

**SOUTHWEST NEW MEXICO REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING  
ORGANIZATION  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
HYBRID MEETING**

**Minutes  
December 17, 2024  
1:30 p.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

David McSherry, City of Deming  
Windia Cassy, City of Deming  
Mayor Arnold Lopez, Village of Santa Clara  
Joseph Holguin, Grant County  
Heather Lutz, Luna County  
Peter Pena, Town of Silver City  
Kim Dominguez, Corre Caminos  
George Esqueda, Stantec  
Antonio Andazola, Silver Schools

Online:

David Bailey, Luna County  
Carlos Romero, NM Tech  
Erica Valdez, NM Tech  
Hallie Brown, DFA  
Loren Cushman, Catron County  
Alison Gillette, NMDOT  
Valerie Sherman, NMDOT  
Debbie Hudson, NMDOT  
Gil Gallosa, NMDOT  
Vijay Ummadi, NMDOT Transit & Rail

**1. Welcome and Introductions:**

Peter called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

**2. Approval/Amendments of Agenda:**

Heather Lutz moved to approve the agenda. Mayor Lopez seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**3. Approval of minutes from May 13, 2024 meeting:**

Heather moved to approve the May 13, 2024 meeting minutes. Mayor Lopez seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**4. New Business:**

a. Corre Caminos Transit Application Rating & Ranking – Vijay reported on the Transit 5311 program and the importance of the coordination with the RTPO Committee. Kim then spoke about their application and how it is a 80/20 percent match program and the entities such as Grant County, Luna County, Silver City, and Deming provide that match for them to be able to operate. She spoke about the routes available and how they had 73,400 rides for the year 2024. The RTPO committee then ranked the application accordingly.

b. Infrastructure Planning & Development Match Grant – Hallie Brown, DFA presented on the available grants through DFA. A copy of the presentation will be sent out to members.

c. **Approve/Disapprove of SWRTPO Regional Long Range Plan -** Mayor Lopez made a motion to approve the SWRTPO Regional Long Range Plan. Joseph Holguin seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

5. Reports:

a. NMDOT- Gil mentioned LGRF agreements need to be submitted no later than January 31, 2025 and the FY2025-2026 LGRF proposals are due March 10<sup>th</sup>. There will be a training on State Funding beginning February 5, 2025 in T or C; February 12, 2025 in Las Cruces; and February 19, 2025 in Deming. Valerie then reported the T/LPAs need to be certified for the Federal Grant Programs through NMDOT and there will be a training coming up the end of January/beginning of February in person in Albuquerque. Also the Title VI and ADA plans need to be revisited and local governments need to be in compliance. She will assist those who need help.

b. Member Updates – There were no member updates.

c. RTPO – Cerisse announced the call for projects for RTP/TAP/CMAQ had been released November 4<sup>th</sup> and applications for these programs will be due March 14, 2025. There is a 14.56% match and she explained this is why she wanted DFA to present today for anyone interested in the match grant that is available through DFA.

7. Public Input:

There was no public input.

8. Next RTPO Meeting:

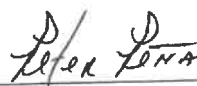
Will notify members of the next meeting.

9. Adjourn:

Mayor Lopez made a motion to adjourn. Heather seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Cerisse Grijalva, Secretary

  
Peter Pena, Chairman

**RESOLUTION #COG 2023-2024-2**

**RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHWEST NEW MEXICO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (SWNMCOG)/SOUTHWEST REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (SWRTPO) TITLE VI CIVIL RIGHTS ACT COMPLIANCE**

WHEREAS, the Southwest New Mexico Council of Governments/Southwest New Mexico Regional Transportation Planning Organization is the entity responsible for transportation planning in the region comprised of Catron, Grant, Hidalgo, and Luna Counties; and

WHEREAS, the SWNMCOG/SWRTPO is committed to compliance with the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 49 CFR, part 2, and all related regulations and directives;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SOUTHWEST NEW MEXICO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (SWNMCOG)/SOUTHWEST REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (SWRTPO) THAT:

1. The attached document represents the statement of policy complying with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
2. The SWNMCOG/SWRTPO will adopt the attached statement of policy that assures no person shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity under any SWNMCOG/SWRTPO program, activity, or service

Done this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023 at a regular meeting held in Silver City, New Mexico.

  
Alex Brown, Vice-Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Priscilla C. Lucero, Secretary-Treasurer

**RESOLUTION #COG 2023-2024-1**

**RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHWEST NEW MEXICO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (SWNMCOG)/SOUTHWEST REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (SWRTPO) ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Southwest New Mexico Council of Governments/Southwest New Mexico Regional Transportation Planning Organization is the entity responsible for transportation planning in the region comprised of Catron, Grant, Hidalgo, and Luna Counties; and

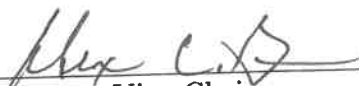
WHEREAS, NM Department of Transportation is requiring the Southwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (SWRTPO) to comply with the State and Federal requirements for a Public Participation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the SWNMCOG/SWRTPO desires to comply with the State and Federal requirements; and

WHEREAS, the SWNMCOG/SWRTPO encourages public participation at their meetings;  
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Southwest New Mexico Council of Governments/Southwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization:

1. The attached document represents the Southwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization's Public Participation Plan.

Done this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023 at a regular meeting held in Silver City, New Mexico.

  
Alex Brown, Vice-Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Priscilla C. Lucero, Secretary-Treasurer