

Southeast Regional Transportation Planning Organization (SERTPO)

Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting

June 11, 2020 – 10:00 am

Virtual Meeting

POLICY MEMBERS PRESENT:

Policy Member (or Alternate) listed in Alphabetical Order

Baysinger, Susan	City of Portales
Burns, Jason	Eddy County
Burns, Marilyn	Town of Tatum
Gurule, Angelo	Chaves County
Henley, Brittany	Lea County
Honeycutt, Jeff	Lincoln County
Jarvis, Joe	City of Ruidoso Downs
Lovato, Ricky	Roosevelt County
Lucero, Amanda	De Baca County
McInnes, Laura	Village of Capitan
Morgan, Joseph	Mescalero Apache Tribe
Najar, Louis	City of Roswell
Patterson, Jeff	City of Carlsbad
Sena, Ron	Village of Ruidoso
Thornton, Robert	Curry County
Williams, James	City of Lovington

POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Aldridge, Stephen (Mayor)	City of Jal
Bunch, Clint	City of Clovis
Bradford, Sherrill (Mayor Pro Tem)	Village of Corona
Bradley, Jerry (Mayor)	City of Texico
Brito, Candy	City of Eunice
Burkett, Mickey (Mayor)	Village of Dora
Castillo, Antonio	Town of Vaughn
Dean, Ray (Mayor)	Town of Carrizozo
Estrada, Pete (Mayor)	Village of Loving
Green, Barry (Mayor)	Village of Melrose
Hall, Jubal	Village of Cloudcroft
Hobson, Aubrey	City of Artesia
Ingram, Justin	Village of Fort Sumner
King, Kris (Mayor)	Village of Causey
Lovas, Mark	Town of Hagerman
Porter, Tom	Otero County
Powell, Justin	Town of Dexter
Powell, Leona	Village of Grady
Rael, Stella	City of Alamogordo
Randall, Todd	City of Hobbs
Sainz, Robert (Trustee)	Village of Tularosa
Salazar, Ysidro (Mayor)	Town of Lake Arthur
Sales, Rudy	Village of Hope
Summers, Kim	Town of Elida
Whitecotton, Toni	Village of Floyd

COG/NMDOT STAFF PRESENT:

Burr, Mary Ann	Southeastern NM Economic Development District (SNMEDD)/Council of Governments (COG)
Gallardo, Judith	NMDOT – Las Cruces
Hudson, Debbie	NMDOT - Deming
Matta, Louis	NMDOT – Roswell
Serrano, Monica	NMDOT – Roswell
Soule, Vincent	Eastern Plains Council of Governments (EPCOG)

GUESTS PRESENT:

Abell, Mike	Carlsbad (Technical Representative)
Allen, Glenda	Lincoln County
Barentine, Jim	CES
Duncan, Wyatt	Lovington (Technical Representative)
Jones, Walon	Curry County (Technical Representative)
Mendez, Samantha	Ruidoso (Technical Representative)
Storey, David	Souder Miller (Roswell)

CALL TO ORDER / QUORUM (8)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INTRODUCTIONS

Policy Chair James Williams presided over the virtual meeting and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A roll call for member attendance was taken, with sixteen members present—a quorum was established. Introduction of participating guests was also held. Members and guests participated with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ron Sena made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Louis Najjar, and motion was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Louis Najjar made a motion to approve the November 21, 2019 minutes. Marilyn Burns seconded the motion. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Election of Officers

Chairman Williams opened the floor for nominations for Policy Chair. Samantha Mendez made nomination of Ron Sena for Policy Chair. Louis Najjar seconded the motion. The Chairman called for any additional nominations, to which there was none. Motion passed unanimously with no objections. For the position of Policy Vice-Chair, Louis Najjar made nomination of Glenda Allen. Nomination was seconded by Angelo Gurule. The Chairman called for any additional nominations, to which there was none. Motion passed unanimously with no opposing votes. For the position of Technical Chair, Wyatt Duncan made nomination of Jason Burns. Nomination was seconded by Jeff Patterson. The Chairman requested any additional nominations, to which there was none. Motion passed by unanimous vote, with no objections. Regarding the position of Technical Vice-Chair, Louis Najjar made nomination of Jeff Patterson. Nomination was seconded by Jason Burns. The Chairman requested any additional nominations, to which there was none. Motion was passed by unanimous vote, with no opposing votes.

B. Resolution #20-001 Approving SERTPO Public Meeting Notice Procedures

Louis Najar made a motion to approve Resolution #20-001 Approving SERTPO Public Meeting Notice Procedures. Motion was seconded by Angelo Gurule. A roll call vote was taken with all votes affirmative and no opposing votes. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

C. Resolution #20-002 Approving SNMEDD & EPCOG FFY21-22 Regional Work Programs (RWPs)

Louis Najar made a motion to approve Resolution #20-002 Approving SNMEDD and EPCOG FFY21-22 Regional Work Programs (RWPs). Motion was seconded by Ron Sena. Mary Ann Burr explained the Regional Work Program for the upcoming two years and commented that the document, due June 15th, has already been reviewed by the NMDOT Liaison. She noted new items, namely the RTIPR schedule that is now incorporated into the document and a listing of out-of-state conferences that may be attended. Vincent Soule spoke of new language pertaining to post-Census Urban Area Boundary Smoothing. A roll call vote was taken with all votes affirmative and no opposing votes. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

D. Resolution #20-003 Approving SNMEDD and EPCOG RWP Formal Amendments

Louis Najar made a motion to approve Resolution #20-003 Approving SNMEDD and EPCOG RWP Formal Amendments. Motion was seconded by Susan Baysinger. Mary Ann Burr spoke to the matter of both COGs wishing to budget and expend carry-forward balances from the previous year. She continued with a brief explanation of the budget line items for vehicle, equipment purchase, promotion/development and legal. Vincent Soule made comments on the formal amendment request from EPCOG. A roll call vote was taken with all votes in the affirmative, with no opposing votes. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

E. Transportation Project Fund (TPF) Status

Mary Ann Burr explained that she wanted to update members on the status and activity that has taken place with the LGTPF (now TPF) Program. She reminded members that PFFs were accepted through February 27, 2020 with the understanding that funding was tentative. The Legislature did not approve its funding. TPF was on the SERTPO March agenda for discussion, however that meeting was postponed due to COVID-19. The Program Manager explained that there had been a reluctance to proceed with feasibility reviews due to absence of the statewide criteria and a lack of funding. An option for the RTPOs is to have projects ready on the RTIPR. With some discussion, consensus of members was to hold off on continuance and await additional information.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

SERTPO Program Managers Update

Mary Ann Burr explained that the Strategic Highway Network (STRAHNET) information was a handout planned for the March meeting. The handout of the survey/questionnaire provides mapping of specific routes and includes SERTPO's responses on RTIPR projects on US 70/US 380. There is no specific funding for the STRAHNET routes. FHWA was making inquiry on national trends and practices. RTPOs may elect to use STRAHNET routes during prioritization processes.

An update was provided on the State Long Range Transportation Plan (New Mexico 2045 Transportation Plan). A physical meeting for stakeholders had been planned for April in Roswell but was postponed due to COVID-19. A virtual meeting is expected to be held. Some members of SERTPO were included on the invitation list. It is hoped that this community input for the southeast region can be also used for the SERTPO Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The NMDOT consultants have released an online survey.

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Members were advised that a call is expected in May 2021 for the TAP/RTP/CMAQ Programs. Ms. Burr provided an update on CDBG Comprehensive Planning activity with three municipalities going under contract (Lake Arthur, Hagerman, Loving) and three additional municipalities about to go under contract (Tatum, Carrizozo and Ruidoso Downs).

Vincent Soule commented on a memo from the Legislative Finance Committee on the upcoming legislative special session. He will furnish a copy. He further stated that it is expected that HB2 is not going to be called back during the special session. EPCOG has been undergoing reorganization, and they expect a new planner.

Local Project Updates / NMDOT Update

Louis Matta, NMDOT District 2, commented that the Transportation Project Fund (TPF) had a lot earmarked by legislation. Further, he provided an update on NMDOT projects (Tularosa, Artesia and US 285 south of Carlsbad). Monica Serrano, NMDOT District 2, informed members that all LGRF Agreements for FY 21 have been sent to entities. Award letters for FY21 MAP projects have been sent to the Clovis, Eunice, Jal, Portales and Ruidoso Downs. Ms. Serrano added that Clarissa Martinez, NMDOT Santa Fe, is working on letters of award for FY21 MAP for Texico, Capitan, Cloudcroft and Ruidoso.

Local Government Comments/Issues (None)

PUBLIC COMMENT: None


MEETING DATE/ADJOURNMENT

At this point in time, the next meeting where action is expected would be the meeting for public transit prioritization. A date of November 12, 2020 was offered by SERTPO staff. The meeting may be virtual, depending on requirements. Louis Najjar suggested consideration of the Roswell Convention Center, where a room is large enough for 40-50 individuals, with seating six feet apart for social distancing. Meeting coordination would be through Juanita Jennings with the City of Roswell. Motion was made to adjourn by Ricky Lovato. Ron Sena seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

APPROVED BY:



Policy Committee Chair



Date

ATTESTED BY:



SERTPO Program Manager



Date