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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
24th Rio Grande Trail Commission Meeting
Friday, January 16, 2026, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Vincent E. Griego Council Chambers
1 Civic Plaza NW, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102, and via Microsoft Teams

The Rio Grande Trail Commission will hold a regular meeting on Friday, January 16, 2026. The meeting will be held at Vincent E. Griego Council Chambers, 1 Civic Plaza NW, Albuquerque, New Mexico. This meeting will also be available for participation via the video conference and teleconferencing application Microsoft Teams. You may join the meeting in-person, online, or by telephone starting at 9:00 AM.

The purpose of the Rio Grande Trail Commission (RGTC) meeting is to advance the development of the Rio Grande Trail (RGT), a statewide route planned to extend from Colorado to Texas. The Commission is central to moving this effort forward, and this meeting will focus on key next steps. Agenda items include reports from the four subcommittees—Alignment, Legislative, Tribal, and Non-Profit—as well as discussion on designating additional trail segments. These meetings are also an opportunity for the public to shape the future of the RGT.

Pre-Meeting Gatherings – Thursday, January 15, 2026

As part of the Commission's effort to engage the public and explore potential trail segments, two informal events will be held the day prior:

Rail Trail Site Tour - 2:00 PM-4:00 PM

- Meet at the Alvarado Transportation Center-Amtrak Station, 320 1st St SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102
- Participants will tour an under-construction segment of Albuquerque's Rail Trail and learn more about its potential as part of the RGT system.

Post Tour Happy Hour – 4:00 PM–6:00 PM

- Sidetrack Brewing Company, 413 2nd St SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102
- A casual gathering for supporters of the trail to connect and share ideas

Microsoft Teams Video Conferencing Option:

If you would like to join the video conference online, go to: https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZWQ4Y2QwMjMtZDMxMC00MzI3LTgzZDEtODEyMmNiNDdmOTA4%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22id%22%3a%2204aa6bf4-d436-426f-bfa4-04b7a70e60ff%22%2c%22oid%22%3a%22e8231a67-5651-4e93-8322-a04e28a8e9b7%22%7d

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Option:

If you would like to join the meeting by telephone, please call: +1 505-312-4308 Toll Free. When prompted, dial event number: 574 250 095#

General Instructions:

During the meeting, please mute yourself unless you would like to speak. This will minimize background noise.

If you are an individual with a disability who requires a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the meeting, please contact Ben Bajema at Benjamin.Bajema@emnrd.nm.gov, (505) 394-2581; the New Mexico Relay Network at 1-800- 659-1779 Voice; or 1-800 659-8331 TTY at least 48 hours prior to the meeting on January 16, 2026.

Public documents, including the agenda and minutes, can be provided in various accessible forms by contacting Benjamin Bajema. A final agenda will be available no later than 72 hours before the meeting. Both may be obtained on the website at <https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/riograndetrailcommission/rgtcmeetings/> or by contacting Ben Bajema at Benjamin.Bajema@emnrd.nm.gov, (505) 394-2581.