

MESILLA VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION NO. 22-04

A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO IMPROVE THE TIMELINESS OF SAFETY DATA PUBLICATION.

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

WHEREAS, the Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization is the Federally designated regional transportation planning agency responsible for the planning and financial reporting of all Federally funded and regionally significant projects for the MPO Planning area, which consists of the City of Las Cruces, the Town of Mesilla, and the urbanized area of central Doña Ana County; and

WHEREAS, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) require MPOs to monitor and report on certain performance measures to ensure that spending is targeted on accomplishing national transportation goals; and

WHEREAS, one of those performance measures is Safety; and

WHEREAS, the Traffic Records Section of the New Mexico Department of Transportation houses manages the crash data for the State of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the Traffic Records Section of the New Mexico Department of Transportation customarily reports crash data two years after they occur; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico law enforcement agencies are not all utilizing a consistent digital reporting system; and

WHEREAS, this two-year delay has negative impacts on monitoring and improving transportation infrastructure within the Mesilla Valley MPO planning area; and

WHEREAS, the Policy Board of the Mesilla Valley MPO wishes to encourage the State of New Mexico to investigate means to streamline the crash data analysis process and to provide crash reports in a more timely manner.

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

(I)

THAT the Policy Board of the Mesilla Valley MPO requests the MPO member jurisdictions to work with the New Mexico State Legislature, Law Enforcement Agencies, and NMDOT to encourage investigation of means of streamlining the crash data analysis process and to provide crash reports in a more timely manner.

(II)

THAT MPO Staff is directed to work with the governing boards of the member jurisdictions of the Mesilla Valley MPO to solicit resolutions of support for this resolution.

(III)

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

DONE and **APPROVED** this 8th day of June, 2022.

APPROVED:



Chair

ATTEST:


Executive Secretary

Motion By:	Councilor Bencomo
Second By:	Mayor Barraza
VOTE:	
Chair Sanchez	Abstain
Vice-Chair Johnson-Burick	Yes
Mayor Barraza	Yes
Councilor Bencomo	Yes
Councilor Corran	Absent
Dist. Eng. Doolittle	Abstain
Commissioner Ellins	Abstain
Councilor Graham	Yes
Trustee Merrick	Yes
Commissioner Murillo	Yes