



# County of Los Alamos

## Minutes

### Transportation Board

1000 Central Avenue  
Los Alamos, NM 87544

*Sriram Swaminarayan, Chair; Terence L. Foecke; David Schiferl; and Kyle Wheeler, Members*

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Thursday, May 2, 2019

5:30 PM

1000 Central Avenue, Room 110

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

The May 2, 2019 Transportation Board Meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m.

Present:

Sriram Swaminarayan, Chair  
Kyle Wheeler, Member  
Terence Foecke, Member  
David Schiferl, Member

Staff in attendance:

Jon Bulthuis, Deputy Public Works Director  
Eric Martinez, County Engineer  
Desirae Lujan, Sr. Engineer  
Joanie Ahlers, Economic Development Director  
Amy Danforth, Sr. Office Specialist

Members of the public in attendance:

Mike Gomez, 1599 St. Francis, Santa Fe, NM 87505  
Bernadette Scargall, 1599 St. Francis, Santa Fe, NM 87505  
Steve Barretta, 316 Aragon Ave, White Rock, NM 87547  
Bill Enloe, 212 Maple St., Los Alamos, NM 87544  
Joanie Ahlers, 153 El Rayo, Los Alamos, NM 87544

#### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Member Schiferl, seconded by Member Wheeler that the May 2, 2019 agenda be approved as presented; motion passed unanimously.

#### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

**4. LIAISONS' REPORTS**

None

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

[11858-19](#)      **Attachments:**    [A- DRAFT- March 7, 2019 Meeting Minutes](#)

Approval of March 7, 2019 minutes cannot be approved. There are members who attended the March 7, 2019 meeting who are no longer on the board and members Chair Swaminarayan and member Schiferl abstained from voting because they were not at the March 7, 2019 meeting.

**6. OLD BUSINESS - Possible Action**

[11861-19](#)      **Attachments:**    [A - Trinity Drive / 36th Street Intersection Improvements](#)

Eric Martinez, County Engineer, gave a recap presentation on the Trinity Drive / 36th Street Intersection Improvements which included the Site Plan, Project Area and Location, Site Concerns and Previous Alternatives. Eric introduced Michael Gomez, Principal Engineer from Santa Fe Engineering Consultants, LLC who gave a presentation on two alternate options which included a Refined Intersection Improvement and a Road Diet. Included was a description of a Road Diet, Examples of a Road Diet, Traffic Analysis, Evaluations, a Road Diet Layout, and a Design and Construction Schedule.

Members had questions regarding the affect this would have on the speed limit, crosswalk safety, and diversion of traffic to alternate routes. Board members also expressed a desire for more public input regarding the road diet option. Suggestions were made to contact the Los Alamos Medical Center and discuss the option of changing the location of their entrance to the hospital parking lot further east. Joanie Ahlers, Economic Development Director, mentioned this suggestion could be discussed at a monthly meeting between county management and LAMC representatives.

Members of the Public:

Steve Barretta 316 Aragon, White Rock, NM 87544; Joanie Ahlers 153 El Rayo, Los Alamos, NM 87544 (speaking as a private citizen), expressed their concerns about current traffic speeds, and the safety of drivers and pedestrians on Trinity Drive; both spoke in support of the road diet option to improve safety.

Bill Enloe 212 Maple St. Los Alamos, NM 87544 who represents The Hill Development expressed his concern with the timeframe for decisions to be made for this project because it could affect the design and deadline for the new apartment project.

Member Wheeler made the motion that staff move on with the New Alternative 2 - Road Diet Option B: Diamond Drive to Oppenheimer Drive. Member Schiferl seconded the motion. The motion was amended to include recommending discussion between the County and the hospital regarding moving the east entrance to the hospital parking lot. The motion, passed unanimously as amended.

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

### **11860-19**

*Attachments:*    [A - Election of Chair and Vice Chair](#)

A motion was made by Member Wheeler and seconded by Member Schiferl to have Member Swaminarayan continue as Chair of the Transportation Board; motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Chair Swaminarayan and Seconded by Member Schiferl to have member Wheeler become Vice Chair of the Transportation Board; motion passed unanimously.

### **11862-19**

*Attachments:*    [A - Electric Scooter Presentation](#)

Jon Bulthuis, Deputy Public Works Director, gave a presentation about Electric Scooters. Jon discussed the Private Sector Initiative, Most Popular Companies, Implementation Locations, New Mexico's Experience to Date, What Scooters Look Like, Benefits to Local Communities, Challenges for Local Communities, and Staff Recommendations. Members requested that more studies be done to evaluate how this would affect Los Alamos, what other communities have done, a study on market size, and what type of regulations would be needed. A follow up in November was requested.

### **11892-19**

*Attachments:*    [A - Diamond Drive Asphalt Paving Project](#)

Eric Martinez, County Engineer, gave an update on the Diamond Drive Asphalt Paving Project. Eric notified the members that bids for the work will be going out shortly and the project should begin and be complete before fall. The location of this work will be from the roundabout on North Mesa to Omega Bridge. Eric mentioned the Governor signed an executive order making state disaster funds available for the project.

Eric responded to questions from members about the type of asphalt material currently in place, reasons for its failure, and the type of material proposed for replacement. Members were informed the project will consist of a mill and inlay, and staff is currently evaluating options for asphalt thickness given the project budget.

## 8. PROJECT UPDATES

[11859-19](#)

**Attachments:**    [A - Public Works Update - March 2019](#)  
                                  [B - Public Works Update - April 2019](#)

Jon Bulthuis, Deputy Public Works Director, presented updates regarding Public Works projects for March and April 2019.

## 9. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chair Swaminarayan notified the Transportation Board know that there will be a presentation to Council on May 14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Fire Station 3 in White Rock.

## 10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Budget Highlights
- Wildlife Issues
- LANL Trail Map
- Flow Trail Update
- Rose Street
- August - Canyon Rim Trail Underpass
- November -House Bill 282 Regarding Scooters

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member Wheeler seconded by Member Schiferl that the May 2, 2019 meeting be adjourned at 7:25 p.m.; motion passed unanimously.

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