

**SOUTHWEST NEW MEXICO REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING
ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
HYBRID MEETING**

**Minutes
December 17, 2024
1:30 p.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

David McSherry, City of Deming
Windia Cassy, City of Deming
Mayor Arnold Lopez, Village of Santa Clara
Joseph Holguin, Grant County
Heather Lutz, Luna County
Peter Pena, Town of Silver City
Kim Dominguez, Corre Caminos
George Esqueda, Stantec
Antonio Andazola, Silver Schools

Online:

David Bailey, Luna County
Carlos Romero, NM Tech
Erica Valdez, NM Tech
Hallie Brown, DFA
Loren Cushman, Catron County
Alison Gillette, NMDOT
Valerie Sherman, NMDOT
Debbie Hudson, NMDOT
Gil Gallosa, NMDOT
Vijay Ummadi, NMDOT Transit & Rail

1. Welcome and Introductions:

Peter called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

2. Approval/Amendments of Agenda:

Heather Lutz moved to approve the agenda. Mayor Lopez seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

3. Approval of minutes from May 13, 2024 meeting:

Heather moved to approve the May 13, 2024 meeting minutes. Mayor Lopez seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

4. New Business:

a. Corre Caminos Transit Application Rating & Ranking – Vijay reported on the Transit 5311 program and the importance of the coordination with the RTPO Committee. Kim then spoke about their application and how it is a 80/20 percent match program and the entities such as Grant County, Luna County, Silver City, and Deming provide that match for them to be able to operate. She spoke about the routes available and how they had 73,400 rides for the year 2024. The RTPO committee then ranked the application accordingly.

b. Infrastructure Planning & Development Match Grant – Hallie Brown, DFA presented on the available grants through DFA. A copy of the presentation will be sent out to members.

c. Approve/Disapprove of SWRTPO Regional Long Range Plan - Mayor Lopez made a motion to approve the SWRTPO Regional Long Range Plan. Joseph Holguin seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

5. Reports:

a. NMDOT- Gil mentioned LGRF agreements need to be submitted no later than January 31, 2025 and the FY2025-2026 LGRF proposals are due March 10th. There will be a training on State Funding beginning February 5, 2025 in T or C; February 12, 2025 in Las Cruces; and February 19, 2025 in Deming. Valerie then reported the T/LPAs need to be certified for the Federal Grant Programs through NMDOT and there will be a training coming up the end of January/beginning of February in person in Albuquerque. Also the Title VI and ADA plans need to be revisited and local governments need to be in compliance. She will assist those who need help.

b. Member Updates – There were no member updates.

c. RTPO – Cerisse announced the call for projects for RTP/TAP/CMAQ had been released November 4th and applications for these programs will be due March 14, 2025. There is a 14.56% match and she explained this is why she wanted DFA to present today for anyone interested in the match grant that is available through DFA.

7. Public Input:

There was no public input.

8. Next RTPO Meeting:

Will notify members of the next meeting.

9. Adjourn:

Mayor Lopez made a motion to adjourn. Heather seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

ATTEST:

Peter Pena, Chairman

Cerisse Grijalva, Secretary