



# **MPO POLICY COMMITTEE** **MEETING AGENDA**

**September 21, 2023**  
**10:30 a.m.**

**San Juan County  
Commission Chamber  
100 S. Oliver Street  
Aztec, New Mexico**

**AGENDA**  
**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**  
**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**September 21, 2023 10:30 AM**

This meeting will be held at the San Juan County Commission Chambers, 100 S. Oliver St., Aztec, NM with virtual participation provided via a GoToMeeting link provided below.

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>PAGE</b>
1. <b>Call to Order:</b> Call meeting to order, take attendance	
2. <b>Minutes:</b> Approve the minutes from the August 24, 2023 Policy Committee Meeting.	
3. <b>Reports from NMDOT</b> a. Update from the Planning Bureau ( <i>Shannon Glendenning</i> ) b. Update from District 5 ( <i>Paul Brasher</i> )	
4. <b>Information Items</b> a. Financial Update b. Bicycle/ Pedestrian Plan Update Presented by: FMPO Staff	
5. <b>Business from Chairman, Members, and Staff</b>	
6. <b>Public Comment on Any Issues Not on the Agenda</b>	
7. <b>Adjournment</b>	

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FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
Agenda Item #4

<b>Subject:</b>	Information Items
<b>Prepared by:</b>	MPO Staff
<b>Date:</b>	September 21, 2023

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

- a. Financial Update
- b. Bicycle/ Pedestrian Plan Update

**The minutes from the**

**August 24, 2023**

**Policy Committee meeting**

**are on the following pages.**

**MINUTES**  
**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**  
**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**August 24, 2023**

Policy Members Present: Sean Sharer, City of Farmington  
Julie Baird, City of Farmington  
Glojean Todacheene, San Juan County  
Paul Brasher, NMDOT, District 5  
Scott Eckstein, City of Bloomfield  
Ken George, City of Aztec

Policy Members Absent: Javier Martinez, NMDOT, District 5, Alt.  
Mark Duncan, Town of Kirtland  
John Beckstead, San Juan County  
Jeanine Bingham-Kelly, City of Farmington

Staff Present: Peter Koeppel, MPO Officer  
Olivia Groeber, MPO Associate Planner

Staff Absent: None

Others Present: Neala Krueger, NMDOT Planning

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Sean Sharer called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

**2. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE April 27, 2023 POLICY COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

MOTION – Glojean Todacheene

SECOND – Scott Eckstein

Glojean Todacheene moved to approve the minutes from the June 22, 2023 Policy Committee meeting. Scott Eckstein seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition.

**3. MPO BOUNDARY AND URBAN AREA UPDATE**

Review and consider approval of revised MPO and Urbanized Area Boundaries.

Funding source require match and they are based in population percentages. There are a few match percentage changes, slight changes, Aztec save 1% and San Juan County increase by 1%

(-\$550.00 so not a significant amount). If not ok-ed by administrators will need to re-do the Joint Powers Agreement.

Recommend approval of UAs and MPO Boundaries, TC has recommended approval to the PC. Example for each entities is provided if requested, total match values is around \$55k years for all entities.

Still looking to negotiate with tribal governments after boundaries are sent in Sept.

Eligible and allowed to expand to the entire MSA, the county of San Juan County.

Will it encroach on RTPO/ COG? Will need to consult with NMDOT.

Motion to adopt the MPO Boundary and Urban area Update: Ken George

Seconded by Julie Bared.

MPO Boundary and Urban area updates were adopted with no opposition.

#### **4. COMMITTEE BYLAWS AND OPERATING PROCEDURES UPDATE**

a. Review the proposed updated FMPO Committee Bylaws and Operating Procedures

b. Hold a public hearing on the proposed updated Bylaws and Operating Procedures

c. Consider adoption of proposed updated Committee Bylaws and Operating Procedures

Reviewed and renewed every 3 years. Two main changes for the update. Via video/ phone call participation, following Open Meetings Act. Change location of meeting location once federal fiscal year.

TC and staff have recommended approval.

Sean Sharer: 2c. question: Secretary? Peter Koepfel, does not need to be a voting member.

Ken George: Difficulty getting into MPO Office. Figure out better access policy.

Public hearing was opened and closed with no comment.

Motion to adopt the Committee Bylaws and Operating Procedures Update was made by

Glojean Todacheene motion was seconded by Scott Eckstein

None opposed motion passed with no opposition.

#### **5. REPORTS FROM NMDOT**

##### **Planning Bureau – Krueger**

Hired two new planning liaisons - August 21<sup>st</sup>. Fully staffed at planning dept.

##### **District 5 – Paul Brasher**

Repavement starting on NM 170, launching contractors on US64 start Monday, runs 4 miles or so and move to Hwy 516 from Browning to 20<sup>th</sup> (high interest) and English to Lyle until money runs out. On 550 have full reclamation project, detours finish May 2024. Finished northbound lane and will work on south bound direction. Will have open lanes in two directions in the winter and will return when weather is better. Building a retaining wall on the north bound direction. By casino has turning lanes to be completed in next few weeks. On NM 173 completed project (1.8 miles). NM state transportation commission approved the list of secretary approvals on projects - within MPO area commission approved Bloomfield project, San Juan County 340.

**DISCUSSION:**

Glojean Todacheene: Shiprock near the hogback rock, worried with the heavy rain, sliding of large stones on highway. What is being done to deal with that issue? Stone barrier missing glare panels.

Brasher: Study of rock fall mitigation needs launched. With negation with contractor for design and remediation of that. No funding yet, but will have a design. Aware of the rock prone areas and has patrols that watch that road throughout the district. A Aware of replacement of glare panels, on the to-do list soon.

Ken George: Thanks for work on Hwy 173 road work to MPO and NMDOT. Look forward to the continued work all the way to the dam.

Peter Koepfel: Work on NM 516 will have work done? This year, yes, after 64 East of Bloomfield. Hopefully late September before they get to 516, this fall before winter sets in.

Glojean Todacheene: Route south to Toachee: road like a roller coaster. Plan to fix this road in future? Full depth reclamation, failure at depth (~30 ft??) could be major reconstruction. May need repaving or add asphalt. Sag points example about 4ft asphalt and needs reconstruction. Aware of and without major reconstruction will keep dips filled in. Source point is likely water damage - 371 is in same category as those going to Gallup.

Glojean Todacheene: bridge near Gillowater, hit hard when crossing, impact on vehicle. Not sure about bridge or if under jurisdiction. Likely settling of bridge and will need to replace approaches and re-elevate it. Nothing wrong with bridge but likely need to fix the approaches. Same subsurface consolidation that will need attention.

**6. INFORMATION ITEMS**

<b>Subject:</b>	Information Items
<b>Prepared by:</b>	MPO Staff

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

- a. Updated 2023 Schedule (as attachment to the agenda)
- b. Bicycle/ Pedestrian Plan Update - sharing of the draft story map that was created by Toole Design. Final version of the plan will be available by the end of the year.

**DISCUSSION:**

Ken George: Rail trail? Yes, looking at trails and parallel routes in this plan as well.

Glojean Todacheene: Traffic stress describes drivers as well. Yes, clever way to describe how bicyclists and pedestrians are stressed by traffic.

There was no further discussion.

**7. BUSINESS FROM THE CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS AND STAFF**

Glojean Todacheene: Filing for school board commissions. Deadline is Tuesday at 5pm.

There was no additional business from the Chairman, Members and Staff.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ISSUES NOT ON THE AGENDA**

There was no public comment on any issues not on the agenda

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION – Ken George  
SECOND – Glojean Todacheene  
TIME – 11:14 am

Ken George moved to adjourn the meeting. Glojean Todacheene seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition. Sean Sharer adjourned the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

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Sean Sharer, Policy Committee Chair

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