

Meeting Minutes

Northern Pueblos Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NPRTPO)

Hosted by Village of Taos Ski Valley

Taos Tent

NM HWY 150

Village of Taos Ski Valley, NM

July 9th, 2019

10:00 AM

NPRTPO Voting Members and Alternates:

Name	Entity	Title	Present/Absent
Eric Martinez	Los Alamos County	Voting Member	Absent
Desirae Lujan	Los Alamos County	Alternate	Present
Napoleon Garcia	Rio Arriba County	Voting Member	Absent
Cathy Martinez	Rio Arriba County	Alternate	Absent
Robert Griego	Santa Fe County	Voting Member	Absent
Brett Clavio	Santa Fe County	Alternate	Absent
Brent Jaramillo	Taos County	Voting Member	Absent
Candyce O'Donnell	Taos County	Alternate	Present
Alison Gillette	City of Espanola	Voting Member	Absent
Richard Hubler	City of Espanola	Alternate	Absent
Patrick Nicholson	Village of Taos Ski Village	Voting Member	Present
Christina Wilder	Village of Taos Ski Village	Alternate	Absent
Francisco Espinoza	Town of Taos	Voting Member	Absent
	Town of Taos	Alternate	Absent
Russell Church	Town of Red River	Voting Member	Absent
	Town of Red River	Alternate	Absent
Roxanne Bayer	Village of Chama	Voting Member	Absent
Will Donohoe	Village of Chama	Alternate	Absent
Loretta Trujillo	Village of Questa	Voting Member	Absent
	Village of Questa	Alternate	Absent
Duane Sandoval	Jicarilla Apache Nation	Voting Member	Present
Prestin Duncan	Jicarilla Apache Nation	Alternate	Present
Levi Valdez	Pueblo of Nambe	Voting Member	Absent
Marcus Lopez	Pueblo of Nambe	Alternate	Present
Sylvia Armijo	Picuris Pueblo	Voting Member	Present
	Picuris Pueblo	Alternate	Absent
Stephen Martinez	Pueblo of San Ildefonso	Voting Member	Absent
Lilian Garcia	Pueblo of San Ildefonso	Alternate	Absent
Christy Ladd	Ohkay Owingeh	Voting Member	Present
	Ohkay Owingeh	Alternate	Absent
Mary Lou Valerio	Pueblo of Santa Clara	Voting Member	Present
Edmund Gonzales	Pueblo of Santa Clara	Alternate	Absent
Vernon Lujan (Interim Chair)	Pueblo of Taos	Voting Member	Present
Reva Suazo	Pueblo of Taos	Alternate	Absent
William Garcia	Pueblo of Pojoaque	Voting Member	Absent
Delilah Garcia	NCRTD	Alternate	Present
Anthony Mortillaro	NCRTD	Voting Member	Absent

NCNMEDD/NPRTPO Staff

Dennis T. Salazar NCNMEDD – RTPO Program Manager/Planner

NMDOT Staff

David Quintana	NMDOT District-5
Stephen Lopez	NMDOT District-5
Joseph Moriarty	NMDOT Planning Liaison
Lisa Neie	FHWA
Charles E. Trujillo	NMDOT
Isabel Herrera	NMDOT
Zachariah Mondragon	NMDOT

Guest Members

Debra Chavez	Taos County
Ramon Pacheco	Taos County
Ben	Los Alamos County

I. Call Meeting to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 10:24 A.M. by NPRTPO Interim Chair Vernon Lujan, Taos Pueblo.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance as led by all members of the NPRTPO Board.

III. Welcome and Introductions/Public Comments:

Individual introductions were conducted by each NPRTPO member and guests. Interim Chair Vernon Lujan thanked Patrick Nicholson and the Village of Taos Ski Valley for hosting the NPRTPO Meeting. Mr. Nicholson welcomed everyone to Village of Taos Ski Valley.

There were no public comments.

IV. Approval of the Agenda:

Interim Chair Lujan, called for a motion to approve the agenda
Candyce O'Donnell, Taos County, made the motion to approve the agenda; the motion was seconded by Christy Ladd, Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo. The motion passed and all voted in favor.

V. Approval of the Minutes: June 5th, 2019 – City of Espanola

Interim Chair Lujan called for a motion to approve the minutes as submitted.
Christy Ladd, Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo, made the motion to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded by Patrick Nicholson, Village of Taos Ski Valley. The motion passed and all voted in favor.

VI. Introduction of NCNMEDD Community Development Director, Lesah Sedillo:

NPRTPO Planner/Program Manager Dennis T. Salazar advised the Board that unfortunately Ms. Lesah Sedillo was not able to make the meeting. Ms. Sedillo is currently in transition to the Community Development Director from the Non-Metro AAA side of NCNMEDD. Ms. Sedillo also had to stay back at the office to continue working on Quarterly Reports that were due to NMDOT by 7/12/19. Mr. Salazar advised that Ms. Sedillo is very excited to start in her new position and is looking forward to meeting with everyone as a group and individually. Mr. Salazar stated that Ms. Sedillo brings a great amount of experience to the RTPOs and is looking forward to Lesah meeting with everyone from NPRTPO.

VII: Introduction of NMDOT D-5 Planning Liaison, Joseph Moriarty:

Interim Chairman Lujan introduced and welcomed the new NPRTPO Planning Liaison Joseph Moriarty. Mr. Moriarty thanked everyone for graciously welcoming him and spoke a little bit about himself. Mr. Moriarty let the Board know that he is looking forward to a great and productive working relationship. Mr. Moriarty is also the Planning Liaison for NERTPO and MPOs as well.

VIII. Discussion – Nominations of Chairman and Vice-Chairman NPRTPO Board

RTPO Program Manager Salazar advised the Board about what options they have regarding the nominations of Chair and Vice-Chair of the NPRTPO Board. Mr. Salazar read a portion of the NPRTPO By-laws which states the options what can be done due to former Chair Ms. Stacey McGuire leaving. The Board Elections are normally held in September of each year but due to the vacancy the Board had the option to have an election to fill the remaining term of Ms. McGuire or to keep current Vice-Chair Mr. Vernon Lujan as the Interim Chair until the normal election. The Board agreed that Mr. Lujan will remain as Interim Chair until the normal election in September. Although this was just a discussion item the Board did agree that Commissioner Candyce O'Donnell will serve as Vice-Chair only as back-up only if Mr. Lujan is unable to make a meeting prior to the September election, then Ms. O'Donnell will run the meeting.

Mr. Salazar advised the Board Members to consider being nominated if they wish to become Chair and Vice-Chair. The nominations will take place at the September meeting.

IX. Presentation: Title VI Implementation (Lisa Neie, Civil Rights Specialist, FHWA-NM)

Ms. Lisa Neie, Civil Rights Specialist for FHWA gave a slide-show presentation on Title VI Implementation. Ms. Neie was available to answer questions from the Board and advised that she will be sending a copy of the presentation to Mr. Salazar to distribute to the Board Members. Ms. Neie also advised that she can be reached at Office Phone Number (505) 820-2036, Cell Phone (505) 795-8166 or via e-mail at lisa.neie@dot.gov

X. NPRTPO Open Meetings Act Resolution 2019-01 (Action Item)

RTPO Program Manager Salazar presented the 2019-01 Open Meetings Act Resolution to the Board. Mr. Salazar stated that the Open Meetings Act must come before the RTPO Board every year and is requesting approval.

Patrick Nicholson, Village of Taos Ski Valley, made the motion to approve the Open Meetings Act Resolution 2019-01; the motion was seconded Candyce O'Donnell, Taos County. The motion passed and all voted in favor.

XI. NPRTPO List of Projects from most recent "Call for Projects" (Action Item)

RTPO Program Manager Salazar presented the list of projects that NMDOT D-5 recommended for review. The projects were from Los Alamos County, Village of Taos Ski Valley, Town of Red River, and two from Taos County, these entities gave presentations regarding their projects at the June 2019 meeting. David Quintana and Stephen Lopez from NMDOT D-5 gave a brief update regarding the projects and submittal to NMDOT for final review. Mr. Salazar advised that the NMDOT Board of Commissioners will be meeting in August to decide on which projects have been approved. Notice should be given sometime between middle September to middle October.

There was discussion regarding adding the projects from Ohkay-Owingeh Pueblo as they have been in discussions with NMDOT D-5, as well as Taos Pueblo to add their specific projects to the "Call for Projects List. However, the final list was submitted to the NMDOT General Office as requested on June 14, 2019. There was also discussion by the District stating that the Ohkay-Owingeh project was a state lead project. NMDOT, Ohkay-Owingeh Pueblo and Taos Pueblo will be discussing details about their specific projects.

The NPRTPO RTIPR will also be brought before the NPRTPO Board in the coming months for discussion and for a vote for inclusion of projects into the RTIPR.

Interim Chair Lujan, Taos Pueblo, made a motion to make all of the projects listed as a ranking of #1; the motion was seconded by Mary Lou Valerio, Santa Clara Pueblo. The motion passed and all voted in favor.

XII. NPRTPO Project Tracking, Monitoring and Reporting

NPRTPO Interim Chair Lujan called on Board Members around the room asking if they would like to speak about specific projects in their respective communities. Various updates were given along with some questions from members in the room regarding specific projects.

XIII. NMDOT Updates:

Mr. Salazar advised the Board that Mr. Ron Shutiva was unable to make the meeting but advised that he Tribal Safety Summit is still in the process of being planned, the summit is scheduled for November 21st and November 22nd, 2019. The location was set but now there have been a couple of changes and there will more than likely be a new location for the Summit, which is still to be determined. Mr. Shutiva will give a full update the Board Members at the next RTPO Meeting.

Mr. Stephen Lopez and Mr. David Quintana gave updates regarding what is going on around D-5. Mr. Lopez and Mr. Quintana answered various questions from Board Members regarding specifics in their respective communities. RTPO Program Manager

XIV. Member Input on Training and Presentations for NPRTPO:

Mr. Salazar let the Board know that he has been in contact with Callie French from LTAP and are currently looking for more opportunities for training. Mr. Salazar advised that Ms. French has a distribution list and let the Board Members know to contact him if they would like to be added to Ms. French's distribution list for upcoming opportunities for training.

XV. NPRTPO Planner Updates

Mr. Salazar advised that there will be more continuous efforts to keep the Board apprised of upcoming trainings, Transportation news and meeting notices. Mr. Salazar advised that he has been sending out this type of information more-so the last couple of months and will continue to do so to ensure that the Board sees opportunities to train and to keep up to date with Transportation news whether it may be local, statewide or national. The Board thanked Mr. Salazar for his hard work.

a. Announcements-

No Announcements given at this time.

- b. Next Meeting-** Next Meeting is scheduled to be held on September 4th, 2019. The location will be Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo. Mr. Quintana-NMDOT advised that it would be a good idea for the Planners from D-5 to schedule a ZIPPER Meeting in the month of August, preferably middle August. Mr. Salazar advised that he will contact fellow D-5 RTPO Planners Brandon Howe and Bob Kuipers for planning.

XVI. Adjournment:

NPRTPO Interim Chair Vernon Lujan called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Patrick Nicholson, Village of Taos Ski Valley made motion, second by Christy Ladd, Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo. All voted in favor to adjourn the meeting at approximately 12:58 P.M.