



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 5, 2026

5:30 PM

1000 Central Avenue - Council
Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Members in Attendance:

David Hampton, Chair
Nancy Talley, Vice Chair (via Zoom)
Paul Lisowski
Joshua Muck
Jason Chappell
Michael Altherr (via Zoom)
Karen Edwards

Members Absent: None

Council Liaison:

Councilor Suzie Havemann

Staff in Attendance:

Eric Martinez, Public Works Director
Keith Wilson, Deputy Public Works Director
Estrella Martinez, Management Analyst
Rachel Barela, Senior Office Specialist
Eric Ulibarri, County Engineer
Jennifer Morrow, Senior Engineer
AV Support

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Hampton proposed an amendment to the posted agenda to move Item 5, File 21245-26, "Election of Chair and Vice Chair 2026," to the March 5, 2026, Transportation Board meeting.

Board Member Karen Edwards moved to approve the agenda as amended, with a second from Board Member Joshua Muck. All Board Members were in favor, and the agenda was approved unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was made.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- [21235-26](#) Approval of Minutes from the Los Alamos Transportation Board Meeting on December 4, 2025
Minutes from the Los Alamos Transportation Board meeting on December 4, 2025 were approved unanimously.

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

- [21244-26](#) Presentation on NM 502 Safety Improvements
Jennifer Morrow, Senior Engineer, presented File 21244-26, a presentation on NM 502 Safety Improvements. Following the presentation, she responded to questions from the Board.
Member Altherr noted the lack of a cited data source for the statement that rumble strips increase accident rates by 45%, asked about the effect of rumble strips on snow removal, and commented that a significant issue in the area is the lack of enforcement related to speed and phone use while driving.
Ms. Morrow provided the data source from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) website. Public Works Director Eric Martinez addressed the concerns regarding snow removal and the perceived lack of enforcement related to speeding and phone use.
Director Martinez stated that the rumble strips are a Council-supported project. Chair Hampton asked if there had been discussions with NMDOT about installing a traffic circle (roundabout). Director Martinez stated that there had been discussions and that several concerns had been raised.
Member Altherr stated that he liked the concept of a roundabout and would support such a recommendation.

- [21236-26](#) Review and Approve Revised Attachment A
Chair Hampton informed the Board that he preselected “Communication and Engagement; Intergovernmental, Tribal, Regional Relations, and Partnerships; Infrastructure Asset Management; Downtown Revitalization; Tourism and Special Events; Mobility; Open Space, Parks, and Recreation” on Attachment A and requested Board Member feedback. No

changes were requested.

Member Karen Edwards moved to approve Attachment A as read into the record, and Member Paul Lisowski seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

21245-26 Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2026

As noted under Item 2, Chair Hampton moved this item to the March 5, 2026 Transportation Board meeting, and the amendment to the agenda was approved unanimously.

6. REPORTS & UPDATES

A. County Council Liaison Reports

Councilor Suzie Havermann introduced herself as the Transportation Board Liaison and stated she was there to support the Board's initiatives.

B. Chair's Report

Chair Hampton welcomed Councilor Havermann as the newly appointed Council Liaison to the Transportation Board and thanked the outgoing Board Members Talley and Altherr for their service on the Board. Chair Hampton reminded Board Members to complete and submit their annual disclosure statements at the conclusion of the meeting. All disclosures were received, except from Board Members participating via Zoom.

C. Board Member Reports

Member Altherr reported on signs within County rights-of-way and expressed interest in bringing a motion of support, via legislation or ordinance, to address the potential driving hazard. He also indicated that he would like to bring a motion to support the work of Community Development, Planning and Zoning. Chair Hampton stated he would speak with Public Works Director Eric Martinez about these items. Member Talley thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve on the Transportation Board and stated that she was not applying for another term at this time but may apply again in the future. She also thanked the Public Works Department for their diligence and professionalism.

D. Staff Report**21264-26** Public Works Staff Report

Public Works Director Eric Martinez began his report by welcoming Councilor Havermann to the Transportation Board and offering his support to her. He then thanked Members Talley and Altherr for their service on the Transportation Board.

Director Martinez reported that Public Works had been re-designated with the Bronze Bicycle Friendly Community Award. He reported that the Denver Steels project is underway, noted that the Hawk Signal was approved by Council on Tuesday, and stated that the Traffic and Streets crew has begun installing approximately 150 new signs. He reported that the Transit Saturday pilot program concluded successfully and that the Public Works team is now seeking a consultant to assist with launching a successful Saturday transit service to better define community needs. He also recognized Stephanie Nakhleh, who attended via Zoom, for her work related to Vision Zero, and announced that the application portal is open for Transportation Board vacant seats.

Member Edwards congratulated Public Works on the Bronze Bicycle Friendly Community Award and asked if there were similar programs for pedestrians the County could pursue. Member Altherr asked if a Bike to Work event would be held in the spring, inquired about fire egress planning and whether preparation had begun, and suggested that a community awareness effort might be appropriate. He also congratulated the Public Works team on the Bronze award recertification.

Director Martinez and Deputy Director Keith Wilson addressed all Board comments.

7. NEXT MEETING/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Hampton stated that the election of officers will take place at the next meeting and that there may be an update on Trinity Drive. In accordance with Member Altherr's earlier comments about potential driving hazards related to signs in County rights-of-way, the Chair noted that, at a minimum, an update could be provided by Councilor Havermann and Chair Hampton, with the possibility of a vote to encourage a process to address the issue.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

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Approved

David Hampton, Chair

Date