

MINUTES
FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
June 24, 2021

Policy Members Present

Rosalyn Fry, City of Aztec
Julie Baird, City of Farmington
Jeanine Bingham-Kelly, City of Farmington
Sean Sharer, City of Farmington
Paul Brasher, NMDOT District 5

Policy Members Absent:

Steve Lanier, San Juan County
GloJean Todacheene, San Juan County
George Walter, City of Bloomfield
Town of Kirtland Representative

Staff Present:

Peter Koeppel, MPO Officer
Kathryn Leys, MPO Associate Planner

Staff Absent:

June Markle, MPO Administrative Assistant

Others Present:

Steven Saavedra, Technical Committee Member,
City of Aztec
Joseph Moriarty, Planning Liaison, NMDOT
Michelle Truby, San Juan County

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sharer called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

2. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 27, 2021 POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Commissioner Fry moved to approve the minutes from the May 27, 2021 Policy Committee meeting. Paul Brasher seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition.

3. NEW MEXICO TRANSPORTATION PROJECT FUND (TPF) PROJECT REVIEW

Subject:	New Mexico Transportation Project Fund (TPF) Project Review
Prepared by:	Peter Koeppel, MPO Officer
Date:	June 24, 2021

BACKGROUND

During the 2019 legislative session, the New Mexico legislature passed HB 694, which created a new fund known as the "Local Government Transportation Project Fund" (LGTPF). The LGTPF serves as an expeditious mechanism to distribute appropriated funds to local governments using the NMDOT's existing Metropolitan Planning Organization and Regional Transportation Planning Organization planning process. The Legislature changed the name of the fund during the 2020 Regular Session to the Transportation Project Fund.

Due to the timelines specified in HB 694, the NMDOT passed an emergency rule in mid- 2019 to administer the initial \$50 million appropriation. (During the 2020 Regular Session, no money was appropriated to the fund.) At the same time the State Transportation Commission authorized the adoption of an emergency rule, it authorized the adoption of a permanent rule. That rulemaking process is now complete.

CURRENT WORK

- The Project Oversight Division is soliciting applications for NMDOT's Transportation Project Fund (TPF) for fiscal year 2022 formally known as Local Government Transportation Project Fund (LGTPF).
- Local and tribal governments in New Mexico are eligible to apply for state funded grants.
- FMPO entities submitted projects for potential TPF funding
- On June 9, the FMPO Technical Committee reviewed the list of projects to be submitted using evaluation criteria provided by NMDOT.
- MPO Staff prepared the final list of projects for submittal to NMDOT.

INFORMATION ITEM

- The Technical Committee and Staff recommend that the Policy Committee review the list of projects submitted to NMDOT for potential TPF funding.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Koeppel reported that the FMPO received project applications from each of the local entities in response to the Transportation Project Fund (TPF) call for projects (see list of projects below). With the funding received by District 5, the outlook for all the FMPO projects to be funded is cautiously optimistic. The projects were ranked using NMDOT evaluation criteria (Planning, Project Readiness, Bridge Priority, and Phasing) before submitting the final list to NMDOT on June 14. District 5 will reviewing the lists from the MPOs and RTPOs and then recommending the final list of projects.

Mr. Brasher commented that of the \$20,000,000 District 5 had received to apportion, they project requests amounted to more than \$77,000,000. District 5 did recommend approval of all the FMPO projects to their Department Secretary. The final selection of projects will then be made by the Transportation Commission.

Project	Entity	Description	Amount requested	Evaluation Criteria						
				Planning: Is this project identified as a priority on a local or regional planning or programming document? Is this project consistent with local or regional plans?	Project Readiness: If awarded, will the applicant be able to start spending the money within 3 months from receiving the fully executed project agreement?	Priority Bridge: Is this project addressing a bridge on NMDOT's Local Bridge Priority List for Replacement/Rehabilitation?	Phasing: a. Is this project part of a phased project previously funded with other state funds (e.g. Local Government Road Fund, Municipal Arterial Program, Capital Outlay, State Road Fund etc.)? b. Is this project part of a phased project previously funded with TFF? If so, what year?	AADT (2015 & 2020)	# of Crashes (2015-2019)	Functional Class
Tier 1										
East Blanco Bridge	Bloomfield	Bridge replacement	\$383,000	MTP, TIF	Yes	Yes - fair condition	Yes	2550 & 2101	N/A	Minor Arterial
Tier 2										
Foothills Dr. Phase 2	Farmington	Reconstruct road with travel lanes, bike lanes, roundabout, multi-use trail, and drainage improvements	\$1,672,950	MTP, Comprehensive Plan, ICIP, FMPO Eike Plan	Yes	No	Yes	2370 & 2314	7	Minor Arterial
McWilliams Rd.	Aztec	Paving + sidewalks	\$658,000	MTP, ICIP, Comp Plan	Yes	No	No	3,243 & 2576	3	Minor Collector
Tier 3										
CR 6100	Ser Juan County	Resurfacing	\$603,250	TIF, Capital Replacement Plan	Yes	No	No	180E & 140E	21	Major Collector
Wildflower Pkwy	Farmington	Resurfacing	\$605,910	Comprehensive Plan	Yes	No	No	Before Wildflower Mesa Parkway: 9719 & 800E After Wildflower Mesa Parkway: 7066 & 5822	55	Minor Arterial
Roads 640E	Kirtland	Resurfacing	\$114,950			No	No	N/A	4	N/A
Roads 6411	Kirtland	Resurfacing	\$114,950			No	No	N/A	2	N/A

4. REPORTS FROM NMDOT

District 5 – Paul Brasher

Mr. Brasher provided updates on current District 5 projects:

- Resurfacing on the entire corridor of NM 537 (US 550 to almost Dulce; area borders the FMPO area) is nearing completion;
- Rehabilitated Murray Drive through Farmington;
- Rehabilitated US 550 between Aztec and Bloomfield;
- Launched litter campaign the weekend of June 12-13 and picked up litter on US 550 from Bloomfield to Aztec; on NM 516 between Aztec and Farmington; on US 64 between Bloomfield and Farmington, and; on US 550 south from Bloomfield.

Mr. Brasher also informed the Committee that District 5 executed an agreement with the City of Farmington that authorizes the City to remove obnoxious and illegally posted signs along the state right-of-way within the City limits.

Planning Bureau – Joseph Moriarty

Joe stated that Public is invited to comment on NM 2021-2022 STIP.

The STIP is required under federal regulation. Comments can be added through E-STIP portal until July 5th. NMDOT personnel can take comments until July 20th

Joe informed committee members that FHWA has upcoming webinar on local agencies implementing their ADA transition plans.

5. COMMITTEE MEMBER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Subject: Committee Member Discussion Items
Date: June 24, 2021

DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no additional discussion items provided by Policy Committee members for inclusion on the Agenda.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

Subject:	Information Items
Prepared by:	MPO Staff
Date:	June 24, 2021

INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. There is no Policy Committee in July. The next meeting is August 26, 2021 in Council Chambers at Farmington City Hall.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Koepfel reminded the Committee that they had no Committee meeting in July.

Mr. Koepfel reported that he planned to present information to the Technical Committee in July on a recent call for project applications for the Transportation Alternatives Program, Recreational Trails Program, and the Congestion, Mitigation & Air Quality Program. These programs fund primarily bicycle/pedestrian, signal timing, and emission reduction type projects. The call is open now and the application period closes in October. The Technical Committee members may be seeking guidance and/or input on potential projects from their Policy Committee representative.

7. BUSINESS FROM THE CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS AND STAFF

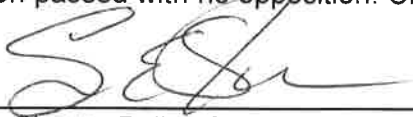
There was no business from the Chairman, Members and Staff.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ISSUES NOT ON THE AGENDA

There was no public comment on any issues not on the agenda.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Fry moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Brasher seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition. Chair Sharer adjourned the meeting at 10:48 a.m.


Sean Sharer, Policy Committee Chair


June Markle, Administrative Assistant