

**MINUTES**  
**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**  
**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**January 26, 2023**

Policy Members Present:

Ken George, City of Aztec  
Sean Sharer, City of Farmington  
Julie Baird, City of Farmington  
Jeanine Bingham-Kelly, City of Farmington  
Glojean Todacheene, San Juan County  
Paul Brasher, NMDOT, District 5

Policy Members Absent:

Mark Duncan, Town of Kirtland  
Tony Herrera, City of Bloomfield  
Javier Martinez, NMDOT, District 5, Alt.  
John Beckstead, San Juan County

Staff Present:

Peter Koeppel, MPO Officer  
Olivia Groeber, MPO Associate Planner

Staff Absent:

None

Others Present:

Shannon Glendenning, NMDOT  
Cassie Pescer, NMDOT Project Manager

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Sean Sharer called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

**2. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 17, 2022 POLICY COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

MOTION – Paul Brasher

SECOND – Ken George

Paul Brasher moved to approve the minutes from the November 17, 2022 Policy Committee meetings. Ken George seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition.

**3. ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

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| <b>Subject:</b> | Annual Election of Officers |
| <b>Date:</b>    | January 26, 2023            |

#### BACKGROUND

- Per FMPO Bylaws, each January the Policy Committee selects the Chair and Vice-Chair from its membership. The elected members will serve until the following annual election (January 2024).
- The Chair presides over the meetings and is responsible for the other duties which are outlined in the Committee Bylaws and Operating Procedures document.
- The Vice-Chair presides over the meetings in the absence of the Chair.
- Councilor Sean Sharer has been serving as the current Policy Committee Chair, while Commissioner Jeanine Bingham-Kelly served as Vice-Chair.

#### ELECTION

- Elect a Policy Committee Chair and Vice-Chair who will serve until January 2024.

#### ACTION ITEM

- It is recommended that the Policy Committee accept nominations and the Committee members vote to elect the Policy Committee Chair and Vice-Chair.

#### DISCUSSION:

There was no discussion.

**Nomination for Chair:** The current Chair is Sean Sharer. A nomination for Sean Sharer was made. Paul Brasher seconded that nomination. There was no opposition to Chair Sharer retaining the position of Chair of the FMPO Policy Committee.

**Nominations for Vice Chair:** The current Vice Chair is Commissioner Jeanine Bingham-Kelly. Glojean Todacheene nominated as vice chair. Ken George seconded the nomination. No other members were nominated. There was no opposition to appoint Glojean Todacheene as Vice Chair of the FMPO Policy Committee.

#### 4. NATIONAL PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (PM 1)

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| <b>Subject:</b>     | National Performance Management Measures for Highway Safety Improvement Program (PM 1) |
| <b>Prepared by:</b> | Peter Koeppel, MPO Officer   |
| <b>Date:</b>        | January 26, 2023   |

#### BACKGROUND

- 23 CFR §490 Subpart B – *National Performance Management Measures for Highway Safety Improvement Program (see attached)*.
- The FHWA requires that MPOs establish targets for five (5) safety performance measures for all public roads in the MPO planning area within 180 days after the State establishes each target.

- The five Performance Measures to be considered are: 1) Number of Fatalities, 2) Number of Serious Injuries, 3) Fatalities per 100 Million VMT (Vehicle Miles Traveled) or Fatality Rate, 4) Serious Injuries per 100 Million VMT (Vehicle Miles Traveled) or serious injury rate, and, 5) Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries.
- The first three targets are common measures and must be identical to the targets established for the Highway Safety Plan (HSP).
- MPOs may either: Agree to support State targets OR Establish specific numeric targets for a safety performance measure (number or rate).
- Reporting is done on an annual basis, leaving the choice to adopt State standards vs. establish MPO specific targets up to the MPO Policy Committee each year.
- The Technical Committee recommended their approval on January 11, 2023.

| <b>CURRENT ISSUES &amp; RECOMMENDATIONS</b>  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Staff recommends that the state targets be adopted for 2022.</li> <li>▪ FMPO Policy Committee action is due no later than February 27, 2023.</li> </ul> |

| <b>ATTACHMENTS</b>  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ NMDOT's Safety Performance Measure Target Report – PM 1 for Year 2023</li> <li>▪ PC Resolution 2023-1 Regarding Safety Performance Measure (PM 1)</li> </ul> |

| <b>ACTION ITEM</b>  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Technical Committee and Staff recommend approval of PM 1 targets and Policy Committee Resolution 2023-1</li> </ul> |

| <b>APPLICABLE CITATIONS</b>   |
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| <p>Requirement for MPOs to establish performance targets for Federal-aid highway measures and public transportation established by USDOT.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 23 USC 134(h)(2)</li> <li>▪ 49 USC 5303(h)(2)</li> <li>▪ 49 USC 5304(d)(2)</li> </ul> <p>Requirements to include discussion in the metropolitan and statewide improvement program as to how the planned program will achieve State/MPO targets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 23 USC 134(j)(2)(D)</li> <li>▪ 23 USC 135(g)(4)</li> <li>▪ 49 USC 5303(j)(2)(D)</li> <li>▪ 49 USC 5304(g)(4)</li> </ul> |

Staff recommendation (along with Technical Committee's recommendation) is to support NMDOT's safety targets for FY2023.

**DISCUSSION:**

Glojean Todacheene: Does non-motorized include pedestrians and bicyclists? Yes

Ken: State has adopted? Yes so we have 180 days to adopt.

No more comments or questions.

No public comment.

**ACTION:** Glojean Todacheene motioned to approve Resolution 2023-1. Ken George seconded the motion. The motion was passed with no opposition.

## **5. REPORTS FROM NMDOT**

### **Planning Bureau – Shannon Glendenning**

Updates: NMDOT release projects for transportation fund – due end of May (state funding)

Call for projects - trails – motorized

Transportation funds call for 2024

New Carbon Reduction Program – call out, wide range of projects available

National Hwy webinar – Feb.7<sup>th</sup> regarding getting ready to apply for those types of funding

### **District 5 – Paul Brasher**

Intro. Bloomfield Project Office – Cassie Pescer (Project Manager, NMDOT)

Good news about our Deputy Secretary sent the Pinion Hills project extra funding (to Isaac Blue-Eyes) added \$2.7 million total \$2.97 million add \$6.6 million total

The City of Farmington share \$39,463,784

Total for all funding all 3 phases \$50,308,000 – as this is a project of regional significance DOT pleased in helping get project this constructed.

Recent meeting of State Transportation Commission – from the Fiscal 2023

Transportation Fund for District 5 – Bloomfield, Farmington, and San Juan County were each awarded funds. \$4 million total

Bloomfield – Bergin Lane Reconstruction

Farmington – W. Main St. Resurfacing

San Juan County – Resurfacing

US550 (awarded to the contractor Fissure Plan and Gravel for 250 working days, 2 years to finish), NM173 (winter suspension, start April 10<sup>th</sup> or sooner, phase 3 and 4 still going, should finish in June) (project of importance to FMPO)

### **DISCUSSION:**

Ken George: Where (generally) start and end for those projects?

Mile post 161- (between Aztec and Cedar Hill)

NM 173 - (closer to Aztec) Mile post 1-4

Aztec arterial project: wanting to move forward with the project.

Paul Brasher: Important to NMDOT and the region - not sure what is holding up. Right of way was successfully acquired.

Ken George: Waiting on final approval. State Finance??

Paul Brasher: Check into E Aztec Arterial's status. Will report back to MPO. Many phone calls/ emails from Farmington who use 516. Average daily traffic (south end of Fmtn) 36,000 vehicles towards Aztec 26,000 vehicles (aware of deteriorated asphalt)

-intent to resurface road - not have money - asking for funding (10 million) will resurface mainly the inside lane by the medians. Plan to resurface 8 miles or so of that road. Not until start of fiscal year (July). NMDOT is spending time to patch potholes. US64 - Shiprock and AZ state line - putting \$\$ there. Hwy 173 - 17 miles long resurface most if not all of it - difficulty of geometry (sediment on the road after rains). Will launch design project for vertical geometry of that road. Will bring to state legislature to get money for that project.

371 and 391 needs there

64 east of Bloomfield needs

Recognize needs - want to address as the funding become available.

Ken George: 516 - safety is the crossovers of median has great deterioration (not much room for acceleration/ deceleration).

Paul Brasher: Access needs control - lots of uncontrolled left turns. Too many people crossing tons of lanes. Plowing snow up here. Break in weather will get potholes on 516.

Ken George: Cold mix hard to get.

Paul Brasher: District 5 is half size of Indian. 550 miles of road to take care of. 100 maintenance workers/ 12 hrs shifts. 19 square miles to care for.

Q from Janice: apache and 550 safety of intersection as it is so big.

Paul Brasher: drainage issue as well. May need consultant for design and find money for the fix. Talked to mayor about before mayor was mayor.

Glojean Todacheene: Hogback to Shiprock: potholes

Will do resurfacing 8 miles from Hogback to Kirtland when weather cooperates.

## **6. INFORMATION ITEMS**

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| <b>Subject:</b>     | Information Items |
| <b>Prepared by:</b> | MPO Staff         |
| <b>Date:</b>        | January 26, 2023  |

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

**a. Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Update**

3 Main purposes 1) quality of life/ economic development 2) more options for transportation 3) improve safety

Survey is still available. Interactive map is still place to add comments.

Had public open house.

Should have draft in the summer as we get further.

**b. FY 2024 Transportation Project Fund**

Shannon Glendenning addressed this call. Work on applications we can help.

**DISCUSSION:** Next meeting is February 23, 2023. Aztec City Hall.

There was no further 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 – Glojean Todacheene

SECOND – Ken George

TIME – 11:11 am

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

  
Sean Sharer, Policy Committee Chair

  
02-23-2023  
MPO Staff