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Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NWRTPO)

AGENDA PACKET

RTPO Technical/Policy Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

10:00AM – 2:00PM

Village of Milan – Parks & Recreation Office

409 Airport Road, Milan, NM



Special Thanks to Village of Milan

Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NWRTPO)

RTPO Technical/Policy Committee Meeting
Wednesday, November 8, 2017
10AM – 2PM
Village of Milan
Parks & Recreation Office
409 Airport Road, Milan, NM

AGENDA

- I. **Call to Order and Introductions**.....Jeff Irving, *NWRTPO Chair*
- II. **Agenda – Review & Approval**.....Jeff Irving
- III. **Minutes of 10/11/17 – Review & Approval**.....Jeff Irving

ACTION ITEMS: no action items for this meeting

DISCUSSION / PRESENTATION ITEMS:

- IV. **Federal Aviation Airport Improvement Program Presentation**.....Jane Lucero, NMDOT Aviation Dept.
- V. **NWRTPO Regional Work Program Status Report**.....Robert Kuipers
- VI. **Reports, Updates & Announcements:**
 - A. **RTPO Report: Regional News & Updates**.....Robert Kuipers
 - Need member appointment updates for Cibola, McKinley, Gallup, Navajo Nation – Northern & Eastern, Laguna, and Zuni. Since RTPO management within the COG has changed leadership several times in recent years, we can't find the documentation (appointment forms), so just need to update.
 - Need member feedback on interest in Liberty Mobility services for our region.
 - Concern regarding Annual Public Transportation Ranking Session: DOT Transit & Rail has developed a new electronic process for submitting ranking scores; held a web based orientation, and many statewide RTPO staff were not able to log in. Will need to repeat the orientation, and may need to delay the implementation of annual ranking, if not addressed soon!
 - Report from statewide RTPO Roundtable, held 10/24 in Santa Fe.
 - B. **Local Member Issues, Reports & Updates**.....NWRTPO Members
 - C. **State DOT Reports**
 - 1. Planning/Government-to-Government Unit (Wade Patterson)
 - 2. Tribal Liaison (Ron Shutiva)
 - 3. District 5 (District 5 Staff – Stephen Lopez)
 - 4. District 6 (District 6 Staff – JoAnn Garcia)
 - 5. Santa Fe Administration /Central Regional Division

VII. New Business/Open Floor – Members & Guests

- **Orientations:** All RTPO Orientations complete except Pueblo of Zuni
- **Meeting Schedule:** RTPO member govt. representatives – please confirm reservation of your location for the date specified in our public notice for NWRTPo meetings – May, 2017 – April, 2018; public notice went out long ago!

VIII. Review Calendar & Announcements / Training & Funding Opportunities

- **FHWA Office of Planning, Environment & Realty / Human Environment Digest:** emailed to members 10/16 and 10/23
- **Govt. to Govt. Updates:** Weeks of 10/9, 10/23 – emailed to members as they came out
- **CMAQ (Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality) Funding Opportunity:** within the 10/23 GtG Update there is a funding opportunity coming in the Spring of 2018 for CMAQ projects, which may include such things as multi-modal trails, school bus retrofits, and transition to natural gas for transit fleets.
- **America Walks Community Challenge Grant:** Funding opportunity for bike / pedestrian projects – applications due November 10 – not a lot of money, but every little bit helps!
- **What's at Stake for Rural Transit Providers:** Oct. 23 webinar emailed on Oct. 12 to members and our regional transit providers, around concerns regarding funding reductions for rural public transit.
- **Rail Plan Update reminder:** emailed to members 7/24 – reminders at subsequent meetings
- **Liberty Mobility Program dropbox link:** emailed to members on 7/17; reminder email on 7/25, brought up at subsequent meetings

IX. Next Meetings

- **December 13:** Ramah Navajo Chapter, 434 BIA Rt. 125, Ramah, NM
- **January 10:** Cibola Convention Center, 515 High Street, Grants, NM
- **February 14:** McKinley Fire Training Center, 413 Bataan Memorial Drive, Gallup, NM

X. Adjournment:



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Joint Policy & Technical Committee NWRTPO Meeting Minutes

Wednesday October 11, 2017

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Shiprock Chapter

US64 mp23, Bldg. 5548, Shiprock, NM

ATTENDANCE:

Local & Tribal Governments:

Pueblo of Acoma	Dave Deutsawe – Vice Chair, Monica Felipe
Pueblo of Laguna	Ray Lucero absent / excused
Pueblo of Zuni	Royce Gchachu, Roxanne Hughte – both absent / excused
Navajo Nation	Eastern Navajo: Rosilyn Smith Northern Navajo: Larry Joe
Ramah Navajo	Joe Sanchez
Farmington MPO	Vacant at this time
City of Grants	Don Jaramillo, Les Gaines
City of Gallup	Stan Henderson, Alicia Santiago both absent / excused
Village of Milan	Jack Moleres absent
Cibola County	Anna Larson
McKinley County	Jeff Irving – Chair absent / excused
San Juan County	Nick Porell

Technical Agencies:

New Mexico Department of Transportation:	G-2-G Unit: Wade Patterson DOT District 5: Stephen Lopez DOT District 6: JoAnn Garcia, Marticia Holiday DOT Tribal Liaison: Ron Shutiva absent / excused DOT – LTAP: DOT Admin:
Bureau of Indian Affairs	TTP:

NWRTPO Administration:

Northwest Regional Planning Organization	Robert Kuipers
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Guests:

<u>TOTAL ATTENDANCE:</u>	7 Members, 2 alternate members, 4 NMDOT, 1 RTPO Staff, 15 guests – Shiprock H.S. students & staff; Amber Crotty – Navajo Council, TOTAL: 29
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- I. **Call to Order and Introductions:**.....Dave Deutsawe, NWRTPO Vice Chair
 - Dave Deutsawe called the meeting to order at 10:15AM, welcomed those in attendance, and proceeded with introductions and approval of agenda and minutes. The meeting was hosted by Northern Navajo with special thanks for coffee and snacks provided.

- II. **Review & Approval of Agenda:**.....Dave Deutsawe
 - No discussion or changes to the agenda were made.
 - Motion to approve agenda made by Anna Larson - Cibola ; seconded by Don Jaramillo - Grants, all in favor, none opposed.

- III. **Approval and Review of Minutes for April 12, 2017 Meeting:**.....Dave Deutsawe
 - There were no changes recommended by RTPO members.
 - Motion to accept meeting minutes made by Don Jaramillo, seconded by Anna Larson, all in favor, none opposed.

ACTION ITEMS: *No action required for this meeting*

DISCUSSION / PRESENTATION ITEMS:

- IV. **US64 Shiprock School Zone Presentation**.....Larry Joe, Shiprock H.S. Staff & Students

BACKGROUND
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Why? Concerns have been raised for the Shiprock School Zone on US64 in Shiprock• Purpose. There is a growing need to improve and lengthen the school zone corridor in Shiprock along US64, due to the lack of safe pedestrian crossings as well as sidewalks and other needed improvements for a 1.5 – 2 mile stretch along this corridor serving 5 different schools as well as day care facilities.• Discussion/Finalization. Presentation from Shiprock School staff (and students) will illustrate the issues that are growing concerns for student access to school, along with pedestrian and multimodal safety along this corridor. The NWRTPO will work with NDOT staff during the upcoming cycle to get this project on our next RTIPR.

WORK TO DATE
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shiprock school staff and students have developed a presentation to showcase the safety and access issues and concerns along this corridor.

ANTICIPATED WORK
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• RTPO staff will work with NDOT staff to get this project on our FY 18 – 19 RTIPR.• Local School and Shiprock Chapter staff will need to collaborate with NDOT staff to get this project in as many other plans as possible: School District development plan, ICIP, Community Comprehensive Plan, Local or Regional Safety Plan, etc.

ATTACHMENTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No attachments – power point presentation is too many megabytes

BUDGET IMPACT
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No budget impact to the RTPO; RTPO staff will work with NDOT staff to get this project on our next (FY18 – 19) RTIPR, seeking major funding for significant improvement along this corridor.

ACTION ITEM

- No action at this time; future action anticipated for approval of this project for inclusion in the FY18-19 RTIPR.

Discussion:

- Several students presented their experience with US64 safety issues and mud
- Students presented a Video on safety and access problems along the Shiprock US64 School Zone which they themselves developed.
- Excellent depiction of safety and mud issues
- Students presented again – after presentation and interacted with the RTPO members and DOT staff
- Dist. 5 emphasized that a lighting agreement is all that’s holding up improvements to proceed for this corridor
- Marticia Holiday: helpful to see the development along this route – justifies further road and safety improvements
- Amber Crotty: lighting agreement has completed 164 process with resolution from RDC
- Joe Sanchez: explained some of the data and process to the students for road / safety improvements
- Steve Lopez: explained the process and cross-jurisdictional complications
- Amber Crotty: can we at least do some safety improvements – flashing beacons and such?
- Considerable discussion ensued around alternate funding sources, and the need to get the project in as many local / regional plans as possible

V. **NMDOT Statewide Prioritized Bicycle Network Plan Presentation**.....Wade Patterson, NMDOT Liaison
(Active Trans. Prgms Supervisor / BPE Coordinator)

BACKGROUND

- **Why?** The prioritized statewide Bicycle Network Plan (NM Bike Plan) considers how to best provide New Mexico residents and visitors with a safe and connected bicycle network at the statewide level.
- **Purpose.** The NM Bike Plan prioritizes corridors and creates design standards by corridor type. These tools will help guide roadway improvements and incorporate bicycle infrastructure on NMDOT roadways as they undergo regularly scheduled maintenance as well as major reconstruction.
- **Discussion/Finalization.** The NMDOT is beginning a public outreach and involvement process to assure adequate participation from the public and stakeholders, starting with the state’s MPO and RTPO network.

WORK TO DATE

- The initial plan is in development as presented at today’s meeting for the NWRTPO.

ANTICIPATED WORK

- MPO’s and RTPO’s will participate in public outreach to help assure that every region of our state has an opportunity to participate in the development of the final plan.
- As the plan is completed, the regional and local work begins with local governments and stakeholders collaborating with the NMDOT for development of a safe, prioritized, and reliable bicycle infrastructure network.

ATTACHMENTS

- NM Prioritized Statewide Bicycle Network Plan Flier (www.NMBikePlan.bhinc.com)

BUDGET IMPACT

- none

ACTION ITEM

- informational item only; MPO and RTPO participation anticipated in the near future

Discussion:

- NMDOT’s development of a statewide prioritized bicycle plan is supported by Bohannon Huston and ALTA engineering firms.
- The plan seeks to prioritize roadway enhancements around the state for bike paths, leading to safety improvements and economic development opportunities
- This is an improvement plan – does not cite projects; but supports future development of projects
- There are 5 schools in this corridor and 1 day care center. They are soliciting public input through meetings and web based outreach.
- RTPO’s, MPO’s, DOT Districts, bike advisory groups and the BPE Committee are involved.
- There is a questionnaire within the website
- DOT is also interested in local bike plans – related to connectivity for this network
- First draft is coming in March, 2018
- Much discussion from members on local (link to the network) options
- Right now just identifying potential routes; thereafter much cross-jurisdictional collaboration for development

VI. NWRTPO Regional Work Program Status Report:.....Robert Kuipers, NWRTPO Staff

- **Why?** Due to a NMDOT Office of Inspector General (OIG) Audit and subsequent findings NWRTPO and COG staff met with NMDOT Planning Bureau staff to develop a corrective action plan (CAP).
- **Purpose.** As part of our CAP RTPO staff will provide monthly reports showing line item budget expenditures and staff hours in comparison with the approved Regional Work Program (RWP) Budget.
- **Discussion/Finalization.** Based on this monthly analysis and report, staff will better manage time and funding investment, and assess where and when to seek a RWP amendment if needed.

CURRENT WORK

- RTPO staff met with NMDOT staff on 12/7/16 to review a draft corrective action plan, detailing specific actions and controls in a number of areas to assure stronger compliance to the RWP budgeted time and financial allocations.
- The Corrective Action Plan has been finalized and is now being executed.
- RTPO Staff have provided reports at monthly meetings: January – March 2017
- In quarter 2, RTPO staff submitted Amendment #1 to modify our hours per function and annual RTPO FFY17 budget, as approved by the RTPO Committee (February 2017).

ANTICIPATED WORK

- Ongoing reports to the NWRTPO members at monthly meetings.
- RWP amendment requests may be anticipated, as time and budget demands may vary as the fiscal year progresses.
- Our annual Quality Assurance Review (QAR) occurred on April 12, which provided a good check-up on how the RTPO is performing.

ATTACHMENTS

- RWP & Budget Monthly Report.

BUDGET IMPACT

- None.

RTPO Regional Work Program	Staff hours (current vs. amendment #1)	FY17 1 st Quarter Hours Used	FY17 2 nd Quarter Hours Used	FY17 3 rd Quarter Hours Used	July	Aug.	Sept.	FY17 4th Quarter Hours Used	Hours Remaining
Function 1 – 12% (Long Range Planning & Implementation)	300 / 250.0	82.75	59.5	72	21.5	13	1.5	36	-0.25
Function 2 – 10% (Technical Support & Data Management)	100 / 200.0	64.5	8.25	14.5	22.75	43	12.5	78.25	34.5
Function 3 – 19% (Project Development & Monitoring) (uses more hours in the first 2 quarters – related to new RTIPR development)	400.0	209.75	30.25	25.75	26.25	103	15.75	145	-10.75
Function 4 – 12% (Other Activities & Projects)	400 / 250.0	64.25	71	104.5	34.5	13.5	0.5	48.5	-38.25 (threshold: -50)
Function 5 – 33% (General RTPO Support)	400 / 600.0	196	221.5	194.5	42.75	40.5	19	102.25	-114.25 (threshold: -120)
Function 6 – 14% (RTPO Administration)	400 / 300.0	80.5	46	48.25	67	47.5	43	157.5	-32.25
PROGRAM TOTAL	2000.0	697.75	436.5	459.5	214.75	260.5	92.5	567.5	-161.25

Discussion: Bob provided report – no discussion

VII. ROUTINE ITEMS:

BACKGROUND
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why? Update RTPO members on news, training, funding, and other items of special interest • Purpose. Keep RTPO members up to date on critical information from NWRTPO and NMDOT sources
Informational Items
Regional News & Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RTPO Report • Member Reports
Member Special Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None submitted prior to the meeting
NMDOT Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G to G Liaison: Wade Patterson • Tribal Liaison: Ron Shutiva • District 6: JoAnn Garcia & staff; District 5: Steve Lopez • DOT Planning Unit – Govt. to Govt. Weekly Updates
Training & Funding Opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20th Annual National Tribal Transportation Conference: Sept. 25 – 29, Tucson, AZ • INFRA (<i>Infrastructure For Rebuilding America</i>) grant opportunity: 8/1/17 – 11/2/17 at Grants.gov • TIGER Grant Opportunity: applications due by Oct. 16, 2017
New Business / Open Floor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No formal requests submitted

VII. Reports, Updates & Announcements:

A) RTPO Report – September 2017

- Need members to help identify their airport condition for: Shiprock (Larry Joe), Gallup (Stan H.), Zuni (Blackrock) (Royce G.), Crown Point (Rosilyn Smith), and Grants / Milan (Don J. / Jack M.). Jane Lucero – NMDOT Aviation will present at our November meeting in Milan. Is your airport in excellent, good, or poor condition?
- Need member feedback on interest in Liberty Mobility services for our region.

Report covered the following items:

- NWTPO Regional Work Program & Budget update
- 4 Corners Counties Collaborative meetings (seeking cost and time efficiencies in navigating multi-jurisdictional transportation projects on the Navajo Nation)
- NMDOT District 5 RTIP / “Zipper” meeting – Sept. 6 at Dist. 5 Office in Santa Fe
- Regional GIS data and mapping: currently mapping McKinley Recreational Trails in Zuni Mountains, and follow up with our three Pueblos to include their roads and data in our regional portfolio
- 2018 NMDOT Rail Plan update
- INFRA and TIGER Grant opportunities
- 20th Annual National Tribal Transportation Conference in Tucson – Sept. 25 - 29

B) Local Member Reports & Updates:

1. Cibola County:

- Blading maintenance for six County Roads
- 23 special projects (dirt and shoulder work, cutting trees, cleaning culverts, mowing and sweeping, fix washouts and drainage problems, fix and install wingwalls
- Co-ops: Pie Town Road – base course and signage; Elkins Road – signage
- Forest Road 50 working on MOU with Forest Service and Land Owners for easements

2. McKinley County:

- No report this meeting

3. San Juan County:

- Kirtland schools obtained a \$1 million grant for one mile of separated multi use trail
- Bridge reconstruction project for CR3900 (Pinon Hills phase 3) with bond funding
- Obtained \$700K for Recreational Trails Project in Farmington – scheduled for FFY18 construction
- Safety project for CR350 and CR390 intersection

4. City of Gallup:

- No report this meeting

5. City of Grants:

- Airport runway under construction at 40%
- First Street phase 2 requesting extension; design at 90% (no construction funding at this time)
- First Street phase 3 (Washington to Harrison)
- WHPacific engineer waiting on information on chlorinated plume; may need to re-visit the scope of the project
- George Hanosh Bridge and widening project: currently under construction; contractor scheduled for completion by end of November, but can continue project through January if necessary
- Legacy Trail project: submitted final ROW map last week; appraisals now in progress, final approval on ROW certs anticipated for early next year; bid for construction next summer.
- Second Street phase 4 (Washington to Roosevelt): design from WHPacific – at 30% goals for 60% in January and 90% in April; construction begins early FY18 summer. Project is giving up a little bit of roadway improvement in order to upgrade drainage.

6. Village of Milan:

- No report this meeting

7. Northern / Eastern Navajo:

- Eastern Navajo considering further improvements to Rt. 66 / NM118 in Fire Rock corridor; along with NM371 improvements . . . Northern Navajo:
- Two Grey Hills in design for bridge improvements and paving
- 90% design for Ojo Amarillo school access road paving
- FET projects: 1.6 miles of chipseal for Gadiiahii – N571
- N362 doing six inch road base for nine miles
- N548 Shiprock – doing road base and stabilizer
- N545 – applying gravel and stabilize
- Ongoing lighting repairs
- Feasibility study for a new bridge for San Juan Chapter

8. Pueblo of Acoma:

- **Awaiting report from Dave Deutsawe**

9. Pueblo of Laguna:

- No report this meeting

10. Pueblo of Zuni:

- Completed Lesarley Road project – final inspection Oct. 19
- Oct. 19 meeting with NMDOT Dist. 6 regarding NM53 drainage issues – mp16 – 18, and other issues of interest
- Mahkee Drive – small reconstruction project for the new Halona store in Zuni
- Posting an RFP for a new roadgrader
- Currently advertising 12 equipment assets through govdeals.com; auctioning closes Oct. 19.
- Ongoing road maintenance throughout October

11. Ramah Navajo:

- Road maintenance supervisor JJ Henio and Trans. Specialist Shane Lewis attended the National Tribal Transportation Conference in Tucson.
- Ongoing guidance for access road turnouts and specifications for commercial turnouts
- Provided guidance for transportation infrastructure related to Realty and Community planning
- Consultant agreements approved at October Chapter meeting
- Analyzing the past three years of crash data, including GIS mapping.
- FET \$: developed some scope of work documents for FET documents; NDOT contributed some extra FET \$ for base course on BIA rt. 122
- Ongoing maintenance for gravel roads, school bus routes, fencing and cattle guards

C) State DOT Reports:

1. Planning / Govt. to Govt. Unit – Wade Patterson:

- Presented Statewide Prioritized Bicycle Network Plan at this meeting (reference #V above)
- CMAC funding for air quality (about \$9 million available – applications due by November 2018). Can fund Bike and Ped. paths even without air quality problems

2. Tribal Liaison – Ron Shutiva:

- No report this meeting

3. District 5 Staff – Steve Lopez:

- RSA may have to be redone due to new construction along US64 school zone area in Shiprock
- Reconstructing NM371 for mp75 – 83.
- Reconstructing NM170 for mp2 - 14

4. District 6 Staff – JoAnn Garcia:
- Allison Bridge project is in completion
 - Closing out NM118 project in Gallup
5. Central Regional Design / FHWA / Other:
- No report this meeting

VIII. New Business / Open Floor – Members & Guests:

- **Orientations** – need to schedule orientation for Pueblo of Zuni
- **Membership Updates:** need member appointment updates for:
 - A) Cibola - Anna, Navajo – Larry and Rosilyn, Laguna – Ray, Zuni – Royce, Gallup – Stan and Alicia: in the case of all these, I know we have past records with member appointment forms, but I can't locate them, so asking to get fresh signatures just to update. Understanding were waiting on alternative member for Laguna; for Zuni I have Roxanne, but need a new one for Royce.
 - B) McKinley – once new Alt. elected
- **Annual meeting schedule** – members need to confirm reservations for their respective meeting locations

IX. Review Calendar & Announcements / Training & Funding Opportunities:

- **FHWA Office of Planning, Environment & Realty / Human Environment Digest:** emailed to members 9/18, 9/22, 10/2 (x2: 9/24 & 10/1)
- **Govt. to Govt. Updates:** Weeks of 9/26 – emailed to members as they came out
- **Airport questions – location and condition:** emailed to members on 7/14 (response from Acoma, Laguna and Cibola)
- **Rail Plan Update reminder:** emailed to members 7/24 – reminders at subsequent meetings
- **Liberty Mobility Program dropbox link:** emailed to members on 7/17; reminder email on 7/25, brought up at subsequent meetings
- **INFRA Grant Opportunity:** with guidance documentation emailed to members on 7/25 and shared at meetings thereafter. **Applications due Nov. 2**
- **TIGER Grant Opportunity:** emailed to members and brought up at meetings. **Applications due Oct. 16**

X. Next Meetings

- **November 8** – Milan Parks & Recreation Dept., 409 Airport Road, Milan, NM
- **December 13** – Ramah Navajo Chapter, 434 BIA Rt. 125 in Mountain View (south from NM53 intersection)
- **January 10:** - Cibola Convention Center, 515 High Street, Grants, NM

XI. Adjournment:

- At 1:00 PM: Anna Larson - Cibola motioned for meeting to adjourn, seconded by Don Jaramillo - Grants; passed by consensus, none opposed.

MEETING ACTIONS:

RTPO Members:

- Give consideration to the INFRA grant opportunity – applications due Nov. 2
- Give consideration to the TIGER grant opportunity – applications due Oct. 16
- Consider any projects you may wish to submit for inclusion in the 2018 Rail Plan update; must be relatively construction ready and approved by your leaders; submit to NMDOT Rail Division
- Inform RTPO staff (Bob K) on airports within your jurisdiction along with their current condition
- Consider Liberty Mobility Service for your jurisdiction – this service is especially for rural America for low income, elderly or disabled citizens who don't have access to Medicare or Medicaid services. 1225 L Street, Suite 600, Lincoln, NE 68508 / 1-888-785-4237 / info@libertymobilitynow.com

RTPO Staff:

- Follow up with members on airports and condition, in advance of inviting Jane Lucero from NMDOT Aviation Dept. to present at 11/8/17 meeting in Milan.
- Follow up with members on Liberty Mobility opportunity.
- Continue to update the Reg. Trans. Plan tracker instrument, and pursue relevant information.
- Update appointment forms for members for whom we don't have current copies.
- Undertake RTPO orientation session with Pueblo of Zuni.
- Continue collaborating with Northern Pueblos RTPO for development of the RISTRA / Panoramic real-time / transparent project development status website.
- Follow through on amendment to Regional Work Program during FY18 Q1 to increase hours in General Work Function category

NMDOT Staff:

- Continue to press for LTAP "cradle to grave" comprehensive project development training.
- Assist in arranging a presentation on the new HSIP process from James Mexia.
- Continue to assist with information on the latest Transportation Bill, and the NMDOT Funding Formula.
- Technical assistance with locating data sets for RTP performance measures.



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Agenda Item #IV: Aviation Improvement Program

Subject: Presentation on regional Airport Development / Maintenance Process

Prepared and Presented by: Jane Lucero, NMDOT Aviation Dept.

Date: 11/5/17

BACKGROUND

- **Why?** While NWRTPO members have a lot of focus on multi-modal surface transportation development, another transportation element that the RTPO supports and serves is aviation. The NWRTPO has a total of eight (8) airports in our region, with six (6) under the management of our participating jurisdictions.
- **Purpose.** Help better familiarize our RTPO members with their respective airports, their current condition / status, and how we can help support maintenance and improvements.
- **Discussion/Finalization.** Jane Lucero of the NMDOT Aviation Dept. will provide a presentation on the maintenance / upkeep, and improvement of our regional airport facilities.

WORK TO DATE

- Unknown – though our local RTPO Representatives should stay informed on aviation infrastructure within their respective jurisdictions, and contribute to improvements as / when appropriate.

ANTICIPATED WORK

- None, other than becoming informed, and participating in aviation infrastructure upkeep or improvement.

ATTACHMENTS

- None at this time, but will request copy of Ms. Lucero's presentation.

BUDGET IMPACT

- None at this time

ACTION ITEM

- Informational item only

New Mexico Airports

Legend

Airports 2015



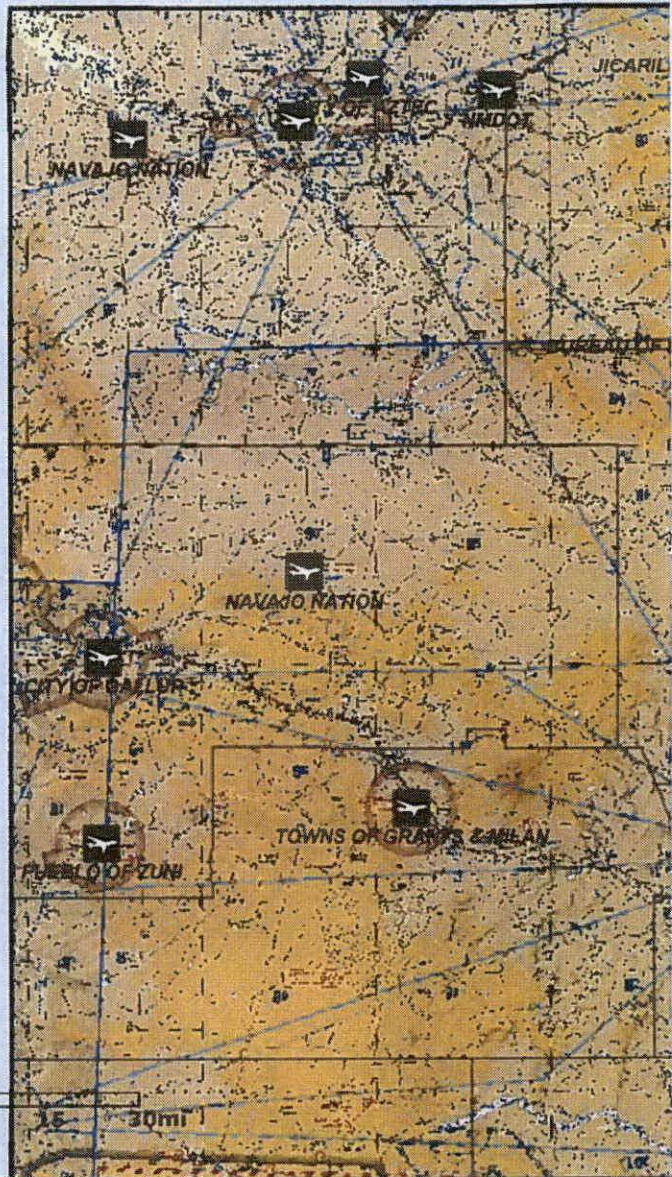
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Agenda Item #V: NWRTPO Regional Work Program Status Report

Subject: RWP Monthly Report

Prepared by: Robert Kuipers

Date: 11/3/17

BACKGROUND

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WORK TO DATE

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- The Corrective Action Plan has been finalized and is now being executed.
- RTPO staff have provided reports at monthly meetings: January – November 2017
- In Quarter 2, RTPO staff submitted Amendment #1 to modify our hours per function and annual RTPO FFY17 budget, as approved by the RTPO Committee (February 2017). A copy of the FHWA/NMDOT approval of this amendment was attached. RTPO staff are preparing to submit amendment #2 for our biennial work program approved at our August RTPO meeting, adjusting hours based on our experience and expectations to the NMDOT Planning Dept.

ANTICIPATED WORK

- Ongoing reports to the NWRTPO members at monthly meetings.
- RWP amendment requests may be anticipated, as time and budget demands may vary as the fiscal year progresses.
- Our annual Quality Assurance Review (QAR) occurred on April 12th, which provided a good check-up on how the RTPO is performing.

ATTACHMENTS

- RWP & Budget Monthly Report

BUDGET IMPACT

- None.

ACTION ITEM

- This is a monthly report item only.

RTPO APER Budgeted Staff Hours Summary

Staff Hours Summary FFY17													
Function	Budgeted Hours	Amendment #1	Change	Q1	Q2	Q3	July	Aug.	Sept.	Q4	Total Actual hours	Hours Remaining	Percentage budgeted differs from actuals*
1	300	250	-50	82.75	59.5	72	21.5	13	1.5	36	250.25	-0.25	0.10%
2	100	200	100	64.50	8.25	14.5	22.75	43	12.5	78.25	165.50	34.50	-17.25%
3	400	400	0	209.75	30.25	25.75	26.25	103	15.75	145	410.75	-10.75	2.69%
4	400	250	-150	64.25	71	104.5	34.5	13.5	0.5	48.5	288.25	-38.25	15.30%
5	400	600	200	196.00	221.5	194.5	42.75	40.5	19	102.25	714.25	-114.25	19.04%
6	400	300	-100	80.50	46	48.25	67	47.5	43	157.5	332.25	-32.25	10.75%
TOTAL	2000	2000	0	697.75	436.5	459.5	214.75	260.5	92.25	567.5	2161.25	-161.25	8.06%

*if budgeted hours differ from actual hours by more than 20% in any function, provide a narrative explanation below

Explanation: #3 - project dev. & monitoring required more investment during RTIPR / DOT District RTIP period (1st - 2nd quarters); #5 - general support continues to capture the most monthly staff support activity.

Staff Hours Summary FFY18													
Function	Budgeted Hours Amdmt. 2	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Q1				Q3	Q4	Total Actual hours	Hours Remaining	Percentage budgeted differs from actuals*
1	250	0			0						0.00	250	-100.00%
2	200	6.5			6.5				0	0	6.5	193.5	-96.75%
3	400	9.5			9.5				0	0	9.5	390.5	-97.63%
4	250	13.5			13.5				0	0	13.5	236.5	-94.60%
5	700	60			60				0	0	60	640	-91.43%
6	200	28.5			28.5				0	0	28.5	171.5	-85.75%
TOTAL	2000	118			118				0	0	118	1,882	-94.10%

*if budgeted hours differ from actual hours by more than 20% in any function, provide a narrative explanation below

Explanation: NWRTPO Policy Committee approved amendment to functions 5 & 6 (6 by > 20%) in 8/9/17 meeting



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**Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization
(NWRTPO)**

**Agenda Item #VI: Routine Items Section – Reports,
Updates & Announcements**

Subject: Discussion / Presentation Items

Prepared by: Robert Kuipers, NWRTPO

Date: 11/3/17

BACKGROUND

- **Why?** Update RTPO members on news, training, funding, and other items of special interest
- **Purpose.** Keep RTPO members up to date on critical information from NWRTPO and NMDOT sources

Informational Items

Regional News & Updates

- RTPO Report
- Member Reports

Member Special Reports:

- None submitted prior to the meeting

NMDOT Reports:

- G to G Liaison: Wade Patterson
- Tribal Liaison: Ron Shutiva
- District 6: JoAnn Garcia & staff; District 5: Steve Lopez
- DOT Planning Unit – Govt. to Govt. Weekly Updates

Training & Funding Opportunities

- America Walks Community Challenge Grant – applications due Nov. 10, 2017
- CMAQ (*Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality*) grant / funding opportunity anticipated for the Spring of 2018 (reference agenda citation).

New Business / Open Floor:

- No formal requests submitted



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Monthly Report – October 2017

- A. **NWRTPO Regional Work Program and Budget Update:** During our August meeting, RTPO staff presented updates to our FFY 18 Regional Work Program and budget, which primarily consist of changing time allocations to the various work function components, based on our experience this past year, and anticipated time investment needs for the upcoming year. RTPO members approved and authorized this second amendment to the NWRTPO RWP for FFY 18. RTPO staff will be submitting this amendment to the NMDOT Planning Dept. for approval for the FFY 18 work program during the course of this first FY18 quarter.
- B. **4 Corners Counties Collaborative Meetings:** RTPO staff continue to support ongoing meetings sponsored by McKinley County, that include all interested / participating counties within Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah, that are part of Navajo Nation lands, along with BIA and Navajo Nation representatives. This group continues to seek ways to find more cost and time efficient transportation development and maintenance through cross-jurisdictional agreements.
- C. **GIS Data Gathering, Mapping and Compiling Work:** RTPO staff will continue to reach out to our three Pueblos – Laguna, Acoma and Zuni regarding the opportunity to include their transportation mapping and data into our regional portfolio, based on what each Pueblo is willing to share. COG staff continued GIS mapping for new development of 36 miles of recreational trails in the Zuni Mountains – McKinley County area during October.
- D. **2018 NMDOT Rail Plan Update:** RTPO staff continue reaching out to our members to take advantage of a window of time this year to include our local govt. interests in the NMDOT Rail Plan update, by simply informing the DOT Rail staff of (near future) local rail opportunities that may have potential for plan inclusion.
- E. **5310 / 5311 Public Transportation Appl. Ranking:** There is concern among the RTPO's regarding a new electronic submission method proposed from NMDOT Transit & Rail, for the application ranking results from RTPO evaluations of their respective regional public transportation providers. A) Many RTPO staff around the state were not able to log in to the initial web-based training (10/12), and B) Transit and Rail staff failed to show up at the statewide RTPO Roundtable held 10/24 in Santa Fe to again explain the process.
- F. **Tribal Capital Outlay Training:** A Capital Outlay Training from N.M. Dept. of Finance Admin. – Local Govt. Division was provided at UNM-Gallup on 10/13/17 for Navajo Chapters regarding the process, which included transportation infrastructure.
- G. **RTPO Quarterly Roundtable – 10/24/17:** A report is included in this meeting agenda package from the statewide RTPO Roundtable held 10/24/17 in Santa Fe.
- H. **4-Corners Future Forum:** The Four Corners Future Forum around economic development planning was provided in Farmington on Nov. 1-2, 2017, and was well attended by govt. and private sector stakeholders from all four states. Transportation infrastructure and services was addressed in some of the economic development related workshop discussion.

RTPO New Mexico

Regional Transportation Planning Organization

RTPO Quarterly Round Table
North Central New Mexico Economic Development District
SFBI Conference Rm A
3900 Paseo Del Sol
Santa Fe NM
10/24/17
10 AM

1. Introductions
2. National Asphalt Pavement Association Presentation
3. Transit Application Evaluation Process (Transit and Rail, Invited) *- did not show*
4. CMAQ (Wade) *emailed questions*
5. LTAP (Paul)
6. MPO/RTPO Joint Meeting (Rosa)
7. FFY17 Carry Forward Funds (Rosa) *Ⓢ*
8. NMDOT Prioritized Bike Network Plan (Wade/Rosa, will need about 30 minutes for this item)
9. RTPO Updates
10. Next meeting

Refreshments and Lunch will be provided.

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Statewide RTPPO Quarterly Roundtable

10/24/17 – NCNMEDD

Santa Fe Business Incubator

3900 Paseo Del Sol

2) National Asphalt Pavement Association – Mo Moabed, Ms. Jessica Sena:

- Emphasis on quality control
- Provides a national coalition to assure professional standards for contractors
- Provide training on proper techniques
- Annual paving conference for New Mexico every January
- Check the APA (*Asphalt Paving Alliance*) website
- 4 million miles of roads in America; 2.4 million of which are paved
- Politics and cost constraints often create compromise of road construction quality

3) Transit Application Evaluation Process – NMDOT Transit & Rail:

- No show

4) CMAQ (*Congestion Mitigation / Air Quality*) Funding – Wade Patterson:

- Gearing up for FY20 projects – similar process to TAP / RTP
- This spring application process opens:
 - Project Feasibility Form
 - Project Identification Form
 - Applications due Nov. 2018
 - Requires 14.56% match
- Funding might contribute to TAP projects, but can't be cited as match (double dipping)

5) LTAP:

- DOT has contracted UNM to manage the program: ltap.unm.edu
- Developing 2018 LTAP work plan
- Eric Garcia will continue to deliver heavy equipment training
- Paul Sittig is now the LTAP manager

6) MPO / RTPPO Joint Meeting: possibly in March 2018 at MR-COG

7) FFY17 Carry Forward:

- Information out from NMDOT in November
- Q-1 amend by Dec. 15 – formal amendment needed only if one line item increases / decreases
- by 20% or total funding increase/decrease of 10%

8) NMDOT Prioritized Statewide Bike Network – Wade P. / Rosa K.:

- prioritizing bike paths on corridors within the statewide NMDOT network
- provide design guidelines based on corridor type

- incorporating into 2040 DOT LRTP
- will also support local development and seek to map connections to the statewide DOT network
- no funding – just a planning document
- Bohannon Huston teaming up with ALTA (*national firm leading multi-modal / bike access trails nationwide*)
- Public input: a) October thru December, 2017 (for our region – Farmington, Nov. 16) – data collection; b) February thru March, 2018
- There will also be a website for public input – with an interactive input map and text boxes for comments
 - On website – if someone else has already addressed your comment(s) – you can add yourself to that comment to build support

9) RTPO Updates:

- Southwest: using LED lights – major energy \$ savings – received \$250K award
- Northwest: reference attached report
- Southeast / Northeast:
 - RTIPR still in development for North East RTPO
 - Doing local surveys on priorities going forward
- Mid Region:
 - 4th Quarter Report done
 - Working on annual report
 - Working TAP / RTP project in Cuba
 - Working on 1st Quarter ammendments
 - Complete Streets projects
- South Central:
 - Multi-modal planning for LRTP
 - Assisting Socorro with TAP implementation

10) Next Meeting: not set or discussed – had to abbreviate meeting due to next meeting (NM FUNDIT) to use the room.

NWRTPO Report – October 24, 2017 Roundtable

NCNMEDD – 3900 Paseo del Sol, Santa Fe

- Commenced GIS mapping in collaboration with Forest Service for development of another 36 miles of recreational trails in the Zuni Mountains – east of Gallup, south of I-40 in McKinley County. In FFY-19 will develop another 30 miles of recreational trails in the same Zuni Mountains Trails system within Cibola County.
- 8/22-24: attended FHWA Southwest Region Tribal Transportation Workshop at Navajo DOT, in Tse Bonito NM (just east of Window Rock, AZ).
- 8/28: participated in 4-Corners Collaborative Meeting held at Navajo DOT in Tse Bonito. Continuing to explore ways to generate cost and time efficiencies for transportation development and maintenance through cross-jurisdictional agreements between the BIA, Navajo Nation, and Counties that include Navajo lands (NM, AZ, Utah).
- Supporting our members for TIGER (10/16) and INFRA (11/2) grant applications.
- Nominated Dave Deutsawe of Acoma Pueblo for an award at the NM Infrastructure Conference (Oct. 25 – 27 right here in Santa Fe) for the Pueblos accomplishment of 9 projects in less than 2 years through the FHWA CMGC (*Construction Management / General Contractor*) process. This entailed weekly meetings between Pueblo management and lead Construction Contractor, to discuss status and expedite phases with incredible efficiency. The Pueblo saved \$1 million which they applied to additional projects.
- Evan Williams and Bob Kuipers completed the FHWA / NHI “Basics of Transportation Planning” Webinar Training.
- Could not access DOT Transit web training on 5310 & 5311 electronic application ranking submission.
- Presentation from Shiprock High School students and staff for US64 School Zone safety and access improvements, at our 10/11 RTPO meeting in Shiprock. This section of US64 has 5 schools and 1 day-care center, with exceptionally poor bike and pedestrian accommodations, and safety concerns around school road crossings. There is a need for better road crossings with safety enhancements along with bike / pedestrian paths.
- NWNMCOG continues dialogue with City of Farmington regarding management of the Farmington MPO.
- Setting up RTPO training for our new Dist. 6 Transportation Commissioner – Billy Moore

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RTPO Members and DOT Colleagues:

The latest report and Human Environment Digest from the FHWA Office of Planning, Environment and Realty.

While the bottleneck webinar is over, I believe they're providing links for related information.

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10/16/2017



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Creating more livable communities through transportation choices



October 19, 2017

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Bicycle/ Pedestrian



"How to Develop a Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Action Plan"

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) released a revised guide titled, ["How to Develop a Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Action Plan"](#)

Resilience in a
Changing World.
Washington, DC.

- [March 8-9, 2018:](#)
Traditional Cultural
Places (Classroom).
San Francisco, CA.

WEBINARS

- [October 19, 1:00 - 2:30 PM ET:](#) American Trails' Trail Users Count! Automated Bicyclist and Pedestrian Trail User Counting in Greater Philadelphia (There is a fee for some)
- [October 19, 2:00 - 3:00 PM ET:](#) EPA Policy on Environmental Justice for Working with Federally Recognized Tribes and Indigenous Peoples & EJ SCREEN
- [October 26, 1:00 - 2:00 PM ET:](#) NITC's Racial Bias in Driver Yielding Behavior at Crosswalks
- [October 31, 2:00 - 3:30 PM ET:](#) TRB's Expediting the NEPA Process - What Does it Take? (There is a fee for some)
- [November 8, 3:00 - 4:30 PM ET:](#) PBIC's Addressing Speed-Related Crashes with a Focus on Protecting Children
- [November 15, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET:](#) PeopleForBikes' eMTB 101 - Who's Riding,

The purpose of this revised guide is to assist agencies in developing and implementing a safety action plan to improve conditions for bicycling and walking. This version builds on the original guide, which was developed in 2006 and released in 2009. The plan lays out a vision for examining existing conditions and using a data-driven approach to match safety programs and improvements with demonstrated safety concerns.

NHTSA Releases 2016 Fatal Traffic Crash Data

The *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration* (NHTSA) releases [fatal traffic crash data](#) for calendar year 2016. According to NHTSA data, which was collected from all 50 States and the District of Columbia, 37,461 lives were lost on U.S. roads in 2016, an increase 5.6 percent from the previous calendar year.

"Racial Bias in Driver Yielding Behavior at Crosswalks: Understanding the Effect"

The *National Institute for Transportation and Communities* (NITC) published a study on racial bias at crosswalks in 2014. NITC recently published the next phase of this research, titled "[Racial Bias in Driver Yielding Behavior at Crosswalks: Understanding the Effect.](#)" The updated report includes more comprehensive findings on driver behavior and bias at crosswalks.

"Roadway Behavior: It All Depends on Perception"

The *National Institute for Transportation and Communities* (NITC) published a policy brief, titled "[Roadway Behavior: It All Depends on Perception.](#)" The publication explores the social-psychological roots of roadway interactions between drivers and bicyclists.

TRB Publishes 14 Papers on Pedestrians

The *Transportation Research Board* (TRB) recently published *Journal of the Transportation Research Board*, No. 2661: "[Pedestrians.](#)" The journal consists of 14 papers that explore pedestrian issues, such as walkability assessments, an evaluation of a child pedestrian safety curriculum, and addressing challenges of visually impaired pedestrians.

Economic Development



Current Policies, and
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"Autonomous Vehicles: Driving Employment for People with Disabilities"

The U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) released a new online dialogue through its ePolicyWorks initiative, titled "[Autonomous Vehicles: Driving Employment for People with Disabilities.](#)" This online dialogue explores how autonomous vehicles can be leveraged to expand access to competitive, integral jobs for people with disabilities and what issues policymakers should consider when developing legislation, regulations, or other policies that govern autonomous vehicles.

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"Public Transportation's Impact on Rural and Small Towns"

The American Public Transportation Association (APTA) recently published a new report, titled "[Public Transportation's Impact on Rural and Small Towns.](#)" The report shows that small-town and rural public transit ridership increased 7.8% from 2007 to 2015. The report also indicates that older individuals, veterans, and people with disabilities have the highest public-transit use in these areas.

"Exploring the Link Between Green Infrastructure and Air Quality"

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a recording from a recent webinar titled "[Exploring the Link Between Green Infrastructure and Air Quality.](#)" The webinar explores the many uses of green infrastructure, such as managing stormwater, and using vegetated systems to improve air quality and reduce urban heat-island effects. The webinar was originally presented on August 9, 2017.

"How Transit Use Could Rise in Rural America"

CityLab published a new article, titled "[How Transit Use Could Rise in Rural America.](#)" The article explores the opportunities that exist to promote transit ridership in small and rural towns, particularly since

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The latest FHWA OPER Report, FYI.

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Please join us for our next webinar: MAG Large-Scale Regional Travel Surveys and Bottleneck Survey. **This webinar is likely to fill up, so please share a connection whenever possible. V limited to 100 participants in the web room. A copy of the slides will be linked to i email sent the day of the presentation so that those who cannot get into the web r follow along on the teleconference line.**

Please be aware- we have updated the link to the web room and included the new Meeting Information below.

Session Description

The Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) recently completed a number of regional and travel data collections. These projects capitalized on innovative data collection techniques and visualization methods. The first presentation will describe large-scale regional travel surveys completed by MAG. The synchronized travel surveys included 100% GPS-based Prompt Household Travel Survey and Establishment and Commercial Vehicle Survey. The presentation will describe the methodologies and results while also providing insight into the challenges and lessons learned throughout the survey process.

MAG Regional Bottleneck Study was another recently completed project. The study identified, ranked and analyzed regionally significant traffic bottlenecks. MAG periodically conducts bottleneck studies. The recent effort employed innovative Time-Lapse Aerial Photograph data collection, new data visualizations and a micro-simulation application. The second presentation will cover methodologies and results of the project, including bottleneck identification and measurement, the TLAP data collection, data visualization and application of the collected vehicle traces and origin-destination travel patterns for the purposes of traffic micro-simulation model development.

Presenters

Vladimir Livshits – Maricopa Association of Governments

Vladimir has more than 30 years of experience in the fields of transportation planning, traffic demand modeling and transportation economics. He has Ph.D. in Transportation Planning Economics and M.Sc. in computer science from Moscow State Technical University. He is currently a program manager for the Maricopa Association of Governments.

Edward Brown – Maricopa Association of Governments

Edward "Ted" Brown is a Transportation Planner III with the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG.) He has nearly a decade of experience in transportation modeling and surveying and has played an integral role in managing airport and special events surveys. He is currently the project manager for both the MAG Household Travel Survey and the Establishment and Commercial Vehicle Survey. He holds a Master of Public Administration and a B.S. in Urban Planning from Arizona State University.

Rachel Copperman – Cambridge Systematics Inc.

Rachel B. Copperman, a Senior Associate with Cambridge Systematics, has experience

Passenger and Freight Travel Demand Modeling and Forecasting, Travel Survey Method Discrete Choice Modeling, and Activity and Tour-Based Modeling. Dr. Copperman is currently deputy project manager of a team implementing a 100% GPS with prompted recall household travel survey for the Maricopa Association of Governments. She is also currently helping manage the effort to develop an innovative statewide model to support the evaluation of speed rail alternatives in the State of California. Dr. Copperman is currently involved in a number of other model development and model application projects including updating the NYMTC based model, applying FTA STOPS to the San Antonio region, and updating the San Antonio MPO's trip-based model. Dr. Copperman received a Doctorate and Master's degree in Transportation Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Systems Engineering from the University of Virginia.

Kathryn DeBoer – Westgroup Research

With more than 30 years of experience in Marketing Research, Kathryn DeBoer is well known for her expertise in public policy and has helped guide countless decisions affecting the quality of life in Arizona. Kathryn also works with many private-sector clients, including advertising agencies, public relations firms, and WestGroup's global clients. She is currently on the board of About Our Community, a non-profit organization that provides support services to homebound residents in the cities of Chandler and Gilbert, AZ. She is on the Central Region Board for Arizona Forward, as well as its Communications Committee. In addition, she is a member of the Arizona State University Psychology Leadership Council and a member and past president of the Arizona Chapter of the American Marketing Association. Ms. DeBoer is a part owner of WestGroup, serves on the company's Board of Directors, and holds the critical job of serving as the Quality Control Manager for the firm. Kathryn holds a BA from Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan and an MA in Human Factors Psychology from Arizona State University.

Aaron Hekele – ETC Institute

Mr. Hekele is currently serving as Director of Field Operations for ETC Institute. Mr. Hekele currently manages the data collection efforts for all very large transportation studies. Under his management, ETC Institute has successfully completed more than 60,000 transportation surveys in 2016 alone. Such surveys include; onboard OD surveys, onboard on-to-off surveys, or customer satisfaction surveys, household travel surveys, workplace/establishment survey counts, and external station origin and destination surveys.

Anurag Komanduri – Cambridge Systematics Inc.

Anurag Komanduri is a Los Angeles based-consultant with Cambridge Systematics. He leads the Southern California data analytics and modeling practice. He currently oversees the administration of the California Vehicle Inventory and Use Survey, which is the single largest commercial survey conducted by a US state. He is an avid proponent of open data and thoroughly enjoys making sense of the volumes of data being generated in the technology era.

Wang Zhang - Maricopa Association of Governments

Wang Zhang received his Ph.D. from Dept. of Civil Engineering at Virginia Tech. He is currently a Transportation Engineer IV at Maricopa Association of Governments. He manages traffic data collection and mobility analysis projects, and also has expertise in transportation modeling.

Meeting Information

Participants do not need to preregister to attend the webinar.

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FHWA's Sustainability and Resilience Highlights

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FHWA Synthesis Report Details Approaches for Addressing Resilience in Project Development

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) recently published a new report, [Synthesis Approaches for Addressing Resilience in Project Development](#), which incorporates lessons and innovations from recent FHWA studies and pilot projects to help transportation agencies address resilience at the project level in engineering-informed adaptation studies. As part of this effort, FHWA and its partners conducted a series of additional [Engineering Assessments](#) to develop information for specific transportation asset types and disciplines.

FHWA Opens Call for Alternative Fuel Corridor (AFC) Nominations

The 2017 Alternative Fuels Corridor (AFC) request for designation nominations was released on September 22, 2017. The due date for all nominations is COB November 30, 2017. The [for nominations](#) can be found on the AFC website. For questions or more information on the nomination process please contact Diane Turchetta at 202-493-0158 or diane.turchetta@fhwa.dot.gov

Oregon DOT Publishes New Report on Nature-based Solutions for Protecting the Oregon Coast Highway

The Oregon Department of Transportation released a final report, [Green Infrastructure for Resilience of the Oregon Coast Highway](#), documenting the results of a FHWA sponsored project. Oregon DOT developed conceptual designs for three locations along coastal highway 101 vulnerable to storms and coastal bluff erosion. These designs include cobble beaches, artificial dunes, sand tubes, mechanically stabilized earth, riprap, and planted terraces. Oregon DOT analyzed the coastal protection potential of these designs using wave runup analysis. Oregon DOT also engaged land use and permitting agencies on design options. The Oregon project is one of five [green infrastructure pilots](#) sponsored by FHWA to assess the potential for nature-based solutions to protect coastal roads and bridges from flooding.

FHWA Publishes Summary of Resilience and Transportation Planning and Project Development Peer Exchange

FHWA published [a report](#) summarizing the major themes discussed during a peer exchange on resilience in transportation planning and project development that FHWA and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 5 jointly organized and convened in Chicago, Illinois. The objective of the meeting was to foster a meaningful exchange of ideas among practitioners in Region 5 States, focused on issues and approaches for addressing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions analysis and resilience in transportation planning and the project development process. In general, peers agreed that a detailed GHG emissions analysis as part of the NEPA process can be useful for disclosure but likely would not add much value to decision making due to the relatively small differences in emissions between alternatives. The group also discussed ways to assess vulnerabilities and plan for resilience, including the potentially increased consequences of climate change and extreme weather events in NEPA Purpose and Need statements. A summary is available on the [FHWA website](#).

Photovoltaic Noise Barriers Report Summarizes the Opportunity and Potential for Producing Noise Barriers on Highways

A [recent FHWA report](#) summarizes current practices in photovoltaic noise barriers (PVNBs) globally and discusses the potential benefits of PVNBs in place of, or in addition to, existing noise barriers. PVNBs represent the combination of noise barrier systems and photovoltaic systems that mitigate traffic noise while simultaneously producing renewable energy using photovoltaic installations. First deployed in Switzerland in 1989, PVNBs are now found in several countries where transportation agencies have sought ways to find multiple uses of their infrastructure. The report documents PVNB experience in the literature and supplemented through a series of interviews. The report provides evidence suggesting that noise barriers can be designed to produce renewable energy without compromising their abilities to reduce noise, and do so safely. Given the substantial use of noise barriers in the country, the potential for solar energy production on American noise barriers is likely at least 400 Gigawatt hours annually, roughly equivalent to the annual electricity use of 37,000 homes, and perhaps much higher.

FHWA Hosts Renewable Energy in Highway Rights of Way Peer Exchange

FHWA hosted a peer exchange in July 2017 to bring together practitioners to discuss issues related to, and approaches for, accommodating renewable energy technologies in highway rights-of-way (ROWs). The peer exchange built upon the findings of the PVNB report described above, as well as other FHWA work to provide information and technical assistance to State DOTs on renewable energy generation in highway rights-of-way, such as a [briefing book](#) and a [report](#) on alternative uses of the ROW. [A recent report](#) summarizes the presentations and discussions from the peer exchange, including presentation topics, discussions, and the challenges and lessons learned from State DOT participants who have undertaken these projects.

Delaware Department of Transportation Considers Context Sensitive Solutions Approach to Incorporate Resilience Practices in the Agency

The Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) hosted a technical assistance meeting in November 2016 to apply a Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) framework to the process

integrating resiliency strategies into the operations of a State DOT; examine DeIDOT's ci procedures considering recent State studies on climate change impacts; and identify opp to integrate key climate strategies into planning, development, and delivery using a CSS CSS is a method used by FHWA to inform decisions and strategies that fully integrate th and concerns of all stakeholders relative to the project at hand. This exercise with DeIDC an opportunity to gain new insight into how CSS can support the development of more ef climate and resiliency state and local strategies. The meeting was sponsored by FHWA. information see the [meeting summary report](#).

Texas Resilience Workshop Report Published

[A new report](#) summarizes a FHWA workshop that was held on June 21, 2017, at the Tex Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in Austin, Texas. The purpose of the workshop w identify opportunities for metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) and other transport agencies in Texas to assess and address their vulnerabilities to climate change and extr weather and incorporate resilience into the transportation planning process. Presentatio discussions at the workshop focused on actions that MPOs and other transportation age Texas can take to meet new requirements in the Fixing America's Surface Transportatio Act and increase their resilience to climate change and extreme weather.

FHWA Holding Resilience Webinar Series

FHWA is holding a webinar series this fall to present the results of recent climate resilien research. Registration for the webinars is available on [FHWA's Resilience Webinars Pag](#)

- September 28: Synthesis of Approaches for Addressing Resilience 1
- October 5: Synthesis of Approaches for Addressing Resilience 2
- October 12: Synthesis of Approaches for Addressing Resilience 3
- October 26: Hurricane Sandy Follow-up Vulnerability Assessment and Adapt Analysis
- November 2: Green Infrastructure Techniques for Coastal Highway Resilience Results 1
- November 9: Green infrastructure Techniques for Coastal Highway Resilience Results 2
- November 16: FHWA Climate Resilience Framework, 2017 Update

U.S. EPA Publishes 2017 Trends Report "Our Nation's Air"

The latest [annual trends report](#) from the US EPA is now available. The report summarize in air quality for six National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) pollutants, for visibili emissions of 187 hazardous pollutants. Between 1970 and 2016, the combined emissio six common pollutants (PM2.5 and PM10, SO2, NOx, VOCs, CO and Pb) dropped by 73 This progress occurred while the U.S economy continued to grow, Americans drove mor and population and energy use increased. In addition, since 2000, the number of unhealt quality days in 35 major metropolitan areas dropped by 66%. Interactive graphics, web-b maps with location-enabled search, direct links to data sources, and a summary brochure available on the [report website](#).

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RTPO members and DOT colleagues:

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Lots of informative attachments.

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Hi All—Please see the information below for the latest updates on NMDOT information relevant to the MPOs and RTPOs.

NMDOT Prioritized Bike Network Plan (Wade Patterson/Rosa Kozub)

Attached is a bilingual flyer promoting the NM Bike Plan effort which was presented at the recent RTPO Roundtable and MPO Quarterly meetings. Please share it widely with your members, at your offices and with any other parties you feel would be interested. The flyer contains a brief overview of the effort and directs readers to the project website, which includes interactive tools for users to submit detailed input. We appreciate your help in getting the word out!

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) (Wade Patterson)

With Bernalillo County now in attainment for air quality, the majority of CMAQ funds that come to New Mexico will now be available for projects statewide. NMDOT Planning is currently establishing the structure by which entities may request funding. The CMAQ application process will open in the spring of 2018 with a final deadline of November 2018, aligning with the RTP/TAP application timeline. Applications will be accepted for projects that will commence in FFY2020 or later. The attached document includes general information about who may apply, how much is estimated to be available and details about the proposed criteria that will be used to evaluate applications. We are interested in hearing your feedback, particularly regarding the evaluation criteria. Please read through the attachment and send any comments to Wade Patterson (wade.patterson@state.nm.us) by Friday, November 3, 2017.

FFY17-18 Planning Work Program Amendment 5

Amendment 5 to the NMDOT Planning Work Program (which includes all MPO UPWPs and RTPO RWP) was approved by FHWA-NM and FTA Region VI on October 13, 2017. Please see the attached letter.

FFY17 Annual Performance and Expenditure Reports (APERs) (Rosa Kozub/Liaisons)

All MPO/RTPO APERs are due to your Planning Liaisons by 11/15. Please follow the APER format from last year. The narrative and budget templates for MPOs and RTPOs (updated for FFY17) are attached; these mirror the templates from last year's APERs. In addition to completing these templates, please submit your cumulative report, based off of your Work Programs and Quarterly Reports. Please let your Liaison know if you have any questions.

Upcoming Meetings/Conferences/Trainings

- Oct. 25, Uptown Marriott in Albuquerque: Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Annual Statewide Meeting, with the theme "A Vision to Zero Fatalities and Delays." Agenda attached. Register here: <http://register.newmexicoits.com/>.
- Oct. 25-27: New Mexico Infrastructure and Finance Conference, Santa Fe. More information here: <http://www.nmifc.com/>.

Thanks,

Rosa Kozub | AICP

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CMAQ Non-Mandatory (Wade Patterson)

At the October MPO Quarterly meeting, NMDOT Planning presented an outline (attached) of how the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) is to be restructured. We will be presenting this same information to the RTPOs at the October 24 Roundtable for review and discussion. With Bernalillo County now in attainment for air quality, the majority of CMAQ funds that come to New Mexico will now be available for projects statewide and this application process establishes the structure by which entities may request funding. The CMAQ application process will open in the spring of 2018 with a final deadline of November 2018, aligning with the RTP/TAP application timeline. Applications will be accepted for projects that will commence in FFY2020 or later. The attached document includes general information about who may apply, how much is estimated to be available and details about the proposed criteria that will be used to evaluate applications. We are interested in hearing your feedback, particularly regarding the evaluation criteria. Please read through the attachment and send any comments to Wade Patterson (wade.patterson@state.nm.us) by November 3rd.

National Highway System (NHS) (Paul Sittig)

FHWA approved revisions to the NHS in New Mexico, primarily supporting proposals from Mid Region and Santa Fe MPOs to remove some Principal Arterials from the NHS, but also to better align some classifications in other urban and rural areas with the functional classifications. Please find the attached approval from FHWA (PDF, dated 8/30/2017) and the initial submission to FHWA (Excel spreadsheet, date 3/10/2017) that is sorted by RTPO and MPO. If you have any questions about these changes or the process to update NHS classifications, please contact Paul Sittig (paul.sittig@state.nm.us).

Announcements

- NCHRP/AASHTO Standing Committee on Planning (SCOP) has released a survey researching how states and regions are implementing complete streets and multimodal transportation policies. The survey can be accessed at this link: <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/3643912/NCHRP-CompleteStreetsImplementation>

Reminder: please review the PPM to ensure that your MPO/RTPO is meeting all of the end-of-year deadlines! Draft APERs are due to your GTG Liaison by 11/15.

Thank you,

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Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Non-Mandatory

Proposed Guidelines for Funding Awards beginning FFY20

Who May Apply? The CMAQ program will be open to Tribal/Local Public Agencies (T/LPAs) as well as transit providers (or other public transportation agency) and NMDOT District Offices.

How Much is Available? The estimated annual funding available for applicants beginning in FFY20 is \$8,651,000 (federal). The final targets for FFY20 have not been issued yet.

How do I Apply for Funding? Applications for projects beginning in FFY20 will be opened in the spring of 2018 with final applications due in November 2018. The process will be concurrent the TAP/RTP application timeline and will follow a similar protocol. Applicants will work with their MPO or RTPO which will serve as the conduit for submitting applications. Each MPO and RTPO will set their own internal timeline for draft submissions from members, so long as final applications are turned into NMDOT by the November deadline.

To provide you with some additional information about how project applications will be reviewed, below is a more detailed outline of the proposed selection criteria to be used in reviewing and ranking applications. Applicants will be asked to answer both the Screening and Evaluation Criteria sections.

Project Proposal Narrative:

Please answer each of the following questions (for both the Screening and Evaluation Criteria sections). Responses should provide reviewers with a thorough overview of the project's scope and impact.

Screening Criteria

The screening criteria are divided into three categories. Proposed projects must meet all of these screening criteria in order to move to the next phase of review.

1. Project Eligibility

- A. Proposed project is eligible for CMAQ funds per guidelines in the Federal Register Vol. 73, No. 203.
- B. Project applicant is a city, county, tribal government, transit operator or other public transportation agency, or NMDOT District office

2. Planning Consistency

- A. Project is included in or consistent with the goals and policies of an adopted Statewide, Metropolitan or Regional Transportation Plan. Please reference and provide copies of appropriate plan pages where the project appears or is consistent with. Do not include entire plan.
- B. Project is included in or consistent with other state, local or regional plans. Please reference and provide copies of appropriate plan pages where the project appears or is consistent with. Do not include entire plan.

3. Financial Feasibility

- A. Recipient of funds must have the financial capacity to complete, operate and maintain the project. NMDOT will review audited financial statements and other pertinent public documents to make a determination about financial capacity.
- B. Funds required from other sources (for local match) must be reasonably expected to be available. Please include documentation of commitment to the local match requirement. Please reference the CMAQ Program Guide, Appendix XXX for a sample "resolution of sponsorship."
- C. Project can be implemented within Federal delivery requirements. Describe the proposed programming timeline for completion of the project.

Selection Criteria

There are eight selection criteria to be used to evaluate projects which have been found to meet the above screening criteria. Projects will be evaluated by committee for each criterion to determine the degree to which they accomplish the stated goal or purpose. Please provide, clear, concise responses to how the proposed project addresses the following:

1. Improves Mobility (any mode)

Please describe how your eligible project will increase accessibility and mobility for any mode of transportation. Please cite and provide supporting documents or studies as necessary.

2. Improves Air Quality

Please explain clearly how this project will improve air quality through a reduction in vehicle emissions. Please cite and provide supporting documents or studies as necessary.

3. Has Inter-Modal Elements

Please describe how your eligible project will increase accessibility and mobility through the integration and connectivity of transportation networks. Please cite and provide supporting documents or studies as necessary.

4. Priority Project

For applicants submitting multiple projects for funding, please provide the priority ranking for each project within either the MPO's prioritized projects list or the RTPO's RTIPR. Please cite and provide supporting documents or studies as necessary.

5. Project Readiness

Please provide information regarding any advance work that the applicant has undertaken in support of this project. This could include anything from design work to public meetings, discussions with adjacent property owners or other similar activities that lay the groundwork for a successful project. Please cite and provide supporting documents or studies as necessary.

6. Safety and Security

Please explain any safety issues you are trying to address and provide any available data. Describe how your eligible project will increase the safety and security of different user groups by making it safer for them to walk, bicycle, and/or access public transit. Please cite and provide supporting documents or studies as necessary.

7. Economic Vitality

Please provide detailed information on how your eligible project will benefit local, regional, and/or state economic development efforts. Please cite and provide supporting documents or studies as necessary.

8. System Preservation

Please explain how your eligible project will enhance, preserve, or offer an adaptive reuse of existing infrastructure. Please cite and provide supporting documents as necessary.

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



Each project should include a detailed breakdown of the project costs. Submit a separate application and budget for each project or stand-alone segment for which you are willing to accept funding, or for a multi-use path section that could function as a separate facility.

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Hi All—hope you had a nice holiday weekend! Please see the information below for the latest updates on NMDOT information relevant to the MPOs and RTPOs.

CMAQ Non-Mandatory (Wade Patterson)

At the October MPO Quarterly meeting, NMDOT Planning presented an outline (attached) of how the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) is to be restructured. We will be presenting this same information to the RTPOs at the October 24 Roundtable for review and discussion. With Bernalillo County now in attainment for air quality, the majority of CMAQ funds that come to New Mexico will now be available for projects statewide and this application process establishes the structure by which entities may request funding. The CMAQ application process will open in the spring of 2018 with a final deadline of November 2018, aligning with the RTP/TAP application timeline. Applications will be accepted for projects that will commence in FFY2020 or later. The attached document includes general information about who may apply, how much is estimated to be available and details about the proposed criteria that will be used to evaluate applications. We are interested in hearing your feedback, particularly regarding the evaluation criteria. Please read through the attachment and send any comments to Wade Patterson (wade.patterson@state.nm.us) by November 3rd.

National Highway System (NHS) (Paul Sittig)

FHWA approved revisions to the NHS in New Mexico, primarily supporting proposals from Mid Region and Santa Fe MPOs to remove some Principal Arterials from the NHS, but also to better align some classifications in other urban and rural areas with the functional classifications. Please find the attached approval from FHWA (PDF, dated 8/30/2017) and the initial submission to FHWA (Excel spreadsheet, date 3/10/2017) that is sorted by RTPO and MPO. If you have any questions about these changes or the process to update NHS classifications, please contact Paul Sittig (paul.sittig@state.nm.us).

Announcements

- NCHRP/AASHTO Standing Committee on Planning (SCOP) has released a survey researching how states and regions are implementing complete streets and multimodal transportation policies. The survey can be accessed at this link: <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/3643912/NCHRP-CompleteStreetsImplementation>

Upcoming Meetings/Conferences/Trainings

- Oct. 24, 10am, Santa Fe: RTPO Quarterly Roundtable, hosting by North Central New Mexico Economic Development District. Contact Eric Ghahate (ericg@ncnmedd.com) for more information or to submit agenda items.
- Oct. 25, Uptown Marriott in Albuquerque: Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Annual Statewide Meeting, with the theme "A Vision to Zero Fatalities and Delays." Agenda attached. Register here: <http://register.newmexicoits.com/>.
- Oct. 25-27: New Mexico Infrastructure and Finance Conference, Santa Fe. More information here: <http://www.nmifc.com/>.

Reminder: please review the PPM to ensure that your MPO/RTPO is meeting all of the end-of-year deadlines! Draft APERs are due to your GTG Liaison by 11/15.

Thank you,

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Greetings RTPO members and DOT colleagues:

Forwarding a grant opportunity due Nov. 10 which Evan Williams came across.

Not a lot of money, but might help for any bike / pedestrian projects.

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Application for 2017 Community Change Grants

America Walks, partners of the Every Body Walk! Collaborative, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and other generous sponsors, are excited to announce another round of our popular micro grant funding. This program will award grantees up to \$1,500.00 in community stipends for projects related to creating healthy, active, and engaged places to live, work, and play.

Walkable communities lead to improved safety and health for community members of all age, abilities, genders, and backgrounds. They engage all community members in the work being done to create safe, accessible, and enjoyable places to walk and be physically active. These communities see benefits for all community members to individual health and wellness, community interaction, economic vitality, and environmental sustainability. Advocates must be diligent in making sure that every community member has access to these benefits, and it is our hope that these funds can help with that.

Most importantly, walking and walkability can help to bridge community divides and overcome existing disparities. To make and keep walking and walkability a priority in neighborhoods and communities so these benefits are equally available to all, a strong, connected group of local advocates and dedicated organizations are needed. This grant program aims to support and grow this network of advocates and organizations and to strengthen communities' sustainability.

Funded projects will increase walking and benefits of walkability in communities, work to grow the walking movement by engaging people and organizations new to the efforts, and take steps towards creating a culture of inclusive health.

Please contact Heidi Simon at hsimon@americawalks.org with questions.

Applications are due through submission of this form by November 10th by 5pm Eastern.

* Required

3pm M+T.

Contact Information

Name of Person Completing Application *

Organization or Institution to Receive Grant *

Please select which of the following represents your organization. *

Relation of Contact Person to Organization *

Email Address *

Contact Phone Number *

Address *

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Zip Code *

Website of Organization

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Please select the sector that best describes your primary job or professional affiliation. *

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- Law Enforcement
- Elected or Appointed Official
- Health Professional
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Planner or Architect

Transportation Professional

Other:

About the Grantee

Briefly describe your community, its demographics and a couple of key data points about the pedestrian activity or challenges faced by your residents. Max. 1000 characters. *

Please provide a brief description of the organization. Max. 1000 characters. *

Please provide a brief overview of the size and scope of the organization, including the number of full-time employees and other existing resources available to support this project. Max. 1000 characters. *

Briefly describe 2 things you or your organization have worked on in the past related to walking or walkable communities. If you haven't done any work in walkability to-date, explain why you are interested in this type of work now. Max. 1000 characters. *

About the Project/Program

Please select one of the following that best describes your project. *

If you selected other above, please briefly provide the topic of your proposed project.

Please describe the project or strategy that you will implement. Indicate what you think the benefits of successfully implementing it will be. Max. 1000 characters. *

Please identify one or two challenges facing your community that this project will address. Max. 1000 characters. *

How will your proposed project work to bring walking and walkability to underserved populations? Max. 1000 characters. *

How would you define a successful project? Max. 1000 characters. *

How do you plan to evaluate the project and its success? Max. 1000 characters. *

Please provide information on the budget for this project. How will you use the resources (materials, staff, etc.)? Max. 1000 characters. *

Do you agree to participate in quarterly surveys on your progress? *

Do you agree to provide a video tape or photo documentation of your project? *

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WHAT'S AT STAKE FOR RURAL TRANSIT?

Federal transit funding is still on the chopping block.

While we've frequently highlighted the ongoing, existential threats to the main source of federal funds for helping cities expand or create new public transportation lines or service, **smaller cities and rural areas are also facing the threat of funding reductions, phase-outs or the total elimination of vital programs they depend upon.**

Those who operate or depend on transit — whether in small, rural areas or large, urban ones — must band together to convince both Congress and the President of the vital nature of public transportation services.

[In this new detailed memo](#) (pdf), we lay out the specific threats facing rural areas and explain Congress' and the administration's efforts to cut or eliminate vital funding programs for public transportation. Get the full summary on:

- What the president has proposed and the status of the current appropriations process
- What you can do today

- Formula transit programs, Small Starts, the TIGER competitive grant program, and
- The outlook for the transit program

Transit providers of all sizes, in all parts of the country, should band together and start making the strongest possible case for preserving the federal transit program. [Read our full summary](#) and learn how you can take action.

JOIN US ON OCTOBER 23 FOR A WEBINAR

We'll be unpacking the memo & discussing what's at stake for rural areas. Our team of experts will discuss rural transit providers, the types of local projects that are at risk from these cuts, and what you can do to defend transit in your region. Join the live discussion on [Monday, October 23, from 3:00-4:00 p.m. EDT.](#)

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