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Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NWRTPO)

RTPO Joint Technical & Policy Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

10:00 am

Virtual Meeting – [Microsoft Teams](#)

A G E N D A

ROUTINE ITEMS:

Item #	Item	Presenter
I.	Call to Order and Introductions	Raymond Concho, Chairman
II.	<i>Action: Agenda</i>	Raymond Concho, Chairman
III.	<i>Action: August 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes</i>	Raymond Concho, Chairman

ACTION ITEMS:

Item #	Item	Presenter
IV.	RTPO Meeting Frequency	Brandon Howe, RTPO

DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION ITEMS:

Item #	Item	Presenter
V.	NMDOT Active Transportation Programs Presentation	Angelica Trujillo, NMDOT
VI.	McKinley County I-40 Planning Projects Presentation	Derek Meier, Wilson & Co.
VII.	Membership Roster	Brandon Howe, RTPO

REPORTS: (10-minute limit)

Please submit Written Reports for inclusion in minutes

RTPO Program Report <i>(significant news only)</i>	Brandon Howe, RTPO
Local Member Reports <i>(significant news only)</i>	By Entity
New Mexico Department of Transportation Reports <i>(significant news only)</i>	RTPO Liaison (Sullivan Moore) Tribal Liaison (Vacant) District 5 (James Mexia, Amanda Nino) District 6 (Bill Santiago, Kyle Slim)

NEW BUSINESS/OPEN FLOOR: MEMBERS & GUESTS - (5-minute limit)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, November 13, 2024 @ McKinley County Office of Emergency Management, 2221 Boyd Avenue, Gallup, NM (unless otherwise determined or virtual via Microsoft Teams)

ADJOURNMENT



Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NWRTPO)
Joint Policy & Technical Committee

Meeting Minutes
 Wednesday, August 14, 2024
 10:00am – 12:00pm

Hybrid meeting executed via Microsoft Teams &
 In-Person at the Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments
 106 W. Aztec Avenue, Gallup, NM 87301

ATTENDANCE:

Tribal & Local Public Agencies (T/LPAs)

Agency	Primary Member	Alternate Member
Pueblo of Acoma	Raymond Concho – RTPO Chair	Nadine Kowice
Pueblo of Laguna	Anne Oandasan	Star Cheromiah
Pueblo of Zuni	Royce Gchachu	Roxanne Hughte
Navajo Nation	Kyron Hardy, Eastern Agency;	Vacant
	ShaQuilla Yazzie, Ft. Defiance Agency	Vacant
	Vacant	Vacant
Ramah Navajo	Michael Henio	Michael Eriacho
City of Grants	Nadine Jiron	Shannon Devine
City of Gallup	Clyde Strain	Alicia Santiago
Village of Milan	Denise Baca	Gabrielle Gonzales
Cibola County	Linda Cooke	Joseph Baca
McKinley County	Rodney Skersick	Yvonne Tso
San Juan County	Nick Porell	Vacant
Farmington MPO – Ex-officio	Peter Koeppel	Vacant

New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT)

Entity	Representative(s)
RTPO Liaison	Sullivan Moore
District 5	James Mexia, Amanda Nino
District 6	Bill Santiago, Kyle Slim
Tribal Liaison	Vacant
DOT Central Regional Design Office	James Sanchez, Juan Archuletta
Other NMDOT Staff / Guests	Robert Hamblen, City of Gallup Kristie Johnson, City of Gallup Candace Williams, Village of Milan Ron Watch, Pueblo of Acoma Ron Shutiva, Former NMDOT Tribal Liaison Michael Neely, Former NMDOT District 6 Local Gov't Supervisor Charmain Shutiva, Guest Pricilla Lee, Navajo DOT (AI - note taking)

Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization

Northwest NM Council of Governments	Brandon Howe, Robert Kuipers
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Tally Sheet – Attendance & Quorum

Total Full Attendance:	Member Entities:	NMDOT	RTPO	Full Attendance Norm:	Guests	
	11	4: DOT Liaison, Tribal Liaison, District 5 & 6 Representatives	1	13	varies	
Attendance – this meeting:	Member Entities:	NMDOT Attendance:	RTPO:	Attendance % this meeting:	Guest	Total Attendees
	6	3	2	85%	7	23

ROUTINE ITEMS:

Item #	Item
I.	Call to Order and Introductions. The meeting was called to order at 10:03 am , Chairman Raymond Concho, Pueblo of Acoma welcomed those in attendance, and proceeded with introductions approval of agenda and minutes. The meeting was conducted in-person and virtual participation was allowed via Microsoft Teams.
II.	Agenda: Chairman Raymond Concho, Pueblo of Acoma provided an overview of the day’s agenda topics and called for a motion: ACTION: C.B. Strain, City of Gallup motioned; Linda Cooke, Cibola County seconded adoption of the agenda; all in favor – motion carried unanimously.
III.	Minutes (June 12, 2024): Chairman provided time for review of minutes. Chairman Raymond Concho, Pueblo of Acoma called for a motion. ACTION: C.B. Strain, City of Gallup motioned; Linda Cooke, Cibola County seconded adoption of the minutes. All in favor – motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION ITEMS:

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VI.	Present: RTPO Recognition for Service to NWNM and State	Raymond Concho, Chairman
BACKGROUND		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why? During FFY2024, the Northwest RTPO was notified by three individuals that they will be retiring from their positions of public service. Robert Kuipers, the RTPO Program Manager, Mike Neely, District 6 Local Government Supervisor and Ron Shutiva, NMDOT Tribal Liaison are starting new chapters in their lives and no longer partake in RTPO functions. • Purpose. The purpose of this item to recognize these individuals services to their communities, the region and the State of New Mexico. To recognize their efforts to improve the lives of residents through transportation planning and development. • Discussion/Finalization. Presentation and Discussion 		
CURRENT WORK		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 		
ANTICIPATED WORK		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 		
ATTACHMENTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of Appreciation for Robert Kuipers, NWRTPO • Certificate of Appreciation for Michael Neely, NMDOT District 6 • Certificate of Appreciation for Ron Shutiva, NMDOT Tribal Liason 		
BUDGET IMPACT		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. 		

ACTION ITEM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None

Discussion: Chairman Concho provided a brief introduction to the commitment and service provided by these individuals to the Northwest Region and State of New Mexico. Chairman Concho proceeded to bring up the individuals one by one introducing them to the RTPO and saying a few words regarding their service to the RTPO. Each individual provided a brief thanks to the RTPO and shared experiences with the group and collected the certificate of appreciation.

REPORTS:

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VIII.	<i>Reports, Updates, Announcements</i>	Brandon Howe, RTPO
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		
<p>RTPO News & Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RTPO has completed the previous quarter’s reimbursement request. RTPO continues to manage and oversee numerous State Planning & Research Grants including the Trail of the Ancients Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan update, the McKinley County Transportation Master Plan, and the Grants/Milan Comprehensive Safety Action Plan. RTPO will request an extension for the McKinley County Transportation Plan grant. RTPO is considering reducing the number of meetings held each year and will request updated appointment forms as FFY25 approaches. 		
<p>Local Member Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See member reports below 		
<p>NMDOT Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> G to G Liaison: Sullivan Moore Tribal Liaison: Ron Shutiva District 6: Bill Santiago / Kyle Slim District 5: James Mexia / Amanda Nino 		
<p>News, Training & Funding Opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NMDOT Transportation Safety Summit: August 27 - 28 in Albuquerque at the UNM Continuing Education Center. NM Infrastructure Finance Conference: October 28 – 30 in Isleta at the Isleta Resort and Casino. 		

Pueblo of Acoma

- **SP 30 PUEBLO ROAD REHABILITATION PROJECT:** The NMDOT FY 2022 LGRF-funded project was completed by the Acoma Utility Authority, Public Works Road Maintenance Department. POA Close-out documents are in progress.
- **ROAD SIGNAGE PROJECT:** NMDOT FY 2025 LGRF funds were awarded to install signage for “No Commercial Trucks” to enter Acoma lands – only for local deliveries. The Tribal Council Resolution was approved, and the Cooperative Agreement was signed by the Pueblo of Acoma and submitted to NMDOT.
- **SP 38 HAAK’U ROAD PLANNING & DESIGN PROJECT:** The NMDOT TPF-funded project’s 60% Plans were received this month. The monthly progress meetings are ongoing. A public meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2024 at the Acoma Tribal Auditorium. The project will be completed by December 2024.
- **SP 30 PUEBLO ROAD (ENTIRE ROUTE):** The Pueblo is seeking funding for the design for the SP 30 Pueblo Road (10.6 miles) Project. A FY 2025 NMDOT TPF application for design was submitted to NMDOT and is pending approval.
- **MESA HILL BRIDGE PROJECT:** WHPacific is updating design plans and environment assessment; design plans will be completed in August 2024. A Contract was awarded to the New Mexico Office of Archaeological Services to implement the Data Recovery Plan. Work Tasks are ongoing.

- **M123 BRIDGE (SAN FIDEL CREEK BRIDGE ON SP 34 FATIMA HILL ROAD) REPAIR/REPLACEMENT:** Funded \$137,049 for design through the FHWA TTP Bridge Program. The Scoping Report is complete and an RFP for design services is being prepared for advertisement.
- **M124 BRIDGE (ACOMITA LAKE BRIDGE ON SP 34 FATIMA HILL ROAD) REPAIR/REPLACEMENT:** Funded \$380,000 for design through the FHWA TTP Bridge Program. The Scoping Report is complete and an RFP for design services is being prepared for advertisement.
- **SP 30 PUEBLO ROAD (SKY CITY CASINO AREA: FROM I-40 UNDERPASS to NM 124):** Wilson & Company completed the Scoping Report and is waiting for NMDOT’s review and approval.
- **TRANSPORTATION SAFETY PLAN:** Maps will be updated with WHPacific. Training Manual is completed. Strip Map training is scheduled for August 22-23. An RFP will be developed to procure for an update to the 2013 Transportation Safety Plan.
- **INFRASTRUCTURE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN:** The 2026-2030 ICIP was submitted on July 11, 2024 – 39 Projects are on the list.
- **SKY CITY SCENIC BYWAY:** No progress this past month.
- **EXTEND TRANSIT SERVICES:** No progress this past month.
- **NM 124 REALIGNMENT TO NM 117:** On April 23, 2024, a meeting with NMDOT was conducted to determine the next steps. No progress this past month.
- **NMDOT FRONTAGE ROAD AT I-40 EXIT 100** – Repeated requests are made to meet with NMDOT to address improved drainage. No response!
- **NMDOT 117 ROAD DESIGN AND IMPROVEMENTS:** On July 18, 2024, NMDOT met with the Pueblo to improve three miles of road. Proposal is to raise the road seven feet and install a concrete box culvert to install needed drainage structures.
- **ACOMA BUSINESS PARK:** A broadband Network Operations Center (NOC) will be designed and constructed on the Business Park.
- The Community Development Office is assisting other tribal programs on the following projects:
 - Acoma Senior Public Health Complex Planning, Design, and Construction Project (new)
 - Acoma Library Planning, Design, and Construction Project (new)
 - Rehabilitation of two government buildings
 - Rehabilitation of American Legion Post 116/Chino Hall Building (new).
 - NWRTPPO Government Orientation
 - Requesting audience with Tribal Leadership for this presentation date is pending. Will NW RTPO staff be present?

Pueblo of Zuni

- No report was given.

McKinley County

- **Mentmore Extension** - LGRF, Still waiting on ROW Documents before we can start.
- **Superman Canyon Bridges 1 & 2** – Should be starting on these soon.
- **Bridges** - 10 Bridges with Design- In Progress – Presented to Navajo Nation for inclusion on the TTIP
- **Rodeo Road** - CR46 is next years LGRF funding, Should start on schedule.
- **Pinehaven Road** - is Navajo Nation funding, Priscilla is close to securing ROW so we can begin the construction

Gallup

- **East Nizhoni Phase I - IV**
 - Phase III - Construction is ongoing. Construction started on the southside of the road.
 - Phase IV-Awarded TPF grant has been executed. Awarded FY25 MAP; received grant agreement and will present to council for acceptance on 08/13/2024.
- **West Aztec drainage** -- Design is ongoing. Waiting on the property owner to agree to the utility easement.
- **2nd and 3rd Street pedestrian safety improvements** -- Project is ongoing. Wilson & Co will be out on Friday to field survey the area.
- **Quiet Zone for 2nd and 3rd Street** -- Project is ongoing.

- **Downtown Alleyway Coal Phase II (between 2nd & 3rd Street)** -- Final walk-through completed on 04/24/2024. Punch list items are ongoing, waiting for the contractor to schedule a time to complete the work.
- **Gallup Road Improvement** - Received grant agreement and will present to council for acceptance on 08/13/2024.
- **East & West I-40 Interchanges** - Received executed grant agreement on 07/01/2024. Working with the Finance department to set up the project and COG will begin working on this project.
- Street Dept's Spring 2024 Mill & Overlay, Grant# L600225 fund from NMDOT Road Fund
 - 5/28/24 Paved Camino Rancheros from Calle Pinon to the cul-de-sac
 - 6/11/24 Paved Camino del Sol from Calle Pinon to Stagecoach Road
 - 7/12/24 Paved Wilson Avenue from McKinley Drive to dead end
 - 7/12/24 Paved Princeton Avenue from McKinley Drive to the end of the curb
 - 7/25/24 Paved Ridgecrest Avenue from Boggio Drive to Country Club Place
 - 8/14 - 8/30/24 Milling and paving to Vandenbosch Parkway from church Rock Street to Maya Drive
 - 9/1-9/30/24 Projection: Depending on Vandenbosch Parkway's amount of asphalt used and funding left, one more street will be milled/paved.
- **L600240 for Spring 2025 Mill & Overlay**
 - 8/12/24 Received executed grant agreement
 - Will submit our list of streets to obtain our 2-part Environmental certifications
- **Municipal Airport**
 - Rehabilitation to Runway 6/24 is in progress. Funds are from NMDOT Aviation and FAA with the City of Gallup match.
 - RASE Program 'Rural Air Service Enhancement'
 - AWOS 'Automated Weather Observation System' funds from NMDOT Aviation
 - Trade Port Grant funds from NMDOT Fund 93100 no match
 - Terminal Building Design Funds from NMDOT Aviation no City of Gallup Match
 - NMDOT Maintenance & Consumables Grant funds from NMDOT Aviation with City of Gallup match

Milan

- **Airport Road Phase II & III** – We are on day 107 of 280 for construction. A lighting design task order was signed in May, and we should see full design for the placement soon.
- **Stanley Road & Bridge** – Wilson & Co. has started the CLOMR process. The flood plain will be improved in the area. Once the CLOMR is submitted review process will take up to 90 days. Wilson is hoping to have the construction for phase I by the end of the month and bid packet ready by the 2nd of September. We will have to push the construction back a couple of weeks for the Pumpkin Patch.
- **Milan Industrial Park Mill Road Phase I** – Improvements along Hwy 66 including a turning lane have been completed. The design for Mill Road is at 60%. Nursery Road has been vacated. Working with Public Safety for emergency access during construction.
- **I-40 Planning** – Trustees have approved two grant agreements that will administered by the COF for the planning and design of Horizon Boulevard Interchange Improvements and a potential new interchange at NM568/Sawmill Road.

Ramah Navajo

- Transportation position is still vacant.
- Ramah Navajo is gearing up for winter maintenance program.
- Road Safety Audit contract not extended
- Vision Zero Safety Action Plan – continues.
- BIA 125 Reconstruction – review of grant agreement and NEPA documentation.
- BIA 195 Reconstruction – Level of Effort form submitted
- BIA 145 Design – Letter of Effort form submitted
- Long Range Transportation Plan – 75% complete.

Cibola County

- C-1 Marquez Rd. – working with contractor on drainage.
- C-5 Moquino & La Joya Loop – Work start on the bridge replacement July 29, 2024.

- C-48A Timberlake Rd. – County crews chip sealed 4 miles, was completed the end of July.
- C-49 Zuni Canyon Rd. – County crews will begin chip sealing 16.5 miles of this road.
- Crews are busy doing the yearly mitigation of vegetation and trees.
- FY25 – should begin doing the certifications in a couple of weeks.
- FY23 & FY24 – 11 projects are being funded by FY23-24 Co-Op, and County LATCF funds to chip seal these roads. These projects will be submitted to the Commission for contractor approval on August 22, 2024. We estimate this project will begin in October of this year, weather permitting. For a combined total of \$2,449,509.57.
 - C-18A Lobo Creek Rd.
 - C-29 Plano Colorado Rd.
 - C-28A Plano Colorado Frontage Rd
 - C-28C Cemetery Rd.
 - C-25B Robert’s Rd.
 - C-1 Marquez Rd.
 - C-19 Cantina Rd.
 - C-26 Golden Acres Rd.
 - C-5 Moquino & La Joya Loop
 - C-10 N Castillos Rd.
 - C-8 Encinal Rd.

Grants

- **Roosevelt Ave. bridge** was at the completion stage, unfortunately due to wash out caused by the major storm contractors are repairing damage to sidewalls and Riprap as well as cleaning up silt and large amounts of dirt washed onto the walking trail. Work is ongoing at this time.
- **2nd St. Shared loop** Ditch and drainage work ongoing, Driveways and curbs being poured to meet ADA standards. Pond work in progress. Clearing and grubbing of trail through terrain. Due to run off from Mesa, rains continue to cause wash out and gutter issues.
- **USDA Old water and sewer** is nearing completion. Water and sewer lines complete on south side, all businesses and residents tied in and there have been no issues. Lines were crossed under railroad for tie in for future project. North side is nearly complete, final stretch of water and sewer lines being installed and final tie in is expected to take place by mid Sept.
- **Washington Ave** water and sewer upgrades are set to begin soon. This is a phased project that will include drainage and roadway. This project ties in with current GCCS Mesa View Elm in which a new school is being built.

Pueblo of Laguna

- No report was given.

Navajo Nation

- No report Given

New Mexico Department of Transportation Reports <i>(significant news only)</i>	RTPO Liaison (Sullivan Moore) Tribal Liaison (Ron Shutiva) District 5 (James Mexia, Amanda Nino) District 6 (Michael Neely, Bill Santiago, Kyle Slim)
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Multimodal Planning & Programs Bureau – Sullivan Moore

- NMDOT Safety Summit is set for 8/27-8/28 at the UNM Continuing Education Center in ABQ
 - The intent of this summit is to work across agencies to develop strategies to improve safety outcomes for all the NM road users. Your attendance would be greatly appreciated.
- As of June, the NMDOT Multimodal Planning and Programs Bureau (MPPB) has brought on a BHI to assist T/LPAS in transportation planning services as a planning on-call.
 - NMDOT is covering the cost of this with federal funds and state match, so the only cost to your agencies is time. Eligible services include Multimodal Transportation Plans, Multimodal Transportation Safety Plans, Pedestrian Plans, Bicycle Plans and more.

- If you have any questions about this, please reach out to me at sullivan.moore@dot.nm.gov / 505-467-9392 or Samuel Jensen at samuel.jensen@dot.nm.gov / 505-469-0823

NMDOT Tribal Liaison – Vacant

- No report was given.

NMDOT District 5 – James Mexia, Amanda Nino

- No report was given.

NMDOT District 6 – **Bill Santiago, Kyle Slim**

- Bill Santiago reminded entities that D6 offers training for members regarding Capital Outlay, LGRF, and other processes and reporting.
- Bill Santiago indicated that TPF awards have been vetted by districts and have been sent to the Secretary for review. Projects will be awarded on August 29th at the next Transportation Commission meeting.

NEW BUSINESS/OPEN FLOOR: MEMBERS & GUESTS (5-minute limit) –

- Raymond Concho invited all RTPO members to Acoma Feast on September 2nd.
- Bi-County Fair is Labor Day weekend

ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEXT MEETING: No announcements – **next meeting 10 am, September 11, 2024 @ Cibola County Administrative Offices 700 W. Roosevelt Avenue, Grants NM, 87020**

ADJOURNMENT:

ACTION: Chairman Concho called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:16 am, **C.b. Strain, City of Gallup, motioned; Linda Cooke, Cibola County seconded.** All in favor – motion carried.

NWRTPO Meeting

NWNMCOG

106 West Aztec Ave, Gallup, NM 87301



Entity	Representative(s)	SIGN
Pueblo of Acoma	Raymond Concho – RTPO Chair	<i>Raymond Concho</i>
	Nadine Kowice	<i>Nadine Kowice, Ron Hatch</i>
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	Felix Gonzales,	<i>Felix Gonzales</i>
	Gabrielle Gonzales	<i>Gabrielle Gonzales</i>
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	Juan Archuletta	
Other NMDOT Staff / Guests	<i>City of Gallup</i> Kristie Johnson	<i>Kristie Johnson</i>
	<i>Bob K.</i> <i>City of Gallup</i> Robert Hamblen	<i>Robert Hamblen</i>

Chaemaine Shutiva



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Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NWRTPO)

Agenda Item IV: RTPO Meeting Frequency

Subject: Decision to determine meeting schedule

Prepared for: NWRTPO

Date: 10/09/2024

BACKGROUND

- **Why?** RTPO has had difficulty developing meaningful agendas monthly.
- **Purpose** The purpose of this item is to consider a bi-monthly meeting schedule to reduce the number of Joint Policy & Technical Committee meetings (RTPO Meetings). Reduction in meetings would allow for the development of more meaningful agenda with a series of agenda items to cover.
- **Discussion/Finalization** Discussion, Questions and Answers

CURRENT WORK

- FFY2024 Regional Work Program Implementation
- Job posting and candidate review

ANTICIPATED WORK

- No additional work is created based on a revision of the RTPO meeting Frequency.
- Only item that will need to be addressed is the reposting of the new schedule for FFY25. This will require coordination with hosting entities and decision on in-person and/or virtual meetings. Notices would be posted in newspapers for a fee.

ATTACHMENTS

- Draft 6-Month Meeting Schedule (does not include locations)

BUDGET IMPACT

- \$250 - \$300

ACTION ITEM

- Seeking Approval from RTPO.

FFY 2025 Schedule

October
<p style="text-align: center;">Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting Frequency Approval • Formal or Administrative Amendment <i>(if needed)</i> • Election of Officers <p style="text-align: center;">Presentation Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Membership Survey Results • JPTC Roster Review • Active Transportation Programs <p style="text-align: center;">Announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Transit Application Process • Cooperative Agreement Renewal <p style="text-align: center;">Deliverables Prior to Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Work Program to NMDOT • Formal or Administrative Amendment to NMDOT • Meeting Schedule Posting

December
<p style="text-align: center;">Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of RTPO Administrative Documents <i>(or February)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bylaws - Open Meetings Act - Public Participation Plan - Title VI Plan • Annual Member Survey Recommendations • Formal or Administrative Amendment <i>(if needed)</i> <p style="text-align: center;">Presentation Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft RTIPR review <i>(Biennial Years)</i> • Annual Public Transit Applications Ranking <i>(or February)</i> • Annual Performance and Expenditures (APER) Presentation <p style="text-align: center;">Announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative Session Dates and Deadlines <p style="text-align: center;">Deliverables Prior to Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft RTIPR • APER Due 11/30 • Collection and distribution of Transit Applications • Formal or Administrative Amendment to NMDOT

February
<p style="text-align: center;">Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of RTPO Administrative Documents <i>(or February)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bylaws - Open Meetings Act - Public Participation Plan - Title VI Plan • RTIPR Approval <i>(Biennial Years)</i> • Formal or Administrative Amendment <i>(if needed)</i> <p style="text-align: center;">Presentation Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Public Transit Applications Ranking <i>(or February)</i> <p style="text-align: center;">Announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation Project Fund Announcement <p style="text-align: center;">Deliverables Prior to Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize RTIPR • Collection and distribution of Transit Applications • Formal or Administrative Amendment to NMDOT

April
<p style="text-align: center;">Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call For Projects Guide <i>(Biennial Years)</i> • ZIPPER Approval <i>(Biennial Years)</i> • Formal or Administrative Amendment <i>(if needed)</i> <p style="text-align: center;">Presentation Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TPF Project Consultations at meeting or immediately after? <p style="text-align: center;">Announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality Assurance Review reminder • TPF Submission Deadline <p style="text-align: center;">Deliverables Prior to Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ZIPPER Meeting and ZIPPER Development • Formal or Administrative Amendment to NMDOT • PFF Review • Schedule PFF Consultations

June
<p style="text-align: center;">Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formal or Administrative Amendment <i>(if needed)</i> <p style="text-align: center;">Presentation Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality Assurance Review Results • Draft Regional Work Program Presentation • Draft RTPO Budget <p style="text-align: center;">Announcements:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Deliverables Prior to Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Regional Work Program • Draft RTPO Budget

August
<p style="text-align: center;">Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FFY26 Regional Work Program Approval • Regional Work Program Amendment • Cost Allocation Plan • Annual Meeting Schedule <p style="text-align: center;">Presentation Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual Member Survey <p style="text-align: center;">Announcements:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Deliverables Prior to Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop Annual Member Survey • Finalize Regional Work Program • Finalize RTPO Budget • Identify Locations for Meetings & Develop Public Notice



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Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NWRTPO)

Agenda Item V: NMDOT Active Transportation Programs

Subject: Funding Programs

Prepared for: NWRTPO

Date: 10/09/2024

BACKGROUND

- **Why?** NMDOT administers the state's Active Transportation Grant programs and hosts a call for projects when funding from FHWA becomes available.
- **Purpose** The purpose of this item is to inform RTPO members of the opportunity to utilize two programs, Transportation Alternatives Program and Recreational Trails Program to fund priority active transportation projects.
- **Discussion/Finalization** Discussion, Questions and Answers

CURRENT WORK

- RTPO has completed its RTIPR update and entities and utilize their approved PFFs and PPFs to support their applications.

ANTICIPATED WORK

- Entities with projects not already in the RTIPR will have follow the required Project Feasibility Form process, which includes PFF development, NMDOT consultation and Project Prospectus Forms.

ATTACHMENTS

- NMDOT Active Transportation Program Presentation

BUDGET IMPACT

- None

ACTION ITEM

- None



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Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NWRTPO)

Agenda Item VI: McKinley County I-40 Planning Projects

Subject: Informational

Prepared for: NWRTPO

Date: 10/09/2024

BACKGROUND

- **Why?** During the 2022 legislative session, \$25M was included into House Bill 2 as a special appropriation to support Interstate Planning. McKinley County was one of 3 Northwest New Mexico communities to apply for and receive planning funds to study improvements to I-40.
- **Purpose** The purpose of this item is to provide insight into the planning efforts that will take place in NWNM and the anticipated work to come.
- **Discussion/Finalization** Discussion, Questions and Answers

CURRENT WORK

- None

ANTICIPATED WORK

- None

ATTACHMENTS

- McKinley County I-40 Planning Projects Presentation – Wilson & Company

BUDGET IMPACT

- None

ACTION ITEM

- None



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Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NWRTPO)

Agenda Item VII: RTPO Membership Roster

Subject: Informational

Prepared for: NWRTPO

Date: 10/09/2024

BACKGROUND

- **Why?** As the RTPO transitions to a new Program Manager, membership roster needs to be revisited to ensure accuracy.
- **Purpose** To ensure membership is current and meetings meet required number of appointed members to reach a quorum.
- **Discussion/Finalization** Discussion, Questions and Answers

CURRENT WORK

- None

ANTICIPATED WORK

- Minor adjustments based on discussion and receipt of updated appointment forms.

ATTACHMENTS

- Official Membership Roster as of 9.23.2024

BUDGET IMPACT

- None

ACTION ITEM

- None



I-40 Thoreau (Exit 53) Interchange Reconstruction Project

CN 6101740

Public Meeting #1

10/10/24

Agenda

- Introductions
- Project Background
- Purpose and Need
- Issues Identified
- Alternatives
- Schedule
- Q&A



Project Background



In cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the New Mexico Department of Transportation has initiated a corridor study of I-40 that is going on concurrently (2024).

As a result of this study, the Thoreau and I-40 interchange (Exit 53) has been identified as an area in need of safety and traffic flow improvement.

To begin evaluating transportation needs in this area, the Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments (NWNMCOG) has initiated the **I-40 Thoreau Interchange Reconstruction Project**.

Purpose and Need

The purpose of this project is to improve the safety and mobility of drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians using the I-40/ NM 612 / NM 371 (Exit 53) interchange, as this access point serves as the main connections to businesses, local streets and state routes in the Thoreau area and the region.

Purpose and Need

There are several existing issues within the I-40 Thoreau (Exit 53) interchange and the surrounding area which are considered unsafe conditions.

Issues Identified



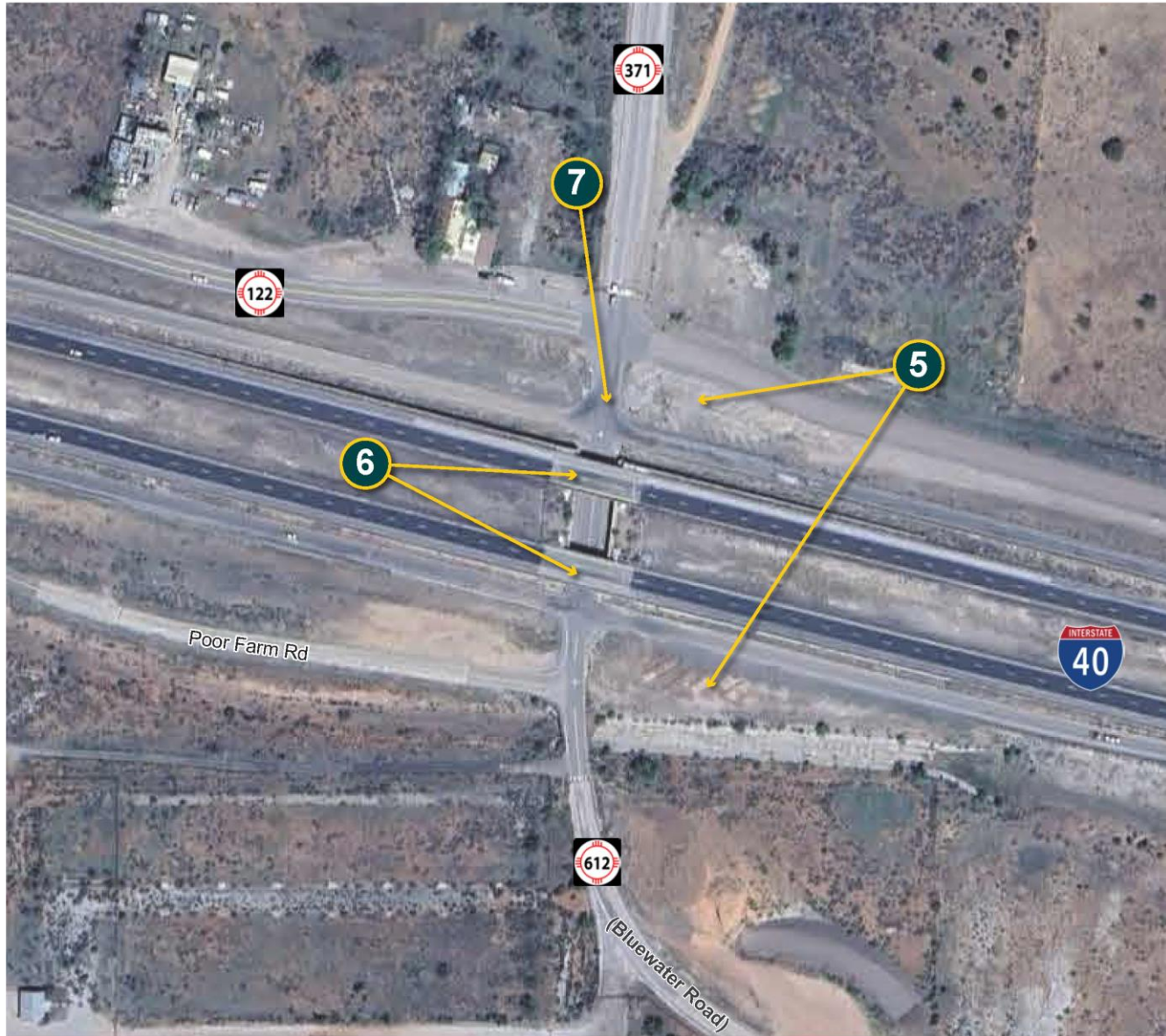
1 Flooding at the westbound entrance ramp intersection with NM 371

2 Issues with sight distance to the left at I-40 eastbound exit ramp on NM 612

3 Issues with sight distance to the left at I-40 westbound exit ramp on NM 371

4 Turning radius is too small at the I-40 eastbound entrance ramp intersection with NM 612 (vehicle tires are jumping the curb)

Issues Identified



5 I-40 issue with semi-trucks parking along the ramps.

6 Existing bridge widths do not accommodate the future I-40 widening requirements

7 I-40 westbound ramp intersection is too close to the NM 371/ NM 122 intersection



Initial Alternatives

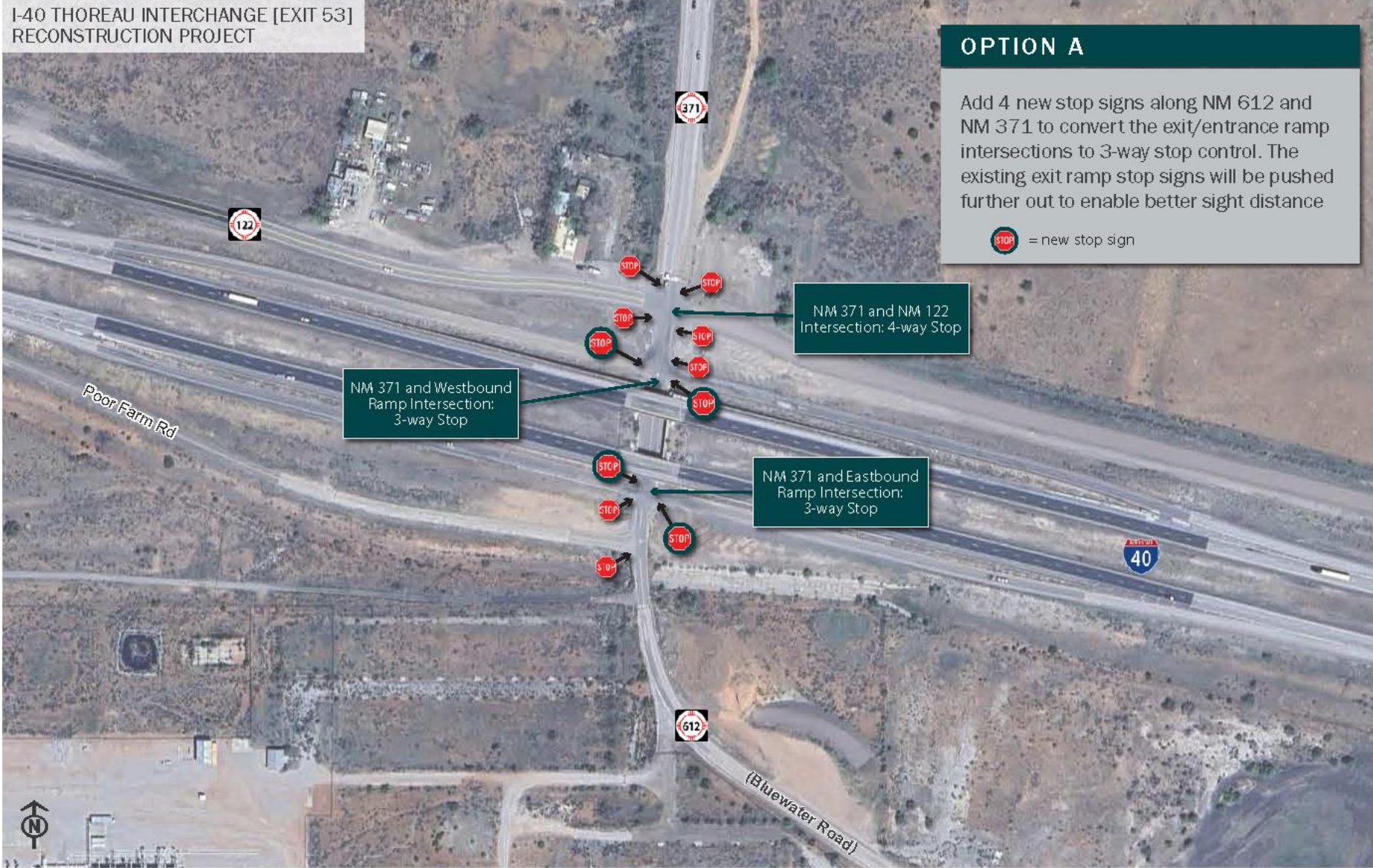
Option A

I-40 THOREAU INTERCHANGE [EXIT 53]
RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

OPTION A

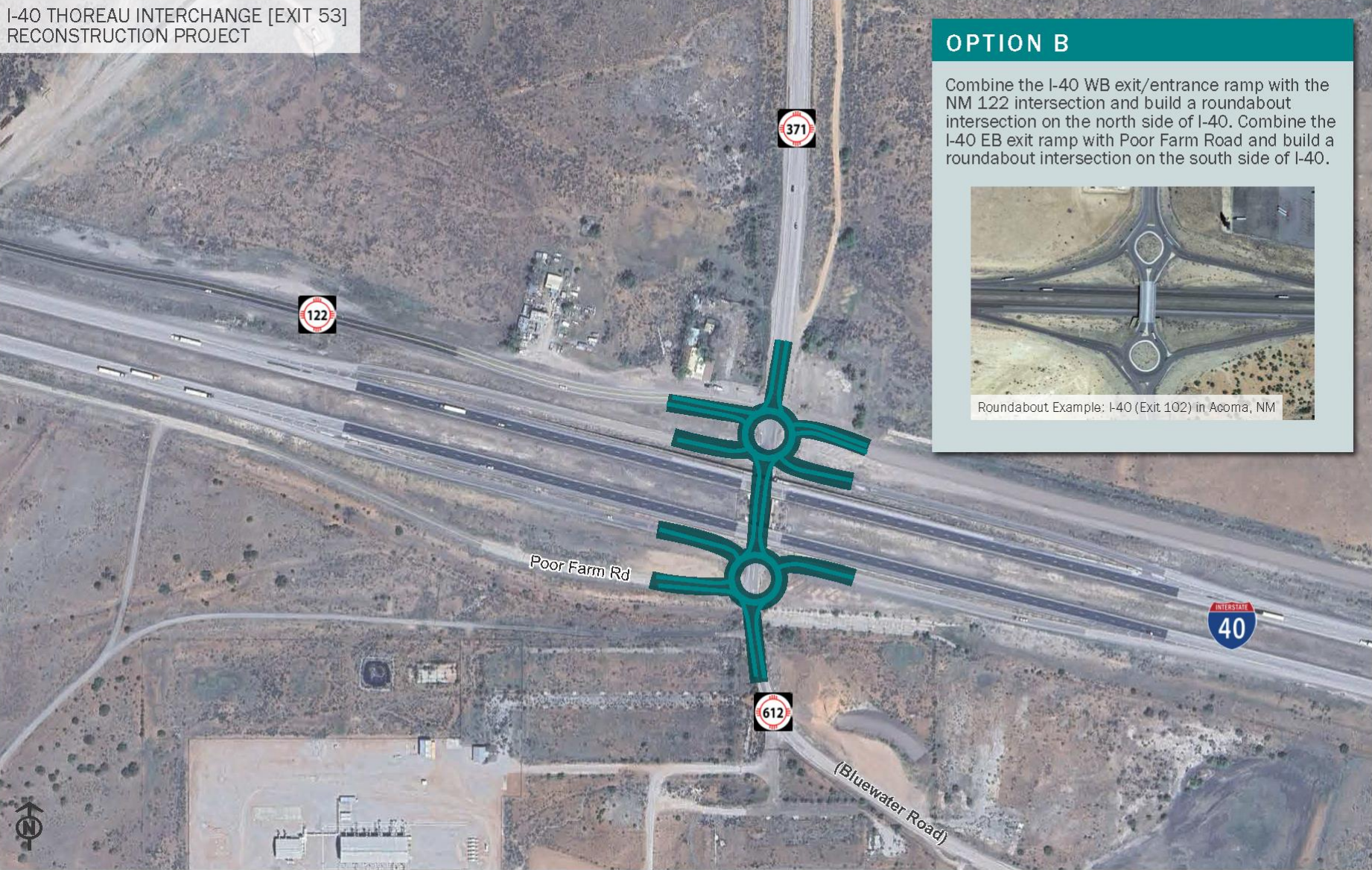
Add 4 new stop signs along NM 612 and NM 371 to convert the exit/entrance ramp intersections to 3-way stop control. The existing exit ramp stop signs will be pushed further out to enable better sight distance

 = new stop sign



Option B

I-40 THOREAU INTERCHANGE [EXIT 53]
RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT



OPTION B

Combine the I-40 WB exit/entrance ramp with the NM 122 intersection and build a roundabout intersection on the north side of I-40. Combine the I-40 EB exit ramp with Poor Farm Road and build a roundabout intersection on the south side of I-40.



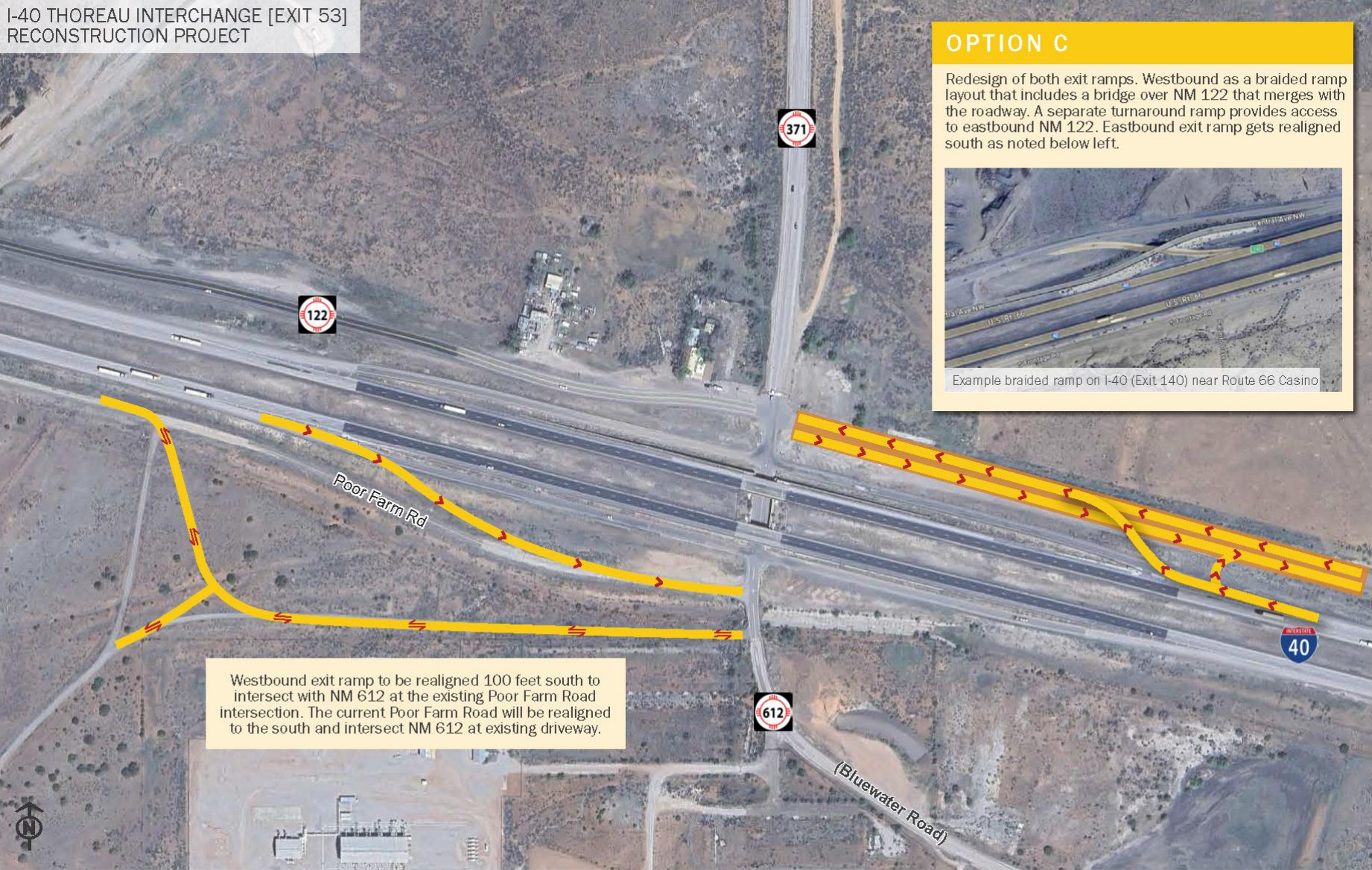
Roundabout Example: I-40 (Exit 102) in Acoma, NM

Option C

I-40 THOREAU INTERCHANGE [EXIT 53]
RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

OPTION C

Redesign of both exit ramps. Westbound as a braided ramp layout that includes a bridge over NM 122 that merges with the roadway. A separate turnaround ramp provides access to eastbound NM 122. Eastbound exit ramp gets realigned south as noted below left.



Westbound exit ramp to be realigned 100 feet south to intersect with NM 612 at the existing Poor Farm Road intersection. The current Poor Farm Road will be realigned to the south and intersect NM 612 at existing driveway.

Option D

I-40 THOREAU INTERCHANGE [EXIT 53] RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

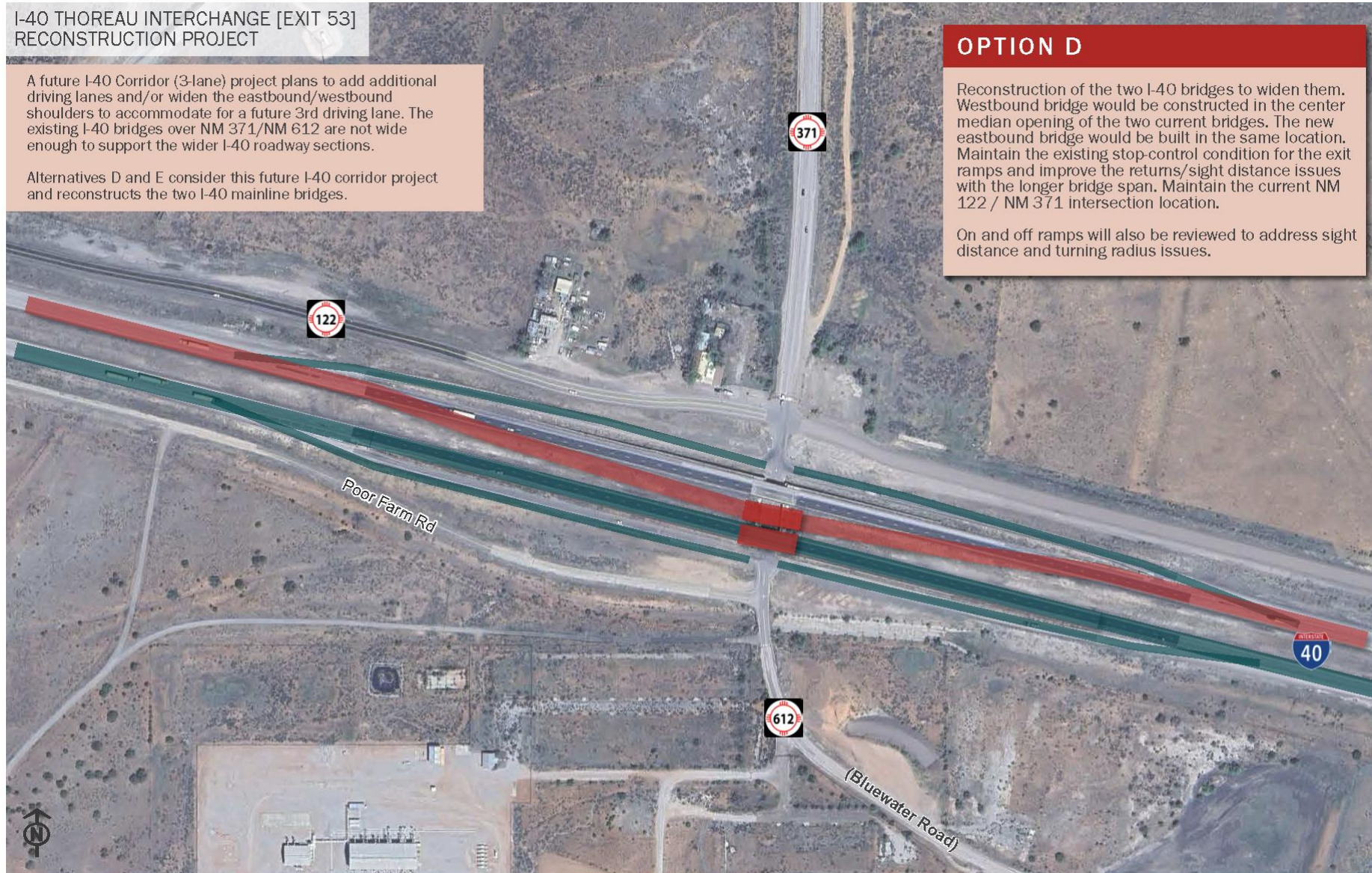
A future I-40 Corridor (3-lane) project plans to add additional driving lanes and/or widen the eastbound/westbound shoulders to accommodate for a future 3rd driving lane. The existing I-40 bridges over NM 371/NM 612 are not wide enough to support the wider I-40 roadway sections.

Alternatives D and E consider this future I-40 corridor project and reconstructs the two I-40 mainline bridges.

OPTION D

Reconstruction of the two I-40 bridges to widen them. Westbound bridge would be constructed in the center median opening of the two current bridges. The new eastbound bridge would be built in the same location. Maintain the existing stop-control condition for the exit ramps and improve the returns/sight distance issues with the longer bridge span. Maintain the current NM 122 / NM 371 intersection location.

On and off ramps will also be reviewed to address sight distance and turning radius issues.



Option E

I-40 THOREAU INTERCHANGE [EXIT 53] RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

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OPTION E

Build a signalized single point urban interchange (SPUI) for the exit/entrance ramp intersections and two new I-40 bridges (bridge length of approximately 315 feet). All exit/entrance and through traffic would occur underneath the I-40 bridge.



Next Steps

- Incorporate public feedback
- Refine engineering assessment and analysis of initial alternatives
- Develop conceptual alternatives
- Identify preferred alternative
- Public meeting #2



Q&A Session

Questions to Think About

- Have you or anyone you know experienced safety issues at this interchange?
- How do you use the interchange? To get to work, home, or other trips nearby? Do you use it to get somewhere further away?
- Would you like to see anything different at this interchange?



How to submit Public Comments

1. Today, in-person with the comment forms
2. Or reach out to our team at info@thoreauinterchange.com

Comment period will be open until Nov. 10th



Thank you!

Please take a chance to look at the boards and talk to the project team!





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