The following are minutes for the meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee of the
Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) which was held May 3, 2018
at 4:00 p.m. in Commission Chambers at Dona Ana County Government Building, 845
Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico.

MEMBERS PRESENT:  
Mike Bartholomew (CLC Transit)
Todd Gregory proxy for Sean Barham (LCPS)
Michael Garza (DAC Flood Commission)
Soo Gyu Lee (CLC)
Yvonne Tellez proxy for Dale Harrell (NMSU)
Jolene Herrera (NMDOT)
Debbie Lujan (Town of Mesilla) (Arrived 4:11)
Rene Molina (DAC Eng.)
Jack Younker proxy Larry Shannon (Town of Mesilla) 
(Arrived 4:11)
Jennifer Yoder (CLC Public Works)

MEMBERS ABSENT:  
David Armijo (SCRTD)
Bill Childress (BLM)
Harold Love (NMDOT)
Luis Marmolejo (DAC Planning)
Ana R. Donohue (EBID)

STAFF PRESENT:  
Tom Murphy (MPO Staff)
Andrew Wray (MPO Staff)
Michael McAdams (MPO Staff)
Dominic Loya (MPO)

OTHERS PRESENT:  
Becky Baum, RC Creations, LLC, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER (4:00 PM)

Garza: All right so we'll go ahead and call the May 3, 2018 meeting of the MPO
Technical Advisory Committee to order. Let's start by having a roll call.
We'll start at my far right.

Gregory: Todd Gregory, Las Cruces Public Schools.

Yoder: Jennifer Yoder.

Molina: Rene Molina, Dona Ana County Engineering.

Tellez: Yvonne Tellez, New Mexico State University, proxy for Dale Harrell.
Herrera: Jolene Herrera, NMDOT.

Terrazas: Hector Terrazas, City of Las Cruces Traffic Engineer.

Bartholomew: Mike Bartholomew, City of Las Cruces RoadRUNNER Transit.

Garza: And we’re getting one more here. I’m Michael Garza, I’m the Vice-Chair of the Committee, serving as Chair for Harold Love today. Go head with the roll call right here.

Lee: Soo Gyu Lee, City of Las Cruces.

Garza: That everyone? All right.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Garza: Next we’ll go to item two, approval of the agenda. Has everyone had a chance to look it over? Looking for a motion.

Herrera: Move to approve.

Molina: Second.

Garza: All in favor.

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

Garza: Motion carries.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 April 5, 2018

Garza: Next item, approval of the minutes from the April 5, 2018 meeting. We have any questions or corrections on that? If not, looking for a motion.

Molina: Move to approve.

Herrera: Second.

Garza: Motion carries.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

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


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

Garza: Town of Mesilla.

Lujan: No projects at this time.

Garza: LCPS.

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

Garza: Thank you. Do we have RoadRUNNER Transit?

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

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

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

7.2 NMDOT Projects Update

Garza: Moving on to 7.2, NMDOT.
Herrera: Thank you Mr. Chair. We don't have any projects currently under construction right now, if you can believe it. We will have Valley Drive under construction very soon, we're in the award process for that. Reviewing bids still, but we hope to have construction started on that by probably end of July. And that one is going to be 340 working days, so it's going to take an entire year. It's going to be busy.

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

Garza: Nope.

7.3 MPO Staff Projects Update

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

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

Garza: Thank you.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

9. ADJOURNMENT (4:44 PM)

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

Herrera: So moved.

Gregory: I'll second.

Garza: All in favor.

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

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