

Regular Meeting Minutes
 Northeast Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NERTPO)
 Hosted by the Eastern Plains Council of Governments and
 North Central New Mexico Economic Development District
 Philmont Training Center Villa Terrace Room Deer Run Road, Cimarron
 Hybrid
 February 22nd, 2023
 10:00 a.m.



Meeting Attendees

Present	Shawn Jeffrey - Chairwoman	Village of Cimarron	Voting Member
Present	Julie Kulhan	Village of Angel Fire	Alternate
Present	Rebecca Benavidez	Guadalupe County	Voting Member
Present	Danny Gurule	City of Las Vegas	Voting Member
Present	Larry Moore	Quay County	Voting Member
Present	Danny Laumbach	Village of Roy	Voting Member
Present	Dallas Baker	Village of Mosquero	Voting Member
Present	Jeff Carr	Village of Eagle Nest	Voting Member
Present	Glen Stevens	Colfax County	Alternate
Present	Heather Dostie	City of Santa Rosa	Alternate
Present	Clay Kiesling	Union County	Voting Member
Present	Samuel Blea	Town of Springer	Voting Member
Present	Vicki Strand	City of Tucumcari	Voting Member
Present	Mary Berglund	Village of Eagle Nest	Alternate
Present	Arnold Lopez	City of Las Vegas	Alternate
Present	Alice Adams	Village of Folsom	Voting Member
Present	Amanda Boggs	Village of Folsom	Alternate
Absent	Daniel Zamora	Quay County	Alternate
Absent	Benito Romero	San Miguel County	Voting Member
Absent	Ken Flores	City of Santa Rosa	Voting Member
Absent	Jason Phillips	City of Raton	Alternate
Absent	Ralph Lopez	City of Tucumcari	Alternate
Absent	Rodney Paris	Village of Logan	Voting Member
Absent	John N. Romero	Mora County	Voting Member
Absent	Brandy Thomas	Union County	Alternate
Absent	Ferron Lucero - Vice- Chair	Town of Clayton	Voting Member
Absent	Ernest Sanchez	Town of Clayton	Alternate
Absent	Bret E. Wier	Colfax County	Voting Member
Absent	Sarah Arias	Town of Springer	Alternate
Absent	Cynthia Lee	Village of San Jon	Voting Member
Absent	Scott Berry	City of Raton	Voting Member
Absent	Wade Lane	Village of San Jon	Alternate

Absent	Magdalena Sandoval	Mora County	Alternate
Absent	Rudy Tenorio	Guadalupe County	Alternate
Absent	Johnny Trujillo	San Miguel County	Alternate
Absent	Carala Taylor	Village of Maxwell	Voting Member
Absent	Jennifer Baca	Harding County	Voting Member
Absent	Jay Ruybalid	Village of Angel Fire	Voting Member
Absent	Pedro Laumbach	Harding County	Alternate
Absent	Clayton Moore	Village of Roy	Alternate
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	Lynn Wiseman	Village of Grenville	Alternate
Absent	Mignon Sadoris	Village of Grenville	Voting Member
Absent	Tomi Miller	Village of House	Voting Member
Absent	Steve Foust	Village of House	Alternate
Absent	Dave Shivers	Village of Logan	Alternate
Absent	Shawn Jeffrey	Village of Maxwell	Alternate
Absent	Barbara June Melton	Village of Mosquero	Alternate
Absent	Telesfor Benavidez	Village of Pecos	Voting Member
Absent	Vacant	Village of Pecos	Alternate
Absent	Laudente Quintana	Village of Wagon Mound	Voting Member
Absent	Nora Sanchez	Village of Wagon Mound	Alternate



RTPO Planners, NMDOT Staff, and other attendees

- Raul Rodriguez III – Eastern Plains Council of Governments (EPCOG)
- Paul Sittig – North Central NM Economic Development District (NCNMEDD)
- Kyla Danforth – North Central NM Economic Development District (NCNMEDD)
- John Herrera – NMDOT LGRF Program Coordinator
- Samantha Sandoval – NMDOT LGRF Program Planner
- Glenn Stevens – Colfax County
- Richard Runyon – Dennis Engineering



I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:09 AM by Chairwoman Shawn Jeffrey.

II. Pledge of Allegiance/New Mexico State Flag

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

III. Welcome

Chairwoman Jeffrey welcomed everyone to the hybrid meeting and allowed for introductions. Individual introductions were conducted by all in attendance.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Chairwoman Jeffrey opened the review of the agenda.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented: Clay Kiesling, Union County
Second: Ferron Lucero, Town of Clayton

All present voted in the affirmative. Motion carries.

V. Approval of the Minutes (January 25th Regular Meeting)

Chairwoman Jeffrey opened the review of the January 25th Regular meeting minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes as presented: Clay Kiesling, Union County
Second: Julie Kulhan, Village of Angel Fire

All present voted in the affirmative. Motion carries.

VI. Approval/discussion: Northeast Regional Transportation Plan – (NERTPO Planners and Ms. Kyla Danforth, NCNMEDD)

Mr. Sittig, NCNMEDD, updated membership concerning the revisions for the Northeast Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) which Ms. Kyla Danforth, Transportation Intern NCNMEDD, has continued to work with. Ms. Danforth continues to work with new crash data and maps which will be included in the final product. Mr. Sittig suggested that membership review and submit revisions for this plan until March 13th, 2023. Membership concurred and chose to table the approval of the RTP until the subsequent meeting.

VII. Discussion: Rating and Ranking for TAP, RTP motorized, and CRP Project Applications (City of Las Vegas and City of Santa Rosa)



Rating and Ranking for the TAP, RTP motorized, and CRP Project Applications introduced by Mr. Sittig, NCNMEDD, along with scoring criteria and the process for use of mobile devices for accumulation of all present member’s scores.

The City of Las Vegas was presented by Mr. Daniel Gurule and Mr. Arnold Lopez to membership about the project application for the River Walk Trail Restoration Project. This Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) project will include Preliminary Engineering, Construction, and Construction Management and Testing. The beginning termini is Bridge Street to Mills Avenue beginning at mile point 10+00 and ending at mile point 52+25 for a total length of 4,225 linear feet (lf). Total cost for this project is \$1,033,248.51 including a local 14.56% match of \$150,440.98 and a federal match of \$882,807.53. This project will connect existing trail infrastructure from the south end of the City of Las Vegas to the north end of the city. This project will help to maintain a safe and reliable route for bicyclists and pedestrians to travel through the City of Las Vegas and portions of San Miguel County. Engineering cost estimates have been included. Also included are the Resolution on the availability of matching funds, letters of support, project maps, and adopted plans which include the Riverwalk Improvement project.

The City of Santa Rosa was presented by Ms. Heather Dostie regarding the TAP project application for completion of a trail and all-wheel park. This project will include Preliminary Engineering, Construction, and Construction Management and Testing. The trail will connect US RT 66 to the Santa Rosa Blue Hole Road through the park. This project has a total of six (6) phases. The phases that will be applied for will consist of Phase 1A and 1B. The total amount requested is \$925,000 with a local 14.56% match of \$134,660 and a federal share of \$790,320. Subsequent phases will be funded through other funding sources. Engineering cost estimates have been included as well as the Resolution on the availability of matching funds, letters of support, project maps, and adopted plans which include this improvement project.

Voting ensued and scores were tallied by Mr. Sittig and presented to the NERTPO board for review and approval. The City of Santa Rosa’s project came in first with a score of 31.67 points, followed by project from the City of Las Vegas with 31.5 points.

VIII. Approval/discussion: NERTPO Rating and Ranking NMDOT FFY 2024 TAP, RTP Motorized, CRP Project Applications (NERTPO Planners)

Motion to approve Rating and Ranking of TAP, RTP motorized, and CRP program as tallied by Mr. Sittig made by Mary Berglund, Village of Eagle Nest
Second: Dallas Baker, Village of Mosquero.

With all present voting in the affirmative, motion carries.

IX. NERTPO Planners/ Program Manager Reports (NERTPO Planners)

Mr. Rodriguez III provided a summary of work under way by himself and EPCOG staff, highlighting FY 2024 Transportation Project Fund (TPF) project support and review.

Mr. Sittig gave an overview of activities at NCNMEDD, including TPF support, and work to complete the Northeast RTP for the next meeting.



X. Discussion: NMDOT District IV Update (Mr. James M. Gallegos, PE – NMDOT District IV Engineer and NMDOT Staff)

Samanta Sandoval reminded members of the state funding deadlines coming up on March 15.

XI. Discussion: Project Status Update NMDOT District IV Update (Local Government Members)

Members gave updates on projects in Springer, Cimarron, Clayton, and Eagle Nest.

XII. New Business

- A. General Comments and Announcements and Public Comment -
- B. Suggested Agenda items for upcoming meetings –
- C. Meeting Location Amendments:
 - ❖ **March 30** – Tucumcari hybrid
 - ❖ **April 26** – Las Vegas, hybrid – TPF Rating and Ranking Meeting ONLY

XIII. Adjournment

With no further discussion, Chairwoman Jeffrey asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Clay Kiesling, Union County
Second: Julie Kulhan, Village of Angel Fire.

Chairwoman Jeffrey adjourned the meeting at 11:35 AM.