# County of Los Alamos Minutes

1000 Central Avenue Los Alamos, NM 87544

### **Transportation Board**

David Hampton, Chair; Nancy Talley, Vice Chair; Michael Altherr; Jason Chappel; Karen Edwards; Paul Lisowski; and Joshua Muck, Members

Thursday, August 7, 2025

5:30 PM

1000 Central Avenue - Council Chambers

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

August 7, 2025 Transportation Board Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Members in attendance

**David Hampton** 

Michael Altherr

Joshua Muck

Paul Lisowski

Members absent

Nancy Talley

Karen Edwards

Jason Chappel

Council Liaison:

Melanee Hand

Staff in attendance:

Eric Martinez, Public Works Director

Eric Ulibarri, County Engineer

Louise Romero, Sr. Management Analyst - virtual

Rachel Barela, Sr. Office Specialist

AV Support - Zachary Parliman

Members of the public in attendance:

Angelica Bryant - virtual

Hermann Geppert-Kleinrath

**David North** 

Akkana Peck - virtual

Vanessa Holguin - virtual

Noah Burke, Wilson & Company

Wendy Swanson

Rachel Cazier

#### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The meeting agenda was approved as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

#### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

20428-25 Approval of Minutes from the Los Alamos Transportation Board Meeting on June 5, 2025

The June 5, 2025, meeting minutes were approved as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

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

20429-25 Bicycle Working Group Presentation

Presenter: Hermann Geppert -Kleinrath

To create cycling infrastructure that is safe and accessible for riders of all ages and abilities, it's essential to focus on intuitive design. Infrastructure should be easy to navigate, which minimizes the need for extensive education on proper use. The more intuitive the design is, the safer it becomes for everyone involved. Following the recommendations from the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NATCO) is crucial, especially regarding the separation of bicycles from motor vehicles, as this greatly enhances safety and encourages more people to cycle.

Additionally, implementing designs outlined in NATCO resources such as the Urban Bikeway Design Guide, Don't Give Up at the Intersection, and Design for All Ages and Abilities will provide a solid foundation for effective cycling infrastructure. At pedestrian crossings, it's beneficial to install separate bicycle traffic lights or signage that allows cyclists to utilize pedestrian intervals, promoting safer interactions at intersections. Controlling vehicle speed is also vital; physical measures like speed bumps or chicanes can encourage drivers to adhere to safe speeds, thereby creating a safer environment for cyclists and pedestrians alike.

Education plays a key role, so launching comprehensive campaigns

targeting all road users' cyclists, pedestrians, and drivers alike is essential. Materials should be clear, accessible, and suitable for all ages.

#### 20431-25 Adoption/Approval of Los Alamos County Pedestrian Master Plan

Presenter: Eric Ulibarri, County Engineer

The Los Alamos County Pedestrian Master Plan Update demonstrates the County's dedication to creating a safe, accessible, and thriving pedestrian environment.

This plan prioritizes critical areas within Los Alamos Townsite and White Rock Town Center, integrating principles from Vision Zero and the Federal Safe Systems

Approach. The strategic recommendations aim to enhance safety, connectivity, equity, and vibrancy, fostering walkability and improving the quality of life for all residents.

A motion was made by Chair Hampton and seconded by Member Altherr that the Transportation Board recommend the 2025 Los Alamos County Pedestrian Master Plan as presented for Council adoption. The motion is approved by a 3-1 vote, with Member Altherr voting in opposition.

#### 6. REPORTS & UPDATES

#### A. County Council Liaison Report

Councilor Hand recently shared some exciting updates that can positively impact our community! Firstly, the ACT Saturday Pilot Service is set to enhance public transportation options on weekends, making it easier for everyone to get around. She also attended the NCRTD Board meeting, where she engaged in important discussions aimed at improving regional transit. In addition, the recruitment of a new Director at NCRTD is ongoing. We're thrilled to announce the installation of ADA-compliant bus stops in Alcalde and Velarde, promoting accessibility for all community members. Lastly, the recent Public Hearings for NMDOT Grants provided a valuable platform for community input regarding transportation funding.

#### B. Chair's Report

Chair Hampton did not have a report.

#### C. Board Member Reports

Member Altherr attended the Airport Open House.

#### D. Staff Report

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**Public Works Staff Report** 

Public Works Director Eric Martinez presented the July staff report.

- The DP Road project is complete.
- Denver Steels Project two bids are under review.
- Bathtub Row Project is ongoing with utility work on 15th Street
- Road Safety Audit in collaboration with LANL regarding NM502 and Camino Entrada
- Preparing for projects to go out for bid in the Fall Canyon Rim Trail,
   Finch Street, Trinity Drive and Longview Drive.

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

Bicycle Working Group Discussion

E-Bike Controls

Robert's Rules of Order Training (TBD)

Code of Conduct (TBD)

Revisit Bike Plan (TBD)

Presentation by Eric Peterson (TBD)

#### 8. ADJOURNMENT

The Transportation Board meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

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