



Mid-Region Council of Governments  
**Metropolitan Transportation Board**  
**Action Summary**  
**Friday, March 20, 2015**

**Debbie O'Malley, Chair**

**Isaac Benton, Vice Chair**

ORGANIZATION		MEMBER		ALTERNATE
Village of Los Ranchos de Albuq		Larry Abraham, Mayor		Kelly Ward
Bernalillo County		Art De La Cruz, Commissioner	X	Richard Mobarak
Bernalillo County	X	Maggie Hart Stebbins, Commissioner		Richard Mobarak Steve Miller
Bernalillo County	X	Debbie O'Malley, Commissioner <i>Chair</i>		Clay Campbell
City of Albuquerque	X	Isaac Benton, Councilor <i>Vice-Chair</i>		Tom Menicucci
	X	Diane Gibson, Councilor		Chris Sylvan
		Ken Sanchez, Councilor	X	Tom Menicucci
		Rey Garduño, Councilor		Julian Moya
		Don Harris, Councilor	X	Dawn Marie Emilio
		Klarissa Peña, Councilor	X	Dan Lewis
		Rob Perry, CAO		Matt Conrad
		Richard Berry, Mayor	X	Gregory Smith
AMAFCA	X	Cynthia Borrego, Board Member		Vacant
Albuquerque Public Schools		Lorenzo Garcia		Marty Eckert, Analee Maestas
Town of Bernalillo	X	Jack Torres, Mayor		Maria Rinaldi
Village of Bosque Farms		Vacant		Vacant
Village of Corrales		Ennio Garcia-Miera		John Alsobrook
Village of Los Lunas	X	Rudy Archuleta		Christina Ainsworth, Nathaniel Feddes
MRGCD		Karen Dunning		Vacant
New Mexico DOT		Elias Archuleta		Jill Mosher
New Mexico DOT		Timothy Parker	X	Nancy Perea
City of Belen		Jay Ruybalid		Vacant
City of Rio Rancho		Dawnn Robinson, Councilor	X	Scott Sensenbaugher
	X	Lonnie Clayton, Councilor		Peter Wells
City of Rio Communities		Vacant		Bob Skerry
Rio Rancho Public Schools		Vacant		Don Schlichte
Cochii Pueblo	X	Merrill Yazzie		Other councilmen
Isleta Pueblo		Kathy Trujillo		Shawna Ballay
Laguna Pueblo		Brandon Herrera	X	David Deutsawe
Sandia Pueblo		Stuart Paisano		Shawna Ballay
Sandoval County	X	Don Chapman, Commissioner		Tommy Mora, Fred Marquez
Valencia County		Vacant		Vacant
SSCAFCA		Charles Thomas, Board Member	X	Andres Sanchez
RMRTD	X	Terry Doyle, Acting Dir.		Grant Brodehl
Village of Tijeras		Vacant		Vacant

**NON-VOTING ADVISORY MEMBERS**

MEMBER		ORGANIZATION		ALTERNATE
Albuq/Bern Cty Air Qual Control Board		Jack Sullivan		Stephen Baca
City of Albuquerque Aviation		Jack Scherer		Jim Hinde
Federal Highway Administration		J. Don Martinez		
Federal Transit Administration		Robert Patrick		
Kirtland Air Force Base		Vacant		Vacant
NM State Transportation Commission		Vacant		Vacant
Santa Ana Pueblo		Vacant		
Bernalillo Public Schools		Vacant		John Griego

**MRCOG STAFF PRESENT**

Steven Montiel, Barbara Thomas, Thaddeus Lucero, Dewey Cave, Dave Pennella, Kendra Watkins, Julie Luna, Tara Cok, Nathan Masek, Andy Gingerich, Ann Simon

## AGENDA

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Chair Debbie O'Malley, Bernalillo County, and the presence of a quorum was noted.

### Approval of Agenda

#### Action Taken:

Chair O'Malley made a motion to:

#### **APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR MARCH 20, 2015 AS PRESENTED**

The motion was seconded by Terry Doyle, Rio Metro Regional Transit District, and passed unanimously.

### Tab 1 Approval of Action Summary of February 20, 2014

#### Action Taken:

Chair O'Malley made a motion to:

#### **APPROVE THE ACTION SUMMARY OF FEBRUARY 20, 2014 AS PRESENTED**

The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Isaac Benton, City of Albuquerque, and passed unanimously.

## PUBLIC COMMENT AND REPORTS

### Tab 2 Public Comments

George Bootes, John Black, Mayor Gregg Hull (City of Rio Rancho) and Greg Campbell signed up for public comment.

Each of the persons named above spoke in favor of including the Paseo del Volcan roadway project in the 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and described the reasons they feel the project is important to the region. A lengthy discussion followed particularly regarding financial responsibility for the work.

Chair O'Malley noted that the document on today's agenda is a draft and that amendments can be suggested prior to final at the April MTB meeting.

### Tab 3 Reports

#### ◆Staff

There was no report from MPO staff.

#### ◆TCC

The TCC has reviewed items on today's agenda.

## ACTION ITEMS

### Tab 4 Approval of Transportation Conformity with Air Quality Plans for the 2040 MTP and R-15-03 MTB the FFY 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)

Dave Pennella, MRCOG Transportation Manager presented the background information for the resolution. In August 2005, Albuquerque-Bernalillo County began its second ten-year period under a Limited Maintenance Plan (LMP) for Carbon Monoxide (CO). Under the LMP, along with requirements of air quality regulation 20.11.3 NMAC, *Transportation Conformity* for Albuquerque and Bernalillo County, we are no longer required to conduct a regional emissions analysis to demonstrate that the MTP and TIP conform with air quality regulations and plans. Rather, conformity is demonstrated through interagency consultation and verification that the most recent CO levels recorded at air quality monitors remain below the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS).

The City of Albuquerque/Environmental Health Department data has been reviewed and verified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to show CO levels at 18% of the 8-hour standard, and 7% of the 1-hour standard—levels well below either standard. EPA's letter dated Dec. 1, 2014 states that this meets the criterion of the conformity rule. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has confirmed EPA's finding that the design values are well below the standard in their letter dated Dec. 23, 2014. The Albuquerque-Bernalillo County Air Quality Control Board was presented with information on the MTP and the TIP at their February 11, 2015 meeting and authorized the Chair to issue a concurrence letter to FHWA once the Transportation Conformity Technical Committee (TCTC) has conducted their interagency consultation and the MTB has adopted their resolution (R-15-03 MTB) approving the conformity finding. The TCTC met on February 26, 2015 for the required interagency consultation and were in agreement with the conformity finding.

As a result of this series of confirmations, the 2040 MTP and the 2016-2021 TIP are determined to conform to the Limited Maintenance Plan for CO and the Transportation Conformity regulation for air quality for Albuquerque and Bernalillo County.

The TCC recommended approval at its March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting and the MPO staff recommend approval of the resolution.

Mr. Pennella stood for questions and noted that should the 2040 MTP be revised and Air Quality Conformity be affected, changes will need to be made to the resolution.

**Action Taken:**

Chair O'Malley made a motion to:

**APPROVE R-15-03 MTB APPROVING THE TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WITH AIR QUALITY PLANS FOR THE 2040 MTP AND THE FFY 2016-2021 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN (TIP)**

The motion was seconded by Merrill Yazzie, Cochiti Pueblo, and passed unanimously.

Tab 5 **Endorsement of Final Draft of *Futures 2040* (2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan)**

Kendra Watkins, MRCOG Socioeconomic Program Manager, presented the Final Draft of *Futures 2040*. Ms. Watkins noted that this time scenario planning and recommendations were included in the process. She reviewed the population and job growth projections for the region and the methods used for arriving at the final draft and stood for questions.

Tab 6 **Endorsement of Final Draft of the FFY 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)**

Dave Pennella and Steven Montiel presented the Final Draft of the FFY 2016-2021 TIP. Fiscal constraint of projects was explained by Mr. Pennella and Mr. Montiel reviewed the

process of selecting and evaluating projects for the TIP. Mr. Montiel then reviewed all projects included in the 2016-2021 TIP.

Further discussion of the Paseo del Volcan project continued with all concerned being given a chance to present their rationale for or against the inclusion of the project in the 2016-2021 TIP. Mayor Jack Torres, Town of Bernalillo, spoke out opposing the project noting that completion of Paseo del Volcan would greatly affect traffic on NM 550 through the Town of Bernalillo and questioned if this is the best use of monies for regional plans.

Commissioner Don Chapman, Sandoval County, noted that the Sandoval County Commission had voted to approve the build-out of Paseo del Volcan; however, there is no sponsor for the project.

Dan Lewis, City of Albuquerque, requested that a meeting be held with MPO staff in the next few weeks in order to meet the April 17<sup>th</sup> deadline for TIP amendments should amendments be presented at that time.

Chair O'Malley said that the majority of the proposed project is in unincorporated Bernalillo County and she believes approval of adding the project would be in violation of the Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan. She expressed her concern about private developers asking for public funds to build out the road and she said she does not support the project.

Councilor Lewis asked for information regarding the process for agencies requesting assistance from the Council of Governments to conduct studies of proposed projects. Mr. Lucero explained that a sub-committee had been called and he said the committee membership includes Steve Anaya (Chair of the COG Board), City of Rio Rancho Mayor Gregory Hull, Commissioner Debbie O'Malley and Councilor Isaac Benton and one additional person from outside the area.

A discussion followed regarding the purpose of the sub-committee and whether it should exist at all. Dewey Cave, Executive Director of the MRCOG, said that the idea behind the sub-committee was to keep politics out of the decision making process.

Thaddeus Lucero, MRCOG Transportation Director, agreed to a meeting next week and noted that fiscal constraint is required and must be kept in mind and that options for the inclusion of the project are limited.

(At 11:45 a.m., Vice Chair Benton took the gavel for a period of five minutes)

Scott Sensanbaugher, City of Rio Rancho, asked why the documents (Tab 5 and Tab 6) were being presented for endorsement. Mr. Pennella said the documents do not require "endorsement" but that it was simply a term he chose for the presentation of the documents. No action is needed; the MTB will vote on approval at the April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Action Taken:**

Mr. Sensanbaugher made a motion to:

**POSTPONE THE ENDORSEMENT TODAY AND WAIT UNTIL THE APRIL MEETING FOR FINAL APPROVAL.**

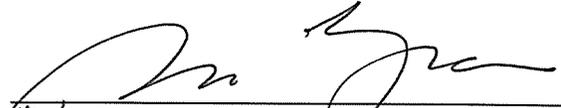
The motion passed with Commissioner Hart Stebbins (Bernalillo County), Councilor Diane Gibson (City of Albuquerque), Mayor Jack Torres (Town of Bernalillo), Vice Chair Benton (City of Albuquerque) and Richard Mobarak (Bernalillo County) opposed.

**DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

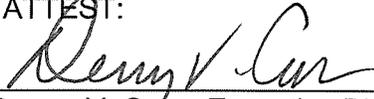
There were no Discussion and Information Items on today's agenda.

**Adjournment**

The March 20, 2015 meeting of the Metropolitan Transportation Board was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

  
ISAAC BENTON FOR Debbie O'Malley, Chair  
Metropolitan Transportation Board

ATTEST:

  
Dewey V. Cave, Executive Director