

Meeting Minutes  
 Northeast Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NERTPO)  
 Hosted by City of Santa Rosa  
 Blue Hole Convention Center  
 1085 Blue Hole Road  
 Santa Rosa, NM 88435  
 July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
 10:00 a.m.



**Meeting Attendees**

Present/Absent	Name	Entity	Voting/Alternate
Present	Morris Madrid	San Miguel County	Alternate
Present	Landon Newton	Colfax County	Voting Member
Present	Chuck Howe	Village of Angel Fire	Voting Member
Present	Rick Tafoya	Village of Angel Fire	Alternate
Present	Larry Moore	Quay County	Voting Member
Present	Richard Primrose	Quay County	Alternate
Present	Vicki Strand	City of Tucumcari	Alternate
Present	Angie Gonzales	Union County	Alternate
Present	Monica Abeyta	Guadalupe County	Alternate
Present	Sam Blea	Town of Springer	Alternate
Present	Richard Cordova	Village of Eagle Nest	Voting Member
Absent	Les Montoya	San Miguel County	Voting Member
Absent	Andrew Jiron	City of Las Vegas	Voting Member
Absent	Matt Griego	City of Las Vegas	Alternate
Absent	Paula Garcia	Mora County	Voting Member
Absent	George Trujillo	Mora County	Alternate
Absent	Robert Thompson	Colfax County	Alternate
Absent	Scott Berry	City of Raton	Voting Member
Absent	Jason Phillips	City of Raton	Alternate
Absent	Mindy Cahill	Village of Cimarron	Voting Member
Absent	Anita LeDoux	Village of Cimarron	Alternate
Absent	Robert E. Aragon	Harding County	Voting Member
Absent	James Maestas	Harding County	Alternate
Absent	Vanita Menapace	Village of Mosquero	Voting Member
Absent	Connie Clark	Village of Mosquero	Alternate
Absent	Donna Sue Milson	Village of Roy	Voting Member
Absent	Dorothy Hazen	Village of Roy	Alternate
Absent	Anita Allen	Village of House	Voting Member
Absent	Cathy Ray	Village of House	Alternate
Absent	Cynthia Lee	Village of San Jon	Voting Member
Absent	Wade Lane	Village of San Jon	Alternate
Absent	Doug Powers	City of Tucumcari	Voting Member
Absent	Ferron Lucero	Town of Clayton	Voting Member
Absent	Tony Naranjo	Town of Clayton	Alternate

Absent	Walter Hall	Union County	Voting Member
Absent	Lee Dixon	Village of Des Moines	Voting Member
Absent	Scott Warner	Village of Des Moines	Alternate
Absent	None	Village of Pecos	Voting Member
Absent	None	Village of Pecos	Alternate
Absent	Diane Brown	Village of Folsom	Voting Member
Absent	Mike Schoonover	Village of Folsom	Alternate
Absent	Mignon Saddoris	Village of Grenville	Voting Member
Absent	Lynn Wiseman	Village of Grenville	Alternate
Absent	Larry Wallin	Village of Logan	Voting Member
Absent	Russell Feerer	Village of Logan	Alternate
Absent	Timothy P. Dodge	City of Santa Rosa	Voting Member
Absent	Charles Garcia	City of Santa Rosa	Alternate
Absent	George Dodge Jr.	Guadalupe County	Voting Member
Absent	Shawn Jeffrey	Town of Springer	Voting Member
Absent	Mary Berglund	Village of Eagle Nest	Alternate
Absent	Don Flynn	Village of Maxwell	Voting Member
Absent	Joanna Taylor	Village of Maxwell	Alternate
Absent	Laudente Quintana	Village of Wagon Mound	Voting Member
Absent	Nora Sanchez	Village of Wagon Mound	Alternate



**New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) and Planners**

- David Trujillo – NMDOT District IV Engineer
- Heather Sandoval – District IV Assistant Engineer
- John Herrera – Local Government Road Fund (LGRF) Coordinator for District IV
- Dennis T. Salazar – NERTPO Planner/Program Manager for the Northcentral NM Economic Development District (NCNMEDD)
- Vincent M. Soule – NERTPO Planner/Program Manager for the Eastern Plains Council of Governments (EPCOG)

**Guests**

- Daniel Gurule – City of Las Vegas
- Paul Jenkins – Grow Raton
- Ralph Lopez – City of Tucumcari
- Danica Gonzales – City of Santa Rosa
- Ken Flores – Guadalupe County
- Roman Garcia – Town of Vaughn
- Tim Hagaman – NM economic Development Department

**I. Call to Order**

The Meeting was called to order at 10:07 AM by Chairman Richard Cordova.

## II. Pledge of Allegiance/New Mexico State Flag

The Pledge of Allegiance and the salute to the New Mexico State Flag was led by Vice-Chairman Chuck Howe.



## III. Welcome

Chairman Cordova welcomed everyone to the City of Santa Rosa. Individual introductions were conducted by all in attendance. Mayor Campos of the City of Santa Rosa gave a welcome to all in the City of Santa Rosa.

## IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda: Landon Newton - Colfax County  
Second: Chuck Howe - Village of Angel Fire  
No opposition was voiced.  
Motion carried.

## V. Approval of Minutes (June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017- Angel Fire, NM)

Motion to approve the minutes presented: Vicki Strand - City of Tucumcari  
Second: Sam Blea - Town of Springer  
No opposition was voiced.  
Motion carried.

## VI. NMDOT District Four Update/ NMDOT Staff (Mr. David Trujillo-District Four Engineer and Staff)

Mr. David Trujillo gave a brief update of the operations in NMDOT District IV:

- Mowing and patching is going on right now
  - Some issues are there with mowers breaking down
  - Blade patching is ongoing
- Winter maintenance operations are ongoing now
- Raton project interchange is getting close to completion
  - Hoping to be complete by fall
  - \$10 million project
  - There were large change orders that created some delays on the project
- Bridge rehab in Colfax and Mora ongoing towards completion
- I-25 projects for improvement have been done
- Santa Rosa area: game fencing project is ongoing
- Guardrail projects ongoing in Santa Rosa going on
  - New federal standards are being done with guardrails
- 64/87 work being done that falls into safety
- NM 456 North of Clayton bridge project completed
- Las Vegas area: NM 434 project ongoing (towards Angel Fire)
  - Two new bridges in service
  - Redesign on some parts
  - This is time and labor intensive project

- They are getting ready to pave
- Shooting for fall completion
- NM 518: 13 miles to rehab towards Mora
  - Should be starting next week
  - Mill and Fill
- NM 283 bridge rehab project completed
- Crack sealing in NM 518 area and around NM 104
- In Santa Rosa area: close to completion of guard rails on I-40
- Rest area in Anton Chico ongoing
- Tucumcari area: NM 209 bridge replacement was completed
- NM 104 bridge replacement is about 40% into the project
  - Can be completed over the winter
- Bridge rehab projects in NM 469 east of Santa Rosa ongoing
- Overlay on bridges will be done
- Millings have been given approval by USDOT for the District to use



This concluded the presentation by Mr. Trujillo

Mr. Trujillo's staff was thanked by the members for doing an exertional job in the projects. NM 193 was asked about by Mr. Landon Newton. Mr. Trujillo stated that it does need work and are looking into addressing the road. HWY 72 was asked about, the fencing there is close to the highway and has raised concerns with safety for pedestrians. Ms. Heather Sandoval addressed the question stating reasoning and standards to follow with the fencing. On I-40, a sink hole has affected the interstate. Mayor Campos stated that it looks like a sinkhole could be developing and would like to know if something could be done. NMDOT stated they will look into it.

**VII. Presentation: 2018 – 23 STIP (Ms. Heather Sandoval – District IV Assistant Engineer and NMDOT Staff)**

MAP and handouts were offered by Ms. Heather Sandoval. Ms. Sandoval stated that she will PDF the handouts to send out. Some money was available to use that allowed them to get projects on the STIP. A new amendment will be released in the future as they allocate funds to projects. Projects are typically funded in two year amounts as to allow projects to start and to let them (NMDOT D4) to utilize what monies become available, as money is limited. FY 18-21 is constrained to \$25 million. The beginning years are mainly planning years. Some projects may be pushed out as time goes on. Ms. Sandoval announced that FHWA is having a Buy America training and recommended attendance. John Herrera announced that Match waiver is on July 30<sup>th</sup>. Agreements need cover letter, resolution, and all other items he has listed to those who have asked. Without every single document, he cannot process the waiver. If any help is needed, please contact them. Ms. Sandoval asked that anyone who has not gotten anything back concerning disbursement request to let them know.

The members commented on the great work relation they have with Ms. Sandoval and Mr. Herrera.

**VIII. Approval of Resolution: ACTION ITEM:** Resolution No. 2017-01 – Approving Public Meeting Notice Requirements

Chairman Cordova introduced the resolution and planner Vincent M. Soule gave a brief overview of the resolution.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-01 : Chuck Howe – Village of Angel Fire  
Second: Vicki Strand – City of Tucumcari

No opposition was voiced.

Motion carried.



**IX. Presentation: NERTPO Regional Planning (NERTPO Planners)**

Presentation may be available upon request.

Planners Dennis T. Salazar and Vincent M. Soule presented a presentation to the members concerning new operations for the RTPO. This included have a preplanned and consistent schedule year after year. The schedule of meetings included five business meetings and five workshops. This RTPO will be the only one that will fully utilize two CoGs in an effort to streamline capabilities by utilizing a single email as a point of contact. This also will allow for same level of service for all entities.

Social media outreach was also talked about so all people can be involved with viewing our meetings without the limitation of transportation. Younger generations may also begin to get involved if social media is used.

By having one email, there will only be one email that will distribute information to the whole membership and interested parties. This gives a single presence to the public. This also allows the case for one planner to keep communications constant if another is not available.

All emails will automatically be blogged on our website. This allows for automatic archiving. If someone is unable to get our emails, they may go online and view it.

If planners change, the RTPO email will stay the same. This allows for no hick ups in communication in the future.

This is an innovative approach that other RTPOs are not currently doing. This also addresses public participation.

Material distributed will be the same. It can be implemented by October 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. Support was voiced for the plan.

Senior centers with AAA are already doing a simple contact system such as presented.

Dennis T. Salazar recommended asking the centers about their feedback on their system.

The senior centers have been doing this for a couple years.

Chairman Cordova stated that there should be a resolution to support the process.

Planners will present this at the next meeting.

**X. Discussion: Project Status update (Local Government Members)**

Mayor Campos stated that there are projects going on, as stated earlier. Mayor Campos stated that the entity has events going on and plan to utilize what resources they can when they can. Many resources are being utilized in order to help the infrastructure of the entity.

Mayor Richard Cordova stated that Eagle Nest has some projects to start. The senior center project has built up since it started. Design as finished for a water project which is about sixty miles worth of work.



**XI. Update from the NERTPO Planners/Program Managers**

Planners Vincent M. Soule and Dennis T. Salazar reported that July 30<sup>th</sup> the deadline for match wavers as stated by Mr. Herrera.

September 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for ICIP submissions. LGRF

Dennis T. Salazar and Vincent M. Soule stated they attended the National Rural Transportation Conference in Denver, CO. It was briefed about the topics covered at the conference.

NMML League is having their 60<sup>th</sup> conference in Clovis and registration sheets were provided.

The NMIFC has released their draft agenda, which was handed out to the members to review. The Scholarship will be emailed out when available.

**XII. New Business**

**A. General Comments and Announcements from NERTPO Members and Public**

**B. Suggested agenda Items for upcoming meetings**

Resolution for approval of the NERTPO Plan.

**C. Meeting Locations:**

- ❖ August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017: Springer, NM
- ❖ September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017: Harding County/Roy, NM
- ❖ October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017: San Miguel County
- ❖ November 2017: City of Tucumcari
- ❖ December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017: Cancelled for Holidays

**XIII. Adjournment**

Motion to Adjourn: Landon Newton – San Miguel County

Second: Sam Blea – Town of Springer

With there being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:43 AM