

NOTES
Mayor Swisstack's Transition Team
Infrastructure Team Meeting
Monday, April 14, 2008
4:00 p.m. – City Hall

Councilor Steve Shaw led the meeting until Lawrence Rael arrived.

Leonard Rivera, Traffic Operations Manager for the city presented a brief overview of upcoming road projects in Rio Rancho.

- Maintenance of existing roads is a large expense.
- Rating system used to determine which streets are repaired is 10 years old.
- The city will reevaluate roads this summer. The worst in the city will be identified and moved up on the list of scheduled maintenance/repairs.
- better coordination of road projects with the county will be better off in the long run
- no city participation in construction of the NW Loop

The Team discussed the following:

- growth policy not connected to water and transportation needs
- how do you plan for growth?
- all water the city currently has is pledged
- a strategic plan is needed and should have a committee which conducts periodic reviews and updates the plan as necessary
- industrial park areas are needed
- Master Plan {also referred to as Strategic Plan} – administration to implement and review; ask big developers what they're going to do for the city – make requests up front; plan should be dynamic
- use short “fixes” with long range plans to build credibility
- give residents detailed information before requesting additional mill levy to finance infrastructure; if public is well informed they'll “make the right choice”

Public Comments:

- MRCOG is very helpful and easy to work with
- #1 problem is water, #2 is transportation and #3 is energy
- order of recommendations should be tempered by Steve Gallegos' presentation last week; 58,000 homes exceeds our water supply

For next meeting:

Review draft of recommendations {to be sent in a separate email} and be able to offer ideas for presentation to the Mayor

Next meeting: Monday, April 21st at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall