



# County of Los Alamos

## Minutes

### Transportation Board

1000 Central Avenue  
Los Alamos, NM 87544

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Thursday, June 2, 2016

5:30 PM

1000 Central Avenue, Room 110

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The June 2, 2016 Transportation Board Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Chair Spencer, Vice-chair O'Neil, Member Hardie, Member Barnes and Member Machen. Member Nesmith, was absent.

Staff in attendance: Philo Shelton, Public Works Director; Jon Bulthuis, Deputy Public Works Director; Eric Martinez, County Engineer; Louise Romero, Office Manager; Daniel Erickson, Traffic & Streets Manager, Ken Smithson, Transit Manager, Kyle Hatch, Senior Office Specialist, David Coleman, Transit Driver, and Tamara Baer, Community Development Department.

Council Steve Girrens.

Members of the public in attendance: Brenda Fleming, 1420 45th Street, Arin McKenna, LA Monitor, McIlwaine Archer, 380 Cheryl Avenue, Cliff Han, 625 Navajo, Dina Pesenson, 1355 45th Street, Natasha Sheehey, 80 Tiffany Court, and Heather McClenahon, 117 Ft. Union.

#### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Member Hardie, seconded by Member Machen, that the June 2, 2016 agenda be approved as presented; the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

#### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Member Barnes spoke regarding concerns of a sink hole on 40th/ 41st Street area.

#### 4. LIAISONS' REPORTS

Member Machen did not have an update.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**[8326-16](#)

A motion was made by Member Hardie, seconded by Member Barnes, that the May 5, 2016 meeting minutes be approved as presented; the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**6. OLD BUSINESS -Possible Action**[8329-16](#)

Ken Smithson, Transit Manager provided the Board with an update regarding the following items:

Option A - Eliminate 2M and have two route 2T between White Rock and Transit Center.

Option B - Restore 2M service all the way to Transit Center and pair with 2T service.

Option C - Maintain current service configuration, with secondary adjustments.

Implementation Schedule -

June 2 - T-Board Meeting and preliminary recommendations

June 3-30 - Ongoing public comment

July 7 - T-Board meeting and final recommendations

July 8-31 - Prepare and advertise new schedules, update scheduling software, and train operations staff

August 1 - Implement modifications

August 18 - School starts

Philo Shelton, Public Works Director proposed that public comment would be held June 3 - 17. He mentioned that an outreach meeting could be held in White Rock, date, time and location to be determined. Final recommendations will be presented to the Transportation Board on July 7, 2016.

Public comment for this agenda item:

Ms. Arin McKenna, Los Alamos Monitor asked how members of the public can provide comments.

Answer: Send comments to [AtomicCityTransit@lacnm.us](mailto:AtomicCityTransit@lacnm.us)  
<<mailto:AtomicCityTransit@lacnm.us>>

Mr. Cliff Han, 625 Navajo, he mentioned he has provided comments in the past regarding changes near Sandia. He doesn't agree with the stop and wait points. The five minute later schedule did not solve this issue.

Ms. Natasha Sheehey, 80 Tiffany Court, would like to see weekend service. Split shift has hurt driver moral. Supervisors should listen to the bus drivers, they are knowledgeable and know what riders are complaining about. The wait time does not make sense.

Mr. David Coleman, Transit Driver, provided the board with a driver's perspective regarding the transit schedule changes. Option A is workable, Option B is not feasible. 2T does work, 2M/2T combo would work.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS - Possible Action**

### **8327-16**

Ms. Brenda Fleming presented the Los Alamos Rim Trail Tour. She envisions a paved, two lane path assessable to bikers, wheelchairs, strollers, etc.

- Connect from the Rim Trail
- Cross Trinity Drive
- Pass by Central Avenue storefronts
- Pass historical/tourism sites
- Connect to the PEEC, Aquatic Center (possible recreation center)
- Continue to connect residential areas.

8328-16

As Los Alamos County continues to develop, the transportation system will need to respond to changes in land use and population distribution by accommodating those changes and others.

The 2016 comprehensive plan update will identify goals and policies related to mobility and transportation planning, and suggest strategies for future study, analysis and implementation.

Background information: Per County Council direction the comprehensive plan update will be completed by the end of the calendar year 2016. The update will be drafted by CDD staff based on direction from P&Z, Council's Strategic Leadership Plan, the Council's Vision Statement and Policy Plan, public input, input from other boards and committees, and previous planning efforts, including the 2004 comprehensive plan draft document. As part of the first phase of the comprehensive plan update, the County engaged the services of Architectural Research Consultants, ARC, and facilitator Tim Karpoff to lead the public outreach and participation process for the plan.

8330-16

Dan Erickson, Traffic & Streets Division Manager provided a PowerPoint presentation on traffic control modification concepts and proposed improvements on Rose Street, Spruce Street, 22nd Street, Peach Street, and Oppenheimer Drive. Proposed improvements near the United Church on Rose Street. Curb and gutter/intersection alignment improvements on Rose Street and Canyon Drive.

## 8. PROJECT UPDATES

8331-16

Public Works Project Updates were briefly discussed.

## 9. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

8332-16

Chair Spencer attended the Boards and Commissions Luncheon on May 19, 2016.

Notes from my TB comments today.

Highlights of Current and Planned Transportation Board Activities.

1. There has been a decrease in Atomic City Bus ridership over the last several months that the TB is monitoring. The Atomic City Bus staff has been working to control costs, optimize the bus schedule around the regional commuter bus schedule and the LA Schools all while continuing to provide optimal service. These challenges continue to be daunting and we will monitor ridership and if necessary, make recommendations to Council.
2. We continue to monitor progress on the NM 502 project on the east end of town. A recent petition and discussion from concerned citizens about the 4th St. roundabout was given to Council and also discussed with the TB. We will continue to monitor progress here.
3. The Manhattan Project National Historic Park has raised some transportation issues and we have tried to have a member at their meetings. One thing that is on their agenda that may come to our table is whether a "bypass road" around the LANL Vehicle Access Portals should be reconsidered if tourist traffic increases enough to make such a project cost and time effective for the county. This concept was considered and rejected about a decade ago, so there is a trove of information on the subject.
4. A recent petition to Council to expand the Canyon Rim Trail to a townwide bike-ped facility will be taken up by the Board beginning in June. This is timely as we are working on a revision of the 2005 Bike Plan (2005 Los Alamos County Bicycle Transportation System ) and there may be considerable discussion in the context of how we treat future bicycle planning and development under this document. In addition, the Canyon Rim Trail is under current TB and DPW study as to how it can be expanded to be a bicycle-pedestrian transportation facility for a wider part of the townsite, serving residents and potentially, visitors if a visitor industry is indeed expanded.
5. The Transportation Board will work with P&Z and other interested parties, as appropriate, in the development of the Los Alamos County Comprehensive Plan revisions. The 2010 Council Resolution 10-32 (Policy for the Design of Streets and Rights of Way in Los Alamos County) states "Street and right-of-way design and land use decisions are mutually reinforcing, to create effective synergy between streets and rights-of-way and land uses.". We look forward to helping with this Comp Plan process.

Respectfully submitted for the Transportation Board,  
Khal Spencer  
Transportation Board Chair

[8333-16](#)

Chair Spencer asked if anyone was interested in attending the Learn How to Conduct a Productive Meeting training on June 10.

**10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Bicycle Master Plan

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Member Machen, seconded by Vice-chair O'Neil, that the June 2, 2016 meeting be adjourned.

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