

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

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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 November 13, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in Commission Chambers at Dona Ana
7 County Government Building, 845 Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico.
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9 **MEMBERS PRESENT:** George Pearson, Chair (City of Las Cruces Citizen Rep)
10 Andrew Bencomo (Pedestrian Community Rep) (arrv.5:07)
11 Ashleigh Curry (Town of Mesilla Citizen Rep)
12 Dona Devine (Bicycle Community Citizen Rep) (arrv 5:12)
13 Jolene Herrera (NMDOT)
14 Jack Kirby (NMSU)
15 James Nunez (City of Las Cruces Staff Rep)
16 Samuel Paz (Dona Ana County Rep)
17 Lance Shepan (Town of Mesilla Staff Rep) (departed 4:50)
18 Jess Waller (Bicycle Com. Rep.)
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20 **MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mark Leisher (DAC Citizen Rep)
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22 **STAFF PRESENT:** Andrew Wray (MPO)
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24 **OTHERS PRESENT:** Soo Gyu Lee, CLC
25 Michelle Belone, CLC
26 David Cristiani, DAC
27 Becky Baum, Recording Secretary, RC Creations, LLC
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29 **1. CALL TO ORDER (5:00)**
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31 Pearson: Okay so I will call our meeting to order. We'll have introductions. We'll
32 start down here at this end.
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34 Waller: Jess Waller, Las Cruces Bicycle Citizen Representative.
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36 Herrera: Jolene Herrera, NMDOT.
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38 Shepan: Lance Shepan, Mesilla Marshall's Office.
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40 Curry: Ashleigh Curry, Citizen Representative for the Town of Mesilla
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42 Paz: Samuel Paz, Doña Ana County.
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44 Nunez: James Nunez, City of Las Cruces.
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46 Kirby: Jack Kirby, New Mexico State University.

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2 Pearson: And George Pearson, City of Las Cruces Representative.
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4 **2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
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6 Pearson: We have approval of the agenda next. Any changes or comments on the
7 agenda?
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9 Wray: No Mr. Chair.
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11 Pearson: I'll hear a motion to approve the agenda as presented.
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13 Curry: I put forth the motion to approve the agenda.
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15 Nunez: Second.
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17 Pearson: We have a motion and a second to approve the agenda as presented. All
18 in favor "aye."
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20 MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.
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22 Pearson: Any opposed? The agenda's accepted.
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24 **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
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26 **3.1 October 16, 2018**
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28 Pearson: Next we have approval of the minutes for October 16th. Any discussion
29 on the minutes? Motion to approve the minutes as presented.
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31 Herrera: So moved.
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33 Paz: Second.
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35 Pearson: We have a motion and a second to accept the minutes as presented. All
36 in favor "aye".
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38 MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.
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40 Pearson: Any opposed?
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42 **4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
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44 Pearson: Now we have public comment is available. Any member of the public wish
45 to comment at this time?
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1 **5. ACTION ITEMS**

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3 **5.1 FFY 2018-2023 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments**

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5 Pearson: Seeing none. We'll move on to action items. We have a TIP amendment.

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7 ANDREW WRAY GAVE HIS PRESENTATION.

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9 Pearson: So is that the bridge over the Outfall Channel?

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11 Wray: Yes Mr. Chair.

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13 Pearson: Okay.

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15 Herrera: Actually Mr. Chair to clarify, that bridge is not going to be worked on with
16 this project. So this project is from Elks Drive that intersection going
17 towards I-25. So we'll be doing work on the ramps of I-25 and then the
18 bridges at Del Rey and it's just bridge preservation so it's minor work. The
19 bigger bridge project over the Outfall Channel is further out in this STIP, I
20 believe it's in 2022 or 2023.

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22 Wray: Mr. Chair. With your permission I will just use this opportunity to explain
23 just briefly, there has been, as of this year a slight shift in the timing kind of
24 the rhythm of the TIP throughout the year.

25 DOT has moved basically things kind of a month down because of,
26 I guess the Transportation Commission no longer specifically votes on the
27 TIP as it goes forward. And so DOT saw this as an opportunity to kind of
28 give more time at the beginning of the process. For us basically we're just
29 kind of incorporating this shift in the middle of a cycle.

30 This Committee will remember we did vote on some TIP
31 amendments last month. That was before this slight modification, the
32 cycle had been finalized MPO Staff is just kind of going to proceed on and
33 will be fully on with the new cycle starting next year. So that BPAC will be
34 looking at TIP amendments in the second month of the quarter and then
35 TAC and Policy Committee will be looking at it during the final month of
36 the quarter is the way going forward.

37 Ms. Herrera what is the new deadline for staff to submit TIP
38 amendments to the DOT? Is it the last week of the month? I don't
39 remember what the specific date is.

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41 Herrera: So it's the 15th of the month unless that's on a weekend and then it's the
42 Friday prior to that.

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44 Wray: Okay.

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46 Pearson: And where do these funds come from?

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2 Herrera: So the bridge preservation funds are when we get allocated all the money
3 from FHWA. At Santa Fe they take \$12 million off the top of that for the
4 bridge preservation program and then the bridge engineer in District 1
5 works with the bridge engineers in Santa Fe and they pick priority bridges
6 that need preservation work. And so these bridges happened to be on
7 that list.

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9 Pearson: So this is from the original pot of money that hadn't been allocated yet and
10 so now this is added to the pot.

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12 Herrera: It had been, it hadn't been allocated to this area so we got additional
13 funding that doesn't go against the District targets. So it's added money to
14 the area.

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16 Pearson: Okay. Any other members have any questions? I'll hear a motion to
17 accept the TIP Amendment as presented.

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19 Curry: I will put forth a motion.

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21 Shepan: Second.

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23 Pearson: We have a motion and a second to accept the TIP Amendment as
24 presented all in favor "aye".

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26 MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

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28 Pearson: Any opposed?

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30 **5.2 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Non-Mandatory**
31 **Application Recommendations**

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33 Pearson: Next item then is the CMAC Project.

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35 ANDREW WRAY GAVE HIS PRESENTATION.

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37 Pearson: Okay. I have a quick question for you I guess. So the mandatory portion
38 that only the City of Albuquerque was getting is that no longer, that doesn't
39 exist anymore now it's just non-mandatory that entire state gets too?

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41 Wray: Yes. I believe all that money was put into this pot.

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43 Herrera: Mr. Chair. Sorry, can I just add to that, so El Paso area also gets CMAC
44 Mandatory Funds currently they're in non-attainment for PM10 which is
45 dust, but then under the new 2015 Ozone Standards they're also in non-
46 attainment for Ozone. So some of this money might have to go to El

1 Paso, but it will be a very small portion. And so the rest of it will be
2 available statewide.
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4 Pearson: Okay. Thank you.
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6 Lee: Good evening, my name is Soo Gyu Lee, I'm an Interim Street and Traffic
7 Operational Engineer at the City of Las Cruces Public Works. This project
8 is a part of our Fiber Optic Expansion Project and at this time we are
9 specifically focusing on the full major corridor, which is our Category One,
10 the Fiber Optic corridor so mainly we focus on the Missouri from Telshor
11 all the way down to the South Main, and the South Main Street and then
12 there's two more streets. And if you have any specific questions I'm
13 standing for your answer, but it is that kind of the continuation of our
14 project. And the estimate for overall project is about \$40 million and we
15 are requesting about \$7 million this time.
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17 Pearson: Go ahead.
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19 Nunez: Mr. Lee. Is this part of the one that's going, it's a real shallow trench and
20 real small or is that the portion up there from Missouri towards the
21 Memorial Medical Center?
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23 Lee: Mr. Chair and Committee. No, it's not.
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25 Nunez: It's a separate project, correct?
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27 Lee: Correct. That project you referencing is the micro trenching.
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29 Nunez: Okay.
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31 Lee: And we are planning to use the regular method so we are planning to
32 have the boring if we need a new pathway. Other than that we will use the
33 existing pathway, which means that we already have a couple of lines so
34 we're planning to replace our copper line with the fiber optic line.
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36 Nunez: Is everything looking pretty good? You have all kinds of right-of-way and
37 no known issues with this project?
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39 Lee: At this point we don't know the exact condition, but based on our prior
40 projects and experience we expect to, we may have a minimum the
41 replacement of the existing pathway, but we're not expecting a lot of the
42 measure the pathway project or the replacement mitigation.
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44 Nunez: So you're pretty confident with your cost estimate?
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1 Lee: Correct. So we expect to have about four major corridors plus if any of the
2 money remains after we complete the four major corridors, then we going
3 to jump into the Sonoma Ranch. So if you can see on the map we
4 attached, then you will see the Sonoma Ranch from the Lohman to US-70,
5 but at this point that is our hope.
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7 Pearson: Okay. So this qualifies by definition as congestion mitigation as part of the
8 intelligent traffic system? Is that?
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10 Lee: Yes. In general the intelligent transportation system we're able to mitigate
11 any congestion, which is the major objective of this fund, and then also we
12 able to address some of the environmental issues too.
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14 Pearson: Okay. So the intersection that I hear a lot about is Spruce and Triviz area.
15 That's not part of what you're doing now and has that been done? Where
16 does that fit into the whole scheme of things I guess?
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18 Lee: Okay. I understand your concern. The City recently received about
19 \$270,000 from the State and then we are planning to hire the engineering
20 firm to analyze that specific, the two intersections plus we would like to
21 take a look at the whole region because we think even if we try to address
22 the intersection we most likely we're not able to address the issue. So
23 that's the reason we will take a look at the overall impact of the whole
24 area. So one of the main goals is take a look at what's going to, what do
25 we need or not about the punching through another the corridor from the
26 east to the west of our town.
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28 Pearson: Okay. So but that's not part of this application.
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30 Lee: Correct. But as you mentioned you know, we spend approximately
31 several million dollars so far and then that one of the areas you talking
32 about the City are implementing the new radio system. So once we have
33 a new radio system then probably we're able to address the little bit. But
34 as you know both intersections are beyond our saturation point, which
35 means we are not able to make it better at this point without the major
36 improvement. So once I become a City Traffic Engineer, I tried so many
37 different signal timing and the change it and all kind of stuff I did it, but
38 unfortunately this is the best of what I can do.
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40 Pearson: Okay. So while having the project is on the north and the south end of
41 that, will that having that as part of the project, will that in kind of its nature
42 help improve the middle portion?
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44 Lee: It's kind of hard, but as you know all the traffic is networked. The reason
45 we call the network is everything is connected, so if you're not able to
46 address the overall citywide then we're not able to even address some

1 local issue like the two intersections you referenced, but the two
2 intersections kind of isolated which means far from the adjacent
3 intersection the close intersection on the south side is on the Telshor and
4 Lohman and the other one on the north is close to the Sam's Club that's
5 the one and in the west bound we have Solano and Spruce. It's quite far
6 so technically we call it an isolated intersection.

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8 Pearson: Okay.

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10 Lee: So, we really don't need to have a fiber optic because once we have the
11 radio system we will be able to connect to, the advances the traffic
12 (*inaudible*) which is Centrix, we have it right now and we're able to make it
13 little easier to monitor or make a change as a needed basis.

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15 Pearson: Okay.

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17 Paz: Mr. Lee. Can you go over the price estimate you referred to before, like
18 \$9 million or \$7 million? I'm kind of confused on the price.

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20 Lee: Okay. Our overall project we are a guesstimate because we don't know
21 the exact cost at this point. About seven or eight years ago we estimated
22 around \$32 million for our overall project. And \$7 million we request at
23 this time to address the major corridor plus possibly Sonoma Ranch. But
24 we are not expecting to have expand our fiber optic from Lohman to all the
25 way to US-70 because that's a really long so there's no way we can get it
26 done everywhere.

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28 Paz: Thank you.

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30 Curry: Mr. Chair, Mr. Lee. I am sorry to be ignorant about this, but where is the
31 fiber optic cable go? Is it above ground, below ground is it just in the
32 traffic intersections? Do you have to dig up the sidewalks or the roadway?

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34 Lee: It's all different by the location, but in general we have existing pathway
35 along the sidewalk approximately two foot offset from the curb line. That's
36 the approximate location. But unfortunately everywhere is different
37 because we are utilizing the existing pathway. So a long time ago, the
38 people, they didn't think about for the long-term so they just put it in
39 sometimes a foot below, sometimes two foot below, which is our current
40 standard so it's kind of difficult to give the exact location to you. But that's
41 the kind of approximate location at this point. But whenever we try to put
42 in the new pathway the proposed or the favorable location is right below
43 the existing the curb line or any proposed curb line. So it depends on the
44 location.

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46 Curry: Thank you very much.

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2 Pearson: So the construction, being that you're going to tear up sidewalk and
3 replace sidewalk or do you have a conduit that you can just use?
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5 Lee: If we use new pathway, we try to use the boring, means that we don't
6 need to disturb any existing infrastructure except every 500 to the 1,000
7 feet we need a box. So we need to have a manhole so we can have any
8 maintenance activity or if any problem so we can just open one of the
9 manholes instead of tear down the sidewalk or the pavement.
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11 Pearson: So when these projects are done that shouldn't be very disruptive.
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13 Lee: Mr. Chair. Correct. So it's going to be really less interrupt on the any
14 pedestrian or the traffic.
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16 Bencomo: Mr. Chair.
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18 Pearson: Okay. Andrew.
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20 Bencomo: Sorry to go back to the cost again, but it's because I'm looking at the
21 pages here and excuse me for being confused, but I'm looking at page 38
22 and it's showing the \$5 million and it shows the Grant Request plus the
23 City match is the \$5 million. Then on page 54 it shows \$9.272 million,
24 which is the funds and the (*inaudible*) that the City has set up that includes
25 that? And then you mention \$7 million so I'm not sure. Can you break
26 that down what all those numbers are?
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28 Lee: I believe there are several different pages. We have the attachment of the
29 cost estimate. I understand that there are some people that they are
30 confusing but we request, if I remember correctly, \$5 million, but my
31 understanding is the exact amount is \$4.7 something.
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33 Bencomo: Correct. It's like \$4.7 or \$2 something and then \$728,000 is the match
34 from the City.
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36 Lee: Correct.
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38 Wray: For a total of \$5 million.
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40 Lee: Yes. Correct.
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42 Bencomo: And then you mention \$7 million, but on page 54 it's \$9.272 million. Is that
43 what is?
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45 Lee: I'm sorry I cannot answer you because I do not have any of the packets.
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1 Bencomo: Okay.
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3 Herrera: Mr. Chair. Can I interject? So one of the things that we do as a
4 requirement for applying for Federal funding is have a project feasibility
5 meeting and so I think the first form that you're looking at Andrew is the
6 Project Feasibility Form with the \$5 million number probably.
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8 Bencomo: It's page 38 of the packet.
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10 Herrera: Okay.
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12 Bencomo: It's says Project Costs column A, column B.
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14 Herrera: Right. And so that piece of paper is very preliminary in the planning stage
15 and NMDOT Staff meets with the applicant and we discuss that. And so,
16 between that meeting and the final application the cost is allowed to
17 change. So the \$5 million was preliminary number and then whatever the
18 final number is doesn't have to match that.
19 That form is more just to say, and it has Harold's signature on it
20 from the District, so that page is really to say we discussed this. This is a
21 feasible project and then here is the final application and we just need that
22 in the packet to prove to the selection committee that NMDOT staff did vet
23 the project. So that's that discrepancy. But then I don't know about the \$9
24 million.
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26 Lee: Yes, so please understand that the Project Feasibility Form that's not the
27 final form, so please reference to our application. Because as you can
28 see the first page is the Project Feasibility Form there is a lot of
29 handwriting because that's not the final. That one is the kind of
30 documentation we prepared for the meeting with the NMDOT staff and we
31 went through the all our the scope of the work and cost and other stuff.
32 Then once we had a meeting and the base on the meeting and then we
33 change some of the one reflects based on our meeting and then we
34 complete our form for the application. So if you reference any cost
35 estimate, please look at the application form not the Project Feasibility
36 Form.
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38 Bencomo: Do you have that packet in front of you now?
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40 Lee: Yes. I have it.
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42 Bencomo: So is page 38 not the place to look I'm assuming, bottom of page 38.
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44 Lee: Yes 38 that's a part of the Project Feasibility Form that's not the final
45 application form.
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1 Bencomo: Okay. So then on page 54 it's showing the \$9.272. I'm assuming the
2 4005 is the roads fund?
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4 Lee: Yes, the 54 that's part of our Resolution Package. It's not for our actual
5 the purpose of the estimate. So I know that the MPO staff they have the
6 same question, but because our accounting system we have to put it in
7 that way.
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9 Curry: Mr. Chair, Mr. Bencomo. May I just add in? I think it's just the way that it
10 went into the system added the two together. Because if you are looking
11 at page 54.
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13 Bencomo: Right.
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15 Curry: If you add that \$4.272 and that \$728 it ends up \$5 million and if you read
16 the text above it says for a Total Project Cost of \$5 million so it was
17 probably just the computer system that added it in twice because they
18 have to enter two lines. It's not a \$9 million project. It's a \$5 million
19 project and it probably just came out in the system.
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21 Bencomo: Correct. Which is why I'm asking because the numbers are not ...
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23 Lee: Right.
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25 Bencomo: They don't appear to be correct.
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27 Lee: So please look at the page 46. That's the actual the amount we request.
28 So \$4,272,000 that's the fund and then our City matching fund is \$728,000
29 is the total \$5 million. So I want to ask Michelle to explain what the form
30 you have a question?
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32 Belone: Chair, Committee Members. What that form is on page 54 is our
33 proposed match funding. What the \$4,272,000 twice is putting is that
34 we're stating that we're requesting the State to fund us \$4,272,000 and if it
35 were to be funded then we would put that money, crediting it to that
36 account to increase the account on the roads and streets construction.
37 This is just how the City Council wants us to kind of put out our proposed
38 projects for any applications that we apply for that have such a high
39 match. So it's not really doubling it, it's saying we're going to receive this
40 funding from the State and if we do receive this funding it's going to be
41 placed in this account.
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43 Pearson: Could you give us your name please?
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1 Belone: Michelle Belone. I'm sorry. So it's just for our accounting and just so that
2 way our City Council knows where we're placing the funds if it were to be
3 funded.
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5 Bencomo: Okay. I understand now.
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7 Belone: Okay.
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9 Bencomo: So that's not how much it's going to cost.
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11 Belone: No.
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13 Bencomo: That's when you increase once the grant is received, if it is, and it goes
14 into that fund the Roadways Fund.
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16 Belone: Yes.
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18 Bencomo: Then it's going to increase it to that amount. Council has to know that so
19 they know
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21 Belone: Yes.
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23 Bencomo: So they know that that's where your budget is going to be. Okay. That
24 makes sense, just part of the packet then.
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26 Lee: Yes it's part of the package and then as kind of the accounting system we
27 have to show the account for fund and then the other account is account
28 for the expense account. That's the reason it's doubled up so actually I
29 didn't involve to fill out the form, but that's what I heard from our Grant
30 Office.
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32 Bencomo: Okay. I understand.
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34 Lee: Because the MPO Staff they had the exact same question before.
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36 Bencomo: Okay. Yes, I just wanted to make sure because if we're supposed to give
37 our consent on something like this I want to make sure that I know what
38 I'm giving my consent about.
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40 Lee: I understand.
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42 Bencomo: Thank you. Appreciate it.
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44 Pearson: Okay. I guess I have a question either for Andrew or maybe Jolene. How
45 much money is available statewide in the CMAC? And so just wondering
46 what chance of success this application has.

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2 Herrera: So for the first year, which is 2020 it's a little bit less than the normal
3 amount. So the normal amount will be about \$14 million a year. For the
4 first year, which is 2020 I think we'll have a little bit over \$6 million just
5 because there are some commitments made to the Albuquerque MPO.
6 And so we negotiated that, but \$14 million a year. What I have heard is
7 that we have a project, well we do have a project minimum for this grant
8 type and we've never had that before and so we're looking for larger
9 projects. We want to complete projects. The other thing that I'll say is that
10 this funding is also eligible to NMDOT Districts and so local entities who
11 are applying will also be competing with NMDOT projects. But all of them
12 will be scored at the same time, by the same committee, using the same
13 criteria. So I can tell you that District 1 is putting in an application for a \$6
14 million project. So \$7 million is not out of the realm of possibility for this
15 funding source.
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17 Pearson: So if there's \$14 million statewide it's like 50/50, 25/50 there's a chance
18 though, it's worth doing the application certainly.
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20 Herrera: Definitely. Yes, and we don't get a lot of applications like this for ITS stuff,
21 but it's definitely one of the pushes. Especially now that we've kind of
22 adopted the PM3 stuff, which is the congestion performance measures
23 and so I think it's a good project. I think it would greatly benefit all of us
24 who live here in Las Cruces.
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26 Lee: Please look at the last two pages and make sure that the our fiber optic
27 plan for our citywide and you can see that our fiber optic plan to benefit
28 not only the city, as you know the City of Las Cruces we are maintaining
29 any the intersection traffic signal on the NMDOT Corridor and then also
30 the City of Las Cruces maintaining one of the Doña Ana County traffic
31 signal and that there's a three, if I remember correctly on the Town of
32 Mesilla. So it should benefit too not only the City of Las Cruces, but also
33 our neighborhood too. Then also the CMAQ ITS Fiber Map which is the
34 last page and then we'll show the exact location and the corridor of our
35 project. As you mentioned there's four major corridors plus there's a little
36 to make a connection we call the loop and then also there's the one on the
37 east side of the I-25 and south side of the US-70 which is the Sonoma
38 Ranch and we indicate it as "if fund allowed", which means that we're
39 going to focus on the west side of the I-25 first, which that is more need
40 and then we have more congestion and we have to address it. That is the
41 reason we would like to focus on the west side of I-25 first and then if we
42 have the money, then we are going to continue to move on to Sonoma
43 Ranch.
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45 Pearson: Okay. Any other committee members?
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1 Waller: Yes, I have a question. Regarding I think it's up at the front like page 38
2 or so and it says, increases and reliability for all users, car traffic,
3 pedestrians, bicycles, freight trucks, so what's the improvement in the
4 reliability for pedestrians and cyclists, it's just merely because you're
5 reducing the congestion at pinch points like in critical intersections?
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7 Lee: In general the ITS Systems allow to make a more balanced traffic signal
8 system. With the current technology, at this point, most of the City
9 intersections we are primarily focused on the vehicle movement. But once
10 we have ITS System implemented and we're able to make it more friendly
11 to bicycle and then also the pedestrian and also the transit, because as
12 you know we're not only focused on the vehicle movement. That's what
13 I'm saying, but unfortunately at this point it's kind of difficult to explain to
14 you because it's very technical.
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16 Waller: I'm okay with technical.
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18 Lee: Is everybody okay to going into the technical? Because I'm a little
19 concerned to bring the technical part. So for example, I'm going to give a
20 not the pedestrian specific, I'm going to just go by the bicycle example.
21 Because the pedestrian part is kind of a little difficult to explain to you so
22 I'm just going to just choose the bicycle, it's easier for most people to
23 understand that.
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25 Waller: An example would be helpful.
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27 Lee: Yes sir. So let's say the City, we receive a lot of complaints from the
28 bicyclists along the Lohman Corridor. At this point even if we know there's
29 an issue about the bicyclist, our system, which is a detection system, not
30 allowed to detect the bicyclist except at very few intersections. Once we
31 have implemented the ITS System then we're able to detect bicyclists and
32 we make it longer for the timing, so bicyclists able to safely cross the
33 intersection. Same like our pedestrian, most common issue of the traffic
34 signal in the City of Las Cruces a lot of pedestrians, they press the button
35 everywhere instead of the direction they're going to. So what's happening
36 is if anybody press the button what's happening is it takes about 10-15
37 minutes approximately. So that means is let's say I'm parking my car, let
38 me give an example on Lohman and Telshor. Let's say I know that I have
39 to go to Target, but I know the Target parking lot is pretty packed so I
40 decide to park in one of the empty parking on the south side of Lohman.
41 Then when I cross Lohman, I just press all the buttons. Now what's going
42 to happen is all the traffic signal, get the signal, we call the recall, now we
43 got the recall, then we're going to give the signal timing for both direction.
44 Then it's going to mess up the progression and then also mess up the
45 intersection specific the signal timing. But once we have the Intelligent
46 Traffic Signal System what's going to happen is actually there's a system

1 to detect actual people that are there. Which means that we actually able
2 to detect real call. Do you know what I mean? Instead of we leave the
3 two signal call and then give a time to the pedestrian if somebody already
4 cross it then the person to press at the other side will still have to give the
5 longer timing for the first call, but with the new ITS System we're able to
6 minimize that. Then we will make it better for both pedestrians and the
7 vehicle movement.

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9 Waller: Are these motion sensors?

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11 Lee: Kind of motion sensors, but it is a combination. So what's happening is if
12 we got the call, somebody pressed the button then the signal sends it to
13 our controller. Then also there's a motion sensor trying to detect whether
14 actually the pedestrian is there.

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16 Pearson: It's a camera system right?

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18 Lee: There are several different ways of detection. That's the reason I don't
19 want to get into the technical part because the one most common is yes
20 the camera detection system, is also we have a radar system. We're able
21 to detect, actually there are people pedestrian or bicyclist or the truck or
22 even the different type of the vehicle. Then based on the detection, we're
23 able to make the most appropriate time, so we not going to waste our
24 green time.

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26 Waller: So does that mean that a cyclist or a pedestrian can trigger a signal, traffic
27 signal? That's what it sounds like.

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29 Lee: Correct sir.

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31 Waller: Okay. Another question, I guess this has to do with the remote control
32 that's just like there at the intersection where you can push a button to
33 trigger the signal so that you can cross safely on a pedestrian crosswalk is
34 that what that means? The remote control, see it says the ability to
35 manage signals remotely from a single location.

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37 Lee: Okay, that's different. So the meaning of that sentence is right now we
38 have about 10% of our intersections are connected to our Centrix system,
39 which is the most advance traffic signals out there. So the current the
40 situation if it's not connected to the City Centrix system the only way we
41 can address the issue is that we have to receive the phone call or myself
42 or one of my staff to pathway then we identify the issue. Then the
43 following day or it depends on the work load then we send our crew to go
44 outside and then check what's going on, then figure out the issue, then
45 change it, but in order to change it then we have to connect it to our
46 computer to the controller then get the download the data and change it or

1 try to modify or change the signal to timing based on the issue. Then look
2 at what's going on. Then it's going to take about half a day to several
3 days to address just one intersection. But if we're able to connect our
4 Centrix system and then we have two Centrix system in the City, we have
5 one is the Traffic Management Center and the other one is in my office.
6 So if I receive a phone call somebody complaining about a specific
7 intersection, then I just click a button then I'm able to see what's going on
8 with that intersection. Then just go to click one button then I look at
9 what's the current timing are there any issue. Then if I need to find the
10 issue or if I can make a change then I just change it through the few
11 button instead of I send a crew and then deal with that. So that's the
12 meaning of the remote the control.

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14 Waller: Okay, so that did to get a little technical and I apologize for that. One last
15 question and I promise I'll be quiet. On the proposal if there's funding
16 remaining and the installation on Sonoma Ranch, you have a nice bike
17 path between Lohman Extension and Dripping Springs so you don't have
18 to tear up the existing bicycle facility the bike path do you. You just go
19 where there's dirt.

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21 Lee: Correct. So that's the reason we're trying to minimize to disturb the
22 existing facility, it's a win/win gain. So if we're able to find any dirt spot
23 then we're going to go by the open cut. If we're going to deal with any the
24 area which is already developed then we're going to go by the boring.

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26 Waller: Okay. Thank you.

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28 Pearson: Okay.

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30 D. Devine: What kind of time frame are you talking about? And are you only initially
31 talking about Lohman?

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33 Lee: At this point this project specifically we expect to complete within a year.
34 But the overall project at this point we don't know exactly how long it will
35 take because it totally depends on the funds availability. If we get the
36 funds sooner than what we expected then we're going to continue to move
37 forward, but the \$40 million it's not a small amount to the City. Luckily
38 we'll get about \$3.5 million about two years ago and then I spent about
39 30% of the money. And then also we received several grants from State
40 and then we continued to use it. So at this point, please look at the
41 second from the last page the Fiber Optic Plan, I know it's the black and
42 white, but we actually have the color version and then you will see which
43 corridor we have already completed. As I mentioned it is a continuation, a
44 continuous project, so we've already done several different the corridor for
45 example our Lohman we already completed and then also we've done the
46 North Main from Picacho to the Del Rey. There's a little missing part that's

1 not done and so I'm working with NMDOT and the NMDOT Engineer they
2 issued a purchase order and then we expect that project is done within I
3 would say about two month or a month. Then we able to implement our
4 adaptive the system, which is the most advanced system. So that's one of
5 the ways we can address the mitigation. But in terms of the time frame it's
6 about a year for the project. For the whole project, we don't know ma'am.

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8 Pearson: Okay. Any other comments? I'll hear a motion to approve this project to
9 the Policy Committee, approve this application.

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11 Bencomo: So moved.

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13 Paz: Second.

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15 Pearson: We have a motion and a second to recommend approval of this project to
16 the Policy Committee. All in favor "aye."

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18 MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

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20 Pearson: Any opposed? It passes.

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22 **6. COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS**

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24 **6.1 MPO Staff Update**

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26 Pearson: So we're up for a discussion item. MPOs?

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28 Wray: Thank you Mr. Chair. MPO does not have any specific discussion items to
29 present tonight. Actually I tell a lie. Sorry. I apologize. Just remembered,
30 rather important, rather embarrassing. We have our first round of public
31 comment for this upcoming MTP starting on November 28th or the 29th,
32 actually I'd have to verify that. We will be sending out a press release
33 within the next week to our entire mailing, list this Committee included.
34 This is going to be the kickoff meeting for this MTP. It's going to be at the
35 Bank of the West Lobby in downtown Las Cruces. We will have additional
36 meetings throughout the MPO area throughout the first part of December.
37 Sage Café out on the East Mesa in Las Cruces, then the Radium Springs
38 Community Center, and then the Vado Del Cerro Community Center down
39 in the South Valley. That will round out the meetings that we have
40 scheduled for Calendar Year 2018, but we will be continuing this round of
41 public involvement throughout the first part of next year. We do anticipate
42 having one or two more meetings in the first part of next year kind of under
43 our own banner, but as staff has explained to this Committee and to all of
44 our committees multiple times in the lead up to this, our intention for this
45 MTP is we really intend to go to other people's meetings and speak rather
46 than expecting people to come to us. We will have opportunities of course

1 for people to come to us, but our intention really is to go more to where
2 people are. I'm going to, for the sake of Las Cruces some of the District
3 meetings for the Councilors if they want us to come and speak there, for
4 the County Commissioners some of their constituent meetings etc. etc.
5 That sort of thing. So if any members either of the public who are here
6 with us tonight or members of the BPAC have any organizations or
7 members of any organizations they would like for us to come and speak to
8 sometime in the next couple of months probably after the first of the year.
9 Probably not before the New Year at this point because we're already kind
10 of what with vacation time etc. coming up and the holidays our time is kind
11 of spoken for, for the rest of this year, but in the early part of next year
12 certainly let us know. We're happy to have any invitations to go and speak
13 about this MTP process. The kickoff is coming up for this process very
14 soon and we're excited and we will hope that all of you will we'll see you at
15 least one of our meetings.

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17 Pearson: Okay. And you have a Policy Committee Meeting tomorrow?

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19 Wray: Yes, we do have a Policy Committee Meeting tomorrow Mr. Chair.

20 21 **6.2 Local Projects update**

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23 Pearson: Okay Local Project update. NMSU?

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25 Kirby: No updates from NMSU.

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27 Pearson: City/

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29 Nunez: I had talked to a couple of our designers and senior engineers. The one
30 senior engineer's designing the Valley Drive drainage improvements to go
31 along with the Valley Drive Project, some of the water runoff. And then I
32 have Harrelson is being constructed. Project is going fine. And
33 construction also is the North Roadrunner utilities, I think there was a
34 question and I had mentioned this about a year ago or sometime back
35 where as that area develops it was going to start with the two lanes and
36 then it'll become four lanes at some point. So that has in the design for
37 bike lanes, but that's on the four-lane design. So, but it's a pretty wide
38 shoulder and all, it's not developed. So I think that question came to the
39 project manager of that project, so even when I was asking the project
40 manager in charge of construction what he was working on, he had
41 mentioned that he had been asked that question recently.

42 So the other is Palmer subdivisions still under construction. I talked
43 to the project construction manager on that because he was asked, I
44 mean I know that they finished the roads close to the school there right
45 beginning of August, right before school started, that was a focus on that.
46 But I think just due to the rains he said that's the reason for a lot of the

1 road, the mud and all. And then also they were going to work on the one
2 street close to the lateral and then it turned out it was such a deep dig and
3 then the lateral at the time was full for irrigation so they jumped over
4 another area. But they're on schedule according to the contract manager.
5 That's all I have listed here for now.
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7 Curry: Mr. Chair, Mr. Nunez. May I ask a question? What does on schedule
8 mean? Do they have a completion date?
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10 Nunez: I think I gave you that information the project manager and I think you
11 even called him no, last time. But I don't have the date. But the
12 contractors going in that is I don't have the numbers on the project. When
13 I went back by to talk to the construction manager today he wasn't in his
14 office I guess I could have asked him that question. You can call me at
15 the office if you want to but their on schedule. Did you have another
16 specific thing, what you're concern or something on?
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18 Curry: No, no particular concern. I just like to keep the school up-to-date with
19 what's going on because they're anxious to get their walking school bus
20 up and going again and with that project combined with the Valley Drive
21 Project they've had a harder time just getting it on schedule. So I was just
22 going to see if there was a date. It's okay. I can contact the project
23 manager. Thanks.
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25 Pearson: Okay, and I notice Solano has been restriped, but it seems like the center
26 turn lane was quite wide. I wonder if there might have been an
27 opportunity to narrow the center turn lane and have a wider bike lane
28 instead. But of course, it's too late for that now.
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30 Nunez: Which?
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32 Pearson: Solano repaving. That was the Cutler.
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34 Nunez: Overlay?
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36 Pearson: Overlay, yes from about Missouri south, that was a little bit, it's like from
37 Idaho south or so.
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39 Nunez: You wanted the center turn lane wider? What did you say?
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41 Pearson: No, it looks like it's wider than it was previously.
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43 Nunez: Previously?
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45 Pearson: It looks like it's like 13 feet or something. I didn't try to measure it, but it
46 just seemed real wide. So looked like they made the travel lane narrower,

1 but they didn't make the bike lane any wider. Bike lane might even have
2 been smaller. So it just seems like it was a missed opportunity where if
3 we had a 12-foot center turn lane, give us another half a foot or something
4 for the bike lane. Because typically with roads with bike lanes what
5 happens, vehicles like stay in the lane and even City buses sometimes
6 they won't move over that little bit to give you the extra foot or two
7 because they figure they're in their lane and the bikes are in their lane so
8 they don't need to give any extra space. And sometimes it can be thrilling.
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10 Nunez: You know, I'll dig into that some, I know that from in the past they've,
11 sometimes the contractor that does that is a different company that comes
12 back and restripes it, so if it has changed then we could find out why. You
13 know it was an error on one of the two contractor's parts.
14 As far as coordination for any changes to any striping would go
15 through Mr. Lee who just spoke to us here recently in that department.
16 But if for an oversight like that and if it's a real concern I'm just curious
17 how far it was and what it could have occurred and how that could go back
18 to what our desire.
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20 Pearson: Any time there is a complete blanking of the roadway like that, it's an
21 opportunity to adjust lane lines. And I mean that's probably where the
22 Active Transportation position would be helpful so they would actually deal
23 with, have some inputs on that process. So moving forward maybe that's
24 an opportunity maybe for future overlays that where there are bike lanes.
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26 Nunez: I agree. And I know that my supervisor and you all know Jerry Cordova,
27 or many of you do, has been a real advocate for that for years and had
28 worked with Mr. Lee's predecessor for those things to happen so I'll talk
29 with my supervisor about that committee and who that.
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31 Pearson: Okay. County.
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33 Paz: No updates.
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35 Pearson: Okay. And Town of Mesilla had to leave so.
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37 Curry: Mr. Chair. I can give a quick update for the Town of Mesilla. I did speak
38 to the Mayor because I was interested to see what had happened with the
39 TAP Application and she said that they were doing their call for proposals
40 out there. They had somebody who was looking into that, but she didn't
41 have a timeline and I did e-mail them and I did not hear back, but it's
42 apparently rolling and I'll keep nagging.
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44 Pearson: Okay, for the previous for the multiuse trail.
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46 Curry: For the one that's currently funded. Yes.

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2 Pearson: Okay.

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4 **6.3 NMDOT Projects update**

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6 Pearson: NMDOT.

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8 Herrera: Thank you Mr. Chair. We have one project going on in the area. It's
9 Valley Drive. I forgot the paper that said exactly when we're going to do it,
10 but we're supposed to start the next phase of the project, I want to say it's
11 after Thanksgiving. Sorry I don't have the date. I can e-mail that out
12 tomorrow.

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14 Pearson: There are some lane closings near south of Brown Road.

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16 Herrera: Right. And so basically what I was going to say is traffic control is shifting
17 right now so just be careful as you're going through there. It is going to be
18 different starting now through when we finalize traffic control for Phase 2.

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20 Pearson: And that would be when you shift, close one of the sides of the roads.

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22 Herrera: Right. Yes, and so the good news is that because that's happening I
23 mean we are making progress and so we are starting to see progress.
24 Spent a lot of time doing upgrading City utilities, but now we're actually
25 getting pavement and concrete down, so we're seeing progress now which
26 I think is.

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28 Pearson: So the Hadley intersection?

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30 Herrera: Soon. Yes, I haven't heard anything about being behind schedule so
31 we're right on-schedule, which again is good. We're hoping to complete
32 the project early, but it just really depends on weather and other things at
33 this point.

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35 Pearson: I saw some medians being removed south of Avenida de Mesilla, so is
36 that part of the City's drainage project or is that, because you stopped at
37 Idaho right?

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39 Herrera: We stop at, so we actually make the turn.

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41 Pearson: You make the turn.

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43 Herrera: And then we stop.

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45 Pearson: So on Valley you stop.

1 Herrera: Hickory.

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3 Pearson: Right, but on Valley you stopped at Idaho.

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5 Herrera: Right.

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7 Pearson: So they were tearing some median so that must be City drainage.

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9 Herrera: On the other side of, yes, the DOT doesn't own that portion of the road so
10 that's related to the City's drainage project.

11 Yes and so the other I guess project that's still out there pending is
12 the University Interchange and the letting for that got pushed back to
13 December just because we needed a longer advertising period, and so,
14 that one will be open for bids the third week in December, with
15 construction likely starting, we're trying to wait until after the school
16 semester is over and start it at the end of May, is what we're hoping to do.

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18 Pearson: Yes. Okay.

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20 **6.4 Committee Members Update**

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22 Pearson: So committee member updates. So Velo Cruces had their Ride Right
23 Ride Bright at Community of Hope and we had about 19 volunteers and
24 serviced 30-35 bicyclists with new lights. And we gave away 18 helmets
25 and a bunch of the "Look for Me" vests so hopefully that community will be
26 a little safer out there. And also, we're going to have a Black Friday Bike
27 Ride so instead of shopping on Black Friday come and ride your bike. It
28 starts at, the ride will leave at 9:00 from Burrell College of Osteopathic
29 Medicine so put that on your calendar and sign up. Any other committee
30 members have?

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32 Bencomo: Yes Chair. I was going to bring up the Black Friday Ride so I'll be there
33 riding with Ashleigh maybe. I don't know.

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35 Waller: Those are great ideas and I wonder how else they're being publicized.
36 Are they like local bicycle shops? ZiaVelo just had a Century and a Half
37 Century Bike Ride, they're good promoters of cycling activities.

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39 Pearson: We're trying to get all the ...

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41 Waller: Facebook, City of Las Cruces Municipal Pages. How can we get the word
42 out? Because I haven't heard of it and it sounds like a great idea. I want
43 to go.

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45 Bencomo: We posted it on the RoadRUNNER Meet Up Site and the Facebook Page
46 and just share it that way, but other than that I'm not sure that there's a

1 that Velo Cruces has a specific way of doing it. They kind of put the word
2 out I think to the community and then they share it is usually how it works,
3 but.
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5 Pearson: I think Outdoor Adventures sent out something and.
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7 Bencomo: Correct.
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9 Pearson: Right. So, we're trying.
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11 Waller: Is there a flyer sitting on down at the Bean? A lot of cyclists go there
12 Saturday, Sunday morning.
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14 Pearson: There's supposed to be.
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16 Waller: Okay, cool.
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18 D. Devine: I can send something out to our bike group so I need to know a little
19 information like the, I know that starting point, but the time and, I
20 personally won't be here, but I would be honored if I were. That sounds
21 like a good idea.
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23 Bencomo: Mr. Chair. So I wanted to make a suggestion and see what the
24 Committee thought. See what you thought as the Chair, so I'm sure most
25 a lot of you have noticed that ride bicycles, but the bike lanes in this town
26 are a mess. I mean since the rainy season they've been a mess.
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28 Waller: Lots of debris, yes.
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30 Bencomo: Even especially like if you ride down Bruins Lane between Motel and
31 Valley I mean it's just completely covered with dirt. I mean at least an inch
32 thick. But just debris in the lanes consistently. I brought this issue up
33 probably over a year ago and asked at the time MPO staff if they could
34 find out if there's a regular maintenance schedule for cleaning bike lanes
35 and the answer was vague, but they got back.
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37 Pearson: I think all we can do is bring it forward again. I know the City is in the
38 process of purchasing new street sweepers, but I don't know.
39

40 Bencomo: Yes.
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42 Pearson: If they've gotten them yet, so that could be why. Because they're down to
43 like, well last I knew, I think the full fleet would be six and they're down to
44 two last I heard.
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1 Bencomo: Okay, and so that is my point, part of my point is that this continues to
2 happen and it's one reason or another; it's lack of street sweepers, it's lack
3 of personnel, it's lack of funding, whatever the lack is, is what seems to be
4 the issue. And it's the same thing that happens with the road striping. We
5 miss opportunities because bicycle and pedestrian is not important
6 apparently. It just gets missed all the time. We know that. And so I think
7 we need to be a little more vocal about some things. That's my personal
8 opinion. What I would like to do, what I'm proposing is if we could draft a
9 letter from the BPAC to Traffic I don't know if it's the streets that's going to
10 handle that or Traffic Division.
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12 Pearson: It's Mr. Lee.
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14 Wray: Yes, Mr. Lee. He was just here.
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16 Bencomo: Whoever oversees those type of maintenance things, it may even be
17 below his level even though he's their boss, but to somebody that
18 "strongly recommends" however we want to word it, that some kind of
19 regular maintenance schedule for bicycle lanes be created. Some kind of
20 regular, whether it's their going to get done twice-a-year or once-a-year or
21 whatever it is, but right now they're an afterthought. The only time they
22 get maintained is when somebody complains, when somebody brings it
23 up.
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25 Waller: Seems like a random as needed is the current schedule.
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27 Bencomo: Correct. Instead of pro-active approach it's always reactive, so I would
28 like to suggest that we as a group draft a letter to the City, whoever it may
29 be, requesting that they create a regular maintenance schedule and share
30 that with us so that we know that's it's going to get done at least once a
31 year or whatever it is. That's what I'm recommending. So I would be
32 curious to hear what the rest of the Committee thinks of that.
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34 Curry: Mr. Chair, Mr. Bencomo. What I would think as well is maybe we could
35 put some line items in the Active Transportation Planner's role and maybe
36 that's something that the Active Transportation Planner can be the liaison
37 with the street sweepers. And because that position hasn't been hired yet
38 maybe the job description hasn't been fully written out, maybe we could
39 put that kind of thing in so that we actually do have it accounted for.
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41 Bencomo: Yes, that's a great idea for the longer term it is. That would be something
42 that they would advocate for. Obviously that would be great to have an
43 advocate right there in with the staff, but in general and it's not just the City
44 of Las Cruces too the side of the roadways and I don't even know if they're
45 bike lanes on Highway 28 in Mesilla so those are a mess too.
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1 Pearson: That's a different problem.
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3 Bencomo: Yes it is even though the drains are a problem too.
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5 Pearson: Looking at the other, well that's a jurisdictional problem is what I was
6 getting at.
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8 Bencomo: What I'm saying is it's not just unique to the City of Las Cruces. It's any
9 governmental agency. So as the BPAC that is part of the MPO which
10 covers all those entities; NMSU, Mesilla, Doña Ana and City we need to
11 start, I personally think, I would like to see us start requesting those things
12 asking them for those things, put it in writing so that it's not like, "Hey can
13 you take care of this?" "Oh yeah." And then they forget about it.
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15 Pearson: There have been statements I think the City has said they want every
16 street in the City swept every six weeks. I think that's the goal. It might be
17 every eight weeks, but I think maybe we could ask Mr. Lee. If MPO Staff
18 could ask Mr. Lee what the status is and if we have particular roadways
19 that are problems, those should be brought forward, because I know
20 typically after a rainstorm there are problems, and unless the City knows
21 about it they're not going to be able to fix it. So that's where individuals
22 need to contact the City. And the City has been trying to promote their
23 new app too for dealing for reporting problems to the City so that's a good
24 *(inaudible)*.
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26 Bencomo: Correct. Once again reactive. It is a reactive program, which is
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28 Pearson: Right.
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30 Bencomo: Because we need those, if I could finish, we need those reactive programs
31 because we have these rainstorms that come in hard and you can't predict
32 when you're going to have that debris, so those reactive programs still
33 need to be there.
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35 Pearson: Right, but maybe we can ask staff to ask Mr. Lee as to what the status is
36 of the street sweeper and what is the expectation for roadways to be
37 swept.
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39 Bencomo: Mr. Chair. I'd like to finish. Thank you. So again, back to my question, I
40 would like to draft that letter and it be sent from this Committee, so I would
41 like to hear what other people on this Committee think of that.
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43 Waller: I propose if you would so kindly volunteer to draft the letter and send it to
44 the members for input, and draft a final version that's appropriate to
45 forward. If that is the process.
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1 Pearson: We can't take any actions today, we can ask staff to, I mean that's the
2 best that we can do is you could bring forward something.
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4 Bencomo: Correct yes, so what I would, if I am willing to draft that but I need to hear
5 what the other Members think because I don't want to be doing this on my
6 own and then everybody's like not for it. So I am willing to draft that and
7 then submit it to the Chair because he would need to be the one to review
8 that and go forward with that so. I'm willing to do that, but I would like to
9 hear what everybody else says.
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11 D. Devine: I think it's a good idea.
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13 Pearson: We have a member of the public that would like to comment on this too.
14 So we'll take this opportunity.
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16 T. Devine: The street sweeping.
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18 Pearson: Would you give us your name please?
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20 T. Devine: Tom Devine. The streets sweeping in the City of Las Cruces has been
21 one of my pet peeves for many years. They run them up and down the
22 street, but they don't empty them soon enough. So there is lots of times
23 all they are doing is moving the dirt from one place to another. I would like
24 them to train the drivers to empty more often and explain to them that the
25 idea is not to drive this street sweeper around, the object is to clean the
26 street.
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28 Pearson: Well if the Committee wants to move forward with the letter, I'm wondering
29 if staff thinks that just communicating with Mr. Lee would be sufficient or
30 do you think, or well because the Committee believe this is such a
31 problem that, we don't know if the City has been able to respond yet is the
32 real thing.
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34 Wray: Mr. Chair. Staff will do what the Committee requests. We can have an
35 action item on the January BPAC agenda to authorize the Chair of the
36 BPAC to sign a letter to Mr. Lee if that's so desired. My intention is to
37 reach out to Mr. Lee tomorrow and let him know. Ask him some of these
38 questions; specifically about the status of the purchase of the street
39 sweepers, the schedule of the maintenance on the City of Las Cruces
40 Facilities etc, but if the BPAC directs, we can have an action item at the
41 January meeting to discuss the actual text and authorize the Chair to sign
42 the letter.
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44 Pearson: Okay, so I guess we'll look for a consensus whether we should have an
45 action item on the agenda. So, we got.
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1 Bencomo: Mr. Chair. I would agree with moving forward with that.
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3 Pearson: Is there anybody who says we should not do that? So let's move in that
4 direction.
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6 Wray: We'll have an action item on the January agenda.
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8 Pearson: Okay.
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10 Bencomo: Mr. Chair. Sorry, so I'm to draft that correct still?
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12 Wray: That's not for staff to say.
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14 Bencomo: Okay, I will plan on drafting that and would I submit that to the Chair first
15 or to you?
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17 Wray: Submit it to myself, to the MPO staff so that it can go into the packet, for
18 public and for all the Members of the Committee to review before voting.
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20 Bencomo: Okay.
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22 Pearson: James.
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24 Nunez: It's not my section that deals with that. It is as mentioned Mr. Lee, but I
25 will state that, well also you mentioned the other entities, there's NMSU,
26 there's County roads, there's Old Mesilla, there's other places I'm certain
27 even at the State right? Roads I suppose that need cleaning after rains
28 etc. for safe bike and pedestrian pass. But Mr. Bencomo I heard you say
29 about the schedules and I do remember that vaguely. Their schedule,
30 they did provide that as requested and I think you covered it Mr. Chair
31 pretty thoroughly. What they're trying to do with the street cleaners right.
32 But I think as you kind of alluded to or maybe stated clearly is that it's
33 really to travel safely on a bicycle after an event I suppose, and many
34 times that I think is handled more quickly when Mr. Lee's group when they
35 know about it through a call-in. You know, as you mentioned, maybe it's
36 not as pro-active as all of us would like to have it, but I'm not sure that they
37 have staff that goes out to check those either. So I'm hoping, I know that
38 you mentioned Mr. Chair too is that they have the app they're trying to get
39 work orders done quickly after things are called in. So at any rate what I
40 really wanted, the reason I grabbed the mic here is to make the point if
41 you put it on the agenda you can certainly invite, we can invite my
42 supervisors said they would be glad to attend these meetings to answer
43 some of our questions as they come up. So I'm sure Mr. Lee's supervisor
44 and some of my supervisors whatever the issue is so.
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1 Wray: Does the Committee want MPO staff to invite City of Las Cruces staff to
2 the January meeting to discuss these issues?
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4 Pearson: Well, if we're going to have an item about street cleaning I think it's
5 appropriate that we have City staff able to respond because otherwise
6 we're talking like we're talking here.
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8 Wray: MPO staff will extend that invitation.
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10 Bencomo: Mr. Chair. Sorry, just one more clarification. Just to be completely clear,
11 I'm in no way saying that the City app or whatever app any entity uses is
12 not valuable. It is very valuable. We have these storm events and like I
13 said the roadway debris is there. It needs to be clean and they don't know
14 about it sometimes. But I'm talking about just the regular roadway debris
15 that gets pushed out there on a regular basis. We all have dealt with that
16 so I think, so I'm not saying that that is not a valuable tool to have also in
17 combination.
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19 Curry: Mr. Chair. May I change the subject?
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21 Pearson: Sure.
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23 Curry: Are we done with this one? I just wanted to just bring up a quick question
24 that involves multiple jurisdictions I believe. I e-mailed you Ms. Herrera
25 maybe two weeks ago about Union Avenue and the multiuse trail along
26 that that is often under water when it floods and then the crosswalk at
27 Mesilla Park Elementary that gets flooded out and then also the school
28 zone in there. And I had sent it to Gary Skeleton, or he had gone out to
29 look at it, and he said that it's NMDOT and that the multi-use path is really
30 an NMDOT right-of-way. So is there anything that we can do to kind of
31 put forth a proposition to raise that path up so that it is above flooding? I
32 mean I know it would require a whole lot of drainage and maybe possibly
33 bigger issues, but I just want to kind of keep that thought moving.
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35 Herrera: Yes and thank you for bringing that up. I did send your e-mail to our
36 maintenance section and then I also to Mr. Love to look at the school zone
37 issue and so I'll definitely follow-up tomorrow, but I talked to him about it
38 last week and both of those sections of NMDOT were going to go out and
39 look at it. So it's not being forgotten it's just I've passed it along to the
40 District staff.
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42 Curry: Wonderful. Thank you I just thought I would put out a little reminder. I'm
43 happy to meet with any of them if they want me to go out there. It's very
44 easy for me to pop out and talk to them about any of that.
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46 Herrera: Okay, I'll follow-up tomorrow and make sure to keep it on their radar also.

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2 Curry: Perfect thank you so much.

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4 Herrera: Definitely know that Harold said he was going to look at it.

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6 Curry: Wonderful, thank you.

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8 Herrera: Thanks.

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10 Pearson: Any other of the Committee members?

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12 **7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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14 Pearson: Okay. We have an opportunity for public comment. Any member from the
15 public with to comment? Hearing none.

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17 **8. ADJOURNMENT (6:13)**

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19 Pearson: I'll hear a motion to adjourn.

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21 Waller: May I ask before we do this. Just ask permission to speak on the item, we
22 had a meeting earlier in the year when the representative from Santa Fe
23 came down, Wade Patterson. They were supposed to meet with the El
24 Paso MPO and coordinate designation of the New Mexico Bicycle Routes.
25 So I heard that maybe Wade Patterson, perhaps he resigned or some
26 change in personnel, but I don't believe that we ever received the status of
27 the outcome of their meeting with El Paso nor have we heard a status on
28 what their plans were for designating New Mexico Bicycle Routes.
29 Andrew or Jolene or can someone address that briefly perhaps?

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31 Herrera: Sure. They did have their meeting with El Paso MPO staff and we
32 discussed bicycle routes. Basically they took that information back with
33 them and gave it to the consultants. The Bike Plan is in its final draft form.
34 It is being reviewed internally and we hope to have it out by the end of this
35 year.

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37 Waller: Okay. Great. Well thank you.

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39 Herrera: Sure.

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41 Waller: That was unexpected. And we'll get a copy of that right?

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43 Herrera: It will be available online. I'm sure that we can make sure that Andrew has
44 a link on the Mesilla Valley MPO website so it's readily available.
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1 Waller: We could be briefed on that or receive a link for it whatever is more
2 convenient, that would be great.

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4 Pearson: Okay, so I'll hear the motion to adjourn.

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6 Curry: Ashleigh Curry. I put forth the motion to adjourn.


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8 Pearson: Second?

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10 Herrera: Second.

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12 Pearson: All in favor "aye".

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14 MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

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16 Pearson: We're adjourned. Thank you.

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Chairperson