

Meeting Minutes
 Northeast Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NERTPO)
 Roy Community Center
 Roy, NM 87743
 July 23, 2025
 10:00 a.m.



Meeting Attendees

Present/Absent	Name	Entity	Voting/Alternate
Present	Danny Gurule	City of Las Vegas	Voting Member
Present	Arnold Lopez	City of Las Vegas	Alternate
Present	Heather Dostie	City of Santa Rosa	Alternate
Present	Ralph Lopez	City of Tucumcari	Voting Member
Present	Mishon Peay	City of Tucumcari	Alternate
Present	Rebecca Benavidez	Guadalupe County	Voting Member
Present	Victoria Villareal	Harding County	Voting Member
Present	Daniela Hammer	Harding County	Alternate
Present	Daniel Zamora	Quay County	Alternate
Present	Ernest Sanchez	Town of Clayton	Alternate
Present	Jennifer Portillos	Town of Springer	Voting Member
Present	Rachel Farnum	Union County	Alternate
Present	Shawn Jeffrey - Chairwoman	Village of Cimarron	Voting Member
Present	Kaycee Sandoval	Village of Eagle Nest	Alternate
Present	Rodney Paris	Village of Logan	Voting Member
Present	Shawn Jeffrey	Village of Maxwell	Alternate
Present	Dallas Baker	Village of Mosquero	Voting Member
Present	Danny Laumbach	Village of Roy	Voting Member
Present	Cynthia Lee	Village of San Jon	Voting Member
Absent	Jason Phillips	City of Raton	Alternate
Absent	Scott Berry	City of Raton	Voting Member
Absent	Ken Flores	City of Santa Rosa	Voting Member
Absent	Glen Stevens	Colfax County	Alternate
Absent	Bret E. Wier	Colfax County	Voting Member
Absent	Rudy Tenorio	Guadalupe County	Alternate
Absent	John N. Romero	Mora County	Voting Member
Absent	Monica Mondragon	Mora County	Alternate
Absent	Stephen Salas	Quay County	Voting Member
Absent	Martin Aguilar	San Miguel County	Alternate
Absent	Benito Romero	San Miguel County	Voting Member
Absent	Ferron Lucero - Vice-Chair	Town of Clayton	Voting Member
Absent	Vacant	Town of Springer	Alternate
Absent	Clay Kiesling	Union County	Voting Member
Absent	Julie Kulhan	Village of Angel Fire	Alternate
Absent	Morris Madrid	Village of Angel Fire	Voting Member
Absent	Renee Ledoux	Village of Cimarron	Alternate
Absent	Jonathan Valdez	Village of Des Moines	Voting Member
Absent	Jordan Wingo	Village of Des Moines	Alternate

Absent	Jamie Archuleta	Village of Eagle Nest	Voting Member
Absent	Alice Adams	Village of Folsom	Voting Member
Absent	Amanda Boggs	Village of Folsom	Alternate
Absent	Mignon Saddoris	Village of Grenville	Voting Member
Absent	Lynn Wiseman	Village of Grenville	Alternate
Absent	Tomi Miller	Village of House	Voting Member
Absent	Steve Foust	Village of House	Alternate
Absent	Jai Courtney	Village of Logan	Alternate
Absent	Carala Taylor	Village of Maxwell	Voting Member
Absent	Barbara June Melton	Village of Mosquero	Alternate
Absent	Telesfor Benavidez	Village of Pecos	Voting Member
Absent	Vacant	Village of Pecos	Alternate
Absent	Clayton Moore	Village of Roy	Alternate
Absent	Wade Lane	Village of San Jon	Alternate
Absent	Andres Martinez	Village of Wagon Mound	Voting Member
Absent	Colleen Engelhardt	Village of Wagon Mound	Alternate

Julie Surina, EPCOG
 Patrick Million, NCNMEDD
 Aiden Beining, NMNMEDD
 John Herrera, NMDOT
 Monica Duran, NMDOT
 Alison Gillette, NMDOT
 Anjelica Trujillo, NMDOT
 Carl Colonius, Outdoor Rec
 Ashleigh Curry, Safe Routes to School
 Darla Munsell, Quay County
 Billie Jo Barnes, Village of San Jon
 Calvin Pearson, Harding County
 Evangeline Garrison, Village of Roy
 Laney Scott, Village of Roy
 Robert Anaya, City of Las Vegas

I. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 10:02 by Chairwoman Shawn Jeffrey

II. Pledge of Allegiance/New Mexico State Flag

The Pledge of Allegiance and the salute to the New Mexico State Flag was led by Chairwoman Shawn Jeffrey

III. Welcome

Chairwoman Jeffrey welcomed the attendees to Harding County and thanked County Manager, Victoria Villareal for hosting. Individual introductions were conducted by all in attendance and online.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented: Chairwoman Shawn Jeffrey

1st Motion- Cynthia Lee

2nd- Arnold Lopez
There being no opposition, MOTION CARRIES



V. Approval of Minutes June 25th Meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes as presented: Chairwoman Shawn Jeffrey

1st Motion- Rodney Paris

2nd- Ernest Sanchez

There being no opposition, MOTION CARRIES

VI. Presentation: Trails+ Grant- Carl Colonius, Program Director, Outdoor Recreation Division

- New Mexico is 1 of 24 states that have an outdoor office since 2013
- Goals of Trails and Outdoor rec
 - Health benefits- physical and mental health
 - Community development
 - Environmental Benefits- Conservation, air and water quality
 - Economic Benefits
- FY26 Grant
 - \$7.2 million targeted for distribution
 - Applications accepted in 2 rounds- July 1- September 30, 2025 and November 1- January 31, 2026
 - Submit via portal

FY26 OUTDOOR RECREATION TRAILS+ GRANT

ELIGIBILITY

Tier One
\$25,000-\$99,999

- Tribes, Pueblos, and Nations; Municipalities; Counties; Nonprofits; Public preschools/schools/districts; Public colleges/universities; Soil and water conservation districts; Acequia and land grant associations.
- Project must benefit the local community

Tier Two
\$100,000-\$499,999

- Same as Tier One + nonprofits with capacity
- Project must provide economic value for the region as a whole
- Collaborative, multi-partner projects will score higher

Tier Three
\$500,000-\$1M

- Same as Tier Two, but nonprofits are not eligible

ELIGIBLE & INELIGIBLE EXPENSES	
What type of infrastructure projects can you apply for?	
ELIGIBLE	INELIGIBLE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Structures and other infrastructure that enhance public nature-based outdoor recreation Design, survey, and engineering plans Equipment (specific to project construction and maintenance) - up to 30% of grant request Trail, wayfinding, or other signage Maintenance and improvement to existing outdoor infrastructure Administrative costs - up to 10% Billed labor <p>Examples</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trail design or construction, signage, river access, whitewater amenities, outdoor classroom infrastructure, trailhead improvements, picnic shelters, wildlife viewing areas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land acquisition Outdoor swimming pools or water parks Recreational facilities such as golf courses, playground structures, and traditional sports facilities (i.e. soccer fields) Landscaping and beautification ONLY projects Infrastructure owned by a for-profit entity <p>Examples</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indoor recreation amenities; structures owned by a private business or entity that are not open for public use; developing or enhancing baseball fields.



- Reporting Requirements- Progress report at halfway, in person site visit. Financial report and share photos on social media.

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NOTE: Presentation was shared with membership 7/29/2025

Q: Alison Gillete asked Harding County if they were interested, they replied that they were and wanted to learn more. Shawn Jeffrey asked about the match. Carl Colonius said it was a 2 to 1 match. He also heavily noted in kind matches and community volunteers were a good way to go. He answered that there was no match waiver for this grant. Chairwoman asked if parks were eligible and Colonius answered they are, but State parks are not eligible applicants but can be recipients of the program thru a non-profit or “friends” group. Dallas Baker asked if playground equipment was eligible. Mr. Colonius said it is not an allowable expense because it gets expensive and they want to be able to fund multiple projects.

VII. **Presentation/Discussion:** Safe Routes to School-Ashleigh Curry, Safe Routes to School Coordinator, Las Cruces Public Schools.

- Program started in 2006 to encourage kids to walk or bike to school
- 6 E’s of Safe Routes to School
 - Education, Encouragement, Engineering, Evaluation, Equity, Engagement.
- The Benefits
 - Physical Health, Mental Health, Improve Academic Performance, Safety, Social Benefits, Independence and Confidence, Reduce traffic around the school, and Environmental benefits.
- What we offer
 - Bicycle/pedestrian safety education, after school bike clubs, community bike safety education, volunteer opportunities for students, liaison, safety assessment for drop off/pickup, and neighborhood walk audits.
- International Walk to School Day (District Wide) - 3,450 students, 1,362 adults
- Family Bike Fiesta- 224 Students, 189 parents, 83 volunteers.
- National Bike to School Day- 226 students, 212 parents
- Funding

- SRTS funded by NMDOT through September 30, 2028
- Trails+ \$50,000
- NMDOH (\$100,000) – in process

Q: Patrick Million asked if this was applicable to smaller rural communities? Ashleigh Curry said yes and anyone who is 1 mile of an elementary, 1.5 miles of a middle school and 2 miles of a high school are eligible. Ms Curry said the best thing to get started is initiate an International Walk to School Day. If you are not in walking distance, have a parent drop off spot. Ms Curry mentioned that there is a monthly zoom meeting and Patrick Million would send out the invite should anyone be interested. She also mentioned a SRTS meeting with free registration in Las Cruces happening September 4th and 5th.

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- I. **Update from the NERTPO Planners/Program Managers:** Julie Surina mentioned that she attended the NADO Transportation Conference and encouraged entities to take advantage of the different funding opportunities New Mexico provides as some states aren't as fortunate. She also thanked NMDOT for their constant communication and support. Ms. Surina also mentioned Executive Director, Sandy Chancey, will be in attendance and present at the August meeting in Logan. Patrick Million mentioned that the Transportation in Highly Rural Area grant via the Department of Veterans Affairs is open until August 23rd and the T-Mobile Hometown Grant is open until September 30. Million concurred with Surina on the state opportunities. He stated that NCNMEDD has already acquired 2 match fund grants, and the approximate total of money brought in by that program is four times what it has spent at around \$240 million.
- II. **Discussion NMDOT District IV Update-** John Herrera: if you have received close-out documents, please complete them so we can get them cleared out. Time extensions for TPF projects will only be accepted if letter state that all money will be spent. The deadline for match waiver LGRF projects is July 30th. TPF awards will be shared at the NMDOT August special meeting and then shared with the group. TPF approved projects match waiver deadline is September 30th, will send out agreements and execute by end of November.
Q: Is there a budget for LGRF? Mr. Herrera said about 60 million hopefully to fund about 15-17 projects.
- III. **Discussion:** Project Status Update (local Government Members)- Town of Clayton- Started on TPF Love's perimeter. City of Las Vegas-TPF project is about 90% complete. City of Tucumcari's 4th st project is underway and is ready to start the NMDOT aviation fuel service at the airport. Village of Maxwell congressional released for waste water lagoon. Town of Springer- TPF is complete, water is almost done. Village of Cimarron, Springer and Maxwell were awarded the Clean and Beautiful Grant. Village of Folsom is about to start TPF. Village of Mosquero was awarded the Que Linda and Clean and Beautiful Grant.
- IV. **New Business**
 - A. **General Comments and Announcements from NERTPO Members and Public:** Commissioner Evangeline Garrison thanked everyone for coming to Roy/Harding County. Anjelica Trujillo mentioned the NMDOT Safety Summit happening September 16 & 17.
 - B. **Suggested agenda Items for upcoming meetings-** LGRF and Traffic Permitting

C. Meeting Locations:

- ❖ August 27- Village of Logan
- ❖ September- TBD (possibly Tucumcari)
- ❖ October- TBD (possibly Las Vegas)



V. Adjournment

With there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Chairwoman

Shawn Jeffrey at 11:35 A.M.

1st Motion- Ernest Sanchez

2nd - Arnold Lopez

APPROVED BY:

NERTPO Committee Chair/Vice Chair

Date

ATTESTED BY:

NERTPO EPCOG Program Manager

Date

ATTESTED BY:

NERTPO NCNMEDD Program Manager

Date