

Meeting Minutes
 Northeast Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NERTPO)
 Hosted by the Eastern Plains Council of Governments
 ONLINE
 April 28th, 2021
 10:00 a.m.



Meeting Attendees

Present/Absent	Name	Entity	Voting/Alternate
Present	Jason Phillips	City of Raton	Alternate
Present	Scott Berry	City of Raton	Voting Member
Present	Heather Dostie	City of Santa Rosa	Voting Member
Present	Bret E. Wier	Colfax County	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	Clay Kiesling	Union County	Voting Member
Present	Shawn Jeffrey - Vice-Chair	Village of Cimarron	Voting Member
Present	Richard Cordova-Chair	Village of Eagle Nest	Voting Member
Present	Matthew Baca	Village of Roy	Alternate
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	Ken Flores	Guadalupe County	Alternate
Present	Terry Martinez	Mora County	Voting Member
Present	Arnold Lopez	San Miguel County	Voting Member
Present	Ernest Sanchez	Town of Clayton	Alternate
Present	Ferron Lucero	Town of Clayton	Voting Member
Present	Danny Laumbach	Village of Roy	Voting Member
Absent	Daniel Zamora	Quay County	Alternate
Absent	Sarah Arias	Town of Springer	Alternate
Absent	Sandy Garcia	Village of Angel Fire	Alternate
Absent	Karen Gates	Village of Maxwell	Voting Member
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 Sadoris	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)
- Vincent M Soule – EPCOG
- Joseph Moriarty, AICP – NMDOT Planning Division
- Raymond Mondragon- EPCOG
- Lesah R. Sedillo – NCNMEDD



I. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM by Chairman Cordova.

II. Pledge of Allegiance/New Mexico State Flag

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Paul Sittig, NCNMEDD, and the salute to the New Mexico State Flag was led by Vice-Chair Jeffrey.

III. Welcome

Chairman Cordova welcomed everyone to the virtual meeting.

Individual introductions were conducted by all in attendance.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented: Jason Philips, City of Raton
Second: Robert Thompson, Colfax County
With all voting in the affirmative, motion carries.

V. Approval of Minutes (March-EPCOG <Zoom>)

Motion to approve the minutes as presented: Clay Kiesling, Union County
Second: Jason Phillips, City of Raton
With all voting in the affirmative, motion carries.

VI. Discussion: Regional Transportation Plan Updates (NERTPO Planner)

General updates from Paul Sittig and Raul Rodriguez III. Paul updated members about 42 submitted applications for the Transportation Project Fund (TPF). All packets are to be completed with Resolutions, Cover Letter, etc. Raul updated about environmental letters and NMDOT review and signatures. Chairman asked about the Local Government Road Fund map, where it appeared that members who were awarded last year were re-awarded this year. Joe Moriarty will reach out to District 4 to understand how this funding is allocated or distributed. Jason Phillips asked for MAP distribution information, Lesah confirmed that she emailed this information earlier.

VII. Discussion: Review Bylaws (NERTPO Planners)

Paul and Raul reviewed the RTPO's bylaws and discussed the Open Meetings Act. Lesah Sedillo, NCNMEDD, noted that Article VIII, Section 2 previously listed meeting dates, the fourth Wednesday each month, where the language is now more general, stating that meetings will be scheduled in advance. Raul suggested that the fourth Wednesday of every month, with the option of changing dates as needed. Chairman Cordova noted that the OMA allows for special meetings with at least 72 hours' notice, so we would not need to specify those details. Vice Chair Jeffrey noted that we could specify the 4th Wednesday and 10 AM, with the location to be determined. Chairman supported this language, and Mr. Weir supported this language, too. Paul said he and Raul would draft revisions for the members to review in advance of the next meeting.

Vincent mentioned the Public Participation Plan revision, for a future NERTPO meeting. Chairman Cordova noted it is our intention to keep the public informed. Vincent mentioned what the NMDOT prescribed as what is the best practice to have regarding the bylaws pertaining to the Open Meetings Act.



VIII. Discussion: Review Open Meetings Act (NERTPO Planners)

Chairman Cordova noted that both the Bylaws and OMA were discussed in one item. Vincent noted that he and Dennis wanted to update the PPP and use more social media to help keep the public informed.

IX. TAP, CMAQ and RTP presentation and timeline (NERTPO Planners)

Paul and Raul presented an overview of project requirements, entity and project eligibility. Bret E. Weir asked about motorized/non-motorized eligibility/mixed-use trails. Paul noted that there was flexible funding category.

X. Update from the NERTPO Planners/Program Managers – (NERTPO Planners)

Paul Sittig advised that he has been focused on the TPF project review and processing and coordination with District 4. Raul Rodriguez III noted that he was doing the same. Lesah: keep updating the status on your projects. ICIP training [months]. Include these various applications in your ICIPs, tie them back to your comprehensive plans, to receive the maximum points for planning.

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

NMDOT District staff were not present in this meeting. Raul filled everyone in about a message from Samantha Sandoval about FFY 2021-2022 agreements being mailed out in the next two weeks, signed and send back to District 4. 434 through Angel Fire was supposed to be started already, would like a status update, as would Bret E. Weir.

XII. Discussion Project Status Update (Local Government Members)

No updates from members.

New Business

A. General Comments and Announcements from NERTPO Members and Public

B. Meeting Locations:

❖ **June 8th, 2021- Virtual Special Meeting**

- Rating and ranking only, starting at 10AM, may run to 2PM, with a short break for lunch; Raul and Paul will coordinate on member presentation order, how to receive and present files.

- ❖ **June 23rd, 2021- Virtual**
 - Action items: Bylaws, Open Meetings Act. Members discuss when and where they could meet.
- ❖ **July 28th, 2021- In person?**



XIII. Adjournment

With there being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:14 AM.