

SWRTPO

**SOUTHWEST NEW MEXICO REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING  
ORGANIZATION  
TECHINCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Minutes**

**Silver City Town Annex  
1203 N. Hudson St.  
Silver City, NM 88061  
July 7, 2015  
10:00 a.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Peter Pena, Town of Silver City  
Jim Massengill, City of Deming  
Erica Carlos, City of Deming  
Edward Encinas, Town of Hurley  
John Hill, City of Lordsburg  
Richard Bauch, Village of Santa Clara  
Bob Hill, Hidalgo County  
Jolene Herrera, NMDOT District 1  
Aaron Chavarria, NMDOT District 1  
Harold Love, NMDOT District 1  
K'Dawn Jackson, HMS  
Lucy Whitmarsh, Silver City Mainstreet  
Diego Villalba, NMSLO  
Nancy Cliff, Silver City Resident  
Priscilla Lucero, SWNMCOG  
Cerisse Grijalva, SWNMCOG

1. Call to Order:

Peter Pena called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Introductions:

All in attendance introduced themselves.

4. Approval/Amendments of Agenda:

Mayor Encinas moved to approve the agenda. Jim seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

5. Approval of minutes from May 19, 2015 meeting:

Jim moved to approve the May 19, 2015 meeting minutes. Mayor Encinas seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

6. Old Business:

a. Regional Transportation Plan-Cerisse said the main focus of this meeting is to review the Southwest Regional Transportation Plan. Today is the beginning of the thirty day public comment period. She is looking to finalize this plan at the August 20<sup>th</sup> COG Board meeting. Comments about the plan are listed below.

- Pg. 4 Region Overview  
Bob Hill and John Hill mentioned a new high school is to be built in Lordsburg and wants to include this. Also want to mention with the POEs there will be an encouragement of tourism.  
Bob Hill and Priscilla mentioned Antelope Wells POE is a more modernized crossing. They have tourism buses that come in and out of the port. There has been 16 million dollars of improvements done here for commercial use.  
Jim mentioned with the Columbus/Palomás POE, there will be increased traffic through the City of Deming so they are looking to potentially build an alternative route thru Deming.
- Pg. 6 Industries and Economy  
Nancy Cliff suggested on the last sentence it should say, "There are many outdoor, recreational..."
- Pg. 7 Grant County  
Mayor Bauch wanted to change the kneeling nun picture to a map like the rest.
- Pg. 9 Catron County  
Priscilla wanted to add NM-12 here.
- Pg. 12 Key Challenges & Opportunities  
Priscilla mentioned putting Antelope Wells under opportunities.  
Jim and Jolene suggested adding wording to the rail lines along I-10. Add there is access to rail lines.
- Pg. 15 Transportation Overview  
Nancy Cliff stated the map on this page does not show the continental divide trail, advised her I would mention it to Lesley.  
Lordsburg Airstrip should be Lordsburg Municipal Airport. It is the first built in New Mexico.
- Pg. 28 Goal 2  
Priscilla said to include NM-12 in the key priorities under this goal.
- Pg. 30 Goal 3  
Bob Hill said to add Lordsburg under key priorities local congestion.  
Priscilla said to add under action items to monitor that awarded funds are retained and to add develop a street and drainage master plan.
- Pg. 31 Goal 4  
Priscilla said to add under key priorities the need for collaboration among transportation providers for example JPO, healthcare facilities, senior services, etc.
- Pg. 33 Goal 5  
Priscilla said to add under key priorities support mainstreets and frontier communities.  
Jolene said under this goal, there needs to be more on tourism. Priscilla added to include the national and state parks and events.

- Pg. 35 Summary of Action Items  
Under Goal 1 #1. Priscilla suggested adding NMDOT, RTDs, Forest Service, program providers, and public schools under owner.  
Goal 2 #5. Priscilla suggested adding all public entities under owner.  
Mayor Encinas mentioned heavy trucks carrying dangerous acids through Town of Hurley as well as in Lordsburg. This issue will be addressed under goal #2 summary. It is a regional issue.

7. Reports:

- a. Jolene stated the STIP amendment 9 will be out soon. Advised municipalities to look over the draft.
- b. Jim spoke of recent projects in the City of Deming describing there is a lot of mulch. He wants to have more discussions about these projects with NMDOT at a later day.
- c. Bob Hill wanted an update on I-10. Jolene advised him resurfacing on I-10 will take place in April of 2016.
- d. Cerisse reminded the committee about the 2 CFR 200 training on July 15<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to noon at the Dona Ana Government Building.

Public Input:

Nancy Cliff suggested the RTPO put a press release about the RTPO meetings after they happen. Priscilla advised her we would add Mary Ellis to the list of contacts.

Next RTPO Meeting:

Next RTPO meeting will be held September 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Location to be determined.

Adjourn:

Jim made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Encinas seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

ATTEST:

  
 Cerisse Grijalva, Secretary

  
 Peter Pena, Chairman

