



County of Los Alamos

Minutes

Transportation Board

1000 Central Avenue
Los Alamos, NM 87544

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

Thursday, May 4, 2023

5:30 PM

1000 Central Avenue, Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The May 4, 2023 Transportation Board Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Matt Heavner, Chair
Michael Dolejsi, Vice Chair
David North
Georgia Strickfaden
Michael Altherr

Board Members Absent:

None.

Staff in attendance:

Juan Rael, Public Works Director
Eric Ulibarri, County Engineer
Karen Henderson, Senior Engineer
Chris Sanchez, Project Manager
Annette Granillo, Transit Manager
James Barela, Transit Manager
James Malcom, Project Manager
Louise Romero, Sr. Mgmt. Analyst
AV Support - Mandie Burnworth and Perry Rutherford

Council Liaison:

Keith Lepsch

Members of the public in attendance:

Via Zoom
Kyle Wheeler
Marie M.
Todd Eastman
Ruth L.
Patricia R.
Verena
Dorn
Allen & Caryn
Carol
Susan Roach
Guy Estes

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Member Strickfaden seconded by Member Altherr that the May 4, 2023 meeting agenda be approved as presented; motion passed unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[17364-23](#)

Attachments: [A - DRAFT Meeting Minutes - April 6, 2023](#)

A motion was made by Member North and seconded by Member Altherr that the April 6, 2023 meeting minutes be approved as presented; motion passed unanimously.

5. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS (Action maybe taken on these items)**Rose Street Reconstruction Project**

[17365-23](#)

Attachments: [A - Presentation - Rose Street Reconstruction Project](#)

Presenter: Chris Sanchez

Mr. Sanchez provided a presentation that included the following topics:

The following items were discussed by the board and staff members:

- Roadway & drainage Improvements
- Project location - Rose Street, Spruce Street and 22nd Street
- Project Scope - Roadway (remove and replace asphalt, base, and subgrade. Rehabilitate existing storm drain inlets. Remove and replace concrete infrastructure.
- Project Scope - Utilities (main water line and gas line upgrades)
- Project Schedule & Budget - Start of construction Fall 2023
- Project Coordination
- Public Information & Involvement

Discussion

- Distribute public information for Circle Drive through the HOA mailing list.
- Access will be provided for emergency vehicles, refuse pickup, Betty Ehart Senior Center, Oppenheimer Place, mail delivery.
- Karen Henderson met with the Oppenheimer Board regarding the project, a sidewalk was discussed at the meeting, the Board determined that it is not what they want at this time.
- Detour signage will be placed on Central Avenue.
- Sidewalks will be 5ft. wide
- Pedestrian improvements were discussed.
- Storm drains will be installed to control water on the road. The curb will be designed to control the flow of the water.
- Spruce Street/Rose Street realignment. Chris will contact the owners of the properties regarding the project.
- Chris will ask the Circle Drive HOA if the chained entrance can be opened to provide access.
- Community outreach is very beneficial.

Autonomous Transit17366-23**Attachments:** [A - Presentation - Autonomous Transit](#)**Presenter: James Barela, Transit Manager**

Mr. Barela provided a presentation that included the following topics:

- History of Autonomous Vehicles
- Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) Automation Levels
- How do self-driving cars work?
- Areas of innovation
- Autonomous Vehicles in Public Transit, Today and in the Future
- Enhance Connectivity
- Improve Safety
- Drive Sustainability
- Advantages of Autonomous Vehicles
- Disadvantages of Autonomous Vehicles
- Current Pilot Projects
- What does this mean for Los Alamos?

Discussion

- Various companies are offering a 4-month pilot program.
- New Flyer in Connecticut is testing camera sensors for inclement weather.
- Los Alamos has challenging typography, would guard rails need to be

installed throughout the County.

- Infrastructure is very important. Striping of roads is crucial.
- Saturday bus service was discussed.
- Testing in San Francisco, CA.

A motion was made by Chair Heavner, seconded by Member North that the Transportation Board recommend that staff evaluate the possibility of a pilot program for autonomous vehicles in Los Alamos County; motion passed unanimously.

Annual Presentation to County Council

17367-23

Attachments: [A - Annual Presentation to County Council](#)

Presenter: Matt Heavner, Chair

Chair Heavner and board members discussed and finalized the presentation that Vice Chair Dolejsi will provide to Council on May 16, 2023.

6. REPORTS & UPDATES

A. County Council Liaison Reports

Councilor Keith Lepsch

- Autonomous vehicles - technology not there yet.
- Bicycle Working Group - expressed interest in participating.
- Discussed traffic signal lights at intersections.

B. Chair's Report

Chair Heavner mentioned the following:

- Accepted the Bike Month Proclamation on May 2nd
- Bike to Work Day is scheduled for May 17th
- Potholes on Barranca near the middle school
- Include page numbers on presentations.

C. Board Member Reports

Member Strickfaden - Tourism Implementation Task Force canceled last month's meeting.

Member Altherr - inquired about the traffic plan near the Hills development site.

Would like Deputy Chief to provide a summary of traffic accidents.

Member North - Bicycle Sub-committee

- The working group has conducted a few meetings. Hermann Geppert-Kleinrath is Chair, Sylvie Adam is Secretary and Eddie Schoute is coordinating the Google Group.
- Goal to have a rough outline is August 2023.

D. Staff Report

Public Works Staff Report - April 2023

[17368-23](#)

Attachments: [A - Public Works Staff Report - April 2023](#)

Juan Rael, Deputy Public Works Director provided the following update:

- Complete Disclosure Forms
- Update on 33rd/34th Street Project, going well.
- Road resurfacing project on Barranca from roundabout to Los Pueblos
- Transit Drive recognitions

7. NEXT MEETING/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Loma Linda Improvement Project (June 2023)
- Open Meetings Act Presentation (TBD)
- Finch Street Update (July 2023)
- Public Works Design & Construction Standards (TBD)
- Presentation by Los Alamos County Police Department (TBD)
- Revisit Bike and Pedestrian Plans (TBD)
- Update on buffer zones (TBD)

8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member Altherr, seconded by Member North, that the May 4, 2023, Transportation Board meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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