

MINUTES
FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING
May 8, 2019

Technical Members Present:

Steven Saavedra, City of Aztec
Jason Thomas, City of Bloomfield
Helen Landaverde (Alt), City of Farmington
Virginia King, City of Farmington
Dan Flack, Town of Kirtland
David Quintana, District 5, NMDOT
Andrew Montoya, Red Apple Transit
Fran Fillerup, San Juan County
Nick Porell, San Juan County

Technical Members Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Mary Holton, MPO Officer
Karen Walker, CD Administrative Assistant

Staff Absent:

June Markle, MPO Administrative Assistant

Others Present:

Joseph Moriarty, Liaison, NMDOT Planning Bureau
Maggie Moore, NMDOT Planning Bureau
Larry Hathaway, San Juan County
Scott Martin, San Juan County

Names of citizens in attendance are attached in a separate list

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Nick Porell called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Chair Porell acknowledged the citizens in the audience who were there to speak about issues on NM 173 (under Agenda Item #9). He stated they would be given an opportunity at the end of the business meeting to provide their comments.

2. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 10, 2019 TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Mr. Fillerup moved to approve the minutes from the April 10, 2019 Technical Committee meeting. Ms. King seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes passed 8-0 (Mr. Quintana had not yet arrived).

3. STATUS OF TIP PROJECTS

Subject:	Status of TIP Projects
Prepared by:	MPO Staff
Date:	May 8, 2019

BACKGROUND

- The STIP Protocols, finalized in early 2014, require that each MPO shall develop a process to monitor the progress and status of each project in the first two years of the TIP. These monthly reviews help correct inconsistencies in the TIP, STIP, the MPO's MTP, Agreement Request Forms (ARFs), etc. and provide for discussion among the members and NMDOT representatives.

TRACKING INFORMATION (2018-2023 TIP)

Local Agreement Status (ARF) ROW Certification Design Completion 30 - 60 - 90% Environmental Certification Utilities Certification Railroad Certification Archeology Certification	ITS/Sys ENG Certification Public Involvement Certification
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PROJECTS CURRENTLY ON FMPO TIP

- Aztec
F100091 - East Aztec Arterial Phase II
- Bloomfield
F100300 - East Blanco Bridge
- Farmington
F100099 - Foothills Drive Enhancement Phase II
F100100 - East Pinon Hills Blvd Extension Phase I
F100101 - East Pinon Hills Blvd Extension Phase II
F100132 - 20th Street Phase III
F100221 - Anesi Trail and Pedestrian Bridge
TF00001 - Red Apple Transit
- San Juan County
F100021 - East Pinon Hills Blvd Extension Phase III
F100240 - Glade Run Recreation Area Trails
F100270 - Kirtland Schools Walk Path System
F100290 - CR 5500 Bridge Replacement
- NMDOT
F100112 - US64 Phase V
F100113 - US64 Phase VI

CURRENT WORK

- Top Regional Priority Projects
 - East Arterial Route Phase II-
 - Pinon Hills Boulevard Bridge Phases I & II

- Kirtland School Walk Path System
- Surface Transportation Program Funds (STP) - funds can be used to repair structurally deficient bridges.
- Integration of all FMPO TIP projects on to new eSTIP website.
- Public eSTIP website can be viewed at <https://estip.dot.state.nm.us/>

INFORMATION ITEM

- This is an information item only. Committee members will have an opportunity to provide feedback regarding TIP project status and details.

DISCUSSION: The Technical Committee members provided their project updates:

City of Aztec - Steven Saavedra

The City of Aztec continues to work through the right-of-way and acquisition process for the Aztec East Arterial.

City of Bloomfield - Jason Thomas

The City of Bloomfield is working on right-of-way acquisition for the East Blanco Bridge.

City of Farmington - Virginia King

Foothills Drive Enhancement - right-of-way acquisition nearly completed with 90% review expected soon.

20th Street - Phase III - working towards the 90% review. Right-of-way mappings for the temporary construction permits have been submitted to NMDOT.

San Juan County - Nick Porell

Pinon Hills Boulevard Extension - Phase III - continues in the right-of-way phase with the right-of-way submission at NMDOT.

Glade Run Trails - an environmental submission has been made to NMDOT and the design is ongoing.

Kirtland Schools Walk Path - a “notice of substantial completion” was issued to the contractor last week. Only a few minor items on the punch list to be addressed. Project should be completed and closed out within the next month.

CR 5500 Bridge - a right-of-way submission was made to NMDOT on April 29. A 90% design from the consultant is expected on May 10. An environmental review submittal to NMDOT is expected by the end of next week.

NMDOT-District 5 - David Quintana

US 64 - construction on US 64 is continuing with expected completion of the last four-mile stretch expected next year.

Mr. Quintana also reported that the bridge replacement in La Plata is ongoing.

The Navajo Gaming Authority was awarded approximately \$3,000,000 for a new signalized intersection at NM 371 and N36. NMDOT will be working with Navajo DOT on design and be ready for construction next summer pending rights-of-way.

4. QUARTERLY EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION - CRITICAL ISSUES IN TRANSPORTATION 2019

Subject:	Quarterly Educational Presentation - Critical Issues in Transportation 2019
Prepared by:	Mary L Holton, AICP, MPO Officer
Date:	May 8, 2019

PRESENTATION

A copy of the Transportation Research Board (TRB) publication "Critical Issues in Transportation 2019" was included within the email for your agenda. This reading was selected as it "poses a series of challenging questions about potential critical issues that may arise 10 to 20 years into the future." This subject is especial important as the MPO begins preparing for the development of its 2045 MTP.

The authors advise that "Changes are coming at transportation from all directions, including potentially revolutionary technologies such as drones and automated vehicles, rapid innovations in urban transportation services, unreliable funding for infrastructure and operations, and possible changes in national policies affecting trade, climate, environmental protection, and sources of energy. The potential consequences of these changes could make future congestion, fuel consumption, and emissions either markedly better or markedly worse. Correspondingly, these potential changes could positively or adversely affect commercial truck, rail, aviation, and waterborne networks, with significant implications for the delivery of goods and services, personal travel, and the economy."

Sections in the reading include Transformational Technologies and Services; Serving a Growing and Shifting Population; Energy and Sustainability; Resilience and Security; Safety and Public Health; Equity; Governance; System Performance and Asset Management; Funding and Finance; Goods Movement; Institutional and Workforce Capacity; and, Research and Innovation.

MPO Staff invites you to read the publication noting what the MPO will most likely need to address in the development of the new MTP. Please come to the meeting prepared to discuss the issues you believe will challenge the MPO in the future.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Holton encouraged the Technical Committee to read the publication and offer any comments or input on recommendations that should be incorporated into the MPO's 2045 MTP. The article spoke about many different technologies and how some might work in a heavily populated area, but not necessarily in a rural setting. It also referenced the timing of the different technologies. The population

shift information was important to consider and the changes in demographics for our own region will need to be considered when developing the MPO's 2045 MTP.

Ms. Holton asked the members to offer any input that they believe is important to be used in developing the 2045 MTP.

Mr. Fillerup said that during the development of the 2040 MTP, many topics were only covered lightly, so a publication like this that looks at critical issues when preparing for the future is valuable. He recommended keeping the ideas in mind and consider how the FMPO might be able to use them.

5. REPORTS FROM NMDOT

District 5 - David Quintana

Mr. Quintana invited Mr. Joaquim and his wife to attend the meeting as they expressed concerns with the condition of NM173. NMDOT does have a safety project for NM 173. The design is almost completed and they are working to get the utilities relocated in order to begin the project. Coordination of moving of the utilities is an ongoing effort. Mr. Quintana had advised Mr. Joaquim to attend the MPO meeting and express their concerns so the project could be identified in the MPO's MTP.

Ms. Holton asked if Mr. Quintana was interested in putting this project on the TIP. She said the MPO would be making the call for projects for the new TIP on May 20. Getting it into the TIP would depend on available funding in order to ensure it was fiscally constrained. Although this would be an NMDOT project, Mr. Quintana said he wanted the MPO to be aware of the local concerns so the project could be identified as a regionally significant project and be included in the MTP. There was discussion on whether NM 173 is outside of the MPO area and if, possibly, the project was part of the Northwest RTPO's RTIPR. It was believed that part of NM 173 is within the MPO boundaries and part is in the RTPO area.

New projects will be prioritized as the new FFY2020-2025 TIP is developed, but the entity that is sponsoring a project needs to submit the application and provide the funding information to the MPO. Mr. Quintana agreed and said NMDOT would be providing that information. Mr. Fillerup asked if the construction for NM 173 has been funded. Mr. Quintana said safety funding had been identified for construction from mile marker 2 to 3.7.

Planning Bureau - Joseph Moriarty

Mr. Moriarty congratulated San Juan County and the City of Farmington for their TAP and RTP funding awards. There was \$1,300,000 in federal funding awarded. There will be an upcoming call for projects for TAP and RTP for future years.

NMDOT has just issued a call for projects for local and tribal governments using state funds. The intent of this call is to provide more flexibility for local governments to fund transportation project needs. Additional information on this call for projects is included in Secretary Sandoval's letter (pages 10-13 of the Agenda). NMDOT also distributed a FAQ sheet to the MPOs throughout the state to help streamline the application process. The deadlines for application submittal are tight, but this is a

unique funding opportunity for local governments and NMDOT is encouraging everyone to apply.

There will be an upcoming free pedestrian safety action plan training in Santa Fe. NMDOT is partnering with the North Carolina Highway Safety Research Center to bring this training to New Mexico on how to develop a pedestrian safety plan to address pedestrian safety issues. Please let Mr. Moriarty know if you would be interesting.

Maggie Moore announced that NMDOT had acquired non-motorized bicycle counting equipment that can be loaned out free of charge to the MPOs, RTPOs, and tribal/local agencies. There is a concise application and guide to let NMDOT know how, where and when the equipment is to be used. The counters are similar to vehicles counters and can count bike use on facilities. The data collected will also be gathered by NMDOT from around the state to have that information in their database. Detailed information should be available on the NMDOT website in the next week or so.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Subject:	Committee Member Discussion Items
Date:	May 8, 2019

DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no additional discussion items provided by Technical Committee members for inclusion in the Agenda.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

Subject:	Information Items
Prepared by:	MPO Staff
Date:	May 8, 2019

INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. **TIP Amendment #7, New FFY2020-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).** It is noted that there were no project change forms received by FMPO for the formal TIP Amendment #7 to the FFY2018-2023 TIP.

The remaining amendment cycles (#8 and #9) for the FFY2018-2023 TIP have been cancelled so that we can start the FFY2020-2025 TIP Adoption Process, which will begin in late May with the Call for Projects and will end with the final consideration by both the Technical and Policy Committees in August 2019. A schedule for this TIP Adoption is attached for your review.

- b. **Annual FMPO Quality Assurance Review (QAR).** The MPO's Annual Quality Assurance Review (QAR) was held on April 10. We are expecting Joseph Moriarty's written evaluation soon.
- c. **MTP Report.** MPO Staff continues to work on the draft PPP and the MTP Scope of Work. The Draft PPP will be distributed as soon as possible.
- d. **NMDOT Traffic Counts.** Staff advised last month "the NMDOT Traffic Monitoring section is in the process of annualizing all of the 2018 traffic counts. During then March MPO Quarterly, Sean Noonan/NMDOT reported that FMPO's data is expected to be released in April, and that the 2019 locations will be coordinated with the MPO (including the Tech Committee) very soon." Staff asked for an update from Sean and he responded, "Our Roadway Inventory Program is putting together a geodatabase that will include the 2018 traffic count data that includes our traffic section ID, our route naming convention and the local street names. In the meantime I have attached a shape file and kmz file for your service area with 2018 traffic data. The shape file does not include the local street names." The files were forwarded to you in case you wanted the data quicker and your entity has GIS capabilities, and to the GIS Division with the City of Farmington so that they can provide that assistance to the MPO.
- e. **TAP/RTP/CMAQ Application Update.** Please congratulate San Juan County and the City of Farmington on their recent Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant awards for the following projects: Glade Run Recreation Area Trails, Kirtland School Multi-Use Trail, and Foothills Drive Enhancement Phase III! The federal funding for the three FMPO projects totals more than \$1.3M. Way to go Fran, Nick, and Virginia! A copy of Selection Process and Feedback from NMDOT is attached. We have not yet received any information on the CMAQ application.
- f. **TAM Plan Transit Performance Targets Adoption.** This item will return next month, as the FTA requires that the MPO adopt these targets annually by June 30. Andrew has advised that the Red Apple's Targets have not changed.
- g. **Call for Projects.** NMDOT has announced its call for projects. Local and tribal governments in New Mexico are eligible to apply for state funded grants. Applications are due to NMDTO by June 14, 2019 and require a number of steps prior to submittal. See the attached letter for details.
- h. **Staff Training.** MPO Staff will travel to Santa Fe for FHWA Grants Management Training (2 CFR 200) and NMDOT eSTIP training May 14-16. A representative from the MPO's fiscal agent will also attend the FHWA training.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Holton reported on the Information Items:

- a. No projects were received for TIP Amendment #7. In light of preparing for the new FFY2020-2025 TIP and following discussions with the STIP Coordinator, Manuel Chavez, the remaining proposed amendment cycles #8 and #9 for the 2018-2023 TIP will be canceled. A copy of the proposed schedule for the new FFY2020-2025

TIP is included on Page 7 of the Agenda. The first Call for Projects will be on May 20.

Ms. Holton plans to meet with each Technical Committee member to ensure their projects are moved properly from the old TIP into the new TIP. Mr. Chavez has confirmed that the three projects currently in the informational years of the old TIP can again be placed in the informational of the FFY2020-2025 TIP. If a project is now in the informational or outer years of the current TIP (2022 and 2023), simply rolling them over into the new TIP would place them in a year that requires a project to be fiscally constrained. No project can be accepted into the new TIP that is not fiscally constrained.

- b. **FMPO's Annual QAR.** The annual Quality Assurance Review was conducted by Mr. Moriarty on April 10 and his evaluation is expected soon.
- c. **MTP.** The RFP proposed scope of work for the 2045 MTP has been completed and reviewed. Ms. Holton has begun working on the Public Participation Plan document.
- d. **NMDOT Traffic Counts.** Some preliminary information was distributed to the Technical Committee members. The City of Farmington's GIS Division said they should be able to provide the information in a GIS format in the next month or so. Once it is available, it will be posted on the MPO website.
- e. **TAP/RTP/CMAQ.** Ms. Holton reported that San Juan County received funding for two of their projects and the City of Farmington also received a TAP award. The area did not receive a CMAQ award.

Mr. Porell advised that although their CMAQ application to purchase a diesel vehicle was deemed feasible, it did not comply with "buy America" and thus was ineligible for an award. Mr. Fillerup visited with Sky Tallman and posed the questions about how the federal government buys vehicles if it cannot be certified as "buy America". Mr. Moriarty confirmed that the state uses only state funding when buying a vehicle and said he would have to see if he could find an answer to the question of how the federal government buys their vehicles.

- f. **TAM Plan Adoption.** The Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan performance targets are due for adoption in June. Mr. Montoya reported that nothing has changed and the targets will remain the same as last year. This will be an Action Item on the June meeting agenda.
- g. **NMDOT Call for Projects for State Funded Grants.** The due date for the MPO to submit the final application packages to NMDOT is June 14. Ms. Holton sent an email to the Technical Committee members on May 8 asking that they review the NMDOT timeline for application submittal (including PPFs and PFFs, feasibility meetings, resolutions of sponsorship).

Most projects can be considered, but NMDOT would like to see prioritized projects (find that list in Section 4.5 of the 2040 MTP). Projects can also be selected from the TIP, but many of those will already have funding. NMDOT is looking for regional projects that would meet TIP requirements and they want a large list of projects for the Transportation Commission to choose from. Applications submitted previously cannot be used again. An updated cost estimate and maps must be provided along with a resolution from the entity's decision-making body or a letter from the department manager verifying that funding for the project is in place.

Ms. Holton asked the members for suggested regional projects that could be deemed feasible and are prioritized. Some of the ideas discussed included:

- Bloomfield's bridge project;
- Town/highway signage (check on eligibility; state highway signs are state-owned; concentrate on signage for local roads);
- Bridge maintenance on Broadway, Animas, and Miller;
- Resurfacing project;
- Foothills-Phase III;
- San Juan Boulevard;
- Bridge on CR 5500

Ms. Holton said she would develop a more definite timeline for project submittal in the next few days.

- h. **Staff Training.** Ms. Holton will be leaving for Santa Fe on Monday for eSTIP training with Jolene Herrera, the new STIP Staff Manager. Following that on Tuesday and Wednesday will be the FHWA training on grant management.

8. BUSINESS FROM THE CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS AND STAFF

Chair Porell introduced Scott Martin a newly hired Public Works Engineer for San Juan County.

Mr. Thomas requested some assistance from NMDOT to clean out Bridge #9286 on US 64 in Bloomfield. The clearance should be 10' but is now reduced to 4' and this has caused flooding downstream in the past on the south side of the highway. Mr. Thomas had tried to get this started last year, but NMDOT said they first needed to get an environmental clearance before the maintenance work began, and he was hoping some progress had been made on getting that taken care of. Mr. Quintana said he would take care of this.

Mr. Saavedra said that the City of Aztec had appropriated \$3,000,000 during a recent legislative session to complete the East Arterial project. He asked Mr. Quintana how that additional funding might impact funding from FHWA and was the City still on track with the project's funding. Mr. Quintana said that the additional monies should just be amended into the existing funding agreement and incorporated with the federal and state funds for the project. He said Mr. Saavedra could speak with Ms. Clarissa Martinez for further clarification on funding and would make her contact

information available. With the departure of Brad Fisher, the new contacts for local government projects are Lawrence Lopez or Manuel Maestas.

Mr. Thomas asked if the new District 5 Transportation Commissioner had been named. Mr. Quintana said he did not believe that announcement had been made.

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

With both NMDOT representatives present, Chair Porell returned to Agenda Item #5 - Reports from NMDOT.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ISSUES NOT ON THE AGENDA

The following is a summary of comments from the residents and concerned citizens about the state of repair on NM 173:

-Dennis Joaquim and Anna Padilla, Navajo Dam - thanks to NMDOT and Mr. Quintana for safety project by Gobernador Wash (cement barriers by cliff). Expressed concerns over safety of NM 173. Submitted 15-page petition of signatures (copy of petition to be included with meeting minutes) for NMDOT to investigate and resolve the items listed in the petition:

- 1) pedestrian walkway attached to existing bridge enabling community members and tourists from around New Mexico and across the country to cross the river safely;*
- 2) hill at mile marker 4 on NM 173 needs to be leveled off so there is a line of sight from both lanes of traffic. This particular junction has been the scene of numerous auto accidents and fatalities not related to speeding, but to lack of visual clarity from oncoming traffic;*
- 3) there are no shoulders on NM 173. Along with poor visibility caused by hills there are few places a driver can safely pull over to avoid oncoming traffic.*

Also from the petition: "Although some of the recent and sometimes deep and dangerous pot holes have been filled; it is an ongoing problem. Drivers have to swerve to avoid the deeper holes. We are constantly having to realign our vehicles caused by pot holes. Navajo Dam and the San Juan River Service tourists from throughout the United States along with other countries. This area generates hundreds of thousands of dollars to our New Mexico economy yet the access roads to reach these destinations are deplorable."

Ms. Padilla wanted to make sure the issues with NM 173 were known.

Chair Porell asked if the MPO have ever issued a resolution regarding NM 173. Ms. Holton said no, but that it could be put included on the June meeting agenda. She noted that, more importantly, was to get the project on the TIP which is the responsibility of the sponsoring agency. Ms. Holton asked for either District 5 or someone from NMDOT's STIP Unit to initiate the application. It is a regionally significant project and, as long as its fiscally constrained, will certainly be included in

the TIP. There was discussion on projects first being planned and identified in the MPO's MTP, new MTP not due for updating until later this year with adoption not until September 2020, can projects be amended into TIP and STIP if not identified in MTP, seek clarifying answers from STIP Unit, and include NM 173 in the new 2045 MTP.

Chair Porell suggested considering a Policy Committee Resolution to support the need for repairs and improvements to NM 173. He also stated that he is San Juan County's representative to the RTPO and would make them aware of the concerns on NM 173 at their next meeting. Ms. Holton will draft a resolution in support of improvements to NM 173 for Policy Committee consideration in June.

Ms. Padilla wanted to add that she had lived in Navajo Dam, New Mexico for 42 years and thought that NM 173 had been resurfaced maybe only once in all those years.

-Cheryl Kolls, 1002 Rio Brazos, Aztec, NM - NW Region Manager of NM State Parks-Here to support a project to improve NM 173. State park visitation in 2018 was 557,547 visitors. There is commercial activity on the San Juan River portion that last year consisted of 5,252 trips that serviced 10,197 clients such as 53 guide companies with over 100 guide permits issued for that three miles of river. Those companies and individuals are traveling on these roads. The county receives a lot of income from visitors and outside people whose stay is typically 5-8 days on average. The better experience they have they will come back.

-Jarrett Johnson, 7399 CR 502, Bayfield, CO 81122 - owner and operator of Navajo Lake Marina. NM 173 is a vital road to the community. New Mexico economy heavily based on oil and gas with tourism growing. Last year there were over 500,000 visitors to the state park and we did over \$3,000,000 in revenue last year. There are wineries and the Quality Waters are accessible from NM 173. Followers on the marina's Facebook page promotes tourism with over 131 countries contributing. He is concerned about safety of NM 173. Co-worker lost his wife on that road about a year ago. Many employees that work for me and I worry about their safety.

- Thaddeus Cono, 33 CR 4267, Navajo Dam, NM - Co-owner of Fisheads San Juan River Lodge and former Parks Advisory Board member. Tax revenue generated from the area is huge. Visitation is over half million a year. His company has employees from Farmington, Bloomfield and Aztec. RV and boat traffic, as well as oilfield traffic on NM 173 is huge. Recreation revenue is a vital staple for New Mexico and local economy. People stop and buy groceries and gas in Aztec area before going out to Navajo Lake. Believe revenue generated from increased visitors would increase if road was better and tax revenue for Aztec could increase. Believes there has been some adversity with the City of Aztec and NMDOT so thought Chair's suggest to seek a resolution from the MPO would help bring everything together.

-Tim Jimerson, resident at Navajo Dam since 1986 - had a guide service for 35 years. Was pulled over once by State Police and accused of drunk driving, but

was simply driving and swerving to avoid potholes. Road cold patching does not last. Bouncing over road hurts vehicle and body. Safety is the #1 issue.

-Jay and Joyce Dykstra, Navajo Dam resident for 20 years - owner of Angler's Hearth B&B. Basic infrastructure is badly needed on that road. It's a dangerous road and is aware of four deaths. Cattle guards are sinking and some are paved over. Potholes filled in, but with heavy traffic, the repairs don't last. The road is a disaster for people who live there and others who visit.

-Jerry Richards, Navajo Dam resident - NM 173 is dangerous and a safety issue.

-Fernando Gil, Farmington resident since 1996. Worked oilfield for many years and traveled that road often. Oilfield pays road tax, but it is not being used to fix this road. When the road has washed out sections, trucks barely fit on the roadway. Patching work is done poorly.

- Craig Pilley, 21 Road 4267, Navajo Dam, NM - has lost friends and family on that road. Believes there's actually more traffic that uses the road due to all the service vehicles. Something needs to be done.

Chair Porell asked if traffic counts on conducted on NM 173. Ms. Holton said she was not sure, but could make sure it gets added to the traffic count schedule for 2019 being prepared by Sean Noonan, Manager, Traffic Monitoring Program with NMDOT's Data Management Bureau. Mr. Quintana thought those counts should be available through the traffic safety section.

-Peggy Mascarenes, used to live Navajo Dam, NM - remember when the dam built and thought a large portion of the dam was built by many Aztec residents; it was not the state highway department. Most infrastructure for dam built by individuals, not state, not city, not county. Oil and gas brings in 1/3 of revenue for New Mexico. Safety programs for oil and gas are stringent, but they can do nothing about the condition of the road. Drives the roads on the reservation for work and they are better than 173. Appreciate if something can be done with road.

Chair Porell said he wanted to clarify the purpose of the FMPO Technical Committee. This committee is made up of engineers and planners from respected municipalities. The function of the MPO is transportation planning for local area roadways. NMDOT is a voting member on the committee, but their planning objectives for the MPO are in an oversight and support capacity. NMDOT planning division is responsible for planning improvement to state roads. The FMPO Technical Committee may recommend to its Policy Committee the need for improvements, but the FMPO cannot allocate any funds to NM 173. Neither the FMPO Technical Committee nor the FMPO Policy Committee are decision-making boards for state projects or funding. The Technical Committee appreciates the community input and will ensure NM 173 is included in the MPO's MTP.

Mr. Fillerup agreed with Chair Porell on the limitations on the Technical Committee to issue recommendations, but added the community input was valuable to getting issues

on the radar of the MPO. The information is also valuable to Mr. Quintana who represents NMDOT. He noted the four items mentioned by Ms. Padilla and specified in the petition were the key takeaways. Mr. Quintana also thanked the attendees for their participation and said he would take this information to District 5 and begin working on the areas of concerns expressed and would work with the MPO to see about getting projects programmed.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fillerup moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Quintana seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and Mr. Porell adjourned the meeting at 11:22 a.m.



Nick Porell, Technical Committee Chair



June Markle, Administrative Assistant

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