

**MESILLA VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-02**

**A RESOLUTION TO PROMOTE SAFETY FOR PEDESTRIANS AND BICYCLISTS ON THE ROADWAYS OF THE MESILLA VALLEY MPO.**

The Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Policy Committee is informed that:

**WHEREAS**, the Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization was originally designated as the Las Cruces Metropolitan Planning Organization by the Governor of the State of New Mexico through declaration on February 10, 1982 for the purposes of carrying out federally required coordinated, continuing, and comprehensive transportation planning activities pursuant to 23 CFR 450; and

**WHEREAS**, the bylaws of the Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization allow the MPO Policy Committee to create advisory committees; and

**WHEREAS**, the MPO Policy Committee has created the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee (BPAC); and

**WHEREAS**, the BPAC has submitted a statement to the MPO Policy Committee expressing their dismay to the Policy Committee at ongoing safety issues throughout the State of New Mexico and in the Mesilla Valley MPO Planning Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the MPO Policy Committee concurs with the BPAC that ongoing safety issues in the MPO area need to be addressed.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Policy Committee of the Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization:

**(I)**

**THAT** this resolution be submitted to the governing bodies of the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, and the Town of Mesilla.

**(II)**

**THAT** it is the desire of the MPO Policy Committee that the member jurisdictions of the Mesilla Valley MPO; the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, and the Town of

Mesilla, should take definite action to improve safety on the transportation facilities within the Mesilla Valley MPO Planning Area.

(III)


THAT the Policy Committee suggests that such geometric treatments as narrower lanes and traffic circles at intersections, as endorsed by the Congress of the New Urbanism, and included in the City of Las Cruces' Comprehensive Plan; *ELEVATE Las Cruces*, and in the City of Las Cruces Active Transportation Plan, be implemented within the Mesilla Valley MPO Planning area.

(IV)

THAT staff is directed to take appropriate and legal actions to implement this Resolution.

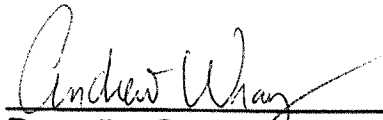
DONE and APPROVED this 13th day of January, 2021.

APPROVED:

  
Chair

Motion By:	Councilor Sorg
Second By:	Trustee Johnson-Burick
VOTE:	
Chair Vasquez	Yes
Vice-Chair Sanchez	Yes
Mayor Barraza	Yes
Councilor Bencomo	Yes
Commissioner Chaparro	Abs
Dist. Eng. Doolittle	Abs
Trustee Garcia	Yes
Trustee Johnson-Burick	Yes
Commissioner Murillo-Trujillo	Yes
Councilor Sorg	Yes

ATTEST:

  
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Recording Secretary