

Meeting Minutes

Northern Pueblos Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NPRTPO)
Regular Meeting hosted on April 7, 2021 by zoom.

NPRTPO Voting Members and Alternates

Name	Entity	Title	Present/Absent
Eric Martinez	Los Alamos County	Voting Member	Present
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
Brent Jaramillo	Taos County	Voting Member	Present
Candyce O'Donnell (Vice-Chair)	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
Duane Sandoval	Jicarilla Apache Nation	Voting Member	Absent
Prestin Duncan	Jicarilla Apache Nation	Alternate	Absent
Marcus Lopez	Pueblo of Nambe	Voting Member	Present
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 NCNMEDD Community Development Director
Paul Sittig NCNMEDD Transportation Planner

NMDOT Staff

James Mexia NMDOT Technical Support Engineer
Joseph Moriarty NMDOT Planning Liaison

Guests

Emma Polhemus NCRTD
Xavier Martinez City of Española
Jason Silva Taos County
Debra Baca Taos County

I. Call Meeting to Order

Chairwoman Ladd, Ohkay Owingeh, called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairwoman Ladd, Ohkay Owingeh, called on Paul Sittig, NCNMEDD, to lead the pledge of allegiance.

III. Welcome and Introductions/Public Comments:

Chairwoman Ladd, Ohkay Owingeh, asked if there were any members of the public and to announce themselves. Lesah Sedillo, NCNMEDD, welcomed Mr. Paul Sittig to Northern Pueblos and asked him introduce himself. Mr. Sittig, the new Transportation Planner at NCNMEDD, provided a brief overview of his prior work from more than eight years at NMDOT, including his prior tenure as the Planning Liaison to NERTPO, and his work as a technical and freight planner, and then supervisor. There were no members of the public in attendance.

IV. 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
Cathy Martinez	Rio Arriba County	Voting Member
Gary Brett Clavio	Santa Fe County	Alternate
Vice-Chairwoman Candyce O'Donnell	Taos County	Alternate
Richard Hubler	City of Española	Voting Member
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Chairwoman Christy Ladd	Ohkay Owingeh	Voting Member
Sybil Cota	Ohkay Owingeh	Alternate
Mary Lou Valério	Pueblo of Santa Clara	Voting Member
Anthony Mortillaro	NCRTD	Voting Member

V. Approval of the Agenda:

Chairwoman Ladd, Ohkay Owingeh, asked if discussion of the ZIPPER was included in the agenda, which Lesah Sedillo, NCNMEDD, confirmed. Chairwoman Ladd called for an approval of the agenda. Richard Hubler, City of Española, made the motion to approve. Mary Lou Valerio, Pueblo of Santa Clara, seconded the motion. Paul Sittig conducted a roll call vote and all members voted in favor.

Roll Call Vote:

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Keith Wilson	Los Alamos County	Yes
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Sylvia Armijo	Picuris Pueblo	Yes
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Mary Lou Valério	Pueblo of Santa Clara	Yes
Anthony Mortillaro	NCRTD	Yes

VI. Approval of the Minutes: March 3, 2021

Chairwoman Ladd, Ohkay Owingeh, asked if there were any changes or discussion for the March meeting minutes. Keith Wilson, Los Alamos County, noted that he and Mr. Eric Martinez were not in the meeting, and all vote by Los Alamos County should be changed to Mr. Eric Ulibarri. Chairwoman Ladd asked why the list of NPRTPO voting members and alternatives who were marked as present at the top of the meeting minutes did not match the roll call votes. Richard Hubler, City of Española, noted that a number of people joined the meeting late, which might be the source of the discrepancy. Lesah Sedillo, NCNMEDD, also noted how challenging it is to confirm who is present, especially with people joining and leaving the meeting, and stated that she and Paul Sittig reviewed the meeting recording and tried to capture the accurate attendance list. Sylvia Armijo, Picuris Pueblo, stated that she joined late and was not present to vote on any items. Paul Sittig

said he would correct the representation for Los Alamos County and double-check the approval roll calls. Chairwoman Ladd noted the changes and asked for a motion. Keith Wilson, Los Alamos County, made the motion to approve the minutes with the noted changes. Sylvia Armijo, Picuris Pueblo, seconded the motion. Paul Sittig conducted a roll call vote, and all voted in favor.

Roll Call Vote:

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VII. NMDOT Presentation: HSIP (Paul Sittig, NCMEDD Transportation Planner)

Chairwoman Ladd, Ohkay Owingeh, thanked James Mexia, NMDOT District 5, for his continued support and presenting on the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). Lesah Sedillo, NCMEDD, noted that the agenda was updated to reflect a change in presenters, thanking NPRTPO members for attending the ZIPPER meeting, and provided background on the inclusion of the HSIP topic, and noting the questions that came up at the ZIPPER meeting. Ms. Sedillo thanked Javier Martinez, James Mexia, and Joe Moriarty from NMDOT for their support to date, and turned the presentation over to Paul Sittig, NCMEDD, who presented a short letter providing new HSIP Guidance.

HSIP Guidance April 2, 2021

At this time, we are not accepting applications for HSIP because we have had to transition the program to a more data driven process, relying on network screening to identify locations for RSAs and projects. This is because FHWA is requiring us to meet the PM 1 safety targets to reduce serious injuries and fatalities and because we are not meeting those targets, they are taking a more stringent look at our program and projects. We are wrapping up a couple of RSAs identified through the last network screening of NMDOT roadways and the consultants are conducting another network screening of the interstates and updating the database to include 2019 crash data. Once that is completed, we will identify and conduct another round of RSAs. We have not yet had an opportunity to run a network screening on non-DOT roads for a variety of reasons, including that the majority of crashes are on DOT roads, thus where we’ve had to focus our efforts.

I am working with our GIS folks to make the network screening database accessible to the public but that will take a few more weeks.

There is some funding available in FFY2022 and 2023 but I have to program projects resulting from the RSAs conducted this past year. And we want to set aside funds for pedestrian improvements, as identified in the Pedestrian Safety Action Plan. **So, it's looking like 2022 is when we would possibly consider opening up for applications for FFY2024 funds. And that application process will require a network screening review to ensure that proposed projects/RSAs will address the high crash locations.**

One last thing – we do not include “property damage only” crashes in the network screening as the federal safety targets are focused on crashes involving serious injuries and/or fatalities. So you might want to relay that to your member entities.

- Jessica Griffin, Acting Planning Division Director

Ms. Sedillo noted that the NPRTPO and Northwest RTPO consolidated ZIPPER includes HSIP projects. She also noted that Mr. Sittig has a spreadsheet of HSIP projects pulled from the eSTIP by Joseph Moriarty, NMDOT Planning Liaison. He noted that NMDOT needs to meet new performance measures coming from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), with a focus on meeting safety targets. Keith Wilson, Los Alamos County, noted that all crash data goes to the state, and asked how NPRTPO members could get that data and criteria to understand what the criteria would be. Mr. Sittig asked whether the network screening map could be public facing, and Mr. Moriarty confirmed this is the intent, to help focus projects with the limited money. Richard Hubler, City of Española, noted that the data does not reflect the experience in the community, where there are more crashes that might not be severe, but still should be figured into necessary upgrades for pedestrians and bicyclists. James Mexia, NMDOT District 5, asked if the current or previous network screening reports could be shared, as these hotspots may not change much from year to year. Mr. Moriarty replied to say that the database includes data back to 2012, so the forthcoming public database will include historic information. Mr. Moriarty said he expects that more information could be presented next month. Chairwoman Ladd noted that the delay in project funding could mean that use of recent data might present a discrepancy between the proposed projects and the data. Brett Clavio, Santa Fe County, asked if NPRTPO staff could extract pedestrian and bicycle crash data. Mr. Moriarty noted that he had provided some of that crash data to NCNMEDD staff previously. Mr. Sittig presented an extract from the eSTIP that are marked as safety projects, and offered to share the data after the meeting, along with the HSIP Guidance letter. Ms. Sedillo noted that the eSTIP doesn't show all safety projects if you display HSIP projects only. Mr. Moriarty noted that these are projects labeled as safety projects in the eSTIP, and HSIP is a portion of their funding, as different funding sources are often used.

VIII. Discussion Item: State Transportation Commission – Transportation Project Fund

Chairwoman Ladd, Ohkay Owingeh, noted that Senate Bills 20 (*Transportation Project Fund*) and 121 (*State Transportation Bonds for Projects*) were already chartered. Lesah Sedillo, NCNMEDD, presented the State Transportation Commission (STC) Commission Book excerpt, NMDOT's Final Rulemaking Report on the Transportation Project Fund. Ms. Sedillo noted that they would be published in the State Register on April 20, 2021, and would become effective on that date of publication. She said she expects to hear more from NMDOT on the call for projects. She noted that HB 207 clearly identified project fund with new name, more clearly stated in the bill that Tribal governments were participants, and expanded the funding eligibility to include active transportation projects, as well as environmental review, planning, and design. Paul Sittig, NCNMEDD, noted that projects do not need to be shovel-ready. He went on to note that the costs of developing applications cannot be reimbursed. Ms. Sedillo noted that NMDOT Districts may not provide support, but this is something that she will seek to confirm. Mr. Sittig noted that under the Call for Projects, there are two phases, the first being the PPF and the second to provide additional information. Per the Applications Procedures, Review and Evaluations Process, NPRTPO will be involved in rating and ranking projects, which the RTPO then sends to the district engineer.

Ms. Sedillo noted that the timeframes are very tight, and we might need to call a special meeting to meet these deadlines. She noted that the Cabinet Secretary needs to present a rated and ranked project list to the State Transportation Commission by August 1st, following RTPOs and MPOs rating projects, no later than 30 days prior to the start of the fiscal year, which is July 1st. Ms. Sedillo noted that there will be a call for projects soon after April 20, after which the District will have to review the PFFs, before the RTPO rates and ranks projects. She commended the RTPO members and thanked the District for their work so far. Chairwoman Ladd noted that once the deadlines are set, she will work with the Vice Chairwoman, Ms. Sedillo and Mr. Sittig to set a special meeting date, and then inform the members of this new information and meeting date. Chairman Ladd suggested that members start their applications and narratives now.

Vernon Lujan, Pueblo of Taos, joined the discussion, and noted that Congresswoman Teresa Ledger Fernández will be issuing a federal call for projects for transportation and other infrastructure, with a focus on projects that are on the STIP. He noted that Taos Pueblo has five projects that are not on the STIP and asked what the RTPO should do. Chairwoman Ladd noted that tribal and local agencies can work with District 5 to include in the STIP. She also noted that she talked to Representative Ledger Fernández's office, who said that as long as an entity can show that they're working with the District to get on the STIP, that is sufficient for this purpose. Chairwoman Ladd noted the deadline for submittals were extended to April 14, 2021, at 6:00pm MST. Ms. Sedillo said that District 5 could provide a letter of support, but projects need to be eligible for federal funds. Keith Wilson, Los Alamos County, noted that the STIP projects are already funded, which means projects wouldn't typically be in search of funding. Ms. Sedillo noted that the RTIPR is generally the route to get an RTPO project on the STIP, but one intent of this call for projects is to identify subsequent phases of projects that are in the STIP, which could

rank such a project higher. James Mexia, NMDOT District 5, shared the uncertainty on need for inclusion in the STIP, and noted that being eligible for federal aid funds would be key. He asked NMDOT upper management, and noted that to be included in the STIP, it needs to be included in formal amendment. Mr. Lujan noted the problem that Taos Pueblo has, which other Pueblos may face, is that these projects are funded through Tribal Transportation Program, which are in their Tribal Transportation Improvement Plans, which aren't recognized by the state. Chairwoman Ladd suggests to reach out to Jolena Palau (FHWA Tribal Coordinator), and notes that Ohkay Owingeh's TTIP projects are in the STIP. Chairwoman Ladd said she would follow up with Mr. Lujan after the meeting to help him review the STIP.

Tony Mortillaro, NCRTD, asked if the letter of support from NMDOT would indicate that the project is eligible for federal funding. Ms. Sedillo noted that previous earmark projects required similar letters of support from NMDOT Districts, indicating that the projects were eligible for federal aid funding, and she expected this call for nominations was similar. Mr. Mortillaro asked if NCRTD could get similar support for bus infrastructure or updating transit facilities. Chairwoman Ladd noted that Ohkay Owingeh projects are in the STIP, due to a similar federal transit funding opportunity, which required that projects were federal aid-eligible or on the STIP. Chairwoman Ladd said she worked with Deborah Bach in NMDOT Transit and Rail, who helped get the STIP documentation quickly. James Mexia stated that he received confirmation that NMDOT can issue a letter of support for NCRTD.

Mr. Wilson, noting that Los Alamos already has submitted PPFs for the Transportation Project Fund, asked if the next step would be to look to NMDOT for additional criteria or guidance could come. Ms. Sedillo confirmed that final guidance would come after the April 20 State Register publish date. She returned to the NMDOT document, noting the application requirements, and stated that she and Mr. Sittig would work with Mr. Mexia to coordinate on application details, likely producing a checklist, and work with the Chairwoman and Vice Chairwoman to schedule a special meeting to meet the very tight deadlines. Chairwoman Ladd asked for Ms. Sedillo and Mr. Sittig to see if they could utilize TTP funds for matching funds. Patrick Nicholson, Village of Taos Ski Valley, noted that he had prepared a PFF for the last cycle, and asked if a new form would be used. Ms. Sedillo noted that the PFF will likely stay the same or the older version could be used, but the Project Prospectus Form (PPF) may change, so hold off filing out that just yet. Ms. Sedillo noted that match waiver will be re-reviewed this year, too, which could allow projects to be 100% funded, if the submitting agency was deemed eligible. Joe Moriarty, NMDOT Planning Liaison, commented to Ms. Sedillo and Mr. Sittig to note that at the upcoming RTP Roundtable, a Project Oversight Division staff member will present on this funding. Brent Jaramillo, Taos County, noted that Taos County's PPFs will need to be updated, as they were completed a few years ago, and things had changed and evolved since they were submitted to the District. Ms. Sedillo noted some entities are expecting changes, either finding alternative funding and will pull their applications, or finding that the bids come in significantly higher than first anticipated. She noted that Mr. Mexia would like to receive those changes as soon as possible. Mr. Wilson noted that Los

Alamos County submitted a PFF for Canyon Road in March, and he will follow up with Mr. Mexia on the status of that project. Ms. Sedillo highlighted the project evaluation section, including determining “the ability of an eligible entity to properly administer a project,” on page 111 of the NMSTC March 2021 Commission Book. Mr. Sittig noted federal funds cannot be used as match for these state funds.

IX. Discussion Item: Discussion Item: Legislative Updates (Lesah Sedillo, NCNMEDD Community Development Director)

Lesah Sedillo, NCNMEDD, provided additional information on legislative updates via email during the meeting, which Paul Sittig, NCNMEDD, presented. Ms. Sedillo noted that these are only the bills signed to date, and there are additional bills in the Governor Lujan Grisham’s queue for review, and Ms. Sedillo noted that the Governor stated she would prioritize bills from the regular session before reviewing and signing bills from the special session.

Ms. Sedillo noted that there were approximately 800 bills filed, and 158 passed the House and Senate, which the Governor may still line-item veto. Ms. Sedillo noted that HB 2 (*General Appropriation Act of 2021*) has not yet been signed, and that \$121 million has been designated under the Transportation Project Fund between the fiscal years 2021 and 2025.

Ms. Sedillo noted that HB 10, a bill to create a Broadband Development Division, passed the legislative session but has not been signed yet. Ms. Sedillo noted that this division could help streamline the efforts currently split between different groups.

She also noted that HB 55 (*Publication of Capital Outlay Allocations*) had not previously made it through committees, but now passed both House and Senate, though it has not been signed yet. Ms. Sedillo noted that HB 92 (*Safe Drinking Water Testing Fund*), would have increased funding, but this was the only bill vetoed in this session, to date.

Ms. Sedillo noted that HB 285 (*Capital Outlay Projects*) passed through the session, but Governors often line-item veto, and is often the very last bill the Governor signs. She also noted HB 296, Capital Outlay Reauthorization, passed but has not yet been signed.

Ms. Sedillo noted that SB 20, Transportation Project Fund, was signed. She provided a brief history on the Transportation Project Fund, noting that in 2019 this was included in the Local Government Road Fund, which is managed through the NMDOT District offices, but has very different match requirements and rules. Ms. Sedillo went on to note that this year, there was a change in the distribution of the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, clarifying that dedicated funding source of about \$40 million per year of recurring funds.

Ms. Sedillo summarized SB 8 (*Local Gov't Air Quality Regulations*), noting that pending signature, this bill provides an option for local governments to adopt certain environmental regulations that are more stringent than federal regulations, noting that certain data will be required to move to those more stringent requirements.

Ms. Sedillo confirmed that she would continue to track the progress of the Governor’s signatures, which will formally end on Friday, April 9, 2021, but noted it will take some time before those are chaptered and recorded. Ms. Sedillo noted that Special Session

bills will be signed later, and will continue to keep the NPRTPO members informed of updates.

X. Action/Approval NPRTPO RTIPR and State List/ ZIPPER

Ms. Sedillo notes that the State Project List, RTIPR, and ZIPPER Excel file was distributed to the members. She highlighted the two new projects on the State Project List that were submitted after the NPRTPO project rating and ranking, which the District will review. She thanked the members for their continued work and support of preparing and providing federal aid eligible projects, with the goal of getting projects included in the STIP. Ms. Sedillo transitioned to discuss the ZIPPER list, and note that Richard Hubler, City of Española, discussed the Lower San Pedro/ Hamm Parkway project with Paul Brasher, NMDOT District 5 Engineer. Ms. Sedillo noted that the ZIPPER includes the four safety projects from NPRTPO, four additional safety projects from Northwest RTPO, but no projects from Mid Region RTPO, who were not prepared to add projects at that time. Ms. Sedillo highlighted the RTP project that Ohkay Owingeh provided and referenced the TAP/ RTP/ CMAQ presentation from Sky Tallman, NMDOT Planning, at the March 3, 2021 NPRTPO meeting. Ms. Sedillo also noted that there is currently no additional funding available, but this list helps to prepare for additional funding opportunities.

Anthony Mortillaro, NCRTD, made the motion to approve and post the NPRTPO ZIPPER. Brett Clavio, Santa Fe County, seconded the motion. The motion carried and all members voted in favor by roll call vote conducted by Paul Sittig, with Renee Martinez, Village of Questa, joining the vote. Ms. Sedillo noted that Cathy Martinez, Rio Arriba County, was in attendance but having difficulty with her audio.


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XI. NMDOT Updates

- a) District 5: James Mexia stated he had no additional updates.
- b) Planning: Joseph Moriarty provided an update on the road signage for Senator Carlos Cisneros on 522, noting that District 5 was aware of the signage and are working on it. Mr. Moriarty noted he thought that the Transportation Commission needed to act on a resolution, in addition to a ceremony and ribbon cutting, but those events have been delayed due to the COVID-19 health emergency. Mr. Moriarty noted that NMDOT is preparing a consolidated call for projects for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), Recreational Trails Program (RTP), and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) and will issue new guidance and timelines. Vice Chairwoman O’Donnell, Taos County, asked for clarification on the date of funding, which Mr. Moriarty confirmed will be available in FFY 2022, with the call starting in May 2021. Lesah Sedillo, NCNMEDD, referenced the minutes from the prior meeting, and Paul Sittig, NCNMEDD, pulled up the meeting minutes from the March 3, 2021 meeting, specifically this slide:

TAP, RTP, CMAQ Call Timeline*



Call for Projects Timeline		
2021	May- October	Open Call for Projects
	Now- July	Project Feasibility Meetings with RTPO/MPO
	July 12	Submit ADA transition plans/Title VI reports to CCRB
	October (internally set deadline)	Applications Due to MPOs/RTPOs
	October	MPO/RTPOs screen applications
	October 29	TAP, RTP and CMAQ Application Due to NMDOT from MPO/RTPOs
	Nov-Dec	NMDOT Review of Applications
	Dec-Jan	Scoring Committee Meetings
2022	Feb - March	Awards Announced

*Schedule will be finalized and announced when call opens in May 2021

Vice Chairwoman O’Donnell asked about the status of the State Road 68 construction delay. Mr. Mexia said he will provide additional information later directly to Vice Chairwoman O’Donnell via email. Vice Chairwoman O’Donnell also asked if NCNMEDD staff had confirmed whether they could include a letter of thanks to Steve Fisher in the Northern Pueblos Regional Transportation Plan. Ms. Sedillo noted that she was working with Mr. Sittig to include this and would run the revisions by Chairwoman Ladd and Vice Chairwoman O’Donnell, before presenting to the NPRTPO members.

- c) NMDOT Tribal Liaison: Chairwoman Ladd, Ohkay Owingeh, noted that Ron Shutiva, NMDOT, was not able to attend today’s meeting, and she noted that he did not provide her an update.

- d) LTAP Board: Chairwoman Ladd said that there were no updates, and asked members to continue to look at the UNM LTAP website for training opportunities.

XII. Member Input on Training and Presentations for NPRTPO

Vice Chairwoman O'Donnell, Taos County, asked about training for CDL drivers and would like more information on how drivers can get their CDL license. This seems to be a gap in Taos County, as UNM training is expensive, and Los Alamos County has some special dispensation for training support. Vice Chairwoman O'Donnell asks to send a letter to the governor to piggyback on Los Alamos' training. Brent Jaramillo, Taos County, noted the gap may be one of having someone able to test the drivers. He noted that a Taos County employee had to wait nine months to get training and was looking to have to drive to Roswell to take the test. Vice Chairwoman O'Donnell asked to receive an update from Los Alamos on their training program. Keith Wilson, Los Alamos County, noted that he'll reach out to their transit division and mentioned that there was internally certified training, and get that information to Ms. Sedillo and Mr. Sittig to share that information with the NPRTPO membership. Chairwoman Ladd asked that NCRTD to be included in this coordinated effort.

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

Paul Sittig, NCNMEDD, noted that he would work with Ms. Sedillo to include the letter of thanks to Steve Fisher in the Northern Pueblos RTP, as well as incorporate new data from Joe Moriarty, NMDOT. Mr. Sittig stated he would circulate the new draft in advance of the next NPRTPO meeting. Mr. Sittig noted that there are a few upcoming trainings, including that NCNMEDD is working with NADO on the *New Mexico Mobility, Economic Resilience & Substance Abuse Disorder Workshop Series*, a pair of workshops to discuss resources and opportunities to support recovery, work, housing, and regional resilience, on April 20 and May 6. The first session will have three breakout groups, focused on vehicle transportation, active transportation, and technology solutions. Registrations are open. Mr. Sittig noted that NADO's upcoming annual transportation conference, previously scheduled for July 20-22 in Kansas City, Missouri, and no new date has been set. Mr. Sittig noted that Senator Ben Ray Luján hosted an *American Rescue Plan* discussion with Federal, State, and Local Government Leaders yesterday, April 6. Senator Luján has COVID-19 related resources on [a dedicated COVID-19 webpage](#). Mr. Sittig noted that Senator Martin Heinrich is also hosting a special presentation on the *American Rescue Plan* by officials from the office of Senator Martin Heinrich, to be hosted by NCNMEDD. Mr. Sittig also noted that USDA has a listening session on April 22 regarding their Request for input in creation of *Rural Renewable Energy Pilot Program*.

Mr. Sittig noted that USDA is also inviting applications for the *Rural Business Development Grant Program* to provide technical assistance for rural transportation systems. The deadline to apply is June 30. And finally, Mr. Sittig noted that the National Center for

Rural Road Safety (NCRRS) is hosting an Every Day Counts (EDC) training, specifically in the Focus on Reducing Rural Roadway Departures (FoRRRwD): *You Have Crash Data, Now What?* In coordination with the National LTAP Association (NLTAPA), the webinar will focus on systemic approaches. Pre-registration is required, and the webinar is on April 8. Chairwoman Ladd asked Mr. Sittig to email funding opportunities to everyone on the NPRTPO mailing list, and Mr. Sittig confirmed that he would.

Ms. Sedillo said she would appreciate member support of the *New Mexico Mobility, Economic Resilience & Substance Abuse Disorder Workshop Series*. She noted that Chairwoman Ladd is also a panelist on this workshop. Ms. Sedillo noted that ICIP is on the horizon, NCNMEDD staff are already coordinating with the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA), and ICIP training will be sometime in July to August, with deadlines in September. Ms. Sedillo reminded members to keep monitoring and updating project status in the Capital Project Monitoring System (CPMS), and she noted that DFA will be implementing a new system, and new trainings will be provided in that same timeframe.

XIV. Adjourn.

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 Anthony Mortillaro, NCRTD. The motion carried and all members voted in favor.

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The meeting was adjourned at 11:54 AM.