

NEW MEXICO STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
MEETING

Special Video Conference Meeting

April 25, 2022

The New Mexico State Transportation Commission (STC or Commission) held a special video conference meeting on April 25, 2022. Chairman Adams called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. He asked for a roll call to establish a quorum. Mershawn Griego, Office of the Secretary, New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT), proceeded to call the roll. Commissioners Walter G. Adams, Jennifer Sandoval, Hilma E. Chynoweth, and Charles Lundstrom were present. Commissioner Thomas Taylor joined the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

Approval of the STC Special Meeting Agenda

Chairman Adams asked for a motion to approve the STC special meeting agenda; Commissioner Chynoweth made a motion to approve the agenda; Commissioner Lundstrom seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the STC Minutes

Chairman Adams asked for a motion to approve the March 24, 2022 STC regular meeting minutes; Commissioner Sandoval made a motion to approve the minutes; Commissioner Lundstrom seconded; motion carried unanimously.

State Transportation Commissioners Present:

Jennifer Sandoval, Vice-Chair, District One
Bruce Ellis, Commissioner, District Two (absent with notice)
Hilma E. Chynoweth, Commissioner, District Three
Walter G. Adams, Chairman, District Four
Thomas C. Taylor, Commissioner, District Five
Charles Lundstrom, Secretary, District Six

NMDOT Staff Present:

Michael Sandoval, Cabinet Secretary
Justin Reese, Deputy Secretary, Business Support
Rick Padilla, P.E., Executive Director of Highway Operations
Jerry Valdez, Executive Projects Director
Kenneth B. Baca, General Counsel
NMDOT Staff

Elected Officials and Delegations Present:

None present.

Welcoming Remarks

Chairman Adams welcomed the STC special meeting attendees and thanked them for participating in the meeting. He asked for prayers for all who have been affected by the fires in the state.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Approval of Proposed Lincoln County Request to Designate a Certain Segment of NM 37 and NM 48 for the Operation of Recreational Off-Highway Vehicles (ROVs)

Francisco Sanchez, P.E., District Two Engineer, NMDOT, presented and requested the STC's approval of Lincoln County's proposed request to designate a certain segment of NM 37 and NM 48 for the operation of ROVs (Route Designation Request), and the adoption of related STC Resolution No. 2022-05 (APR).

Kenneth B. Baca, General Counsel, NMDOT, reported that Lincoln County's ordinance authorizing the operation of ROVs on its roads is appropriate and conforms with the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Act. With the addition of the written recommendation offered by Francisco Sanchez, P.E., District Two Engineer, and the letters of support provided by the community, the packet submitted to the STC by Lincoln County in support of its Route Designation Request now meets the requirements of CP 71. Mr. Baca specifically requested that the additional documentation be included in the record of this STC meeting.

Chairman Adams asked for a motion to approve Lincoln County's proposed request to designate a certain segment of NM 37 and NM 48 for the operation of ROVs; Commissioner Taylor made a motion to so approve; Commissioner Chynoweth seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Approval of FY23 NMDOT Operating Budget

Mallery Manzanares, Administrative Services Director, NMDOT, introduced Mallika Pung, NMDOT's new Economist, to the STC. Ms. Pung presented the FY22 Road Fund revenue

update. Thereafter, Mrs. Manzanares presented and requested the STC's approval of NMDOT's FY23 Operating Budget in the total amount of \$1.2 billion, which includes: \$774 million for Project Design and Construction; \$318 million for Highway Operations; \$50 million for Business Support; and \$76.4 million for the Modal Program.

Chairman Adams asked for a motion to approve the FY23 NMDOT Operating Budget; Commissioner Lundstrom made a motion to so approve; Commissioner Taylor seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Closing Comments

Michael Sandoval, Cabinet Secretary, NMDOT, stated that he will be retiring from the NMDOT, effective May 1, 2022. Justin Reese, Deputy Secretary, Business Support, NMDOT, will be assuming the role of Acting Secretary. Secretary Sandoval expressed his appreciation to the STC for its cooperation and support, and the way it conducted business.

Chairman Adams invited Secretary Sandoval to attend the STC meeting on May 19, 2022, so the Commission can properly recognize him for his service.

Adjournment

Chairman Adams asked for a motion to adjourn the special video conference meeting at 9:20 a.m.; Commissioner Chynoweth made a motion to adjourn the special meeting; Commissioner Taylor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.



Chairman

Walter G. Adams



Secretary

Charles Lundstrom