



County of Los Alamos

Minutes

Transportation Board

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

Thursday, October 2, 2025

5:30 PM

1000 Central Avenue, Council
Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Members in attendance:

David Hampton
Paul Lisowski
Nancy Talley
Jason Chappel
Michael Altherr

Members absent:

Karen Edwards
Joshua Muck

Council Liaison:

Melanee Hand- Absent

Staff in attendance:

Eric Martinez, Public Works Director
Keith Wilson, Deputy Public Works Director
Tim Walker-Foster, Traffic & Streets Manager
Rachel Barela, Sr. Office Specialist
AV Support - Perry Rutherford

Members of the public in attendance:

None

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 20719-25 Approval of Minutes from the Los Alamos Transportation Board Meeting on September 4, 2025
- September 4, 2025, meeting minutes were approved as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

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

- 20720-25 Presentation and Possible Approval of the FY26 Snow & Ice Control Plan

Presenter: Tim Walker-Foster, Traffic & Streets Manager

Keith Wilson introduced Tim Walker-Foster, the new Traffic & Streets Manager, who has over 25 years of civil engineering experience, including 15 years of snow removal at LANL.

Prioritizes public safety, mobility, support for emergency response, cost-effectiveness, and environmental responsibility.

Key operational goals include an initial snow response within 24 hours after an event, with priority given to arterials, school routes, transit corridors, and emergency service access.

Maintains approximately 20 staff per shift during major storms, supported by additional county divisions and contractors. The county operates 47 pieces of snow equipment, ranging from large plows to ATVs, and recently added 'Snow Rhino' vehicles for tight areas and parking lots.

Communications during events are handled through the county website, social media, and local broadcast outlets. Sand and salt barrels are placed at strategic intersections.

Residents are expected to clear sidewalks within 24 hours, avoid pushing snow into streets, and use off-street parking to aid plow access.

Training is conducted prior to winter, including safety refreshers and operator certification. Staff attend APWA snow and ice management conferences to stay updated on best practices.

Current de-icing uses magnesium chloride, with trials planned for beet juice and salt brine pretreatments.

A motion was made by Nancy Talley, seconded by Member Altherr that the Snow and Ice Control Plan be approved as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

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

Councilor Hand was not in attendance.

B. Chair's Report

Chair Hampton did not have a report.

C. Board Member Reports

Magnesium chloride remains the standard treatment, but members supported alternatives for improved performance and reduced corrosion.

DP Road Priority: Board members recommended raising the plowing priority due to new residential and commercial developments. Staff agreed to review and possibly adjust the plan.

Airport Access: Members emphasized ensuring helicopter ambulance and fueling access during heavy snow. Staff will coordinate directly with airport management.

Public Behavior and Enforcement: Concerns were raised about vehicles without proper tires blocking plows. Suggestions included documenting incidents and involving law enforcement or council to discourage obstruction.

Community Education: The board supported adding winter driving safety information to the public communications plan and county website.

Public Works Staff Report

D. Staff Report Public Works Director Eric Martinez presented the September staff report.**20721-25**

Clean-Up Day (September 20) was successful overall; suggestions made for improved volunteer safety gear and clearer event messaging next year.

Airport Projects: Construction on the new 8-unit T-Hangar to begin shortly; design work underway for Taxiway F relocation using federal funding.

EV Infrastructure: At least six new dual-port chargers installed at the Municipal Building; older stations need maintenance, vendor support secured. Street Maintenance: Projects on Bathtub Row and Nectar are complete. Pavement preservation continues in North Community and San Ildefonso, shifting next to North Mesa.

Traffic and Streets Crews: Currently focused on vegetation trimming, crosswalk restriping, and snow-preparation activities.

Transit: Saturday pilot service maintains steady ridership, though staffing limits expansion. Bandelier shuttle operations have been suspended by the National Park Service.

7. NEXT MEETING/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Update on Trinity Drive barrier/traffic safety options.
- Review and approval of the 2026 Work Plan
- Request for EV fleet metrics comparing fuel use and electricity as the county's electric vehicle fleet expands
- Piñon Trail with update of NM4 HAWK and NMDOT Signal and Lighting Agreement.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Transportation Board meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.