



# County of Los Alamos

## Minutes

### Transportation Board

*David North, Chair; Natalie Morgan, Vice Chair; Michael Dolejsi; Matthew Heavner; Catherine Erwin-Renfro; and Georgia Strickfaden, Members*

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Thursday, November 4, 2021

5:30 PM

Via Zoom Webinar

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

The November 4, 2021, Transportation Board Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Board Members Present:

David North  
Georgia Strickfaden  
Catherine Erwin-Renfro  
Natalie Morgan  
Matt Heavner  
Michael Dolejsi

Staff in attendance:

Jon Bulthuis, Acting Public Works Director  
Geoff Rodgers, Airport Manager  
Eric Martinez, County Engineer  
Juan Rael, Traffic & Streets Manager  
Louise Romero, Office Manager

Denise Derkacs, Council Liaison

Members of the public in attendance:

Katie Leonard

#### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Member Strickfaden, seconded by member Heavner that the November 4, 2021; meeting agenda be approved as presented; motion passed unanimously.

#### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[15093-21](#) Motion was made by Member Dolejsi, seconded by Member Strickfaden that the October 7, 2021; meeting minutes be approved as presented; motion passed unanimously.

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

[15094-21](#) **FAA - CIP Submittal & Safety Project Presentation - Geoff Rodgers, Airport Manager**

The purpose of this presentation was to: (1) Provide an overview of the Airport Master Plan; (2) describe the taxiway relocation priority project presented to the Transportation Board on November 7, 2019; and (3) answer any follow up on the questions raised by the Transportation Board and the inaccurate media coverage that followed.

The Presentation addressed the following:

- Los Alamos Airport Functions
- Airport Master Plan
- Taxiway Relocation Project
- Project Cost and Schedule
- Transportation Board Presentation Follow Up
- Comments/Questions

Board members discussed the following topics from Mr. Rodgers presentation: Will space be available and maintained for a rental car company? Will the trail on the north side of the Airport be maintained? Can bike storage or lockers be put on the "want" list? Mr. Rodgers answered yes to all the questions and explained that LANL is not a partner at this time. He also mentioned that he has seen more activity at the Airport the past few months with Classic Air Medical using the large hangar for the helicopter. He also explained if the Master Plan doesn't move forward, the Airport will stay as is. The goal is to become a self-sustaining business. The FAA requires that the County is committed to the project.

#### 6. REPORTS & UPDATES

**A. County Council Liaison Reports**

- Council approved the Master Plans for the downtown Los Alamos and White Rock and heard a presentation by the consultant on the first of three sections of the Development Code.
- Council approved the designation of the United Church Chapel as a historic building.
- Hill Top House has been condemned and the owner has agreed to take down the building by March 31st.
- Town Hall on Cannabis Retail Sales on Monday, November 8th.

**B. Chair's Report**

Chair North provided the following update:

- Canyon Rim Trail Underpass is open.
- NM502 striping soon.
- Jon Bulthuis is Acting Public Works Director.
- Boards & Commissions Luncheon can share any comments from board members in his report.

**C. Board Member Reports****Tourism Implementation Task Force**

Georgia Strickfaden - Tourism Implementation Task Force

- Task Force met on November 3rd
- Send any events to Lauren McDonald and she will include them in the calendar.
- Contract for the WR Visitor Center will be announced soon.
- Parks and Rec were awarded a grant that will improve access for equestrians, mountain bikers and hikers into Bayo Canyon trail system from the North Mesa stables trail.
- Wayfinding signs are still on hold.
- WAC Building - Public meeting on November 30th.

**LA RES Transportation Subcommittee Liaison Report**

Katie Leonard did not provide a report.

**D. Staff Report**[15095-21](#)

Jon Bulthuis, Acting Public Works Director provided the following update:

- Public Works Director recruitment is out.

- A letter was received after the Snow & Ice Control Plan by the owners of the stables asking for higher priority.
- On December 2nd Peter Maggiore will update the Transportation on the West Jemez Road/ NM4 project.

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

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 2, 2021

### **➤ FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- West Jemez Road/SR4 Update - December
- Sherwood Blvd. Roadway and Drainage Improvements
- Canyon Road - 39th Street to Central Avenue
- Cumbres del Norte - Subdivision
- 33rd/34th Streets & Arkansas Street
- PW Design & Construction Standards
- Revisit Bike and Pedestrian Plans
- Electric Bicycles
- Update on buffer zones

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Member Heavner, seconded by Chair North that the November 4, 2021, Transportation Board meeting be adjourned.  
The meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

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