



Mid-Region Council of Governments
Metropolitan Transportation Board
Action Summary
Friday, August 21, 2015

Debbie O'Malley, Chair

Isaac Benton, Vice Chair

ORGANIZATION		MEMBER		ALTERNATE
Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque		Larry Abraham, Mayor		Kelly Ward
Bernalillo County		Art De La Cruz, Commissioner	X	Nolan Bennett
Bernalillo County	X	Maggie Hart Stebbins, Commissioner		
Bernalillo County		Debbie O'Malley, Commissioner <i>Chair</i>	X	Kelly Sanchez
City of Albuquerque	X	Isaac Benton, Councilor <i>Vice-Chair</i>		Tom Menicucci
	X	Diane Gibson, Councilor		Chris Sylvan
		Ken Sanchez, Councilor	X	Elaine Romero
	X	Rey Garduño, Councilor		Julian Moya
		Don Harris, Councilor	X	Chris Sylvan
		Dan Lewis, Councilor	X	Rachel Miller
		Rob Perry, CAO	X	Matt Conrad
		Richard Berry, Mayor	X	Mike Riordan
AMAFCA	X	Cynthia Borrego, Board Member		Vacant
Albuquerque Public Schools		Lorenzo Garcia	X	Martin Eckert
Town of Bernalillo		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
MRGCD		Karen Dunning		Adrian Oglesby
New Mexico DOT	X	Elias Archuleta		Antonio Jaramillo
New Mexico DOT	X	Ken Murphy		Nancy Perea
City of Belen	X	Jay Ruybalid		Vacant
City of Rio Rancho		Dawn Robinson, Councilor	X	Scott Sensenbaugher
		Lonnie Clayton, Councilor		Peter Wells
City of Rio Communities		Jim Winters	X	Bob Skerry
Rio Rancho Public Schools		Michael Baker		Don Schlichte
Cochii Pueblo	X	Merrill Yazzie		Other councilmen
Isleta Pueblo	X	Kathy Trujillo		Shawna Ballay
Laguna Pueblo		Brandon Herrera		David Deutsawe
Sandia Pueblo		Stuart Paisano		Vacant
Sandoval County		Don Chapman, Commissioner	X	Tommy Mora
Valencia County	X	Jacobo Martinez		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

Dave Pennella, Steven Montiel, Maida Rubin, Thaddeus Lucero, Barbara Thomas

AGENDA

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by Vice Chair Isaac Benton, City of Albuquerque, and the presence of a quorum was noted.

Approval of Agenda

Action Taken:

Vice Chair Benton made a motion to:

APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR AUGUST 21, 2015 AS PRESENTED

The motion was seconded by Diane Gibson, City of Albuquerque, and passed unanimously.

Tab 1 Approval of Action Summary of May 15, 2015

Action Taken:

Vice Chair Benton made a motion to:

APPROVE THE ACTION SUMMARY OF MAY 15, 2015 AS PRESENTED

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

PUBLIC COMMENT AND REPORTS

Tab 2 Public Comments

No one signed up for public comment.

Tab 3 Reports

◆Staff

There was no report from staff.

◆TCC

The TCC has reviewed items on today's agenda.

ACTION ITEMS

Tab 4 R-15-09 MTB Amending the FFY 2014-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Amending the Pending FFY 2016-2021 TIP

Steven Montiel, MRCOG Planner and TIP Coordinator, reviewed the amendments noting the extra clause in the resolution (page 2, #3 – approval of the FTA 5309 Small Starts funding to project TA00351 is contingent upon award of FTA 5309 funding to this project by the Federal Transit Administration). Mr. Montiel also noted that the MTB is waiving the full 15 day public comment period for projects A300423, A300642 and A301020 but NMDOT's 30 day public comment period still meets all federal requirements.

Mr. Montiel stood for questions.

Action Taken:

Rey Garduño, City of Albuquerque, made a motion to:

APPROVE R-15-09 MTB AMENDING THE FFY 2014-2019 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AND AMENDING THE PENDING FFY 2016-2021 TIP

The motion was seconded by Tommy Mora, Sandoval County, and passed unanimously.

Tab 5
R-15-10 MTB

Committing Programmed Funds in the FFY 2014-2019 TIP and the FFY 2016-2021 TIP for the AMPA to Provide Repayment of the Financial Obligation Created for the Construction of A301552 Albuquerque Bridge R&R – Bridge #7926

Dave Pennella, MRCOG Transportation Manager, presented R-15-10 MTB saying the request comes from the City of Albuquerque to “advance construct” project A301552 and that the TCC and the MPO staff recommend approval.

Mr. Pennella explained that advance construction allows a lead agency to proceed with construction (or large-scale design) of a project with non-federal funds sooner than the FFY in which funds are programmed in the TIP/STIP. Advanced construction allows a lead agency to utilize non-federal funds, up-front, for a project and preserve eligibility for future federal funding for that project. At a later point, in the FFY in which the federal funds are programmed, the federal funds can be obligated for reimbursement of the federal share to the lead agency. This technique allows projects to be implemented that are eligible for federal aid when the need arises, rather than when availability of the federal funds have been programmed. (Further information is contained in the agenda packet for this meeting).

This request for advance construction is for the design, purchase of rights-of-way and rehabilitation or replacement of bridge #7926 at Bridge Street aka Avenida Cesar Chavez, over William Street in Southwest Albuquerque.

Mr. Pennella stood for questions.

Action Taken:

Cynthia Borrego, Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood control Authority, made a motion to:

APPROVE R-15-10 MTB COMMITTING PROGRAMMED FUNDS IN THE FFY 2014-2019 TIP AND THE FFY 2016-2021 TIP FOR THE AMPA TO PROVIDE REPAYMENT OF THE FINANCIAL OBLIGATION CREATED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A301552 ALBUQUERQUE BRIDGE R&R – BRIDGE #7926

The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Benton and passed unanimously.

Tab 6
R-15-11 MTB

Approving the Recommended Revisions and Corrections to the Highway Functional Classification System for the AMPA

Mr. Pennella described functional and noted that the System was last updated in 2014 and subsequently approved by the FHWA on February 5, 2015. Most revisions are minor and in rural areas.

Mr. Pennella said that basic to this process is the recognition that individual roads and streets do not serve travel independently in any major way. Rather, most travel involves

movement through a network of roads. It becomes necessary to determine how this travel can be channelized within the network in a logical and efficient manner. Functional classification defines the nature of the channelization process by defining the part that any particular road or street should play in serving the flow of trips through a highway network.

The Federal Highway Administration has established guidance for establishing and updating the Functional Classification System, which is used to determine eligibility for federal-aid funding. Following each decennial census, he said, the Highway Functional Classification is reviewed by each state and metropolitan area to determine the need for revisions.

Mr. Pennella said that the MPO staff had compared the MTB approved version with the FHWA approved and official version. The comparison revealed several discrepancies requiring corrections.

Mr. Pennella noted that upon approval, the recommended revision will be forwarded to the NMDOT. He then stood for questions.

Action Taken:

Vice Chair Benton made a motion to:

APPROVE R-15-11 MTB APPROVING THE RECOMMENDED REVISIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO THE HIGHWAY FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM FOR THE AMPA

The motion was seconded by Mr. Garduño and passed unanimously.

Tab 7
R-15-12 MTB

Approving the Recommended Revisions to the National Highway System for the AMPA

Mr. Pennella described what the National Highway System (NHS) is and said it was established in the 1990's and was modified under MAP-21 with the addition of many principal arterials to become the "Enhanced NHS." This affects project selection on those roads and comes with additional design requirements.

Projects in a metropolitan planning area that is a Transportation Management Area (this includes the AMPA) are, according to federal regulations 23 CFR 450.330 (c) selected for funding from the TIP/STIP by the MPO in consultation with the state. Projects on the NHS within a TMA are selected by the state in cooperation with the MPO. This is a significant difference which affects many local roads and projects since the Enhanced NHS under MAP-21 includes virtually all arterials in the metro area. This recommendation reduces the NHS network in the metro area. The MPO's in Phoenix, Indianapolis and other areas have also requested a reduction in their NHS networks

The TCC has formed a working group to develop this recommended listing and recommends approval. Mr. Pennella stood for questions.

Action Taken:

Ms. Gibson made a motion to:

APPROVE R-15-12 MTB APPROVING THE RECOMMENDED REVISIONS TO THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM FOR THE AMPA

The motion was seconded by Mr. Doyle and passed unanimously.

Discussion of Project Delivery Issues

Mr. Pennella explained that the TCC had formed a working group and will report back to the MTB in October. Project delivery issues include, but are not limited to, DOT deadlines different from the previous deadlines and change in the right-of-way process.

Councilor Benton said that the Rio Grande/Candelaria safety project is a prime example and that he is concerned that funds will be lost for this project. Councilor Benton said he believes this project should be of the highest priority and shouldn't be compromised by these timing issues.

Elias Archuleta, NMDOT, said that the mandates are coming from the FHWA.

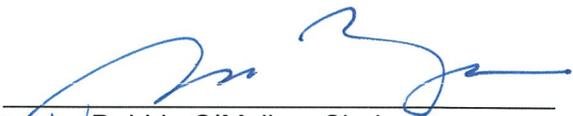
Councilor Benton suggested taking the issue up with our own federal delegation as progress is being jeopardized. Thaddeus Lucero, MRCOG Transportation Director, said we should go to our delegation in concert with the NMDOT.

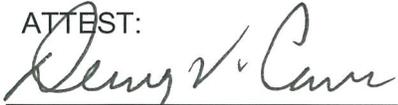
Mr. Pennella said that the working group will meet again next week and subsequently will have possible solutions. Additionally, he said that the MPO staff has sent suggested advance construction procedures to the NMDOT.

Michael Riordan, City of Albuquerque, suggested including a total amount of all projects in danger and Mr. Archuleta agreed. Councilor Benton noted that this an example of government "at its worst" and that this is an urgent situation.

Adjournment

The August 21, 2015 meeting of the Metropolitan Transportation Board was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.


ISMAC BENJAMIN Debbie O'Malley, Chair
Metropolitan Transportation Board

ATTEST:

Dewey V. Cave, Executive Director