

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  
 Hybrid in person/online  
 Union County Administration Building 200 Court Street  
 Clayton, NM 88415  
 May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
 10:00 a.m.



**Meeting Attendees**

Present	Shawn Jeffrey - Chairwoman	Village of Cimarron	Voting Member
Present	Ferron Lucero - Vice- Chair	Town of Clayton	Voting Member
Present	Julie Kulhan	Village of Angel Fire	Alternate
Present	Rebecca Benavidez	Guadalupe County	Voting Member
Present	Clay Kiesling	Union County	Voting Member
Present	Arnold Lopez	City of Las Vegas	Voting Member
Present	Larry Moore	Quay County	Voting Member
Present	Danny Laumbach	Village of Roy	Voting Member
Present	Daniel Zamora	Quay County	Alternate
Present	Ernest Sanchez	Town of Clayton	Alternate
Present	Gerald Garcia	San Miguel County	Voting Member
Present	Dallas Baker	Village of Mosquero	Voting Member
Present	Heather Dostie	City of Santa Rosa	Voting Member
Present	Bret E. Wier	Colfax County	Voting Member
Present	Jeff Carr	Village of Eagle Nest	Voting Member
Present	Sarah Arias	Town of Springer	Alternate
Present	Jason Phillips	City of Raton	Alternate
Present	Robert Thompson	Colfax County	Alternate
Present	Samuel Blea	Town of Springer	Voting Member
Present	Cynthia Lee	Village of San Jon	Voting Member
Present	Ralph Lopez	City of Tucumcari	Alternate
Present	Scott Berry	City of Raton	Voting Member
Present	Scott Parnell	Village of Logan	Voting Member
Present	Wade Lane	Village of San Jon	Alternate
Present	John N. Romero	Mora County	Voting Member
Absent	Vicki Strand	City of Tucumcari	Voting Member
Absent	Mary Berglund	Village of Eagle Nest	Alternate
Absent	Magdalena Sandoval	Mora County	Alternate
Absent	Rose Fernandez	Guadalupe County	Alternate



Absent	Vacant	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	Vacant	City of Las Vegas	Alternate
Absent	Martin Martinez	City of Santa Rosa	Alternate
Absent	Angie Gonzales	Union County	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	Diane Brown	Village of Folsom	Voting Member
Absent	Mike Schoonover	Village of Folsom	Alternate
Absent	Lynn Wiseman	Village of Grenville	Alternate
Absent	Mignon Sadoris	Village of Grenville	Voting Member
Absent	Shannon Aikman	Village of House	Voting Member
Absent	Sherwin W. Martin	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**

- Paul Sittig– North Central NM Economic Development District (NCNMEDD)
- Raul Rodriguez III – Eastern Plains Council of Governments (EPCOG)
- Kyla Danforth – North Central NM Economic Development District (NCNMEDD)
- John Neunuebel – NMDOT NERTPO Liaison
- Samantha Sandoval – NMDOT LGRF Program Planner
- John Herrera – NMDOT LGRF Program Coordinator
- Richard Runyon – Dennis Engineering Company, Grants Administrator
- Billie Jo Barnes – Mayor of the Village of San Jon
- Kenny Flores – City of Santa Rosa, Project Manager
- Danny Gurule – City of Las Vegas, Public Works Manager
- Beth Schatz – Stantec Engineering
- Bert Thomas – Bohanon Huston
- George Dodge Jr. – NMDOT Local Government Division



**I. Call to Order**

The Meeting was called to order at 10:06 AM by Vice-Chairman Ferron Lucero.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance/New Mexico State Flag**

The Pledge of Allegiance and salute to the New Mexico State Flag were led by Vice-Chairman Ferron Lucero.

**III. Welcome**

Vice-Chairman Ferron Lucero welcomed everyone to the virtual meeting and allowed for introductions.

Individual introductions were conducted by all in attendance.

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

Vice-Chairman Ferron Lucero opened the review and approval of the agenda. Motion to approve the agenda as presented: Scott Berry, City of Raton  
Second: Cynthia Lee, Village of San Jon

All present voted in the affirmative. Motion carries.

**V. Approval of Minutes April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – (EPCOG and NCNMEDD virtual)**

Vice-Chairman Ferron Lucero opened the review and approval of the minutes from the April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022, monthly meeting. With no comments provided, the Vice-Chairman asked for a motion.

Motion to approve the minutes as presented by Clay Kiesling, Union County  
Second: Ernest Sanchez, Town of Clayton

All present voted in the affirmative. Motion carries.

**VI. Presentation/approval: FFY 23 TPF Rating and Ranking (RRTPO Members, NERTPO Planners)**

Mr. Paul Sittig, NCNMEDD, spoke to membership about the Rating and Ranking process for FFY 23 TPF Call for Projects. Mr. Sittig and Mr. Rodriguez III have distributed a link with the Google docs survey form for members to submit their rating and ranking votes. Only one (1) submission per member entity will be allowed. Planners will tally all votes once present members have voted and compile a preliminary RTIPR for membership approval at the next NERTPO meeting. Mr. Sittig reviewed voting criteria that was approved last year for

the FFY 22 Rating and Ranking process. There are a total of 40 presentations that will be presented in alphabetical order according to membership entity name. All projects should be a maximum of four (4) minutes long with a two (2) minute question and answer period after each individual project presentation.

Project presentations began with 19 projects, a lunch break, and the remaining 21 after the lunch break. The list of projects is below:

1. Angel Fire - N. Angel Fire Road
2. Cimarron - 9th Street
3. Cimarron - Bridge crossings
4. Clayton - Loves Perimeter
5. Clayton - Wilson Street
6. Colfax Co. - Bartlett Mesa Subdivision
7. Colfax Co. - York Canyon Subdivision
8. Colfax Co. - CR B-4 Onate Rd
9. Colfax Co. - Tinaja Crossing
10. Eagle Nest - Tangle Leg Drive
11. Eagle Nest - No Name Trail
12. Guadalupe County - Bar Y Road
13. Guadalupe County - La Loma Road
14. Guadalupe County - Pintada Road
15. Guadalupe County - River Road
16. Las Vegas - El Creston Circle
17. Las Vegas - University Ave & 8th Street
18. Logan - Village of Logan Roadway Improvements
19. Maxwell - 2nd Street
20. Mora Co. - CO-011 Buena Vista Rd
21. Mora Co. - C-031 Canada Ancho Rd
22. Mora Co. - A-30 El Alto & A-31 Camanio del Medio
23. Mora Co. - C-035 Kruse Rd
24. Mora Co. - A005 Monte Aplanado Rd
25. Quay Co. - Bridge #1625
26. Quay Co. - QR-63
27. Quay Co. - QR-AR
28. Raton - City-wide pavement pres.
29. Roy - Seventh St.
30. Roy - Roosevelt St.
31. San Jon - Various roads
32. San Miguel County - Harris, Chico, Sheridan Roads
33. San Miguel County - Vista De Vegas, N. Luna Dr, Maximilliano Dr.
34. San Miguel County - San Juan Road, CR B41D
35. Santa Rosa - Chuck and Dale Lane
36. Santa Rosa - Pecos Avenue
37. Santa Rosa - Smith Street
38. Springer - Cimarron Ave., 3rd St., 5th St.
39. Springer - Prospect Ave.
40. Tucumcari - Aber Addition



All member entities submitting FFY 23 TPF applications included in the presentations the following criteria:

- Other funding sources identified, matching funds available
- Support from existing planning documents, state/ federal agencies, on STIP, RTIPR, or other priority list
- Clearly define scope of project
- Level of coordination with RTPO, NMDOT and District
- 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.
- If the project is part of a larger phased project
- Whether the project includes a priority bridge



## **VII. Discussion: NERTPO Planners/Program Manager Reports (NERTPO Planners)**

Paul Sittig, NMNEMEDD, spoke to membership regarding tallying membership's rating and ranking votes. Please have them done by end of business today or by tomorrow morning May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at the latest to allow for RTPO staff to ensure a draft RTIPR is finished to include with membership's applications to the FTP website by the NMDOT deadline of May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Mr. Sittig updated membership that the Regional Work Plans (RWP) for NCNEMEDD and EPCOG will be ready for review and approval from the board at the next NERTPO meeting of June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 for the next two (2) years. Also presented at the next meeting will be the NERTPO Bylaws and Open Meetings Act Resolution updates for discussion and approval. Raul Rodriguez III, EPCOG agreed with Paul's update and also reminded membership that the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) has funded multiple programs to improve transportation infrastructure and beyond such as wastewater, storm drainage, and other grant opportunities. Mr. Kiesling, Union County, asked about the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) updates. Mr. Rodriguez III updated membership that he, Mr. Sittig and Kyla Danforth, NCNEMEDD Transportation Intern, have been working on updates and will also provide an agenda item for review and approval at the next NERTPO meeting.

## **VIII. Discussion – NMDOT District IV Update (Mr. James M. Gallegos, PE – NMDOT District 4 Engineer and NMDOT Staff)**

Samantha Sandoval , NMDOT District 4 LGRF Program Planner, commended membership on their presentations. Ms. Sandoval has received a list for the FFY 23 LGRF agreements and is currently working to get those letters to awarded members in about a month. Please sign and get these back to her as soon as possible to execute these agreements. Also, close-out documentation for FFY 19-20 must be sent to Ms. Sandoval as soon as possible.

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

There being none, item is closed.



**X. New Business**

- A. General Comments and Announcements from NERTPO members and Public Comment. There being none, item closed.
- B. Suggested Agenda items for upcoming meetings – Bylaws Review and Open Meetings Act Resolution. RTP update and RWP discussion and approval.
- C. Meeting Location Amendments – Eagle Nest, NM, and hybrid with virtual option.

- ❖ **June 22, 2022** – Tentatively Eagle Nest, NM with hybrid virtual option
- ❖ **July 27, 2022** – Quay County, NM with a hybrid virtual option
- ❖ **August 24, 2022** – TBD with hybrid option

**XI. Adjournment**

With there being no further business to discuss, Vice-Chair Lucero adjourned the meeting at 3:20 PM.