SANTA FE MPO TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
THURSDAY, August 27, 2026, 5:00 PM
737 AGUA FRIA STREET, MONICA ROYBAL CENTER
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

1. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Santa Fe MPO Transportation Policy Board was called to order by Councilor Alma Castro, at 5:08 pm, on Thursday, August 27, 2026, and was held at the Monica Roybal Center, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT
Councilor Alma Castro
Commissioner Adam Fulton Johnson, Chair
Commissioner Lisa Cacari-Stone
Commissioner Justin Greene
Rhonda Lopez, NMDOT

MEMBERS ABSENT
Mayor Michael Garcia, excused
Governor Mark Mitchell
Councilor Pat Feghali, Vice-Chair, excused
Councilor Elizabeth Barrett, excused

OTHERS PRESENT
Erick Aune, MPO Officer
Carrie Tremblatt, MPO
Andrew Baca, Santa Fe Trails
Gabrielle Chavez, Santa Fe Trails

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION A motion was made by Commissioner Greene, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the agenda as presented.

VOTE The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows:

Councilor Castro, yes; Commissioner Greene, yes; Commissioner Johnson, yes;

Commissioner Cacari-Stone, yes; Director Lopez, yes.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, and it was seconded by Commissioner Greene to approve the minutes with correction to the Governor of Tesuque Pueblo

VOTE The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows:

Councilor Castro, yes; Commissioner Greene, yes; Commissioner Johnson, yes; Commissioner Cacari-Stone, yes; Director Lopez, yes.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

3. ACTION ITEMS

A. REVIEW AND RECOMMEND: APPROVAL OF THE FFY 2024-2029 TIP AMENDMENT 12 VIA SELF CERTIFICATION

Ms. Tremblatt presented the staff report, which was included in the meeting packet.

Commissioner Johnson asked if the new rail crossing projects would impact the rail trail. Director Aune responded that the projects would upgrade the crossing signals and gate infrastructure and that there were no anticipated long term impacts to the rail trail.

MOTION A motion was made by Commissioner Greene and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to recommend approval of the FFY 2024-2029 TIP Amendment 12 via self-certification.

VOTE The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows:

Councilor Castro, yes; Commissioner Greene, yes; Commissioner Johnson, yes; Commissioner Cacari-Stone, yes; Director Lopez, yes

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Director Aune initiated a conversation about potential options to help fill funding gaps to address the growing list of maintenance needs in the City and County. He highlighted the urgency of identifying additional funding mechanisms given both new growth in the County and deferred maintenance needs and aging infrastructure in the existing neighborhoods. He posed the question of whether special taxing districts such as Public Improvement Districts (PIDs) could be used as a mechanism to address maintenance needs.

TPB members agreed that special districts might be a good topic to further explore in the upcoming series of joint City-County meetings. Some questions were raised as to how districts such as PIDs could be used to fund maintenance given the way they are structured to fund new improvements based on anticipated increased assessed property values. Other questions involved how to structure special taxing districts so that unreasonable infrastructure costs aren't passed onto new homeowners once developers move on.

5. MATTERS FROM STAFF

None

6. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

- NMDOT- Director Lopez advised that the State Transportation Commission approved the City of Santa Fe's application for TPF funding for Phase 1 of Henry Lynch Road. The Hyde Park Road Project is in the procurement process for a phase B study, which will result in a preferred alternative to move forward to design. Commissioner Greene highlighted the importance of phasing such large projects appropriately to go after construction funding. In response to a request to address signal timing and flashers on St. Francis, Director Lopez indicated that she had confirmed the signals are City operated and that they had reached out to the City to address the concerns. Director Lopez indicated that the St. Francis interchange has reached the 30% design milestone. Director Lopez indicated that her staff would be reaching out to the County to discuss issues around shared maintenance responsibilities of Rabbit Road and that they would be reaching out to the City to discuss Tierra Contenta maintenance responsibilities. Last, she gave a brief update on the Cerillos road reconstruction project. Staff is still in ROW negotiations with the Indian School, but staff is also working on contingency plans in the event that they are not able to obtain ROW for the Indian School segment.

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- Commissioner Greene raised concerns about the State's Access Management process and standards with the Camino Verde and the St. Francis Hilton Hotel cases as examples of missed opportunities for requesting safer access through the permit process.
- Commissioner Greene also called attention to the need for emergency access planning and potential opportunities for SF MPO to help with planning for regional emergency access improvements given the recent regional challenges in fire evacuations during the Frijoles fire.
- Commissioner Cacari-Stone thanked MPO staff for supporting the County in efforts to introduce new TIA guidance.

7. MATTERS FROM THE CHAIR

Chair Johnson thanked SF MPO for bringing attention to the Rabbit Road maintenance challenges and gave an update that the County was taking action to address the issues through the developer that owns and maintains the segment in question.

8. NEXT MEETING

9. ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM

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MPO Chair

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Chair