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NM Transportation Commission Awards \$100 Million in Critical Local and Tribal Projects

On August 18th, the New Mexico Transportation Commission approved close to \$100 million in local and tribal transportation projects throughout the State of New Mexico. This cycle’s call for projects was administered by Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO’s), Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPO’s), and the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) to collect, review, and submit applications from local and tribal public entities throughout the state. Ultimately, Cabinet Secretary Ricky Serna provided a final list of recommendations to the Commission for project funding approval. The list, which included 81 new projects and 20 prior fiscal year projects, totaling \$106M, was presented to the STC for review and final determination. Remaining funds will be used for hardship waivers. Special Thanks to our District 5 Commissioner Tom Taylor and District 6 Commissioner Charles Lundstrom for their support and advocacy for these funds.

Projects funded in Northwest New Mexico and counties of Cibola, McKinley, and San Juan included:

District	Entity	Project Title	TPF	Local	Total
	Farmington MPO:	San Juan County:			
5	City of Bloomfield	Bergin Lane Reconstruction	\$285,000	\$15,000	\$300,000
5	City of Farmington	W. Main St. / Broadway resurfacing	\$2,224,900	\$117,100	\$2,342,000
5	San Juan County	County Road 6480 resurfacing	\$1,425,000	\$75,000	\$1,500,000
	NWRTPO:	McKinley & Cibola Counties:			
6	City of Grants	Nimitz Drive	\$1,140,000	\$60,000	\$1,200,000
6	Pueblo of Acoma	SP38 Haaku Road	\$2,755,000	\$145,000	\$2,900,000
6	McKinley County	CR43 Superman Canyon Road & Bridge	\$2,580,517	\$135,817	\$2,716,334
6	City of Gallup	Nizhoni Boulevard Phases III & IV	\$4,364,300	\$229,700	\$4,594,000
6	Cibola County	CR 5Moquino Road and Bridge	\$1,900,000	\$100,000	\$2,000,000
6	Village of Milan	Airport Road Phase 3	\$1,135,250	\$59,750	\$1,195,000
6	Eastern Navajo	US491/Chee Dodge School Intersection	\$950,000	\$50,000	\$1,000,000
	TOTALS:	DOT Districts 5 & 6:	\$18,759,967	\$987,367	\$19,747,334

About Transportation Project Fund:

Current funding was appropriated by the New Mexico Legislature and signed into law by Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham. This program was created based on a 2019 bill carried by Representatives Patricio Ruiloba (D-12, Bernalillo) and Patricia Lundstrom (D-9, McKinley & San Juan), which created the Local Government Transportation Project Fund that allows the State to invest in a wide range of transportation project types, at all stages of readiness, and only requires a minimum local match. The program was revised to allow tribal participation, and in the 2021 Legislative Session a bill carried by Senator Bobby Gonzales was passed and signed to use motor vehicle excise tax to fund the program annually starting at about \$40 million. Eligible projects are allowed in the following categories: 1) Environmental and other Studies; 2) Planning; 3) design; and 4) acquisition



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of right of way necessary for development of transportation infrastructure, which includes, highways, streets, roadways, bridges, crossing structures and parking facilities, including all areas for vehicular, transit, bicycle or pedestrian use for travel, ingress, egress, and parking. The program requires a 5% local match without a hardship waiver.

About Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments:

Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments (NWNMCOG) is a 50-year-old regional development organization (RDO) recognized and empowered by the State of New Mexico and the US Economic Development Administration. We serve the entire three-county region of Cibola, McKinley and San Juan Counties and the communities and tribes therewithin to improve community and economy for the region and it's people. The NWNMCOG is an association of nine (9) local governments governed by a Board of Directors unified by the belief that we are stronger together and only united can we advance on regional opportunities and tackle regional challenges from sustainable water supply to behavioral health, strategic infrastructure, and economic development. The NWNMCOG facilitates the Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) under contract with the New Mexico Department of Transportation.

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