

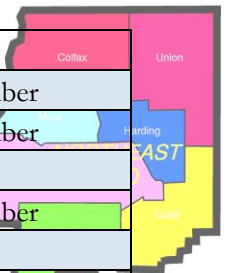
Meeting Minutes  
 Northeast Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NERTPO)  
 Angel Fire Community Center  
 71 Valley Rd  
 Angel Fire, NM 87710  
 April 23, 2025  
 10:00 a.m.



**Meeting Attendees**

Present / Absent	Name	Entity	Voting / Alternate
Present	Danny Gurule	City of Las Vegas	Voting Member
Present	Arnold Lopez	City of Las Vegas	Alternate
Present	Jason Phillips	City of Raton	Alternate
Present	Heather Dostie	City of Santa Rosa	Alternate
Present	Rebecca Benavidez	Guadalupe County	Voting Member
Present	Victoria Villareal	Harding County	Voting Member
Present	Daniela Hammer	Harding County	Alternate
Present	John N. Romero	Mora County	Voting Member
Present	Stephen Salas	Quay County	Voting Member
Present	Jennifer Portillos	Town of Springer	Voting Member
Present	Clay Kiesling	Union County	Voting Member
Present	Julie Kulhan	Village of Angel Fire	Alternate
Present	Shawn Jeffrey - Chairwoman	Village of Cimarron	Voting Member
Present	Kaycee Sandoval	Village of Eagle Nest	Alternate
Present	Shawn Jeffrey	Village of Maxwell	Alternate
Present	Dallas Baker	Village of Mosquero	Voting Member
Present	Danny Laumbach	Village of Roy	Voting Member
Present	Cynthia Lee	Village of San Jon	Voting Member
Present	Scott Berry	City of Raton	Voting Member
Present	Vicki Strand	City of Tucumcari	Voting Member
Present	Monica Mondragon	Mora County	Alternate
Present	Martin Aguilar	San Miguel County	Alternate
Present	Brandy Thompson	Union County	Alternate
Present	Rodney Paris	Village of Logan	Voting Member
Absent	Ralph Lopez	City of Tucumcari	Alternate
Absent	Glen Stevens	Colfax County	Alternate
Absent	Rudy Tenorio	Guadalupe County	Alternate
Absent	Ferron Lucero - Vice-Chair	Town of Clayton	Voting Member
Absent	Ernest Sanchez	Town of Clayton	Alternate
Absent	Ken Flores	City of Santa Rosa	Voting Member
Absent	Bret E. Wier	Colfax County	Voting Member
Absent	Daniel Zamora	Quay County	Alternate
Absent	Benito Romero	San Miguel County	Voting Member
Absent	Vacant	Town of Springer	Alternate
Absent	Morris Madrid	Village of Angel Fire	Voting Member
Absent	Renee Ledoux	Village of Cimarron	Alternate
Absent	Jonathan Valdez	Village of Des Moines	Voting Member

Absent	Jordan Wingo	Village of Des Moines	Alternate
Absent	Jamie Archuleta	Village of Eagle Nest	Voting Member
Absent	Alice Adams	Village of Folsom	Voting Member
Absent	Amanda Boggs	Village of Folsom	Alternate
Absent	Mignon Saddoris	Village of Grenville	Voting Member
Absent	Lynn Wiseman	Village of Grenville	Alternate
Absent	Tomi Miller	Village of House	Voting Member
Absent	Steve Foust	Village of House	Alternate
Absent	Jai Courtney	Village of Logan	Alternate
Absent	Carala Taylor	Village of Maxwell	Voting Member
Absent	Barbara June Melton	Village of Mosquero	Alternate
Absent	Telesfor Benavidez	Village of Pecos	Voting Member
Absent	Vacant	Village of Pecos	Alternate
Absent	Clayton Moore	Village of Roy	Alternate
Absent	Wade Lane	Village of San Jon	Alternate
Absent	Andres Martinez	Village of Wagon Mound	Voting Member
Absent	Colleen Engelhardt	Village of Wagon Mound	Alternate



Julie Surina, EPCOG  
 Patrick Million, NCNMEDD  
 Vincent Soule, EPCOG  
 Felicity Fonseca, NCNMEDD  
 John Herrera, NMDOT  
 Monica Duran, NMDOT  
 Alison Gillette, NMDOT  
 Richard Runyon, DEC  
 Aidan Beining, NCNMEDD  
 Rachel Farnum Union County Road Dept.  
 Mishon Peay-Tucumcari  
 Angela Bordergary-NCNMEDD

**I. Call to Order**

The Meeting was called to order at 10:02 by Chairwoman Shawn Jeffrey

**II. Pledge of Allegiance/New Mexico State Flag**

The Pledge of Allegiance and the salute to the New Mexico State Flag was led by Chairwoman Shawn Jeffrey

**III. Welcome**

Julie Kulhan of Angel Fire welcomed the attendees. Individual introductions were conducted by all in attendance and online.

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda as presented: Chairwoman Shawn Jeffrey

1<sup>st</sup> Motion- Cynthia Lee

2<sup>nd</sup>- Julie Kulhan

There being no opposition, MOTION CARRIES

**V. Approval of Minutes** March 26 Meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes as presented: Chairwoman Shawn Jeffrey

1<sup>st</sup> Motion- Julie Kulhan

2<sup>nd</sup>- Stephen Salas

There being no opposition, MOTION CARRIES



**VI. Presentation:** NM Statewide Aesthetics Plan, Amy Bell

- Roadway Design will take surrounding landscapes into account
- Textures, patterns, colors and themes among other considerations will be a part of the plan.
- Broken down into State, Region, County & City/Local
- Final Outreach in the fall of 2026 with a final plan and presentation in the winter spring of 2027.

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NOTE: Presentation was shared with membership 4/24/25.

**Q:** Clay Keisling, Union County-People coming from Texas see a small New Mexico True sign entering town. Is it tourism or the gateway monument policy that could help expand this? And is there a cutoff on the survey? **A:** We are working with DOT and tried reaching out to tourism. Tourism should manage those gateways but DOT ROW could have a say as well. The survey will end in the next couple of weeks. **Q:** Jason Phillips, Raton, -Kudos to DOT on this project and glad it is your organization that is doing it. The branding strategy for Raton we are very happy with. **Q:** Dallas Baker, Mosquero: We have some murals along our main street. Is this an opportunity to get sealant in order to preserve them? Would graffiti removal be a part of this? **A:** The plan does not carry any funding with it. We are creating the rules for how projects will become eligible for funding. I will take the graffiti issue back to the team.

**VII. Presentation/Discussion:** NCNMEDD and EPCOG on CEDS Update

Felicity Fonseca, NCNMEDD, gave an overview of CEDS with support from Vincent Soule, EPCOG:

- CEDS provide a guide on investments in the region
- NCNMEDD is updating theirs this year with a goal of final product in August 2025
- EPCOG is to be updated year 2026
- CEDS identifies needs and challenges in regional and local economies.
- It is a guide for EDA. EDA will ask if the project is aligned with the regional CEDS.

Fonseca initiated a poll via paper forms and a QR code online.

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**Q** (from Felicity Fonseca, NCNMEDD) : What is going well in your community? **A:** Julie Kulhan, Angel Fire,: we are completing projects in a timely manner. Stephan Salas, Quay County: investment has helped everyone when projects can be done. **Q:** How have transportation investments affected economic development? **A:** Clay Keisling,: We've increased the main street to 4 lanes. In the summer a lot of Texans come through and spend a lot of money. John Romero, Mora County: improvements to 518 have helped people come through to stop and spend money. Million, NCNMEDD: is EV charging a way to keep people in town? Clay Keisling: we have been talking about that and a grocery store in town installed a Tesla charging station. People stop, spend some money in the store. **Q:** What are transportation

challenges in your community? **A:** Julie Kulhan, Angel Fire-Raising match fund requirements. Shawn Jeffrey-not getting enough money to complete a project, having to phase it for so long.



**VIII. Update from the NERTPO Planners/Program Managers:** Julie Surina mentioned EPCOG is currently considering a Safe Streets and Roads for All application. Patrick Million mentioned the New Mexico River Stewardship Program and the Jemez Pueblo Pedestrian Safety workshop.

**IX. Discussion NMDOT District IV Update-** Mr. Herrera: if you have received close out documents, please complete them so we can get them cleared out. We will be reaching out to counties for CR verification next month. We are finishing support letters for the TPF and will be writing comments on the PFFs. You have until 4/25 to send in a letter and a time extension for projects expiring in June.

**X. Discussion:** Project Status Update (local Government Members)-Julie Kulhan, Angel Fire: 2 projects about to close. Shawn Jeffrey, Maxwell, Springer, Cimarron: TPF is done, close out documents about to be sent.

**XI. New Business**

**A. General Comments and Announcements from NERTPO Members and Public:**

Alison Gillette: Match Fund has been replenished.

**B. Suggested agenda Items for upcoming meetings-**

**C. Meeting Locations:**

❖ **May 14- City of Las Vegas in person only**

❖ **June 25- Village of Cimarron**

**XII. Adjournment**

With there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Chairwoman Shawn Jeffrey at 11:35 A.M.

1<sup>st</sup> Motion- Stephen Salas, Quay County

2<sup>nd</sup>- Clay Keisling, Union County

**APPROVED BY:**

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NERTPO Committee Chair/Vice Chair

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Date

**ATTESTED BY:**

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NERTPO EPCOG Program Manager

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