CULTURAL PROPERTIES REVIEW COMMITTEE PUBLIC RULE HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Cultural Properties Review Committee (CPRC) will convene a hybrid public hearing on Friday, December 18, 2026, at 12:00 pm. Interested parties may attend in person at the Department of Cultural Affairs, New Mexico Historic Preservation Division (HPD) conference room in the Bataan Memorial Building, 407 Galisteo Street, Suite 236, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501, or virtually by way of the following link: https://nm-gov.zoom.us/j/82624818353?pwd=wJ2onLys4E5sMfHUo9cZ15g7zm7qiw.1.

The purpose of the hearing is to consider repealing and replacing rule 4.10.6 NMAC, Selection and Preparation of Text for Official Scenic Historic Markers. The CPRC proposes to repeal and replace the rule in order to better facilitate the effective administration of the New Mexico Official Scenic Historic Marker Program. The CPRC voted at its meeting of October 9, 2026, to initiate the rulemaking process. Following the public hearing to be held on December 18, 2026, the CPRC, taking into consideration any public comments, will vote to adopt the new rule at its regularly scheduled meeting the same day.

The statutory authority for the proposed changes to 4.10.6 NMAC is the Cultural Properties Act, NMSA 1978 Section 18-6-5.M(2), which authorizes the CPRC to encourage and promote public appreciation of New Mexico's historical and cultural heritage by reviewing the accuracy and adequacy of proposed marking of cultural properties. The CPRC is considering the adoption of a new rule 4.10.6 NMAC in order to implement an appeals process for denied proposals; to outline the selection and approval process; to clarify the roles of the CPRC, HPD, and the New Mexico Department of Transportation in the selection and approval process; and to delineate clear criteria for the selection of markers.

The proposed rule is available at the HPD website, https://nmhistoricpreservation.org, and at the HPD office located in the Bataan Memorial Building, 407 Galisteo Street, Suite 236, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501. To request that a copy of the proposed rule be mailed to you, submit your request in writing by mail to New Mexico Historic Preservation Division, 407 Galisteo Street, Suite 236, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501 or by email to nm.shpo@dca.nm.gov.

The CPRC is currently accepting public comments on the proposed rule. Additionally, any person may attend the hearing to submit their comments. Written comments may be submitted by mail to New Mexico Historic Preservation Division, 407 Galisteo Street, Suite 236, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501, or by email to nm.shpo@dca.nm.gov. Written comments should be submitted for the CPRC's consideration no later than 10:00 am on December 18, 2026. Written comments will be posted on HPD's website.

Individuals in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing should contact HPD at 505-827-6320 or nm.shpo@dca.nm.gov at least ten business days prior to the hearing.