



County of Los Alamos

Minutes

Transportation Board

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

Thursday, December 5, 2024

5:30 PM

Fire Station 3 in White Rock

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

December 5, 2024, Transportation Board Meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M.

Present:

Seven members are in attendance.

David Hampton

Michael Altherr

Joshua Muck

Nancy Talley

Georgia Strickfaden

Karen Edwards

Paul Lisowski

Council Liaison:

Melanee Hand (Zoom)

Staff in attendance:

Eric Martinez, Acting Public Works Director

Eric Ulibarri, County Engineer

Keith Wilson, Project Manager

Louise Romero, Sr. Management Analyst

Rachel Barela, Senior Office Specialist

Ryan Becker, AV Support

Members of the public in attendance:

Zoom

Casey Mortensen

Jared Lee - BHI

Tyler Smith - BHI

Sabrina Parks Bent

Nicholas Martin

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James Wernicke
Annie Marquez
Moo Deng

In Person
Larry and Katharine Martin
John and Nancy Bliss
Liz Summa
Richard Gaddis
Bob Hollman
Bill Dunn
Suresh Pajvatoja
Jake and Jessica Robinson
Philip Gursky
Jered Steck
Ed Christie
Alan Wadlinger
JJ Martensen
Elaine Deschamp
Gregg Weiss
Margie Serrento
Lari Sorensen
Andrea Rovinelli
Gary Gladysz

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

19338-24

Approval of Minutes from the Los Alamos County Transportation Board Meeting on October 3, 2024

The meeting minutes from October 3, 2024, were approved as presented. The motion passed unanimously, with Vice Chair Altherr abstaining due to his absence.

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

8.**19339-24****NM4 Crossing and Multi-Use Trail Improvements**

Presented by: Keith Wilson, Project Manager

The presentation outlines the planned improvements to the NM4 corridor and associated multi-use trails in Los Alamos County. The key components and details are as follows:

1. Project Overview:

- Funded by CMAQ (Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement) from NMDOT.
- Reconstruction of trails along NM4, including lane reduction on the westbound side to create safer pedestrian and multi-use spaces.
- Introduction of a mid-block crossing with a HAWK signal for enhanced pedestrian safety.
- Connectivity improvements between neighborhoods, local businesses, Piñon Park, and Piñon Elementary School.

2. Key Project Details:

- NM4 Crossing: Addition of pedestrian safety features and extension of the 35MPH speed limit near La Vista Drive.
- Piñon Park: Reconstruction and expansion of trails, sidewalk connections, and drainage improvements.
- Piñon Elementary School Trail: Plans to secure easements and reconstruct 850 feet of trail for public use and improved accessibility.

3. Project Schedule:

- Public meetings from November 2024 to Spring 2025.
- Final design approval by Summer 2025 and construction from Summer 2025 through Fall 2026.

4. Next Steps:

- Community feedback is encouraged through written comments by November 22, 2024.

The presentation concluded by emphasizing public involvement in the project's design and implementation.

Watch the video for this meeting.

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19340-24**Grand Canyon Drive Intersection Analysis and Implementation**

Presented by: Eric Ulibarri, County Engineer

The presentation provides an update to the Los Alamos County Transportation Board on the analysis and planned improvements for three intersections along Grand Canyon Drive, following a citizens' petition.

Background:

- The petition, received on May 22, 2024, requested road and pedestrian safety improvements at the intersections of Grand Canyon Drive with Sherwood Boulevard, Rover Boulevard, and Aragon Avenue.
- A traffic signal installation at NM4 and Sherwood Boulevard was separately approved by NMDOT.

Project Objectives:

- Evaluate pedestrian and traffic safety concerns at the three intersections.
- Engage engineering consultants for comprehensive analysis.

Analysis Scope:

- Field data collection
- Sight distance analysis
- Signal and all-way stop warrant analysis
- Pedestrian beacon warrant analysis
- Crash data review (2018-2023)

Key Findings:

- Sight Distance: Meets requirements; ongoing vegetation maintenance required.
- Signal and Stop Control Analysis: No warrants met.
- Crash Data: Minimal crashes; no pedestrian incidents.

Recommendations:

- Relocation of flashing school zone lights near Sherwood Boulevard.
- Signage updates to meet MUTCD standards.
- Crosswalk restriping at Rover Boulevard and new crosswalk installation at Aragon Avenue.
- Further evaluation of traffic calming measures and pavement enhancements.

Next Steps:

- Potential implementation of pop-up traffic calming measures to reduce speed and improve pedestrian safety, with community involvement encouraged.

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19450-24 Approval of the 2025 Transportation Board Meeting Schedule

Chair Hampton moved to approve the 2025 meeting schedule as presented, with the removal of the January and July meetings. Member Muck seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

6. REPORTS & UPDATES

A. County Council Liaison Reports

Councilor Hand gave the following update

NCRTD meeting will be held on December 6, 2024. The following items will be on the agenda.

Autonomous Vehicles

District Art at Bus Stop Program

LANL Transit Update

Espanola Workforce Housing Project

- Discussion on design and financing options for NCRTD employees.
- Exploration of housing solutions to address workforce needs in Espanola, including design features and funding strategies.

B. Chair's Report

Chair Hampton welcomed Ms. Barela to the team.

C. Board Member Reports

Member Muck thanked County employees for their snow removal efforts.

Member Strickfaden congratulated staff on securing a grant for the Adopt-A-Road Program from New Mexico Clean & Beautiful.

Member Edwards expressed appreciation to the community for their public comments and the research they conducted on projects presented by staff.

Chair Hampton expressed gratitude to staff for their work on Bathtub Row.

Vice Chair Altherr thanked members of the Transportation for their service.

D. Staff Report

19341-24 Public Works Staff Report

Eric Martinez, Acting Public Works Director, provided the November 2024 staff report.

Eric welcomed Rachel to the team and to the Transportation Board.

Public Works Divisions will participate in the Light Parade, Environmental Services, Transit and Traffic & Streets.

The Micro Transit software contract will be an item on the Council agenda on December 17.

NMDOT is reviewing the contract.

Transit staff met with the National Park Service regarding shuttle service to Bandelier National Park.

Gary Goddard was hired as the new Airport Manager.

Engineering staff have been working on a road safety audit with LANL.

The Urban Trail Project will be completed in January.

Environmental Services staff have received a shipment of new bear carts and have been delivering the carts to residents.

Juan Rael was recently promoted to Deputy County Manager.

7. NEXT MEETING/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Election of Chair and Vice Chair (February 2025)
- Review, Discuss, and Approve the 2025 Work Plan (February 2025)
- Pedestrian Master Plan Presentation (February 2025)
- NM4 Crossing and Multi-Use Trail Improvements (February 2025)
- Los Alamos County Design & Construction Standards and Mid-Block Crossing Policy Update (March 2025)
- Trinity Drive (March 2025)
- Denver Steels Phase II Road Improvements Project (April 2025)
- NM4 Crossing and Multi-Use Trail Improvements (Spring 2025)
- Update to County Council (May)
- Code of Conduct (TBD)

- Revisit Bike Plan (TBD)
- Presentation by LA Public Schools Superintendent (TBD)
- Presentation by Eric Peterson (TBD)

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Transportation Board meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Approved

David Hampton

2/8/2025

David Hampton, Chair

Date