



# County of Los Alamos

## Minutes

### Transportation Board

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

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Thursday, December 7, 2023

5:30 PM

1000 Central Avenue

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**NOTE: This meeting was held in person.**

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

The December 7, 2023, Transportation Board Meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M.

Matt Heavner, Chair  
Michael Dolejsi, Vice Chair (Zoom)  
David North  
Georgia Strickfaden  
Michael Altherr  
Karen Edwards  
David Hampton

Board Members Absent:  
None.

Council Liaison:  
Keith Lepsch-absent

Staff in attendance:  
Eric Ulibarri, County Engineer (Zoom)  
Keith Wilson, Project Manager  
Aaron Park, Traffic Operations Manager  
Louise Romero, Sr. Management Analyst  
AV Support - Perry Rutherford

Members of the public in attendance:  
Benny Foltz (Zoom)  
Michael Kolakowski (Zoom)  
Jackie Kolakowski (Zoom)  
James Auchampaugh  
Jimmy Collier  
John Courtright

Richard Nebel  
Eddie Schoute

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The meeting agenda be approved as presented.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**17919-23**

Approval of Minutes from the Los Alamos Transportation Board Meeting on November 2, 2023

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

I move that the Transportation Board approve the November 2, 2023, minutes as presented.

OR

I move that the Transportation Board approve the November 2, 2023, minutes as amended.

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

**17742-23**

**DP Road Infrastructure Phase II - Roadway and Utility Improvements Project**

**Presenter: Keith Wilson, Project Manager**

- Project location - DP Road
- Project Purpose and Goals - Infrastructure improvements to support Economic Development and support existing and future businesses on DP Road.
- Original design completed December 2022
- Updated scope of work for utilities and roadway project.
- Construction Phase
  - o Phase 1 - South side of roadway - two lanes of traffic maintained.

- o Phase 2 - Eastbound lane closed; one lane traffic controlled by automatic flagger.
- o Phase 3 - Westbound lane closed; one lane traffic controlled by automatic flagger.
- o Phase 4 - Eastbound lane closed on lane traffic controlled by automatic flagger.
- o Phase 5 - Westbound lane closed; one lane traffic controlled by automatic flagger.
- Proposed schedule
- Project funding

Members of the public provided comments regarding the project. Concerns from business owners were primarily business access, disruption, and parking concerns.

**17118-23****ROAM - Revitalizing Options Around Mobility****Presenters: Michael Kolakowski and Benny Foltz**

ROAM - Revitalizing Options Around Mobility

ROAM is a 501c non-profit organization that exists for the development, promotion, and operation of bike sharing programs throughout the Heartland region for the benefit of the public, aimed at promoting health and quality of life as well as mitigating climate change and promoting the use of sustainable & equitable forms of transportation.

**16884-23****Request to Implement Pedestrian Phase Recall at all Signalized Intersections****Presenters: Keith Wilson, Project Manager and Aaron Park, Traffic Operations Manager**

Traffic & Streets Division received a request to change the pedestrian phase of county signals to a "Pedestrian Recall Traffic Signal Timing Function". This function automatically activates the pedestrian phase (Walk/flashing don't walk) every cycle regardless of the presence of a pedestrian or bicycle.

What is the impact of running pedestrian recall traffic signal timing function? Signals will no longer utilize vehicle detection to set signal operations resulting in increased cycle length, increased delays, low level of service and lower respect of traffic signals.

Existing traffic signal operation. Signals have traffic detection (cameras) on all approaches making them fully actuated (react to presence of vehicles). Diamond Drive signals are coordinated during peak periods. Pedestrians push a button to receive pedestrian walk interval on the next cycle.

Who does this impact? The increased delays will impact vehicular travelers, bicycle riders, pedestrians, and traffic signal coordination timing.

#### 18134-23

### **Bicycle Improvements Pilot Program**

**Presenter: Keith Wilson, Project Manager and Aaron Park, Traffic Operations Manager**

#### Bicycle Working Group Suggestions

- Pilot Project Location - Diamond Drive and West Road
  - Pilot Project Scope - Improvements being investigated.
    - Bicycle detection at signalized intersections
    - Bicycle detection indication lights
    - Move pedestrian crossing to southside
    - Bicycle green lanes and boxes markings
    - Bicycle transitions to sidewalk/trail
  - Proposed Schedule
    - Preliminary design completion - March 2024
    - Transportation Board presentation - April 2024
    - Implementation
- \*Bicycle detection, indication lights, markings & signage - April 2024 (in house)
- \*Green lanes/bike box - April/May 2024 (in house)
- \*Sidewalk move and transitions - dependent on extent of work and budget availability.

The board is supportive of county efforts and analysis. The board wasn't in favor of the pedestrian phase recall. The board was very supportive of the proposed bicycle improvements.

#### 16885-23

### **Approval of the 2024 Transportation Board Meeting Schedule**

A motion was made by Member Edwards and seconded by Member

Strickfaden that the 2024 Transportation Board meeting schedule be approved as presented; motion passed unanimously.

## **6. REPORTS & UPDATES**

### **A. County Council Liaison Reports**

Councilor Keith Lepsch - absent

### **B. Chair's Report**

Chair Heavner - Public outreach

December 2023 Transportation Board Reporter - Michael Altherr

Rental cars at the airport.

Status on electric buses for Transit.

### **C. Board Member Reports**

Member North - Kudos snow removal handled quite well. Report from Aaron Park in the future, very impressive. Bicycle working group liaison to take his place.

Member Strickfaden - Sidewalk got plowed near Mountain School. Tourism meeting on December 19, 2023.

### **D. Staff Report**

[16883-23](#)

Public Works Staff Report - November 2023

Keith Wilson, Project Manager provided the following update:

1. Two Adopt-A-Road cleanup events in November.
2. Hasse Contracting will start construction of the Urban Trail near Fuller Lodge
3. Airport Fuel Farm contract on council agenda.
4. Rose Street awarded.
5. The Transit Study survey would like to get the community to participate.

**7. NEXT MEETING/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Election of Chair and Vice Chair (January)
- Review and Discuss FY25 Transportation Board Work Plan (January)
- ACT Para-Transit (January)
- Presentation and Adoption of Pedestrian Crossing Guide (February)
- Approval of the FY25 Transportation Work Plan (February)
- Diamond Drive Safety Study Implementation (April)
- Bathtub Row, Peach Nectar Reconstruction Project (April)
- Denver Steels Phase 2 Reconstruction Project (April)
- 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**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 P.M.

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