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**SOUTHWEST and SOUTHCENTRAL  
REGIONAL PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS  
COMBINED JOINT POLICY  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Village of Hatch Community Center**

**1120 Central Ave.**

**Hatch, NM 87937**

**Monday, March 26, 2012 – 10:30 a.m.**

**Meeting Minutes**

**PRESENT:**

Debbie Hudson	NMDOT
Jolene Herrera	NMDOT
Harold Love	NMDOT
Gene Paulk	NMDOT
Frank Guzman	NMDOT
Peter Pena	Town of Silver City
Aaron Sera	City of Deming
Kristy Ortiz	City of Bayard
Freddie Rodriguez	Town of Hurley
Mayor Encinas	Town of Hurley
Tommy Torres	Village of Magdalena
W.J. Loomis	Sierra County
Gordy Hicks	City of Socorro
Tony MacRobert	SCNMCOG
Laney Williams	SCNMCOG
Traci Burnsed	SWNMCOG
Priscilla Lucero	SWNMCOG
Lisa Kirker	Engineer's Inc.
Jack Valencia	SCRTD
Jorge Corrales	Ben Archer Transportation
Chris Hill	BLM Socorro Field Office
Mike Hill	BLM Socorro Field Office
Jeff Fassett	BLM Socorro Field Office

1) Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Gordy Hicks led the pledge of allegiance.

2) Call to Order

Chairman Hicks called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

3) Introductions

All in attendance introduced themselves.

4) Approval of Agenda

Mayor Encinas made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Torres seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

5) Approval of Minutes

Jeff Fassett made a motion to approve the minutes from March 15, 2011. Mayor Encinas seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

6) Old Business:

None to report

7) New Businessa) Approval of CRTIPR (Action Item)

Tony MacRobert overviewed the CRTIPR matrix and the various categorized projects within the document.

- Roadway Project Recommendations were reviewed by all present. Mr. Encinas made a motion to approve the Roadway Project Recommendations as presented. Ms. Cortez seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.
- Enhancement Project Recommendations were reviewed by all present. Ms. Cortez made a motion to approve the Enhancement Project Recommendations as presented. Mr. Encinas seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.
- Planning Recommendations were reviewed by all present. Ms. Cortez moved to approve the Planning Recommendation as presented. Mr. Encinas seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.
- Safe Routes to School Project Recommendations were reviewed by all present. Mr. Encinas moved to approve the Safe Routes to School Project Recommendations as presented. Ms. Cortez seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

- Highway Safety Improvement Program Project Recommendations were reviewed by all present. Mr. Encinas moved to approve the Highway Safety Improvement Program Project Recommendations as presented. Ms. Cortez seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

b) RTD Updates

- South Central RTD – Jack Valencia  
Mr. Valencia detailed his involvement with the South Central Regional Transit District and gave an update on recent activities. Collaboration and joint transportation efforts with the South West area were discussed.
- Southwest RTD – Traci Burnsed  
Ms. Burnsed spoke on behalf of the SWRTD and discussed a few recent activities that have taken place and the need for CDL training in that area.

c) RPO Updates

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- Southwest RTD – Traci Burnsed  
Ms. Burnsed spoke on behalf of the SWRTD and discussed a few recent activities that have taken place and the need for CDL training in that area.

d) Member Updates:

No members present for updates.

e) NMDOT Updates:

Mr. Paulk discussed funding and thanked everyone for their participation. Upcoming meeting and conference dates were presented. Ms. Herrera presented a handout titled “How Funding Flows” for member and guest reference.


8) Public/Member Input

There was no public input or member input.

9) Next Regular Meeting – The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the Deming Conference Center.

10) Adjournment

Mayor Encinas moved to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Kristy Ortiz. All approved, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35am.

  
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Gordy Hicks, Chairperson

4-10-13

**SOUTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Town of Silver City Annex Building**

**Upstairs Conference Room**

**1203 N Hudson**

**Silver City, NM 88061**

**Tuesday, May 21, 2013 – 10 a.m.**

**Meeting Minutes**

**PRESENT:**

Debbie Hudson	NMDOT
Jolene Herrera	NMDOT
Harold Love	NMDOT
Aaron Chavarria	NMDOT
Gary Cook	Cobre Consolidated Schools
Aaron Sera	City of Deming
Kristy Ortiz	City of Bayard
Freddie Rodriguez	Town of Hurley
Mayor Encinas	Town of Hurley
Marty Miller	Luna County
Jessica Etcheverry	Luna County
Ruben Medina	SWNMCOG
Emily Gojkovich	SWNMCOG
Priscilla Lucero	SWNMCOG
George Esqueda	Engineer's Inc.
Tracy McConnell	vRide
Annabel Grajeda	vRide
Crissy Ditmore	vRide

- 1) Pledge of Allegiance  
Aaron Sera led the pledge of allegiance. (Peter Pena chairman not present)
- 2) Call to Order  
Aaron Sera called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.
- 3) Introductions  
All in attendance introduced themselves.

4) Approval of Agenda

Mayor Encinas made a motion to approve the agenda. Kristy Ortiz seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

5) Approval of Minutes

Mayor Encinas made a motion to approve the minutes from February 26, 2013. Kristy Ortiz seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

6) New Business

a) vRide Presentation

Crissy Ditmore and Tracy McConnell presented a presentation to the TAC about carpool and vanpool services they offer to local entities and private businesses.

b) New Transportation Alternative Project Process

Jolene Herrera presented to the TAC an overview for the New Transportation Alternative Project program that was recently approved by FHWA.

7) Old Business

a) Identify rural freight corridors

Ruben confirmed with the TAC members on the identification of rural freight corridors in their respective areas. The following were listed as possible rural freight corridors in the tri-county area: NM9, NM11, NM26, US70, NM81, NM90, NM113, NM152, US180, NM338, NM356 and NM418. It was recommended that traffic counts be done on all of these proposed freight corridors by the SWRPO transportation planner. These roads will be forwarded to NMDOT for recommendation to classify these roads as freight corridors.

b) Identify possible roads for reclassification

The TAC members were asked to identify possible roads for reclassification in their respective areas. The following roads were listed as possible roads for reclassification:

Deming	Bayard	Silver City	Hurley	Luna Co	Santa Clara
Florida St.	Vandium	Little Walnut	Diaz	Tapia	Bayard St
Dona Ana	Poplar	North Swan St.	Carrasco	McAnt	
NM11	Yucca	Cottage San Road	Cortez	Rockhound	
	Lusk or Bard			J Street	
	Rosemary & US180 Traffic Study	Jim was to talk to Peter about more roads for Silver			
	East Street				
	Franey Street				

These roads will be forwarded to NMDOT for functional reclassification consideration.

8) Reports

a) NMDOT

Debbie Hudson advised all on the executive order from Governor Martinez stating that all entities who receive state funding or who are applying for state funding, must have all of their audits complete and have their quarterly financials up to date and any findings on the present audits/financials must be taken care of by the funding agency before future monies will be released.

b) Local Governments

No local governments had a report.

c) RPO Planner

Ruben Medina gave his report for the past month and half highlighting trainings and conferences that he attended. He also informed the TAC of his resignation as the transportation planner for the SWRPO/SWNMCOG effective June 14<sup>th</sup> 2013. He will be greatly missed by all who had the opportunity to work with him or had time to speak with him.

d) SWRTD

There was no report given for SWRTD.

9) Public Input

Mayor Encinas mentioned that the chip sealing that was conducted on US Hwy 180 between the Town of Bayard and the Town of Hurley was of poor nature. NMDOT representatives Aaron Chavarria and Harold Love with the assistance of Marty Miller, Luna Co., explained to Mayor Encinas the nature of cold chip sealing and the benefits that are attributed to that specific type of maintenance.

10) Next Regular Meeting – The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 16, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., Town of Hurley City Hall, Conference Room, 101 Cortez Ave, Hurley, NM 88043.

11) Adjournment

Kristy Ortiz moved to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Mayor Encinas. All approved, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm.



Peter Pena, Chairperson



Priscilla C. Lucero, Secretary

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Hurley Town Hall  
101 Cortez Ave.  
Hurley, NM 88043  
August 13, 2013

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Kristy Ortiz	City of Bayard
Aaron Sera	City of Deming
Harold Love	NMDOT
Peter Pena	Town of Silver City
Richard Bauch	Village Santa Clara
Jolene Herrera	NMDOT
Debbie Hudson	NMDOT
George Esqueda	Engineers Inc.
Jessica Etcheverry	Luna County
Jim Massengill	Engineers Inc.
Greg Byres	Engineers Inc
April Lee	SWNMCOG
Priscilla C. Lucero	SWNMCOG
Jim Coates	Town of Silver City
Edward Encinas	Town of Hurley
Belinda Chavez	City of Lordsburg
Eddie Esquivel	City of Lordsburg
Pam Eley	SWNMCOG

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Call to Order – Chairman Peter Pena called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.
3. Introductions – All in attendance introduced themselves.
4. Approval/Amendments of Agenda – Mayor Encinas moved to approve the agenda. Kristy Ortiz seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
5. Approval of Minutes from May 21, 2013 – Kristy Ortiz moved to postpone the approval of May 21, 2013 minutes because they were not available at time of motion. Mayor Encinas seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. The minutes became available later in the meeting. Kristy Ortiz moved to rescind the original motion. Mayor Encinas seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. The minutes were reviewed. Kristy Ortiz moved to approve the May 21<sup>st</sup> minutes. Aaron Sera seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
6. New business
  - a) Transportation Alternative Project (TAP) Ranking & Rating FY2014 & FY2015  
There was discussion and guidance by Jolene Herrera from NMDOT concerning the ranking and rating process.



SOUTHWEST REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Hurley Town Hall  
101 Cortez Ave.  
Hurley, NM 88043  
October 8, 2013

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Kristy Ortiz	City of Bayard
Aaron Sera	City of Deming
Peter Pena	Town of Silver City
Debbie Hudson	NMDOT-D1
Jessica Etcheverry	Luna County
April Lee	SWNMCOG
Priscilla C. Lucero	SWNMCOG
Edward Encinas	Town of Hurley
Eddie Esquivel	City of Lordsburg
Pam Eley	SWNMCOG
Anthony Gutierrez	Grant County
Amy Donaker	Corre Caminos/ SWRTD
Archie Payne	Village of Virden
Aaron Chavarria	NMDOT-D1
Marsha Eppler	NMDOT Transit & Rail Division

1. Call to Order – Chairman Peter Pena called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Introductions – All in attendance introduced themselves. Priscilla Lucero thanked Amy Donaker for her presence, with respect to the fact that SWRTD did not provide a representative speaker at the previous year’s Transit Application Prioritization Meeting. This negatively impacted SW RTDs ranking on their Transit Application.
4. Approval/Amendments of Agenda – Kristy Ortiz moved to approve the agenda. Aaron Sera seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
5. Approval of Minutes from August 13, 2013 – Mayor Encinas moved to approve the August 13, 2013 Minutes. Aaron Sera seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
6. New Business
  - a) Transit Application Prioritization presentation by a Regional Transportation District Representative.

Amy Donaker spoke on behalf of Corre Caminos and the SW RTD to field questions from Committee members and guests gathered. Discussion ensued, including a dialogue between Amy and Aaron Sera, in which Aaron inquired about any Audit findings in the most recently conducted audit. Amy responded that there were no findings to speak of. Aaron inquired as to how awarded funding is apportioned, and Amy responded that Administrative costs are allocated in an 80/20 ratio, and Operating costs are allocated in a 50/50 ratio.

Amy discussed the fact that new Federal law mandates that charters are no realistically feasible. Priscilla Lucero posed the question of whether or not said change would affect the future transport of government officials. Amy responded that government officials are the only individuals allowed under the updated law to charter Corre Caminos' buses. Priscilla further inquired as to whether Corre Caminos had seen an increase in ridership from previous years. She responded that each year ridership has increased, even as routes are being shortened.

7. Old Business – none

8. Reports

- a) NMDOT – Debbie Hudson gave general information concerning state funding, the executive order and capital outlay. Harold Love reported that the TAP applications needed support letters. Jolene commended Priscilla and April for their assistance with the ranking and rating process.
- b) Member updates on Transportation by jurisdiction – none
- c) Regional Planning Organization (RTPO) Planner – April reported on the WSB program, Corre Caminos and CDL training Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> through Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, federal land access call for projects Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> and Infrastructure Conference in Oct. Priscilla discussed the RTPO structure and contract, stating the Councils of Governments will not be receiving more funds annually.

9. Public Input – none

10. Adjournment – Mayor Encinas made a motion to adjourn at 10:44 A.M. Kristy Ortiz seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

  
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Peter Pena, Chairman

  
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April S. Lee, Secretary