



# County of Los Alamos

## Minutes

### Transportation Board

1000 Central Avenue  
Los Alamos, NM 87544

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

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Thursday, December 2, 2021

5:30 PM

Due to COVID-19 concerns, the meeting  
will be conducted remotely:  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82693372791>

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

The December 2, 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  
Eric Martinez, County Engineer  
Anne Laurent, Deputy County Manager  
Juan Rael, Traffic & Streets Manager  
Louise Romero, Office Manager

Denise Derkacs, Council Liaison

##### Members of the public in attendance:

Peter Maggiore, NNSA  
Carol Brown, NNSA  
Michael Dole  
Neelam Dhawan  
Akkana Peck  
Maire O'Neil  
Katie Leonard, LA RES  
Vernon Smith  
Joni Arends

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion was made by Vice Chair Morgan seconded by Member Erwin-Renfro that the December 2, 2021; meeting agenda be approved as presented; motion passed unanimously.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

[15172-21](#)

Motion was made by Member North seconded by Member Dolejsi that the November 4, 2021; meeting minutes be approved as presented; motion passed unanimously.

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

[15174-21](#)

Carol Brown, National Nuclear Security Administration

The Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEPs) are derived from the January 22, 2016, Settlement Agreement between DOE, LANS, and New Mexico Environment Department (NMED).

Following the WIPP event DOE agreed to spend up to \$34.5M on 5 SEPs.

- Storm Water Engineering Structures (\$7.5M)
- Improvements to Transportation Routes used for Transportation of TRU waste to WIPP (\$12M)
- Water Line Improvement and Metering Upgrade (\$10M)
- Triennial Reviews (\$2.5M)
- Supplemental Sampling and Monitoring (\$2.5M)

These projects were jointly selected by NMED and DOE to benefit the Northern New Mexico Region. An additional investment of \$3.5 million by NNSA cleared the path for East Jemez/NM- 4 intersection upgrade to move forward. NA-LA is executing NM4/East Jemez Intersection via a Cooperative Agreement with NM Department of Transportation.

Start of construction for NM4/East Jemez Intersection anticipated to be Spring of

2022.

The project may extend over two construction seasons. Approximately 210 weather working days. National Park Service (NPS) anticipates constructing Tsankawi parking lot at the same time.

#### Coordination

- Project is funded by National Nuclear Security Administration
- New Mexico Department of Transportation will be managing the NM4/East Jemez Intersection project
- Coordination with the National Park Service parking lot at Tsankawi section of Bandelier National Monument

During construction, communication to the public will happen through a variety of venues.

- NMDOT NM Roads map
- Los Alamos news releases
- Los Alamos County Cone Zone
- Electronic Marquee signs around intersection

The following comments were made regarding the presentation:

- Bike safety and Share the Road Signs
- Tsakawi parking lot access
- LAC will continue to be part of the team
- Questions regarding flood plain and drainage issues
- Has the land been transferred from Santa Fe County?

#### 15202-21

Discussion And Possible Vote On Transportation Board Recommendation To Supply Matching Funds For Safety Improvements at Los Alamos Airport

A motion was made by Member Heavner seconded by Chair North, that the Transportation Board recommend that County Council supply the matching funds for the safety improvements at the airport.

Member Strickfaden and Jon Bulthuis added that the funds are part of the FY23 Federal Aviation Administration Grant and would include State funding.

A friendly amendment was made by Chair North to add "if practical" to the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

The Los Alamos County Transportation Board recommends to the County Council that, if practical, matching funds should be contributed to the safety improvements to the airport as outlined in the recent report submitted by Airport Manager Geoff Rodgers. We are advised the county's costs would soon be recovered, after which the airport may be expected to generate a modest profit instead of being an expense to the county. More important, it will better accommodate various safety roles including medical emergencies and fire, and better serve any needs of Los Alamos National Laboratory. It would also facilitate any development of commercial operations.

[15173-21](#)

Motion was made by Chair North seconded by Member Strickfaden that the meeting calendar for 2022 be approved as presented; motion passed unanimously.

## **6. REPORTS & UPDATES**

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

Councilor Derkacs provided the following update:

- Hearing December 7th regarding the Cannabis Retail Ordinance.

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

Chair North provided the following update:

- Spoke with Member Strickfaden regarding discussion on electric bicycles.
- He also spoke with Member Heavner regarding electrification of transportation.

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

- Member Strickfaden is concerned about electric bicycles on the trails behind her house. This item will be placed on a future agenda.
- Member Heavner mentioned he would like to discuss County vehicle electrification, school buses, and requesting the number of electric vehicles in the county from New Mexico MVD. Request an update from DPU on state of technology and public outreach. These are issues he would like to see as a future agenda item.

#### **• LA RES TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE LIAISON REPORT**

- Katie Leonard mentioned that the Transportation section of

the LA RES report will strongly recommend as many vehicles as possible be replaced by electric vehicles, charging infrastructure and cost will also be discussed.

- **TOURISM IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE REPORT**

- Member Strickfaden mentioned public meetings were held regarding the WAC Dorm, the consultant and staff are gathering public comment and ideas for use of the building and rerouting of the Urban Trail.

Comments can be emailed to [lacpw@lacnm.us](mailto:lacpw@lacnm.us)  
<<mailto:lacpw@lacnm.us>>.

**D. Staff Report**

- Looking to have the Regional Transit Plan presented next month.  
Once we have the draft report, we can send it out to board members.

[15175-21](#)

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

- Discuss the Electrification of Transportation - January 2022
- Regional Transit Plan - January 2022
- Sherwood Blvd. - Roadway and Drainage Improvements
- Canyon Road - 39th Street to Central Avenue
- Cumbres del Norte Subdivision
- 33rd/34th Streets and Arkansas Street
- PW Design & Construction Standards
- Revisit Bike and Pedestrian Plans
- Update on buffer zones


**8. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Member Heavner, seconded by Vice Chair Morgan that the December 2, 2021, Transportation Board meeting be adjourned.  
The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

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Approved

	1/7/2022
David North, Chair	Date