



South Central Regional Transportation Planning Organization--District 7

Combined Joint Policy Committee/Technical Committee Meeting

Wednesday July 23, 2014 10:00am –

City of Elephant Butte Council Chambers

103 Water Ave, Elephant Butte, NM

MEETING AGENDA



1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Call to Order
3. Introductions
4. ***Approval of Agenda (Action Item)***
5. ***Approval of Minutes from April 22, 2014 (Action Item)***

6. New Business
 - A. Updated Project Feasibility Form—Jolene Herrera, NMDOT Urban Planner
 - B. Consolidated Public Transit & Human Services Transportation Plan Update—Greg White, NMDOT Transit & Rail Division
 - C. South Central Regional Transit Update—Jay Armijo, Executive Director SCCOG
 - D. ***Approval of the SCRTPO FFY 2015-16 Annual Work Program (Action Item)***
 - E. ***Approval of Open Meetings Act Resolution***

7. NMDOT Update—Debbie Hudson, NMDOT
8. SCRTPO Update— SCRTPO Staff
 - Call for projects
 - Regional Working Group meeting #2 Update
9. Public Input
10. Chair & Member Input
11. Date and location of next SCRTPO meeting
 - October 8, 2014
 - (TBD by Board members)
12. ***Adjournment (Action Item)***



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Elephant Butte City Chambers – Elephant Butte, NM**

MINUTES

- I. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Gordy Hicks
- II. **Call to Order** – Chairman Gordy Hicks called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.
- III. **Introductions/Roll Call (Sign In)** – Chairman Gordy Hicks introduced himself and initiated the introductions of those in attendance of the meeting.

Present at the meeting:

Members:

Gordy Hicks, RTPO Chair, City of Socorro
Steve Green, City of Truth or Consequences
Gerald La Font, City of Elephant Butte

Guest/NMDOT:

Jolene Herrera, NMDOT Dist. 1
Claude Morelli, NMDOT
Debbie Hudson NMDOT

Members Absent:

Andy Nuñez, Village of Hatch
Village of Magdalena
Debbie Stubblefield, Village of Williamsburg

SCCOG Staff:

Jay Armijo, Executive Director
Tony Macrobert, RTPO Planner
Angela Rael, Public Information Officer

- IV. **Approval of Agenda:**
*Mr. Steve Green **MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.** Mr. Gerald LaFont **SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.***
- V. **Approval of Minutes from November 6, 2013:**
*Mr. Steve Green **MOVED TO APPROVE the MINUTES from November 6, 2013.** Mr. Gerald LaFont **SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.***
- VI. **New Business:**
 - A. Highway Safety Improvement Program—Jolene Herrera, NMDOT Urban Planner --Jolene Herrera informed the members of the HSIP, its application process and the criteria set for approving these projects. She advised that the projects will require extensive documentation and data, but will not require a match for safety applications. Applications for the HSIP were formally only accepted once a year, Ms. Herrera notified the members that the applications for safety projects will now be accepted year round. NMDOT will meet quarterly to review applications and select projects until they run out of funding. The funding cycle begins in October when the fund is replenished. Ms. Herrera also informed the members that the “Pot of Safety Money” has doubled and they now receive 23 million dollars to fund safety projects statewide. There is no maximum amount of funding requests for project applications. If HSIP funding is awarded, you have four years to complete the project. 1st deadline for quarterly reviewed applications

is May 2, 2014, the next one is scheduled for August 1st, 2014. RTPO Planner, Tony MacRobert informed the members that he would resend the HSIP applications and criteria to them via email. It was also mentioned that maintenance work on existing structures are not acceptable projects.

- B. Local Government Handbook (Update) Capital Outlay—Debbie Hudson, NMDOT -- Debbie Hudson informed the members that the handbooks used for both state and federal aid have changed. The Tribal and Local Governments Handbook is what needs to be followed. Any projects that will be initiated in 2014, must follow the guidelines identified in PLATINUM book. The ORANGE book will no longer be the one that is recognized for 2014 projects. If you have an ongoing project started before 2014 the orange book is still applicable. The platinum book is available online.
- C. NM State Long Range Plan, South Central Region Long Range Plan—Claude Morelli, NMDOT Urban Planner
-- Claude Morelli presented the members with a power point presentation to outline the NM State Long Range Plan and the South Central Region's Long Range Plan.

D. Federal Requirements per MAP-21

•South Central RTPO Public Participation Program:


Mr. Steve Green **MOVED TO APPROVE THE SCRTPO Public Participation Plan.**
Mr. Gerald LaFont **SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

•South Central RTPO Title VI Civil Rights:

Mr. Steve Green **MOVED TO APPROVE THE SCRTPO Title VI Civil Rights.**
Mr. Gerald LaFont **SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- VII. **NMDOT Update**—Jolene Herrera, NMDOT District 1, informed the Board that work will soon begin on the bridge at Alamosa Canyon in the coming month. NMDOT is still waiting on an exact timeline from the contractor but that there will be a lot of work done to that area. They will be completely rebuilding the bridges and tearing out the old bridge, and redoing the roadway. Traffic will be open throughout the entire process.
- VIII. **Next Meeting** Next meeting is scheduled for July 9, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the City of Elephant Butte Council Chambers- Elephant Butte, NM.
- IX. **Adjournment (Action Item) SCRTPO Chair Gordy Hicks called the meeting adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 11:47 am.**

Approved by:


Gordy Hicks, Chairman

7-23-14
Date