



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, February 6, 2025

5:30 PM

1000 Central Avenue, Council
Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

February 6, 2025, Transportation Board Meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M.

Present:

David Hampton
Joshua Muck
Nancy Talley
Georgia Strickfaden
Karen Edwards
Paul Lisowski (joined the meeting at 5:55 p.m.)

Council Liaison:

Melanee Hand

Absent:

Michael Altherr

Staff in attendance:

Eric Martinez, Acting Public Works Director
Eric Ulibarri, County Engineer
Justin Gibson, Senior Engineer
Keith Wilson, Project Manager
Louise Romero, Sr. Management Analyst
Rachel Barela, Sr. Office Specialist
Amanda Burnworth, AV Support

Members of the public in attendance:

Charlie Trask - 1966 Cumbres Patio St., Los Alamos, NM 87544
Eric Nelson - 118 Sierra Vista Drive, White Rock, NM 87547
Richard Gaddis - 102 Confianza Street, Los Alamos, NM 87544
Steve Glick - 524 Rover Blvd., White Rock, NM 87547
Scott Greenfield - 113 Sherwood Blvd., White Rock, NM 87547

Lil Summe - 35 Confianza Street, White Rock, NM 87547
Wren Summe - 35 Confianza Street, White Rock, NM 87547
Emily Piltch - 2902 Woodland Road, Los Alamos, NM 87544
Richard /Hedy Dunn - 107 Sierra Vista, White Rock, NM 87547
Heather Boose - 26 Confianza Street, White Rock, NM 87547
Dave Collins - 7137 San Ildefonso, Los Alamos, NM 87544
Wendy Swanson

Members of the public in attendance via Zoom:

Angelica Bryant - Wilson and Co.
Jennifer Armstrong
Maire O'Neill
Ray F.
Sherye Bateman
Nicollas Martin
Noah Berke - Wilson and Co. Consultant
Didier Saumon
Rick
Randy Edwards
Jared Lee - BHI Consultant
Erin Tatge
JJ
Stephanie Nakhleh
Richard Dunn
Charlie Traske
Scott Greenfield
Mr. Gattis
Serrano
Torrez

19780-25

Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2025

Member Joshua Muck nominated Member David Hampton for Chair.

Members vote:
Member Hampton
Member Strickfaden
Member Edwards
Member Talley
Member Muck

Following a roll call vote that concluded with a unanimous result of 5-0.

David Hampton was elected Chair of the Transportation Board.

Election of Vice Chair

Member Joshua Muck nominated Member Nancy Talley for Vice Chair.

Member Hampton
Member Strickfaden
Member Edwards
Member Talley
Member Muck

Following a roll call vote that concluded with a unanimous result of 5-0, Nancy Talley was elected Vice Chair of the Transportation Board.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for the meeting was approved as presented, with the motion passing unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

19781-25

Approval of Minutes from the Los Alamos Transportation Board Meeting on December 5, 2024

The minutes from the December 5, 2024, meeting were approved as presented, with the motion passing unanimously.

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

19782-25

NM4 Crossing and Multi-Use Trail Improvements

Title: NM4 Crossing and Multi-Use Trail Improvements

Presented by: Keith Wilson

- Project Overview:
 - Re-evaluation of HAWK Crossing location

- Conflicts at the NM4/La Vista intersection
- Re-evaluation of NM4 Westbound Lane reduction
- Re-Evaluation of NM4 Northside Trail location
- Pinon Elementary School Trail update
- Project timeframe updates:
 - Upcoming public meeting scheduled for May or June 2025
 - Construction planned from Fall 2025 to Fall 2026
- Safety concerns:
 - One crash recorded from 2019-2023
 - Warrants for a new signal light were not met
 - Discussions on pedestrian and bicycle lane concerns
 - Proposed reduction in speed limits for eastbound traffic
- Additional considerations:
 - Concerns raised about the 7-second crossing time for the HAWK signal
 - Proposal for emergency staff input on safety measures
- Member Muck suggested using an overpass instead of the HAWK Signal.
- Member Talley mentioned that she appreciated staff reviewing and addressing all the concerns that were brought up at the last meeting. She really liked the video of the children trying to cross NM4. She asked for clarification regarding the conflict diagram and points and the mid-block crossing.
- Member Strickfaden agreed with everything that Member Talley said and she thinks it's a good plan.
- Member Lisowski mentioned that a lot of work has gone into the planning process since the last meeting. He asked to see the video that was presented earlier in the meeting since he was late.

Members of the public provided comments.

Member Strickfaden made a motion stating that the Transportation Board recommend the NM4 Crossing and Multi-Use Trail Improvements Project as presented to the Los Alamos County Council.

I further move that the Transportation Board recommend the County work with Los Alamos Public Schools on an auxiliary trail connection from Piñon Park to Grand Canyon Drive.

Member Hampton seconded the motion.

Member Talley asked to include a friendly amendment; I further move that the Transportation Board recommend that county staff continue to pursue the traffic signal at Sherwood and NM4.

Member Strickfaden and Chair Hampton agreed to the friendly amendment.

After a vote, the motion passed 5-1 with Member Muck in opposition.

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19784-25**Update of the Los Alamos County Pedestrian Master Plan****Title: Pedestrian Master Plan****Presented by: Justin Gibson**

- Project Overview:
 - The Development of pedestrian infrastructure
 - Implementation of the National Initiative Safe Systems.
 - Vision focuses on creating a walkable community.
 - Goals center around public engagement.
 - Focus Areas: Los Alamos Townsite and White Rock Town Center, including key connectivity areas.
- Visions and Goals:
 - Safety - Implementation of the National Initiative Safe Systems.
 - Connectivity - Develop a seamless, accessible pedestrian network.
 - Health - Encourage walking.
 - Equity - Access to pedestrian infrastructure for all community members.
- Additional participants included:
 - Noah Berke (Wilson and Co.)
 - Angelica (Wilson and Co. via Zoom).
- Additional Considerations:
 - Member Muck raised concerns about landscaping obstructing drivers' views.
 - Emphasized the importance of visibility for safety.
 - Member Edwards expressed satisfaction with the updated Pedestrian Master Plan.
 - Member Edwards suggested conducting a walking audit to identify existing issues.
 - Raised concerns about the functionality of HAWK signals regarding ADA accessibility. Clarified that HAWK signals include audible feedback features for visually impaired pedestrians.
 - Member Talley supported incorporating landscaping while ensuring visibility for drivers and pedestrians
- Next Steps:
 - The Pedestrian Master Plan noted that pedestrian crashes located in the private parking lot may require removal.
 - The Pedestrian Master Plan is a living document and is

subject to ongoing updates and community input.

- Members will review additional aspects of the plan during future meetings.

Member Strickfaden made a motion to approve the Pedestrian Masterplan contingent on the creation of an appendix based on comments from tonight's meeting.

After further discussion Member Strickfaden withdrew the motion.

Chair Hampton made a motion to recommend adoption of the Pedestrian Master Plan as presented with the addition of an appendix with incorporated comments from Ms. Swanson and Ms. Pilch.

Seconded by Member Edwards.

After further discussion Chair Hampton withdrew the motion.

Member Muck made a motion to table the Pedestrian Master Plan and bring it back to the board in March.

Member Talley seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

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19785-25

Review and Finalize FY25 Transportation Board Work Plan

Member Talley proposed a motion to approve the FY25 Transportation Board Work Plan as it was presented. Member Muck seconded this motion, and it was approved unanimously by all members present.

6. REPORTS & UPDATES

A. County Council Liaison Reports

Councilor Hand gave an update on the following Council agenda items.

- Jan 10, 2024, Meeting - Approval of memorandum NCRTD.
- Awarded Jemez Fire Protection.
- Easement Phase 3 Quemazon.
- Public hearing for tax relief eligibility through the year 2028.
- Resolution for local government for DWI grant.
- Jim West transit Center remodel.
- My Blue Zone App is expanding.

B. Chair's Report

Chair Hampton mentioned the following.

- Melanie Hand to continue as the Council liaison.
- Georgia Strickfaden concludes her time on the Board.

C. Board Member Reports

None.

D. Staff Report

19786-25 Public Works Staff Report - January 2025

Eric Martinez, Acting Public Works Director, provided the January 2025 staff report.

- Urban Trail completed - Invitation 02/26 Ribbon Cutting
- Grant Applications - Trail at Pinon School
- Re-surfacing efforts for trails
- Bathtub Row - Construction to be completed by late summer.
- DP Road - Construction to be completed by late May.
- North Central to discuss the return of Los Alamos route.
- Airport Manger introduction for March Transportation Board Meeting.

7. NEXT MEETING/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- NM4 Crossing and Multi-Use Trail Improvements
- Los Alamos County Design & Construction Standards and Mid-Block Crossing Policy Update
- Trinity Drive
- Denver Steels Phase II Road Improvements Project (April 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 9:06 p.m.

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Approved



4/10/2025

David Hampton, Chair

Date