



County of Los Alamos

Minutes

Transportation Board

Matthew Heavner, Chair; Vice Chair; Michael Dolejsi; Michael Altherr; Karen Edwards; David North; and Georgia Strickfaden, Members

Thursday, October 5, 2023

5:30 PM

1000 Central Avenue

NOTE: This meeting is in person and open to the public. However, for convenience, the following Zoom meeting link and/or telephone call in numbers may be used for public viewing and participation:

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1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The October 5, 2023, Transportation Board Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Matt Heavner, Chair

Michael Dolejsi, Vice Chair

David North

Georgia Strickfaden

Michael Altherr

Karen Edwards

Staff in attendance:

Juan Rael, Public Works Director

Karen Henderson, Senior Engineer

Daniel Blea, Traffic & Streets Manager

Pete Mondragon, Fleet Manager

Louise Romero, Sr. Management Analyst

AV Support - Josh Padilla

Council Liaison:

Keith Lepsch

Members of the public in attendance:

Randy Edwards

Hermann Geppert (Zoom)

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Member North seconded by Member Edwards that the October 5, 2023, meeting agenda be approved as presented; motion passed unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[17883-23](#)

Approval of Minutes from the Los Alamos Transportation Board Meeting on September 7, 2023

A motion was made by Member North and seconded by Vice Chair Dolejsi that the September 7, 2023, meeting minutes be approved as presented; motion passed unanimously.

5. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS (Action maybe taken on these items)

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Presentation and Possible Approval of the FY24 Snow & Ice Control Plan.

Presenter: Daniel Blea, Traffic & Streets Manager

2024 Snow & Ice Control Plan

Note: Presentation is included as an attachment to the meeting minutes, as it was not included in the agenda packet.

The mission of the Snow and Ice Control Program is to:

- Address each storm such that public safety is maintained,
- Control the impact of the storm in a cost effective and environmentally responsible manner,
- Reduce hazards of winter conditions to motorists, transit riders, bicyclists, and pedestrians while enhancing the operations of emergency operations and
- Minimize the economic loss to local businesses and the community.

Storm response goal - The goal includes safe completion of an initial storm response within 24 hours of the end of a typical event, defined as a snowfall of 6 inches or less.

Coordinated effort - The support for snow and ice control operations will include personnel and equipment from the following divisions: Airport, Custodial, DPU, Environmental Services, Facilities, Fleet, Parks, Procurement, Traffic & Streets, Transit, and private contractors is needed.

Responsibilities - Traffic and Streets Manager, Daniel Blea is responsible for overseeing and orchestrating the emergency response.

Priority maps were reviewed.

Changes that were made to the plan: new liquid de-icer application, pre-wet stockpile material in advance, invest in new equipment, and renewed emphasis on training.

Preseason training included weekly dry runs, on the job training, orientation to all equipment, and instructor led classroom training.

Discussion: Concern that the east sidewalk near Mountain School doesn't seem to get cleared. Snow removal on sidewalks is very important for guide dog and cane users. Appreciate what streets crews do. Ordinance for vehicles without traction control, is it worth pursuing? Is there an ordinance in place that applies? Staff to research. Noticeable differences between the snow removal in Santa Fe versus Los Alamos.

Staff will include this information with the press release that is issued.

Even/odd parking in Europe. Are there volunteer groups that will provide assistance to the elderly or others that would benefit from this type of help?

A motion was made by Member North and seconded by Member Strickfaden that the FY24 Snow and Ice Control Plan be approved as amended; motion passed unanimously.

6. REPORTS & UPDATES**A. County Council Liaison Reports**

Councilor Keith Lepsch mentioned that the Golf Course Improvements is on the October 10th Council agenda. Will Traffic & Streets evaluate automatic walk signals at the traffic signals with minimal disruptions.

B. Chair's Report

Chair Heavner - Attended the Boards & Commissions Luncheon on September 14th. Parks & Rec Trail management was discussed. A liaison for the P&R board would be beneficial.

Email from a resident regarding ways to reduce speeding in the Western Area. Vice Chair Dolejsi to reach out to Deputy Chief Morris.

Comments/reports to the local media regarding T-Board meeting items; Chair Heavner will work on the report for October.

C. Board Member Reports

Member Strickfaden mentioned that the next Tourism Task Force meeting will be held in December.

Member North mentioned that he has seen a lot of out of state vehicles going to Bandelier. Bicycle study, reports are in, update to the board is forthcoming.

D. Staff Report

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Public Works Staff Report - September 2023

Adopt-A-Road has been launched, three segments have been adopted.

Bid for Urban Trail is on the October 10th Council meeting for approval.

Loma Linda project is progressing well.

7. NEXT MEETING/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Bicycle Safety Pilot Program (November 2023)
- Bike Share Program (December 2023)
- Discussion of Street Parking and Staff Assistance with Snow Plan (November 2023)
- Bicycle Safety Group Update (TBD)
- Open Meetings Act Presentation (TBD)
- Public Works Design & Construction Standards (TBD)
- Revisit Bike and Pedestrian Plans (TBD)
- Presentation by LA Public Schools Superintendent (TBD)
- Presentation by Eric Peterson (TBD)

8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member North and seconded by Vice Chair Dolejsi, that the October 5, 2023, Transportation Board meeting be adjourned; motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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