

MINUTES
FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING
December 8, 2021

Technical Members Present:

Jason Thomas, City of Bloomfield
Beth Escobar, City of Farmington
Dan Flack, Town of Kirtland
Andrew Montoya, Red Apple Transit
Nick Porell, San Juan County
Isaac Blue Eyes, City of Farmington

Technical Members Absent:

Virginia King, City of Farmington
Javier Martinez, NMDOT District 5
Steven Saavedra, City of Aztec

Staff Present:

Peter Koeppel, MPO Officer
Kathryn Leys, MPO Associate Planner
June Markle, Administrative Assistant

Staff Absent:

None

Others Present:

None

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Porell called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 10, 2021 TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Ms. Escobar moved to approve the minutes from the November 10, 2021 Technical Committee meeting. Mr. Flack seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes passed with no opposition.

3. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2022

Subject:	2022 Annual Meeting Schedule
Prepared by:	Peter Koeppel, MPO Officer
Date:	December 8, 2021

BACKGROUND

- Each year the Technical Committee approves a resolution ensuring compliance

with the open meetings act and establishes its meeting schedule for the coming year.

- Technical Committee meetings will continue to be held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Meetings continue to be rotated among the entities to facilitate member attendance.
- Virtual participation for meetings will continue to be provided.

CURRENT WORK

- Staff is presenting this proposed meeting schedule for review by the Technical Committee.
- Staff will seek considered adoption of the 2022 meeting schedule and Technical Committee Resolution 2021-1 at the December 8 meeting.

ACTION ITEM

- Staff recommends that the Technical Committee review the proposed 2022 meeting schedule and Technical Committee Resolution 2021-1.

DISCUSSION:

Chair Porell commented that the meetings remain the second Wednesday of the month.

Mr. Koepfel added that the schedule was displayed on screen for attendees to see. The draft schedule was brought to the committee last month. Action is needed to post and make appropriate notifications.

ACTION: Chair Porell moved to approve the 2022 Technical Committee Meeting Schedule. Ms. Escobar seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition.

4. STATUS OF ENTITY PROJECTS

Subject:	Status of TIP Projects
Prepared by:	MPO Staff & Technical Committee Members
Date:	December 8, 2021

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.
- Listed below are current entity projects some of which are part of the

FFY2022-2027 TIP.

- The Policy Committee approved the new FFY2022-2027 TIP on May 27, 2021, which became effective on October 1, 2021.

TRACKING INFORMATION

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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ENTITY PROJECTS

- Aztec
 - F100091 - East Aztec Arterial Phase II
 - F100410 - McWilliams Rd.
- 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
 - F100440 - Wildflower Parkway
 - F100390 - Foothills Drive Phase III
 - TF00001 - Red Apple Transit
- Kirtland
 - F100420 - CR 6405
 - F100430 - CR 6411
- San Juan County
 - F100021 - East Pinon Hills Blvd Extension Phase III
 - F100290 - CR 5500 Bridge Replacement
 - F100320 - Kirtland Schools Walk Path Extension
 - F100330 - Glade Run Recreation Area Trails Extension
 - F100360 - CR 3000 Bridge Replacement
 - F100370 - CR 3500 Bridge Replacement
 - F100380 - CR 6100 Pavement Rehab
- NMDOT
 - F100170 - NM 173 Safety Improvements
 - F100341 - US 550 Pavement Rehab
 - F100350 - NM 371/N36 (PE)
 - F100351 - NM 371/N36 (Const)

INFORMATION ITEM

- This is an information item only. Committee members will have an opportunity to provide any needed feedback/updates/details regarding the status of current projects.

DISCUSSION: The Technical Committee members provided their project updates:

City of Aztec - Steven Saavedra

Mr. Saavedra was unable to attend the meeting.

City of Bloomfield - Jason Thomas

East Blanco Bridge

Design revisions are being finished. City had brief online call with DOT last week to discuss what Mr. Thomas referred to as a pre-PS&E review meeting. They are still working on all the certifications. As far as he knows, the project is still fully funded and hopefully going to bid late winter.

City of Farmington - Isaac Blue Eyes

Virginia King was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Blue Eyes filled in for Ms. King.

F100132 - 20th Street Phase II

Project to be rebid this month. There were no bidders previously, so the project will need to be rebid.

F10099 - Foothills Drive Enhancement Phase II

Construction on this project is currently in progress. Construction will continue as far into the winter as weather conditions permit.

Town of Kirtland - Dan Flack

F100420 & F100430

Town of Kirtland has received the agreement from DOT and will start the design work this month.

Chair Porell added that presumably Mr. Flack will need right of way certification for both projects. Chair Porell said that Mr. Flack can reach out to him to attain the right-of-way certification for the roads formally owned by county.

San Juan County - Nick Porell

Pinion Hills Blvd Extension Phase III

Chair Porell comments that he saw a draft for House Bill 2. This bill gave \$142.5 million for local transportation projects and Pinion Hills Boulevard and San Juan County were on the bills list. The bill did not say for what dollar amount or whether it was to the City of Farmington or to San Juan County. Presuming the bill passes, there may be some money coming to this project.

Mr. Koeppel asked it was from the current special session. Chair Porell confirmed this, corrected the amount from \$147 million, which he had previously stated, to \$142.5 million and, noted that this is state money.

Mr. Blue Eyes said he had not heard anything about this bill. Mr. Blue Eyes did note that earlier that morning he did receive notification from DOT that the state was allowing the City of Farmington to update their Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP), but it needs to be approved by the City Council. He is looking at that and trying to get an understanding of the estimates that are in there. Mr. Koeppel added that the MPO will look further into this bill.

CR5500 Bridge Replacement

Construction on this project is ongoing. There is no planned winter shut down at this time.

Kirtland Schools Walk Path

Bid closed yesterday. The county received 1 bid from TRC construction. The bid was slightly high but not out of line given the current circumstances. Chari Porell commented that in general companies are having difficulty in hiring people and, as a result, are not bidding on a ton of projects. He also noted that he County is probably likely to award this bid.

Glade Run Recreation Area Trails Extension

Project should be done by the end of this month.

NMDOT - Javier Martinez

Mr. Martinez was not in attendance.

5. REPORTS FROM NMDOT

District 5 - Javier Martinez

Mr. Martinez was not in attendance.

Planning Bureau - Rosa Kozub

Ms. Kozub was unable to attend the meeting.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Subject:	Committee Member Discussion Items
Date:	December 8, 2021

DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

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Subject:	Information Items
Prepared by:	MPO Staff
Date:	December 8, 2021

INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. MPO Quarterly Update - December 6
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- a. Reminder - NMDOT's Performance Measures (PM 1) Target Reports for 2022 to be considered for adoption in January
- b. Reminder - Annual Election of Officers to be held in January

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Koeppel gave a brief synopsis of the December MPO Quarterly, held the previous Monday. The meeting was held virtually and hosted by the Las Cruces MPO. Updates from each New Mexico MPO were provided at the quarterly. The New Mexico FHWA division gave a presentation on the new transportation bill. Mr. Koeppel noted that the FHWA's presentation was not the most informative, however, the MPO is looking further into the new transportation bill. The committee should expect a quarterly education on the bill in January or February, once the MPO has a chance to better understand it and what's in it for the MPO.

Mr. Koeppel went on to note other topics discussed at the MPO quarterly, including a presentation from DOT on how to better collaborate on asset management.

Mr. Koeppel reminded the committee that next month the committee will need to take action on recommending the approval of the PM1 safety targets for 2022. Ideally these would be recommended for approval. These targets are due to DOT by the end of February, which are then passed along to the Feds.

Mr. Koeppel also reminded the committee that next, per our bylaws, next month we will be holding an election of officers.

Mr. Koeppel noted that although it was not in the agenda, he wanted to remind committee members that next Thursday is the Local Road Safety Plan workshop we are holding with the consultant and FHWA. He encouraged committee members to share the link with anyone within their agency that would be interested in attending and that he will share the link with the committee again.

Lastly, Mr. Koeppel announced that this was Ms. Markle's final Technical Committee meeting. She will be retiring from the City of Farmington as the end of the year.

8. BUSINESS FROM THE CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS AND STAFF

DISCUSSION:

Ms. Escobar made request to have the committee have a discussion next meeting in January regarding airports, and make this a significant area that the MPO will focus on in the next five years.

After speaking with Mr. Koeppel and Mr. Saavedra and attending an American Planning Association webinar regarding the Build Back Better funds, Ms. Escobar noted that there is a large chunk of money for airport spending in the bill. To her understanding, the funding mechanism for this will be very similar to TAP funding.

Chair Porell asked if there was someone from the airport that we would want to invite to that conversation. Ms. Escobar responded by saying she spoke with Julie Baird (Assistant City Manager for the City of Farmington) and identified Mike Lewis as the director of the airport. Ms. Baird is going to reach out to Mr. Lewis to see if he would like to participate in the discussion.

Ms. Escobar emphasized that her concern in that the funding mechanism for airport is going to be through the MPO, not through a general grant application or federal disbursement to the city. She wants to make sure the MPO is in a position to take advantage of any funds that are available.

Chair Porell stated that Mr. Lewis' involvement would be critical. We are a transportation group but he did not know if anyone was an airport specialist.

Ms. Escobar went on to comment that she was unsure if The City of Aztec had an airport director or is that is under Mr. Saavedra.

Mr. Koeppel added that the guidance is coming out slowly so the MPO will keep an eye on what is happening. The FWA is under FOT but a little separate, but the MPO will do whatever we can to help.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ISSUES NOT ON THE AGENDA

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

10. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Escobar moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition. The meeting adjourned at 10:14am.



Nick Porell, Technical Committee Chair



MPO Staff

