Regular Meeting Minutes

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

ONLINE/ In Person Hybrid

Santa Fe Business Incubator Meeting Room B, 3900 Paseo del Sol, Santa Fe, NM 87507

July 28th, 2021

10:00 a.m.

# Meeting Attendees

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| 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

Jason Coffey – NMDOT HSIP Manager

Richard Runyun – Dennis Engineering Company

Vincent Soule – Eastern Plains Council of Governments (EPCOG)

Chris Madrid – NCNMEDD

Lesah R. Sedillo – NCNMEDD

Karen Stearns – Engineering Analytics

Samantha Sandoval – NMDOT LGRF Coordinator

John Herrera – NMDOT Assistant District Engineer

# Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 10:23 AM by Chairman Cordova

# Pledge of Allegiance/New Mexico State Flag

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

# Welcome

Chairman Cordova welcomed everyone to the virtual meeting and allowed for introductions.

Individual introductions were conducted by all in attendance.

# Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented: Larry Moore, Quay County

Second: Robert Thompson, Colfax County.

Roll call:

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| City of Las Vegas | Daniel Gurule | Yes |
| Colfax County | Robert Thompson | Yes |
| Village of Cimarron | Shawn Jeffrey | Yes |
| Village of Angel Fire | Sandy Garcia | Yes |
| Village of Mosquero | Daniela Johnson | Yes |
| Quay County | Larry Moore | Yes |
| City of Tucumcari | Ralph Lopez | Yes |
| Town of Clayton | Ernest Sanchez | Yes |
| City of Santa Rosa | Heather Dostie | Yes |
| Guadalupe County | Ken Flores | Yes |
| Town of Springer | Samuel Blea | Yes |
| Village of Maxwell | Karen Gates | Yes |

Villages of House, Des Moines, Pecos, Folsom, Grenville, Logan, Mora County, Union County, San Miguel County, Village of Roy, and the Village Wagon Mound were absent. Motion carries.

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

Motion to approve the minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes by Karen Gates, Village of Maxwell.

Second: Larry Moore, Quay County.

Roll call:

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With all present voting in the affirmative, motion carries.

# Presentation: Highway Safety Improvement Program – Jason Coffey

# NMDOT Highway Safety Improvement Program manager Jason Coffey made a presentation concerning the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). Mr. Coffey noted the emphasis on data-driven, strategic approaches to improving transportation safety. He identified the five performance measures that NMDOT must set targets for:

# Number of Fatalities

# Rate of Fatalities

# Number of Serious Injuries

# Rate of Serious Injuries

# Number of Non‐motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries

# Mr. Coffey also noted that there is not currently a call for projects, as HSIP funds are fully programmed through FFY 2022, based on previous Road Safety Audits (RSAs). He noted that the Network Screening for NMDOT non-Interstate routes is complete, and the Interstate routes are likely to be complete in fall of 2021. Once complete, the Network Screening tool will be made available to the public, though it will only have information on NMDOT maintained roadways. Training will be provided on the Network Screening tool, to identify locations for further analysis.

# Jason Coffey noted that the Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) is being updated currently, and NMDOT is also working on completing the annual HSIP report for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). NMDOT submitted the HSIP Implementation Plan in July 2021, as required when a state does not meet their safety targets.

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

Paul Sittig, NCNMEDD, updated membership of the federally funded program timelines that membership approved with what deadlines are approaching. Mr. Sittig 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.

# Discussion: NERTPO Training Plan – (NERTPO Planners)

# Paul Sittig asked the membership if they would like to answer a short google forms survey pertaining to future training opportunities during NERTPO meetings.

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# Discussion: NERTPO Planners/Program Managers Reports - (NERTPO Planners)

# NERTPO Planners discussed current reports and funding opportunities with members. Raul Rodriguez III, EPCOG, updated members concerning the FFYQ4 NMDOT EPCOG reimbursement request package being completed with funds being disbursed and received.

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

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# John Herrera and Samantha Sandoval updated the membership with NMDOT news. Ms. Sandoval spoke about Fiscal Year 2021 time extensions for letters & resolutions deadline being in September. Match waivers have a July 31st deadline. Agreements are due and need resolutions to be added by local governing bodies and submitted to NMDOT in a timely manner. The Transportation Commission Meeting will be held August 26th and will include discussion about applications for the Transportation Project Fund (TPF) and selection for appropriations of funding. Award letters will be sent to member entities the first week of September. Members are urged to reach out to the New Mexico Environmental Department to be updated about where their applications stand about achieving the greenlight for projects with categorical exclusions. Updates about change in staffing and in person meetings.

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1. **Discussion: Project Status Update** (Local Government Members)

Mary Berglund, Village of Eagle Nest, spoke about the project on Fishman’s Lane. Engineering out for bid.

Sandy Garcia, Village of Angel Fire, spoke about the San Mateo, Spyglass and Angel Sky sewer projects. She asked about the Highway 44 NMDOT resurfacing project underway.

Larry Moore, Quay County, spoke about the low water crossing project under way.

Robert Thompson, Colfax County, spoke about the bridge project under way.

1. **New Business**
2. General Comments and Announcements from NERTPO members and Public Comment

Chairman Cordova presented a Resolution sending off Lesah Sedillo into retirement. Lesah Sedillo thanked everyone for years of service and friendship. Chairman Cordova proclaimed that meetings will be held virtually for the time being because of the COVID-19 pandemic and current surge in spread of the deadly virus.

Monica Abeita, Executive Director of NCNMEDD, noted that the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) issued six notices of funding opportunity (NOFOs) that will conclude at the end of January and opportunities created by the federal legislation known as the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

1. Suggested agenda items for upcoming meetings.
2. Meeting Location Amendments

* **August 25th, 2021,** Virtual
* **September 22nd, 2021,** Virtual

1. **Adjournment**

With there being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:32 AM.