



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

Thursday, January 6, 2022

5:30 PM

Via Zoom Webinar

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The January 6, 2022, Transportation Board Meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m.

Board Members Present:

David North

Georgia Strickfaden

Catherine Erwin-Renfro

Natalie Morgan

Matt Heavner:

Michael Dolejsi

Staff in attendance:

Juan Rael, Public Works Director

Jon Bulthuis, Deputy Public Works Director

Eric Martinez, County Engineer

Keith Wilson, Project Manager

Geoff Rodgers, Airport Manager

Louise Romero, Office Manager

IM Support

Pete Mondragon, Fleet Manager

Denise Derkacs, Council Liaison

Members of the public in attendance:

Nancy Cerutti, 56 Navajo

Bryce Gibson, NCRTD

Brie Becker, Nelson/Nygaard

Anthony Mortillaro, NDRTD

Tamara Baer, LANL

Grant Stewart, LANL

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Chair North seconded by Member Strickfaden that the January 6, 2022 meeting agenda be approved as presented; motion passed unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Nancy Cerutti, 533 Page Loop had a question regarding the East Jemez NM4 intersection and onward to Santa Fe and if it will be improved in Spring 2022. This road is heavily used daily by many LANL employees as well as White Rock residents going to Los Alamos and Santa Fe. Additionally, it is very dangerous for bicyclists who also use this segment.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[15264-21](#) **Attachments:** [A - DRAFT - December 2, 2021 Transportation Board Meeting Minutes](#)

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

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

[15265-21](#) Election of Council Chair and Vice Chair for 2022

Member Strickfaden nominated Member North for the Transportation Board Chair position.
Approved 5-0, Member North abstained from vote.

Member North nominated Member Heavner for the Transportation Board Vice Chair position.
Approved 5-0, Member Heavner abstained from vote.

[15266-21](#) **Attachments:** [A - Presentation](#)

Presenter - Brie Becker with Nelson/Nygaard

The Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) is one of the largest employers in Northern New Mexico. While the Laboratory plans on expanding, there is limited

capacity to build housing within Los Alamos County, which will result in employees living farther away from work. Currently 60% of employees commute from outside of Los Alamos County. The LANL Transit Service Options Analysis is designed to identify changes to existing services and identify new services and programs to increase the number of employees who use alternatives to driving alone to commute to the Laboratory. This document highlights potential changes to existing services and new services and programs that could increase the use of alternative modes of transportation by LANL employees. These projects target all aspects of mobility, including getting to LANL and around LANL. Costing, potential funding, and environmental benefits are also explored. Any one of these projects on their own could lead to less employees driving alone to the Laboratory. However, most of these projects interact in a way that make other options more attractive. If a bus route comes more often, that can make the service more appealing. However, if a bus route comes more often, is subsidized by the employer, connects into shuttles, bikes, and car-share, and there is a guaranteed way to get home due to an unexpected event, taking the bus can compete with driving alone in many ways. Giving employees multiple options for traveling to work allows them flexibility and freedom. Each of these projects is meant to enhance the experience and practicality of taking an alternative mode of transportation to the Laboratory and around the site. For those who continue to drive alone, these projects can improve their commute as well, by decreasing congestion and demands on current parking. Transforming mobility at LANL can have a myriad of positive effects for current employees and the region, as well as attract and maintain new talent as the Laboratory grows.

The presentation included the following topics:

- Purpose of the Study
- Project Outcome
- Existing Conditions
- Understanding the Study Area
- Limited Road Network
- Market Analysis
- Assessing Destination
- Issues & Opportunities
- Project Types
- Evaluation Process
- Transit Centers and On-Site Shuttles
- Atomic City Transit
- Bike Share on LANL Property
- NMDOT Park and Ride
- NCRTD
- LANL Private Shuttles
- Park and Ride Lot Capacity
- Incentives and Programs
- Possible Funding

Board members discussed the following topics from Ms. Becker's presentation: exciting partnership, incentives (financial, transit passes etc.), more efficient services for LANL employees, market analysis, revising the ACT Plan, getting stakeholders together.

15299-21**Attachments:** [A - DRAFT - FY23 Workplan Template](#)

The following projects will be added:

Section 1.0 - A and B

- Public Meeting regarding the Urban Trail
- North Mesa Project
- Accomplishment - went from one member to six
- Constraints - learn more about the Transportation Board and the role they play to communicate to Council. The board is the eyes and ears of the community.

Section 2.3

- Electrification of vehicles.

Section 3.0

- Collaborate with Los Alamos Resiliency Energy and Sustainability Task Force regarding the transportation component of the final report.

15268-21

Discuss the Electrification of Transportation

The following were discussed by all Board Members:

- 1) Request from MVD # of electric vehicles registrations vs last few years
- 2) County use of electric vehicles
 - school buses? ACT?
 - other county vehicles?
 - any coordination with lab on fleet use (especially for storage purposes)?
- 3) use of electric vehicles for integrated storage - "at scale" (by county) or for individual residences
 - status of vehicle-to-grid (V2G) or vehicle-to-home (V2H) and potential in county over next few years?
- 4) public outreach and engagement (through/with PEEC?) regarding electric

vehicles issues

5) e-bike usage (especially in bike-lanes, trails, residential areas) (This was the topic that Georgia raised)

6. REPORTS & UPDATES

A. County Council Liaison Reports

Councilor Derkacs provided the following report:

- Council elected Randall Ryti as Chair and Denise Derkacs as Vice Chair.
- Council listened to a presentation and public comment on the Golf Course Improvements Project and provided staff with guidance for a path forward.
- Strategic Priorities will be discussed at the next Council meeting. James Robinson resigned so there is a vacancy on Council.

B. Chair Report

Chair North did not have a report.

C. Board Member Reports

Member Dolejsi said he appreciated the hard work with the snow removal efforts.

- **LA RES TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE LIAISON REPORT**
Katie Leonard was absent.
- **TOURISM IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE REPORT**
Member Strickfaden said the task force did not conduct a meeting.

D. Staff Report

[15267-21](#)

Attachments: [A - Public Works Report - December 2021](#)

Jon Bulthuis provided the following report:

CSD will conduct a public input meeting on January 12th regarding the Pueblo Canyon Trail.

15336-21 Jon Bulthuis announced Juan Rael as the newly appointed Public Works Department Director

15309-21 **Attachments:** [A - Bicycle Friendly Community Designation Letter and Certificate](#)

Eric Martinez and Keith Wilson provided a report on the Bicycle Friendly Community Designation Letter and Certificate.

7. NEXT MEETING/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS


- Sherwood Blvd. - Roadway and Drainage Improvements - February 2022
- Cumbres del Norte Subdivision - February 2022
- Canyon Road - 39th Street to Central Avenue
- 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 Strickfaden, seconded by Vice Chair Heavner that the January 5, 2022, Transportation Board meeting be adjourned.
The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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David North, Chair

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