

Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NWRTPO)

RTPO Technical/Policy Committee Meeting
Wednesday, November 13, 2019
10AM – 2PM
Milan Parks & Recreation Office
409 Airport Road
Milan, 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 10/09/19 – Review & Approval**.....Jeff Irving / Dave Deutsawe

ACTION ITEMS: none this meeting

DISCUSSION / PRESENTATION ITEMS:

- IV. **NMDOT Local Govt. Relations Director** (and former State Representative).....George Dodge
Introduction from Mr. Dodge and his role in NMDOT; opportunity for members to share issues, solutions and priorities.
- V. **Annual 5311 / 5310 Public Transportation Application Ranking at 12/11 mtng**.....Robert Kuipers
Staff sent the applications that weren't too large to RTPO members. **Applications that were too large are posted on the COG – RTPO website for the 12/11 meeting in Ramah – please access these in advance so we're informed and fair** in our ranking of all 5310 and 5311 proposals.
- VI. **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. 20 – 1:00pm to 3:00pm 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.**
- VII. **Reports, Updates & Announcements:**
 - **RTPO Report: Regional News & Updates**.....Robert Kuipers
 - NWRTPO Regional Work Program Status Report / Monthly RTPO Staff Report
 - **Check RTPO membership documentation**; provide templates to members needing signatures
 - 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.
 - 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

VIII. New Business/Open Floor – Members & Guests

No requests in advance of this meeting.

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

- FHWA Office of Planning, Environment & Realty / Human Environment Digest: Weeks of 9/30/19, 10/14, 10/21, 10/29, and 11/04/19 – emailed to members as they came out
- Govt. to Govt. Updates: Weeks of 10/04/19 and 11/04/19 – emailed to members as they came out.
- AASHTO Publications Updates: Weeks of 9/30/19 (x2), 10/14/19, 10/21/19, 10/29 and 11/04/19 – 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. **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. Staff forwarded news for this Summit as new reports came out.
- Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Update: emailed to members 9/30/19
- ROUTES –“Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success: USDOT Secretary Elaine Chao announced this new funding source supporting rural transportation needs in America – emailed to members
- 49 CFR Part 29 – Tribal Transportation Self Governance Program: New federal legislation supporting tribal self-governance – emailed to members as news came out
- LGTPF Notice of Proposed Rule Making: emailed to members as news came out Public meeting at DOT District 6 11/20 1-3pm. **Members are encouraged to attend this meeting as it will lay out the rules for future funding.**
- TC3 (Transportation Curriculum Coordination Council) training opportunities: emailed to members as they came out
- TTAP Newsletter: emailed to Tribal members on 10/18
- LGRF Expiring Contracts: RTPO staff emailed this notification from Bill Santiago – NMDOT Dist. 6 on 10/24
- NM Fund-It Economic Development funding: potential match \$ for transportation projects – emailed 11/6/19
- ZMTP Report: progress report on Zuni Mountain rec. trails development emailed to members 11/6/19
- 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.

X. Next Meetings:

- 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.
- February 12: NMDOT Dist. 6 Office 1919 Pinon Drive, Milan, N.M. Meeting at District relevant to RTIPR process although RTIPR finalization will actually take place at the March 2021 meeting

XI. Adjournment:

Motion:
Second:

