

Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NWRTPO)

RTPO Technical/Policy Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 09, 2019
10AM – 2PM
Shiprock Chapter
NM-64, MP23 – Bldg. 5548
Shiprock, NM

AGENDA

- I. **Call to Order and Introductions**.....Jeff Irving, *NWRTPO Chair*, or *Dave Deutsawe, Vice Chair*
- II. **Agenda – Review & Approval**.....Jeff Irving / Dave Deutsawe
- III. **Minutes of 9/11/19 – Review & Approval**.....Jeff Irving / Dave Deutsawe

ACTION ITEMS: none this meeting

DISCUSSION / PRESENTATION ITEMS:

- IV. **Annual Member Survey**.....Robert Kuipers
Staff also sent the survey out via “Survey Monkey” – 8 members responded by Survey Monkey, and 2 members responded directly (*completed hard copy and returned via email*). Staff will cover responses again – as covered in Sept.
- V. **LGTPF Funding Awards Process & Schedule?**.....Robert Kuipers, NMDOT Staff
Continued discussion with DOT staff on when funding will become available, the process (up front / reimbursement?) and when construction / planning can begin. **DOT now planning “public hearings on the LGTPF Final Rule” to take place Nov. 18 – 22; we are opting for Nov. 20 – 1:30pm to 3:30pm at DOT District 6 Auditorium. We are asking as many of our members to attend this meeting as are able, to represent our region as informed stakeholders. The state is fine tuning the LGTPF process for future funding disbursement.**
- VI. **Reports, Updates & Announcements:**
 - **RTPO Report: Regional News & Updates**.....Robert Kuipers
 - NWRTPO Regional Work Program Status Report / Monthly RTPO Staff Report
 - Annual Member Survey: 10 members submitted this year out of 14 who most regularly attended; thanks to our RTPO members for a much better response this year than in previous years!
 - Title VI Training is available to MPO’s and RTPO’s from Lisa Neie – Civil Rights Manager for FHWA New Mexico. These trainings can be customized to address member concerns and issues for their regions, if provided to her in advance. Based on training length, we could provide it at one of our meetings.
 - FHWA Value Capture Webinar Series – commenced in June, completed in November – staff will distribute hard copies
 - UNM-LTAP Training Opportunities
 - **Local Member Issues, Reports & Updates**.....NWRTPO Members

- **State DOT Reports**

1. Planning/Government-to-Government Unit (Neala Krueger)
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

- Gadiahii Chapter project presentation – Chapter Leaders and Larry Joe

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

- FHWA Office of Planning, Environment & Realty / Human Environment Digest: Weeks of 9/03/19, 9/09/19, 9/23/19, and 9/25/19 – emailed to members as they came out
- Govt. to Govt. Updates: Week of 9/09/19 – emailed to members as they came out.
- AASHTO Publications Updates: Weeks of 9/05/19, 9/12/19, 9/20/19 and 9/20/19 (*two separate reports on the same date*) – emailed as they came out.
- LGTPF Awards Public Notice: RTPO staff provided a public notice template sent to members on August 20, with another reminder on August 27 – to thank our Governor and State Legislators via newspaper or radio. **The only members who sent a copy of public notice to this effect was Mr. Siow of the Pueblo of Laguna and Mr. Jaramillo of the City of Grants (!!)** The total award from the state to our region was over \$12 million dollars (!!!!) – that’s almost three times what our region receives from the federal government on a biennial basis! **It’s not too late at this point for any of us to still get a public notice appreciating our state leaders, for providing this funding opportunity!** Staff also understand that some of you may indeed have gotten out a public notice, but please send staff a copy (via email), so we can have a record of our appreciation for the northwest part of the state in which we all reside!
- NMDOT / UNM-LTAP: Provides a very robust collection of training opportunities – staff forward news to members as it comes out from this source – reference at ltap.unm.edu
- Tribal Safety Summit: November 21-22, 2019; Institute of American Indian Arts – 83 Avon Nu Po Rd., Santa Fe.
- TTAP Safety Training Oct. 15 – 18: BIA Southwest Regional Office – 1001 Indian School Road, Albuquerque
- Transportation Research Board Webinar: Understanding and using Census Data for Tribal Transportation – October 17 3:00 – 4:30 pm Mountain Time.
- Annual RTPO Member Survey: As of September 30, eight RTPO members have responded on Survey Monkey, and two other members responded directly via email to the hard copy survey emailed out. That’s 10 out of 14 members who regularly attended meetings – the best response we’ve had in years!
- US DOT announces \$321.4 million in “Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects”: (NSFLTP) this funding will support maintenance repair or new construction for roads and bridges serving tribal or federal lands. <https://www.transportation.gov/briefing-room/fhwa1519>
- National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) Impact Award: The NWNMCOG will receive an “Impact Award” from NADO at the 2019 NADO Annual Training Conference, for the ongoing development of recreational trails in the Zuni Mountains of McKinley and Cibola Counties; this is the only award to New Mexico.

IX. Next Meetings:

- November 13: Milan Parks & Recreation Office, 409 Airport Road, Milan, N.M.
- December 11: Ramah Navajo Chapter, 434 BIA Rt. 125 – 4 miles south of NM53 intersection, Pine Hill, N.M.
- January 8, 2020: Cibola Convention Center, 515 High Street, Grants, N.M.

X. Adjournment:

Motion:

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