that award. And just one other
3 small comment to DOT. If it was possible that on the exit from the
4 interstate coming from Deming, I always get 25 and 10 confused, I think
5 it's 10, I think it's 10. I have to think of terms of miles. The clearing of the
6 weeds on the exit as you're coming to the stop sign, once you exit to La
7 Mesilla or Motel Boulevard, if there was any way we could clean that up
8 and present a nice clean landscaping I guess when tourists come into our
9 community. So again thank you so much.

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11 Sorg: Thank you Mayor. Any other questions or comments? If not.

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13 **8. COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS**

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15 Sorg: We'll move on to other comments. Staff or Committee?

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17 Wray: Thank you Mr. Chair. In addition to the Town of Mesilla's award, the Las
18 Cruces Public Schools was also awarded TAP funds with this cycle for the
19 continuation of the Safe Routes to School program, so we're very pleased
20 about that. Additionally, MPO staff is pleased to announce that the 2016
21 Traffic Flow Map is ready. It's been published. It's available on the MPO
22 website. Hard copies will be ready to go out to the jurisdictions very very
23 shortly. We're printing them right now.

24 Also lastly, I did want to note with relation to the amendment
25 requested by Mr. Bartholomew, on page 31 in your packet, and I
26 apologize, I don't know why the page number printed out so tiny on that
27 page. I don't understand it. But Mr. Bartholomew does note that the
28 increased operations is coming out of the Capital Transfer. So that's why
29 capital is being reduced. Mr. Murphy also informed me that the nature of
30 the operational changes are going to be discussed at impending Transit
31 Advisory Board meetings. So that'll be the source for further information
32 on that.

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34 Sorg: Thank you. I'll be there. Appreciate that. Any other comments by the
35 Committee?

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37 Barraza: Mr. Chair.

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39 Sorg: Yes Mayor Barraza.

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41 Barraza: Thank you Mr. Chair. I just want to thank, an extra thanks to the staff from
42 the MPO. They coordinate, they are organized, and they do everything
43 they can to assist the different agencies and my hat off to the staff at the
44 MPO. Thank you all so much. Very informative.

1 Sorg: Very good. Thank you too. If there's no further comments by the
2 Committee or staff.
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4 **9. PUBLIC COMMENT**
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6 Sorg: We'll go to the large public that is presented here today. Seeing no hands
7 in the air.
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9 **10. ADJOURNMENT (2:03 PM)**
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11 Sorg: We'll move on to adjournment. Is there a motion to adjourn?
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13 Barraza: Mr. Chair. I make a motion we adjourn.
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15 Eakman: Second.
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17 Sorg: Okay. It's been moved and seconded to adjourn. All in favor say "aye."
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19 MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.
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21 Sorg: Opposed? Then we are adjourned.
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27 Chairperson
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