

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

**Minutes  
September 6, 2023  
10:00 a.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Felipe Figueroa, City of Deming  
Jeremy Gervais, City of Deming  
Jim Massengill, City of Deming  
Windia C., City of Deming  
Peter Pena, Town of Silver City  
Jacqui Olea, Town of Silver City  
Richard Bauch, Village of Santa Clara  
Bob Schiowitz, SWNMact  
Debbie Hudson, NMDOT  
Gil Gallosa, NMDOT  
Cerisse Grijalva, SWNMCOG  
Priscilla Lucero, SWNMCOG

Online:  
Azucena Vargas, City of Deming  
Gabriel Ramos, City of Bayard  
Lori Ortiz, Town of Hurley  
George Esqueda, Stantec  
Randy Hernandez, Grant County  
David Bailey, Luna County  
Carlos Romero, NM Institute  
Gabrielle Chavez, NMDOT  
Isabel Benavidez, NMDOT  
Jason Lujan, NMDOT

1. Welcome and Introductions:

Peter called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Approval/Amendments of Agenda:

Jim moved to approve the agenda. Mayor Bauch seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

3. Approval of minutes from May 9, 2023 meeting:

Jim moved to approve the May 9, 2023 meeting minutes. Azucena seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

4. New Business:

a. TPF Awards-Cerisse reported on the awarded projects in the SWRTPO region which was a total of 9 projects that totaled to approximately 9.8 million dollars awarded.

b. Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan – Gabrielle spoke on the plan and reported they are currently in the public comment period and the deadline for any comments is September 29<sup>th</sup>. If anyone is interested in sending any comments, send to her with page numbers on where to find the information.

c. ADA/Title VI – Isabel conducted a presentation on ADA and Title VI requirements and explained all entities must have these updated, reviewed, and signed with a 2023 date and submitted to her or Jason by September 18, 2023.

d. Bylaws Update – Jim made a motion to approve the bylaws as presented, Azucena seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

5. Reports:

a. NMDOT-Debbie reported on the Transportation Project Fund (TPF) projects. There were eight projects awarded in District 1. There was 66 million in the program this year with a total of 164 applications that totaled 205.9 million dollars. 65 applications were awarded. Award letters should be received by next week and any match waiver requests should be sent by this month. She also reported the Local Government Road Fund agreements have been fully executed.

b. Member Updates – There were no member updates.

c. RTPO – Cerrisse announced she submitted a Bicycle Friendly Application on August 30<sup>th</sup> on behalf of the Town of Silver City and will receive feedback in December. She also let everyone know if they were interested in this designation for their community, let her know. Priscilla then announced the Colonias Infrastructure grant program will have 87.5 million dollars for next year, Capital Outlay request forms have an October 19<sup>th</sup> deadline, on the Governor’s allocation submittals must have a LCS# from the capital outlay request forms, and with the black fire funds, one million dollars went to Sierra County for esequias and one million went to Grant County for the design of Hamilton Bridge. She also mentioned it was approved at the last COG Board meeting to hire a grant writer and this person can be used by all entities at no cost up until June 30, 2024. And lastly she reported there is funding available for match dollars, recreational applications due September 13<sup>th</sup> and if awarded there is only about six months to complete projects, the COG has assisted in applying for EV charging stations in Silver City and Lordsburg and is available to assist those who are also interested in the charging stations, and DFA has funding for any existing projects that lack funds to complete the project. Any questions they may contact Priscilla.

7. Public Input:

There was no public input.

8. Next RTPO Meeting:

Will notify members of the next meeting.

9. Adjourn:

Jim made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Bauch seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

ATTEST:

  
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Cerisse Grijalva, Secretary

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Peter Pena, Chairman