

**NEW MEXICO STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
MEETING**

**New Mexico Department of Transportation  
District Three Auditorium  
7500 Pan American Freeway NE  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87199  
November 19, 2015**

The New Mexico State Transportation Commission (STC or Commission) held a special meeting on November 19, 2015, at the New Mexico Department of Transportation, District Three Auditorium, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Chairman Schmeits called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Commissioner Mortensen led meeting attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of the Agenda**

**Chairman Schmeits asked for a motion to approve the agenda; Commissioner White made a motion to so approve; Commissioner Mathews seconded; motion carried unanimously.**

**Approval of the Minutes**

**Chairman Schmeits asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 15, 2015; Commissioner Mathews made a motion to so approve; Commissioner Gibson seconded; motion carried unanimously.**

### **Elected Officials and Delegations:**

Richard J. Berry, Mayor, City of Albuquerque  
Greggory D. Hull, Mayor, City of Rio Rancho  
Dan Lewis, City Councilor, City of Albuquerque, District 5  
Diane Gibson, City Councilor, City of Albuquerque, District 7  
Jason Harper, New Mexico State Representative, District 57

### **State Transportation Commissioners Present:**

Kenneth White, Secretary, District One  
David Sepich, Commissioner, District Two (Absent with Notice)  
Keith Mortensen, Commissioner, District Three  
Ron Schmeits, Chairman, District Four  
Butch Mathews, Vice-Chairman, District Five  
Jackson Gibson, Commissioner, District Six

### **NMDOT Staff Present:**

Tom Church, Cabinet Secretary  
Anthony Lujan, Deputy Secretary  
Loren Hatch, Deputy Secretary  
NMDOT Staff

### **Welcoming Remarks**

The Honorable Richard J. Berry, Mayor, City of Albuquerque, welcomed the STC and NMDOT staff to Albuquerque. He provided an overview of local events and projects.

### **Elected Officials Delegations Presentations**

Diane Gibson, City Councilor, City of Albuquerque, gave a presentation entitled “Long Term Efforts by the City to Develop Wayfinding in the Uptown District of Albuquerque.” The purpose of “Wayfinding” is to direct traffic from Louisiana Boulevard onto the Uptown loop system. This will alleviate congestion that develops on weekend afternoons on Louisiana and I-40. Wayfinding would take place on a section of Louisiana Boulevard that is within NMDOT right of way. The initiative is a joint effort between the City and NMDOT District Three.

The Honorable Gregg Hull, Mayor City of Rio Rancho; Dan Lewis, City Councilor, City of Albuquerque; and Jason Harper, Chairman Ways and Means Committee, NM House of Representatives, gave a presentation entitled "Paseo Del Volcan (NM 347)." They provided an overview of the Paseo Del Volcan project, which included discussion regarding economic connectivity and development, potential economic opportunities, regional infrastructure benefits, project phasing and status, right of way donations, funding status, additional requirements, and specific requests to the STC.

### **Workshop Agenda**

### **Finance Committee**

### **Monthly Financial Report**

Bridgette Long, Acting Accounting Services Director, NMDOT, presented the NMDOT operating budget financial summary for the month ending October 31, 2015. She reported that NMDOT's current overall budget for FY16 is approximately \$1.20 billion. As of November 8, 2015, \$220.56 million had been expended. FHWA revenues, which are based on reimbursements, are at \$85.06 million. Road Fund balance reserves are estimated at \$64.34 million. Personnel Services are \$55.21 million, and are currently tracking over budget, Contractual Services total is \$113.4 million, other Operating Costs equal \$34.24 million, and Debt Service is \$37.38 million.

### **New Mexico Finance Authority (NMFA) Monthly Report**

Mark Lovato, Investment Manager, NMFA, provided an update regarding NMDOT portfolio funds under NMFA management. As of October 31, 2015, the balance in the portfolio

was \$125.7 million, a net increase of \$1.8 million from September. The change is attributed to debt service payments of \$180,629, \$11.5 million in draws, plus total earnings of \$4,140, and \$13.5 million debt service in set asides payments. There is 56% in the project account, of which \$3.3 million is in the 2010A bond fund account, \$66.9 million in the 2014A Highway Infrastructure Fund (HIF) account, 43% in debt service, and 1% in the arbitrage rebate account. On October 31, 2015, the balance in the taxable line of credit at Bank of America was \$42 million for collateral needs, and the balance in the taxable line of credit at Wells Fargo was \$50 million for the BNSF Escrow account. As of November 6, 2015, the amount to exit the swaps was \$111.2 million. Mr. Lovato also provided a breakdown regarding NMDOT/NMFA outstanding debt service.

### **Rail Update**

Frank Sharpless, Transit and Rail Director, NMDOT, provided an update regarding rail matters. He reported that over the past few months the Transit and Rail Bureau has seen significant activity on a number of rail issues that impact NMDOT, such as the extension of the Positive Train Control deadline, USDOT's TIGER Grant award for the Amtrak Southwest Chief, and NMDOT's completion and presentation of the 2015 House Memorial 127 study regarding the feasibility of selling the Rail Runner.

### **Public Comment**

Benny Naranjo, resident of Rio Arriba County, commented regarding Highway 369 and the Pueblo of Santa Clara. He is concerned about access to private property from Highway 369 near Espanola. He would like assistance in resolving access claims by Santa Clara Pueblo, which has disrupted land sales in the area.

## **Policy Committee**

### **Proposed Amendments to Commission Policy No. 21 – Annual Report (CP 21)**

David Stevens, Assistant General Counsel, NMDOT, discussed proposed amendments to CP 21. CP 21 is the policy that directs the Secretary of Transportation to submit the Annual Report required under Section 67-3-22, NMSA 1978, to the STC for approval prior to its submission to the Governor.

### **Draft 2015 NMDOT Annual Report**

Marcos B. Trujillo, Policy Director, NMDOT, presented the draft 2015 NMDOT Annual Report to the STC. The Annual Report provides an overview of NMDOT and its 2015 accomplishments, particularly concerning the state highway system, and the other areas for which it has oversight. The report also includes a goals summary; information about each of the six District Engineers; detail regarding NMDOT funding, revenue and expenditures; a synopsis of District projects; long range, freight and border master plans, highway maintenance, bridges, and pavement conditions. Also included in the report is a performance dashboard; information about traffic safety programs; rail; park and ride; aviation; rural public transit and senior/disabled transportation services; a financial summary for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015; and detail regarding distribution of state road user revenues.

## Regular Meeting Agenda

### Staff Briefings

### Secretary Report

Tom Church, Cabinet Secretary, NMDOT, presented the NMDOT performance report and thanked the District crews for their great work during the recent snow storm.

### FHWA Report

J. Don Martinez, Division Administrator, NMDOT, gave a brief report to the STC regarding the recent federal planning review and federal highway bill.

### Action Items

#### Approval of Proposed Amendments to Commission Policy No. 21 – Annual Report (CP 21)

David Stevens, Assistant General Counsel, NMDOT, requested the STC's approval of proposed amendments to CP 21.

**Chairman Schmeits asked for a motion to approve the proposed amendments to CP 21; Commissioner White made a motion to so approve; Commissioner Mathews seconded; motion carried unanimously.**

#### Approval of Cancellation of the December 3, 2015 STC Meeting

Loren Hatch, Deputy Secretary, NMDOT, requested the STC's approval of the cancellation of the December 3, 2015 STC meeting.

**Chairman Schmeits asked for a motion to approve the cancellation of the December 3, 2015 STC meeting; Commissioner Mathews made a motion to so approve; Commissioner Mortensen seconded; motion carried unanimously.**

**Approval of Draft 2015 NMDOT Annual Report**

Marcos B. Trujillo, Policy Director, NMDOT, requested the STC's approval of the draft 2015 NMDOT Annual Report.

**Chairman Schmeits asked for a motion to approve the draft 2015 NMDOT Annual Report; Commissioner Mathews made a motion to so approve; Commissioner Gibson seconded; motion carried unanimously.**

**Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Mortensen extended his thanks to Secretary Church and stated that he has enjoyed traveling around the state for monthly STC meetings. He also expressed his appreciation to NMDOT District Three staff.

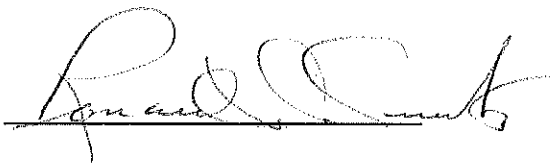
Commissioner White expressed his appreciation for the excellent information presented during the meeting.

Commissioner Gibson thanked NMDOT staff and announced that his annual District Six holiday luncheon will be held on December 4, 2015 in Milan.

Commissioner Mathews extended his thanks to NMDOT staff and wished everyone happy holidays.

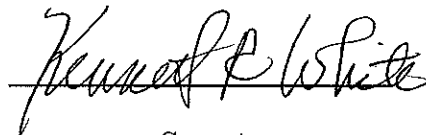
Chairman Schmeits also expressed his appreciation to Secretary Church and NMDOT staff.

**Chairman Schmeits asked for a motion to adjourn the special meeting at 10:38 a.m.; Commissioner Mortensen made a motion to so adjourn; Commissioner Mathews seconded; motion carried unanimously.**



**Chairman**

**Ronald Schmeits**



**Secretary**

**Kenneth R. White**