

**MINUTES**  
**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**  
**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**NOVEMBER 9, 2022**

Technical Members Present:

Technical Members Absent:

Beth Escobar, City of Farmington  
Javier Martinez, NMDOT District 5  
Andrew Montoya, Red Apple Transit  
Steven Saavedra, City of Aztec  
Dan Flack, Town of Kirtland  
Prudence Brady, City of Bloomfield  
Virginia King, City of Farmington

Staff Present:

Peter Koeppel, MPO Officer  
Olivia Groeber, MPO Associate Planner

Staff Absent:

Nick Porell, San Juan County  
Lisa Hale-BlueEyes, San Juan County

Others Present:

Shannon Glendenning, NMDOT  
Maurice Williams, UNM  
Colby Gibson, CDBG Planner FMTN

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Steven Saavedra called the meeting to order at 10:01 am.

**2. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 12, 2022 TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

MOTION - Beth Escobar  
SECOND - Javier Martinez

Beth Escobar moved to approve the minutes from the October 12, 2022 Technical Committee meeting. Javier Martinez seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes passed unopposed. \*\*\*forgot to get signature will December 14, 2022, the next TC meeting\*\*\*

**3. Peter Koeppel: FFY2022-2027 TIP Amendment #6: Review and consider recommending approval of proposed Amendment #6 to the FFY2022-2027 TIP and the Self-Certification for Amendment #6:**

- a. Review the project(s) in proposed Amendment #6
- b. Hold a public hearing on proposed Amendment #6
- c. Consider recommending approval of proposed Amendment #6 and the Self-Certification for Amendment #6 to the FFY2022-2027 TIP



**FARMINGTON MPO SELF-CERTIFICATION STATEMENT  
FFY2022-2027 TIP Amendment #6**

In accordance with 23 U.S.C. 450.934, the New Mexico Department of Transportation, and the Farmington Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Cities of Acton, Altonfield, Farmington, Town of Kirtland, and the unincorporated area of San Juan County hereby certify that the transportation planning process meets the Performance-Based Planning and Programming (PBPP) requirements established in 23 CFR 450.110(d), 49 CFR 625, and 49 CFR 630.

The projects identified in Amendment #6 to the FFY2022 – 2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) are consistent with the priorities outlined in the NMDOT Asset Management Plan, the New Mexico Strategic Highway Safety Plan, and the New Mexico Freight Plan; and from the priorities outlined in the Red Apple Transit Asset Management Plan of the City of Farmington. The projects support the adopted Performance Targets of the FPMO for Performance Measure 1 (Safety), Performance Measure 2 (State of Good Repair), Performance Measure 3 (System Performance), and Transit Asset Management. Amendment #6 to the TIP was reviewed by the FPMO in accordance with the FPMO Public Participation Plan and the FPMO Title VI Plan. The FPMO also certifies that the transportation planning process is addressing the major issues in the metropolitan planning area and is being conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements of:

- (1) The fiscal constraints required in 23 CFR 450;
- (2) 49 U.S.C. 1323(i), 23 U.S.C. 115, and 23 U.S.C. 450.220;
- (3) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1967 and the Title VI assurance executed by each State under 23 U.S.C. 124 and 23 U.S.C. 794;
- (4) Section 1105(b) of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (Pub. L. 101-178) regarding the involvement of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in FHWA and

FTA funded planning projects (Sec. 163(f), Pub. L. 97-424, 90 Stat. 2100; 49 CFR, Subtitle A, Part 26);

(5) The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (pub. L. 101-536, 104 Stat. 327, as amended) and U. S. DOT implementing regulations;

(6) The provision of 49 U.S.C. Part 20 regarding restrictions on influencing certain activities; and,

(7) Sections 174 and 176(c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act as amended (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506(c) and (d)).

Policy Committee Chair

Date

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No public comment.

Motion of approval for tip Amendment # 6 by Beth Escobar seconded by Prudence Brady. None opposed. Item passes.

**4. Maurice Williams: Look For Me Safety Program**  
Re-visited later in meeting after PM1 discussion.

**UNM for Injury Prevention – partnership with NMDOT Traffic Safety**  
**Look For Me Campaign**

Details: conducted many places in NM, they conduct law enforcement training for collision update offices for ped/bike laws, local events at schools, bike rodeos, partner with community groups for harm reduction (cold weather items/ care packages/ transit passes), pedestrian fatality review team – want same outcome, agree on – there can be excuses from the municipalities as to why not better

Also provide driver/ instructor supplementation - for understanding pedestrian usage - see what identify or see in terms of pedestrian safety and 2-3 things that drivers show to people teaching how to make pedestrian experience better, safer

Meet with municipalities and other groups - give info through them to NMDOT for educational effort/ training/ bicycle event, etc. - consider for potential events/ outcomes

Cannot fund capital projects.

2 main approaches for Look for Me campaign

1) increase capacity for safe walking and biking

2) how to increase individual awareness when each is out and about

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**Maurice Williams, Jr.**  
UNM Center for Injury Prevention  
Look For Me Travel Safety Program  
Our office has a partnership with NMDOT Traffic Safety

- We have an annual contract with Traffic Safety. We receive NHTSA Sec. 405 funds to perform NM statute education with all travel groups and law enforcement



- We work with communities throughout NM to increase the capacity for safe walking and bicycling.
- This can appear different for each community.



For example:

We have our **Look For Me** transit campaign in several NM communities



Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Las Cruces, Four Corners (Azusa, Tropic, Lumb, & Roswell), El Paso & Juarez

We can partner for community planning events:



*Walking expert Dan Burden (Mark Twain Elem. & San Pedro Bus Assoc.)*



*Pueblo of Sandia - reviewing a portion of NM 313 for pedestrian and bicycle improvements.*

We can co-host law enforcement trainings:



*Rio Rancho, NM Statewide Bike/Ped. Crash Reconstruction*



*Las Cruces, NM - Statewide Bike/Ped. Crash Reconstruction*

Our office can partner with community groups and school-age groups for local events:



We can partner with community groups to provide harm reduction support (shelters, clinics, etc):



Cold weather items - caps, blankets, gloves, etc.

Care Package for patient discharge

- In the past, our office helped coordinate a pedestrian fatality review team



This was a 2004 - 2006 community response primarily led by UNM Emerg. Med

- We provide driver instructor supplement education



Driver Instructor Pedestrian Experience Exercise

- Lastly, our office can conduct small informational meetings with municipalities and community groups



- "Take-aways" from these meetings can be submitted to NMDOT Traffic Safety for consideration for our next annual contract



Possible outcomes could be as follows:

- Co-coordinate/sponsor trainings (law enforcement, user groups, municipalities, etc.)
- Provide registration for a national traffic safety conference (tribal, law enforcement, planning, etc)
- Co-sponsor a ped/bike educational event (bike rodeo)
- Provide driver education supplements
- Provide educational printed materials
- Our program does not fund capital projects



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## Discussion

S. Saavedra Q: how can an entity go about working with you?

M. Williams A: Williams is in area and can coordinate with an entity from there.

P. Koepfel: Will provide contact via email after the meeting. (Provided above and in slides)

S. Saavedra Q: At the County Commission meeting there was discussion about the ROW in Aztec Co Rd 3000 to Rio Grand the speed changes drastically it is 25 MPH but many go 35 MPH. Speed bumps are a suggested solution. ROW is wide and school near by - could work be done with M. Williams on that issue?

M. Williams A: Yes, but there are a few issues. Provided story from ABQ area near Bernalillo/ Sandia Pueblo area. Need to bring stakeholders together to find a favorable solution. They are there to bring resources and find a solution. May bring in a consultant - do a facilities training perhaps. Looking at opportunities to help the most people safely. There is a limit to how much they can help.

5. Peter Koeppel: Review PM 1 Safety Performance Measures for FY2023: The PM 1 Safety Performance Measures for FY2023 will be presented for discussion and review

P. Koeppel speaks to the background (slides to follow)

### FAST Act Performance Targets: PM1 (Safety)

**Why Performance-Based Planning And Programming?**

Performance-based planning and programming (PBPP) refers to the application of performance management within the planning and programming processes of transportation agencies to achieve desired performance outcomes for the multimodal transportation system

- Improved investment decision making
- Improved return on investments and resource allocation
- Demonstrates link between funding and performance
- → Improved system performance

### Background

- MAP-21 (and subsequently the FAST Act) required establishment of national goals, performance measures, and accountability in planning and funding transportation investments (FAST Act §§ 1116, 1406; 23 U.S.C. 119, 148, 150, 167)
- Safety
- Infrastructure condition
- Congestion reduction
- System reliability
- Freight movement and economic vitality
- Environmental sustainability
- Reduced project delivery delays
- Improved Accessibility and Mobility

### FAST Act: Performance-Driven, Outcome-Based Planning and Programming

FAST Act §§ 1116, 1406; 23 U.S.C. 119, 148, 150, 167

- Federal → State → Metropolitan
- FAST Act identifies national goal areas
- USDOT establishes performance measures
- States set performance targets
- MPOs set performance targets
- State and metro plans describe how programs and project selection will achieve targets
- As the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Farmington Region, the FMPO is charged with developing a performance-based long-range transportation plan, as well as a corresponding project evaluation structure for developing the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (23 USC 134).

### Performance Goals and Measures

- **Safety** - To achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads [23 U.S.C. 134, 135, 148, 150]
- Number of Fatalities
- Rate of Fatalities per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)
- Number of Serious Injuries
- Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million VMT
- Number of Non-motorized Fatalities and Non-motorized Serious Injuries

\*5-year rolling averages\*

### Safety Trends

### Target Setting

FAST Act §§ 1116, 1406; 23 U.S.C. 119, 148, 150, 167

- MPOs are required to establish performance targets no later than 180 days after the state or public transportation operator sets performance targets.
- For each performance measure, an MPO can decide to commit to support a statewide target, or to establish a quantifiable target specific to its planning area.
- Both state and MPO targets for safety will be set annually
- States, MPOs, and public transit operators must coordinate their respective targets for performance measures with each other to ensure consistency to the maximum extent practicable.

Performance Measure	Target (2022)*	Target (2023)*
Number of Total Fatalities	421.8	346.6
Number of Serious Injuries	1030.5	995.4
Rate of Fatalities per 100 million VMT	1.648	1.695
Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million VMT	3.874	3.801
Number of Non-motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries	190.6	199.4

\*5-year rolling averages\*

There are the options of either supporting the state's targets or setting our own targets. Want to reduce injury on all public roads. Requirements in 23 USC 134, 135, 148, 150

Target setting - do annually - the numbers for fatalities increased because of the numbers from last year. Use rolling 5-year averages.  
Staff suggestion is to support state targets.

#### Discussion

B. Escobar Q: benefit of adopting our own?

P. Koepfel A: No benefit as we are a small MPO no funding provided to us to work with.

S. Saavedra Q: Fatalities increase especially with covid, but serious number of injuries decreasing, are there theories on why there is this disparity?

P. Koepfel A: Better vehicle safety

S. Glendenning A: Agrees with Peter, but there is less volume on road so more severe crashes (better technology so higher survival during crashes) due to higher speeds - provides a lot of thoughts on safety. One theory at least.

S. Saavedra Q: Concern for higher distracted driving occurrences.

P. Koepfel A: Yes, more are behavioral issues that exist rather than failure of technology/ engineering issues.

#### Bring back PM1 Targets in January for approval.

6. Peter Koepfel: **Major Thoroughfare Plan:** Discuss the FMPO's Major Thoroughfare Plan and Metropolitan Transportation Plan

B. Escobar is doing a zone change she requested to do a major thoroughfare review.

P. Koepfel Q: Is this still an important map/ plan to make. We already have a map in the MTP.

B. Escobar: Major Thoroughfare Plan is from 2012. Was brought back up because there is a new road connection for Lakewood to another road (the connection was shown on the Major Thoroughfare Plan). There is some back lash with that. This plan's map is more granular.

P. Koepfel: This is a 10-year-old plan that we don't know the origins of. We make the MTP with financial constraint while the Major Thoroughfare plan does not appear to have that. Also, we do not actually appear to have the roads suggested in 2012 as major roads or even on any other plan. The question is, does the city have their own plans made like this.

B. Escobar: Would MPO help in the process of amending if it is not an MPO plan (which it means it is a COF plan)

P. Koepfel: Confirmed MPO would partner with COF, but could not give insight into how the document was produced.

#### 7. Peter Koepfel: **Updated NM-173 Safety Resolution**

**POLICY COMMITTEE RESOLUTION NO. 2022-6**

TO: COUNCIL CHIEFSMAN NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY, DENVER, AND DENVER NEW MEXICO STATE ROAD 179 FROM: JIM AND ANA AZCUE, NEW MEXICO TO NEW MEXICO 511 KIRK HUNTING INN, NEW MEXICO (APPROXIMATELY 10.79 MILES)

WHEREAS, the Farmington MPO is the designated metropolitan planning organization for the states of Aztec, Bloomfield, Farmington, Kitland, and the unincorporated area of San Juan County; and

WHEREAS, the Farmington MPO Policy Committee is the executive-making body for the MPO; and

WHEREAS, the Farmington MPO Technical Committee provides the MPO Policy Committee with technical advice and recommendations, and concurs with this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Farmington MPO is responsible, with the New Mexico Department of Transportation, for addressing the planning process in accordance with 20 CFR 480.104; and

WHEREAS, the Farmington MPO annually addresses the major issues in the metropolitan planning area; and

WHEREAS, a portion of NM 179 is located in the MPO's planning area and is on the MPO's list, with a safety notice underway on the first three miles; and

WHEREAS, the current condition of New Mexico State Road 179 was presented by the shopping public to the MPO at the September 14, 2022 Policy Committee meeting and the September 20, 2022 Policy Committee meeting as a safety concern for residents and visitors traveling to the Mescal San Community and to investigate roadway width, lack of shoulders, and current vertical geometry; and

WHEREAS, concerned area residents presented a 21-page petition of requests to the Farmington Metropolitan Planning Organization (FMPO) in May 2019 citing inadequate highway width, lack of shoulders, and current vertical geometry as a safety concern; and

WHEREAS, state paid visitation in 2018 was \$47,647; whereas the commercial activity on that part of the San Juan River last year equaled 6,122 cars that received 10,197 tickets (63 guide companies with over 100 guide permits issued for that year and a quarter mile of quality water on the river, thanks to the park and surrounding area probably stay 8-10 days on average); and

WHEREAS, the health, safety, and welfare of the travelers on Highway 179 is of crucial importance to San Juan County, the states of Aztec, Bloomfield, Farmington and Kitland and the State of New Mexico;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (FMPO):

1. Affirms its strong support for rebuilding New Mexico Highway 179 that will result in safe travel for travelers along that route.
2. Affirms its strong support to improve the economic development and tourism of Northeast New Mexico by upgrading NM 179; and
3. Petitions the State of New Mexico, particularly the New Mexico Departments of Transportation, Tourism, Economic Development, as well as the New Mexico State Legislature, the Federal Highway Administration, and the Oil and Gas Industry to collaborate in the pursuit of a master plan to address the rebuilding of New Mexico Highway 179.
4. Requests that the State of New Mexico, particularly the New Mexico Department of Transportation and the New Mexico State Legislature, appropriate a budget for planning, design, and completion of Highway 179.

PASSO APPROVE AND ADOPTED this 17th day of November 2022.

Sean Shaker,  
MPO Policy Committee Chair

Peter Koepfel,  
MPO Officer

We updated the resolution from 2019 and will bring to the PC meeting next week.

**Discussion**

- S. Saavedra: Confirmed he would forward the endorsed resolution.
- B. Escobar: Comment on #2: redesign? - language? Understand there will be rebuilding. Bring to city counsel of Farmington?
- P. Koepfel: Not sure as that is a city question.
- B. Escobar: Commented on bringing it forward from the political side.

**8. Peter Koepfel: Proposed Meeting Schedule for 2023: The proposed meeting schedule for 2023 will be presented for discussion and review**

**EXHIBIT "A"**  
**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**  
**2023 Regular Meeting Schedule**

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE		
Technical Committee meetings will continue to be held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 10:00 am.		
Meetings continue to be rotated among the entities to facilitate member attendance.		
Virtual participation for meetings will continue to be provided.		
Date	Location and City	
January 11, 2023	Council Chambers Bloomfield City Hall 915 N. First Street	Bloomfield
February 8, 2023	Council Chambers Kitland Town Hall 47 Road 6500	Kitland
March 8, 2023	Commission Chambers Aztec City Hall 201 W. Clasco Street	Aztec
April 12, 2023	Executive Conference Room Farmington City Hall 302 Municipal Drive	Farmington
May 10, 2023	Commission Chambers San Juan County Administrative Bldg 102 S. Olive	San Juan County
June 14, 2023	Council Chambers Bloomfield City Hall 915 N. First Street	Bloomfield
July 12, 2023	Council Chambers Kitland Town Hall 47 Road 6500	Kitland
August 9, 2023	Commission Chambers Aztec City Hall 201 W. Clasco Street	Aztec
September 13, 2023	Executive Conference Room Farmington City Hall 302 Municipal Drive	Farmington
October 11, 2023	Commission Chambers San Juan County Administrative Bldg 102 S. Olive	San Juan County
November 8, 2023	Council Chambers Bloomfield City Hall 915 N. First Street	Bloomfield
December 13, 2023	Council Chambers Kitland Town Hall 47 Road 6500	Kitland

Will bring resolution for you next month at the December 14th Technical Committee meeting. Making sure there are no big conflicts. Look over and make sure the dates are all right so we can make the calendar official.

**9. STATUS OF ENTITY PROJECTS**

**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**  
**Agenda Item #9**

<b>Subject:</b>	Status of Entity Projects
<b>Prepared by:</b>	MPO Staff & Technical Committee Members
<b>Date:</b>	November 9, 2022

**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.

**Status Reports – Entity Projects – November 9, 2022**

<b>Aztec</b>	F100091	East Aztec Arterial Phase III	No update, 6 weeks ago certified to NMDOT, many sick so no updates
	F100410	McWilliams Rd.	No update
<b>Bloomfield</b>	F100300	East Blanco Bridge	Stuck with ROW. Trying to negotiate, the language in contract still not set
		B Lane	Up for bid
<b>Farmington</b>	F100099	Foothills Drive Enhancement Phase II	Process of closeout
	F100100 F100101 F100102	East Pinon Hills Blvd Extension Phase I	Try to clarify ROW with DOT. Move forward with design
	F100132	20 <sup>th</sup> Street Phase III	In construction
	F100390	Foothills Drive Phase III	In design, work on ROW acquisition
	TF00001	Red Apple Transit	No updates

<b>Kirtland</b>	F100420	CR 6405	No updates
	F100430	CR 6411	No updates
<b>San Juan County</b>	F100021	East Pinon Hills Blvd Extension Phase III	No representatives for SJC to speak to projects
	F100320	Kirtland Schools Walk Path Extension	
	F100360	CR 3000 Bridge Replacement	
	F100370	CR 3500 Bridge Replacement	
	F100400	Lower Animas Valley River Trail	
<b>NMDOT</b>	F100170	NM 173	Under construction, wrap up soon for winter
	F100350	NM 371/Navajo 36	Waiting on legal for amended contract, then get funds and out for bid, in spring
	F100351	NM 371/Navajo 36	
	F100340 F100341 F100342	US 550 pavement rehab	Bid in November

**DISCUSSION:**

Aztec - Steven Saavedra By America is funneled to NMDOT? Is currently Implemented?  
S. Glendenning: the program By America has been around 30 years. By America Build is new.

P. Koepfel: no domestic producers for electric vehicle charging which has been an issue for that program

**7. REPORTS FROM NMDOT**

**Planning Bureau - Rosa Kozub**

Shannon Glendenning: **Updates:** recreation trail motorized funds and carbon reduction plan - hoping for funding for projects over the years - will come  
Also, recent guidance in By America and By America Build - will send in government to government email, keep eye out for the guidance on it, also hopes to develop a training

**District 5 - Javier Martinez**

New Farmington Patrol Supervisor - Michael Mahel  
Farmington Patrol is over a large area 516- 550, care of 64  
505-231-6795 phone number of Farmington Patrol Supervisor  
Bloomfield gets the rest of the MPO area

**DISCUSSION:**

There was no further discussion form the committee.



## 8. INFORMATION ITEMS

Subject:	Information Items
Prepared by:	MPO Staff
Date:	November 9, 2022

### INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. Bicycle Pedestrian Plan Update  
Two meetings Monday afternoon. First was stakeholder meeting. Consultants are using those comments/ thoughts for the plan. The public meeting was well attended and participated in. Lots of things for consultants to think about.

#### DISCUSSION:

## 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 - Beth Escobar

SECOND - Virginia King

TIME - 11:05

Beth Escobar moved to adjourn the meeting. Virginia King seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition. The meeting at 11:05 am.

  
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Nick Porell, Technical Committee Chair

  
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MPO Staff

