

MINUTES
FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 21, 2019

Policy Members Present: Sheri Sipe, City of Aztec
Jeanine Bingham-Kelly, City of Farmington
Sean Sharer, City of Farmington
Julie Baird, City of Farmington
Matt Grush, NMDOT District 5 (via phone)
Dan Flack (Alt.), Town of Kirtland
Larry Hathaway (Alt.), San Juan County

Policy Members Absent: Mark Duncan, Town of Kirtland
John Beckstead, San Juan County
Glojean Todacheene, San Juan County

Staff Present: Mary Holton, AICP, MPO Officer
June Markle, MPO Administrative Assistant

Staff Absent: None

Others Present: None

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sharer called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

2. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 26, 2019 POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Commission Sipe moved to approve the minutes from the September 26, 2019 Policy Committee meeting. Councilor Bingham-Kelly seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. AMENDMENT #1 TO THE FFY2020-2025 TIP

Subject:	Amendment #1 to the FFY2020-2025 TIP
Prepared by:	Mary L. Holton, AICP, MPO Officer
Date:	November 21, 2019

BACKGROUND

- The Call for Projects for the FFY2020-2025 TIP Amendment #1 was sent out on September 23, 2019, September 20, and October 3.

- The Public Notice for Amendment #1 to the FFY2020-2025 TIP has been published on the MPO's website and in the Daily Times on November 3.
- The amendment includes two District 5 projects, one Aztec project, and one project from San Juan County.
- The Technical Committee recommended approval of proposed Amendment #1 at their meeting on November 6.
- The amendment must be submitted to NMDOT's STIP group staff before December.

AMENDED TIP PROJECTS

- The two District 5 projects include an amendment for NM 173 Safety Improvements to clarify its proposed project scope.
- The City of Aztec's project is for cost increases in the East Aztec Arterial-Phase II project.
- San Juan County's project is for cost increases in the CR 5500 bridge replacement.

ACTION ITEM

- Staff and the Technical Committee recommend approval of proposed Amendment #1 to the FFY2020-2025 TIP and the Self-Certification to Amendment #1.

APPLICABLE CITATIONS

- § 450.328 TIP revisions and relationship to the STIP.
- (a) An MPO(s) may revise the TIP at any time under procedures agreed to by the cooperating parties consistent with the procedures established in this part for its development and approval. In nonattainment or maintenance areas for transportation-related pollutants, if a TIP amendment involves non-exempt projects (per 40 CFR part 93), or is replaced with an updated TIP, the MPO(s) and the FHWA and the FTA must make a new conformity determination. In all areas, changes that affect fiscal constraint must take place by amendment of the TIP. The MPO(s) shall use public participation procedures consistent with § 450.316(a) in revising the TIP, except that these procedures are not required for administrative modifications.) After approval by the MPO(s) and the Governor, the State shall include the TIP without change, directly or by reference, in the STIP required under 23 U.S.C. 135. In nonattainment and maintenance areas, the FHWA and the FTA must make a conformity finding on the TIP before it is included in the STIP. A copy of the approved TIP shall be provided to the FHWA and the FTA.
- (c) The State shall notify the MPO(s) and Federal land management agencies when it has included a TIP including projects under the jurisdiction of these agencies in the STIP.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Holton reported on the four projects that are part of Amendment #1 to the FFY2020-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (shown on Page 3 of the Agenda):

- East Aztec Arterial – cost increase of total programmed amount greater than 20% or exceeds \$2 million
- CR 5500 Bridge Replacement – cost increase of total programmed amount greater than 20% or exceeds \$2 million;
- NM 173 Safety Improvements – clarifying scope of project;
- US 550 Pavement Rehabilitation (from Colorado state line south to City of Aztec boundary) – new project in the information years of the TIP (2024-2025).

Ms. Holton stated that the Technical Committee did recommend approval of proposed Amendment #1 to the FFY2020-2025 TIP at their November 6 meeting; Staff also recommends approval.

Chair Sharer opened the public hearing. No comments were received. The public hearing was closed.

ACTION: Commissioner Sipe moved to approve Amendment #1 to the FFY2020-2025 TIP and the Self-Certification to Amendment #1. Councilor Bingham-Kelly seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. 2020 ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE

Subject:	2020 Annual Meeting Schedule
Prepared by:	Mary L. Holton, AICP, MPO Officer
Date:	November 21, 2019

BACKGROUND

- Each year the Policy Committee approves a resolution ensuring compliance with the open meetings act and establishes its meeting schedule for the coming year.
- NMDOTs STIP Procedures Manual outlines an annual calendar for TIP Amendments, which impacts the meeting schedule on a quarterly basis. This schedule has been considered in developing this proposal.
- Additionally, a draft of the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) may be presented in July prior to considered adoption by the Policy Committee in August or September 2020. This may necessitate an additional meeting in July.

CURRENT WORK

- Staff presented a proposed meeting schedule for discussion with the Policy Committee in September.
- It was suggested that the Policy Committee hold eight (8) regular meetings during 2020. The additional meeting in June is needed to consider scheduled adoption of the FFY2021-2022 UPWP.
- Meetings are recommended for January, February, April, May, June, August, September, and November.
- During the September Policy Committee meeting, the Committee directed Staff to find out if their meeting could be scheduled at 10:30 a.m. rather than at 1:30

p.m. so that the NMDOT representative could attend the SFMPO meeting which occurs that same afternoon. The meeting day would continue to be the fourth Thursday of the month on a rotating basis among the entities. The change in meeting time was acceptable to the City/County Clerks.

- Staff compared the Policy Committee schedule with the Technical Committee schedule and NMDOT and the proposed Policy Committee schedule remains the most efficient and workable.

ACTION ITEM

- Staff recommends that the Policy Committee consider approval of the proposed 2020 meeting calendar and proposed Policy Committee Resolution 2019-9.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Holton reported that the proposed 2020 Policy Committee meeting schedule was shown on Page 15 of the Agenda and noted that the meetings time has been changed from 1:30 p.m. to 10:30 a.m. per a recommendation by the Policy Committee made during the September meeting.

ACTION: Councilor Bingham-Kelly moved to approve Policy Committee 2019-9 regarding the 2020 Policy Committee meeting schedule. Commissioner Sipe seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. NATIONAL PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (PM 1)

Subject:	National Performance Management Measures for Highway Safety Improvement Program (PM 1)
Prepared by:	MPO Staff
Date:	November 21, 2019

BACKGROUND

- 23 CFR §490 Subpart B – *National Performance Management Measures for Highway Safety Improvement Program.*
- The FHWA requires that MPOs establish targets for five (5) safety performance measures for all public roads in the MPO planning area within 180 days after the State establishes each target.
- The five Performance Measures to be considered are: 1) Number of Fatalities, 2) Number of Serious Injuries, 3) Fatalities per 100 Million VMT (Vehicle Miles Traveled) or Fatality Rate, 4) Serious Injuries per 100 Million VMT (Vehicle Miles Traveled) or serious injury rate, and, 5) Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries.
- The first three targets are common measures and must be identical to the targets established for the Highway Safety Plan (HSP).

- MPOs may either: Agree to support State targets **OR** Establish specific numeric targets for a safety performance measure (number or rate).
- Reporting is done on an annual basis, leaving the choice to adopt State standards vs. establish MPO specific targets up to the MPO Policy Committee each year.

CURRENT ISSUES & RECOMMENDATIONS

- This item is being presented to both committees in November for their information. It will be brought back to both the Technical and Policy Committees in January for their recommendation/approval.
- Staff recommends that the state standards be adopted for 2020.
- FMPO Policy Committee action is due no later than February 27, 2020.

INFORMATION ITEM

- This is being presented during the November meeting as a heads up.

APPLICABLE CITATIONS

Requirement for MPOs to establish performance targets for Federal-aid highway measures and public transportation established by USDOT.

- 23 USC 134(h)(2)
- 49 USC 5303(h)(2)
- 49 USC 5304(d)(2)

Requirements to include discussion in the metropolitan and statewide improvement program as to how the planned program will achieve State/MPO targets:

- 23 USC 134(j)(2)(D)
- 23 USC 135(g)(4)
- 49 USC 5303(j)(2)(D)
- 49 USC 5304(g)(4)

DISCUSSION: Ms. Holton explained that this item on the National Performance Management Measures for Highway Safety Improvement Program (PM 1) was for information purposes today and would be considered for adoption in January. FHWA requires MPOs to establish targets for five (5) safety performance measures for all public roads in the MPO planning area within 180 days after the State establishes each target. The MPOs may either agree to support State targets or establish their own specific numeric targets for a safety performance measure (number or rate).

Ms. Holton said that Staff will be recommending that the FMPO adopt the state's targets (shown on Pages 22-25 of the Agenda). The Technical Committee will again review the proposed state targets in December for any further questions or comments they may have prior to considering recommended approval in January.

6. QUARTERLY EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION – THE ROAD TO ZERO

Subject:	Quarterly Educational Presentation – The Road to Zero
Prepared by:	Mary L Holton, AICP, MPO Officer
Date:	November 21, 2019

PRESENTATION

From The Road to Zero's summary:

“Why Zero? Is This Really Possible?”

... the idea of a future with literally zero roadway deaths seems like a pipe dream. Roadway deaths—deaths due to traffic crashes—have been increasing, not decreasing, over the past two years. In 2016, more than 37,000 Americans died on the roads—5,000 more people than died in 2011.

The United States has made good progress in road safety over the long run, despite this recent backsliding, but incremental progress is no longer acceptable given the increasingly rapid advances in technology and the wealth of knowledge about how to prevent crashes. Inspired by the goals and progress in other countries, the broader traffic safety community is now working together to achieve a common vision—that by 2050, nobody would be killed in a traffic crash on U.S. roads.

Why zero? That raises the question, "What level of death on the roads should we as a society accept?" How many of our own family members, classmates, neighbors, or people in our community losing their lives to crashes would be considered an appropriate number? These deaths are preventable—the safety community deliberately calls them crashes, not accidents, for this very reason. Accident implies unforeseeable circumstances or a twist of fate, but crashes can be prevented. The number of roadway deaths has long been accepted as a "price" of mobility, but 37,000 deaths is more than 100 Americans killed per day. Imagine the outcry if plane crashes or natural disasters killed 100 Americans every day.

As to whether this is possible, the country has seen enormous improvements in safety in other areas. As of 2017, no commercial U.S. airline passenger flight has had a fatal crash since 2009, thanks in large part to a collaborative government/industry safety management system. The number of people who smoke has fallen by more than half in 50 years, thanks to education campaigns and laws limiting where people can smoke.

In addition, the experiences of other high-income countries show that more-significant change is feasible. In 2013, the U.S. roadway death rate was more than twice the average of other high-income countries, and almost all of those countries have seen greater improvement than the United States over the past two decades. Sweden, where the idea of Vision Zero began, has seen declines in its crash death rates of 50 percent or more, using the Safe System approach. A number of U.S. cities and states have also embraced this Vision Zero strategy.

While it will take a generation, the success of other countries and some U.S. cities demonstrates that a combination of approaches makes this an achievable goal.”

The Road to Zero Video:

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=road+to+zero+&view=detail&mid=6AE44826FDFE086128E66AE44826FDFE086128E6&FORM=VIRE>

DISCUSSION: Ms. Holton provided a presentation and a video on “The Road to Zero” and explained that the concept is to strive to achieve zero roadway deaths by the year 2050. She said this is a great goal but she was not advocating this and recommended the FMPO be conservative in their goals. She believed this education coincided well with the upcoming consideration of the PM 1 safety targets.

Ms. Holton said that some additional reading material on this subject was emailed to the members along with the meeting agenda (“The Road to Zero; A Vision for Achieving Zero Roadway Deaths by 2020”). She also has more information available to anyone who may be interested.

7. REPORTS FROM NMDOT

Planning Bureau – Joseph Moriarty

Mr. Moriarty was unable to attend the meeting, but provided the following update that was given by Ms. Holton:

“The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and draft rule for the Local Government Transportation Project Fund has been posted on the NMDOT website under the Public Notices tab. The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking includes the schedule of Public Hearings, procedures for providing comments, and contact information. We encourage you to review the rule and submit any comments you have and/or attend a rulemaking hearing”.

Comments on this rulemaking will be accepted through November 25.

Ms. Holton added that this rulemaking addressed the funding that three local projects were recently awarded. This funding will be provided by the state and will be ongoing annually provided funds are available.

District 5 – Matt Grush

Mr. Grush reported that the project at the intersection of NM 371 and N 36 is approaching 90% design. NMDOT is working on a signal agreement.

Construction on US 64 continues and is expected to wrap up soon.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Subject:	Committee Member Discussion Items
Date:	November 21, 2019

DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

Subject:	Information Items
Prepared by:	Mary L. Holton, AICP, MPO Officer
Date:	November 21, 2019

INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. **MPO Quarterly.** The next MPO Quarterly is scheduled for December 3 in El Paso. MPO staff plans to participate by phone.
- b. **MTP Update.** Report from the November 6 Technical Committee meeting: Bohannon Huston and Sites Southwest representatives held five (5) public outreach events on October 17 and 18 throughout the region, speaking with 60-70 people over the course of the two-day period. Mr. Sussman thought this was a more successful approach to outreach than the formal public meeting settings. He thanked all the Technical Committee members who participated in events. Mr. Sussman will continue to follow up with the members as the data collection process continues.

Mr. Sussman said that in addition to two newspaper stories on the MTP that included links to the project website, the Technical Committee members have been very active in getting out the information. To date, 100 people have completed the survey. The survey will be open through the end of the calendar year and Mr. Sussman is hopeful that the good level of engagement will continue.

The next steps in the MTP development process are putting the population and socioeconomic data together for the base and forecast years. Mr. Sussman will also be reaching out to the Technical Committee members to gather additional data needs and input on recent economic changes and likely locations for future growth. It is recognized that significant growth is not expected and that a significant amount of existing housing may not be occupied so that population growth may be absorbed before new housing development occurs. BHI will be producing some early chapters of the 2045 MTP to share in early 2020.

- c. **No Policy Committee meeting in December.**

DISCUSSION: Ms. Holton reported on the following Information Items:

- The MPO Quarterly is scheduled for El Paso on December 3. Ms. Holton will attend by phone;
- A summary of the MTP Update given by Aaron Sussman of Bohannon Huston during the Technical Committee meeting on November 6 was provided above. Ms. Holton distributed an additional MTP fact sheet along with a paper copy of the MTP survey to the Policy Committee. She encouraged the members to help

get the word out and encourage community participation in completing the survey. All information needs to be completed for collection by December 31.

- There is no Policy Committee meeting in December.
- The FMPO Title VI Plan was recently updated to include an email address and corrected telephone number for the Human Resources Director. The update was submitted and approved by NMDOT's Title VI Coordinator.

10. BUSINESS FROM THE CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS AND STAFF

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

11. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ISSUES NOT ON THE AGENDA

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

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hathaway moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Sipe seconded the motion. Chair Sharer adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m.



Sean Sharer, Policy Committee Chair


June Markle, Administrative Assistant