

RESOLUTION 06-42

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF TAOS COUNCIL ADOPTING A SAFETY, SECURITY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAN (SSEPP), AND A TRANSIT OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY (TOPSS) PLAN, TO ENSURE TRANSIT SYSTEM COMPLIANCE WITH FTA SAFETY GUIDELINES.

Whereas, the Town of Taos Town Council recognizes that safety has always been a priority for the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT), as well as a concern for all rural public transit operators in the state of New Mexico;

Whereas, the consulting firm of Lazaro & Noel, under contract to the NMDOT has been tasked with assisting each rural public transit sub-grantee in the development of a Safety, Security and Emergency Preparedness Plan (SSEPP) and a Transit Operating Procedures for Safety and Security (TOPSS) plan, which are designed to be utilized in conjunction with one another;

Whereas, the NMDOT, consistent with federal guidelines, is now mandating the creation and activation of a transit system plan for each of its rural public transit sub-grantees which embraces safety, security, and emergency preparedness concerns within the context of an all-hazards approach, including transit system coordination with community emergency management, fire and law enforcement;

Whereas, the SSEPP document once activated and approved by the governing body, officially affirms that the transit system it was developed for is compliant with both federal and state guidelines in the arenas of safety and security, and has taken active steps to participate in the coordination of community emergency preparedness activities;

Whereas, adoption of the SSEPP demonstrates that the Town of Taos Public Works/Transit Division, has completed the SSEPP initiation process, gained the appropriate oversight approval of its SSEPP and will update the SSEPP in the future as events, circumstances, and government requirements may dictate;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Town of Taos Council adopts the SSEPP and TOPSS plans as described.

Resolved: this 19th day of September, 2006, at the Regular Meeting of the Town of Taos Council, that this Resolution shall go into effect upon passage.

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Vote:

Ruby Abeyta
Councilmember Abeyta yes

Alma Cordova
Councilmember Cordova yes

absent
Councilmember Gonzales —

Melton Struck
Councilmember Struck yes

TOWN OF TAOS:

Vote Verified By: Bobby F. Duran
Bobby F. Duran, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: Renee Lucero
Renee Lucero, Town Clerk