**Meeting Minutes [DRAFT]**

Northern Pueblos Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NPRTPO)

Regular meeting hosted September 4, 2024 Taos County Administration Building 105 Albright Street Taos, NM 87571

**NPRTPO Voting Members and Alternates**

Name Entity Title Present/Absent

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| Eric Ulibarri  | Los Alamos County | Voting Member | Present |
| Keith Wilson | Los Alamos County | Alternate  | Absent |
| Dennis Gallegos | Rio Arriba County | Voting Member | Absent |
| Christine Bustos | Rio Arriba County | Alternate | Arrived Late |
| Gary Brett Clavio | Santa Fe County | Voting Member | Present |
| Jason Silva | Taos County |  Alternate | Present |
| Elijah Mares | City of Española | Voting Member | Present |
| Daniel Fresquez | City of Española | Alternate | Present |
| Ann Woolridge | Village of Taos Ski Valley  | Alternate | Absent |
| John Avila | Village of Taos Ski Valley  | Alternate | Absent |
| French Espinoza | Town of Taos | Voting Member | Absent |
| Dena Miller | Town of Taos | Alternate | Present |
| Linda Calhoun | Town of Red River | Voting Member  | Absent |
| Georgiana Rael | Town of Red River | Alternate | Absent |
| Maggie Valdez | Village of Chama | Voting Member  | Absent |
| Will Donohoe | Village of Chama | Alternate | Absent |
| Jacob LaFore | Village of Questa  | Voting Member | Absent |
| Valerie Vigil | Village of Questa | Alternate | Absent |
| Kathryn Valdez | Jicarilla Apache Nation | Alternate | Absent |
| John Vigil | Pueblo of Nambé | Voting Member | Absent |
| Governor Porter | Pueblo of Nambé | Alternate | Absent |
| Sylvia Armijo | Picuris Pueblo | Voting Member | Present |
| Raymond Martinez | Pueblo of San Ildefonso | Voting Member | Present |
| Adam Martinez | Pueblo of San Ildefonso | Alternate | Absent |
| Benny Lujan | Ohkay Owingeh | Voting Member | Absent |
| Lucia Sanchez | Ohkay Owingeh | Alternate | Absent |
| Suzette Shije (Vice Chair) | Pueblo of Santa Clara | Voting Member | Present |
| Vernon Lujan (Chair) | Pueblo of Taos | Voting Member | Present |
| Reva Suazo | Pueblo of Taos | Alternate | Absent |
| Randy Vigil | Pueblo of Pojoaque | Voting Member | Present |
| Janay Chavarria | Pueblo of Pojoaque | Alternate | Absent |
| Anthony Mortillaro | NCRTD | Voting Member | Absent |
| Bryce Gibson | NCRTD | Alternate  | Present |
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**NCNMEDD Staff**

Patrick Million Transportation Planner

Felicity Fonseca Community Development Director

**NMDOT Staff and Federal Partners**

Alison Gillette NMDOT Liaison

**Guests**

David Woolridge Village of Taos Ski Valley

Shanna Sasser Los Alamos County

**I. Call Meeting to Order**

Chair Lujan, Pueblo of Taos, called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Lujan led the pledge of allegiance.

**III. Opening Prayer**

Chair Lujan provided the opening prayer.

**IV. Welcome and Introductions/Public Comments:**

Chair Lujan asked if there were any public comments. None were offered. He invited attendees to introduce themselves. After going around the room and online with introductions, he moved on.

**V. Roll Call:**

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| **Name** | **Entity** | **Voting Member or Alternate** |
| Eric Ulibarri | Los Alamos County | Alternate |
| Christine Bustos | Rio Arriba County | Voting Member |
| Brett Clavio | Santa Fe County | Alternate |
| Jason Silva | Taos County | Alternate |
| Elijah Mares | City of Española | Voting Member |
| Dena Miller | Town of Taos | Alternate |
| Sylvia Armijo | Picuris Pueblo | Voting Member |
| Raymond Martinez | Pueblo of San Ildefonso | Voting Member |
| Suzette Shije | Pueblo of Santa Clara | Voting Member |
| Vernon Lujan | Pueblo of Taos | Voting Member |
| Randy Vigil | Pueblo of Pojoaque | Voting Member |
| Bryce Gibson | NCRTD | Alternate |

Patrick Million confirmed that there was a quorum for the meeting.

**VI. Approval of the Agenda:**

Chair Lujan opened the meeting for the approval of the agenda.

Suzette Shije, Santa Clara moved that the agenda be approved. Elijah Mares, Española, seconded. Per a roll call vote, the motion passed.

**VII. Approval of the Minutes: August 4 Regular Meeting**

Chair Lujan opened the meeting to approval of the August 7, 2024 minutes.

Suzette Shije, Santa Clara, moved to approve the minutes. Elijah Mares, Española, seconded the motion. Per a roll call vote, the August 7 minutes were approved.

**VIII. Federal Agency Updates**

No federal agencies attended to deliver updates.

**IX. State Agency Updates**

Amanda Nino, District 5 NMDOT had one update: she will be getting TPF letters out in the next week.

**XI. NPRTPO Planner/Program Manager Updates and Announcements**

Patrick Million (NCNMEDD) gave updates:

* Railroad Crossing Elimination Program with USDOT- helps increase safety at railroad crossings and assists with circumnavigating railroad crossings. Deadline is September 24.
* Game crossings program-also with USDOT. This is applicable to our state and region.
* Will let everyone know about TPF as soon as possible.

**XII. Action: Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

Million explained he got the agenda out early to ensure members knew that elections were going to happen in this meeting.

Chair Lujan opened the meeting to nominations of others to Chair and Vice Chair. No member offered their own nomination, nor were others nominated.

Million suggested the meeting proceed to a vote. Jason Silva, Taos County, made a point of order that the Chair and Vice Chair should be formally nominated.

Silva motioned to vote on reelection of Chair Lujan and Vice Chair Shije. Elijah Mares, Española, seconded. Vice Chair Shije expressed that she wanted others to be a fair part of the process if they chose. No members spoke up.

Per roll call votes, Chair Lujan and Vice Chair Shije were reelected for another term.

**XII. Presentation: Safe Streets and Roads for All Discussion**

Patrick Million, NCNMEDD, announced that the SS4A application was submitted on August 29th. He thanked everyone for their support and said the real work will begin down the road if NCNMEDD is awarded the grant.

**XIII. Presentation: Carl Colonius, Outdoor Recreation Division, Trails+ Grant Program** FY24 $10 Million plus awarded to 74 grantees

* FY25 Round 1 is open now and closes September 30th.
* Match is 2 to 1
* Current grantees in good standing and with capacity are eligible for consecutive fiscal year funding. These grants have a 24-month payout.
* Eligible applicants include tribes, pueblos and nations, municipalities, counties, non-profits, public schools, college and universities. NOT eligible to other state agencies and federal land management agencies.
* Contact: carl.colonius@edd.nm.gov

Chair Lujan asked for a confirmation on the deadline.

Carl Colonius stated September 30, the first round.

**XIV. New Business**

1. Upcoming meeting locations
* October 2, Rio Arriba County
* TBD
1. Other items:

Million, NCNMEDD, made an announcement that, outside of 520AM being a bit early, he rode the NCRTD and was happy to support the service.

Bryce Gibson responded that he appreciated the mention.

Million solicited volunteers to host the November meeting. Chair Lujan suggested it was possible to find a location at the Pueblo. Million said he would coordinate with Chair Lujan on that.

Chair Lujan asked Eric Ulibarri if he was building anything else and Eric, Los Alamos, said yes they were busy and thanked NPRTPO for the assistance.

Shanna Sasser, Los Alamos County, reminded members that the Infrastructure Finance Conference is coming up at the end of October (29-30 Isleta Resort).

Chair Lujan asked Million if he could get this info out to the members. Million assured him he would get this and more information out to the members as a follow up.

Chair Lujan announced that the Taos Pueblo feast day is on September 30 and encouraged members to come.

**XVII. Adjourn**

Christine Bustos, Rio Arriba, motioned to adjourn.

Jason Silva seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.