



Meeting Minutes

Northern Pueblos Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NPRTPO)
Regular meeting hosted on July 6, 2022 (online).

NPRTPO Voting Members and Alternates

Name	Entity	Title	Present/Absent
Eric Ulibarri	Los Alamos County	Voting Member	Absent
Keith Wilson	Los Alamos County	Alternate	Present
Napoleon Garcia	Rio Arriba County	Voting Member	Absent
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 (Chair)	Taos County	Voting Member	Present
Jason Silva	Taos County	Alternate	Present
Muhammad A. Hussain	City of Española	Voting Member	Present
Elijah Mares	City of Española	Alternate	Absent
Patrick Nicholson	Village of Taos Ski Valley	Voting Member	Absent
Anthony Martinez	Village of Taos Ski Valley	Alternate	Absent
John Avila	Village of Taos Ski Valley	Alternate	Absent
French Espinoza	Town of Taos	Voting Member	Absent
Lynda Perry	Town of Taos	Alternate	Absent
Linda Calhoun	Town of Red River	Voting Member	Present
Georgiana Rael	Town of Red River	Alternate	Absent
Maggie Valdez	Village of Chama	Voting Member	Absent
Will Donohoe	Village of Chama	Alternate	Absent
Dominic Martinez	Village of Questa	Voting Member	Present
Jason Gonzalez	Village of Questa	Alternate	Absent
Paul Castillo	Jicarilla Apache Nation	Voting Member	Absent
Kathryn Valdez	Jicarilla Apache Nation	Alternate	Present
Marcus Lopez	Pueblo of Nambé	Voting Member	Absent
Levi Valdez	Pueblo of Nambé	Alternate	Absent
Sylvia Armijo	Picuris Pueblo	Voting Member	Absent
	Picuris Pueblo	Alternate	Absent
	Pueblo of San Ildefonso	Voting Member	Absent
Lillian Garcia	Pueblo of San Ildefonso	Alternate	Joined late
Christy Ladd	Ohkay Owingeh	Voting Member	Absent
Sybil Cota	Ohkay Owingeh	Alternate	Absent
Suzette Shije	Pueblo of Santa Clara	Voting Member	Present
	Pueblo of Santa Clara	Alternate	Absent
Vernon Lujan (Vice Chair)	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	Absent
Bryce Gibson	NCRTD	Alternate	Joined late



NCNMEDD/NPRTPO Staff

Paul Sittig	Transportation Planner
Kyla Danforth	Transportation Intern
Alison Gillette	Community Development Coordinator

NMDOT Staff

Ron Shutiva	NMDOT Tribal Liaison
Neala Krueger	NMDOT Urban & Regional Planning Supervisor
James Mexia	NMDOT District 5 Technical Support Engineer
Amanda Niño	NMDOT D5 Local Government Road Fund Coordinator
Joe Sanchez	NMDOT D5 Native American Services Director

Guests

Arlando Teller	U.S. Department of Transportation Deputy Assistant Secretary for Tribal Affairs
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I. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Candyce O’Donnell, Taos County, called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair O’Donnell called on U.S. DOT Deputy Assistant Director Arlando Teller to lead the pledge of allegiance.

III. Opening Prayer

Chair O’Donnell asked U.S. DOT Deputy Assistant Director Arlando Teller to lead the opening prayer.

IV. Welcome and Introductions/Public Comments:

Chair O’Donnell welcomed everyone. There were no public comments.

V. Roll Call:

Chair O’Donnell called on Paul Sittig, NCNMEDD, to conduct the roll call.

Name	Entity	Voting Member or Alternate
Keith Wilson	Los Alamos County	Voting Member
Gary Brett Clavio	Santa Fe County	Alternate
Candyce O’Donnell, Chair	Taos County	Voting Member
Muhammad A. Hussain	City of Española	Voting Member
Linda Calhoun	Town of Red River	Voting Member
Dominic Martinez	Village of Questa	Voting Member
Kathryn Valdez	Jicarilla Apache Nation	Alternate
Suzette Shije	Pueblo of Santa Clara	Voting Member
Vernon Lujan, Vice Chair	Pueblo of Taos	Voting Member

Mr. Sittig confirmed that there was a quorum for the meeting.



VI. Approval of the Agenda:

Chair O’Donnell noted that U.S. Department of Transportation Deputy Assistant Secretary Arlando Teller was again in attendance and suggested that the agenda be revised to include an update from Mr. Teller as a new Item VII, before approval of the prior meeting’s minutes.

Muhammad Hussain, City of Española, made a motion to approve the agenda as revised. Seconded by Keith Wilson, Los Alamos County. Chair O’Donnell asked for a voice vote or a show of hands, with all in favor.

Roll Call Vote:

Name	Entity	Vote
Keith Wilson	Los Alamos County	Yes
Gary Brett Clavio	Santa Fe County	Yes
Candyce O’Donnell, Chair	Taos County	Yes
Muhammad A. Hussain	City of Española	Yes
Linda Calhoun	Town of Red River	Yes
Dominic Martinez	Village of Questa	Yes
Kathryn Valdez	Jicarilla Apache Nation	Yes
Suzette Shije	Pueblo of Santa Clara	Yes
Vernon Lujan, Vice Chair	Pueblo of Taos	Yes

The motion passed unanimously with all members present.

VII. Presentation: U.S. Department of Transportation Deputy Assistant Secretary for Tribal Affairs, Arlando Teller

DAS Teller noted that he sent Paul Sittig, NCNMEDD, a National Policy Memorandum from the Office of Trust Services, Division of Environmental and Cultural Resource Management, on the Adoption of Indian Health Service’s (IHS) Categorical Exclusion Determination for Sanitation Lines over Indian Lands, which Mr. Sittig forwarded on to NPRTPO members. DAS Teller noted that BIA will adopt the IHS right-of-way considerations to speed up some processes and providing some flexibilities.

DAS Teller also shared that he initiated a Tribal Transit Summit in coordination with FTA, as well as another Tribal Aviation Symposium. He noted he is also working closely with the U.S. DOT Electric Vehicle Charging team to ensure they have metrics that address charging infrastructure and delivery in Tribal and rural communities.

DAS Teller noted that the Army Corps of Engineers had a public notice that was sent out earlier this summer, in accordance with their Water Resource Development Act, and DAS Teller noted that on July 7, 2022, there would be a virtual meeting to hold a Tribal Virtual Meeting on FRN to Modernize Civil Works to solicit Tribal comments on Army’s



effort to update the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Tribal Consultation Policy and develop comprehensive guidance on the Tribal Partnership Program.

DAS Teller also noted upcoming grant application deadlines:

- **Bridge Investment Program** – three types of grants within this program, with separate deadlines:
 - **Planning Grants** (*no minimum budget*) due by July 25, 2022, at 11:59 PM EDT
 - **Large Bridge Project Grants** (*projects of at least \$50 million*) due by August 9, 2022, at 11:59 PM EDT
 - **Bridge Project Grants** (*projects of at least \$2.5 million*) due by September 8, 2022, at 11:59 PM EDT
- **Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program** – deadline for applications is 5:00 p.m. EDT on September 15, 2022
- **Tribal Transportation Program Safety Fund (TTPSF)** – FY22 funding cycle the application deadline is September 15, 2022
- **Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program – Planning Grants and Capital Construction Grants** – deadline for applications is 11:59 PM EDT on Thursday, October 13, 2022

In the chat, DAS Teller stated that he will be attending the New Mexico Airport Managers Association conference in August 11-12, 2022, in Ruidoso NM.

VIII. Approval of the Minutes: June 1, 2022, Regular Meeting (online)

Chair O’Donnell presented the June 1, 2022, meeting minutes for review and comment. Hearing no comments, she asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion to approve made by Keith Wilson, Los Alamos County. Second by Brett Clavio, Santa Fe County.

Roll Call Vote:

Name	Entity	Vote
Keith Wilson	Los Alamos County	Yes
Gary Brett Clavio	Santa Fe County	Yes
Candyce O’Donnell, Chair	Taos County	Yes
Muhammad A. Hussain	City of Española	Yes
Linda Calhoun	Town of Red River	Yes
Dominic Martinez	Village of Questa	Yes
Kathryn Valdez	Jicarilla Apache Nation	Yes
Suzette Shije	Pueblo of Santa Clara	Yes
Vernon Lujan, Vice Chair	Pueblo of Taos	Yes
Bryce Gibson	NCRTD	Yes

Bryce Gibson, NCRTD, joined the meeting during the review of the minutes. The motion passed unanimously with all members present.



IX. Review/approval: FFY 2023-2024 Regional Work Program (RTPO Staff)

Paul Sittig presented an overview of the Northern Pueblos Regional Work Program for Federal Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024, noting that the scope of work to be done is not significantly different from prior years, but the structure was condensed to simplify quarterly reporting to NMDOT, displaying the following summary of changes:

<u>FFY 2021-2022 RWP structure</u>	<u>FFY 2023-2024 RWP structure</u>
Function 1. Long-Range Planning and Implementation	Function 1. <u>Long-Range and Regional Planning</u>
Function 2. <u>Technical Support and Data Management</u>	Function 2. <u>Project Development and Monitoring</u>
Function 3. Project Development and Monitoring	Function 3. <u>General NPRTPO Support</u>
Function 4. <u>Other Activities and Projects</u>	Function 4. <u>NPRTPO Administration</u>
Function 5. General NPRTPO Support	Function 5. Other: Leave and Holidays
Function 6. NPRTPO Administration	
Function 7. Other: Leave and Holidays	

Mr. Sittig noted that the tasks that were under Function 2, Technical Support and Data Management, was split into what are now Function 1, Long-Range and Regional Planning, and Function 2, Project Development and Monitoring. Similarly, what was under Function 4, Other Activities and Projects, was distributed between the new Function 3, General NPRTPO Support, and Function 4, NPRTPO Administration.

Additionally, Mr. Sittig noted that the NPRWP included a reference to three additional contracts that NCNMEDD was awarded from NMDOT, though those contracts will be managed separately from the Regional Work Program. Those contracts are:

- **Professional Engineering Support** – on-call professional engineering services support to assess and address safety, asset management, and system resiliency for tribal and local public agencies who do not have this capacity within their organizations; this will not include preliminary engineering, design, right-of-way, construction, or maintenance projects.
- **Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Support** – aid transportation planning and project identification and prioritization to address safety, asset management, and system resiliency regionally and at the local level to support the RTPOs broadly and T/LPAs individually.
- **County-Scaled Climate Projections** – contract with the University of Oklahoma’s South Central Climate Adaptation Science Center (SCCASC) to downscale regional climate change modeling, to provide more localized information for all eleven (11) counties in the Northern Pueblos and Northeast RTPO regions when considering possible future conditions, particularly temperature and precipitation.



Mr. Sittig noted that these contracts are pending final approval by FHWA.

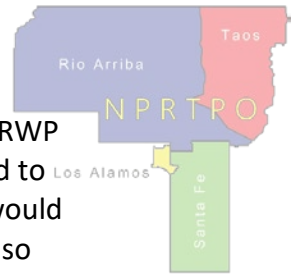
Keith Wilson, Los Alamos County, asked if there would be a process for entities to apply for professional engineering support or GIS support. Mr. Sittig said requests would be processed by NCNMEDD staff, noting that there is also funding for professional engineering support also comes from state funding, which will also cover water and wastewater engineering support. Mr. Sittig noted that NCNMEDD will be posting a Request for Qualifications and would appreciate if entities would help NCNMEDD identify suitable engineers and firms to provide this professional engineering support. Funding from NMDOT would be available as soon as October 1, 2022, for FFY 2023 and 2024. Mr. Sittig noted that applications for funding would not go through the RTPOs, in part because NCNMEDD's coverage spans two RTPOs and getting two RTPOs to approve applications for professional engineering support or GIS support would be cumbersome, though Mr. Sittig said he was looking for members to provide suggestions and input on how to manage this funding.

Chair O'Donnell asked if the list of special projects could be moved to the final page of the RWP instead of between the list of functions and tasks and the RWP budget, and Mr. Sittig said that change made sense.

Brett Clavio, Santa Fe County, asked what type of projects would be covered in the professional engineering support, and if that might include road safety audits (RSAs). Mr. Sittig noted NMDOT had a process to administer safety funds for RSAs, but he would reach out to NMDOT to see if that was something this contract could cover.

Chair O'Donnell asked for specific examples of what the engineering support would cover and Mr. Sittig identified project scoping, budget estimate review and revisions, which would help Tribal and local public agencies scope and scale their project applications. Mr. Sittig noted an example where this professional engineering support could be helpful would be to provide a 3rd party to review project proposals or applications for appropriateness, citing a \$10 million wastewater project that was funded by the state for a small community but the final project didn't address the community's needs and was more expensive to maintain than the community could realistically afford, where a different project that addresses the community needs might cost less to build and maintain. Chair O'Donnell asked if it might be appropriate to insert "planning" into the scope of the professional engineering support. Mr. Sittig said he would reach out to NMDOT to see if this could be inserted as this contract is in progress. Neala Krueger, NMDOT Planning, noted that award letters were sent to NCNMEDD, and the final contract could insert that language to include "planning" in the scope, and the final contract be brought back to the NPRTPO board to present the revisions.

Chair O'Donnell asked if the RPW could be approved with the exclusion of the special projects if approval of the special projects need to be approved. Keith Wilson, Los Alamos County, noted that amendments can be quarterly to contracts with NMDOT, so if language should be revised, it could be brought back to NPRTPO for the quarterly amendment. Additionally, he noted that the RWP approval would be for budget amounts and for the broad scope of work. Ms. Krueger noted that detailed



implementation of the RWP is documented through quarterly reports, with the RWP serving as a broad structure. She also noted that the RWP needs to be submitted to FHWA by the last week of July for their approval. Chair O’Donnell asked if that would include the special projects, and Ms. Krueger confirmed it would. Ms. Krueger also offered the option to approve the RWP without the special contracts, which could be amended into the RWP once approved by FHWA.

Keith Wilson, Los Alamos County, said he was comfortable with the RWP including the special contracts as presented, with the change in the page order to put the special projects as the final page, and he could make a motion for approval if that was appropriate. Chair O’Donnell asked if he would be willing to add “planning” under the purpose of professional engineering support. Mr. Wilson said he would be willing to make that change if it wasn’t an issue with NMDOT or FHWA. Ms. Krueger noted that this is State Planning and Research funding so the inclusion of planning is appropriate.

Chair O’Donnell recognized the motion to approve the RWP as amended. Brett Clavio, Santa Fe County, seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Name	Entity	Vote
Keith Wilson	Los Alamos County	Yes
Gary Brett Clavio	Santa Fe County	Yes
Candyce O’Donnell, Chair	Taos County	Yes
Muhammad A. Hussain	City of Española	Yes
Linda Calhoun	Town of Red River	Yes
Dominic Martinez	Village of Questa	Yes
Kathryn Valdez	Jicarilla Apache Nation	Yes
Suzette Shije	Pueblo of Santa Clara	Yes
Vernon Lujan, Vice Chair	Pueblo of Taos	Yes
Bryce Gibson	NCRTD	Yes

The motion passed unanimously with all members present.

X. Presentation: Recognition of Service for Christy Ladd, Ohkay Owingeh

Chair O’Donnell recognized and thanked Christy Ladd for her two years of service to Northern Pueblos RTPO, and her years of membership in NPRTPO, as well as her leadership of the RTPO and her advocacy for Tribal members.

Brett Clavio, Santa Fe County, recognized Ms. Ladd for her professional work and dedication.

Suzette Shije, Pueblo of Santa Clara, thanked Ms. Ladd for her contributions with NPRTPO Board and the native communities, and said she would be missed.

XI. Presentation/Discussion: NP Regional Transportation Plan Priorities and Goals

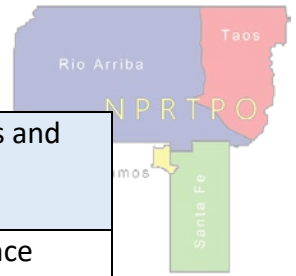


Paul Sittig presented an overview of the Northern Pueblos Regional Transportation Plan, and the draft Goals, Objectives, Performance Measures, and Strategies. He presented NMDOT’s Objectives and Performance Measures, noting that NMDOT does not require that RTPOs adopt NMDOT’s Performance Measures, though NPRTPO members have noted that if the RTPO adopts the State’s PMs, it may improve the likelihood of RPTO members’ projects being selected for funding. By and large, the NPRTPO RTP subcommittee supported NMDOT’s goals and objectives, and Mr. Sittig presented strategies that NPRTPO could adopt through its RTP to identify how member entities could pursue or achieve the goals and objectives.

Goal: Safety – Improve safety for all transportation system users		
Objective	NMDOT Performance Measure	NPRTPO Performance Measure
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce the number of roadway fatalities • Reduce the number of roadway serious injuries • Reduce the number of nonmotorized fatalities serious injuries • Reduce the number of fatalities and serious injuries in roadway work zones • Invest in infrastructure and programs that improve pedestrian safety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of fatalities (statewide, rural, and urban) • Rate of fatalities per 100 million VMT • Number of serious injuries • Rate of serious injuries per 100 million VMT • Number of bicycle and pedestrian fatalities and serious injuries • Number of employee injuries occurring in work zones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopt NMDOT’s Performance Measures (PMs)
NPRTPO Strategies		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement NMDOT Priority Safety Strategies • Implement Complete Streets designs • Participate and establish partnerships with Safe Routes to School • Change roadway design to encourage appropriate speeds (Complete Streets) • Upgrade systematic safety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase shoulder miles • Increase and update guardrails • Develop, expand no passing zones • Create and map safe evacuation routes • Improve public education, expand Look for Me • Increase highway and street lighting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve safety for bus stops, by building shelters and implementing lighting • Safety improvements on rural highways with turning, passing, acceleration and deceleration lanes (not suitable on urban streets)



Goal: Mobility & Accessibility – Efficiently and equitably invest in infrastructure and technology to provide reliable multimodal access and connectivity, improve mobility, foster economic growth, and minimize transportation’s contribution to climate change		
Objective	NMDOT Performance Measure	NPR TPO Performance Measure
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve mobility and accessibility in strategic corridors • Address bottlenecks identified in the New Mexico Freight Plan • Facilitate transition of fleet to electric vehicles and alternative fuels • Expand transportation choice thru multimodal investments and complete streets design 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Percent of the person-miles traveled on the Interstate that are reliable • Percent of the non-Interstate NHS person-miles traveled that are reliable • Interstate Truck Travel Time Reliability Index 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopt NMDOT’s PMs • <i>Additional strategies addressing air quality can be found in PM₁₀ Performance Measure</i>
<i>NPR TPO Strategies</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve and implement connectivity between all modes of transportation • Regions trail systems • Freight corridors (through-traffic, lumber) • Identify and support regionally appropriate design guidelines • Support and increase public transit, including microtransit • Develop system for/support rideshare matching 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete Streets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dedicated bike lanes ○ Improve ADA access ○ Right-size transportation infrastructure • Support local and regional efforts to improve jobs/housing balance • Employer incentives for mode shift and/or ridesharing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic Development + EV network • Encourage NPR TPO (entities) to educate the public to increase EV/alternative fuel adoption <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Track statewide/ regional/ county-level private vehicle fleet from MVD data • Encourage fleet transition to EV



Goal: Program Delivery – Deliver transportation programs through approaches and processes that improve resiliency, respect New Mexico’s unique cultures, and promote fiscal and environmental stewardship		
Objective	NMDOT Performance Measure	NPRTPO Performance Measure
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver projects that adhere to local plans and respect New Mexico’s unique cultural resources, community context • Implement projects and programs that reduce negative impacts on the natural environment • Deliver projects on-time and within budget 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emission Reductions for PM10 through Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) projects • Percent of cost-over-bid amount on highway construction projects • Percent of projects completed according to schedule • Projects put out for bid as scheduled 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopt NMDOT’s PMs
NPRTPO Strategies		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate with NMDOT on projects and priorities • Identify and develop major projects that are bigger than any one entity • Assist T/LPAs in updating circulation elements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aid T/LPAs to identify priorities and projects • Public and agency coordination through project development to recognize and respect cultures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use/access state’s on-call contracts for engineering • Reference recent circulation elements in local, regional plans



Goal: Asset Management – Optimize spending to cost effectively preserve our transportation assets in the best possible condition over the long term		
Objective	NMDOT Performance Measure	NPRTPO Performance Measure
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain pavement in a state of good repair Maintain bridges in a state of good repair Assess and address system risks to improve resiliency Support improvement in the state of good repair for transit assets throughout the state Maintain applicable runways in the state 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Percent of lane miles of pavement in fair or better condition by tier Percent of pavement in good condition Percent of pavement in poor condition Percent of NMDOT bridges in fair or better condition Percent of NHS bridges by sf of deck area in good condition Percent of NHS bridges by sf of deck area in poor condition Percent of revenue vehicles exceeding ULB Percent of non-revenue service vehicles exceeding ULB Percent of facilities rated under 3.0 on the TERM scale Percent of track segments under performance restriction Percent of airport runways in satisfactory or better condition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopt NMDOT’s PM
NPRTPO Strategies		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage NMDOT to expand pavement condition surveys to local roads Repurpose existing infrastructure for current uses/needs where overbuilt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Track and prioritize regional roads and bridges with regional significance (local or NMDOT) Consider pavement life cycle estimates for design specs, and each improvement – cite or include FHWA Standard Specifications (FP14) summary and reference 	

Brett Clavio, Santa Fe County, asked if economic development should be considered or addressed, noting that the RTPO is supported by the North Central New Mexico



Economic Development Department. Mr. Sittig said this would be something for the RTPO members to consider, though the RTPO staff funding is focused on transportation planning. Mr. Clavio noted that suggested a new goal for economic development, to leverage NCNMEDD’s strength in this area. Mr. Sittig said he would work with members offline to expand this area.

Chair O’Donnell suggested that a strategy be added under Asset Management, to encourage building roads that last to save money in the long run. She also suggested encouraging permeable paving or other techniques or technologies to address climate change and runoff.

Chair O’Donnell also asked for additional support of measures to address climate change, including support of NCRTD and fleet electrification. Mr. Clavio noted that maintaining bridges in a state of good repair and ensuring that bridges are able to withstand increased flows. Mr. Sittig noted that there are some strategies that speak to these ideas under the goal of Mobility & Accessibility.

XII. NMDOT Updates

District 5 – Amanda Niño, D5 Local Government Road Fund Coordinator, said she is still waiting to hear more in the FY 2023 Transportation Project Fund (TPF) funding from the NMDOT General Office, and is expecting more in early September 2022. Ms. Niño asked that if there is film production in the Pueblos that those film productions have written permission to film on Tribal lands.

Chair O’Donnell asked when the stoplight on NM-68 will be activated, by the County complex. The light is currently flashing, acting like a stop sign. Ms. Niño said she would look into this. *[In the chat, she followed up and stated that the Taos light is functioning as a four way stop at this point due to construction. NM 68 new intersection will follow completion in October. At that time the light will be properly in place as a functioning traffic light.]*

Planning – no update at this time.

Tribal Liaison – Ron Shutiva noted that NMDOT has a plan for EV Charging, and there was outreach to Tribal entities to provide input into that planning effort. NMDOT initially contacted Tribal leadership, and with Mr. Shutiva’s direction, NMDOT also contacted the Tribal transportation planners for their input. NMDOT will be discussing specific locations with Tribal entities who expressed interest or concern in EV charging locations. NMDOT is developing plans for staff to return to the office at least three days a week. Mr. Shutiva noted that he will be based either in the District 3 or NMDOT ITS offices in Albuquerque on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, but those plans have not been finalized. NMDOT is meeting with a Tribal entity that is interested collecting and reporting crash and safety data with NMDOT’s Traffic and Criminal Software (TraCS) system, and NMDOT can hold similar meetings with other Tribes.



Chair O'Donnell suggested that the Tribes consider charging stations at their casinos or travel centers, and noted that to her knowledge, there is no charging station in Española. She noted that EV charging stations can also support economic development. Mr. Shutiva noted that Tesuque has charging stations, as does Santo Domingo on I-25.

Neala Krueger shared a link to the NMDOT National Electric Vehicle Inventory (NEVI) Plan webpage (<https://www.dot.nm.gov/nevi/>) and [the survey](#) for feedback.

Mr. Sittig shared some notes from the NMDOT presentations on their NEVI Plan, that the plan will be updated annually to reflect the newest EV charging location information and there will be five years of funding to the state, as with other Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) programs. Mr. Sittig also noted that FHWA's priority is to develop an EV charging network on the Interstates, and the along the National Highway System (NHS) and Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFCs) that are submitted for approval by each state, but these networks don't connect to all communities and Tribes in New Mexico, which is a reason to consider a plan for the NPRTPO region, in partnership between Tribes and local agencies and electric utility companies.

Chair O'Donnell suggested US-64 Rio Grande Gorge Bridge rest area for an EV charging location, to support tourists who could hike from that location.

LTAP Board – no update at this time.

XIII. Member Input on Training and Presentations for NPRTPO

Paul Sittig noted that he and Chair O'Donnell discussed moving the annual update to the NPRTPO Bylaws and Open Meetings Act resolution and the election of officers to be on the same meeting at the start of October to align with the start of the federal fiscal year.

Chair O'Donnell asked for a presentation on road specifications, design lifespans for different road treatments and the possible cost of treatments.

A. Upcoming meeting locations and topics

Aug. 3 – online; Regional Transportation Plan Update

Sept. 7 – in person?; Finalize RTP

B. Other items from NPRTPO members or the public

Suzette Shije, Pueblo of Santa Clara, asked for the status of the Tribal Technical Assistance Program (TTAP) Center selection. Mr. Sittig noted that DAS Teller provided an update, and that the process is ongoing, with the goal being to award fully executed cooperative agreement(s) by end of FY (Sept. 30, 2022).

Christy Ladd joined the meeting, and Chair O'Donnell thanked her for her work with NPRTPO. Ms. Ladd said she is no longer with Ohkay Owingeh but is now with the Pueblo of San Ildefonso, serving as their project manager to help complete all the capital projects.

XII. Adjourn

Chair O'Donnell adjourned the meeting at 11:36 AM.