

1 **MESILLA VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**
2 **BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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4 The following are minutes for the meeting of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities
5 Advisory Committee of the Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
6 which was held February 16, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in Commission Chambers at Dona Ana
7 County Government Building, 845 Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico.

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9 **MEMBERS PRESENT:** George Pearson, Chair (City of Las Cruces Citizen Rep)
10 Jolene Herrera (NMDOT)
11 Ashleigh Curry (Town of Mesilla Citizen Rep)
12 Andrew Bencomo (Ped. Community Rep) (arrived 5:06)
13 Lance Shepan (Mesilla Marshall's Department)
14 Gabriel Rochelle (Bicycle Community Rep)
15 Samuel Paz (Dona Ana County)
16 James Nunez (City of Las Cruces Rep)
17 Mark Leisher (DAC Citizen Rep)

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19 **MEMBERS ABSENT:** David Shearer (NMSU - Environmental Safety)

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21 **STAFF PRESENT:** Tom Murphy (MPO)
22 Andrew Wray (MPO)
23 Michael McAdams (MPO)

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25 **OTHERS PRESENT:** Becky Baum, Recording Secretary, RC Creations, LLC

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27 **1. CALL TO ORDER (5:02 p.m.)**

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29 Pearson: Okay. We ready to go? We might as well get going. We've got a quorum
30 here so I'll call the meeting to order. I'll just have the members introduce
31 themselves and who they represent. We'll start from Mark's end this time.
32 Introduce yourself and who you represent.

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34 Leisher: Mark Leisher, represent the Citizens of Dona Ana County.

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36 Herrera: Jolene Herrera, NMDOT.

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38 Shepan: Lance Shepan, Town of Mesilla.

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40 Curry: Ashleigh Curry, Community Representative, Town of Mesilla.

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42 Rochelle: Oh it's not on? Okay. Sorry.

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44 Pearson: Try again.

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46 Rochelle: Gabriel Rochelle, Bicycling Community Representative.

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Nunez: James Nunez, City of Las Cruces.

Paz: Samuel Paz, Dona Ana County.

Pearson: And I'm George Pearson, City of Las Cruces Representative.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Pearson: Next order of business is Approval of the Agenda. Do we have any changes or comments on the agenda? I'll hear a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Rochelle: So moved.

Pearson: Moved by Gabriel.

Herrera: Second.

Pearson: Second by Jolene. All in favor of the agenda as, as presented, "aye."

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

Pearson: Any opposed? Hearing none, we'll move forward from that.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 January 19, 2016

Pearson: Next is Approval of the Minutes of the January 19th, 2016 meeting. Any discussion on minutes? Hearing none, I'll hear a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Rochelle: So moved.

Curry: Second.

Wray: Who did the first movement? Did you ...

Pearson: Gabriel.

Wray; Gabriel did, okay.

Rochelle: Yeah. Both of them.

1 Pearson: Did the motion and we have a second so all in favor of approving the
2 minutes as presented, "aye."

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4 MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

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6 Pearson: Any opposed? Hearing none, that's approved.

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8 **4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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10 Pearson: We're on to Public Comment. Any members of the public have an
11 opportunity to address us and I see none I guess so we'll just move
12 ahead.

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14 **5. ACTION ITEMS**

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16 **6.1 Amendment to the MPO Bylaws**

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18 Pearson: Action Items. Amendment to the MPO Bylaws.

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20 MICHAEL MCADAMS GAVE HIS PRESENTATION.

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22 Pearson: Okay. Any Committee Members have comments on that?

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24 Herrera: Mr. Chair.

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26 Pearson: Jolene.

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28 Herrera: I don't remember discussing the point about one of the ...

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30 Curry: Citizen Reps.

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32 Herrera: Yeah, the Citizen Representative part of it, which I'm fine with, I just don't
33 remember discussing that at all.

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35 Pearson: Okay. We discussed that during our discussion last time I think. That,
36 that was new to me.

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38 McAdams: It, it was a, it's a suggestion by staff.

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40 Pearson: Right.

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42 McAdams: As an alternative.

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44 Herrera: I don't think it's a bad one.

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1 Pearson: I think it's a good suggestion. It'll, it leads to transparency of the
2 Committee. There'll be no accusations that "Well, staff just got together
3 and decided something," so.
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5 McAdams: That was our, our position.
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7 Pearson: I like that.
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9 McAdams: Exactly.
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11 Pearson: I like the last one where if we, our membership does happen to fall below
12 a certain member, certain number which we have 11 members when it's
13 full.
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15 Murphy: Yeah but it's flexible.
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17 McAdams: When it's full. We have one absent, we have one ...
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19 Pearson: Right.
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21 McAdams: Removed.
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23 Pearson: So we have ten right now, so right now we would still need six to make a
24 quorum.
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26 McAdams: Exactly.
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28 Pearson: So if for some reason we dropped off a couple more we could still do
29 business with four members when that's a majority. So I like the last
30 option.
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32 Curry: I do too.
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34 Herrera: Mr. Chair.
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36 Pearson: Yes.
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38 Herrera: I definitely remember discussing last time about whether we should have a
39 majority of sitting members or the number five members.
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41 Pearson: Right.
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43 Herrera: That was a big discussion. So I like the one above, I guess Option 3.
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1 Pearson: So it should stay at five? Cause otherwise, yeah cause we could meet at
2 four, it would have to drop off quite a, membership would have to drop off
3 rather. Then the Committee itself would be kind of in danger anyways.
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5 Herrera: Right. I wonder if maybe we need to add language about that in there just
6 for clarity. I mean if there's, I don't know. Maybe it's not a big deal. Like
7 you said maybe that, the Committee's in jeopardy and we have bigger
8 problems but.
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10 Curry: Mr. Chair, Ms. Herrera. I'm not quite sure why Number 3 is, is better to
11 you than Number 4 cause Number 4 does say "consist of five or a majority
12 of sitting members," whichever's less. So it seems to cover more bases to
13 have the fourth.
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15 Herrera: So how do we, how do we know which one it is then? So at, just at every
16 meeting we choose?
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18 Curry: Well for, for example if, no it, it well it says "shall consist," but the, but
19 sitting members is the number of members on the Committee as a total so
20 if we have ten right now then we'd need six or five, whichever's less but if
21 for example we only had eight sitting members then four would be
22 enough.
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24 Herrera: Yeah. I just mean how do we make that clear to like the public or some,
25 something? Like how do we know how many members we have?
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27 Curry: How many members are sitting members?
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29 Pearson: Well saying five would actually, would be clearer for when we come in we
30 wouldn't have to have the discussion, "Well how many members do we
31 need?"
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33 Rochelle: Right.
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35 Pearson: It's just five.
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37 Herrera: I guess that's what I'm trying to get at. I'm not asking the question
38 correctly but also for transparency purposes if somebody from the public
39 were to say, "Well there's only four people up there. Why are they having
40 a meeting?" or something. I mean it'd be very clear to just say, "You need
41 five for a quorum. That's what we have."
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43 Pearson: Yeah. Cause the other case, a lot of, lot of things would have to happen
44 for ...
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46 Herrera: Right.

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2 Pearson: That to be true so that simplifies it so yeah, I'd be go, I, I agree then with
3 three. So any other discussion? So somebody has to make a motion.
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5 Rochelle: Mr. Chairman.
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7 Pearson: Okay.
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9 Rochelle: Yeah, I agree. I just wanted to say that I, I prefer three. I think four makes
10 things muddy.
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12 Pearson: Okay.
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14 Rochelle: Three is quite clear enough.
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16 Pearson: So to move forward with this we need a motion.
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18 Herrera: Mr. Chair. I move that we accept Option 3 for the change in Bylaws.
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20 Rochelle: Second here.
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22 Pearson: Okay.
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24 Murphy: Okay.
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26 Pearson: So we have a motion and a second. Let's, all in favor say "aye."
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28 MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.
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30 Pearson: Any opposed? Hearing none, that passes with our recommendation. So
31 we can just clarify, that will go to the Policy Committee as a
32 recommendation there's changes ...
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34 McAdams: Yes.
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36 Pearson: To the Bylaws so the Bylaw could be, Policy Committee will then decide
37 probably at their next meeting, probably in April I suppose.
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39 Murphy: Yes.
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41 McAdams: Yes.
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43 Pearson: And then we'll hear back at our April meeting, or do we have an April
44 meeting? Yeah, April meeting. Okay.
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1 **6. COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS**

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3 **6.1 MPO Staff Update: Missouri Study Corridor Update**

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5 Pearson: So we're on to the Committee and Staff Comments.

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7 McAdams: We have one staff comment. Mr. Booth who was, we recommend to be
8 just removed was removed at the Policy Committee and so that has taken
9 place.

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11 Pearson: So we have a vacancy for a Bicycle Representative.

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13 McAdams: Yes. We, we are advertising a vacancy for the, for this position, for the
14 opening.

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16 Pearson: So the Policy Committee doesn't have a meeting until April so until
17 probably end of March you would say the public's welcome to send a letter
18 of interest?

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20 McAdams: Yes.

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22 Pearson: Okay. Any other comments on that?

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24 McAdams: Okay. Now I'd like to turn the floor to Andrew to talk about the Missouri
25 Avenue.

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27 Pearson: Okay.

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29 McAdams: Project.

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31 Wray: Thank you. We are planning to bring the information that we've collected
32 so far regarding the Missouri Avenue Study Corridor to the TAC at their
33 March meeting. We will be bringing this information to this Committee in
34 April as well as briefing the Policy Committee on it in April as well. That's
35 basically the extent of the update at the moment. We are hoping to have
36 a public meeting sometime in March but we don't have a date or a venue
37 completely firmly lined up yet so I don't want to make an announcement
38 about that at this time. Does anyone have any questions? Thank you.

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40 Pearson: Okay. I had one other question for MPO staff in general. We were
41 hearing about the MPO having a separate website. Is that happening or
42 where are you with that?

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44 Wray: We're still working on it. That will, that will happen. We have run into a
45 little hiccup that I don't want to elaborate on but we will get through it and I
46 don't have a timeline though, unfortunately ...

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2 Pearson: Okay.
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4 Wray: As to when it, it will go live.
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6 Pearson: Okay. Thank you.
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8 **6.2 Local Projects update**
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10 Pearson: So now we're on Local Project updates. City of Las Cruces.
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12 Nunez: Yes. I reviewed, talked to one of the PMs for the La Llorona construction
13 project is complete in construction. They're just finishing up paperwork.
14 The, the other trails project is, pre-con is being scheduled so they haven't
15 kicked that off. And then the Elks project, the widening along, towards
16 Engler, I don't know if you all are familiar with that area. Hadley, that also
17 is a pre-con is being scheduled. So those two projects should kick off
18 here soon. The, right now in design we have a pavement replacement
19 project which I'm working on with the three other engineers in our group
20 and that includes about 15 streets but on those projects we're mainly
21 updating the ADA ramps. And then also looking through our letting
22 schedule a number of projects in design: Willow, El Prado, those are,
23 Crescent, those are all reconstruction. There's no widening or obtaining
24 additional right-of-way that I know of so it'd be also updating all the ADA
25 ramps. That's what I have. I could go on and name a few more, I mean
26 there's Camino del Sol, there's Boston, Lavender, Farney, and then the
27 Golf Club Road and Roadrunner, that intersection's going to be modified,
28 changed.
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30 Pearson: Okay. The one that stood out to me was Farney because that has some
31 of the traffic calming devices, the bulb-outs. I had sent an e-mail to the
32 engineer and we got response, you're going to actually put up the, the
33 speed, the radar speed signs, make a treatment much like and some peak
34 speed tables so a treatment much like on Boutz between Main, no Valley
35 and Avenida de Mesilla. So I just ...
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37 Nunez: So you spoke with Jennifer Allred, I mean ...
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39 Pearson: I think so.
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41 Nunez: I, Allred ...
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43 Pearson: It was by e-mail.
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45 Nunez: Jennifer, just ...
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1 Pearson: It's been a while. It was before Christmas so I, I think that's who that was
2 so.
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4 Nunez: Yeah, over at, in Design, yeah.
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6 Pearson: When is that project happening?
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8 Nunez: I believe she's in design still so I, I can't predict that.
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10 Pearson: Is that like a summertime construction?
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12 Nunez: I don't think they turn them around that fast so.
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14 Pearson: Oh, so it's still later.
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16 Nunez: Yes.
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18 Pearson: Okay. But that's, I think that's on our priority list for bicycle route, Farney
19 and those bulb-outs. Getting rid of those I think would be good. And I
20 wonder if the speed table's even necessary with the radar indicators.
21 Maybe just some rumble strips might be enough.
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23 Nunez: I'll write it down and I'll check.
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25 Pearson: Because I remember when, I use the, the Boutz roadway there and before
26 they put the speed tables in with just the radar there it seemed like that,
27 that was pretty effective. So I know the emergency services don't like
28 those speed tables that much. Maybe just rumble strips and that, that
29 might be something to experiment with and see if, cut down on the costs
30 and make the emergency services a little bit happier.
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32 Nunez: I think, it says right here she's to be done with design by March 16th so
33 that's a ways out from construction.
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35 Pearson: Okay. Okay. Dona Ana County have anything for us?
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37 Paz: Dripping Springs project is scheduled for completion in May and it's on
38 track.
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40 Pearson: Okay. And Town of Mesilla? Nothing?
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42 Shepan: Nothing.
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44 Pearson: NMSU's not here.
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1 **6.3 NMDOT Projects update**

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3 Pearson: NMDOT.

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5 Herrera: Thank you Mr. Chair. Just run down the list here, my list. I don't think you
6 guys have a list. The North Main project is finally complete. Yay.

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8 Pearson: Really?

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10 Herrera: I think for real this time. So that's good news. I did drive through there
11 today and I noticed there was a lot of debris in the bike lane path so I've
12 asked the District if they can sweep it and so hopefully we'll have a
13 sweeper out there sometime soon.

14 The Missouri project is moving right along. They're still scheduled
15 to be completed by the end of March. I know it looks like they still have a
16 lot of work to do but they're working very diligently on getting that project
17 done. They've got some other stuff going on on the southeast part of the
18 state that they want to get this one done so they can move over there so
19 we're hoping for end of March for that project.

20 The Union Avenue project is also moving along pretty quickly.
21 They only had 240 weather working days and that clock started last May
22 so they're nearing completion on that here in the next couple of months.
23 You may have noticed that we're moving traffic control kind of all over the
24 place. They have been sending out press releases. I know last time there
25 was some talk about not everybody receiving those so hopefully the list
26 has been expanded to include some of you all. If not, please let me know
27 and we'll make sure to get you added.

28 The pavement preservation project on I-10 is moving along as well.
29 That one's from Jackrabbit to the I-10/I-25 interchange. They have a
30 mandatory completion date of November of 2016 and they will be skipping
31 over the Union/Ramp E work and moving on to the six-lane portion
32 because it's the same contractor. So just be aware that there's going to
33 be traffic control out there for a while. The six-lane portion just got their
34 notice to proceed February 4th so they won't be starting that until probably
35 a few months from now after they finish up this section of I-10 and then
36 they'll have to skip over the bridges.

37 And that's all we have in construction. I wanted to talk a little bit
38 about some projects that we have under design right now though that
39 impact this Committee or that we would like to receive input from this
40 Committee on. One of them is the project on US-70 over San Augustin
41 Pass. That's in the design phase right now. A consultant was selected
42 and so they are starting the project. We have asked that George be the
43 contact for the BPAC and he will be included as a stakeholder, so he'll be
44 included in all the kickoff meetings, invited to plan reviews for comments
45 for this Committee, as well as the Valley Drive project the same. That
46 one, we had the Phase A/B report done. There was you know some

1 things with the Amador Proximo but I think we've worked most of that out
2 with the City so we'll be moving forward with design on that. George,
3 you'll also be on the list for that as the point of contact for the BPAC
4 Committee. And both of those project are, projects are scheduled to let in
5 Fiscal Year 2017.

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7 Pearson: Okay. NM-478, you had a project on there. Heard some good reports,
8 the edge-to-edge resurfacing. I don't remember how, I haven't been on it
9 yet. How far down did that go?

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11 Herrera: It was the whole, the whole section so it goes all the way to, I want to say
12 the intersection with 460, so where that roundabout is. I'd have to go back
13 and look.

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15 Pearson: Okay.

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17 Herrera: But it was the entire road and we definitely made sure to go edge-to-edge
18 and we also used the, a different process to try to make it smoother for the
19 cyclists.

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21 Pearson: And just on a, kind of a maintenance kind of thing when I was coming here
22 at University in the right-of-way there going westbound there's a tree,
23 University just west of Main Street there's a tree that makes me go all the
24 way out into the traffic lane so needs to be some trimming there. And you
25 might have them check on the other side, last time I was going eastbound
26 there's a, where the water collects, seems like the drop-off is real bad
27 there so that could be a problem.

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29 Herrera: Okay.

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31 Pearson: I was wondering if you knew anything about the Melendres-Amador signal
32 light because what I understood that, that went to NMDOT from the City
33 for, and it was denied or something happened where it didn't happen and I
34 think the City's going for that again. Do you have, know anything about
35 that?

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37 Herrera: I don't, no.

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39 Pearson: Because that's, that'd be a good, I mean the community wants that.
40 That's, for Safe Routes to School that intersection would be needed to be
41 signalized in order to think about bringing kids over from, it's part of
42 Central Elementary School district.

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44 Herrera: Right. So aren't those city streets though?

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46 Pearson: Yeah. But they're going for ...

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2 Herrera: So they're trying to get funding?
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4 Pearson: Yeah. I think, or whatever it is.
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6 Herrera: Oh, okay.
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8 Pearson: The state funding for it.
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10 Herrera: Okay. I'll check on that.
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12 Pearson: Because, and can you tell us anything about the, the TAP funding process
13 any, any information you have on that?
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15 Herrera: The only information that I have is that they're still working on the guides.
16 They're supposed to be out before the next RTPO and MPO quarterly
17 meetings which are in March so we should have guides out real soon.
18 We're looking at doing the call probably shortly after that, a little review
19 time for everybody but then hopefully soon after that, so I'm going to say
20 maybe April-ish is when we would have the call for projects out and that
21 would be for TAP and Rec Trails.
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23 Pearson: Okay. So maybe the results from our work session can work into part of
24 that.
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26 Herrera: Definitely, and I just want to remind everybody that it's for design in Fiscal
27 Year '18, construction in Fiscal Year '19. So that's what the application
28 cycle now is, is for, for this year.
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30 Pearson: And for non-construction projects like Safe Routes to School, that'll still be
31 on.
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33 Herrera: Yes. Those are still eligible.
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35 Pearson: Okay. Well ...
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37 Curry: So that would be the 2018 and 2019 fiscal year. I'm sorry. Just to confirm
38 that those would be for the, the non-infrastructure projects for the Fiscal
39 Year '18 and '19.
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41 Herrera: Yes.
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43 Curry: Okay. Thanks.
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45 Pearson: Okay. So anything else, any other questions for NMDOT? And I guess
46 the only other thing that I can think of is that we got the New Mexico Bike

1 Summit coming up on April 23rd which is a Saturday. We have a, a
2 distinguished panel member will be attending. Jolene is graciously going
3 to be on our panel and we have a pretty full schedule for the day so it
4 should be of general interest to anybody that's interested in bicycling,
5 www.nmbikeed.org will give you, we've got the, the agenda for the day
6 and any other information I can send if there's any questions.
7 Registration's available online also. And before that there's going to be a
8 league cycling instructor seminar so we hope to have some more league
9 cycling instructors in the state.

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11 Curry: Mr. Chairman. I had and in preparation for the league cycling instructor
12 seminar there's going to be a traffic skills 101 class this Friday and
13 Saturday. It's the prerequisite class for the league cycling instructor class.
14 There's still room in it if anybody's interested. It'll be at City Hall and just
15 contact me if you want more information on registering for that.

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17 Pearson: Okay. Any other Committee Members have any comments?

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19 Rochelle: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I don't know, I assume this falls under the City
20 somewhere but I was thinking about bike lanes and the fact that they're
21 always full of grit so is there a schedule for periodic cleaning of, of the
22 streets that includes the bike lanes as well? How does one find out about
23 that?

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25 Murphy: Mr. Chair, Gabriel. We can go ahead and check with the City Streets
26 Department on what, what their scheduling is. I, I do know that when they
27 do sweep it's to sweep with a gutter pan so the bike lane is usually
28 covered in that. But we will, we will ask them if they have a, a distinct
29 schedule or do they respond to complaints. We'll go ahead and e-mail the
30 answer around.

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32 Rochelle: Thank you.

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34 Pearson: Andrew.

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36 Bencomo: Mr. Chair. I had some comments.

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38 Pearson: Okay.

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40 Bencomo: As usual. They're kind of things that, that came up throughout the
41 discussion with everybody, and so for the City I had a question about the
42 Las Cruces Dam Trail project. Do, where, where are we on that, do you
43 know? Any idea?

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45 Nunez: The, it's, the project manager I talked to, he said that they're scheduling
46 the pre-con. So I don't know what that meant in that, well it, he, he was

1 supposed to have had it scheduled by now so maybe there was a little bit
2 of, they have some problem with something on the contract or something,
3 but sounds like that's resolved and his, his quick answer was, is that
4 they're scheduling the pre-con so that should be starting off on
5 construction the, I would assume within about a month.
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7 Bencomo: Okay, so they're already going to start construction?
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9 Nunez: Yes.
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11 Bencomo: All right.
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13 Nunez: Exactly, that's what I meant by pre-con, pre-construction meeting where
14 they get the contractor and so it's been awarded, it sounds like so.
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16 Bencomo: And just out of curiosity so maybe you, George have an answer: Has this
17 Committee had any input in that at all or any say, anything at all, even
18 meetings?
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20 Pearson: I think, well I, we've seen the plans. It, the City, this is a, a TAP project
21 that the City put in the previous cycle.
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23 Bencomo: All right.
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25 Pearson: And we weren't reviewing the TAPs. That went straight to the State.
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27 Wray: Mr. Chair. You did review it for purposes of putting it on the TIP.
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29 Pearson: Okay. Yeah. We didn't select the project, we just approved it for funding.
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31 Wray: Yes.
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33 Bencomo: Okay. I just was, wasn't sure if we had, if this Committee had had an
34 ability to, to any suggestions, feedback, anything as far as the design or
35 anything like that other than just knowing about it.
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37 Pearson: I'm pretty sure we had a presentation that showed the, the design. There
38 were like three options.
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40 Bencomo: Okay.
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42 Pearson: And the, the base design and then two additions and then the funding was
43 awarded for all the additions.
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45 Bencomo: Okay.
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1 Pearson: So the complete project that was designed is being done.
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3 Bencomo: Okay. Awesome. Thank you. The second question I had was the
4 Dripping Springs, I mean the Baylor Canyon reconstruct. Is that going to,
5 is Dripping Springs going to be paved, that short section that's unpaved
6 right now, is that going to be paved over to Dripping, to Baylor also?
7 There's, did, did I make sense what I said?
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9 Paz: Yes, I believe so. I asked about that stretch as well and they said that,
10 that that stretch was included.
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12 Bencomo: Okay.
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14 Paz: Yeah, but I'm pretty vague on those details. I can run that by my
15 Engineering Department and you know give you a response to that.
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17 Bencomo: Okay. Yeah cause there's that, there's about two miles from, it just drops
18 off on Dripping Springs and then it starts again up there by when you head
19 up into the, into the recreation area. So I just wanted, wasn't sure if they
20 were going to do that or not. Okay. Thank you.
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22 Pearson: What's that? I was under the impression that the entire Dripping Springs
23 was going to be paved and Baylor Canyon was not going to be paved, it
24 was going to be improved.
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26 Curry: I believe that that's what Jolene mentioned, the completion in May was, or
27 may, maybe it was Samuel who mentioned that. The completion in May,
28 wasn't that that paving that dirt stretch all the way up to the recreational
29 area?
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31 Paz: So the Engineering staff reported that they were doing roadway
32 improvements. Those roadway improvements were scheduled to be
33 completed by May. That kind of predates my arrival to, to, to the County
34 and to this Board so I can get back with you on greater details of that
35 project.
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37 Bencomo: Okay. All right, thank you. The third item was somebody else mentioned
38 it and I, I think Jolene mentioned Main Street that way and then you
39 brought up the, the maintenance of the bike lanes. I went, did a bike ride
40 the other day on Elks Drive cause I live out there, it's just a total mess.
41 Both the bike lanes are just littered with stuff. I mean the, the driving lanes
42 are clear. The bike lanes are completely littered. So I wonder is there a
43 way for this, somebody from this Committee to maybe meet with Streets
44 Department and talk to them about the, the maintenance schedules, even
45 if they could just focus on just the main bike routes. I mean obviously
46 there's tons of streets and I know there's a limited equipment and, and

1 dollars and things like that and limited time to do all these but if they could
2 focus maybe on those main routes that, that people use a lot and if we
3 had a little bit of input in that, cause I think I was saying, "Oh they need to
4 clean them," and they go, "Okay, great, we'll do that." It doesn't
5 necessarily work when you have direct input from people that use those
6 bike lanes all the time I think that helps a little bit more so I'm not sure if
7 we can do that or not. I, I'm, I think I know we can do that but it, to do it
8 officially through this Committee I'm wondering about how, how to go
9 about doing that maybe.

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11 Pearson: And then ask for the City Maintenance. That's, is that Traffic Engineering
12 or is that City, well it's some maintenance department.

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14 Bencomo: It's under Transportation.

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16 Murphy: It's, it's just Streets and Maintenance which is under Transportation and
17 also has Traffic Engineering. As I said earlier we'll go ahead and we'll find
18 out what their method of, or what their operating procedures are ...

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20 Pearson: All right.

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22 Murphy: On that. Once we find, find that out then I think we can react accordingly,
23 you know ...

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25 Pearson: Cause I think I remember hearing that their intent is to run a street
26 sweeper on every street once every two to three months and of course
27 after a flooding event you know or monsoon rains the bike, maybe we find
28 out if the bikes, lanes can get higher priority then or, and maybe things
29 have just, haven't been scheduled through or maybe it's at the end of the
30 three months and not knowing, it's hard to speculate.

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32 Murphy: We, we will ask.

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34 Pearson: Okay. Thank you.

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36 Bencomo: Right. Which is, which is exactly why I wanted to, if we could maybe
37 discuss that with them cause then, if nothing else it's an educational
38 process for us to say, "This is why it's not happening," and then we can,
39 maybe I can say, "Okay, great." So.

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41 Pearson: Right. It might be a matter of, oh that, we want to get input on our "Ask
42 the City" website ...

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44 Bencomo: Right.

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46 Pearson: To clear roads instead of however but yeah.

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Bencomo: Okay.

Pearson: Knowing what that is will be helpful.

Bencomo: Right. And then this also is probably going to be a City thing and it's probably going to, I don't know if it's going to fall under Parks or if it falls under Streets, riding the Triviz, I hadn't ridden the Triviz path in a while and every single place where there's the, the little water runoff with the concrete there's like a built-up like bump, a hump there. If they could just shave those off it'd be great. I noticed in a couple of spots somebody had cut like a, a tire, car tire width worth out, piece out of the hump and so everybody heads for that, aims for that. But if they could just go through there and, and smooth those, it's, it's everywhere that the pavement, the asphalt meets the concrete, there's like a hump there and you're like "ta-toonk, ta-toonk" going over that thing every time. I can't imagine moms trying to push strollers through there with those small tires. It's probably a pain in the you-know-what so if maybe somebody could talk to them about that, they could just shave those down. I know they do that in the streets sometimes the, the pavement starts to buckle and they go out there and shave it off. So kind of the same thing. And that's all I have Mr. Chair. Thank you.

Pearson: Okay. Any other Committee Member?

Rochelle: Mr. Chairman. I hate to add to this but I will, and that's that the section on Triviz that goes from Spruce to the end where you get on the trail, the, the lane marker is itself constantly breaking up and I, I, you know that, I don't know what it's made of. It, it appears to be concrete or something. But that's, that's just breaking up and it's, all the pieces of it are in the bike lane. So that's another reason to take a look at Triviz. Thank you.

Pearson: Okay. Okay. So no more comments?

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Pearson: We'll go on to our next item which is the second opportunity for public comment. Going once, going twice.

8. ADJOURNMENT (5:35 p.m.)

Pearson: Next is adjournment and we're going to adjourn to a work session where we're going to look at the, the loop trail maps. So motion to adjourn?

Rochelle: So moved.

1 Bencomo: Second.

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3 Pearson: So we're at 5:35. Adjourned to our work session.

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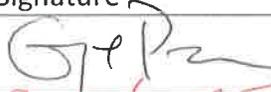
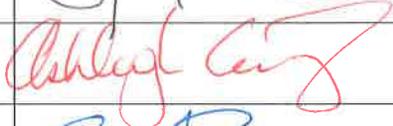
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