

Meeting Minutes

Northern Pueblos Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NPRTPO)
Regular Meeting hosted on May 5, 2021 on Zoom.

NPRTPO Voting Members and Alternates

Name	Entity	Title	Present/Absent
Eric Martinez	Los Alamos County	Voting Member	Absent
Eric Ulibarri	Los Alamos County	Alternate	Absent
Keith Wilson	Los Alamos County	Alternate	Present
Napoleon Garcia	Rio Arriba County	Voting Member	Absent
Cathy Martinez	Rio Arriba County	Alternate	Present
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	Absent
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	Present
	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
Duane Sandoval	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
Stephen Martinez	Pueblo of San Ildefonso	Voting Member	Absent
Lillian Garcia	Pueblo of San Ildefonso	Alternate	Absent
Christy Ladd (CHAIR)	Ohkay Owingeh	Voting Member	Present
Sybil Cota	Ohkay Owingeh	Alternate	Present
Suzette Shije	Pueblo of Santa Clara	Voting Member	Absent
Mary Lou Valério	Pueblo of Santa Clara	Alternate	Present
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
Carl Colonius Enchanted Circle Trails

I. Call Meeting to Order

Chairwoman Ladd, Ohkay Owingeh, called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairwoman Ladd, Ohkay Owingeh, called on Patrick Nicholson, Village of Taos Ski Valley, to lead the pledge of allegiance.

III. Opening Prayer

Chairwoman Ladd, Ohkay Owingeh, called on Vernon Lujan, Pueblo of Taos, to lead the opening prayer.

IV. Welcome and Introductions/Public Comments:

Chairwoman Ladd, Ohkay Owingeh, 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
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
Marcus Lopez	Pueblo of Nambe	Alternate
Chairwoman Christy Ladd	Ohkay Owingeh	Voting Member

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Mary Lou Valério	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. Paul Sittig, NCNMEDD, noted that the next meeting date was changed, and said he would elaborate on this later in the meeting. Hearing no other comments, Chairwoman Ladd called for a motion to approve the agenda. Patrick Nicholson, Village of Taos Ski Valley, made the motion, and Anthony Mortillaro, NCRTD, seconded the motion. The motion carried and all members voted in favor.

Roll Call Vote:

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Keith Wilson	Los Alamos County	Yes
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Patrick Nicholson	Village of Taos Ski Valley	Yes
Russell Church	Town of Red River	Yes
Marcus Lopez	Pueblo of Nambe	Yes
Chairwoman Christy Ladd	Ohkay Owingeh	Yes
Mary Lou Valério	Pueblo of Santa Clara	Yes
Vernon Lujan	Pueblo of Taos	Yes
Anthony Mortillaro	NCRTD	Yes

VII. Approval of the Minutes: April 7, 2021

Chairwoman Ladd, Ohkay Owingeh, identified a few minor edits: “them” to “then” on page 2, Item III, second to last line; Sybil Cota, alternate for Ohkay Owingeh, was also present at the meeting; on page 5, line 8, Chairwoman Ladd had a question whether it was correct that the HSIP network screening map should be “public facing,” and Paul Sittig, NCNMEDD, confirmed this was correct; on page 7, second paragraph, line 8 was missing the word “utilize” in the phrase “to see if they could utilize TTP funds.” Mr. Sittig also noted that on page 2, under Guests, Emma Polhemus was incorrectly listed as Emily Polhemus, and he noted that Lesah Sedillo, NCNMEDD, identified an error on page 8, Item IX, paragraph 2, second line, where the period between “Senate” and “which” should instead be a comma.

With those changes, Chairwoman Ladd entertained a motion for approval of the minutes as amended. Richard Hubler, City of Española, made the motion, which Keith Wilson, Los

Alamos County, seconded. Chairwoman Ladd called for a roll call vote. Sylvia Armijo, Picuris Pueblo, joined late during the review of the minutes, and abstained from voting. The motion carried and all members, with the exception of Ms. Armijo, voted in favor.

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Patrick Nicholson	Village of Taos Ski Valley	Yes
Russell Church	Town of Red River	Yes
Renee Martinez	Village of Questa	Yes
Marcus Lopez	Pueblo of Nambe	Yes
Sylvia Armijo	Picuris Pueblo	Abstain
Chairwoman Christy Ladd	Ohkay Owingeh	Yes
Mary Lou Valério	Pueblo of Santa Clara	Yes
Vernon Lujan	Pueblo of Taos	Yes
Anthony Mortillaro	NCRTD	Yes

VIII. Discussion: CDL Training and Exam Opportunities (Tony Mortillaro, NCRTD)

Tony Mortillaro, NCRTD, noted that this matter came up regarding Los Alamos County and their CDL training, and the accessibility to that by other members who participate in the NCRTD. Mr. Mortillaro noted that NCRTD does not have anyone on-staff to test employees, though they do offer CDL training in-house. Chairwoman Ladd asked Keith Wilson, Los Alamos County, if he could elaborate on how other entities could collaborate or coordinate with Los Alamos County.

Mr. Wilson noted that he sent an email to Paul Sittig, NCNMEDD, who forwarded that email to NPRTPO members, and Mr. Wilson summarized the email by noting that there is an Atomic City Transit employee who is a certified DOT CDL examiner, and he conducts the exams for all Los Alamos County employees. The training piece, about getting a training resource, is the responsibility of each County department, with the County transit department conducting their own training. The County examiner is separate from those trainings, and the CDL Examiner could be made available to partner transit agencies through NCRTD, with Los Alamos County and DOT concurring that this could happen. Mr. Sittig noted that Mr. Mortillaro could speak to who could utilize this coordinated service.

Mr. Mortillaro stated that NCRTD members could submit a request to Atomic City Transit to take an exam with their examiner. Mr. Wilson noted that this is limited to transit entities, and Mr. Mortillaro noted that the members of NCRTD consist of Los Alamos

County, Santa Fe Trails, and Ohkay Owingeh, and Red River is within the district but not a member of the district, so it is unclear whether their transit service could use this shared resource. Mr. Mortillaro also noted that this shared resource is limited to transit services, so other public agency staff, such as those in a public works department, could not utilize the CDL examiner.

Vice Chairwoman O'Donnell asked if RTPO staff could find additional resources to support RTPO members who have public works staff that need training and licensing. She noted that there is a resource from the University of New Mexico, out of Albuquerque, as well as an option in Taos, though some public works staff had traveled to Roswell for training and testing. Mr. Sittig noted that he looked into this matter, and he found limited options, including Central New Mexico Community College and Luna Community College, but he noted that they were not inexpensive courses. Mr. Sittig stated he would look into this matter further and present an update at the next regular meeting.

IX. Action/Approval: NPRTPO Bylaws

Chairwoman Ladd asked Mr. Sittig to present the NPRTPO Bylaws and highlight areas of proposed changes. Mr. Sittig stated that there were no proposed changes, beyond the date, for this annual review. Ms. Sedillo noted that on page 4, the bylaws reference the method for changing the bylaws, which is to submit proposed changes to RTPO planners in writing. Chairwoman Ladd noted that the board revised the bylaws earlier to allow for virtual meetings, and Ms. Sedillo clarified that this change was approved in June 2020.

Vice Chairwoman O'Donnell raised a question on the language on page 4, Section IX, regarding records as property of NMDOT and NCNMEDD. Vice Chairwoman O'Donnell asked whether these should be property of the NPRTPO as well. And regarding the passing of records, she also noted that she has extensive hard copy records that she would provide to the next NPRTPO Board Chair, as well as the Taos County representative who would replace her, for their review. Vice Chairwoman O'Donnell asked if this section was new to the bylaws, and Mr. Sittig stated that this is a copy of the approved 2020 NPRTPO bylaws, but he could review his records to confirm that this was not a new section in the prior bylaws. Vice Chairwoman O'Donnell said that would not be necessary. Ms. Sedillo noted that NCNMEDD is in an agreement with NMDOT to manage the RTPOs, and as part of that agreement, NCNMEDD is required to keep all pertinent records. She noted that this section is in reference to that agreement.

Chairwoman Ladd asked for additional discussion or comments from members, and hearing none, she entertained a motion for approval of the bylaws as presented. Russel Church, Town of Red River, made the motion, with a second from Keith Wilson, Los Alamos County. Chairwoman Ladd asked Mr. Sittig to conduct a roll call vote. Chairwoman Ladd noted that Francisco "French" Espinoza, Town of Taos, joined the call, as well as Ron Shutiva, NMDOT. The motion carried and all members voted in favor.

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Richard Hubler	City of Española	Yes
Patrick Nicholson	Village of Taos Ski Valley	Yes
Francisco Espinoza	Town of Taos	Yes
Russell Church	Town of Red River	Yes
Renee Martinez	Village of Questa	Yes
Marcus Lopez	Pueblo of Nambe	Yes
Sylvia Armijo	Picuris Pueblo	Yes
Chairwoman Christy Ladd	Ohkay Owingeh	Yes
Mary Lou Valerio	Pueblo of Santa Clara	Yes
Vernon Lujan	Pueblo of Taos	Yes
Anthony Mortillaro	NCRTD	Yes

X. Action/Approval: Open Meetings Act

Chairwoman Ladd asked Mr. Sittig to present the proposed changes to the Open Meetings Act. Mr. Sittig noted that this is another matter for annual review and re-approval. He highlighted one change suggested by Mr. Shutiva, with the title changing from “A Resolution Approving Public Meeting Notice Requirements of the Northern Pueblos Regional Transportation Planning Organization,” to “A Resolution Supporting the Open Meetings Act of New Mexico of the Northern Pueblos Regional Transportation Planning Organization.”

Richard Hubler, City of Española, asked for clarification on page 1, paragraph 5, regarding the Public Participation Plan. Ms. Sedillo noted that this is noted and posted on the Northern Pueblos RTPO webpage, and this is a separate plan to be reviewed and updated by NPRTPO members. Mr. Hubler asked if this was to be updated, and Ms. Sedillo stated that document would be brought back to the members when it is due for review and revision.

Patrick Nicholson, Village of Taos Ski Valley, made a motion to approve the Open Meetings Act resolution as revised, and Richard Hubler, City of Española, seconded the motion. Chairwoman Ladd, Ohkay Owingeh, asked Mr. Sittig for a roll call vote. The motion carried and all members voted in favor.

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Gary Brett Clavio	Santa Fe County	Yes
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Richard Hubler	City of Española	Yes
Patrick Nicholson	Village of Taos Ski Valley	Yes
Francisco Espinoza	Town of Taos	Yes
Russell Church	Town of Red River	Yes
Renee Martinez	Village of Questa	Yes
Marcus Lopez	Pueblo of Nambe	Yes
Sylvia Armijo	Picuris Pueblo	Yes
Chairwoman Christy Ladd	Ohkay Owingeh	Yes
Mary Lou Valério	Pueblo of Santa Clara	Yes
Vernon Lujan	Pueblo of Taos	Yes
Anthony Mortillaro	NCRTD	Yes

XI. Action/Approval: Transportation Project Fund (TPF) – Rating and Ranking Process

Chairwoman Ladd asked for NPRTPO staff to present. Mr. Sittig presented the rating and ranking criteria that was previously approved by NPRTPO board, developed in advance of the NMDOT Transportation Project Fund (TPF) call for projects. He summarized the current criteria, and noted that these categories matched most of the TPF criteria put forth by NMDOT, with the addition of questions whether an application is a priority bridge, or part of a phased project, which NPRTPO staff presented with a range of zero to 1 point for each new item.

Mr. Hubler, City of Espanola, asked whether points needed to be added to those new items, and if the prior projects needed to be re-ranked, or if they could be addressed with yes or no comments for each application. Chairwoman Ladd, Ohkay Owingeh, noted that she had similar questions to Mr. Hubler, City of Espanola, and asked whether the criteria that are not included in NMDOT’s list of required criteria should be removed, to make the NPRTPO rating and ranking form match the list from NMDOT. Ms. Sedillo commended the members for creating the existing criteria in the February 2020 NPRTPO meeting, and raised the question of how to address the two new criteria that may not apply to all projects.

Chairwoman Ladd, Ohkay Owingeh, suggested that criteria that aren’t required by NMDOT be removed. Mr. Hubler, City of Espanola, referenced the NMDOT’s guidance that said the rating and ranking by RTPOs is not mandatory, and if applications aren’t ranked, NMDOT will do that themselves. Additionally, Mr. Hubler noted that the guidance states that there are the minimum criteria, but RTPOs can add additional

criteria, and these criteria were considered important to the members in February. Patrick Nicholson, Village of Taos Ski Valley, stated he agreed with Mr. Hubler, to highlight other project aspects that are valuable to the membership, beyond what the NMDOT requires. Chairwoman Ladd supported the additional criteria, but stated her belief that additional criteria were not necessary.

James Mexia, NMDOT, reiterated that one of the qualifiers for this program is that zero federal dollars are involved. Chairwoman Ladd clarified that Tribes can use Tribal Transportation Program (TTP) funds, those they are federal funds. Ron Shutiva, NMDOT, noted the prohibition on federal funding was probably more focused on Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), Recreational Trails Program (RTP), or Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) federal funds that are given to the state to administer, though he confirmed that Tribes can use TTP as match, but this also means that federal requirements would then apply to those TPF-funded projects that use TTP as match. Mr. Shutiva noted that the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) reviews the finances of local communities and counties to review whether they qualify for the hardship waiver, so they would not have to provide the 5% match required for TPF.

Chairwoman Ladd, Ohkay Owingeh, also noted that Tribes must include their applications on the National Tribal Transportation Facility Inventory (NTTFI), the Road Inventory Field Data System (RIFDS) system, with BIA approval.

Mr. Hubler, City of Espanola, also asked whether American Recovery Plan (ARP) funds could be used as match, or if the prohibition to federal funds applies to all federal funding (beyond TTP). Mr. Mexia, NMDOT D5, said he would look into this matter and follow up.

Mr. Wilson, Los Alamos County, suggested a yes/no mark for priority bridges, and he noted that it seems that NMDOT would be considering priority bridge status separately on their end. Mr. Wilson also noted that the NMDOT guidance stated that a project should be able to start spending funds within 3 months of receiving the agreement, but he noted that if NMDOT gets agreements out in November and it's a construction project, it could be hard to start construction that quickly, though if the agreements come out in January or February, this may not be an issue.

Mr. Sittig noted that the RTPO review is the first of four ranking processes for TPF applications, followed by District review and prioritization, and the Cabinet Secretary, who provides the list to the State Transportation Commission for the final review and funding approval. He noted that the RTPO prioritization will be considered by these subsequent ranking and selection processes, but there is limited funding, and to utilize all the funding, different projects may be picked. Ms. Sedillo also noted that Javier Martinez

and James Mexia, NMDOT D5, thanked NPRTPO members for rating and ranking projects for the separate ZIPPER process, because that rating and ranking made their work in reviewing projects easier, especially as District 5 has around \$20 million to split between applications from NPRTPO, NWRTPO, and MRRPTO, as well as Santa Fe MPO, and Farmington MPO, though the RTPOs may get funding from Districts 3 or 6, depending on the location of a given project. Ms. Sedillo noted that she and Mr. Sittig could include each entities' priority of projects, if they were submitting more than one application in this call, to help the District with their project review and selection process.

Mr. Nicholson asked to confirm the TPF application schedule. Mr. Sittig noted that NMDOT extended the application deadline, and with that, he and Ms. Sedillo reworked the TPF application schedule, and he presented the following information:

- **April 20, 2021** - RTPO staff sent out call for projects, with templates of the cover letter, resolution, and a fillable PFF.
- **May 5, 2021** - NPRTPO meeting, where members reviewed and approved the rating and ranking criteria and discussed TPF application requirements and process.
- **May 18 (was 14), 2021** - Deadline for entities to submit PFFs to RTPO staff, who will track submittals and forward them to the District.
- **May 28 (was May 24), 2021** - District to return reviewed PFFs, providing time for entities to make any corrections, or sign if complete.
- June 1 - AM: Reach out to District to review/discuss project list, prepare and distribute meeting packet, including list of projects to be rated and ranked
- **June 9 (was May 27), 2021** - Special NPRTPO meeting for Rating and Ranking only.
- **June 14 (was May 28), 2021** - RTPO staff upload application packets as 1 PDF per submittal, with final rated and ranked project list, to NMDOT FTP.

Chairwoman Ladd, Ohkay Owingeh, asked whether the regular June 2, 2021 NPRTPO meeting was cancelled, being replaced with the special rating and ranking meeting. Mr. Sittig stated that was correct.

Ms. Sedillo, NCNMEDD, noted that NMDOT provided another call for projects, for federal funding, and that she and Mr. Sittig were working with other planners on a new call for projects timeline, specific to the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP), Recreational Trails Program (RTP), and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ).

Mr. Hubler, City of Espanola, asked whether the NPRTPO members would re-rate and rank projects, or only rate and rank those that are as of yet unrated. Mr. Sittig said that he and Ms. Sedillo could review previously rated projects and apply up to two additional points, if warranted, and present updated scores for all previously scored projects.

Mr. Hubler, City of Espanola, also asked whether applications that were submitted on the 2020 Local Government Transportation Project Fund PFFs and were already reviewed by District 5 would need to be re-submitted on the new 2021 Transportation Project Fund PFFs. Mr. Sittig noted that the NMDOT's guidance was that prior forms were suitable, and that the differences between the two forms were minor enough that an addendum page could be filled out by members to ensure that all questions in the 2021 PFF were answered, without the need to fill out new forms and get new District review. Mr. Mexia, NMDOT District 5, agreed that there is no need to resubmit previously reviewed PFFs, and an addendum should suffice.

Mr. Mexia, NMDOT District 5, also asked that NPRTPO provide District 5 a new rated and ranked project list, particularly as prior federal funding may make some previously rated and ranked projects ineligible for TPF consideration. Mr. Hubler, City of Espanola, agreed that applying entities could fill out an addendum and confirm that there was no prior federal funding with each application that the entity is putting in for possible TPF funding. Ms. Sedillo, NCNMEDD, confirmed that she and Mr. Sittig, Transportation Planner, would be working with members to ensure applications are accurate and complete, and that they will help members with cover letters and resolutions to ensure that everything is in place for the final submittal to NMDOT's FTP site.

Mr. Sittig, Transportation Planner, presented his internal application tracking spreadsheet, noting the different categories that he and Ms. Sedillo, NCNMEDD, are monitoring for each application, and the different categories for projects that they will be using for the rating and ranking. Chairwoman Ladd, Ohkay Owingeh, asked about safety projects, and Mr. Sittig, Transportation Planner, noted that they would most likely go in the roadway category, assuming they are primarily roadway projects, though the RTPO members could opt to break out a safety category. Ms. Sedillo, NCNMEDD, noted that the NPRTPO State Project List and RTIPR rating and ranking lists are separated because they are applications for different funding types, with the State list being for what is now Transportation Project Funds, while the RTIPR (and ZIPPER) is for federal funds. All projects on the State Project List will be considered for TPF. Any project could be submitted for TPF consideration, but that would require submitting a new application with the TPF PFF. Chairwoman Ladd asked for clarification on the purpose of using a different PFF, and Ms. Sedillo noted that there are different questions with the different forms. Ms. Sedillo, NCNMEDD, also reiterated the fact that funds are limited, and entities with multiple applications would likely benefit from identifying their own priorities in their submitted projects.

Vice Chairwoman O'Donnell, Taos County, asked for the "Secured Other Funding" criteria to include clarification that the only federal funds that can be used in relation to any phase of a TPF application is TTP for Tribal entities, and Mr. Sittig, Transportation Planner, added the following language to that criteria: "(no federal funding except TTP)."

Vice Chairwoman O'Donnell, Taos County, also suggested adjusting the scoring ranges from 0 to 5 to be 0 to 10, and she asked Mr. Mexia, NMDOT District 5, whether priority bridges should be scored similarly, or if a yes or no would be sufficient. Mr. Mexia replied to state that a no could be worth 1 point and a yes would be worth 10 points, but clarified that he was earlier talking about scoring all projects in all categories.

Mr. Hubler, City of Espanola, summarized the previous NPRTPO member discussion on scoring of categories, where the broader categories can net an application up to 10 points, with three categories broken into two 5-point maximum questions. He also notes that the additional criteria for priority bridges and project funding are yes or no questions, which would allow for minor revisions to the existing ranked state project list. Vice Chairwoman O'Donnell, Taos County, questioned whether the "Justification" category in the approved NPRTPO ranking criteria supports or is in line with NMDOT's guidance, and she suggested that this category could be removed or revised in a future rating and ranking process, as some scoring in this field may be arbitrary and philosophical. She also noted that few projects directly support tourism. Mr. Wilson, Los Alamos County, suggested that the approved ranking criteria is not out of conformance with NMDOT's guidance. He also noted that it is up to each entity to clarify and gauge economic impact of a given application, as improved safety could be considered an economic impact. He suggested crafting the entity's application presentation could be where these qualitative criteria are promoted, and unless the last round of rating was broken, the approved criteria are fine. Mr. Wilson, Los Alamos County, also noted that the bridge priority is suitable as a yes or no question, as it is likely that NMDOT will promote all priority bridge projects in their review.

Vice Chairwoman O'Donnell, Taos County, asked for clarification on the purpose of approval of the rating and ranking at this time, when the rating and ranking criteria were previously approved. Chairwoman Ladd, Ohkay Owingeh, confirmed that this process is specifically for the TPF rating and ranking criteria, where the prior criteria was for the RTIPR and ZIPPER applications. Ms. Sedillo, NCNMEDD, echoed earlier comments, to note that the four categories each total a maximum of 10 points, in line with NMDOT's rating and ranking suggestion.

Gary "Brett" Clavio, Santa Fe County, asked if NPRTPO staff could identify the types of funds available, the types of projects already compiled, and program these projects for the next five years, based on eligibility, for future equity. Mr. Clavio, Santa Fe County, suggested that this information be included in the Regional Transportation Plan now in development.

Vernon Lujan, Pueblo of Taos, acknowledged the comments from Vice Chairwoman O'Donnell, Taos County, regarding the eligibility to use TTP funding for match. Mr. Lujan, Pueblo of Taos, also noted the funding shortfall for Tribes from the Highway Trust Fund,

Tribal Transportation Program, and FHWA is not nearly enough to do all the projects on our list for our communities. He noted he would like to be able to set aside money to improve the Taos Gorge Bridge, and other bridges in Taos County in need of repair and maintenance. He noted that the U.S. government has a “trust responsibility” to the Tribes, which is how they get money from TTP and FHWA, which are “special set-aside” money, though they are not nearly enough. Mr. Lujan, Pueblo of Taos, stated that allowing Tribes to use these funds as matching funds is long overdue, though he noted that it is inequitable that only Tribes can use federal funds as match. Mr. Lujan, Pueblo of Taos, stated that the Tribal entities contribute to the economy of New Mexico, and Taos Pueblo being closed has impacted Taos County, in regards to bringing visitors and tourists to the Pueblo, in addition to paying property taxes in Taos and Colfax Counties, and Tribal members spend money in Taos County and the Town of Taos, supporting GRT. He also noted that Indian Gaming provides revenue sharing at the state and national level.

Vice Chairwoman O’Donnell, Taos County, entertained a motion to approve the rating and ranking structure as presented, previously approved in February 2020 with the new addition of two TPF yes/no criteria for Priority Bridges and Part of a Phased Project. Richard Hubler, City of Española, made a motion to approve, and Keith Wilson, Los Alamos County, seconded the motion. Vice Chairwoman O’Donnell, Taos County, asked for any additional comments, and Mr. Hubler, City of Espanola, stated he hoped that NMDOT would prioritize bridges, noting the need for improvements and repairs in the region, particularly in Taos County. Mr. Sittig, Transportation Planner, conducted a roll call vote. The motion carried and all members voted in favor.

Roll Call Vote:

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Russell Church	Town of Red River	Yes
Renee Martinez	Village of Questa	Yes
Marcus Lopez	Pueblo of Nambe	Yes
Sylvia Armijo	Picuris Pueblo	Yes
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Mary Lou Valério	Pueblo of Santa Clara	Yes
Vernon Lujan	Pueblo of Taos	Yes
Anthony Mortillaro	NCRTD	Yes

XII. NMDOT Updates

- a) District 5: James Mexia stated he had no updates of significance.
- b) Planning: Joseph Moriarty reiterated that the TPF was designed by the state legislature to be a recurring funding source for tribal and local communities. He also noted that NMDOT opened a call for TAP, RTP, and CMAQ, for projects starting in federal fiscal years 2023 or 2024, and the call runs from May through October. Program guides have been distributed to all RTPOs, and they detail the process and funding amounts. If members have questions, they should contact Mr. Moriarty, NMDOT Planning, Ms. Sedillo, NCNMEDD, or Mr. Sittig, Transportation Planner.
- c) NMDOT Tribal Liaison: Ron Shutiva suggested looking at the final rule that authorizes the TPF, and he reminded members to use the specific PFF for this funding call for projects. He also offered his support, and support from the District. Mr. Shutiva, NMDOT Tribal Liaison, noted that District 5 is coordinating with the Navajo Nation.
- d) LTAP Board: Chairwoman Ladd, Ohkay Owingeh, noted that the Build a Better Mousetrap call for nominations is ongoing, and suggested that members to continue to look at the UNM LTAP website for traffic safety and other online training opportunities.

XIII. Member Input on Training and Presentations for NPRTPO

Vice Chairwoman O'Donnell, Taos County, reiterated her earlier request that the matter of training for CDL be looked into.

XIV. NPRTPO Planning/Program Manager Updates (announcements, next meetings)

Paul Sittig, NCNMEDD, noted meeting with NADO on New Mexico Mobility, Economic Resilience & Substance Abuse Disorder Workshop Series on May 6. NADO's annual rural transportation meeting is still postponed with no new date proposed or listed. USDA is inviting applications for the Rural Business Development Grant Program to provide technical assistance for rural transportation systems, through June 30, 2021. New Mexico Economic Development Department (NMEDD) recently announced their second-annual Outdoor Equity Fund call for applications. This year, there is over \$872,000 in funding available. Applications are due by June 30, 2021. And as Mr. Moriarty mentioned, there is a new federal call for projects, which will be discussed in an upcoming workshop after the June 8, 2021 special NPRTPO meeting.

XIV. Adjourn.

Chairwoman Ladd, Ohkay, Owingeh, asked for any final comments. Vice Chairwoman O'Donnell, Taos County, thanked Lesah for identifying the other regions that could get

funding from NMDOT District 5, and asked if there was a way to see what those regions were submitting in terms of projects.

Mary Lou Valério, Pueblo of Santa Clara, thanked everyone for their help and information, and stated that her last day with the Pueblo of Santa Clara will be May 14, 2021.

Richard Hubler, City of Espanola, asked to confirm that the special NPRTPO meeting on June 9 would be at 10 AM. Mr. Sittig stated that was correct and noted with Governor Lujan Grisham’s recent announcement of the state could fully reopen when 60% of New Mexicans are fully vaccinated, it is possible that the July 7 meeting could be in person, but there was still time to discuss and plan this matter. Sylvia Armijo, Picuris Pueblo, noted that some of the Tribes are still closed, and staff are not allowed to travel for meetings. Vice Chairwoman O’Donnell, Taos County, asked for a discussion of the matter, if there is time, during the June 9th meeting.

Chairwoman Ladd, Ohkay Owingeh, called on a motion to adjourn the meeting. Richard Hubler, City of Española, made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Sylvia Armijo, Picuris Pueblo. The motion carried and all members voted in favor.

Roll Call Vote:

Name	Entity	Vote
Keith Wilson	Los Alamos County	Yes
Cathy Martinez	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
Francisco Espinoza	Town of Taos	Yes
Russell Church	Town of Red River	Yes
Renee Martinez	Village of Questa	Yes
Marcus Lopez	Pueblo of Nambe	Yes
Sylvia Armijo	Picuris Pueblo	Yes
Chairwoman Christy Ladd	Ohkay Owingeh	Yes
Mary Lou Valério	Pueblo of Santa Clara	Yes
Vernon Lujan	Pueblo of Taos	Yes
Anthony Mortillaro	NCRTD	Yes

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM.