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County of Los Alamos

Minutes

Transportation Board

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

Thursday, May 2, 2024

5:30 PM

1000 Central Avenue, Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The May 2, 2024 Transportation Board Meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M.

David Hampton
Michael Altherr
Georgia Strickfaden
Karen Edwards
Joshua Muck

Council Liaison:
Melanee Hand

Staff in attendance:
Juan Rael, Public Works Director
Justin Gibson, Engineering Project Manager
Keith Wilson, Project Manager
Louise Romero, Sr. Management Analyst
James Barela, Transit Manager
Lucus Montoya, DPU
AV Support - Perry Rutherford

Consultant - Stantec
Barb Berastegui
Rhonda Bell

Members of the public in attendance:

In Person	Zoom
Jeff and Pat Casados	Lawrence Ticknor
Jennifer Heineman	Katrina
Cheryl Kuske	Cynthia Biddlecomb
Chris Judson	Alexandra
Lee Bauke	Jay Faught

Ann Cooke	Paul Dowden
Jef Bateman	Katie Bruell
Phil Gursky	RH
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Arellano	M. Jones

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Member Edwards seconded by Vice Chair Altherr that the May 2, 2024, meeting agenda be approved as presented; motion passed unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jennifer Heineman - 3417 Pueblo Drive; commented on the Classic Air helicopter noise as it flies over the neighborhood.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[18701-24](#) Approval of Minutes from the Los Alamos Transportation Board Meeting on April 4, 2024.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Altherr seconded by Member Muck that the April 4, 2024 meeting minutes be approved as presented; motion passed unanimously.

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

[18702-24](#) **Denver Steels Phase 2 Improvements Project**

Mr. Gibson presented the following regarding the Denver Steels Phase II Project:

The project consists of a full reconstruction including pavement replacement and ADA safety improvements of Western Area No. 2 Neighborhood Denver Steels Phase 2 - 36th Street/Ridgeway Drive/Questa Drive/Pueblo Drive.

The scope of work includes replacement of the existing asphalt surface and base course, targeted replacement of curb and gutter, valley gutters, sidewalk, drive pads, and ADA improvements. This project is a joint project with the Department of Public Utilities to include replacement of waterlines, fire hydrants, and improvements to the sewer system.

Public Comment Regarding the Project:

Pat Casados - concerned about the front yards in the neighborhood and the

possibility of damage to trees in the neighborhood.

Cheryl Kuske - asked when Phase III would be initiated.

Chris Judson - asked what is expected to happen with the water meters.

Jennifer Heineman - will the project include replacing old water meters?

Mr. Ticknor - will electrical/power lines be buried?

Lee Bauke - concerned about parking during the next phase.

18704-24

Initial Evaluation of Potential Transit Center Sites in Downtown Los Alamos and White Rock.

Mr. Wilson introduced the Stantec Consultant Team; Barb Berastegui, Project Manager and Rhonda Bell, Project Planner.

Los Alamos County in coordination with its Transit Partners (Atomic City Transit, New Mexico DOT Park & Ride, North Central Regional Transit District and Los Alamos National Lab) partnered with consulting firm Stantec to evaluate locations for a potential new transit center in Los Alamos and /or White Rock. The transit center(s) could provide connection between different bus lines and could include park and ride and new mixed-use development.

The goals of a new transit center would enhance transit services for commuters and residents, accommodate future transit expansion and promote economic development.

Main Transit Center Sites

- TA-3 LANL
- Mesa Public Library
- Deacon Street
- 20th Street
- Mari Mac

Auxiliary Transit Center Sites

- Pajarito Rd (LANL)
- Visitor Center
- Bonnie View
- Fire Station 3

Ms. Berastegui spoke about the community survey, site rankings, site comparison, key strengths and key weaknesses for each location and the

next steps.

The future study will focus on the impacts to travel times and people impacted, transfer requirements, routes (all providers), private sector interest and housing units, coordination with LANL (master plan), utilities, and the traffic impact analysis.

Public comment regarding the project
Joe Arellano prefers the location on Deacon Street.
Board members had a brief discussion regarding the project.

6. REPORTS & UPDATES

A. County Council Liaison Reports

- * Councilor Hand mentioned that Budget Hearings are complete.
- * Budget Options for Public Works were approved.
- * The FY25 Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) budget was approved.
- * She will continue to provide the NCRTD meeting agenda to the board ahead of the meeting.

B. Chair's Report

Chair Hampton introduced Joshua Muck as our newest member. The board is still looking for two new members.

Chair Hampton will respond to the email regarding Idaho Stops.

C. Board Member Reports

Member Altherr is pleased to see the projects in the construction phase are going very well, great work.

Member Strickfaden mentioned that the Lodger's Tax Advisory Board has absorbed the work of the tourism implementation task force.

Member Edwards has had good experiences riding the buses, would like to learn more about mid street crossings.

D. Staff Report

[18706-24](#)

Public Works Staff Report

Juan Rael Public Works Director provided the following update:

Idaho Stop, the county must follow the NM State Law.

Urban Trail is almost complete.

DP Road Project is slated to start construction on May 8, 2024.

Paving on Loma Linda is complete. Concrete works continues.

The FY25 budget has been approved.

Working to fill the Airport Manager position.

Bandelier recruitment continues, as transit works to fill limited term positions for shuttle service to the park.

7. NEXT MEETING/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Presentation and Adoption of Mid-Block Crossing Policy (June)
- 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 Transportation Board meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Approved

David Hampton

6/7/2024

David Hampton, Chair

Date