



County of Los Alamos

Minutes

Transportation Board

1000 Central Avenue
Los Alamos, NM 87544

David Hampton, Chair; Nancy Talley, Vice Chair; Michael Altherr; Jason Chappel; Karen Edwards; Paul Lisowski; and Joshua Muck, Members

Thursday, September 4, 2025

5:30 PM

1000 Central Avenue, Council
Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

September 4, 2025, Transportation Board Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Members in attendance:

David Hampton
Joshua Muck via Zoom
Paul Lisowski
Nancy Talley
Karen Edwards
Jason Chappel

Members absent:

Michael Altherr

Council Liaison:

Melanee Hand via Zoom

Staff in attendance:

Eric Martinez, Public Works Director
Keith Wilson, Deputy Public Works Director
Rachel Barela, Sr. Office Specialist
AV Support - Jedidiah Beddo

There were no members of the public in attendance.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The meeting agenda was approved as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

20600-25 Approval of Minutes from the Los Alamos Transportation Board Meeting on August 7, 2025

The August 7, 2025, meeting minutes were approved as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

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

20602-25 Bicycle Working Group Presentation

Presenter: David Hampton, Chair, Transportation Board

Recommendations focused on bicycle/pedestrian safety and traffic calming.

Preference for physical speed controls, residential speed enforcement, through-traffic reduction, infrastructure changes (speed tables, raised crossings, temporary closures).

Specific suggestions: Pedestrianization of Trinity post-rebuild, raised crossings at Urban and Diamond, targeted slowing of traffic in key areas. Staff to assess feasibility and determine actionable items.

Board Deliberations:

Central Avenue One-Way Proposal: Concerns regarding business impacts, downtown accessibility, and driver confusion. General opposition.

Other issues: Protected intersections, bollards, speed tables (maintenance and emergency access concerns).

Speed reduction to 10 mph on shared roads viewed as impractical.

After multiple revisions, the Board adopted the following motion:

A motion was made by Member Lisowski, seconded by Chair Hampton that the Transportation Board thank the Bicycle Working Group for their work and recommend that the guidelines in the 2025 Bicycle Working Group Report on Concepts and Recommendations for Bicycle Infrastructure and Design in Los Alamos County as stated on pages 18 & 19 of the presentation with the exception of turning Central Avenue into a one-way street, be considered on transportation projects as deemed appropriate by Public Works engineering staff.

The motion passed 5-1 with Member Muck in opposition.

6. REPORTS & UPDATES

A. County Council Liaison Reports

Councilor Hand provided the following update.

North Central Regional Transit District (NCRTD): new route modifications adopted; Santa Fe County service plan acknowledged; executive director search underway; ADA-compliant bus stop contracts approved.

County Council: approved grants/contracts for Los Alamos Airport (T-hangars, Taxiway F) and Denver Steels roadway/utility project.

B. Chair's Report

Chair Hampton did not have a report.

C. Board Member Reports

Member Talley raised concerns about the jersey barriers on Trinity Drive (Ashley Pond) aesthetics, pedestrian escape routes, and safety. Councilor Hand noted similar concerns during earlier County tour. Staff reported barriers are temporary for concert series; removal planned after final concert (with possible exception for one additional event). Permanent options (e.g., bollards) require State Historic Preservation Office review.

Topic will be discussed in October.

D. Staff Report

20603-25 Public Works Staff Report

Public Works Director Eric Martinez presented the August staff report.

Bathtub Row/15th Street/Nectar upgrades nearing completion.

Projects out to bid soon:

Trinity Drive improvements, Canyon Rim Trail extension, NM-4 trail in White Rock.

Saturday transit pilot: ridership increasing; staffing challenges continue; extension through October likely.

Clean Up Los Alamos Day is scheduled for September 20.

Ongoing maintenance: weed control, crack sealing, pavement marking.

League of American Bicyclists survey in progress; results expected December.

7. NEXT MEETING/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

October: Jersey barrier discussion (Ashley Pond/Trinity).
Annual snow and ice plan presentation.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Transportation Board meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

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Approved



10/7/2025

David Hampton, Chair

Date