

Northern Pueblos Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NPRTPO)

Resolution No. 2022-01

A Resolution Supporting
New Mexico Department of Transportation's
Continued Efforts to Improve Safety on the
Rio Grande Gorge Bridge

by the
Northern Pueblos Regional Transportation Planning Organization

- Whereas, NPRTPO recognizes the local and regional value and attraction of the Rio Grande Gorge Bridge; and
- Whereas, NPRTPO shares the local and regional concern that the Rio Grande Gorge Bridge is a public nuisance due to the number of suicides and suicide attempts; and
- Whereas, NPRTPO appreciates the research and studies into suicide deterrence on and around the Rio Grande Gorge Bridge performed by the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT); and
- Whereas, NPRTPO supports the local and regional request for additional measures to be taken to actively improve safety with additional suicide deterrence on the Rio Grande Gorge Bridge; and
- Whereas, NPRTPO includes tribal and local public agencies who are willing and able to partner with NMDOT in identifying and implementing additional safety features on the Rio Grande Gorge Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by NPRTPO, who will deliver this resolution to New Mexico State Transportation Commission, NMDOT Cabinet Secretary Sandoval, NMDOT District 5 Engineer Brasher, Governor Lujan Grisham electronically and via mail to state that:

NMDOT is strongly encouraged to immediately identify and implement additional safety features to deter people in crisis from jumping off the Rio Grande Gorge Bridge.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Northern Pueblos Regional Transportation Organization this 2nd day of March, 2022.

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