

Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NWRTPO)

RTPO Technical/Policy Committee Meeting

Wednesday, December 11, 2019

10AM – 2PM

Ramah Navajo Chapter
434 BIA Rt. 125 off NM53
Pine Hill, 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 11/13/19 – Review & Approval**.....Jeff Irving / Dave Deutsawe

ACTION ITEMS:

- IV. **Annual Review and Authorization of Governing Documents**....Robert Kuipers, Jeff Irving / Dave Deutsawe

<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Open Meetings Act Resolution✓ Title VI Plan✓ Public Participation Plan <p>We will not need to authorize our ongoing bylaws or Regional Work Program at this time as these are typically updated every two to four years.</p>	<p>These governing documents were updated in 2018; there are no updates proposed at this time; we are simply undertaking re-authorization for the upcoming year because our January meeting will require extra time for our annual evaluative ranking of 5310 & 5311 public transportation funding applications.</p>
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- V. **Formal RTPO Budget Amendment**.....Robert Kuipers, Jeff Irving / Dave Deutsawe
Budget amendments exceeding 20% based on anticipated expenses for FFY2020 along with carry over funds from FFY2019. This amendment is only for the budget and no staffing hours changes are being requested.

DISCUSSION / PRESENTATION ITEMS:

- VI. **Annual 5311 / 5310 Public Transportation Application Ranking at 1/08/20 mtng**.....Robert Kuipers
Staff emailed the applications that weren't too large to RTPO members. **Applications are now posted on the COG – RTPO website for the 1/08/20 meeting in Grants at the Cibola Convention Center – 515 High Street – please access these in advance so we're informed and fair** in our ranking of three 5310 and five 5311 proposals from our region.
- VII. **LGTPF Funding Awards Process & Schedule**.....Robert Kuipers, NMDOT Staff
Continued discussion with DOT staff assuming funding is now available, the process (up front / reimbursement?) and when construction / planning can begin. **Members are reminded that they have until December 31 to execute signed agreements for this funding from the State;** at that time and thereafter – (especially our Navajo Chapters) can protect their funding by providing updates on progress with getting these funding agreements signed on a monthly basis – although it is advisable to provide these updates every two weeks!
- VIII. **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

IX. New Business/Open Floor – Members & Guests

No requests in advance of this meeting.

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

- FHWA Office of Planning, Environment & Realty / Human Environment Digest: Week of 11/14 19 – emailed to members as they came out
- Govt. to Govt. Updates: Week of 11/25/19 – emailed to members as they came out.
- AASHTO Publications Updates: Weeks of 11/12/19, 11/18/19, 11/22/19, and 11/26/19 – 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
- Regional TTAP Consultation Workshops: emailed to tribal members 11/12/19; TTAP in Brief Newsletter: emailed to members 11/18/19; TTAP Planning & Procurement Trng. Registration Flyer – Dec. 2-5 Southwest Region: emailed to members 11/26/19
- Intelligent Transportation Systems Professional Capacity Building Update: emailed to members 11/12/19
- USDOT T3 Webinar – Impacts of Automation: emailed to members 11/22/19
- NADO's Rural Transportation News: emailed to members 11/26/19
- 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
- LGRF Expiring Contracts: RTPO staff emailed this notification from Bill Santiago – NMDOT Dist. 6 on 10/24
- 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.

XI. Next Meetings:

- January 8, 2020: Cibola Convention Center, 515 High Street, Grants, N.M.
- February 12: McKinley Office of Emergency Management, 2221 Boyd Ave., Gallup, N.M.
- March 11: 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:

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