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## MESILLA VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### AGENDA

The following is the agenda for the Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) Technical Advisory Committee meeting to be held on **June 7, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.** in the **Doña Ana County Government Building, 845 Motel Blvd.**, Las Cruces, New Mexico. Meeting packets are available on the [Mesilla Valley MPO website](#).

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chair**
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chair**
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chair**
  - 3.1. May 3, 2018 \_\_\_\_\_
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chair**
5. **DISCUSSION ITEMS** \_\_\_\_\_
  - 5.1. New Mexico Local Technical Assistance Program \_\_\_\_\_ **NM LTAP Staff**
  - 5.2. Roundabout Facility Presentation \_\_\_\_\_ **MVMPO Staff**
6. **COMMITTEE and STAFF COMMENTS** \_\_\_\_\_
  - 6.1. City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, Town of Mesilla, Las Cruces Public Schools, RoadRUNNER Transit, and SCRTD Project Updates \_\_\_\_\_ **Jurisdictional Staff**
  - 6.2. NMDOT Projects Update \_\_\_\_\_ **NMDOT Staff**
  - 6.3. MPO Staff Update \_\_\_\_\_ **MPO Staff**
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chair**
8. **ADJOURNMENT** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chair**



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2 Herrera: Jolene Herrera, NMDOT.  
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4 Terrazas: Hector Terrazas, City of Las Cruces Traffic Engineer.  
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6 Bartholomew: Mike Bartholomew, City of Las Cruces RoadRUNNER Transit.  
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8 Gonzales: And we're getting one more here. I'm Michael Garza, I'm the Vice-Chair of  
9 the Committee, serving as Chair for Harold Love today. Go head with the  
10 roll call right here.  
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12 Lee: Soo Gyu Lee, City of Las Cruces.  
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14 Garza: That everyone? All right.

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16 **2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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18 Garza: Next we'll go to item two, approval of the agenda. Has everyone had a  
19 chance to look it over? Looking for a motion.  
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21 Herrera: Move to approve.  
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23 Molina: Second.  
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25 Garza: All in favor.

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27 MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

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29 Garza: Motion carries.

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31 **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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33 **3.1 April 5, 2018**

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35 Garza: Next item, approval of the minutes from the April 5, 2018 meeting. We  
36 have any questions or corrections on that? If not, looking for a motion.  
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38 Molina: Move to approve.  
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40 Herrera: Second.  
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42 Garza: Motion carries.

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44 **4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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46 Garza: Moving on to item number four, public comment. Seeing none.

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**5. ACTION ITEMS**

**5.1 Federal Fiscal Year 2019 and 2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

Garza: We'll move to item number five, looks like we have two action items today, the first of which being 5.1 the Federal Fiscal Year 2019 and 2020 Unified Planning Work Program.

TOM MURPHY GAVE HIS PRESENTATION.

Garza: Does anybody have anything? If not, then if there are no questions or comments we'll look for a motion to recommend for approval as presented to the MPO Policy Committee.

Gregory: I'll make a motion that we accept it.

Bartholomew: I'll second.

Garza: All in favor.

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

Garza: Opposed? Seeing none. Motion carries.

Murphy: Thank you.

**5.2 Amendments to the 2018-2023 Transportation Improvement Program**

Garza: We'll move onto item 5.2, the section action item which is the amendments to the 2018-2023 Transportation Improvement Program.

ANDREW WRAY GAVE HIS PRESENTATION.

Garza: Anybody have anything? Questions, concerns? Seeing none. Then I'm going to go ahead and look for a motion to approve the amendments to the TIP and recommend approval to MPO Policy Committee.

Molina: So moved.

Garza: All in favor.

Wray: We need a second Mr. Chair.

Garza: Sorry.

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Bartholomew: I'll second.

Garza: Now all in favor.

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

Garza: Opposed? Motion carries.

Wray: Thank you Mr. Chair.

**6. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**6.1 Pedestrian safety - FHWA training information**

Garza: So we will go ahead and move onto 6.1 the discussion items, pedestrian safety.

MICHAEL MCADAMS GAVE HIS PRESENTATION.

Garza: Thank you.

McAdams: Thank you too.

Garza: So seeing no questions or comments.

**7. COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS**

**7.1 City of Las Cruces, Dona Ana County, Town of Mesilla, Las Cruces Public Schools, RoadRUNNER Transit, SCRTD Project Updates**

Garza: We'll go ahead and move to item number seven, committee and staff comments. We'll start with 7.1, City of Las Cruces.

Yoder: The City of Las Cruces, some of the projects that we're working on right now, we've just put out for bid Harrelson which involves Union which is an NMDOT highway. The extension of Roadrunner the bids have just been opened and that's in the process of getting awarded. And the City just completed a public meeting for Main Street where we're redesigning from Idaho to Boutz where we're looking at a road diet for that section. And that's it.

Garza: Thank you. Dona Ana County.

Molina: So we've got two projects. We're working on Soledad Canyon, we're at 90% phase of design. We're looking at moving into construction in the

1 next Federal Fiscal Year, so September. And then also the other one is  
2 Dona Ana School Road where we're working on it as we speak and we  
3 should be at our last PS&E I hope this month and then we'll move forward  
4 into construction. Thank you.

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6 Garza: Town of Mesilla.

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8 Lujan: No projects at this time.

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10 Garza: LCPS.

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12 Gregory: Yes, so we've wrapped up our third grade curriculum on bicycle safety and  
13 pedestrian safety. We just had our bike fiesta at Lynn Middle School  
14 which is our community school and it was kind of concurrent with an  
15 activity that was going on at Young Park. It was a great success. We had  
16 a lot of supporters, a lot of donations, and we're able to fix a lot of bikes,  
17 get helmets, lots of bike blender smoothies which were good. And then  
18 we presented to the school work session this last Tuesday, it was just a  
19 Safe Routes to School update to all the board members and the  
20 community. And then we're preparing for the National Bike to School day  
21 which will run May 2 through May 17 and that's approximately 23 of our  
22 elementary schools, it's a pretty big event and that's kind of how we close  
23 out the year, give out a lot of stuff so it's pretty busy month.

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25 Garza: Thank you. Do we have RoadRUNNER Transit?

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27 Bartholomew: Projects that we have coming up is we've already received some funding  
28 to put together an all battery electric bus project. We're hoping to get five  
29 buses out of that. The FTA recently announced it's new Low/No program  
30 and the City plans on applying for that to get an additional three battery  
31 electric buses. Also the USDOT has announced, well it used to be called  
32 TIGER, I guess it's called Build now and the City's going to be applying for  
33 funding to build our operations and maintenance facility out near the joint  
34 Utilities facility on Motel Boulevard.

35 We did initiate some route changes at the very end of March that  
36 seem to be well received by the public, and then we also have in our  
37 budget for budget request to City Council for next year to extend our  
38 weekday hours of service from 7:00 p.m. to end at 10:30 p.m. in the  
39 evening for bus service. That's all I have.

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41 Garza: Thank you. South Central Regional Transit. No.

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43 **7.2 NMDOT Projects Update**

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45 Garza: Moving on to 7.2, NMDOT.

1 Herrera: Thank you Mr. Chair. We don't have any projects currently under  
2 construction right now, if you can believe it. We will have Valley Drive  
3 under construction very soon, we're in the award process for that.  
4 Reviewing bids still, but we hope to have construction started on that by  
5 probably end of July. And that one is going to be 340 working days, so it's  
6 going to take an entire year. It's going to be busy.

7 In design we have the University/I-25 interchange. It's about 90%  
8 designed. It's scheduled to open for bids in October of this year, and that  
9 also will be a huge project. This Committee just approved more funding  
10 so it's a \$41 million project now. My guess is it will probably take just  
11 about a year to construct. That's all we really have going on right now  
12 unless there are any questions.

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14 Garza: Nope.

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16 **7.3 MPO Staff Projects Update**

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18 Garza: We'll move on to 7.3, MPO staff.

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20 Murphy: Okay, just two real quick ones. We are accepting comments on our public  
21 participation plan update. It's live on our website. We're required to  
22 update that prior to updating the MTP process. The other announcement  
23 is our offices will be moving, for those of you that are looking to track us  
24 down physically, we'll no longer be on the first floor of City Hall, we'll be on  
25 the third floor of City Hall. City decided we needed to be in a different  
26 spot. That'll be effective May 20th.

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28 Garza: Thank you.

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30 **8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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32 Garza: So we'll go ahead and move on to item #8, public comment. Seeing none.

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34 **9. ADJOURNMENT (4:44 PM)**

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36 Garza: We'll go ahead and move to item nine, adjournment. Looking for a motion.

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38 Herrera: So moved.

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40 Gregory: I'll second.

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42 Garza: All in favor.

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44 MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

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46 Garza: We are adjourned. Have a good evening everyone.

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Chairperson





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## **MESILLA VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE DISCUSSION FORM FOR THE MEETING June 7, 2018**

### **AGENDA ITEM:**

5.1 New Mexico Local Technical Assistance Program

### **DISCUSSION:**

The New Mexico Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) provides technical assistance and trainings to support workforce development with the aim of helping local governments and municipalities across New Mexico meet their transportation needs.

This presentation will be about the services provided by New Mexico LTAP and be delivered by New Mexico LTAP staff.



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**AGENDA ITEM:**

5.2 Roundabout Facility Presentation

**DISCUSSION:**

The MPO staff will give a brief discussion, based on the FHWA Workshop: “Designing for Pedestrians”, focusing on roundabouts and their ability to: reduce pedestrian crashes; and provide safety benefits for both pedestrians and motor vehicles.