

Regular Meeting Minutes
 Northeast Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NERTPO)
 Hosted by the Eastern Plains Council of Governments

ONLINE
 June 23rd, 2021
 10:00 a.m.



Meeting Attendees

Present	Jason Phillips	City of Raton	Alternate
Present	Heather Dostie	City of Santa Rosa	Voting Member
Present	Robert Thompson	Colfax County	Alternate
Present	Monica Abeyta	Guadalupe County	Voting Member
Present	Jennifer Baca	Harding County	Voting Member
Present	Larry Moore	Quay County	Voting Member
Present	Gerald Garcia	San Miguel County	Alternate
Present	Samuel Blea	Town of Springer	Voting Member
Present	Shawn Jeffrey - Vice-Chair	Village of Cimarron	Voting Member
Present	Cynthia Lee	Village of San Jon	Voting Member
Present	Daniel Gurule	City of Las Vegas	Voting Member
Present	Ralph Lopez	City of Tucumcari	Alternate
Present	Ernest Sanchez	Town of Clayton	Alternate
Present	Ferron Lucero	Town of Clayton	Voting Member
Present	Sarah Arias	Town of Springer	Alternate
Present	Sandy Garcia	Village of Angel Fire	Alternate
Present	Karen Gates	Village of Maxwell	Voting Member
Absent	Scott Berry	City of Raton	Voting Member
Absent	Bret E. Wier	Colfax County	Voting Member
Absent	Clay Kiesling	Union County	Voting Member
Absent	Richard Cordova-Chair	Village of Eagle Nest	Voting Member
Absent	Matthew Baca	Village of Roy	Alternate
Present	Ken Flores	Guadalupe County	Alternate
Absent	Terry Martinez	Mora County	Voting Member
Absent	Arnold Lopez	San Miguel County	Voting Member
Absent	Danny Laumbach	Village of Roy	Voting Member
Absent	Daniel Zamora	Quay County	Alternate
Absent	Vacant	City of Las Vegas	Alternate
Absent	Vacant	City of Santa Rosa	Alternate
Absent	Vicki Strand	City of Tucumcari	Voting Member
Absent	Pedro Laumbach	Harding County	Alternate
Absent	Vacant	Mora County	Alternate
Absent	Angie Gonzales	Union County	Alternate
Absent	Jay Mitchell	Village of Angel Fire	Voting Member



Absent	Renee Ledoux	Village of Cimarron	Alternate
Absent	Lee Dixon	Village of Des Moines	Voting Member
Absent	Scott Warner	Village of Des Moines	Alternate
Absent	Mary Berglund	Village of Eagle Nest	Alternate
Absent	Diane Brown	Village of Folsom	Voting Member
Absent	Mike Schoonover	Village of Folsom	Alternate
Absent	Lynn Wiseman	Village of Grenville	Alternate
Absent	Mignon Saddoris	Village of Grenville	Voting Member
Absent	Anita Allen	Village of House	Voting Member
Absent	Sherwin W. Martin	Village of House	Alternate
Absent	Russell Feerer	Village of Logan	Alternate
Absent	Scott Parnell	Village of Logan	Voting Member
Absent	Joanna Taylor	Village of Maxwell	Alternate
Absent	Connie Cook	Village of Mosquero	Alternate
Absent	Daniela Johnson	Village of Mosquero	Voting Member
Absent	Telesfor Benavidez	Village of Pecos	Voting Member
Absent	Vacant	Village of Pecos	Alternate
Absent	Wade Lane	Village of San Jon	Alternate
Absent	Laudente Quintana	Village of Wagon Mound	Voting Member
Absent	Nora Sanchez	Village of Wagon Mound	Alternate

Planners, NMDOT, and State Agencies

- Raul Rodriguez III – Eastern Plains Council of Governments (EPCOG)
- Paul Sittig– North Central NM Economic Development District (NCNMEDD)
- Joseph Moriarty, AICP – NMDOT Planning Division
- Richard Runyun – Dennis Engineering Company
- Lesah R. Sedillo – NCNMEDD
- Karen Stearns – Engineering Analytics



I. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 10:01 AM by Vice-Chairwoman Jeffrey.

II. Pledge of Allegiance/New Mexico State Flag

The Pledge of Allegiance and salute to the New Mexico State Flag were led by Lesah Sedillo, NCNMEDD.

III. Welcome

Vice-Chairwoman Jeffrey welcomed everyone to the virtual meeting and allowed for introductions.

Individual introductions were conducted by all in attendance.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented: Jason Phillips, City of Raton.

Second: Robert Thompson, Colfax County.

Roll call:

Entity	Representative	Vote
San Miguel County	Gerald Garcia	Yes
City of Las Vegas	Daniel Gurule	Yes
Colfax County	Robert Thompson	Yes
City of Raton	Jason Phillips	Yes
Village of Cimarron	Shawn Jeffrey	Yes
Village of Angel Fire	Sandy Garcia	Yes
Harding County	Jennifer Baca	Yes
Village of San Jon	Cynthia Lee	Yes
Quay County	Larry Moore	Yes
City of Tucumcari	Ralph Lopez	Yes
Town of Clayton	Ferron Lucero	Yes
City of Santa Rosa	Heather Dostie	Yes
Guadalupe County	Monica Abeyta	Yes
Town of Springer	Samuel Blea	Yes
Village of Maxwell	Karen Gates	Yes

Villages of Mosquero, House, Des Moines, Pecos, Folsom, Grenville, Logan, Mora County, Union County, Village of Roy, Village of Eagle Nest and Wagon Mound were absent.

Motion carries.

V. Approval of Minutes (June Special Meeting-EPCOG <Zoom>)

Motion to approve the minutes pending revisions for inclusion of attendance of Sarah Arias, Town of Springer and Karen Gates, Village of Maxwell. Revised by Raul Rodriguez.

Motion to approve the minutes with revisions was made by Jason Phillips, City of Raton.
 Second: Ernest Sanchez, Town of Clayton.
 Roll call:



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San Miguel County	Gerald Garcia	Yes
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Colfax County	Robert Thompson	Yes
City of Raton	Jason Phillips	Yes
Village of Cimarron	Shawn Jeffrey	Yes
Village of Angel Fire	Sandy Garcia	Yes
Harding County	Jennifer Baca	Yes
Quay County	Larry Moore	Yes
Village of San Jon	Cynthia Lee	Yes
City of Tucumcari	Ralph Lopez	Yes
Town of Clayton	Ferron Lucero	Yes
City of Santa Rosa	Heather Dostie	Yes
Guadalupe County	Monica Abeyta	Yes
Town of Springer	Samuel Blea	Yes
Village of Maxwell	Karen Gates	Yes

With all present voting in the affirmative, motion carries.

VI. Action: Review and Approve Bylaws and Open Meeting Act Resolution – (NERTPO Planners)

Paul Sittig and Raul Rodriguez III presented the NERTPO Bylaws and introduced a Resolution accepting language to ensure that a set time and place for the NERTPO meetings was enacted and to revise and clarify other language. There was some language that did not concur with the Open Meetings Act that was stricken or replaced with more appropriate language, in addition to some minor corrections, such as deletion of the word “multiyear” and clarification of language from “of” to “set by NMDOT” and replacement of “Long Range Plan” to “Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)”. The language stating “Unless otherwise specified, regular meetings will be held every fourth Wednesday of the month to conduct business.” Replaced “Meetings shall be scheduled in advance to avoid any conflicts that may affect member and NMDOT attendance” in the bylaws to ensure compliance with the Open Meetings Act and consistency with the NERTPO Open Meetings Act supporting resolution, which, is the most significant change of the bylaws for approval.

Vice-Chair Jeffrey suggested amendments to include “NERTPO members on proposed transportation for any transportation funding as necessary” to better align with Article F of the bylaws concerning outlines established by NMDOT rating and ranking criteria for funding. Paul Sittig proposes revision to Article F striking “according to guidelines of NMDOT.” Raul Rodriguez III proposes in Article B instead of striking “NMDOT” “any transportation and/or NMDOT funding” to include all sources of funding. Vice-Chair Jeffrey proposed the same change to Article F to ensure continuity of language throughout the bylaws. She also proposed changes to include “regular scheduled meetings will be held every fourth Wednesday of the month at 10 AM to conduct business unless otherwise

specified” with matching Resolution language. Changing “will’ to “shall be” in the Resolution subsection number #2 to ensure the allowance of changing meeting dates, times, and locations as needed if the time comes that such changes need to occur.

Gerald Garcia, San Miguel County, asked for clarification about Section 2 and clarified by Raul and Paul about this pertaining to the RTIPR and NMDOT’s oversight thereof.

A Resolution suggesting amendments was introduced for approval with corrections by roll call vote.

Motion: Jason Phillips, City of Raton

Second: Robert Thompson, Colfax County

Roll call:



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City of Raton	Jason Phillips	Yes
Village of Cimarron	Shawn Jeffrey	Yes
Village of Angel Fire	Sandy Garcia	Yes
Harding County	Jennifer Baca	Yes
Quay County	Larry Moore	Yes
Village of San Jon	Cynthia Lee	Yes
City of Tucumcari	Ralph Lopez	Yes
Town of Clayton	Ferron Lucero	Yes
City of Santa Rosa	Heather Dostie	Yes
Guadalupe County	Monica Abeyta	Yes
Town of Springer	Samuel Blea	Yes
Village of Maxwell	Karen Gates	Yes

With all present voting in the affirmative, motion carries for approval.

VII. Action: Review and Approve final 2022 Transportation Project Fund Ranking List– (NERTPO Planners)

Paul Sittig proposed the new State List of Projects compiled after the recent Special Meeting for Rating and Ranking be approved by NERTPO RTPO members as the formal list of ranked projects for state funding.

Raul Rodriguez III advised the membership that this is also on the RTPO website where the membership may review it more in depth if they would like.

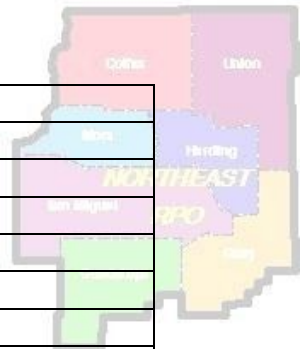
Motion: Jason Phillips, City of Raton

Second: Ferron Lucero, Town of Clayton

Roll Call:

Entity	Representative	Vote
San Miguel County	Gerald Garcia	Yes

City of Las Vegas	Daniel Gurule	Yes
Colfax County	Robert Thompson	Yes
City of Raton	Jason Phillips	Yes
Village of Cimarron	Shawn Jeffrey	Yes
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Town of Springer	Samuel Blea	Yes
Village of Maxwell	Karen Gates	Yes



With all present voting in the affirmative, motion carries to approve 2022 RTIPR list.

VIII. Discussion: TAP, RTP and CMAQ timelines and updates – (NERTPO Planners)

Paul Sittig updated membership of the federally funded program timelines that membership approved with what deadlines are approaching. Paul reiterated that the membership knows that PFFs for these federally funded projects is different from the previous Transportation Project Fund. Also, NMDOT has different boards that oversee each 3 of these programs. Rating and ranking for these will be decided when the time approaches that may include an exhaustive form provided by Vincent Soule with changes or a new form that members may agree upon. Paul showed membership where to find the program guides and other resources on the RTPO website.

IX. Discussion: NERTPO Planners/Program Managers Reports - (NERTPO Planners)

Raul Rodriguez III updated membership about his health issues.

Paul Sittig updated members about the NCNMCEDD’s new Community Development Director, named Chris Madrid, starting July 12th. Paul also updated upcoming Western Planner conference that will be held August 22 through 25 virtually and in person in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Lesah Sedillo thanked everyone for their hard work and years of dedication. Jason Phillips, City of Raton, thanked Lesah for her years of support and dedication. Raul Rodriguez III thanked her for her work. Ferron Lucero, Town of Clayton, also thanked Lesah for her help and support over the years. Robert Thompson, Colfax County, and Ralph Lopez, City of Tucumcari, shared their thanks, too.

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

Joseph Moriarty updated membership about inviting public comment regarding the NMDOT FFY2022/2027 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) until Monday July 5th, 2021. FHWA has an upcoming 4-day webinar concerning ADA Plans.

Paul Sittig advised that John Herrera and Samantha Sandoval are on the road and not able to participate in this meeting. Samantha Sandoval will be reaching out to local entities to schedule meetings for presentations to District 4 pertaining to TPF project applications and will compile a list that they will recommend to NMDOT once finished. From Samantha Sandoval:



- D4 will schedule entities for them to come give presentations before July 15.
- D4 will have discussion and make a recommendation on projects to submit for Secretary review and approval of commission.
- D4 will then send recommendation projects to Environmental section for review and comment by July 15.
- D4 will also give letter of support for the projects recommended.
- Award Letters will go out the first week of September.

Paul said he would confirm details on what presentations, and how presentations will be held (in person or virtual). Raul offered to share the full rating and ranking video presentation.

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

Jason Phillips, City of Raton, updated the membership about ongoing projects.
Larry Moore, Quay County, updated the membership about ongoing projects.
Shawn Jeffrey, Village of Cimarron, updated the membership about ongoing projects.
Karen Gates, Village of Maxwell, updated the membership about ongoing projects.
Ferron Lucero, Town of Clayton, updated the membership about ongoing projects.
Sandy Garcia, Village of Angel Fire, updated the membership about ongoing projects.

XII. New Business

- A. General Comments and Announcements from NERTPO members and Public Comment
Vice Chair Jeffrey asked members to consider future trainings.
- B. Suggested agenda items for upcoming meetings.
- C. Meeting Location Amendments

- ❖ **July 28th, 2021**, Virtual, unless Paul Sittig could set up a location in Santa Fe.
- ❖ **August 25th, 2021**, In-Person/Virtual hybrid, location TBD, possibly Raton

XIII. Adjournment

With there being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:16 PM.