



Meeting Minutes

Northern Pueblos Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NPRTPO)
Regular meeting hosted on March 2, 2022 (online).

NPRTPO Voting Members and Alternates

Name	Entity	Title	Present/Absent
Eric Martinez	Los Alamos County	Voting Member	Absent
Eric Ulibarri	Los Alamos County	Alternate	Absent
Keith Wilson	Los Alamos County	Alternate	Present
Napoleon Garcia	Rio Arriba County	Voting Member	Absent
Cathy Martinez	Rio Arriba County	Alternate	Present
Robert Griego	Santa Fe County	Voting Member	Absent
Gary Brett Clavio	Santa Fe County	Alternate	Present
Candyce O'Donnell (Chair)	Taos County	Voting Member	Present
Jason Silva	Taos County	Alternate	Present
Muhammad A. Hussain	City of Española	Voting Member	Present
Elijah Mares	City of Española	Alternate	Absent
Patrick Nicholson	Village of Taos Ski Valley	Voting Member	Present
Anthony Martinez	Village of Taos Ski Valley	Alternate	Absent
John Avila	Village of Taos Ski Valley	Alternate	Absent
French Espinoza	Town of Taos	Voting Member	Present
Lynda Perry	Town of Taos	Alternate	Present
Linda Calhoun	Town of Red River	Voting Member	Absent
Georgiana Rael	Town of Red River	Alternate	Present
Maggie Valdez	Village of Chama	Voting Member	Absent
Will Donohoe	Village of Chama	Alternate	Absent
Renee Martinez	Village of Questa	Voting Member	Absent
	Village of Questa	Alternate	Absent
Cevero W. Caramillo	Jicarilla Apache Nation	Voting Member	Absent
Truett Caramillo	Jicarilla Apache Nation	Alternate	Absent
Marcus Lopez	Pueblo of Nambé	Voting Member	Present
Levi Valdez	Pueblo of Nambé	Alternate	Absent
Sylvia Armijo	Picuris Pueblo	Voting Member	Absent
	Picuris Pueblo	Alternate	Absent
	Pueblo of San Ildefonso	Voting Member	Absent
Lillian Garcia	Pueblo of San Ildefonso	Alternate	Absent
Christy Ladd	Ohkay Owingeh	Voting Member	Present
Sybil Cota	Ohkay Owingeh	Alternate	Absent
Suzette Shije	Pueblo of Santa Clara	Voting Member	Present
	Pueblo of Santa Clara	Alternate	Absent
Vernon Lujan (Vice Chair)	Pueblo of Taos	Voting Member	Present
Reva Suazo	Pueblo of Taos	Alternate	Absent
Randy Vigil	Pueblo of Pojoaque	Voting Member	Absent
Janay Chavarria	Pueblo of Pojoaque	Alternate	Absent
Anthony Mortillaro	NCRTD	Voting Member	Absent
Bryce Gibson	NCRTD	Alternate	Present



NCNMEDD/NPRTPO Staff

Christopher Madrid	Community Development Director
Paul Sittig	Transportation Planner
Kyla Danforth	Transportation Intern

NMDOT Staff

Javier Martinez	District 5 Assistant District Engineer
James Mexia	District 5 Technical Support Engineer
Ron Shutiva	Tribal Liaison
Jeff Vigil	Bridge Management Engineer
Ben Najera	Bridge Management Assistant Engineer

Guests

Isaac Cisneros	Red River Public Works Director
Richard Runyon	Dennis Engineering

I. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Candyce O’Donnell, Taos County, called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair O’Donnell called on Isaac Cisneros, Red River, to lead the pledge of allegiance.

III. Opening Prayer

Chair O’Donnell asked for Vice Chair Vernon Lujan, Taos Pueblo, to lead an opening prayer.

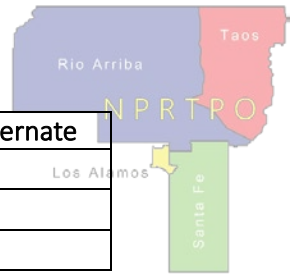
IV. Welcome and Introductions/Public Comments:

Chair O’Donnell asked for all in attendance to introduce themselves, with all present being indicated in the attendance log above.

V. Roll Call:

Chairwoman O’Donnell called on Paul Sittig, NCNMEDD, to conduct the roll call.

Name	Entity	Voting Member or Alternate
Keith Wilson	Los Alamos County	Alternate
Cathy Martinez	Rio Arriba County	Alternate
Gary Brett Clavio	Santa Fe County	Alternate
Chair Candyce O’Donnell	Taos County	Voting Member
Muhammad Hussain	City of Española	Voting Member
Patrick Nicholson	Village of Taos Ski Valley	Voting Member
Lynda Perry	Town of Taos	Alternate
Marcus Lopez	Pueblo of Nambé	Voting Member
Christy Ladd	Ohkay Owingeh	Voting Member



Name	Entity	Voting Member or Alternate
Suzette Shije	Pueblo of Santa Clara	Voting Member
Vice Chair Vernon Lujan	Pueblo of Taos	Voting Member
Bryce Gibson	NCRTD	Alternate

Mr. Sittig confirmed that there is a quorum for the meeting.

VI. Approval of the Agenda:

Chairwoman O'Donnell, Taos County, asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Patrick Nicholson, Village of Taos Ski Valley. Second by Keith Wilson, Los Alamos County.

Roll Call Vote:

Name	Entity	Vote
Keith Wilson	Los Alamos County	Yes
Cathy Martinez	Rio Arriba County	Yes
Gary Brett Clavio	Santa Fe County	Yes
Chair Candyce O'Donnell	Taos County	Yes
Muhammad Hussain	City of Española	Yes
Patrick Nicholson	Village of Taos Ski Valley	Yes
Lynda Perry	Town of Taos	Yes
Marcus Lopez	Pueblo of Nambé	Yes
Christy Ladd	Ohkay Owingeh	Yes
Suzette Shije	Pueblo of Santa Clara	Yes
Vice Chair Vernon Lujan	Pueblo of Taos	Yes
Bryce Gibson	NCRTD	Yes

The motion passed unanimously with members present.

VII. Approval of the Minutes: February 2, 2022, Regular Meeting (online)

Chair O'Donnell, Taos County, asked everyone to take a moment to review the meeting minutes. Chair O'Donnell asked for a motion to approve the. Keith Wilson, Los Alamos County, noted that Joe Sanchez was not listed as a guest. Chair O'Donnell noted that Mr. Sanchez is an engineer at W.H. Pacific.

Motion was made by Keith Wilson, Los Alamos County, to approve the minutes with the changes as noted. Second by Patrick Nicholson, Village of Taos Ski Valley.



Roll Call Vote:

Name	Entity	Vote
Keith Wilson	Los Alamos County	Yes
Cathy Martinez	Rio Arriba County	Yes
Gary Brett Clavio	Santa Fe County	Yes
Chair Candyce O'Donnell	Taos County	Yes
Muhammad Hussain	City of Española	Yes
Patrick Nicholson	Village of Taos Ski Valley	Yes
Lynda Perry	Town of Taos	Yes
Marcus Lopez	Pueblo of Nambé	Yes
Christy Ladd	Ohkay Owingeh	Yes
Suzette Shije	Pueblo of Santa Clara	Yes
Vice Chair Vernon Lujan	Pueblo of Taos	Yes
Bryce Gibson	NCRTD	Yes

The motion passed unanimously with members present.

VIII. Action/Approval: Rio Grande Gorge Bridge Resolution of Support

Chair O'Donnell provided a brief recap, noting that Patrick Nicholson, Village of Taos Ski Valley, and Brett Clavio, Santa Fe County, suggested that NPRTPO pass a resolution in support of NMDOT's continued efforts to improve safety on the Rio Grande Gorge Bridge.

Mr. Nicholson suggested that the resolution be revised to replace "The NPRTPO Joint Technical/Policy Committee" with "NPRTPO" throughout the document, and that the action read strike "develop" and replace it with "implement," so that the action read "NMDOT is strongly encouraged to identify and implement additional safety features to deter people in crisis from jumping off the Rio Grande Gorge Bridge."

Suzette Shije, Pueblo of Santa Clara, suggested that the final "whereas" be consistent with the action, replacing "developing" with "identifying."

Vice Chair Vernon Lujan, Pueblo of Taos, noted "deterrence" was misspelled in the fourth paragraph.

Chair O'Donnell noted that the action clarify the method of delivery, to insert NPRTPO "will deliver this resolution to the New Mexico State Transportation Commission, Cabinet Secretary Sandoval, NMDOT District 5 Engineer Brasher, Governor Lujan Grisham electronically and via mail to state" that....

Mr. Clavio suggested that a timeframe be inserted into the directed action, and Chair O'Donnell suggested the insertion of "immediately," which Mr. Clavio supported.

Motion was made by Patrick Nicholson, Village of Taos Ski Valley, to approve the resolution with the changes as noted. Second by Keith Wilson, Los Alamos County.



Roll Call Vote:

Name	Entity	Vote
Keith Wilson	Los Alamos County	Yes
Cathy Martinez	Rio Arriba County	Yes
Gary Brett Clavio	Santa Fe County	Yes
Chair Candyce O'Donnell	Taos County	Yes
Muhammad Hussain	City of Española	Yes
Patrick Nicholson	Village of Taos Ski Valley	Yes
Lynda Perry	Town of Taos	Yes
Marcus Lopez	Pueblo of Nambé	Yes
Christy Ladd	Ohkay Owingeh	Yes
Suzette Shije	Pueblo of Santa Clara	Yes
Vice Chair Vernon Lujan	Pueblo of Taos	Yes
Bryce Gibson	NCRTD	Yes

The motion passed unanimously with members present.

IX. Presentation: Federal Bridge Formula Funding (NMDOT Bridge Management)

Jeff Vigil, NMDOT Bridge Management Engineer, provided an overview of the new funding opportunity, federal bridge formula funds. He noted that expected funding per fiscal year is a little over \$50 million or about \$250 million over the next five (5) years, with at least 15%, or about \$7 million, to go to local governments for bridges rated poor and fair. The goal is to rehabilitate or replace bridges in the poor category, based on bridge condition data and with input from the RTPOs.

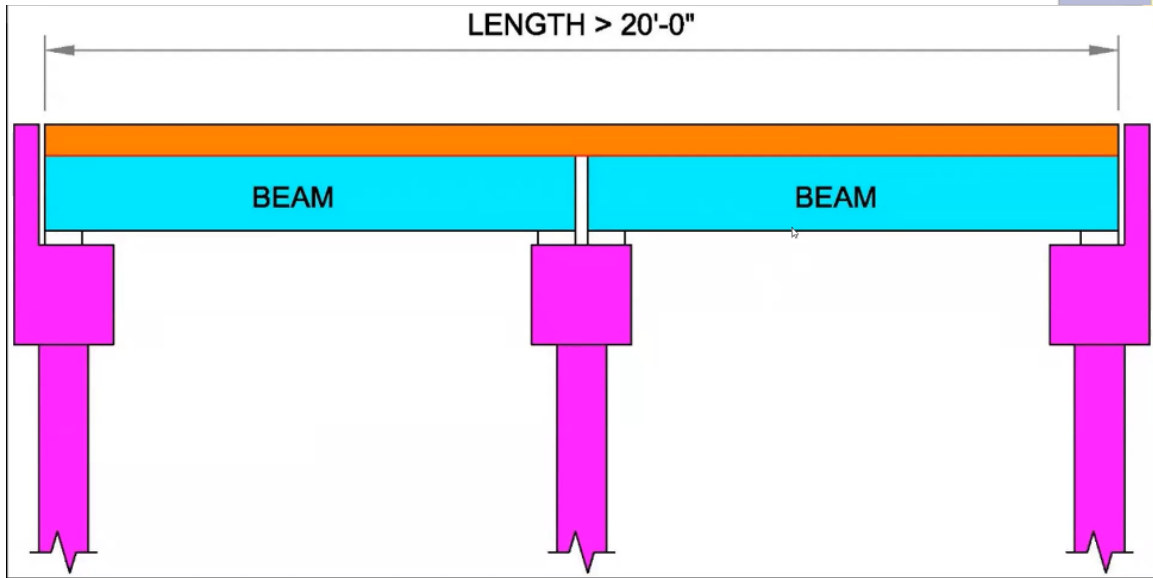
Ben Najera, NMDOT Bridge Management Assistant Engineer, presented slides on the Federal Bridge Formula Funding, starting with historic context. NMDOT has been responsible for inspection of all NMDOT and locally-owned bridges since 1972, including some culverts. Inspected bridges include span bridges, as well as box and pipe culverts, as long as the total length is greater than 20 feet. A series of culvert pipes, as depicted in the diagram, are classified as a bridge if the space between culvert pipes is less than half the diameter of the smallest pipe in the series.

The condition of span bridges are evaluated upon the deck, superstructure, and substructure. A culvert is scored only on the condition of the culvert.

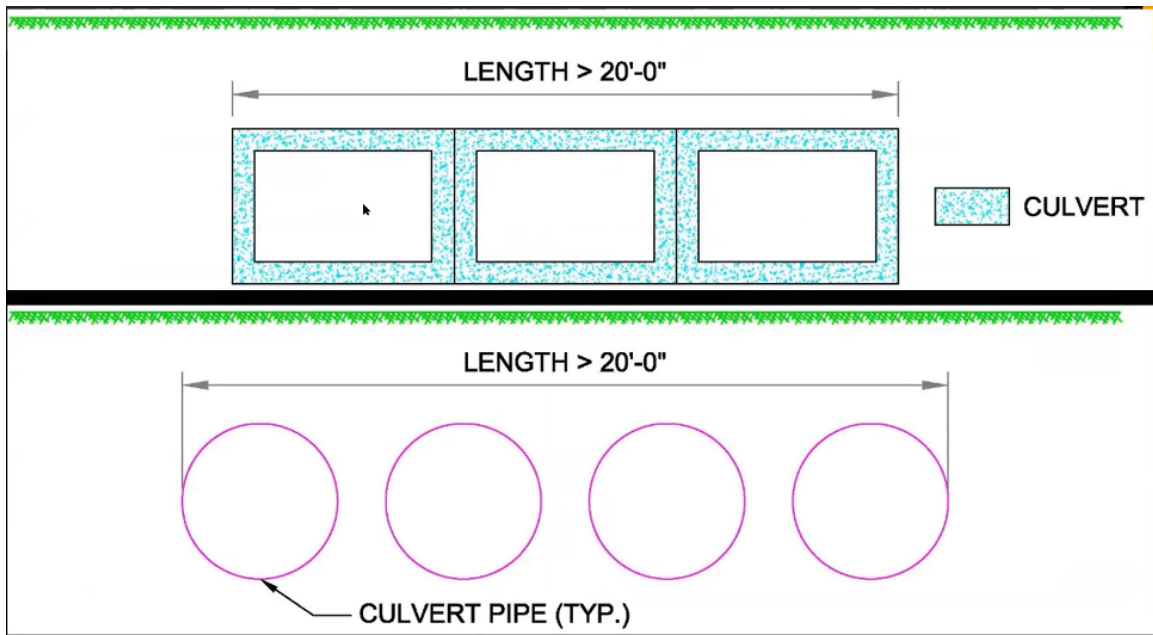
Bridges scoring a rating of 7, 8, or 9 are qualified as in "good" condition. Bridges scoring 5 or 6 are rated "fair," and bridges scoring 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4, are rated "poor."

Beginning in 2018, structurally deficient, those with significant deterioration and have been restricted to light vehicles, are classified as being in "poor" condition.

Bridge details and conditions are entered into bridge management software, which produces a suggestion for utilizing allocated bridge funding to maximize the federal and state investments into improving bridge infrastructure.



Span bridge diagram; deck is orange, beams are teal, and substructure is purple



Culverts that qualify as bridges, both reinforced box (top) and pipe (bottom)

Funding in Current Transportation Asset Management Plan (TAMP), pre-BIL:

- \$40 Million/Year NHS Funding
- \$20 Million/Year Non-NHS Funding
- \$14 Million/Year Bridge Preservation Program Funding
 - \$11 Million/Year for NHS Bridge Preservation
 - \$2 Million/Year for Non-NHS Bridge Preservation
 - \$1 Million/Year for NMSU Bridge Inspections



Plan for Spending Additional BIL Funds

- Additional \$45 Million/Year for Next 5 Years (Federal Bridge Formula Funding)
 - \$11 Million/Year Will be Added to Bridge Preservation Program Fund, increasing it to \$25 Million/Year
 - \$11 Million/Year Will be Put Towards Non-NHS Bridges
 - Minimum of 15% Goes to Local Governments (Minimum \$6.75 Million/Year)
 - Remaining Money (Maximum \$27.25 Million/Year) Goes to Underfunded NMDOT Projects under Development & Other Projects Identified Through the Bridge Priority Lists.

Mr. Najera noted that there is a significant escalation in construction costs and specified specific cost estimates used in the past to bid bridge projects. While this estimation process was sufficient in prior years, and presented the following table of Total Bridge Costs per Square Foot (Awarded Bidder for NMDOT projects)

TREATMENT	TAMP ESTIMATES	2019	2020	2021
REPLACEMENT	\$406.03	\$228.01	\$238.54	\$510.16
CULVERT REPLACEMENT	\$609.04	\$618.02	\$347.83	\$1,156.36
MAJOR REHABILITATION	\$304.52	\$215.66	\$215.70	N/A
REHABILITATION	\$203.01	\$68.47	\$139.46	\$279.24
MAINTENANCE	\$40.60	\$5.57	\$11.88	\$33.87

Mr. Najera continued, presenting the bridge and culvert rating table for NPRTPO (*see the following pages*), and noted of the 336 bridges in the Northern Pueblos region, 66 are non-state-owned, and 37 additional bridges are not in NMDOT’s inventory, which may include BIA or other federally reviewed bridges.

In the table, the 12 bridges marked in red are in poor condition and would probably have to be replaced. Those 41 marked in yellow are considered in fair condition and could likely be rehabilitated or preserved to bring them up to good condition. The final 13 non-state-owned bridges are in good condition. That is represented with 7.4% poor, 79.9% fair, and 12.7% good. In comparison, Mr. Najera noted that for NMDOT-owned bridges, a little over 30% are in good condition, and the state tries to keep the percent poor below 5%.

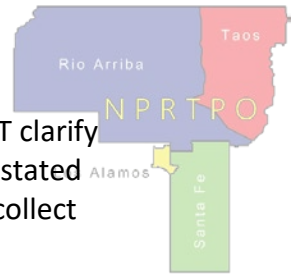
Mr. Vigil also noted that there is separate funding for Tribal bridges (*note: this is the Tribal Transportation Facility Bridge (Set-aside), which will be distributed through the Tribal Transportation Program.*)



BRIDGE_ID	COUNTY	FACILITY	MILEPOST	DECK	SUPER	SUB	CULV	CONDITION	OWNER	DECK_AREA	PERCENT
2647	Taos	55-B057	0.1	N N/A (NBI)	N N/A (NBI)	N N/A (NBI)	4 Considerable Damage	Poor	County Hwy Agency	592	0.40%
3807	Taos	55-B006	1.7	5 Fair	4 Poor	4 Poor	N N/A (NBI)	Poor	County Hwy Agency	624	0.50%
7755	Taos	55-B002	0	6 Satisfactory	4 Poor	5 Fair	N N/A (NBI)	Poor	County Hwy Agency	409	0.30%
7760	Taos	55-Z023	0	5 Fair	3 Serious	5 Fair	N N/A (NBI)	Poor	County Hwy Agency	377	0.30%
7767	Taos	55-0306	0	6 Satisfactory	6 Satisfactory	4 Poor	N N/A (NBI)	Poor	County Hwy Agency	458	0.30%
7915	Rio Arriba	39-212	0	5 Fair	5 Fair	3 Serious	N N/A (NBI)	Poor	County Hwy Agency	512	0.40%
8370	Rio Arriba	39-0065	0.01	4 Poor	4 Poor	7 Good	N N/A (NBI)	Poor	County Hwy Agency	1,044	0.80%
8656	Taos	55-0108	0.1	5 Fair	6 Satisfactory	4 Poor	N N/A (NBI)	Poor	County Hwy Agency	2,422	1.80%
8672	Taos	55-0114	0	3 Serious	6 Satisfactory	6 Satisfactory	N N/A (NBI)	Poor	County Hwy Agency	1,270	0.90%
8681	Rio Arriba	39-Z443	0	4 Poor	5 Fair	3 Serious	N N/A (NBI)	Poor	County Hwy Agency	635	0.50%
9583	Rio Arriba	Camino Escond	0.01	6 Satisfactory	1 Imminent Failure	Fa4 Poor	N N/A (NBI)	Poor	Town/Township Hwy Agency	594	0.40%
9765	Taos	GF-55001	0	3 Serious	6 Satisfactory	4 Poor	N N/A (NBI)	Poor	Other State Agencies	934	0.70%
166	Santa Fe	49-033	0.1	6 Satisfactory	6 Satisfactory	5 Fair	N N/A (NBI)	Fair	County Hwy Agency	3,152	2.40%
310	Rio Arriba	39-0334	0	6 Satisfactory	6 Satisfactory	5 Fair	N N/A (NBI)	Fair	County Hwy Agency	414	0.30%
5243	Taos	55-B007	0	6 Satisfactory	5 Fair	6 Satisfactory	N N/A (NBI)	Fair	County Hwy Agency	3,280	2.40%
6047	Taos	55-001	0	7 Good	7 Good	6 Satisfactory	N N/A (NBI)	Fair	County Hwy Agency	484	0.40%
6439	Santa Fe	49-0098	2.84	N N/A (NBI)	N N/A (NBI)	N N/A (NBI)	6 Deterioration	Fair	County Hwy Agency	1,225	0.90%
7402	Santa Fe	FL-4807	0.4	N N/A (NBI)	N N/A (NBI)	N N/A (NBI)	6 Deterioration	Fair	City/Municipal Hwy Agenc	1,281	1.00%
7415	Santa Fe	FL-5680	0	N N/A (NBI)	N N/A (NBI)	N N/A (NBI)	6 Deterioration	Fair	City/Municipal Hwy Agenc	1,023	0.80%
7416	Santa Fe	FL-5738	1.35	N N/A (NBI)	N N/A (NBI)	N N/A (NBI)	6 Deterioration	Fair	City/Municipal Hwy Agenc	2,111	1.60%
7519	Santa Fe	49-089A	0	6 Satisfactory	6 Satisfactory	6 Satisfactory	N N/A (NBI)	Fair	County Hwy Agency	6,953	5.20%
7622	Los Alamos	NM-501	4.5	6 Satisfactory	5 Fair	6 Satisfactory	N N/A (NBI)	Fair	Other Fed Agencies	45,456	33.90%
7647	Taos	FL-7100	0.23	6 Satisfactory	6 Satisfactory	6 Satisfactory	N N/A (NBI)	Fair	County Hwy Agency	1,044	0.80%
7753	Taos	55-B005	0	6 Satisfactory	6 Satisfactory	5 Fair	N N/A (NBI)	Fair	County Hwy Agency	388	0.30%
7758	Taos	55-Z004	0	6 Satisfactory	5 Fair	6 Satisfactory	N N/A (NBI)	Fair	County Hwy Agency	474	0.40%
7766	Taos	55-B054	0	6 Satisfactory	6 Satisfactory	6 Satisfactory	N N/A (NBI)	Fair	County Hwy Agency	366	0.30%
7774	Taos	55-Z082	0	5 Fair	5 Fair	5 Fair	N N/A (NBI)	Fair	County Hwy Agency	603	0.40%
7776	Taos	55-0172	0	6 Satisfactory	6 Satisfactory	5 Fair	N N/A (NBI)	Fair	Town/Township Hwy Agency	506	0.40%
7861	Rio Arriba	39-Z083	0.01	6 Satisfactory	5 Fair	5 Fair	N N/A (NBI)	Fair	County Hwy Agency	452	0.30%
8369	Rio Arriba	39-0070	0	5 Fair	6 Satisfactory	6 Satisfactory	N N/A (NBI)	Fair	County Hwy Agency	656	0.50%
8380	Taos	55-057	0	6 Satisfactory	6 Satisfactory	6 Satisfactory	N N/A (NBI)	Fair	County Hwy Agency	519	0.40%
8386	Santa Fe	49-Z006	8.1	6 Satisfactory	6 Satisfactory	7 Good	N N/A (NBI)	Fair	County Hwy Agency	495	0.40%
8387	Santa Fe	49-Z006	0	6 Satisfactory	6 Satisfactory	7 Good	N N/A (NBI)	Fair	County Hwy Agency	1,033	0.80%



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8532	Taos	55-0206	0	7 Good	7 Good	6 Satisfactory	N N/A (NBI)	Fair	County Hwy Agency	1,216	0.90%
8556	Rio Arriba	39-0379	0	7 Good	7 Good	6 Satisfactory	N N/A (NBI)	Fair	County Hwy Agency	6,340	4.70%
8583	Rio Arriba	39-057	0.5	6 Satisfactory	8 Very Good	6 Satisfactory	N N/A (NBI)	Fair	County Hwy Agency	6,372	4.80%
8599	Rio Arriba	39-0194	3	6 Satisfactory	7 Good	6 Satisfactory	N N/A (NBI)	Fair	County Hwy Agency	883	0.70%
8609	Taos	55-Z015	0	6 Satisfactory	6 Satisfactory	6 Satisfactory	N N/A (NBI)	Fair	Town/Township Hwy Agency	560	0.40%
8612	Taos	55-Z016	0	6 Satisfactory	6 Satisfactory	6 Satisfactory	N N/A (NBI)	Fair	County Hwy Agency	700	0.50%
8613	Taos	55-A083	0	6 Satisfactory	6 Satisfactory	8 Very Good	N N/A (NBI)	Fair	County Hwy Agency	474	0.40%
8614	Taos	55-042	0.2	5 Fair	5 Fair	5 Fair	N N/A (NBI)	Fair	County Hwy Agency	624	0.50%
8615	Taos	55-045	0.1	6 Satisfactory	6 Satisfactory	6 Satisfactory	N N/A (NBI)	Fair	County Hwy Agency	506	0.40%
8616	Taos	55-0073	71.1	6 Satisfactory	6 Satisfactory	7 Good	N N/A (NBI)	Fair	County Hwy Agency	1,266	0.90%
8619	Taos	55-C082	0	N N/A (NBI)	N N/A (NBI)	N N/A (NBI)	6 Deterioration	Fair	County Hwy Agency	303	0.20%
8651	Santa Fe	49-088D	4.3	7 Good	7 Good	6 Satisfactory	N N/A (NBI)	Fair	County Hwy Agency	1,259	0.90%
8679	Santa Fe	49-0088	0	6 Satisfactory	6 Satisfactory	6 Satisfactory	N N/A (NBI)	Fair	County Hwy Agency	1,206	0.90%
8812	Santa Fe	49-101D	0	6 Satisfactory	7 Good	7 Good	N N/A (NBI)	Fair	County Hwy Agency	6,168	4.60%
8966	Rio Arriba	RA County Rd-3	15.66	6 Satisfactory	8 Very Good	8 Very Good	N N/A (NBI)	Fair	County Hwy Agency	1,884	1.40%
9012	Rio Arriba	39-0194	0.9	6 Satisfactory	6 Satisfactory	6 Satisfactory	N N/A (NBI)	Fair	County Hwy Agency	861	0.60%
9256	Rio Arriba	NM-112	30.45	5 Fair	5 Fair	5 Fair	N N/A (NBI)	Fair	Bureau,Reclamation	1,055	0.80%
9499	Rio Arriba	39-0353	0	6 Satisfactory	7 Good	7 Good	N N/A (NBI)	Fair	County Hwy Agency	463	0.30%
9595	Taos	55-064	0.16	6 Satisfactory	5 Fair	7 Good	N N/A (NBI)	Fair	County Hwy Agency	410	0.30%
9621	Los Alamo	Glen Canyon	0	6 Satisfactory	7 Good	6 Satisfactory	N N/A (NBI)	Fair	County Hwy Agency	2,700	2.00%
7401	Santa Fe	FL-4807	505.17	N N/A (NBI)	N N/A (NBI)	N N/A (NBI)	7 Minor Deterioration	Good	City/Municipal Hwy Agenc	1,560	1.20%
8495	Rio Arriba	39-041A	0.4	N N/A (NBI)	N N/A (NBI)	N N/A (NBI)	8 No Major Problem	Good	County Hwy Agency	536	0.40%
8618	Taos	55-090	0	N N/A (NBI)	N N/A (NBI)	N N/A (NBI)	7 Minor Deterioration	Good	County Hwy Agency	352	0.30%
8669	Rio Arriba	39-Z083	0.01	7 Good	7 Good	7 Good	N N/A (NBI)	Good	County Hwy Agency	786	0.60%
8764	Rio Arriba	39-Z012	17.6	7 Good	7 Good	7 Good	N N/A (NBI)	Good	County Hwy Agency	4,230	3.20%
8965	Rio Arriba	39-271	0	N N/A (NBI)	N N/A (NBI)	N N/A (NBI)	7 Minor Deterioration	Good	County Hwy Agency	646	0.50%
9492	Taos	GUSDORF ROAD	0.66	N N/A (NBI)	N N/A (NBI)	N N/A (NBI)	8 No Major Problem	Good	Town/Township Hwy Agency	891	0.70%
9493	Taos	CAMINO DE CO	0	N N/A (NBI)	N N/A (NBI)	N N/A (NBI)	7 Minor Deterioration	Good	Town/Township Hwy Agency	1,178	0.90%
9494	Taos	CAMINO DE LA	0	N N/A (NBI)	N N/A (NBI)	N N/A (NBI)	8 No Major Problem	Good	Town/Township Hwy Agency	725	0.50%
9495	Taos	TAOS MID SCHC	0	N N/A (NBI)	N N/A (NBI)	N N/A (NBI)	7 Minor Deterioration	Good	Town/Township Hwy Agency	825	0.60%
10068	Taos	FL-6000	1.75	N N/A (NBI)	N N/A (NBI)	N N/A (NBI)	7 Minor Deterioration	Good	Town/Township Hwy Agency	1,632	1.20%
10069	Taos	FL-6000	2.1	N N/A (NBI)	N N/A (NBI)	N N/A (NBI)	7 Minor Deterioration	Good	Town/Township Hwy Agency	2,344	1.70%
10097	Taos	FL-6000	0.73	N N/A (NBI)	N N/A (NBI)	N N/A (NBI)	7 Minor Deterioration	Good	Town/Township Hwy Agency	1,371	1.00%
Total										134,110	



Mr. Vigil noted that Christy Ladd, Ohkay Owingeh, asked in the chat that NMDOT clarify whether BIA bridges are not in NMDOT's inventory, and if so, why not. Mr. Vigil stated that bridges owned or overseen by BIA or Federal Lands, and NMDOT does not collect that data. Those BIA bridges are targeted by the \$825 million set-aside for tribal transportation facilities. Ms. Ladd noted that some state roads go through tribal nations, and she would have to look at the inventory more closely.

Mr. Sittig noted that he has access to bridge data from NMDOT, in an online map provided to RTPO staff, and could share that data with members.

Vernon Lujan, Taos Pueblo, noted that NMDOT is planning a pavement preservation or rehabilitation project on the NM-68/US-64 from the intersection of Hale Creek Road to US-64/ 522 turnoff, and there are two box culverts on the Rio Lucero. Mr. Lujan asked if they were inspected by NMDOT as part of that process. Mr. Najera said he was not sure of those details but could look into it. Mr. Vigil noted that he could talk with District 5 staff to learn more. Javier Martinez, NMDOT District 5 Assistant District Engineer, said he would look into whether those culverts are considered bridges. He noted that the paving project is a preservation project, to mill and replace the asphalt. If it is a concrete deck, the asphalt would tie up to it, but if there is an asphalt overlay, they may do that.

Isaac Cisneros, Town of Red River, noted that there are two bridges on NM-38 which were reviewed by W.H. Pacific, but the Town of Red River had not heard the result of that review. Mr. Cisneros said he thought one bridge would be considered in poor condition, as it was a pour in place and is in poor condition, and the other is prefab and in need of minor repairs and may be in fair condition. One bridge is near mile post 12.5 before getting into town. Mr. Najera noted that if the bridges are on state-owned routes, they would not be listed in this table, and would not be eligible for the new non-NHS bridge funding.

Mr. Vigil noted that the Bridge Management Section would meet with District 5 and review funding opportunities and the bridge needs, splitting the bridges into three categories. The first is NHS routes, for the interstates and the National Highway System, the non-NHS are most of the New Mexico routes, and now the local routes. They will prioritize which bridges have not been funded, likely targeting the poor bridges in all three lists. Mr. Vigil stated once they had coordinated with District 5, they will get those prioritized lists to Mr. Sittig to distribute to the NPRTPO members.

Keith Wilson, Los Alamos County, asked whether local entities would need to come up with the local match for this federal funding. Mr. Vigil noted that this funding is 100% federal and does not have any local match requirements, though this is a reimbursement program. He also noted that David Quintana, NMDOT Senior Executive Engineer, stated that NMDOT will assist with development and up-front funding of projects for smaller entities that are unable to manage the projects on their own. Mr. Najera confirmed that the federal funding is for design and construction but might not cover inspection and construction management.



Mr. Vigil noted he would provide Mr. Sittig with an email on BIA bridge funding, to distribute to the tribal nations.

French Espinoza, Town of Taos, asked if previously submitted applications for engineering or construction, or if the process would start from scratch. Mr. Najera noted that part of the NMDOT Bridge Section presenting to RTPOs was to also identify bridge projects that are not fully funded, or are already designed, as these are ideal candidates for this funding. Chair O'Donnell asked if Mr. Espinoza was referring to the bridge on Camino Medio, and asked if it was a 20 foot span. Mr. Espinoza stated that the Town of Taos submitted a number of applications for consideration to fund bridges in the past, including one on Upper Ranchitos Road. He said he would look into the conditions of those specific bridges, then follow up with NMDOT.

Chair O'Donnell noted that any bridge that does not meet the 20 foot span requirement for the new federal funding would still be eligible for state Transportation Project Fund (TPF) funding. The Chair asked Mr. Najera if this new federal bridge funding could be used to match Bureau of Land Management (BLM) funds, noting that Taos County has a bridge to improve incoordination with BLM, but they need matching funds. Mr. Vigil noted he would get back to Chair O'Donnell, if she could send an email to clarify. Jason Silva, Taos County, clarified that this is a Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) grant that the County had already been awarded, and the match has been secured by the County. The issue at hand is the escalating costs, which could increase the match cost by another \$225,000. Mr. Vigil noted that he had received a similar question at another RTPO meeting, and they are looking into the answer.

Mr. Vigil asked Mr. Najera whether his list includes BIA bridges, and Mr. Najera clarified that while the list of 66 non-state-owned bridges presented in his slides do not include BIA bridges, the complete list of bridges in the Northern Pueblos region that he emailed to Mr. Sittig, who in turn distributed the list to the NPRTPO members, includes bridges reviewed by BIA and other federal agencies. Those bridges have different bridge numbers that don't match the four-digit Bridge ID structure listed here. Mr. Sittig noted that in his review of the NMDOT-provided online map of bridges, there are some bridges managed by other federal agencies that do include conditions, but he was uncertain as to the source of those condition ratings and would follow up with Mr. Vigil and Mr. Najera before distributing the bridge information to members.

Chair O'Donnell asked Mr. Najera to clarify on his statement about funding the ranked projects, and when bridge selections would be announced, and funds made available. She also asked about the process by which funding would be requested or accepted by local public agencies. Mr. Najera said this process was in its earliest stages. Mr. Vigil noted that they are still meeting with the Districts to get their input on priorities, and after that, the Bridge Management Section will compile their final priority list. He noted that due to the size of some of these bridges and the escalating costs, the new federal funding might not go as far as first hoped. He cited that in the Northeast RTPO, where the top-ranked bridge is almost \$5 million on its own. Chair O'Donnell suggested that



members review NMDOT's ranked list so they can share their views on their own bridges when the RTPO reconvenes to discuss this topic.

Mr. Wilson asked who the final authority would be to select the bridges to fund. Mr. Vigil noted that the Governor convened a group to oversee transportation funding statewide, though he noted he is not yet clear on the entire path of this process.

Mr. Najera noted that other states are considering the additional federal funding as a means to fill the gap in escalating project costs, rather than fund more projects.

Chair O'Donnell asked whether these funds rolled over if they were not spent for this first year. Mr. Najera confirmed that the funds roll over. The Chair also asked if the bridges on the list all qualified for this new federal funding. Mr. Najera confirmed that those bridges that NMDOT has color-coded as good/ fair/ poor are eligible for the new federal non-state-owned bridge funding. Chair O'Donnell also asked if NMDOT would share their prioritization for state-owned bridges. Mr. Vigil stated he could provide those priorities. He also noted that some new bridges are not yet in NMDOT's inventory, where new development includes a bridge or bridges, and NMDOT is not informed on these new bridges to inventory and inspect them.

Mr. Najera confirmed he would send District 5's non-state-owned priorities, once confirmed by the District.

Chair O'Donnell asked whether NEPA would be necessary to raise the railings or install other safety features on the Rio Grande Gorge Bridge, and if there is federal funding for NEPA in this new funding. Mr. Vigil noted that Quay County has had similar questions about their historic bridges, which were built in 1931. He stated that Mr. Quintana directed the Bridge Management Section to prioritize the bridges first, then consider the required clearances and work with the communities to get those projects done.

X. Action/Approval: TPF project rating criteria, schedule of TPF deadlines

Chair O'Donnell opened this discussion by asking members when they wanted to rate and rank state Transportation Project Fund (TPF) applications, on April 6 or May 4, 2022. She asked Paul Sittig, NCNMEDD, to speak to his suggestion to rate and rank on May 4th. Mr. Sittig noted that the later presentation date would give members and their consultants more time to refine their applications, and NMDOT District 5 staff may have questions on the project feasibility forms (PFFs) that prompt changes to the project scopes. He noted that it would be best to rate and rank the final versions of projects, rather than have members need to specify changes to their project scopes if projects were ranked on April 6, ahead of the District's reviews.

Keith Wilson, Los Alamos County, supported Mr. Sittig's suggestion and reasoning. He noted that unless it would be beneficial to James Mexia, NMDOT District 5 Technical Support Engineer, to see the presentations before his own reviews of the PFFs, the project scopes could change through the District's review of PFFs.



Mr. Mexia agreed with Mr. Wilson, and asked for members to send their PFFs as soon as possible to give the District sufficient time to review the projects and prepare letters of support where necessary for right of way. Mr. Wilson suggested that the April 6, 2022, PFF submittal deadline be listed as “by April 6,” rather than “on April 6.”

Chair O’Donnell asked if there were any other comments or questions from the members. Hearing none, she confirmed the change in the schedule, as listed below:

- **Jan. 31, 2022** – NMDOT issued call for FY 2023 TPF projects
- **March 2, 2022** – NPRTPO meeting where final TPF rating criteria is agreed upon, and members identify their preliminary project ideas
- **April 6, 2022** – entities submit TPF PFFs to NPRTPO staff, who ensure the applications are complete, then send applications to District 5 staff for review
- **April 6, 2022** – NPRTPO meeting where members discuss the application process and ask any questions they have for District 5 or NPRTPO staff
- **April 27, 2022** – District 5 staff return signed PFFs to NPRTPO staff and applicants
- **May 4, 2022** – NPRTPO meeting for FY 2023 TPF rating and ranking only
- **May 27, 2022** – NPRTPO staff submit final 2023 TPF applications to NMDOT
- **Sept. 1, 2022** – deadline for State Transportation Commission to select final awardees
- **1st week of Sept. 2022** – NMDOT sends out award letters
- **End of Sept. 2022** – Match Waiver Requests due from applicants to NMDOT

Chair O’Donnell asked members to list their projects, which were identified as follows:

- **Village of Taos Ski Valley** will be resubmitting reconstruction of Twining Road, the village’s primary roadway, for significant drainage and safety improvements – costs have increased to \$6+ million; due to the short construction window, the project will take three years to complete
- **Taos Pueblo** received TPF funding for FY 2022, but due to the escalating project costs, they anticipate a shortfall and will request additional funding
- **Los Alamos** will be submitting two project: Rose Street reconstruction, 1600 feet in length, estimated at about \$2 million; Loma Linda neighborhood street network, 2600 linear feet of roadway reconstruction for about \$2.4 million
- **Santa Fe County** has not identified anything at this time
- **Ohkay Owingeh** will not applying for TPF this year, working directly with NMDOT to make Highway 74 project complete, also received additional Capital Outlay
- **Town of Taos** will resubmission of the prior project, revising the engineers budget; the project can be phased out
- **Nambé Pueblo** has no plan at this time, still exploring options
- **Taos County** will submit Blueberry Hill and Tom Holder Road, maybe also Bridge 7760
- **Red River** is planning on submitting High Street drainage and asphalt, still in the planning stage, may be an \$8 million project



- **City of Española** has no plan finalized yet, may have something in a few weeks
- **Pueblo of Santa Clara** is considering some preliminary engineering plans
- **NCRTD** will submit 3 to 6 bus stop improvements, based on ADA transition plan
- **Rio Arriba County** will discuss this internally and identify possible projects

Chair O’Donnell asked for a target amount for Northern Pueblos RTPO. Mr. Sittig noted that the likely funding amount for FY 2023 will be well above the annual \$40 million statewide pot, with House Bill 2 adding \$60 million for this year, to bring the statewide total up to \$100 million. Chair O’Donnell asked what that would mean for the RTPO, and Mr. Sittig noted that the funding would be distributed between the six districts. He also noted that last year, Northern Pueblos RTPO members did well, in terms of both the number of projects and the total amount awarded to RTPO members. Chair O’Donnell asked if the RTPO could expect \$16 million for FY 2023, and Mr. Sittig said that was possible.

Mr. Sittig to present the proposed revision to the rating and ranking criteria.

Planning		Project Description/Type/Scope	
Secured other funding sources (no federal funding except TTP), matching funds	Support from existing planning documents and/or federal or state agencies/STIP/RTIPR or State List	Location of project, development clearly outlined	Level of coordination with RTPO, NMDOT, and district engineers in project development and compliance
0 to 5 points	0 to 5 points	0 to 5 points	0 to 5 points

Justification		Request Readiness
Economic impact (improve access to jobs and tourism), need for project clearly outlined	Improves quality of life/ promotes safety/ environmental sustainability	Right of way acquisition and clearances, shovel readiness, planning documents, environmental clearances, project timeline.
0 to 5 points	0 to 5 points	0 to 10 points

2022 TPF Additions		2023 NP Addition	Total points
NMDOT Priority Bridge?	Part of a Phased Project?*	Participation in NPRTPO meetings	
0 to 1 point	Yes or No	0 to 5 points**	0 to 46

* Specifically, is this using prior or future federal funding?



**** 5 points = the applying entity attended 12 of 12 NPRTPO meetings in the past year;
 4 points = 9 to 11 meetings; 3 points = 6 to 8 meetings; 2 points = 3 to 5 meetings;
 1 point = 1 or 2 meetings; 0 points = no meetings attended prior to rating and
 ranking meeting**

Mr. Sittig displayed the criteria above with the two revisions, specifying that the FY 2022 TPF Priority Bridge criteria was based on NMDOT’s priority list (the fair and poor bridges, as previously discussed), and with input from members in the prior meeting, the new FY 2023 criteria for member participation in RTPO meetings. Chair O’Donnell noted that the NPRTPO bylaws states that “Meeting attendance is recognized as a valid method for adding points to the rating score of participating entities. An attendance roster will be maintained to document the number of meetings an entity attends.”

NMDOT Priority Bridge was initially presented as yes or no informational field, as the phased project question is above. Mr. Wilson suggested that priority bridges could receive one point, as there is a benefit in repairing or replacing priority bridges. This revision is reflected above in the points for the category, and the total possible points.

Brett Clavio, Santa Fe County, supported Mr. Wilson’s suggestion, and Mr. Clavio proposed points if a project had a multimodal component. He provided the example of a road project with bicycle improvements would get additional points. Mr. Wilson suggested this could be included in the “Justification” category under “Improves quality of life.” Mr. Clavio supported that reading of the criteria, and the criteria in total.

Chair O’Donnell asked for a motion to approve the revised rating and ranking criteria. Keith Wilson, Los Alamos County, made the motion. Christy Ladd, Ohkay Owingeh, seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Name	Entity	Vote
Keith Wilson	Los Alamos County	Yes
Cathy Martinez	Rio Arriba County	Yes
Gary Brett Clavio	Santa Fe County	Yes
Chair Candyce O’Donnell	Taos County	Yes
Muhammad Hussain	City of Española	Yes
Patrick Nicholson	Village of Taos Ski Valley	Yes
Lynda Perry	Town of Taos	Yes
Marcus Lopez	Pueblo of Nambé	Yes
Christy Ladd	Ohkay Owingeh	Yes
Suzette Shije	Pueblo of Santa Clara	Yes
Vice Chair Vernon Lujan	Pueblo of Taos	Yes
Bryce Gibson	NCRTD	Yes

The motion passed unanimously with members present.

Chair O’Donnell reminded members of the April 6, 2022, deadline to submit PFFs.



XI. NMDOT Updates

James Mexia, NMDOT District 5 Technical Support Engineer, noted he had talked with District Engineer Paul Brasher about the question on how to initiate a road swap between a County and NMDOT, and that Mr. Brasher indicated that the County would present a proposal to him for the road swap. Mr. Mexia reminded everyone that the deadline to return LGRF and MAP requests is March 15, 2022. Mr. Mexia also clarified that with regard to TPF requests, the District is looking to budget \$6-7 million for the NPRTPO region, looking for \$10-12 million in requests, to ensure the District has sufficient options to select projects to fund. These targets are based on the District's division of funding target between three RTPOs and two MPOs within District 5.

Patrick Nicholson, Taos Ski Valley, asked if the Ski Valley should apply for a phased project, rather than the entire project. Mr. Mexia suggested applying for the total project, as future funding is not a certain thing. Additionally, Mr. Mexia noted that last year, TPF funds were not allocated evenly between RTPOs, and Northern Pueblos members received more than the average of District 5's divided funding.

Chair O'Donnell asked if an entity could apply for design and engineering alone, or does the project have to be shovel-ready? Mr. Mexia replied that there is criterion that projects must be shovel-ready. Design and certifications are eligible costs under TPF legislation. Mr. Mexia noted that while construction projects might be preferred, they are not required. Javier Martinez, District 5 Assistant District Engineer, noted that the legislators like to see the money spent within the allotted time, which will ensure additional funding in the future.

Mr. Sittig noted that Multimodal Planning and Programs Bureau has some vacancies and were not able to attend today.

Mr. Sittig noted that the UNM LTAP Center is applying for Tribal Technical Assistance Program (TTAP) Center funding, and if awarded, they would support not only tribes in New Mexico, but also other tribes in the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Southwest and Navajo region. Mr. Sittig noted that NCNMEDD was planning to submit a letter of support, and that Tribes could submit their own letters of support. UNM's application is due March 25, 2022. Christy Ladd suggests members read the notice of funding opportunity (NOFO). Ms. Ladd said she had a concern about UNM's lack of experience in working with tribes in the southwest, and with working with BIA and NMDOT from a tribal perspective. Chair O'Donnell asked if there was an alternative to UNM for serving as a TTAP Center. Ms. Ladd stated that there would likely be other applicants from Arizona and possibly Colorado, as this is a regional support center and it is a competitive grant. Ron Shutiva, NMDOT Tribal Liaison, echoed the suggestion to consider the NOFO before providing a letter of support. Ms. Ladd also asked that NCNMEDD not provide a letter of support on behalf of NPRTPO as a regional representative. She also noted that National Conference of American Indians and Tribal Transportation discussion is happening the week of March 7, 2022, and she has made the request at the national level that tribal entities are involved in reviewing the responses to the TTAP NOFO.



Vice Chair Lujan supported the comments of Ms. Ladd that NPRTPO not submit a group letter of support for UNM, but if they do, they exclude the tribes. He also voiced his concern for UNM's ability to support the tribal nations in New Mexico as well as other tribal nations in the southwest region. Mr. Shutiva supported Vice Chair Lujan and Ms. Ladd and their sentiment that each tribe should review the TTAP applications and make their own call on letters of support, and that NPRTPO should not submit a letter of support as to imply they speak on behalf of the tribes within the region.

Ron Shutiva, NMDOT Tribal Liaison, reminded members that phasing projects may be appropriate when considering larger projects, or projects that require planning, certifications, and design. He also reminded members who have received funding to report monthly as required, even if there is no action in a given month. Mr. Shutiva stated he is working on a quarterly if not monthly meeting with the Districts and the tribes to coordinate on projects and needs. He has organized these meetings in Districts 3 and 6, and will be working to set up similar meetings with District 5 this year.

Christy Ladd, LTAP Board, stated that UNM is offering a number of trainings, and noted that Mr. Sittig had distributed that information. *(Note: UNM and other trainings are also posted online to RTPONM.org/trainings.)*

XIII. Member Input on Training and Presentations for NPRTPO

Chairwoman O'Donnell noted she would like address or discuss workforce shortages in the construction fields, particularly in our region, even on the state level. Finding or training the right workforce, including CDL drivers, road contractors. She asked Mr. Sittig to look for trainings from NMDOT or other agencies to develop in-region and in-state skills. Christopher Madrid, NCNMEDD, noted that this workforce shortage is a nationwide issue, and stated that in February 2022, NCNMEDD submitted an application to the Good Jobs Challenge grant, for outreach to train individuals in the trades and in healthcare. The trades would address the needs the Chair has identified. Mr. Madrid noted they would know if they're awarded within a month or so.

Mr. Shutiva noted that local projects could be addressed through Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) process, which was used by Acoma to bundle all their roadway projects on the reservation to make the projects more appealing to bidders and to streamline the process. David Deutsawe, who was with Acoma but is now with Laguna, lead the effort, saving around a million dollars on the first round of CM/GC with a contractor out of Florida who brought in local subcontractors. The second round of CM/GC addressed FEMA projects and completed 68 projects, while increasing local capacity in the public works department. Mr. Shutiva suggested asking Mr. Deutsawe to present on the process and successes at Acoma. Ms. Ladd said that Mr. Deutsawe defines it as an alternative way to do design/ bid/ build or design/ build projects, and a way to bundle projects to design and build. *(Note: more information on CM/GC can be found here: <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/construction/contracts/acm/cmqc.cfm>).*



Ms. Ladd noted that NCRTD has an innovative way of bridging some of their gaps in awarded discretionary funding. Chair O'Donnell asked that Ms. Ladd work with Mr. Sittig to coordinate on identifying individuals to invite to present.

XIV. NPRTPO Planner/Program Manager Updates and Announcements

Mr. Sittig moved to the next topic in the interest of time.

XV. New Business

A. Upcoming meeting locations and topics

April 6 – TPF Update. Mr. Sittig to survey members, identify possible host with online capacity. Chair O'Donnell to see if Taos could host.

May 4 – TPF rating and ranking; possibly holding a hybrid in-person/online meeting, location TBD.

B. Other items from NPRTPO members or the public

Chairwoman O'Donnell asked if anyone had additional questions or comments, and there were none.

XVI. Adjourn

Chairwoman O'Donnell, Taos County, adjourned the meeting at 12:39 PM.