

**MINUTES**  
**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**  
**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 12, 2022**

Technical Members Present: Javier Martinez, NMDOT District 5  
Andrew Montoya, Red Apple Transit  
Nick Porell, San Juan County  
Lisa Hale-BlueEyes, San Juan County  
Steven Saavedra, City of Aztec  
Prudence Brady, City of Bloomfield  
Virginia King, City of Farmington

Technical Members Absent: Beth Escobar, City of Farmington  
Dan Flack, Town of Kirtland  
Jason Thomas, City of Bloomfield

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

Staff Absent: None

Others Present: Shannon Glendenning, NMDOT  
Amy Bell, Groundwork Studio

Others Absent: Rosa Kozub, Planning Liaison, NMDOT

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Nick called the meeting to order at 10:02.

**2. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2022 TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

MOTION - Steven Saavedra  
SECOND - Lisa Hale-BlueEyes

Steven Saavedra moved to approve the minutes from the September 14, 2022 Technical Committee meeting. Lisa Hale-BlueEyes seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes passed unopposed.

**3. Update of Bicycle Plan by Groundworks studio - Amy Bell**

Public outreach, website set up <http://bit.ly/fmpobikeped>  
Survey is at the top to give feedback. Followed by main info, why, timeline, and ways to get involved etc.

Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> Groundwork Studio will host an in-person community event Terrace Room at Farmington Community Civic Center.

Amy briefly reviewed the contents of the website: resources (previous plan, maps), email list, components in the plan to describe what things are, comfort level, side path, buffer bike lanes, etc.

All was content of the website.

Survey is on survey monkey but will also be printed out when the event occurs in person for those not wanting to take the survey online.

Amy walked through the survey to explain what is in it for biking and walking, barriers, comfort levels, questions on e-bikes, demographics.

Went to the interactive map (created on Social Templates). People can add comments and we can interact with those. Works well on phones (when commenting they ask to give a name and email to add to email list, or to add photo). Map has entire MPO area.

Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> Groundwork Studio also plans on meeting with focused groups - a few examples being San Juan College, Aztec Adventures, and they are open to suggestions for others in the MPO area like Bloomfield etc.

Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> Handing out surveys at the Farmington Library (a polling place because it is election day). Rules around that because it is an election day - certain distance away and can only talk to people after they've voted, etc. they will make sure they are within the guidelines.

Flyer review and discussion on social media post to make people aware of those events in November/ locations.

Nick Porell asked if the website is live. Amy confirmed that it indeed was.

Steve talked about a national night out event in Aztec - discussion about trails outside boundary by Nick and he mentioned the recreation team Jim Glover, or the county clerk.

Nonprofit called FAST, it can be found on Facebook (Nick mentioned) potential local support there.

Steven Saavedra mentioned the river trails. Wondering if anybody associated with that as the rivers are privately owned? A non-profit.

Peter Koeppel confirmed he has written letters to the foundation for support.

What about BLM? Their contact would be advantageous?

Nick Porell thought that yes perhaps that would be useful, but appeared unsure.

Nick Porell mentioned they did internal commenting on an internal web-based system or an offshoot as to protect those in the committee.

Amy Bell mentioned that after the Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> meeting there would be a more internal meeting with everyone then work with other groups later.

Peter Koeppel said it would be considered a workshop.

## **6. STATUS OF ENTITY PROJECTS**

### **FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION Agenda Item #6**

<b>Subject:</b>	Status of Entity Projects
<b>Prepared by:</b>	MPO Staff & Technical Committee Members
<b>Date:</b>	October 12, 2022

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**BACKGROUND**

- The STIP Protocols, finalized in early 2014, require that each MPO shall develop a process to monitor the progress and status of each project in the first two years of the TIP. These monthly reviews help correct inconsistencies in the TIP, STIP, the MPO's MTP, Agreement Request Forms (ARFs), etc. and provide for discussion among the members and NMDOT representatives.
- Listed below are current entity projects some of which are part of the FFY2022-2027 TIP.
- The Policy Committee approved the new FFY2022-2027 TIP on May 27, 2021, which became effective on October 1, 2021.

**ATTACHMENT**

- The Status Report Table of project updates received from Technical Committee members. Subsequent project updates will be presented by members during the committee meeting.

**INFORMATION ITEM**

- This is an information item only. Committee members will have an opportunity to provide any needed feedback/updates/details regarding the status of current projects.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Aztec - Steven Saavedra**

F100091	East Aztec Arterial Phase III
F100410	McWilliams Rd.

Utility service sent to NMDOT design is complete and 90% is complete. The current estimate is \$781k and hopefully up to bid in Nov. or spring next year

**Bloomfield - Prudence**

F100300	East Blanco Bridge
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Jason Thomas Relocated to FL with his family Prudence from City of Bloomfield was introduced The east Blanco bridge in process of getting right of way from landowner - in process of negotiation, close out in next month

**Farmington - Virginia King**

F100099	Foothills Drive Enhancement Phase II
F100100	East Pinon Hills Blvd Extension Phase I
F100101	
F100102	
F100132	20 <sup>th</sup> Street Phase III
F100390	Foothills Drive Phase III

Foothills Dr. Phase II - in close out process, contractor has done all punch list items  
 East pinion hills Blvd. extension - reviewed right of ways - acquired way before project started (issues to work through)  
 Environmental review started  
 20<sup>th</sup> St. phase III - construction no issues  
 Foothills Dr. phase III - acquisition of right of way, currently updating design

**Kirtland - Dan Flack**

Not here

**San Juan County - Nick Porell**

F100021	East Pinon Hills Blvd Extension Phase III
F100320	Kirtland Schools Walk Path Extension
F100360	CR 3000 Bridge Replacement
F100370	CR 3500 Bridge Replacement
F100400	Lower Animas Valley River Trail

Phase 3 - design closes on the 14<sup>th</sup>, completion  
 Pinion Hills Blvd. - meeting at 6pm, Farmington City Hall Thursday, October 13, 2022  
 Contract complete, close out project, next step two bridges  
 River trail - intercontact (large public turnout, interesting perception)

**Andrew Montoya**

TF00001	Red Apple Transit
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Acquired four new buses, they need paint so it will take a while before they are seen out on street

**Javier Martinez**

F100170	NM 173
F100350	NM 371/Navajo 36
F100351	NM 371/Navajo 36
F100340	US 550 pavement rehab
F100341	
F100342	

NM 173 - under construction still finish next year  
 NM 371/ Navajo 36 - agreement almost approved  
 Navajo DOT - looked at draft and ok with, will send with signatures next month, and go out for bid later winter and start next spring  
 US 550 bid will go out in winter, start spring on track  
 Not spoken with Amanda Nino - not sure if TPF out for funding - should if not soon  
 Nick confirmed, yes they have come out

**7. REPORTS FROM NMDOT**

## Planning Bureau - Shannon Glendenning

Statewide Transit Plan - can bring back new information as Shannon Glendenning learns it. They are working with consultants to plan the transit planning study, reevaluating needs of the area and what they can provide they do this by using demand and needs making projects based on all that (scope of work).

Today is national walk to school day; they cool gear if want to get that for school - let Shannon Glendenning know. There is also one in May to get kids to walk or bike to school.

Thriving Community Digressionary Grant program offers technical assistance for all funding programs coming through USDOT.

NM Freight plans are out for comments until Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> it addresses freight moving through the state

Nick Porell Q: Additional motorized funding: do e-bikes qualify for that money  
Answer: At federal level, yes, as long as local office has a plan in place for the use. Thought on maybe allowing e-bikes on certain segments of Glade Run.

Shannon Glendenning: ~\$388k for e-bike under motorized under rec-trails, assessment of conditions but that is not allowed under rec-trails

Planning is tough to do with funds as planning is not eligible for them  
(alternative: frame idea as not planning but can say instead assessment)

### **DISCUSSION:**

There was no further discussion form the committee.

### **8. INFORMATION ITEMS**

<b>Subject:</b>	Information Items
<b>Prepared by:</b>	MPO Staff
<b>Date:</b>	October 12, 2022

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- a. Peter Koeppel: Revised resolution for Navajo Dam Rd. / Hwy 173, bring back in November for adoption.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Nick Porell: Jim Maes reached out to Aztec his proposed document was heavier on emotion than fact.

Steven Saavedra: Support was given. Another item that is mainly for Javier Martinez, wanting to bring attention to calls from public about NM 574 by the middle school. The striping is confusing and Aztec is willing to re-stripe but this project needs to go through NMDOT; the stripping is creating a safety issue.

Javier Martinez: Said he did put order in, but the school went in and did not fully get rid of the old stripes only painted black over them. He said he will check with traffic section when they can get to repair and remove older one.

Steven Saavedra: Upcoming ped/bike plan, Aztec obtained \$100k in 2001 for consultant to plan on Main St. in Aztec, may have right of way swap with NMDOT and City of Aztec, will see.

Nick Porell: Gentleman at County Commission Meeting that spoke about the new charter school that lacks better signage for school (who does this responsibility fall under was the question).

Javier Martinez: School, they must do when conducting the traffic study before putting the school in. They likely did not have tons of signage mainly because at the charter school there is more drop off/ buses with few kids that walk or bike to the school.

#### **9. BUSINESS FROM THE CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS AND STAFF**

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

#### **10. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ISSUES NOT ON THE AGENDA**

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

#### **11. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION - Steven Saavedra

SECOND - Virginia King

TIME - 10:50 am

Steven Saavedra moved to adjourn the meeting. Virginia King seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition. The meeting ended at 10:50 am.

  
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Nick Porell, Technical Committee Chair

  
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