

Meeting Minutes

Northern Pueblos Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NPRTPO)
Special Meeting hosted on June 9, 2021, on Microsoft Teams and Zoom, to
Rate and Rank Transportation Project Fund (TPF) applications.

NPRTPO Voting Members and Alternates

Name	Entity	Title	Present/Absent
Eric Martinez	Los Alamos County	Voting Member	Present
Eric Ulibarri	Los Alamos County	Alternate	Present
Keith Wilson	Los Alamos County	Alternate	Present
Napoleon Garcia	Rio Arriba County	Voting Member	Present
Cathy Martinez	Rio Arriba County	Alternate	Absent
Robert Griego	Santa Fe County	Voting Member	Absent
Gary Brett Clavio	Santa Fe County	Alternate	Present
Candyce O'Donnell (Vice-Chair)	Taos County	Voting Member	Present
Jason Silva	Taos County	Alternate	Present
Richard Hubler	City of Española	Voting Member	Present
Alison Gillette	City of Española	Alternate	Absent
Patrick Nicholson	Village of Taos Ski Valley	Voting Member	Present
Anthony Martinez	Village of Taos Ski Valley	Alternate	Absent
John Avila	Village of Taos Ski Valley	Alternate	Absent
Francisco Espinoza	Town of Taos	Voting Member	Absent
	Town of Taos	Alternate	Absent
Russell Church	Town of Red River	Voting Member	Present
	Town of Red River	Alternate	Absent
Maggie Valdez	Village of Chama	Voting Member	Absent
Will Donohoe	Village of Chama	Alternate	Absent
Renee Martinez	Village of Questa	Voting Member	Present
	Village of Questa	Alternate	Absent
	Jicarilla Apache Nation	Voting Member	Absent
Prestin Duncan	Jicarilla Apache Nation	Alternate	Absent
Marcus Lopez	Pueblo of Nambe	Voting Member	Present
Levi Valdez	Pueblo of Nambe	Alternate	Absent
Sylvia Armijo	Picuris Pueblo	Voting Member	Present
	Picuris Pueblo	Alternate	Absent
	Pueblo of San Ildefonso	Voting Member	Absent
Lillian Garcia	Pueblo of San Ildefonso	Alternate	Present
Christy Ladd (CHAIR)	Ohkay Owingeh	Voting Member	Present
Sybil Cota	Ohkay Owingeh	Alternate	Present
Suzette Shije	Pueblo of Santa Clara	Voting Member	Present
	Pueblo of Santa Clara	Alternate	Absent
Vernon Lujan	Pueblo of Taos	Voting Member	Present
Reva Suazo	Pueblo of Taos	Alternate	Absent
Randy Vigil	Pueblo of Pojoaque	Voting Member	Absent
Janay Chavarria	Pueblo of Pojoaque	Alternate	Absent
Anthony Mortillaro	NCRTD	Voting Member	Present
Delilah Garcia	NCRTD	Alternate	Absent

NCNMEDD/NPRTPO Staff

Lesah Sedillo
Paul Sittig

NCNMEDD Community Development Director
NCNMEDD Transportation Planner

NMDOT Staff

James Mexia
Joseph Moriarty

NMDOT Technical Support Engineer
NMDOT Planning Liaison

Guests

Emma Polhemus	NCRTD
Lynda Perry	Town of Taos
Brent Jaramillo	Taos County
Mark Gallegos	Village of Questa
Carl Colonius	Enchanted Circle Trails Association

I. Call Meeting to Order

Chairwoman Ladd, Ohkay Owingeh, called the meeting to order at 10:16 AM, via Microsoft Teams.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairwoman Ladd, Ohkay Owingeh, called on Keith Wilson, Los Alamos County, to lead the pledge of allegiance.

III. Opening Prayer

Chairwoman Ladd, Ohkay Owingeh, called on Ron Shutiva, NMDOT Tribal Liaison, to lead the opening prayer. Mr. Shutiva noted that he would be attending three different meetings this morning, and would not be able to attend the entirety of this meeting. He also brought up the issue of NMDOT’s Transportation Project Fund (TPF) prohibiting prior or future federal funds, which is especially an issue for the Tribes who receive and utilize federal funds, in addition to entities who have received federally funded road safety audits (RSAs) but have yet to have the suggested safety improvements funded. Mr. Shutiva also noted that those entities who had previously received federal funds would need to de-federalize to be eligible for TPF funding, and he was looking for Clarissa Martinez to provide additional clarification and direction on these matters. He noted that tribes would have to meet all federal requirements if they used Tribal Transportation Project (TTP) funding, and they are aware of that. Mr. Shutiva also provided clarification that Taos Pueblo’s proposed TPF project does not tie into the scope of the project with prior federal funding.

Chairwoman Ladd offered to host the Zoom meeting at this time. She sent the link to Paul Sittig, NCNMEDD, and he distributed the new link to everyone who had received the initial NPRTPO special rating and ranking meeting invitation. At this point, the meeting shifted to a new Zoom meeting.

IV. Welcome and Introductions/Public Comments:

Chairwoman Ladd, Ohkay Owingeh, re-started the meeting on Zoom. She asked if there were any members of the public, and there were none.

V. Roll Call:

Chairwoman Ladd, Okay Owingeh, called on Mr. Sittig to conduct the roll call.

Name	Entity	Voting Member or Alternate
Keith Wilson	Los Alamos County	Alternate
Gary Brett Clavio	Santa Fe County	Alternate
Napoleon Garcia	Rio Arriba County	Voting Member
Vice-Chairwoman Candyce O'Donnell	Taos County	Voting Member
Richard Hubler	City of Española	Voting Member
Patrick Nicholson	Village of Taos Ski Valley	Voting Member
Russell Church	Town of Red River	Voting Member
Renee Martinez	Village of Questa	Voting Member
Sylvia Armijo	Picuris Pueblo	Voting Member
Chairwoman Christy Ladd	Ohkay Owingeh	Voting Member
Suzette Shije	Pueblo of Santa Clara	Voting Member
Vernon Lujan	Pueblo of Taos	Voting Member
Anthony Mortillaro	NCRTD	Voting Member

VI. Approval of the Agenda:

Chairwoman Ladd, Ohkay Owingeh, asked if there were revisions or changes proposed for the agenda. None were requested. Motion made by Richard Hubler, City of Española, seconded by Patrick Nicholson, Village of Taos Ski Valley. Motion passed.

Roll Call Vote:

Name	Entity	Vote
Keith Wilson	Los Alamos County	Yes
Napoleon Garcia	Rio Arriba County	Yes
Gary Brett Clavio	Santa Fe County	Yes
Vice-Chairwoman Candyce O'Donnell	Taos County	Yes
Richard Hubler	City of Española	Yes
Patrick Nicholson	Village of Taos Ski Valley	Yes
Russell Church	Town of Red River	Yes
Renee Martinez	Village of Questa	Yes
Sylvia Armijo	Picuris Pueblo	Yes
Chairwoman Christy Ladd	Ohkay Owingeh	Yes
Suzette Shije	Pueblo of Santa Clara	Yes
Vernon Lujan	Pueblo of Taos	Abstain
Anthony Mortillaro	NCRTD	Yes

VII. Approval of the Minutes: April 7, 2021

Chairwoman Ladd, Ohkay Owingeh, asked if there were changes to the minutes, and noted that she had none. Motion to approve as presented Vice-Chairwoman Candyce O'Donnell, seconded by Anthony Mortillaro, NCRTD. Motion passed unanimously.

Roll Call Vote:

Name	Entity	Vote
Keith Wilson	Los Alamos County	Yes
Napoleon Garcia	Rio Arriba County	Yes
Gary Brett Clavio	Santa Fe County	Yes
Vice-Chairwoman Candyce O'Donnell	Taos County	Yes
Richard Hubler	City of Española	Yes
Patrick Nicholson	Village of Taos Ski Valley	Yes
Russell Church	Town of Red River	Yes
Renee Martinez	Village of Questa	Yes
Sylvia Armijo	Picuris Pueblo	Yes
Chairwoman Christy Ladd	Ohkay Owingeh	Yes
Suzette Shije	Pueblo of Santa Clara	Yes
Vernon Lujan	Pueblo of Taos	Yes
Anthony Mortillaro	NCRTD	Yes

Vernon Lujan indicated his approval in the chat.

VIII. Title VI Plan

Paul Sittig, NCNNMEDD, provided an overview of the purpose and role of the Title VI plan, which is reviewed and approved every three years, or as needed. He highlighted the following items to correct:

- Dates and signatory on the cover letter, and on page 6,
- NCNMEDD contact phone numbers on page 9 and 10,
- NMDOT office address on page 13, and
- NCNMEDD contact name in the Appendix "Title VI Complaint Form".

He also noted that this plan is references the FAST Act, which could be changed with new federal transportation authorization bill. Also noted that Public Participation Plan (PPP) is referenced in this document, though the PPP is every five years (adopted in 2018, up for review in 2023). Richard Hubler, City of Española, stated that the plan seemed suitable and appropriate, as City is developing it's Title VI plan at this time.

Motion made by Richard Hubler, City of Española, with a second by Keith Wilson, Los Alamos County. Motion passed unanimously. Chairwoman Ladd asked for Mr. Sittig to send her a clean copy with the revisions incorporated for her final signature.

Roll Call:

Name	Entity	Vote
Keith Wilson	Los Alamos County	Yes

Napoleon Garcia	Rio Arriba County	Yes
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Gary Brett Clavio	Santa Fe County	Yes
Vice-Chairwoman Candyce O'Donnell	Taos County	Yes
Richard Hubler	City of Española	Yes
Patrick Nicholson	Village of Taos Ski Valley	Yes
Russell Church	Town of Red River	Yes
Renee Martinez	Village of Questa	Yes
Sylvia Armijo	Picuris Pueblo	Yes
Chairwoman Christy Ladd	Ohkay Owingeh	Yes
Suzette Shije	Pueblo of Santa Clara	Yes
Vernon Lujan	Pueblo of Taos	Yes
Anthony Mortillaro	NCRTD	Yes

IX. Action/Approval: TPF rating and ranking

Paul Sittig, NCNMEDD, facilitated presentations by tribal and local agencies who were applying for the 2022 Transportation Project Funds. Ten presentations were scheduled, in addition to the 16 projects that were presented to the Northern Pueblos RTPO board on February 3, 2021, as part of the NPRTPO RTIPR and State List Project Rating and Ranking.

Roadway projects

1. Los Alamos County – Canyon Road

- a. Presented by Keith Wilson, County public works project manager, along with Eric Martinez, County engineer, and Eric Ulibarri, Senior Engineer

2. Ohkay Owingeh – Highway 74/PoPay Avenue Intersection

- a. Presented by Chairwoman Ladd, with Ben Lujan, Public Works Director

3. Village of Questa – Embargo Road

- a. Presented by Renee Martinez, Administrator, with Mark Gallegos, Mayor

4. Town of Red River – High Street Improvement

- a. Russell Church withdrew the project, to focus the Town's sidewalk project in the 2022 TPF call for projects

5. Village of Taos Ski Valley – Twining Road

- a. Presented by Patrick Nicholson

6. Taos Pueblo – Rio Lucero Road

- a. Presented by Vernon Lujan

7. Town of Taos – Camino del Medio

- a. Presented by Francisco "French" Espinoza

Marcus Lopez, Pueblo of Nambe, joined in the middle of the discussion of the Village of Taos Ski Valley's Twining Road project.

Bridge projects

- 1. Village of Questa – Llama Road Bridge #8532**
 - a. Presented by Mark Gallegos
- 2. Village of Questa – Bridge #8609**
 - a. Presented by Mark Gallegos
- 3. Rio Arriba County – CR 443 Los Pinos Bridge #8681**
 - a. Not presented to the NPRTPO board for consideration

Jason Silva, Taos County, confirmed that the County was withdrawing the full reconstruction of Pilar Bridge from consideration, and only advancing the Pilar Bridge Rehabilitation and Maintenance.

Paul Sittig, NCNMEDD, reiterated that the intent of this day's rating and ranking were only to present and rate those projects that had not previously been presented and rated, and he would combine the previously ratings with the ratings from this meeting for a final ranked list. Mr. Sittig provided a link to an online Google Forms document, where each entity could rank each project presented today. Mr. Sittig said he would do what he could to present the final ranking after the ratings were all in.

Anthony Mortillaro noted that NCRTD was not included in the list of possible entities to rate and rank projects. Mr. Sittig assigned NCRTD to identify themselves as "Jicarilla Apache Nation" today, as no members of the Nation were present in the meeting. Mr. Sittig also noted that the results will be presented in aggregate, and no individual entities' ratings would be presented.

Lesah Sedillo, NCNMEDD, offered that she and Mr. Sittig could confer after the meeting to review the combined ranking, to ensure that proper procedures were followed to combine results from the prior and current project rating, before distributing the results via email to the members. She suggested that the ranking could be submitted to NMDOT, and the ranking could receive final approval from the NPRTPO board at a later date, as formal RTPO approval of the ranking is not part of the required submittal to NMDOT.

Vernon Lujan, Taos Pueblo, made a motion to table the final approval of the rating and ranking of the 2022 Transportation Project Fund. Lillian Garcia, Pueblo of San Ildefonso, seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously supported by a voice vote.

Chairwoman Ladd called for a motion to table along the remaining agenda items X through XIV. Patrick Nicholson, Village of Taos Ski Valley, made that motion, and Vernon Lujan, Taos Pueblo, seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously supported by a voice vote.

Chairwoman Ladd called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Napoleon Garcia, Rio Arriba County, made the motion, and Vernon Lujan, Taos Pueblo, seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously supported by a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:26 PM.

