



County of Los Alamos

Minutes

Transportation Board

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

Thursday, September 2, 2021

5:30 PM

1000 Central Avenue, Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The September 2, 2021, Transportation Board Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom Webinar.

Board Members Present:

David North

Georgia Strickfaden

Catherine Erwin-Renfro

Natalie Morgan

Matt Heavner

Staff in attendance:

Anne Laurent, Public Works Director

Jon Bulthuis, Deputy 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:

Neal Pickett

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Member Strickfaden seconded by Chair North that the September 2, 2021; meeting agenda be approved as presented; motion passed unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Neal Pickett, Orange Street, spoke, regarding a petition for the removal of a streetlamp.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES14659-21

Motion was made by Member Erwin-Renfro seconded by Vice Chair Morgan that the July 1, 2021; meeting minutes be approved as presented; motion passed unanimously.

5. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS14679-21

Presentation from the Los Alamos Resiliency Energy and Sustainability Task Force

Presenter - Katie Leonard, Chair

Transportation Subcommittee

Recommendation Overview

- Recommendation 1 - Increase Public Transportation Ridership
- Recommendation 2 - Improve Bicycle and Walking Infrastructure to Promote Safe and Convenient Carbon-Free Transportation
- Recommendation 3 - Increase Publicly Accessible Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure
- Recommendation 4 - Increase the Number of Electric Vehicles
- Recommendation 5 - Implement Shaded Parking and County Wide No Idling Policy
- Recommendation 6 - Launch Municipal Bike Share Program
- Recommendation 7 - Encourage Private Electric Vehicle Purchase and Charging
- Recommendation 8 - increased Number of Crosswalks (Some with Lighting)
- Recommendation 9 - Convert Municipal Small Engines, such as lawn and garden equipment to be Fossil Fuel-Free
- Recommendation 10 - Invest in Consistent, Ongoing Community Outreach and Education

Interim report was presented to County Council on Tuesday, August 24, 2021.

Board members discussed the following topics from Ms. Leonard's presentation: electric vehicles, company that would facilitate a bike share program, less residents taking public transportation due to the pandemic, zip car share program, Blue Bus and Park & Ride Services, incentivizing anti-donation clause.

The presentation was included in the agenda packet and can be viewed by clicking the following link: http://losalamos.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=2&clip_id=2553

14690-21 Public Outreach to Maintain Road Margins

Presenter - David North, Chair

Board members and staff discussed road margins/buffers, easements, county owned property, limited use of herbicides, site triangles, right-a-way maintenance, and code compliance (Chapter 18).

6. REPORTS & UPDATES**A. County Council Liaison Reports**

Councilor Derkacs provided the following update relevant to this board:

Council approved the Regional Transit Plan in August.

Presentation from the Los Alamos Resiliency Energy and Sustainability Task Force.

On a personal note, bought an electric car and lawn mower and installed a 220 outlet in garage.

B. Chair's Report

Chair North asked about the five-year CIP for the Airport. Mr. Jon Bulthuis mentioned that they are in discussions with the FAA to finalize the program and it will be on as a future agenda item.

Chair North asked if the Canyon Rim Trail Underpass would be finished by Halloween. Mr. Eric Martinez mentioned that the final completion date would be in November.

Chair North asked about the NM502 roadwork. Eric mentioned that the County is in discussion with NMDOT to coordinate the roadwork. Mentioned the items on the Kudos page of the staff report.

C. Board Member Reports

Tourism Implementation Task Force Report

Member Strickfaden provided the following update:

Kwage Mesa Trail is open and was dedicated.

Task Force met the new Economic Development Director.

Working groups are working on community profile for planners of events in Los Alamos.

An architectural firm has been hired to work with the community on

the different ways the WAC Building could be utilized. Public meetings will be held.

The White Rock Visitor Center will be undergoing some redesign with expanded vision.

Downtown Plan and Deacon Street planning.

Thank you to Traffic & Streets for the signs that were installed at the stables.

Chair North reported that he has received a couple of comments regarding the guard rail at West Road. The guard rail is right next to the road, and it eliminates parking. Can someone with the County address the issue with folks at DOE. Mr. Eric Martinez mentioned that he can relay the message to his contact at DOE.

Ms. Anne Laurent mentioned that the parking was eliminated because it was a safety issue.

D. Staff Report

Ms. Anne Laurent asked Mr. Martinez to share the good news regarding a grant the County received for Canyon Road in the amount of \$2.41 million with a 5% match. Design this year and construction spring of next year.

Staff is working on an application for funding from the Federal Highway Administration and NMDOT Programs. Grant request in the amount of \$2.75 million dollars for study, design, and construction of crossing improvements on NM4 near the Mirador sub-division. Application deadline is in October.

The application was submitted for the bicycle friendly community status.

Mr. Jon Bulthuis mentioned the Airport received an FAA Grant for the Runway Rehabilitation Project. The contract was awarded to Maxwell Inc.

7. NEXT MEETING/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

• **REMINDERS**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 7, 2021

• **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- LED Light Presentation - October 2021
- Urban Trail Phase I and II - October 2021
- West Jemez Road/SR4 Update
- PW Design & Construction Standards
- Revisit Bike and Pedestrian Plans
- Electric Bicycles
- Airport - CIP
- Update on buffer zones

8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member Heavner, seconded by Member Erwin-Renfro that the September 2, 2021, Transportation Board meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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Approved

David North

10/14/2021

David North, Chair

Date