

1 **MESILLA VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**
2 **BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
3

4 The following are minutes for the meeting of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities
5 Advisory Committee of the Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
6 which was held July 18, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in Commission Chambers at Dona Ana
7 County Government Building, 845 Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico.
8

9 **MEMBERS PRESENT:** George Pearson, Chair (City of Las Cruces Citizen Rep)
10 Andrew Bencomo (Pedestrian Community Rep)
11 Jim Billings, proxy Maggie Billings(Bicycle Com. Citizen Rep)
12 Harold Love, proxy Jolene Herrera (NMDOT)
13 Mark Leisher (DAC Citizen Rep) (arrived 5:03)
14 James Nunez (City of Las Cruces Staff Rep)
15 Samuel Paz (Dona Ana County Rep)
16 Lance Shepan (Town of Mesilla Staff Rep)
17 Jess Waller (Bicycle Com. Rep.) (arrived 5:32)
18

19 **MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ashleigh Curry (Town of Mesilla Citizen Rep)
20 David Shearer (NMSU Staff Rep)
21

22 **STAFF PRESENT:** Tom Murphy (MPO)
23 Andrew Wray (MPO)
24 Michael McAdams (MPO)
25 Dominic Loya (MPO)
26

27 **OTHERS PRESENT:** Daniel Sambrano, DAC Engineering
28 Rene Molina, DAC Engineering
29 Nathan Craig
30 Margaret Brown Vega
31 Katie Jenkins, CLC
32 Brian Byrd, CLC
33 Luis Rios
34 Becky Baum, Recording Secretary, RC Creations, LLC
35

36 **1. CALL TO ORDER (5:00 p.m.)**
37

38 Pearson: So it's 5:00 and we have a quorum, so we'll go ahead and call to order the
39 Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization Bicycle and Pedestrian
40 Facilities Advisory Committee meeting. We have a couple of proxies I
41 think, so let's just go down and everybody introduce themselves. Andrew
42 would you start.
43

44 Bencomo: Andrew Bencomo, pedestrian advisor.
45

46 Shepan: Lance Shepan, Mesilla Marshall's office.

1
2 Billings: Jim Billings, I'm proxy for Maggie Billings.

3
4 Nunez: James Nunez, City of Las Cruces.

5
6 Paz: Samuel Paz, Dona Ana County.

7
8 Love: Harold Love, proxy for Jolene Herrera, New Mexico DOT.

9
10 Pearson: And I'm George Pearson, the Chair, citizen representative for the City of
11 Las Cruces.

12
13 **2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

14
15 Pearson: So first item on our agenda is approval of the agenda. Are there any
16 comments on the agenda? Here a motion to approve the agenda as
17 presented.

18
19 Nunez: I'll make a motion.

20
21 Bencomo: Second.

22
23 Pearson: So we have a motion and second to accept the agenda as presented. All
24 in favor "aye."

25
26 MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

27
28 Pearson: Any opposed?

29
30 **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

31
32 **3.1 May 16, 2017**

33
34 Pearson: Next item is the approval of the minutes for May 16th. Are there any
35 comments on the minutes? Motion to approve the minutes as presented.

36
37 Bencomo: So moved.

38
39 Nunez: Second.

40
41 Pearson: Got a motion and second to approve the minutes as presented. All in
42 favor "aye."

43
44 MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

45
46 Pearson: Any opposed?

1
2 **4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

3
4 Pearson: Our next item is an opportunity for public comment. Do we have anybody
5 from the public that wishes to say anything to us at this point? Seeing
6 none.
7

8 **5. ACTION ITEMS**

9
10 **5.1 2018-2023 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments**

11
12 Pearson: We'll move on to our action items. First one is a TIP amendment.
13

14 ANDREW WRAY GAVE HIS PRESENTATION.
15

16 Paz: So we happen to have our engineering staff and they can tell you more
17 information about the Soledad project.
18

19 Sambrano: Soledad Canyon we got the 30% plans here and I believe they e-mailed
20 you all the road cross-sections. So we got 30% plans, we're looking at
21 end of the year for another public meeting input. And we should be
22 getting about our 60% plans then. That's all there is to update right now.
23

24 Pearson: And this is the project that we just had the public meeting at the Farm and
25 Ranch not too long ago with the cross-section ...
26

27 Sambrano: Yes sir.
28

29 Pearson: Bicycle lanes on the side, or on one side.
30

31 Sambrano: Yes sir. Sure is.
32

33 Pearson: Yes. Anybody else? Are you done Andrew?
34

35 Wray: Yes Mr. Chair. That concludes the presentation.
36

37 Pearson: Anybody have any questions on the items?
38

39 Nunez: Just a quick one in general. So on the 30% are you already talking about
40 some drainage existing to keep the dips out so you can increase the sight
41 distances for motorists coming up on bicyclists, as an example.
42

43 Sambrano: The water crossings, there was no enough money to do drainage
44 structures. Drainage structures run anywhere from about \$500,000 to \$1
45 million a piece and there's like eight or nine of them. So there was not
46 enough money in the flat to cover that.

1
2 Nunez: All right. Thanks.

3
4 Bencomo: Mr. Chair. I have a couple of questions. So I just question again, are
5 there any of those drainage areas that are going to be done or zero of
6 them?

7
8 Sambrano: They are going to be improved but they are going to remain low water
9 crossings.

10
11 Bencomo: Okay. Thank you. And then also Mr. Chair, Andrew, LC00250, moving
12 775 from construction to preliminary design, so then for construction how
13 are they going to, how are they going to make up those funds the following
14 year, do they already have a plan for that or just crossing our fingers?

15
16 Wray: Mr. Chair, Mr. Bencomo. I do not know. I would have to assume that
17 DOT believes that the existing funds are adequate for the purposes. I
18 have received no information of a further amendment at this time. I don't
19 know if Mr. Love would wish to add any information.

20
21 Love: The reason for moving the funds is so we can continue with the design of
22 the project with the consultant. When we get to a point looking at the
23 estimate where it looks like we need the additional monies that were taken
24 away, we will either look at trying to get additional monies or modifying the
25 project scope.

26
27 Bencomo: Okay. Thank you.

28
29 Pearson: Other questions? I'll hear a motion to accept the TIP amendments as
30 presented.

31
32 Bencomo: So moved.

33
34 Shepan: Second.

35
36 Pearson: We have a motion and a second to accept the TIP amendments. All in
37 favor "aye."

38
39 MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

40
41 Pearson: Any opposed? That passes.

42
43 **5.2 NACTO Draft Resolution for Policy Committee Approval**

44
45 Pearson: The next item is NACTO draft resolution for Policy Committee approval.

1 MICHAEL MCADAMS GAVE HIS PRESENTATION.
2
3 Pearson: So there's just one particular, NACTO has a bunch of different things and
4 this is the one that applies to street designs.
5
6 McAdams: Exactly.
7
8 Bencomo: Mr. Chair.
9
10 Pearson: Yes.
11
12 Bencomo: So we're talking about adopting this, correct? So it's the MPO adopting
13 this, how does that trickle down to the local entities that are under the
14 MPO?
15
16 McAdams: Okay Mr. Chairman and Mr. Bencomo. It's basically the MPO's
17 recommending that the member organizations adopt this. It's similar to
18 the Complete Streets and other things we've done too. So we're
19 recommending, because the MPO is not an implementing agency, so we
20 can recommend the implementation, they adopt the guidelines. So it's,
21 Mr. Chair, Mr. Bencomo it's just strictly that, a recommendation they adopt
22 and we're endorsing this.
23
24 Bencomo: Okay.
25
26 Pearson: And we're waving a big flag that says this is a good thing, you need to do
27 this.
28
29 Bencomo: Okay and follow-up to that, I'm glad this is here. I was hoping this would
30 be here sometime. Has there been discussion with the people that are in
31 charge of road design and all that for those entities as far as do they know
32 this is happening or is this kind of happening on the side and then
33 hopefully they'll see it and ... was there pre-discussion with them?
34
35 McAdams: Mr. Chair, Mr. Bencomo. We have discussed the Technical Advisory
36 Committee, so the representatives of the member agencies are aware of
37 it. We had a very good feedback from our presentation.
38
39 Bencomo: Excellent. Thank you.
40
41 Nunez: I just want to comment. If you remember at the last meeting, and you can
42 look back to the notes, I just wanted to get the language right, and I think
43 we have, right, I mean it's, we're asking them to adopt it as a guideline, it's
44 not an ordinance, it's not rigid law or whatever, it's ...
45

1 McAdams: Yes Mr. Chair and Mr. Nunez. That's correct. They are guidelines to
2 supplement the existing MUTCD guidelines which are (*inaudible*) with the
3 law. It's really giving the engineers of each entity the ability to go beyond
4 the MUTCD and the AASHTO guidelines too as well. So if again we see
5 doesn't, it's not mandatory, it could be important ordinance maybe to say
6 we're going to try to go by the guidelines but of course as said before, they
7 are guidelines open to engineering judgement.
8

9 Nunez: Very good. Thank you.
10

11 McAdams: You're welcome.
12

13 Pearson: It's a way to really improve the toolbox I think. I think we have some
14 engineering staff here, maybe they can comment too on the tools that they
15 would use for designing a project, you've got the AASHTO guidelines,
16 MUTCD, things like that and then this one is also some more guidance
17 that would help and since it's designed for urban areas in particular, it
18 would apply more to the more urbanized projects. Does County staff, will
19 you say something about how they might use this?
20

21 Molina: Rene Molina with Dona Ana County Engineering. I do sit in the MPO TAC
22 and we looked at it and it was a very wonderful, very thorough
23 presentation that was done by MPO staff. And yes, it'll be one of the
24 those toolbox things that we could actually use if it's fully implemented and
25 accepted by our Board, County Commissioners, but it's something that we
26 could possibly use as you mentioned, and we'll look at it, just similar to
27 Complete Streets.
28

29 Nunez: And for the City I would say the same thing. It kind of unties some
30 people's hands where they're a little more concerned about some
31 conservative designs.
32

33 Pearson: NMDOT maybe, I know that the federal FHWA has said that NACTO can
34 be used in designs. Is NMDOT looking at doing any of that also?
35

36 Love: Yes it's currently under review out of our office in Santa Fe.
37

38 Pearson: Thank you. Any other comments? So I'll hear a motion to accept the, do
39 we have to make any changes, I saw some fill-ins, but that was for my
40 copy here.
41

42 Bencomo: So moved.
43

44 Shepan: Second.
45

1 Pearson: So we have a motion and a second to accept the resolution as presented.
2 All in favor "aye."
3

4 MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.
5

6 Pearson: Any opposed? So we've done that. Thank you.
7

8 McAdams: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I'd like to turn the podium over to Brian Bryd of
9 the Community Development Long Range Division to discuss the Active
10 Transportation Plan.
11

12 6. DISCUSSION ITEMS 13

14 6.1 Active Transportation Plan 15

16 BRIAN BRYD GAVE HIS PRESENTATION.
17

18 Bencomo: Mr. Chair. This is great. This is great. I'm very excited about this Active
19 Transportation Plan. I know it's dealing mainly with the City.
20

21 Bryd: Yes.
22

23 Bencomo: There's going to be touching some entities outside of it, but mainly with the
24 City but I think it'd be a great template for other communities around to
25 kind of work through and create that connectivity. So super excited about
26 all of this. One thing that I would like to see perhaps because you had
27 mentioned the steering committee and there was going to be ...
28

29 Bryd: Yes.
30

31 Bencomo: Mainly City staff, but I strongly encourage you to have some community
32 members as part of that from day one just to ...
33

34 Bryd: Yes.
35

36 Bencomo: As input. I mean I think it's very important rather than typically what
37 people see from governments is they do all this work and then say here it
38 is, we need your input and people look at it and go, well you kind of
39 already did it so what are we going to do now?
40

41 Bryd: Yeah. No I'm sorry Mr. Bencomo. I didn't clarify. There's two different
42 groups, there is the steering committee which is composed of government
43 staff as well as perhaps NMDOT or South Central Regional Transit
44 District, but then there's also an external action committee which will be
45 composed of community members, and we do look forward to having a
46 representative from a BPAC involved and that will be decided once the

1 steering committee gets together, we will make the decision who we will
2 involve directly from the public to be involved in that other group.
3
4 Bencomo: Okay.
5
6 Bryd: Yeah, so sorry about that.
7
8 Bencomo: We heard that discussion previously but then I didn't hear it mentioned
9 here so I wanted to be sure it changed.
10
11 Bryd: Sorry about that.
12
13 Bencomo: All right. Thank you.
14
15 Pearson: Anyone else?
16
17 Nunez: Can you elaborate a little bit on the decision makers on the suggestions
18 and what's coming out of this. I mean it's great that you have a lot of
19 input, or I hope that you get a lot of input from various places and
20 committees, but is it a team of six or seven or eight main personnel?
21
22 Bryd: As far as the, so right now currently it is the Planning and Revitalization
23 section of Community Development. There are three members but today I
24 literally called over 20 people because we're building our steering
25 committee which includes representatives from public works, from legal,
26 City staff across the entire City because this really should be very much a
27 collaborative effort and then we are also developing a list of community
28 members which will be directly involved with the project as well. And then
29 of course there will be a ton of general engagement as well throughout the
30 project.
31
32 Nunez: All right. You answered my question. I was just concerned that you would
33 have 20 people trying to make all the decisions. Sounds like you have a
34 handful which is a better way of ...
35
36 Bryd: Yes.
37
38 Nunez: Coming up with a final (*inaudible*).
39
40 Bryd: Yes. And that's true. And I think ultimately the main thing, the major
41 things will come out of this will be policy recommendations. I mean one
42 recommendation for example could be, because there has been a lot of
43 discussion at the City about the City becoming a member of NACTO so
44 that's definitely something that will come up, I'm sure numerous times.
45 There's no doubt in my mind that the consultant will also make that
46 recommendation as well. But that's something to think about and then the

1 policy recommendations and then an implementation plan. So really
2 hoping that it's a very collaborative effort across the City and of course
3 with the community with various groups throughout the community,
4 including BPAC.
5

6 Pearson: Anyone else? So one thing, just looking over the materials real quickly I
7 don't see any reference to bike share, is that a possibility to be discussed
8 or do we have a bike share system?
9

10 Bryd: I think that will be something that'll be discussed and I think the role of the
11 BPAC and whoever is involved from the community, from you Mr. Chair,
12 from the community, you also need to mention that as well. But I think
13 that's something that certainly we would like to bring up as something to
14 be worthwhile to discuss and consider.
15

16 Pearson: And we'll start probably with the plans that are already in existence, the
17 MPO transportation plan, the Hadley Bicycle Boulevard idea, and things
18 like that.
19

20 Bryd: Yeah and I think the reality is a lot of this information is already out there.
21 I think the key is that they're really trying to bring it all together and really
22 get us to discuss all this information across the different departments.
23

24 Pearson: So the MPO has the Bicycle Priority Plan and we haven't looked at that for
25 some time. Might that be appropriate for us to work on that at the same
26 time that this happens or afterwards or?
27

28 Bryd: I think so. I think that's kind of the roll that you guys would play, that the
29 BPAC to play, is to be a part of that. As I mentioned earlier we really want
30 this to be very much a collaborative process, to get the word out.
31

32 Pearson: Right. Because then that way we can make sure that the core City, the
33 stuff you're doing interacts properly with the more regional things.
34

35 Bryd: Yeah, and the regional element is going to be very key. As I said we're
36 going to make sure that NMDOT is involved and also South Central
37 Regional Transit District. We've also shared, as I said earlier, we've been
38 working directly with the MPO to share all the information that's on the
39 MPO website including the different priorities, maps, because all the
40 information's already there.
41

42 Pearson: So the County's also aware and would they participate through the MPO
43 probably then?
44

45 Bryd: I'm not 100% sure how that process is going to work. Basically we need
46 to get our steering committee set up, like the people within the City

specifically and then once that occurs we will have to decide how we're going to engage with the County on the project.

Pearson: Okay.

Bryd: Yeah.

Bencomo: Mr. Chair. So I did have some comments about like the maps that we have currently, the plans that we have currently through the MPO or wherever else, we're working on a lot of things through the Bicycle Friendly Community Task Force recommendations that we have but I also urge that we stay open because tool design group comes in, they're experts at this, they've done this all over the country and hopefully they're going to be reviewing all these plans that we have also. They're going to be looking at them. And so as long as we stay open to the fact that they may look at some of our recommendations and say "I think we really need to of this direction" and some new thinking may come out of this, just as long as we're open about that and not locked into "well we have our plans, we want to do it just this way." I don't think that's going to happen. I haven't seen any of that from any of this group or anybody else I've dealt with, but so long as we're aware of that and open to that. So thank you.

Pearson: Okay. Last call. Thank you.

Bryd: Thank you so much Mr. Chair and Committee.

6.2 Recommended EBID Laterals Funding Priority for the City of Las Cruces

Pearson: Next item is 6.2 recommended EBID lateral funding priority for the City of Las Cruces.

MICHAEL MCADAMS GAVE HIS PRESENTATION.

Pearson: So are you looking for particular routes implementations?

McAdams: Mr. Chair. I don't think we could really say that right now. I don't think we can look at, I can bring up the map but I'm not sure we're at that point to really look at particular routes per se unless I'm open, of course, open to suggestions. We're the servants of the committee.

Pearson: Because we had a priority list for the last Capital Improvement Program cycle didn't we? Or some suggestions? Or the City came up with their own suggestions and the trails, is that ...?

1 McAdams: Mr. Chair. We have heard nothing from the City about whether they are
2 going to consider that or not. So I assume it's still in process, but I'm not
3 sure.

4
5 Pearson: Because the obvious thing is, we've been working on the outer loop for a
6 long time and Mesilla is getting funding through the TAP to add a leg to
7 that on the Calle del Norte and it might be time to start looking the interior
8 too. Because one obvious route to me is the Armijo Lateral from the
9 Outfall Channel through all the way to Las Cruces High and I think it could
10 even go to the University area.

11
12 McAdams: Mr. Chair. I think that'll be a good alternative. That route does provide a
13 spine for the area if considered with other improvements like ours and
14 your favorites, the Hadley Bike Boulevard, you could have both east and
15 west connections to the Outfall Channel.

16
17 Pearson: Right. Well the Hadley Bike Boulevard wouldn't be EBID.

18
19 McAdams: No.

20
21 Bencomo: Mr. Chair. So as far using the Outfall Channels, I think we all agree that
22 that's such a great opportunity and you're correct the Armijo Lateral cuts
23 right through a part of Las Cruces that really probably could use
24 something like that. I mean we have a lot of people in that area that are
25 lower income that rely on bicycles to get around. So it not only could be
26 used for people to get out and recreate, but also as transportation, part of
27 the Active Transportation Plan. One of the things that we have been
28 doing with the Bicycle Friendly Task Force is the planning and engineering
29 group has actually had Mr. Libby from Elephant Butte Irrigation District has
30 attended a couple of our meetings and generally speaking he has said
31 that the board is supportive of using those trails, using the laterals as
32 trails. They are not going to do a blanket, his explanation was they're not
33 going to do just a blanket "Oh yeah you can use every lateral you want."
34 It's going to be a case-by-case basis is the way he explained it. If we
35 identify a section that we want to use, go to them, decide what we want to
36 do to that section, if there's going to be improvements to it, if it's going to
37 be marked in anyway, and then go to them on a case-by-case basis. So
38 I'm very excited about the opportunities that we have to do this.

39 We've also been having some discussion with Tim Fulton, the City
40 Parks administrator because any trails within the City like the Triviz Trail,
41 the Outflow Channel, those ones, the one along Sonoma Ranch, they're
42 trails but they're actually considered parks. They're part of the park
43 system and they're maintained by the parks. And so we've had some
44 discussions with Tim Fulton who has attended several of our meetings
45 and he's supportive of that. Talking about doing some way-fair signage
46 and things like that. So I don't want to delay talking about this, maybe we

1 need to have some kind of separate work session or something to start
2 talking about sections because as you mentioned if the Hadley Bike
3 Boulevard comes down all the way through the area of Pioneer Park and
4 then Armijo Lateral cuts across pretty close to there, there maybe some
5 opportunities for connectivity east/west, north/south. I mean I've kind of
6 hand drawn some maps in there. I think there's tons of opportunity for
7 connectivity. So I don't want to delay working on this and I think it'll fold
8 probably right into the active transportation because they're already
9 starting that process now and it takes us a while to kind of get things
10 going. So I would suggest we move forward on this. In what fashion, I'm
11 not sure. I'm hoping we can maybe do a group work session and talk
12 about our ideas and get input from the public. So just my thoughts.
13 Thank you.

14
15 Nunez: Mr. Chair.

16
17 Pearson: Yes.

18
19 Nunez: We've been talking about this for years, right now. So yeah I agree with
20 Mr. Bencomo, I think that we've actually touched on this in the one session
21 we had. Didn't we, wasn't there some information that was documented
22 on that? Different paths and potentially using some of EBIDs laterals on a
23 couple of the options that were sketched in that room that night? Do you
24 have that information still?

25
26 McAdams: Mr. Chair, Mr. Nunez. I think we're talking about two things; the CIP and
27 the recommendation were separate and they were really pertaining to the
28 EBID because the MOU hadn't been signed. (*inaudible*) we looked at CIP
29 recommendations. So think we discussed those issues but the
30 recommendations given the City were not those elements. So I think yeah
31 we discussed all the and in this discussion we had at that meeting about
32 six months ago or more than six months ago.

33
34 Nunez: No, I'm referring to the work session we had at the City offices upstairs
35 when we had all kinds of things that we walked through and I think we
36 talked paths and some routes. Mr. Bencomo is shaking his head over
37 there. I guess we didn't get that documented on some of that. So back to
38 the point, that I agree that I think we should go through some more, work
39 session. You know I can be persuaded as far as ... well my concern is
40 this, EBID, I know that some people have said well go and use as many
41 as we can and possible, and that's kind of potentially giving a benefit to
42 EBID as we may be potentially increasing quality of their banks and
43 laterals and stuff. So I didn't know if there were any issues as far as
44 (*inaudible*) contribution or whatever the laws are there developing that and
45 who would maintain that, whether it be the parks or EBID. But I'm sure we
46 can work through all of that, especially if we find nice paths that benefit

1 both. I mean maybe, I'm assuming we'll be tying to some of City right-of-
2 way and there maybe some private developer's lands that we may be
3 connecting all these, I don't know. Again I think it warrants a work
4 session.
5

6 McAdams: Mr. Chair. Mr. Nunez. I think one thing we're looking at according to the
7 plans and we picked first tier priorities, and one, most were EBIDs, so I
8 think that's our basis of discussion and then we can go into details about
9 which one of the EBID channels lists it first here on the plans which should
10 we go ahead, it's like picking the low hanging fruit, which we should pick
11 first and if we have, regardless I guess sort of looking quantitatively the
12 most expensive, but I think looking at priority two, which section we should
13 do. You know of the first tier project which would you pick and then
14 perhaps further delineate other criteria too. And I think Mr. Chair, Mr.
15 Bencomo, I think we can move on regardless of the Active Transportation
16 Plan and in coordination as well. So I think these issues are, have been
17 around for a long time and I think that we all agree that maybe we should
18 start acting on this and I think it's going to be one thing like Mr. Nunez
19 says, it's going to be a deliberate process and looking at these things in
20 detail perhaps.
21

22 Pearson: Yeah I wonder if we say "Let's do the EBID projects," maybe we should
23 have a list of what those possibilities are so that it would be easier for us
24 to identify them and prioritize them.
25

26 McAdams: I can bring up a map if you like. Or should be do this, Mr. Chair, should
27 we do another meeting perhaps? We can prioritize it, look at I guess all
28 the EBID trails we can look at, but as the committee would like.
29

30 Pearson: Because I think if can identify segments ...
31

32 McAdams: Right.
33

34 Pearson: Let's say part of the Armijo Lateral was identified in the Amador Proximo
35 Plan, so there's already some support in other plans for that segment but
36 maybe there's another segment, there's the trail that goes behind the
37 flooding east of Main Street that were put in as part of a flood project so
38 that's another possibility connect up with the Outfall Channel. So you
39 know which one is a better project, one is longer but it's further away from
40 the center of the City, the other one's closer to, might serve another
41 neighborhood better. These are the kind of decisions that would help set
42 priorities I think. So if we have a meeting and identify the segments and
43 prioritize them, I think that's what we should be doing. Okay.
44

45 McAdams: Mr. Chair and also the Committee, what would you direct the staff to so
46 now; would you like a special meeting or address this at our next regular

1 meeting? Or exactly what would you like to do sort of detail it more in
2 direction?
3

4 Pearson: We don't know yet what kind of items might be on our next agenda. Right
5 now this is the only thing.
6

7 McAdams: Mr. Chair. It could be the major agenda item for next time if the
8 Committee decides so.
9

10 Bencomo: Mr. Chair. I would suggest, if we're going to work on prioritizing and
11 looking at the maps and things like that, I would suggest a separate
12 meeting than our next meeting. Because it's going to take, that's going to
13 take up a whole meeting. And then we could take our recommendations
14 perhaps to a subsequent meeting, however far down the road, if we could
15 get those prioritizations. Because that's prioritizing the laterals, but then
16 we also have the other systems that are going to have to meld with those
17 laterals to prioritize within that too, so I would suggest we have a separate
18 meeting rather than at our next regular meeting.
19

20 Pearson: So when would you suggest that?
21

22 Bencomo: Tomorrow at 3:00?
23

24 Pearson: Because we have two meetings on and one meeting off, that off meeting
25 we've use for work sessions before, but that's still two months away from
26 now.
27

28 Bencomo: Is that two months from now?
29

30 Pearson: Yeah, because we have this meeting, and next month's our regular
31 meeting.
32

33 Bencomo: Yeah, and I don't think I'd want to wait for that next off time because the
34 active transportation group's already working, we're going to be a little
35 farther behind the curb to get information. So if we could do this within the
36 next couple of weeks, couple to three weeks, I don't know what
37 everybody's availability is for that.
38

39 Pearson: So should we try to put out like a little poll or whatever for committee
40 members to try to pick a meeting time.
41

42 Bencomo: That would work well. So then another question, I'm sorry Mr. Chair. Is
43 this just going to be the BPAC or is it going to be opened. We had it
44 opened to the public last time and I'm just curious.
45

1 Pearson: Our meetings are public meetings so. I think if we have a work session
2 meeting, it would be a public meeting that we would advertise and
3 certainly invite public comment.
4

5 Bencomo: Okay. Awesome. Yeah I would say the next 2-3 weeks if we can, if
6 somebody can do a doodle poll and then we can figure out.
7

8 Pearson: Well why don't we try to pick the timeframe for the time of day at least,
9 what Committee members would like. Is a 5:00 meeting or a morning
10 meeting, afternoon meeting? What's the feeling of the Committee?
11

12 Bencomo: Mr. Chair I would suggest an evening type meeting because then we have
13 more opportunity for the public to attend.
14

15 Pearson: A 6:00 meeting for public.
16

17 Bencomo: That would work. And then Brian can bring pizza for everybody. Just
18 kidding.
19

20 Pearson: An afternoon meeting, I heard Thursday's are good, but that's what the
21 doodle poll. Pick something.
22

23 Leisher: Mr. Chair, 5:00 would work well for me on Thursdays also.
24

25 Pearson: Okay. So 5:00 or 6:00, it's kind of the target and on Thursday and I
26 haven't heard any other dates. And then make it out for whichever, next
27 three weeks or something, send out a doodle poll to the members and
28 then we'll pick whatever the consensus is, we'll set that as a work session
29 meeting.
30

31 McAdams: Mr. Chair should we have it this place or should we try to reschedule it
32 somewhere else? The availability of space is also important.
33

34 Pearson: The conference center seems to work well.
35

36 McAdams: Okay.
37

38 Pearson: If that's available. I mean that's another consideration of course, but that's
39 ...
40

41 Nunez: Dr. McAdams. I would suggest, I think we can do that meeting pretty
42 quick with a map and some pens and such. Just, I really do.
43

44 Wray: Mr. Chair, I do want to interject here for the information of the Committee
45 that August the 3rd, which is two Thursday's from this coming one, is not

1 going to be available for MPO staff to have a work session as we have
2 TAC that night.

3
4 Pearson: Okay.

5
6 Bencomo: Maybe a Wednesday, the Wednesday before?

7
8 Pearson: Two or three weeks out, try to pick a date and send it out.

9
10 Bencomo: Maybe two weeks from tomorrow?

11
12 McAdams: Okay.

13
14 Pearson: Okay.

15
16 McAdams: Okay. Thank you. And now well move, I guess (*inaudible*) if there's
17 anything else would we be able to facilitate that.

18
19 Pearson: Okay.

20
21 **7. COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS**

22
23 **7.1 MPO Staff Update**

24
25 Pearson: So the next is MPO update, Committee and staff comments. MPO have
26 anything for that?

27
28 Wray: No Mr. Chair, we have no updates.

29
30 **7.2 Local Projects update**

31
32 Pearson: Okay we'll go project updates. Oh you took away my list of jurisdictions
33 and I have to ... City of Las Cruces.

34
35 Nunez: Caught me off guard here. Give me a second please. We have a number
36 of projects going on in construction right now with complete reconstruction
37 on Brown Road for example and all ADA accessible ramps on the
38 sidewalks there. And we just completed the final inspection along El
39 Paseo on safety project which includes safety ramps, or ADA ramps on
40 about center section University, Idaho and Wyatt. Hadley's going to bid
41 same here this week from Mesilla to Raymond, full reconstruction of the
42 road and also ADA ramps. Same on Solano, it's this week from around
43 Apodaca Park area from Mesquite down to Mulberry.

44 Currently in design is Court Street, same item and then we have
45 overlays and microsufacing list, we've got the list together based on, we
46 have a long list of items but we passed the streets that we're going to

1 actually have overlays done or microsurfacing through other
2 departments like utilities and other City departments and I have a list here
3 of what those streets are going to be. Some are small sections of each of
4 these roads, but I've got a very small section along Idaho right there by El
5 Paseo where it's rutting pretty bad in east and west directions. And
6 another couple of streets pop out here, Griggs, Mars, a number of these
7 are on residential streets and then overlay on a small section of Jasmine
8 and Nemish, but Jasmine's a heavily used road. The one I think at the
9 west end we're going to do a section there, an overlay.

10 So I think Ms. Curry, I talked to her about these lists and there may
11 be a couple of streets on here that may have some opportunities where
12 we can restripe it and add bike lanes. I know that we're trying to do that
13 right now, they're going to be doing some work from, if you guys are
14 familiar on Roadrunner right now from the school to the north to US-70,
15 we're going to be doing I think there's an opportunity there to add bike
16 lanes in both directions.

17
18 Pearson: That would be an important street because that's the only access for any
19 traffic and it's a hazard for bicyclists and the site distances are not real
20 great in some places.

21
22 Nunez: I don't remember, is it Armando is that his name that was with your group,
23 went to the other group, I just drew a blank on the name, but he had set
24 up a meeting with Soo and my boss, Jerry Cordova, and others to start
25 discussing opportunities like this.

26
27 Pearson: Okay. County.

28
29 Paz: No further updates at this time.

30
31 Pearson: Mesilla.

32
33 Shepan: Nothing other than Calle del Norte still floods when it rains.

34 35 **7.3 NMDOT Projects update**

36
37 Pearson: We're on to NMDOT then.

38
39 Love: We currently have two active projects, there is the Spitz/Solano and Main
40 reconstruction that is ongoing. And also the traffic signal project at 17th
41 Street and Picacho. And we're getting ready to begin the US-70 widening
42 project, US-70 through the pass. That's all.

43
44 Pearson: Okay. I saw some plans for the University/Triviz intersection, is that in the
45 planning area? Is that progressing as plans? The interchange, I-10.

1 Love: Oh, I-25/University, yes that's currently under design.

2
3 Pearson: So at what level of the design can you say, are you at the 30% level yet?

4
5 Love: I don't think we're at 30% yet. Being this is a dual funded project in which
6 we're taking '18 money and '19 money, put it together to do a whole
7 project, so the project probably won't be ready to go to letting until 2019.

8
9 Pearson: Right. Okay.

10 11 **7.4 Committee Members Update**

12
13 Pearson: Any Committee Members have comments or updates they want to
14 provide?

15
16 Bencomo: Mr. Chair I just wanted to mention because James had talked about some
17 City projects and then that sparked in my brain the signaling at University,
18 the pedestrian crossing there?

19
20 Pearson: The hawk signal.

21
22 Bencomo: Yes. I love that thing. It's awesome. When the light comes on and then
23 unfortunately people need to read the sign, says when it's clear you can
24 proceed, because they just sit there and wait for the light to change, but
25 it'll be a learning process. And so just to plant the seed and throw it out
26 there, I would love to see something like that at where the trails cross
27 Camino Real, where it crosses Triviz, right now those yellow flashing lights
28 people they don't pay attention to them, they just go ahead. And the other
29 day I pushed the button and it didn't even come on, I don't know if it needs
30 maintenance or what but those actual flashing red lights that stop people
31 actually work very well and then if it's clear you can proceed, so it doesn't,
32 it's very minimal traffic delay for that. So just planting the seed. Thank
33 you.

34
35 Pearson: Okay. Any other members?

36 37 **8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

38
39 Pearson: Then we're onto our second opportunity for public comment. Anyone from
40 the public want to say anything to us? Seeing none.

41 42 **9. ADJOURNMENT (5:51 p.m.)**

43
44 Pearson: We're at adjournment. Hear a motion to adjourn.

45
46 Bencomo: So moved.

1
2 Shepan: Second.

3
4 Pearson: All in favor "aye."

5
6 MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

7
8 Pearson: We're adjourned. Thank you.

9
10
11
12
13
14 Chairperson

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "G. P. Pan", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is positioned to the right of the printed name "Chairperson".

