



County of Los Alamos

Minutes

Transportation Board

1000 Central Avenue
Los Alamos, NM 87544

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

Thursday, April 6, 2023

5:30 PM

1000 Central Avenue, Council
Chambers or via Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The April 6, 2023 Transportation Board Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Matt Heavner, Chair

David North

Georgia Strickfaden

Michael Altherr (arrived at 5:34 p.m.)

Board Members Absent:

Michael Dolejsi, Vice Chair

Staff in attendance:

Eric Martinez, Deputy Public Works Director

Eric Ulibarri, County Engineer

Karen Henderson, Senior Engineer

Keith Wilson, Project Manager

Louise Romero, Sr. Mgmt. Analyst

AV Support - Perry Rutherford

Council Liaison:

Keith Lepsch - absent

Members of the public in attendance:

None.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Member North seconded by Member Strickfaden that the April 6, 2023 meeting agenda be approved as presented; motion passed unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[17116-23](#) **Attachments:** [A - DRAFT Meeting Minutes - February 2, 2023](#)

A motion was made by Member North and seconded by Member Strickfaden that the February 2, 2023 meeting minutes be approved as presented; motion passed unanimously.

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

Procuring Construction Services in Today's Economic Climate

[17131-23](#) **Attachments:** [A – Presentation - Procuring Construction Services in Today's Economic Climate](#)

Presenter: Eric Ulibarri, County Engineer

Mr. Ulibarri provided a presentation that included the following topics:

- 5-Year Construction Improvements Project (CIP). The project list is driven by PCI and annual budget (increased by 3% per year).
- Current Challenges
- Labor Shortages
- Supply and Demand Issues
- Alternative Methods for Procuring Construction.
- Path Forward

The following items were discussed by the board and staff members:

Great presentation, mill and overlay projects county wide, staff turnover in the Traffic & Streets Division, coordinating with LANL and residents on projects, residents have approached contractors for drive pads, and concrete work during project construction.

[17117-23](#) **Urban Trail Phase I & II Project Update**

Attachments: [A - Presentation - Urban Trail Phase I & II](#)

Presenter: Keith Wilson, Project Manager

Mr. Wilson provided a presentation that included the following topics:

- Phase I - Trinity Drive/20th Street to Ponderosa/Spruce
- Phase II - Ponderosa/Spruce to Aquatic Center

- Project Funding
- Project Schedule
- Construction start date - July/August 2023
- Construction completion date - August 2024

The following items were discussed by the board and staff members:

Marked crosswalk at Spruce Street, several meetings have taken place and residents are aware of the project, add Splash & Dash event to event calendar.

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Electric Vehicle Study

Attachments: [A – Presentation – Electric Vehicle Study](#)

Presenter: Matt Heavner, Chair

Mr. Heavner provided a presentation that included the following topics:

- Background
- County Registrations with MVD
- Framing the Study
- County Charging Infrastructure
- New Mexico Charging Infrastructure
- EVs at the Intersection
- Bidirectional Charging Opportunities
- Grid Storage
- County School Buses
- Education
- Issues
- Topics for County to Consider

The following items were discussed by the board and staff members:

Great presentation, bidirectional charging is very interesting. County is working to increase the Fleet with electric vehicles, challenge of infrastructure at current sites, training mechanic crews, using ACT and school buses for bidirectional charging opportunities, challenge of receiving ACT electric bus (18-24 months to build the bus).

A motion was made by Member Strickfaden seconded by Member Altherr that Chair Matt Heavner present the Electric Vehicle Study to Council; motion passed unanimously.

17120-23

Attachments: [A - 2023 Strategic Leadership Plan](#)
[B – Draft – FY24 Transportation Board Work Plan](#)

Presenter: Chair Matt Heavner

After a brief discussion, Board members finalized and approved the FY24 Transportation Board Work Plan.

A motion was made by Member North seconded by Member Strickfaden that the FY24 Transportation Board Work Plan be approved as presented; motion passed unanimously.

6. REPORTS & UPDATES

A. County Council Liaison Reports

Councilor Keith Lepsch was absent.

B. Chair's Report

Chair Heavner mentioned the following:

- Chair Heavner, Member North and Public Works Director, Juan Rael attended the Boards & Commissions Luncheon. The Bicycle Safety Plan was discussed and has the support of the Council Vice Chair Cull and Councilor Ryti.

C. Board Member Reports

Tourism Implementation Task Force - Member Strickfaden

- The Task Force expressed concern with the traffic going to/from White Rock due to the road construction project.
- Dave Peter, Liaison to the Parks & Recreation Board talked about the rollout of LANL's Transportation Plan.

Bicycle Sub-committee - Member North

- The working group has conducted a few meetings. Hermann Geppert-Kleinrath is Chair, Sylvie Adam is Secretary and Eddie Schoute is coordinating the Google Group. Initial topics of discussion included a few items that have been controversial, not worth making Trinity Drive bicycle friendly, reviewing the downtown setup, and the meeting place for August.

Member Altherr asked about Bike to Work Day. Eric mentioned that plans are underway.

Staff Report

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[17290-23](#) Public Works Staff Report - March 2023

Attachments: [A Public Works Staff Report - March 2023](#)

Eric Martinez, Deputy Public Works Director provided the following update:

- Council approved the Adopt A Road initiative. Plans for roll out will be forthcoming.
- New legislation regarding electric bikes.
- 33rd/34th Street construction project has started.
- Trinity Drive ADA presentation to board in May
- Bobbi Huseman was hired as Airport Manager
- An accident took place at the Airport on April 5th.

Member North would like for Eric Ulibarri to present the Procuring Construction Services in Today's Economic Climate presentation to Council.

7. NEXT MEETING/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Trinity Drive Safety Project - May 2023
- Information on Bike Month - Bike to Work Day - May 2023
- Review and Finalize Transportation Board Presentation to Council - May 2023
- Open Meetings Act Presentation (TBD)
- Public Works Design & Construction Standards (TBD)
- Presentation by Los Alamos County Police Department (TBD)
- Revisit Bike and Pedestrian Plans (TBD)
- Update on buffer zones (TBD)

8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member Altherr, seconded by Member Strickfaden that the April 6, 2023, Transportation Board meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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