

MINUTES

21st Century Transportation Task Force

April 15, 2008
3-5 PM

11th Floor Conference Room

Type of meeting:

Seventh Task Force Meeting

Attendees:

Councilor Isaac Benton, Mike Skaggs, Claude Luisada, Claude Morelli, Moises Gonzalez, Jeffrey Peterson (absent), Antonio Sandoval (absent), Charles Ivy (absent), Terry Keene (absent), Gary Bodman (absent), Nevin Harwick, Alex Romero (absent), Bert Thomas, Bob Murphy, Brent Wilson (absent), Chris Blewett, Robert Nelson (for Clovis Acosta – UNM), Cynthia Reinhart (absent), Dale Lockett, Jeannie Chavez (absent), Joanne McEntire (absent), Joel Wooldridge (absent), JW Madison, Martin Sandoval, Ralph Cipriani, Frank Burcham (absent), Gus Grace (absent)

Resource Persons:

Andrew de Garmo, Michael Riordan, John Castillo, Mike Smith, Tony Sylvester, Ted Shogry, Donna Baca, Mimi Aledo

Observers:

Jamie Welles (Indicators Progress Commission), Silvio Dell-Angela, Roger Mickelson

AGENDA TOPICS

Welcome

Councilor Benton

Discussion: Councilor Benton called the meeting to order.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Councilor Benton

Discussion: Councilor Benton moved to amend the agenda to add a new discussion item: “May 1st Deadline and Future Meeting Schedule.” The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Councilor Benton moved to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Councilor Benton moved to approve the minutes from the 4-1-08 meeting. The motion to approve the minutes was seconded and passed unanimously.

	General Discussion: May 1st Deadline and Future Meeting Schedule	
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Discussion: Councilor Benton explained that the May 1st reporting deadline for the Task Force that was established in O-07-71 needed to be amended. The group decided to move the reporting deadline to September 1, 2008. There was then discussion about how often to meet between now and September. The group overwhelmingly supported continuing to meet every other week rather than once a month. Meeting dates for the next three months were set as follows:

Tuesday, April 29, 2008, 3 PM

Tuesday, May 13, 2008, 3 PM

Tuesday, May 27, 2008, 3 PM

Tuesday, June 10, 2008, 3 PM

Tuesday, June 24, 2008, 3 PM

Tuesday, July 8, 2008, 3 PM

Tuesday, July 22, 2008, 3 PM

	General Group Discussion: Establishing a Vision Statement (cont. from last meeting)	
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Discussion: The group continued their discussion from the last meeting about establishing a Vision Statement. The following reflects the outcome of the group's discussion:

Vision

(Statement of Intent/Image of Success)

“Dramatically reduce the need for travel while increasing transportation opportunities and choices for residents and visitors.”

Mission

(The Reason Why We Exist)

“Albuquerque’s 21st Century Transportation Task Force will consider relevant local government goals and policies in recommending a comprehensive course of action and priorities for funding and building balanced, integrated transportation systems in the coming decades. The Task Force will make recommendations with respect to the continuation and dedication of the Transportation Infrastructure Tax, the development of a modern streetcar in the context of roadway, city-wide public transit, and other multi-modal transportation improvements, and the financing of these improvements.”

Values

(Desirable Beliefs that Align our Judgment)

Environmentally Sensitive

Multi-Modal

Regional

Accessible

Safe

Affordable

Convenient

Land use

	General Discussion	
Discussion: After finalizing and reviewing the Task Force’s Vision Statement, Mission Statement, and Values, the group had a general discussion about how to proceed from here. One member commented that the group must look at long-term financing and reliance on the ¼ cent tax. A key point to consider is that the tax can’t all be used for transit. Councilor Benton said that the group needs a ballpark presentation on funding sources – City, State, Federal – and projections on the cost of maintenance. He asked for Jon Zaman to do a qualitative analysis and talk to the group about funding trends. Claude Morelli said that he wants to see the CIP list and a holistic analysis of it. Councilor Benton mentioned that the City has frozen staff positions in both the Transit and Planning Departments. It was noted that what the ¼ cent tax used to buy is not the same today because of the skyrocketing cost of materials and construction. Dale Lockett said that the public perception of the need for transportation is that it may not be an urgent need today. A transition of mindsets regarding transit is needed. JW Madison commented that money that comes from a good transit year shouldn’t go back to the General Fund but should stay in Transit’s budget. Claude Morelli suggested drafting an outline of the work that needs to be done before the next meeting. It was decided that Councilor Benton, Martin Sandoval, Mike Smith, and Kara Shair-Rosenfield would meet to draft an outline/framework before the next meeting.		
	Presentation: Modern Streetcar Cost-Benefit Analysis – 2nd Presentation	Leland Consulting Group
Discussion: Leland Consulting Group gave their second presentation on the modern streetcar cost-benefit analysis. See .pdf handout “Land Use Impacts and Transportation Update”.		
	Scheduling of Next Meeting; Adjourn	
Discussion: The next meeting of the Task Force will be on Tuesday, April 29, 2008, 3-5 PM, in the City Council Committee Room on the 9th Floor of City Hall. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.		