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Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NWRTPO)

RTPO Joint Technical & Policy Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

10:00 am

Virtual Meeting – Microsoft Teams

A G E N D A

ROUTINE ITEMS:

Item #	Item	Presenter
I.	Call to Order and Introductions	Dorothy Claw, Chairman
II.	Action: Agenda	Dorothy Claw
III.	Action: Minutes – January 11, 2023 meeting	Dorothy Claw

ACTION ITEMS:

Item #	Item	Presenter
IV.	Action: Approve and Authorize FY2023-2024 Call for Projects Guide	Robert Kuipers
V.	Action: Commence next Annual Meeting Schedule – May, 2023 thru April, 2024	Robert Kuipers

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

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VI.	Present: FFY2023 and Forward Funding Opportunities	Robert Kuipers
VII.	Present: Local Govt. Road Fund programs	Bill Santiago – NMDOT Dist. 6

REPORTS: (10-minute limit)

Please submit Written Reports for inclusion in minutes

RTPO Program Report (significant news only)	Robert Kuipers
Local Member Reports (significant news only)	By Entity
New Mexico Department of Transportation Reports (significant news only)	RTPO Liaison (Neala Krueger) Tribal Liaison (Ron Shutiva) District 5 (James Mexia) District 6 (Bill Santiago, Michael Neely)

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 – NM DOT District 6 Office, 1919 Pinon Drive, Milan, NM (unless otherwise determined or virtual via MSTEams)

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Joint Policy & Technical Committee

NWRTPO Meeting Minutes

Wednesday January 11, 2023

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Virtual meeting executed via Microsoft Teams

Due to COVID-19 Pandemic

ATTENDANCE:

Local & Tribal Governments	
Entity	Representative(s)
Pueblo of Acoma	Gaylord Siow – RTPO Vice-Chair, Dennis Felipe Jr.
Pueblo of Laguna	Leonard Ludi
Pueblo of Zuni	Royce Gchachu , Roxanne Hughte
Navajo Nation	Edwin Begay , Margie Begay Priscilla Lee
Ramah Navajo	Dorothy Claw – RTPO Chairman,
City of Grants	Don Jaramillo Shannon Devine
City of Gallup	Clyde Strain, Alicia Santiago
Village of Milan	Linda Cooke , Denise Baca, Felix Gonzales,
Cibola County	Edward Salazar, Judy Horacek
McKinley County	Rodney Skersick
San Juan County	Absent (Nick Porell)
Farmington Metropolitan Planning Organization - Ex-officio	Not in attendance

New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT)	
Entity	Representative(s)
RTPO Liaison	Neala Krueger
District 5	James Mexia, Amanda Nino
District 6	Bill Santiago , Michael Neely , Clayton Garner
Tribal Liaison	Ron Shutiva
DOT Central Regional Design Office	James Sanchez, Juan Archuleta
Other NMDOT Staff / Guests	Miguel Archuleta – NMDOT, JoAnn Garcia – NMDOT, Kaci - guest

Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization	
Northwest NM Council of Governments	Robert Kuipers

Tally Sheet – Attendance & Quorum

Total Full Attendance:	Member Entities:	NMDOT	RTPO	Guests (Transit)	Full Attendance Norm:	
	12	Normally 4-5: DOT Liaison, Tribal Liaison, District 5 & 6 Representatives		varies	17 - 20	
Attendance – this meeting:	Member Attendance:	NMDOT Attendance:	Staff:	Guests:	Attendance % this meeting:	TOTAL:
	6	4	1	1	75%	12

ROUTINE ITEMS:

Item #	Item
I.	Call to Order and Introductions. The meeting was called to order at 10:15 am, Robert Kuipers welcomed those in attendance, and proceeded with (skipped introductions) approval of agenda and minutes. The virtual meeting was conducted via Microsoft Teams, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
II.	<p>Agenda. RTPO Staff provided an overview of the day's agenda topics and Robert Kuipers - staff called for a motion:</p> <p>ACTION: Dennis Felipe – Pueblo of Acoma motioned; – Leonard Ludi – Pueblo of Laguna seconded adoption of the agenda. All in favor – motion carried.</p>
III.	<p>Minutes (November, 2022). RTPO Staff provided time for review of minutes and there were no revisions requested, Robert Kuipers, staff called for a motion.</p> <p>ACTION: Royce Gchachu – Pueblo of Zuni motioned; Dennis Felipe – Pueblo of Acoma seconded adoption of the minutes. All in favor – motion carried.</p>

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

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IV.	Review & Discuss: Update Membership Documents if/as needed; discussion on four (4) govt.s which don't have alternate members	Robert Kuipers, Staff
BACKGROUND		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why? Primary RTPO members aren't always able to attend every monthly meeting, due to local meeting or other priorities; for this reason it is helpful to have an alternate member who can attend and represent the interests of the member government. Purpose. Try to fill in new alternate members for our four governments who lack these. Discussion/Finalization. Encouraging our members without alternates to see if they can fill these positions. 		
CURRENT WORK		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asking our four member govt.s without alternate members to try and fill these positions. 		
ANTICIPATED WORK		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members to seek an alternate who can be available to attend meetings when primary members are not able to participate. 		
ATTACHMENTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 		
BUDGET IMPACT		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 		
ACTION ITEM		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 		

Discussion:

- Staff covered the four member governments without alternative members; those members present from these governments were very interested in appointing alternative members.
- Staff will forward appointment forms for the four governments without alternative members – these include Pueblo of Laguna, City of Grants, Ramah Navajo, McKinley County, and now also the Pueblo of Acoma.

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V.	Review & Discuss: Member Training Interests for 2023	Robert Kuipers
BACKGROUND		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why? With consideration toward COVID restrictions and safety for our members, staff have engaged UNM-LTAP to provide 30 minute to one hour trainings at our monthly virtual meetings • Purpose. While these may extend our meetings by a little bit, this is a safe way to engage training opportunities to increase the value of our meetings for our members. • Discussion/Finalization. Staff will engage our members to discuss potential training priorities for which we could engage UNM-LTAP at our meetings. 		
CURRENT WORK		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff have engaged UNM-LTAP staff for 30 minute to one hour trainings at our monthly virtual meetings to provide a safe training opportunity during this pandemic. Staff are recommending maybe 2 – 4 trainings over a period of 12 months, based on member priorities. • Members will identify their training priorities, so staff can appropriately engage UNM-LTAP. 		
ANTICIPATED WORK		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNM-LTAP to provide 2 – 4 trainings over the next 12 months. 		
ATTACHMENTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 		
BUDGET IMPACT		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If some trainings include costs, staff will consider paying through our RTPPO budget. 		
ACTION ITEM		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A. 		

Discussion:

- Staff presented the UNM LTAP Course Catalogue listing of training options index with a total of 73 training choices – including 52 in Workforce Development; and 21 in Leadership Development.
- Staff advised RTPPO members to request a catalogue of training descriptions from UNM-LTAP; but will most likely obtain the full UNM-LTAP training catalogue and email it to our members.
- Not much discussion on this topic at this time.

Item #	Item	Presenter
VI.	Present: 2024 TAP / RTP / CRP Application Guidance – full applications packages due March 10.	Robert Kuipers, JoAnn Garcia - DOT
BACKGROUND		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why? Inform our members and provide guidance on forthcoming funding opportunities for NMDOT Transportation Alternative, Recreational Trails, and Carbon Reduction programs. • Purpose. Inform and provide guidance to our NWRTPO members for this funding • Discussion/Finalization. Brief presentation on these opportunities along with provision of written guidance for each program. 		
CURRENT WORK		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present at Jan. 11 meeting along with provision of funding guidance packages 		
ANTICIPATED WORK		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up with RTPO members on application progress in advance of March 10 deadline. 		
ATTACHMENTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidance documentation for each of the three funding programs. 		
BUDGET IMPACT		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None, but potential funding for projects in our region. 		
ACTION ITEM		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A 		

Discussion:

- Bob Kuipers and JoAnn Garcia covered this new call for projects with a March 10 submission deadline.
- Mr. Kuipers included in the meeting package a) the funding timeline guidance for all three programs – TAP, RTP and CRP (*Carbon Reduction Program*); along with the TAP / RTP Program funding application, and the CRP funding application forms.
- JoAnn Garcia will forward the full TAP/RTP and CRP Program Guides to Mr. Kuipers, who in turn will forward these to our RTPO members.

Item #	Item	Presenter
VII.	Present: NWRTPO Regional Transportation Plan 2022 Updates:	Robert Kuipers
BACKGROUND		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why? Keep our members informed on updates to our (long range) Regional Transportation Plan • Purpose. Present any 2022 updates for the NWRTPO RTP • Discussion/Finalization. Brief presentation on minor updates to the RTP in FFY2022 		
CURRENT WORK		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide documentation and present on minor RTP updates in FFY2022 		
ANTICIPATED WORK		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The NWRTPO conducts RTP updates on an annual basis and major updates every 5 years. 		
ATTACHMENTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documentation highlighting FFY2022 RTP updates 		
BUDGET IMPACT		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 		
ACTION ITEM		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A 		

Discussion: Mr. Kuipers provided information on FY2022 minor updates and FY2020-2021 major updates.

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VIII.	Reports, Updates, Announcements	Robert Kuipers
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		
Regional News & Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RTPO Monthly Report and Staff hours summary for December and expenditures for FFY2023 Q-1 (Oct. – Dec. 2022) • Member Reports 		
Member Special Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None this meeting 		
NMDOT Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G to G Liaison: Neala Krueger • Tribal Liaison: Ron Shutiva • District 6: JoAnn Garcia & staff; District 5: James Mexia 		
News, Training & Funding Opportunities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>FHWA Planning, Environment & Realty Reports</u>: None • <u>NMDOT Govt. to Govt. Update</u>: 1/02/23 • <u>AASHTO Publications</u>: none • <u>NMDOT / UNM-LTAP</u>: 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 – Online courses notice forwarded to members as LTAP emails come in. • <u>Title VI Training</u> 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. • <u>Email Change Notice from NMDOT</u>: All NMDOT staff emails will change from @state.nm.us to @dot.nm.gov in October 9/28/22 • <u>Pedestrian Safety Training</u>: 1/18/23, 2/22/23, 3/15/23 – three sessions – 12/15/22 • <u>TAP, RTP, CRP Guidance</u>: Applications due March 10, 2023 – reminders to members sent 12/16/22 and 12/21/22 • <u>Outdoor Recreation Funding</u>: (Targeting Tribal members) – 12/16/22 • <u>Transportation Statistics Annual Report</u>: 1/5/23 • <u>New Grant Funding News</u>: 1/5/23 • <u>2023 Value Capture Strategies National Webinar Series</u>: 1/5/23 • <u>UNM-LTAP Training news</u>: 1/5/23 		

Members please note: none of these documents will be included in the full meeting package due to the physical size and the electronic megabyte size going forward – all of the cited documents have already been emailed in advance of the RTPO monthly meeting to our NWRTPO members. Some of the citations are ongoing from month to month regarding ongoing training or funding opportunities.

- Robert Kuipers provided a) the monthly RTPO report, b) the monthly staff hours for December, c) the monthly expenditures for October thru December.

Local Member Reports (<i>significant news only</i>)	By Entity
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New news in bold

Pueblo of Acoma

- **Gaylord Siow is now the Pueblo of Laguna Lt. Governor, so has resigned from his position in the Pueblo of Acoma.**
- **The Mesa Hill Bridge project remains unfunded and ongoing as the #1 bridge project, but is fully designed and construction ready with support from NMDOT. The issue is just obtaining significant funding (around \$30 million) from USDOT with every round of major funding they provide. The Pueblo is updating the NEPA and again getting permission from land owners. Pueblo is working on the SP36 and SP30 connector roads to this bridge, along with a right of way map for the bridge. Pueblo is pursuing funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and other funding sources. This project is under environmental review at this time. SP30 – Pueblo Road LGRF Cooperative Agreement and Tribal Resolution have been signed by Pueblo leadership and sent to Bill Santiago at DOT District 6.**
- **The Pueblo will be issuing RFP's for on-call engineering – SP38 Haaku Road design, and NM124 extension.**
- **The Pueblo has submitted applications to repair / replace San Fidel Creek bridge – M-123, and Acomita Lake bridge – M-124, on SP34 – Fatima Hill Road.**
- **Tribal Admin. met with the Federal Highway Administration along with Ron Shutiva, providing information on TTP and FHWA; a powerpoint on challenges and opportunities with CMGC (Construction Management / General Contractor) funding, and discussion on ICIP training.**
- **Forthcoming Tribal Summit on Transportation – including BIL funding.**
- **The Pueblo's TTIP (Tribal Transportation Improvement Program) is in process with Federal Highway Admin.**
- **CMGC2 – 4 Projects are now complete.**
- **Dennis Felipe is working toward a TTP Safety Project.**
- **The Pueblo has received \$1.5 million from Senator Heinrich for the Acoma Business Park.**
- **NM124 Extension to NM117 has been partially funded thru the Transportation Project Fund which is our current #1 roadway priority. The Pueblo will collaborate with NMDOT Dist. 6 and has submitted an agreement and resolution for approval. The Pueblo is now waiting on an agreement to proceed from NMDOT Secretary Sandoval. It appears that unlike DOT Dist. 6 advice, the Pueblo will first have to execute design (funded at \$1 million) and cannot go directly to construction.**
- **Haaku Road – SP38 is a new priority for the Pueblo for design and reconstruction to improve the corridor to the Sky City Pueblo and Pueblo Museum and Visitor Center. The Pueblo submitted a request and was funded for \$2,900,000 for planning and design of Haaku road improvements from the FFY2023 NM Transportation Project Fund. SP38 TPF Cooperative Agreement and Tribal Resolution are in legal review – once approved and signed by Pueblo leadership these will be sent to Clayton Garner at DOT District 6. The Pueblo has now executed contract agreement and resolution for \$2.9 million to commence PER and design to improve SP38 - Haaku Road**
- **SP302 is completing environmental assessment**
- **Pueblo is seeking funding for full reconstruction of SP30 – Pueblo Road (10.6 miles).**
- **The Pueblo is working with DOT Dist. 6 to address drainage issues for the San Lorenzo Road (SP35).**
- **The Pueblo has completed their update to their Long-Range Transportation Plan; WH Pacific will do traffic analysis counts to contribute to the Pueblo's LRTP. To mitigate COVID 19 delays, the Pueblo has developed a survey for public input which is also available on Survey Monkey. A supporting resolution is ready for submission to FHWA.**
- **The Pueblo is also updating their Transportation Safety Plan at this time. Public involvement meetings are postponed due to COVID-19, which will delay completion dates for these plans; however, thru distributing a survey at the local Food Pantry, the Pueblo has achieved a 41% response rate from the public for both transportation plans!**
- **Mainstreet Project: The Pueblo will add several projects to the CMGC suite to include projects for housing and economic development. Preparing amendments to conduct engineering studies, land surveys, geotechnical studies, drainage analysis, right of way surveys and proforma.**
- **The Pueblo's Local Govt. Road Fund projects were finalized with NMDOT – will issue an RFP in the near future**
- **Acoma is seeking scenic byway funding, and will pursue Pueblo Council approval to pursue grant funding next year; Neala Krueger will inform NMDOT – Beth Foreman to provide byway funding contact information. The Pueblo is developing a supporting resolution at this time.**
- **The Pueblo would like to invite local, county and other tribal entities within the Pueblo region to consider partnering for construction project funding, as bundling projects saves money, as the Pueblo has learned from CMGC (Construction Management / General Contractor) funding.**

Pueblo of Zuni

- The Pueblo is working on drainage improvements along the NM53 corridor mp 15.5 to 19.5 – creating culverts and ponds. The Pueblo will pursue a Road Safety Audit for NM53 mp 14 – 18.
- The Pueblo is submitting an application to update their Transportation Safety Plan.
- Major work around Monsoon flooding – hauling sand and sand bagging, clearing debris from drainage infrastructure, some Zuni homes have flood damage, some roads washed out; major road maintenance with heavy equipment.
- NMDOT Contract #CN6101091 – Meridian Contracting working on drainage issues and retention ponds; this includes installing concrete box culverts. Asphalt paving will continue when weather permits.
- Have received FHWA Tribal Transportation Program funding for FFY22. – Prepping for construction in FY23.
- Asphalt crack sealing work is ongoing along with mowing tall weeds.
- Will be seeking quotes for highway traffic striping.
- The Pueblo is under lock down with little administrative activity due to COVID-19 pandemic; the Pueblo has extended re-opening until sometime in the future, depending on how long COVID-19 persists.
- Bid packages for Shiwi Ts’ana Elementary School access and Z301 / NM53 intersection improvements were opened July 12 – with one bid submitted. Notice of award offered to Albuquerque Sparling Construction company for both projects combined.
- Zuni purchased a dump truck with FHWA Coronavirus funds.
- The Pueblo is looking to purchase a backup generator for the Andrew Othole Memorial Airport.
- Zuni Transportation Dept. submitted documents to the Governors Office to fund two historical and cultural sites of significance with related road improvement projects.
- US Dept. of Treasury set aside \$20 billion for Native American Tribes under American Rescue Plan. Zuni received it’s first distribution – Road Dept. will submit road improvement project that leads to significant historical site for tourism
- Road maintenance projects continue related to flooding around the Pueblo.
- Royce is now also the Airport Manager. Receipt of FAA grant agreement for developing an Airport Master Plan for the Andrew Othole Memorial (AOM) Airport. The master plan will be developed by the Pueblo’s airport consultant – Armstrong Consultant’s, Inc.
- Erin Kenley, TTP Director and Brian Allen, TTP Fields Operation Manager – both from the Office of Tribal Transportation visited Zuni on August 10 and met with the Governor and Tribal Council on a number of issues. Discussed the tribal self-governance program within the US DOT and FHWA.
- The Pueblo continues to update its long-range transportation plan. The plan is now in final draft form and being put out on the Pueblo website and Facebook for public comment. The draft plan is awaiting recommendations for next steps on how to present to the public.
- The pedestrian trail project plan is now 100% complete – will move forward for FHWA approval.
- On-call A/E consultants are working on designs for Ruins Road, North/South Sandy Springs Road, Harker Circle, the intersection of Ojo Caliente/Pia Mesa and pedestrian trails. Ruins Road is now at 95% completion.
- Ongoing road maintenance around the Pueblo. This includes crews addressing mowing, culvert repairs, blading gravel or dirt roads, asphalt pothole repairs and vegetation control.
- Virtual Presentation meeting with NMDOT and WHPacific on the NM53 Drainage project being designed by by WHPacific to make improvements from MP15.5 to 19, due to undersized culvert pipes and overtopping of flood waters on NM53 (also Zuni Mainstreet). First meeting was held on October 7.
- There are demolition projects in the Pueblo for the Lemon Tree/Zuni Laundromat building and the old Zuni Water Dept. building.
- The Pueblo is undertaking construction of an RV Park.
- The Pueblo has worked with Ashiwi Transit and Gallup Express to extend transit service to the Ramah Navajo area.
- The Pueblo has engaged contractual on call engineering services for future transportation development.
- The Ashiwi transit system received a national award at the 2019 National RTAP (*Rural Transportation Assistance Program*) conference. **Ashiwi Transit received another award plaque for their service during the COVID pandemic.**
- Ashiwi Transit will resume when all safety precautionary measures have been installed on the transit vehicles. Local and Gallup services will resume on a limited basis, but only on demand or appointments. Extension to Ramah / Pinehill is temporarily on hold until further notice around COVID-19 concerns. Ashiwi Transit is now back in service.

McKinley County

- **CR-19 improvements.** CR19 – 18.6 miles of chip-sealing is now complete and striping is finished making this project complete.
- **The County's Local Government Road Fund projects for FFY2021 are now complete; working on certifications for 2022 projects at this time.**
- **The County Road Dept. has issued Purchase orders for a bridge on CR15 and a bridge on CR43.**
- The County had their ribbon cutting ceremony for Manuelito Canyon bridge replacement on September 10, 2021 – the event was well attended by State and regional legislative leaders along with President Jonathon Nez of the Navajo Nation.
- The County will benefit with \$23 million for improvements to the Carbon Coal Road intersection in Gamerco with US491, which leads to the developing Energy Logistics Park (and potential Inland Port).
- The County has finished chip sealing Pine Haven road; will use remaining funds to finish improvements on Allison road.
- **Cousins Road and CR-1 will move into phase 2 repairs. Superman Canyon Road (CR43) and Old Church Rock Mine Bridge (CR15) are next projects on the list. The County Road Dept. has issued purchase orders for a bridge on CR15 and a bridge on CR43. Church Rock Mine Bridge is getting started at this time. The 2023 Transportation Project Fund has funded another Superman Canyon road – CR43 bridge at \$2,716,334.00.**
- **The County is realigning CR5 – Manuelito Canyon road – LGRF funds; has applied 4 miles of chip seal on CR6 – now waiting on rain delays.**
- Ongoing county-wide maintenance including blading, patching potholes, cleaning culverts, repairing bridges / guardrails, etc. The County has completed the ZMTP Milk Ranch Trail Head.

Gallup

- **Gallup Mainstreet Project** – Ground breaking May 13; construction commenced July 1. **Coal Avenue Commons** both MAP and Legislative Agreements have been executed by the State. The City is working with Wilson & Co. and NMDOT District 6 on the final PS&E. City Council approved Wilson & Co.'s professional engineering proposal for construction management. The Mainstreet grant resolution was approved by City Council for this project. Between MAP, State Legislative, Economic and City funding the Coal Avenue Commons project phase 1 is now complete with final walk thru executed 7/20/21. **The City has been funded for phase 2 from the NM Transportation Project Fund – and has been awarded \$3,500,000 from this fund to complete this project. The city commenced construction on May 2, starting with alley improvements. Intersection of Coal Ave. and 2nd Street has been completed. Phase 2 construction is ongoing – south and north sidewalks are now complete and working on completing drainage. First to Second street is now complete, working on 1st Street to Coal Avenue next.**
- **East Nizhoni and West Aztec improvements are currently in design phase – East Nizhoni received news from NMDOT Dist. 6 that the City was awarded MAP funding for East Nizhoni Ave - \$900,000. Phase 2 Nizhoni Blvd. and College Drive intersection construction began on 10/17/22 and is underway. East Nizhoni was also awarded \$350,000 from the NM FFY2023 Transportation Project Fund. West Aztec – meeting with property owner has been executed and now moving forward to complete design. Working on a West Aztec utility easement agreement.**
- **West Aztec drainage legislative grant has been executed and engineering services have been awarded to begin design; notice of obligation has been submitted and approved by the state. Property owner has submitted proposal to City for utility easement – now completed and moving to complete design.**
- **Local Govt. Road Fund funded projects have completed mill and overlay for planned roads; received word from NMDOT Dist. 6 that the City was awarded funds for our next project. Working on close out paperwork.**
- The City has submitted a Letter of Intent for Coop funding.
- **West Logan street repairs are being advertised**
- **2nd and 3rd Street pedestrian safety improvements RFP for design was awarded, along with 2nd and 3rd Street Quiet Zone awarded for design.**
- **CDBG RFP was awarded – working on paperwork for DFA approval. An Extension Request was sent to DFA.**
- **Federal Aviation Admin. application for \$5 million has been submitted for our airport taxi-way and connectors. The City has been awarded and construction began on April 11, 2022. Construction is now complete and project in close out.**

Milan

- Linda Cooke reported on work to improve Airport Road which will commence on August 22.
- There has been some flooding but no major problems.
- Working toward street improvements for Willow Drive, Elkins Road, Motel Drive and Tiejien Street
- Various ongoing lighting projects
- Need to address repair for NM605 bridge
- Need to address a Mill Road and Rail crossing

Ramah

- Ramah is dealing with a lot of monsoon rain and flood road repairs as an increasing priority.
- Ramah is looking to draft an agreement with Cibola County for road maintenance.
- Ramah has submitted applications to repair / replace two bridges
- Condolences to the community for the loss of Shane Lewis, who accomplished significant transportation development on behalf of the Ramah Navajo community.
- Ramah Navajo has filled two positions after the departure of Shane Lewis with Dorothy Claw as primary transportation developer and Tom Martine as transportation assistant – these individuals are also the primary and alternative representatives to the NWRTPPO.
- Ramah Navajo is updating their Long Range Transportation Plan at this time, and in the process of prioritizing projects. Public meetings are forthcoming. Ramah is also working on Administrative Policies and Procedures.
- BIA 175 is the next new project for Ramah Navajo – seeking funding at this time.
- Working on signage for BIA 125 and 122.
- Ramah has applied to the MEGA grant for improvements to BIA 125 mp. 18 – 26
- Ramah received a safety grant for \$300,000
- Looking to reconstruct BIA 145 and BIA 195
- Completed PFF's for NM53 & BIA 125 intersection and Pine Hill school pedestrian ADA improvements.
- Some weather related road maintenance and repair going on at this time.
- Ramah is developing RSA's for ten (10) intersections for NM53 and other tribal roads.
- Dorothy and Tom are acclimating with ongoing Ramah transportation projects at this time and updating the Ramah Long Range Transportation Plan, completing an annual report, and looking for training opportunities.
- Acting executive director for Ramah Navajo Chapter's 638 Grants & Contract Programs issued a memorandum for employees to return back to work and follow CDC guidelines within each Chapter program RNDOT is back in operation and continues to maintain roadways.
- BIA Projects Update:
 - BIA 125 mp 18 – 24.6 – received approved design exception report for this project from FHWA and will move to finalize the project. BIA 125 MP 0 – 4.4 received approval from NNHPO on the updated Cultural Report document and Categorical Exclusion. Awaiting ROW documents for BIA 195 in Ramah Band Land to RN Realty Office. BIA 113 and 145 received final report and will review final documents with tribal officials
 - BIA 195: submitted ROW documents to RN Realty Office; **more focus on this road going forward.**
 - BIA 145 and BIA 113: Received draft report for BIA 145 and BIA 113. **More focus on BIA 145 going forward.**
- RNDOT Transportation Technician is vacant and will advertise for the position.
- Submitted grant applications for the NOFO on Tribal Transportation Program Safety Funds.
- BIA 125 striping project is complete; **BIA 125 mp 0-4 and mp12 – 24.6 are now construction ready.**
- NMDOT LGRF received all certifications and submitted a letter of disbursement. Awaiting on contractor to return signed Notice of Award for BIA 125 striping project.
- Cancelled Transportation Committee Meetings until COVID-19 Restrictions are lifted.
- Submitted road signs replacement maintenance project for 2021 LGRF cycle.
- NMDOT LGRF received some certifications and will coordinate with Utility providers. Received ROW certification and submitted letter requesting disbursement.
- Assisting with RN Community Development Department for the Navajo Nation Rural Addressing Project.
- Ongoing general maintenance for area roads, cattle guards and signage, blading and shaping, potholes and base course patching (incl. school bus routes). Cleaning and replacing roadway signs. Field fence repairs, post replacements and gate repairs.

- **Ramah Navajo has submitted a BUILD Grant application.**

Cibola County

- Cibola County has hired a new Road Superintendent by the name of Ed Salazar.
- The County is doing “blade and shape” maintenance on 84.7 miles of 14 County Roads; and a variety of other maintenance (cattle guards / culverts / sign repair / tree trimming & weed control / mowing / pot-hole patching / and minor road repairs) for 24 county roads.
- **The County has completed an emergency bypass at this time for the CR-5 Moquino bridge, and is awaiting TPF 2023 funding to repair the bridge in the future.**
- **The county continues undertaking flood damage repairs**
- **The county is working on chip sealing a variety of roads at this time.**
- **The County has commenced development of the Zuni Mountains Quartz Hill Trail.**
- ZMTP RTP trail project is funded for FFY2020 construction – working with McKinley County for trails development beginning with the Quartz Hill Trail Head. Construction will likely not proceed until FFY2021 Spring & Summer for the Cibola portion of the Zuni Mountain Recreational Trails. **Cibola County has now been cleared to be the fiscal agent for this project and will no longer need McKinley County’s assistance; trail development and construction is commencing.** Cibola, COG and NMDOT staff had a virtual internal planning meeting on Jan. 19 at 9am with Arnold from the Forest Service to discuss updated scope of work for this project. **The County has commenced work on the Trail Head project and has submitted an extension request to JoAnn Garcia at NMDOT.**
- Cibola County has submitted an RFP due March 23 for a new public safety building, and will conduct a pre-proposal meeting; six (6) construction firms have responded thus far.
- CR-18B and CR1 road / bridge projects are current priorities. CR-18B awarded LGTPF funding – LGTPF contract is complete and submitted. CR18-B – RFP closed Friday – 12/4 and are currently reviewing applications – much appreciation to JoAnn Garcia from NMDOT District 6. Two firms responded to the RFP and the Cibola Commission determined the award at their January 14 meeting. **CR18-B has commenced ROW work; drainage work is ongoing and construction for CR18-B bridge to commence in August or Sept. ; CR-1 has issued an RFP to Engineering Firms.**
- **CR-57 A is having a culvert replaced, and the County is starting on cattle guard replacements, as well as removing sand on various roads related to wind conditions.**
- Coop projects will begin soon.
- Ongoing County wide maintenance for County and Forest Roads.

Grants

- The City recently had a ribbon cutting ceremony for the pedestrian bridge on 2nd Street. **The bridge and channel are almost completed. 2nd Street Shared Path Loop has been awarded \$1.1 million in TAP funding.**
- Riverwalk trail: Design at 100% from WHPacific, Project is on hold for the time being.
- First Street phase 2 – Adams to Roosevelt: design at 100%; added a pond and lift station on Geis Street for drainage; allotted \$1.8 million from 2019 state legislature for **final phase 3 from Washington to Roosevelt which was recently awarded is now complete.** Final PS&E was scheduled for this August and project letting is scheduled for September. Total project stands at \$6.2 million. **Striping is now complete; anticipated completion coming soon.**
- 2nd street bridge out to bid for construction to commence in July – **2nd Street Channel project is now complete for Jefferson Ave. to the Rio San Jose.**
- Washington bridge replacement over 2nd Street through LGTPF funding will include a walking opportunity for High School students; project construction is underway – commenced in June. **Funding was awarded at \$750,000 for the Anderman to Sage St. portion from NM CDBG funds.**
- Lobo Canyon and Roosevelt intersection improvements are underway and ongoing. **Roosevelt Bridge is at 100% design and going out to bid soon.**

Pueblo of Laguna

- **Leonard Ludi is now the primary representative for Laguna; as Elroy Keetso has taken a job at NM Indian Affairs.**
- **The Pueblo remains under COVID restrictions, and is looking for a transportation specialist – no other major news now.**
- **The Pueblo remains closed to the public, and administration is closed until the COVID-19 Pandemic resides. For I-40 MP 111 – 117 exists are closed to the Pueblo. Access NM124 via I-40 MP108 and 117 exits.**

- Gaylord informed COG RTPO staff that the Pueblo has six official villages – not seven – staff will execute this correction going forward.
- **The Pueblo is consulting with the MRRTPO for Laguna Pueblo lands within their jurisdiction.**
- The Pueblo is pursuing an FHWA grant to develop a Pueblo-wide (all Villages / roads) Safety Plan and will be seeking data sources identifying various crash incidents, and high crash incident locations; may need assistance from the RTPO or DOT with analyzing crash data. The Pueblo has a number of State Routes, where high speeds impact upon more fatal crashes.
- NM124 Bike and Pedestrian Trail – Paraje to the Kawaika Center project is complete – working with NMDOT for close out.
- NM124 Bike and Pedestrian Trail Encinal Road to State Road 279 is complete and in close out.
- NM124 Rio San Jose to Roundabout bike & ped path: Design is complete. PS&E checklist is complete – project planned to be let February – March, 2021. **NM 124 design is complete, anticipating construction in Spring of 2022.**
- L26 Rainfall Road from Cubero Wash to Seama bridge M108: **Construction has been completed**, including a bike & ped. trail. Final audits in progress **and project is in close-out.**
- M137 bridge at Laguna Subdivision: **Construction complete and project in close out with BIA.**
- Mill, Overlay, Striping & Enhancement Projects: Construction is complete for L503 – Veterans Memorial Road, L200 Postal Postal Road and L245 Raindrop Road. **The Pueblo is developing the next phase on four BIA routes: LGRF/BIA Road Maintenance Striping Projects – phase 2 & 3: Phase 2 – L500 Mountain Ash Loop and L500 Central Park Road; Phase 3 – L540 Veterans Memorial Road and L200 Elizabeth Bender Road. No bids were received so the Pueblo is working with NMDOT to sole-source these projects.**
- Local Govt. Road Fund: projects will go out for construction bids soon.
- LGRF / BIA Road Maintenance Mill, Overlay & Striping Projects: Phase 2 & 3: Phase 2 – the Pueblo is working on the next phase for four BIA routes: phase 2 for L500 Mountain Ash Loop and Central Park roads. Phase 3 for L540 – Veterans Memorial Road and L200 Elizabeth Bender Road. **Contract amendments submitted and received. Local Govt. Road Fund and trail projects to commence soon.**
- NM 124 Roundabout: The repairs to the roundabout are being coordinated by NMDOT, no start date has been determined. **NM124 Road Diet has received an extension and is in final design for Rio San Jose to the Roundabout (6100764 project control no.) – this includes a bike and pedestrian addition.**
- L24 Rainfall Road: design changed to two phases, **Ph-1 Road & Trail at final 100% design, and in ROW review. The Concrete Box Underpass is now eliminated, and DOT Dist. 6 proposes to build an I-40 bridge over L24 road. Construction funded for \$1.9 million from the LGTPF fund!**
- L26 Deer Dancer Road: **at 100% design, working on ROW amendments and E.A.**
- L243 Acorn Road design: completed 100% design and PS&E review from the BIA. **Construction to begin in the Spring.**
- M154 Paguete Wash Bridge: **PER is complete – design phase will commence later this year.**
- M108 San Jose River Bridge-Seama: **PS&E, and ROW complete; EA, FONSI and NOI are in progress. Bridge is now at 100% design.**
- L248 Bluejay Road and L248 Blue Star Loop: **Design is in progress now at 30%. PER report is now in progress to include ROW review.**
- Pueblo's Safety Plan: **Plan is now complete – close out letter sent to BIA.**
- NMDOT I-40 Safety Project: The Pueblo met with NMDOT on March 3. **Design is at 100%; Construction by MSCI is on-going on the east bound lanes from MM112 – 116..**
- The Pueblo has completed L26 Rainfall Road along with two trail projects.

Navajo Nation – Northern Agency

- **New Navajo Nation Leadership in Administrative and Legislative branches. Garrett Silversmith will remain in charge of NDOT.**
- **NDOT has completed \$170 million in projects in the past seven (7) years.**
- **NDOT will be meeting with the Hopi leaders on mutual road projects sometime soon.**
- **Navajo DOT is updating their Long Range Transportation Plan at this time.**
- **Local Govt. Road Fund projects will commence implementation soon for both Eastern and Northern Navajo. Priscilla Lee – NDOT is working on extensions for FFY2019 projects. 2018 projects are complete at this time.**
- **2021 LGRF projects include a) Two Grey Hills N-192 repairs – project is finalizing scope of work; b) preliminary engineering for Crown Point Chapter cemetery road.**

- **Larry has put in a PFF for improving with chip seal the Shiprock Farm Road, along with a Transportation Project Fund application to the state for the same project. This project has been approved by DOT District 5, and has been awarded funding from the DOT Transportation Project Fund at \$1,200,000.**
- **Two Grey Hills Chapter was awarded LGRF 2021 funding for N192 roadway and culvert improvements.**
- Navajo DOT continues development for their Long Range Transportation Plan for 2021.
- Two Grey Hills road is getting drainage improvements.
- Navajo DOT has appointed Marco Sells to fill an administrative position for Eastern Navajo finally bringing Larry Joe some relief! Marco will have his hands full, as he is also the Chinle, AZ Transportation Planner.
- Karen Bedonie has been re-assigned and a new Planning Director by the name of Leanne Roy is on board for NDOT.
- NDOT is working with Sandoval County on inventory to transfer County Roads to the Navajo Nation going forward.
- Shiprock High School Safety corridor project is earmarked for **2023 NMDOT STIP** for three lane road widening construction. Will remain on RTIP.
- **TseDaaKaan Chapter (Hogback) N5031/Hwy 64 Safety intersection improvement is earmarked for 2021 NMDOT STIP for construction.**
- **N36/Hwy 371 intersection improvement (Upperfruitland Chapter)-** This project was funded through NM State Capital Outlay. The project is led by San Juan County, NM. The Design layout of the intersection was completed by Wilson & Company. . NMDOT and Navajo Nation finalizing the MOU, which will allow for the State beginning working on construction of the project. Project needs additional funding to be completed.
- **Newcomb Chapter-** working on N5007 Low Water Crossing using the State, and Tribal match fund to complete this low water crossing project. Project Manager, Donald Jackson, worked on the design and it is determined it would need realignment of the road. Therefore, the realignment of the road was submitted to BIA for review and approval. Pending for final review and approval.
- **Beclabito Chapter- was awarded of NM Capital Outlay for Helipad for aircraft landing facility.** Land withdrawal is in the works with Project Manager assigned. Will need to complete the preliminary studies and design before the construction of the project.
- **US 64 Study Improvement Plan-** NMDOT officials recently met with local chapters (Beclabito, Gadiahi, Tsedaakaan, Shiprock) on the review and conditions of the highway and improvement plan process is for this 20 plus miles Hogback to AZ Stateline. **Project still Planning stage but improvements anticipated in the near future – executed by NMDOT District 5.** It will need to remain on the RTIP List for future road improvement, which includes road reconstruction, and bridges replacements.
- **Bahali Chapter 2019 LGTPF project is now complete.**
- **Priscilla Lee is working to complete 2019 LGTPF RSA's for Mexican Springs, Twin Lakes and Tohatchi Chapters in Ft. Defiance Agency by the June 30, 2022 deadline.**
- **LGRF projects for Gadiahi, Beclabito and Iyanbito Chapters are now complete.**
- **Hwy 64 Shiprock Bridge Replacement-** public hearing took place November 14, 2019 at Shiprock Chapter. Design plans has started on this project with NMDOT, it will remain the RTIP.
- **San Juan-Hogback Bridge** has completed the feasibility studies for a new bridge. Road alignment is still pending, and it would full preliminary studies and design of the project. San Juan Chapter is seeking additional funding for this project. Project will remain on the RTIP.
- **Shiprock Chapter- is seeking Road Safety Audit on Hwy 491, milepost 89-90.** Navajo DOT staff is working on this project using the Navajo Sihasin Fund for RSA. Updates- NMDOT contracted to complete the survey and assessment of the US Highway 491 North of Shiprock. Project will remain on the RTIP for future improvement planning, designing, and construction.
- **Burnham Chapter-** is seeking funding for RSA and N5/Hwy intersection improvement. Chapter is submitting a Letter of Intent through Local Government Road Fund on March 15, 2020. Project did not any funding but it will remain the RTIP for road studies, design and construction.
- **Beclabito Chapter/Hwy 64 Improvement Plan-** is continuing seeking funding for street lighting along Hwy 64 store, NHA Housing, Chapter house within the corridor. This project is added to NMDOT planning and design with when construction fund becomes available.. Project will remain on the RTIP for future funding.

- **Newcomb Chapter-** is seeking funding for **Street Lighting along Hwy 491 & N5001**, RSA was completed 2017 when the chapter contracted with a company that completed the studies. Project will remain on the RTIP.
- **Sanostee Chapter** – is seeking funding to construct new drainage structure at the intersection of Hwy 491 & N34. Recommending for Transportation Project Fund 2021 list. A studies was completed 2018 by Dibble Engineering. Project will remain on the RTIP List.
- **Sanostee Chapter-** is seeking funding for School Zone safety RSA and maintenance on route N34 on pavement road. Chapter is working on submitting to District 5 for studies and safety improvement at the school zone. Project will remain on the RTIP List.
- **A Road Safety Audit was conducted by Lee Engineering on US491 for Newcomb, Naschitti and Sheep Springs intersections in 2019 – NDOT will be considering recommendations for these intersections based on this RSA.**

Navajo Nation – Eastern Navajo

- **Edwin Begay the new manager for Eastern Navajo indicated that NDOT is now updating Chapter routes and will follow up with Chapters for resolutions and inventory training.**
- **Emergency repair work is ongoing for road repairs related to heavy Monsoon rainfall. Busy fixing Chapter access roads – primarily in Arizona and now in New Mexico.**
- **Recently Arlando Teller – USDOT met with Anthony Dimas and Billy Moore to discuss Navajo roads.**
- **Working on TTIP projects across the Navajo Nation.**
- **NDOT dealing with multiple funding deadlines.**
- **Held a grand opening for N2007 Bridge.**
- **Providing Chapters technical assistance for ingress and egress – including the BIA and NM / AZ DOT. The BIA will provide road inventory training to NDOT.**
- **Navajo Transit is now under Navajo DOT.**
- **NDOT is also gearing up for school bus route improvements and asking route maps from the various Navajo Nation schools. NDOT is completing School Bus Route mapping at this time. There is currently much concern around school bus routes and bridges which buses cannot cross.**
- **Larry Joe indicated that Sandoval County will be transitioning many of rural their roads to Navajo DOT oversight and ownership**
- **Transportation Project Fund project application was approved by DOT for the west Tsayatoh Road in Eastern Navajo at \$2,450,000.**
- **NDOT is meeting with Chapters around regional priorities and funding; Iyanbito bridge request remains a priority around significant rail crossing delays (especially around emergency response concerns).**
- **NDOT is working to complete road assessments within the Navajo Agency areas. The 15 mile Chapter Road improvement projects will commence soon.**
- **There have been three ribbon cutting ceremonies for roads at 1) Mariano Lake, 2) Ojo Amarillo, and 3) a Tsaynosti Chapter Bridge**
- **Crownpoint Chapter has awarded LGRF 2021 funding for their cemetery access road.**
- **Rock Springs Chapter- CR-9 road improvement. Will be added to RTIP for future road improvement**
- **Nahodishgish Chapter- N53 & 98 road improvement. Will be added to RTIP for road improvement.**
- **Manuelito Chapter- Sunset Valley road Chip Sealing. Will be added to RTIP**
- **Manuelito Chapter- Tse De Tah Spring road improvement Chip Sealing. Will be addit to RTIP**
- **Rock Springs Chapter- Chee Dodge Elementary School Access Improvement – Improving turning lanes and street lighting. Will be added to RTIP.**
- **Church Rock Chapter- NM Highway 118 Improve – Street lighting for safety corridor. Project will be completed with NM Capital Out funds.**
- **Crownpoint Chapter- street lighting project in progress to complete soon.**
- **Baahaali Chapter- transfer access road improvement- Project completed in 2020 with 2019 Transportation Project Fund award.**
- **Mexican Chapter- Road Safety Audit, project in progress on contracting out to complete the RSA studies. Will be added to RTIP for construction project.**
- **Twin Lakes Chapter- Road Safety Audit, project in progress on contracting out to complete the RSA studies. Will be added to RTIP for construction project.**

- Tohatchi Chapter- Road Safety Audit, project progress on contracting out to complete the RSA studies. Will be added to RTIP for construction project.
- Iyanbito Chapter- Received Local Government Road Fund, it would need more funding to complete the road improvements. Will be added to RTIP for road improvement Chip Sealing.
- Iyanbito Chapter- I-40 -Project is seeking funding for drainage improvement and overpass studies, design and construction to provide safe entering and existing I-40. Will be added to RTIP.
- Mariano Lake Chapter- Red Willow road in progress to complete the road improvement.
- **There are concerns with overgrazing, along with dust storms and sand on roadways – NDOT will present to NM Indian Affairs on these concerns.**
- **For both Northern and Eastern Navajo there have been major road washouts due to flooding, which NDOT is addressing as best they can. NDOT staff will also be undertaking BIA Road Inventory training.**

Proposed New Roadway Lighting Projects have no Planning, Designing or Construction funding, but the respective Chapters will be seeking funds to begin Road Safety Assessments, Design, and Construction: All these projects will be added to RTIPR for future funding of the projects.

- Smith Lake Chapter- Seeking RSA studies and street lighting at Hwy 371 & N49
- Crownpoint Chapter- Seeking RSA studies and street lighting at N9 & Hwy 371 intersection
- Becenti Chapter- Seeking RSA studies & Street lighting at Highway 371 & N9
- Coyote Canyon Chapter- Street lighting at Intersections of Highway 491 and N9, Milepost 15-15.5
- Whiterock Chapter- Seeking RSA & Street lighting at Highway 371 & store junction, chapter access roads
- Standing Rock Chapter- Seeking RSA & Street lighting at N9 & Chapter access road intersection.
- Little Water Chapter (Eastern)- Seeking RSA & Street lighting at Highway 371 and N7119
- Mexican Springs Chapter- Completing RSA, and seeking street lighting at Highway 491 & N30
- Naschitti Chapter- Completing RSA, and seeking street lighting at Highway 491 & Bus turnaround MP 32
- Tohatchi Chapter- Completing RSA and seeking street lighting at Highway 491 Milepost 22-24
- Twin Lakes Chapter- Completing RSA, and seeking street lighting at Highway 491 & Chapter access road/school access road, Milepost 13 – 13.5 and other lighting at Highway 491 & Giant store/Johnson road, Milepost 9.8 – 10.3

**New Mexico Department of Transportation Reports
(significant news only)**

RTPO Liaison (Neala Krueger)
Tribal Liaison (Ron Shutiva)
District 5 (James Mexia, Stephanie Medina)
District 6 (JoAnn Garcia; Bill Santiago)

Multimodal Planning & Programs Bureau – Neala Krueger

- The **FFY23/24 Regional Work Program (RWP)** has received FHWA approval. NMDOT has sent a Notice to Proceed (NTP) for the RWP by Oct 1.
- The NWNMCOG SPR Grant agreements for the **Milan Comprehensive Transportation Safety Action Plan** and **McKinley County Transportation Master Plan** are complete. NMDOT received a fully executed grant agreement on November 17, we can proceed with obligating the funds. NWNMCOG cannot begin work until NMDOT sends a Notice to Proceed (NTP) for the projects.
- **The NWRTPO Annual Performance and Expenditure Report (APER) is now under review by NM-FHWA.**
- **NMDOT Freight Advisory Committee Meeting**
The third meeting of the Freight Advisory Committee was Thursday, September 22, 2022 from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm. The Freight Advisory Committee include representatives of a cross-section of public and private sector freight stakeholders and participates in the development of the State Freight Plan. More information about the 2045 New Mexico Freight Plan Update can be found here: <https://www.2045nmfreightplan.com/> **The NMDOT Freight Plan is now awaiting approval from FHWA.**
- **Pedestrian Safety Action Plan training is forthcoming.**
- **Updated Functional Classification Guide Draft**

Per the 7/25 Govt to Govt email from Shannon Glendenning, the NMDOT Technical & Freight Planning Team updated the Functional Classification Guide for 2022. It is posted to the NMDOT website. If you have questions contact Tyler Roller, Roadway Classifications Manager at Tyler.roller@state.nm.us.

NMDOT Tribal Liaison – Ron Shutiva

- **A corridor study is under consideration for I-40 from Arizona to Albuquerque – this will include consideration toward developing three lanes for this highway in each direction, given the truck freight traffic.**
- **Ron continues to work on engaging tribes around state corridors and is seeking help from regional media.**
- **Justin Reese is the new Cabinet Secretary for NMDOT.**
- **There will be a session on I-40 improvements with NDOT.**
- **NM 118 drainage study request from Mark Freeland – Navajo Tribal Council.**
- **Iyanbito Chapter is requesting a bridge over the BNSF Rail Line. (Another consideration would be extending a paved road west to the Church Rock bridge – might cost less).**
- **Ron is considering setting up quarterly tribal meetings with the DOT Districts, with consideration toward priority tribal projects.**
- **Ron indicated that the 2021 Transportation Project Fund awarded a total of \$41 million to tribal entities statewide. Ron reminded members to pay attention to the “Buy America” guidelines. Our region did well for this round of TPF funds.**
- **Ron reminded members to stay on top of funding opportunities – with \$ billions forthcoming – remember to prepare for environmental requirements (which are time consuming) for this funding.**
- **Ron asked how the Navajo RSA’s are coming along with the 2018 LGTPF deadline of June 30, 2022 coming up – for Twin Lakes, Mexican Springs, and Tohatchi Chapters. Mike Neely and Priscilla Lee are seeking additional funding to commence.**
- **Ron is now on the LTAP Board.**
- **There’s a new Indian Highway Safety Grant out from the BIA.**
- **Reminding members to keep on top of deadlines for ICIP, TIF, and LGRF.**
- **Transportation Project Fund: better to phase then have a shortfall on funding for proposed projects.**
- **A national broadband project is establishing a broadband corridor along I-40, and will involve tribal discussion with Pueblos of Laguna and Acoma and Navajo Nation.**
- **Ron is encouraging tribal members to pursue bridge funding.**
- **Ron reminds tribal members to pursue support and related letters of support from state and national legislators.**
- **NM118 drainage analysis project is finally in progress as the Navajo Council is working on agreements with the local governments in the region of the study between Churchrock and Iyanbito; need coordination with NDOT.**
- **Ron reported on the NM118 drainage analysis that took place between the Iyanbito and Ft. Wingate I-40 intersections at previous meetings. Ron indicated he feels that NM118 drainage issues remain unresolved to this day (in spite of two studies!) and the Navajo Nation DOT remains non-responsive!**

NMDOT District 5 – James Mexia, Amanda Nino

- **WHPacific is being contracted for a study on needed road and intersection improvements on US 64 – MP 0 – 20 (which includes the Shiprock School Zone). This project will be divided into two phases funded separately and referencing the District 5 HSIP plan for 2021 including a) primary / major Chapter or community intersections from Shiprock to the Arizona border and b) the Shiprock School Zone.**
- **The NM371 and N36 intersection near Northern Edge Casino is at 60% design; need ROW clearance / easement from NDOT.**
- **D-5 staff are managing project proposals for the 2021 Local Government Road Fund, and have received awards from the DOT General Office in Santa Fe for the next fiscal year.**
- **Work is pending for NDOT Capital Outlay and N.O.O. – Please contact DOT District 5 SOON!!! Remember that Capital Outlay requires monthly report updates.**
- **Amanda Nino: Project Closeouts are due by December 31.**

NMDOT District 6 – Bill Santiago, Michael Neely, Clayton Garner

- **DOT District 6 Office is still under renovation – nonetheless, DOT 6 staff will resume full time office work starting January 1, 2023.**
- **With a lot of local govt. turnover including RTPO members, staff training may be needed to bring new staff with transportation focus up to speed.**
- **Local Govt. Road Fund** – as Stephanie from District 5 mentioned, the 5 certifications are also required before LGRF projects are considered construction ready. Keep District 6 informed on progress – the time is now critical to request an extension amendment as previously funded LGRF cycle is in close out! Extension requests are due by October 31 (including a resolution)! **The new LGRF call for projects has a March 15 deadline.**
- **Bill Santiago encourages RTPO members to pay attention to application deadlines around forthcoming funding. Also, be aware of staff changes at NDOT, NMDOT, and local governments.**
- The **FY2023 Transportation Project Fund applications must include a supporting resolution.** DOT District 6 has provided a template. Request a match waiver ASAP – due end of September.
- **Get signed agreements to DOT Dist. 6 soon, including supporting resolutions.**
- **Keep DOT District 6 staff informed on progress for the Transportation Project Fund. 5 certifications takes time – try to get these executed during this Winter season so you are construction ready in the Spring!!**
- Bill reminded RTPO members that the MAP funding deadline is June 30, 2022.
- Mike Neely is on board with NMDOT District 6 to assist the RTPO's participating in the District 6 region – include Mr. Neely on all communication. Mike reminded that for TPF funds, projects must have design before they can move to construction
- Mike Neely reminded that the NMDOT fiscal year is almost over – **Have until June 17 to encumber funding!** Mike also reminded that the deadline for reimbursements is coming soon, and Capital Outlay reports are due soon!
- Mr. Clayton Garner will fill JoAnn Garcia's former position at the District. Reminding members to remind others that traffic safety is important in construction areas.
- Lisa Vega is now the Director for DOT District 6, as Larry Maynard has retired.
- For Local Government Road Fund projects – the District needs certifications for all projects – many RTPO members are not following LGRF guidance for project development and are trying to close out projects without having reported progress to the DOT or following what the program requires – this could jeopardize funding, and DOT District 6 urges follow up with their staff. Have contractors apply to be on the State list as pre-qualified contractors. Using a non-state-qualified contractor could also jeopardize project funding!

Mike Neely: NMDOT will have a new email: staff member@dot.nm.gov.

NEW BUSINESS/OPEN FLOOR: MEMBERS & GUESTS (5-minute limit) - None

ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEXT MEETING: No announcements – **next meeting January 11, 2023 – virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams**

ADJOURNMENT (11:00 am) Leonard Ludi – Pueblo of Laguna motioned; and Royce Gchachu – Pueblo of Zuni seconded for adjournment Motion carried by acclamation.

MEETING ACTIONS:

Staff:

- **Website:** update all important documents page and update Meeting schedule on Meetings page – **complete**
- **Transportation Project Fund Internal Deadlines:** Implementation – complete – all proposed projects have been approved and are now authorized to move forward. **A new TPF Call for Projects has been issued for FFY2023. RTPO members have completed 2023 TPF application packages, staff have submitted to NMDOT and seven (7) projects were approved to move forward for the NWRTPPO (Grants, Acoma, McKinley, Gallup, Cibola, Milan, Eastern Navajo).**
- **Another TAP, RTP, and CRP Call for projects has been issued with a March 10 application submission deadline.**

MEMBERS:

- **Members are encouraged to review your respective sections in these minutes and report to RTPPO staff on which portions / bullet sentences can be eliminated as no longer pertinent or completed, as these sections make the minutes incredibly lengthy!!**
- **Annual RTPPO Member Survey:** FFY2022 member surveys are past due; staff consider these complete for 2022.
- **Statewide Transportation Plan 2045 update** – members encouraged to review
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- **NMDOT:** Remind Staff and RTPPO Members of impending deadlines for various projects and deliverables.



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Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NWRTPO)

Agenda Item #IV:

Subject: NWRTPO Call for Projects Guide: FFY2023 – FFY2024

Prepared for: NWRTPO members to review and authorize at February 8 meeting.

Date: 1/25/23

BACKGROUND

- **Why?** Every two years (biennial basis) the NWRTPO engages a Call for Projects process to invite new projects into the NWRTPO RTIPR for our local municipal, tribal and county member governments. This process engages a series of document forms and meetings to assure that proposed new projects are both local / regional priorities, and qualify for state and federal funding.
- **Purpose.** To engage the NWRTPO members in a review of the proposed process going forward to qualify new projects for inclusion in the FFY2024 RTIPR for the NWRTPO.
- **Discussion/Finalization.** RTPO members will vote at our February 8, 2023 meeting to approve and authorize the NWRTPO Call for Projects related to documentation submission and meeting dates which will commence in March, 2023 and conclude with a finalized RTIPR for the NWRTPO in February 2024, and the DOT District Office RTIP (Zipper) in March, 2024.

CURRENT WORK

- RTPO members will review the Call for Projects process, and schedule for the FFY2024 RTIPR, and vote to approve and authorize the NWRTPO Call for Projects, perhaps with any recommended edits.

ANTICIPATED WORK

- RTPO members to vote on approval and authorization of the FFY2023 – FFY2024 NWRTPO Call for Projects process and requirements at the February 8 meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

- NWRTPO Call for Transportation Projects Guide.

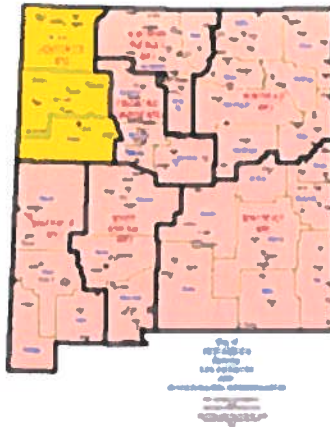
BUDGET IMPACT

- None.

ACTION ITEM

- Members to vote for approval and authorization for FFY2023 – 2024 NWRTPO Call for Projects Guide at our February 8 meeting.

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Northwest New Mexico Call for Transportation Projects Guide

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Northwest New Mexico Call for Transportation Projects Guide

Items Included:

- **Description and Overview of the Call for Transportation Projects**
- **RTIPR Background and Process**
- **Program Matrix of Example and Possible Sources**
- **Timeline of the Process**
- **Eligibility and NWRTPO Members by Jurisdiction**
- **Sample of Project Feasibility Form**

Description and Overview.

To find out if your project is on the RTIPR, please feel free to contact our office at 505-722-4327 – and ask for Robert Kuipers.

Additional information on the NWRTPO can also be found on this webpage.

Many of the available funding sources will place value on projects that are supported by Comprehensive Plans, Transportation Plans and Studies (Regional, State, and Tribal), Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plans, and those that went through the Project Feasibility Form process. For specific, Transportation Project Fund (TPF), Alternative Program (TAP) and Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) and Congestion Mitigation / Air Quality (CMAQ) projects, we would encourage you to look at the supplemental guidance found on the [NMDOT website](#).

Information for any and all state or federally funding programs for the State of New Mexico can be found on the NMDOT website's [T/LPA Documents and Information page](#).



Background:

One of the main purposes of this “Call for Transportation Projects” guidance is to populate and prioritize our region’s RTIPR. The Regional Transportation Improvement Program Recommendations (RTIPR) process varies around New Mexico and the document serves different purposes in each Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) area. As part of the implementation of the New Mexico 2045 Plan (2045 Plan), and its associated performance measures and targets, the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) is undertaking an effort to standardize the RTIPR process around the state. A standardized process will ensure the RTIPR is helpful to both the RTPO and the NMDOT in determining which projects receive funding.

In coming years, NMDOT will program a significant portion of its federal funding by selecting projects based upon project evaluation criteria and prioritization processes. Projects will score highly when they positively contribute to NMDOT meeting its federally-mandated performance targets. (Please see the NMDOT Planning summary of MAP-21, FAST Act and Final Planning Rule for more information on the performance management and target requirements.) Additionally, the State of New Mexico’s Transportation Project Fund (non-federal funding) encourages applicants to utilize the NMDOT’s approved project feasibility form process.

Role of the RTP:

As part of the 2045 Plan planning process, each RTPO developed a Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) that is consistent with the statewide 2045 Plan and defines the specific goals of the RTPO region. Every transportation project in a region should be consistent with the related RTP; therefore, the RTIPR should be developed accordingly. If a project is not consistent with the applicable RTP, it should not be recommended for funding in the RTIPR. Further, the projects in the RTIPR should be ranked according to the regional project prioritization process that prioritizes projects based on the extent to which they meet the regional goals in the applicable RTP and the state goals in the 2045 Plan.

Role of the PFF:

All Tribal/Local Public Agency (T/LPA)-lead projects submitted for funding via the RTIPR must first complete the Project Feasibility Form (PFF) and be approved as “feasible” by the NMDOT District representative. This includes T/LPAs seeking funding from the New Mexico Transportation Project Fund. If approved, the project can be prioritized through the RTPO project prioritization process to appear on the RTIPR with its appropriate ranking. Projects that are not deemed feasible through the PFF process should not be rated and ranked and should not appear on the RTPO’s RTIPR.

There are several simple criteria’s that the PFF are evaluated against:

- (1) Project aligns with RTP goals and National Performance measures, and specifically will move the needle on measures and targets identified in the RTP and New Mexico Transportation Plan;
- (2) Project is functionally classified or qualifies for an FHWA program or NMDOT Transportation Project Funding;
- (3) Project is technically feasible, based on engineer review; and
- (4) Requesting entity has the capacity to take on or manage Federal or State funding.

NOTE: Submitting a PFF does not guarantee funding from any of these sources, and additional information will be required and in some cases a separate grant application may needed.

Role of the Prioritization Process:

Based upon the regional goals articulated in the NMDOT RTP, and the statewide goals in the 2045 Plan, each RTPO will create a project prioritization process. This is the process that will be used to rate and rank the projects in each RTPO's RTIPR.

The standardized project prioritization process to score and rank projects included in the applicable RTIPR must be consistent with the NMDOT 2045 Long Range Multimodal Transportation Plan and each RTPO's RTP.

NOTE: The State of New Mexico has created its own "Transportation Project Fund" in order to support rural areas and smaller towns with the implementation of local and regional transportation priorities. The TPF was established due to the limitations of federal funding and functional classification requirements. These requirements reduce accessibility of funds for implementation of transportation priorities on local corridors. Projects targeting the New Mexico TPF are encouraged by the State to incorporate these into regular Regional Transportation Planning Organizations' call for projects processes as part of the bi-annual update of the Regional Transportation Improvement Program Recommendations list. The Northwest RTPO has developed a call for projects process that incorporates the TPF process to ensure seamless integration into the regional priority list. Transportation Project Fund applications due annually in May.

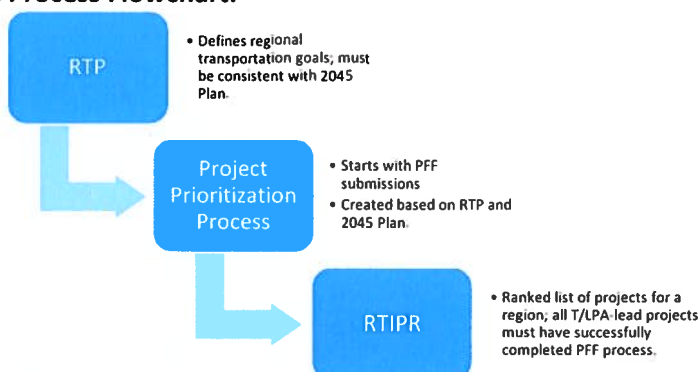
Role of the RTIPR:

The RTIPR should include both NMDOT-lead and T/LPA-lead projects.

The RTPOs will issue a call for projects according to their individual application cycles. Following submittal of all T/LPA projects (with an approved PFF) to the RTPO planner, the RTPO planner will coordinate a rating and ranking process with the RTPO board. The RTPO board will utilize the adopted criteria to rate and rank projects based on project characteristics and the extent to which they meet the articulated goals of the RTP and 2045 Plan. The resulting ranked list of projects is considered the RTIPR. The RTIPR is then submitted to the District and used for consideration by the state in developing the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). For the NWRTPO not all sections of the RTIPR are prioritized; in most cases for the biennial development of the RTIPR the only sections that are prioritized for each member government's top priority projects are the following sections: Roadway, Transportation Alternative Program (TAP), Recreational Trails Program (RTP), Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), and N.M. Transportation Project Fund (TPF).

All projects on the RTIPR should be confirmed with the sponsoring agency on a bi-annual basis in coordination with NMDOT's call for Transportation Project Fund, RTP, TAP and other projects, to ensure that the sponsoring agency still wants to pursue funding for that project.

Simple Process Flowchart:



Northwest RTPO Prioritization Process:

The Prioritization Process is intended to assist local and tribal (T/LPA) entities, as well as the RTPO Policy & Technical Committee in aligning proposed projects with the established vision, mission and goals that are highlighted in the State and Regional Transportation Plans.

Projects which are proposed to be included in the RTPO's Regional Transportation Improvement Program Recommendations (RTIPR) will be evaluated and ranked based on data, studies and qualitative factors consistent with regional priorities and federal areas of emphasis.

The Prioritization Process is a tool developed that will be incorporated as part of the Northwest RTP Update at the recommendation of NMDOT following its review of the RTPO's decision-making processes. Project prioritization methodologies, and similar tools, are widely used in regional transportation and many other settings. These tools may differ in their complexity and their use of quantitative and qualitative evaluation, including cost-benefit analyses and numeric thresholds for measured standards. Our Prioritization Process is intended to be refined and recalibrated over time through its use and re-evaluation. In particular, as the data collection capacity of the RTPO grows, more numeric comparisons can be employed. Our Prioritization Process is intended to help formalize the review of projects, further align project selection with established goals, allow for flexibility in comparisons, and enhance the transparency of the decision-making process.

STEP 1: Project Feasibility Form

Projects will be submitted in response to this "Call for Transportation Projects" guidance and begin as Project Feasibility Forms (PFFs). PFFs will be submitted as per the timeline established in this Call for Transportation Projects guidance, and thence distributed to NMDOT, District staff, Regional Design staff, and RTPO staff for review. A mandatory PFF consultation meeting will be held with the RTPO local entities and NMDOT Districts 5 and 6 to discuss proposed projects and come to a go- or no-go decision by the District Engineer or his/her designee for retention in the RTIPR. RTPO staff will provide a PFF Consultation Report back to the entities outlining information including suggestions on alternative funding sources and technical assistance providers.

NOTE: There are 2 types of Project Feasibility Forms (PFFs) that will be utilized during the NWRTPO Call for Transportation Projects process. The first is the Federal Projects PFF, and the second is the Transportation Project Fund PFF. Both versions of the PFF can be found on the [NWRTPO webpage](#) on the Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments website.

STEP 2: Project Prospectus Form

Projects that are approved to move forward and are eligible for federal funding will need to submit a Project Prospectus Form (PPF) and other application documents depending on the funding program. These documents are again distributed to NMDOT, District staff, Regional Design staff, and RTPO staff for review, as well as RTPO members.

NOTE: TPF applications are not required to have Project Prospectus Forms as part of the application packet. Only projects eligible for federal funding are required to complete the PPF form.

STEP 3: Project Presentations

Entities will decide which projects they want to present for scoring. Project presentations are developed by each entity and are presented at the *November* monthly meeting. Entities can request assistance from

the RTPO staff to develop presentations. At this meeting, the RTPO Policy & Technical Committee members will evaluate each project and presentation, using a board approved scoring criteria.

STEP 4: RTIPR Approval Process

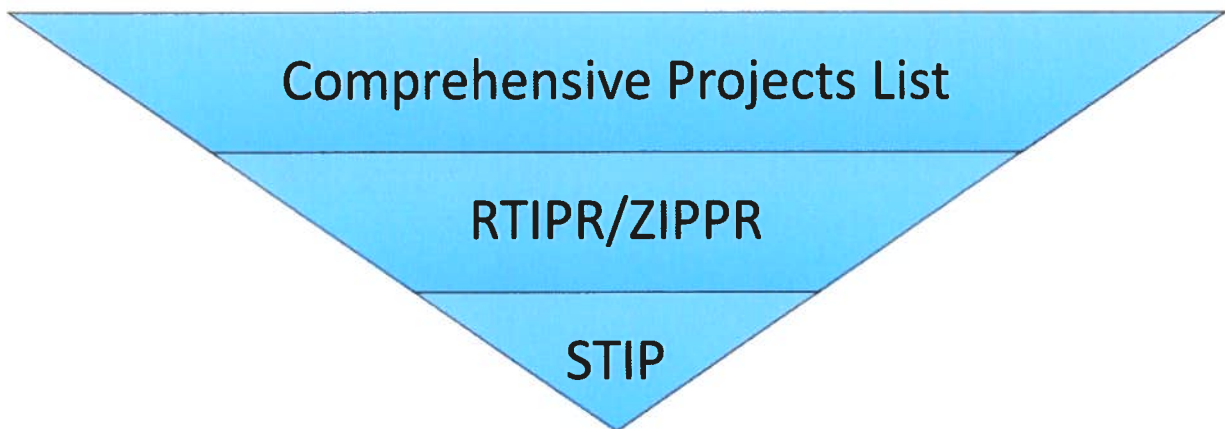
RTPO will collect evaluation forms and compile a ranking based on scores. This will be used to develop the RTIPR which will be presented to the RTPO Policy & Technical Committee in *January 2024*. RTPO members can discuss prioritization of projects, especially those that receive similar scores, and based on consensus members may make modifications to the ranking. Their discussion will be brought back in the form of a recommendation to the RTPO Policy & Technical Committee in *February 2024*. The RTIPR will then be presented for approval during this meeting.

STEP 5: ZIPPR:







Since our RTPO region overlaps with several different NMDOT Districts and RTPO regions, our staff works collaboratively with other RTPOs to create a unified RTIPR that then goes to the appropriate District office as a recommended list. This unified RTIPR will be developed then adopted in the spring of 2024.

STEP 6: Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) List

Upon approval of the RTIPR & ZIPPR, the lists are sent to NMDOT District offices for review and possible project inclusion into the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The STIP is a fiscally constrained list and projects will be proposed for inclusion as available funding permits.



PROGRAM	DESCRIPTION	EXAMPLES OF ELIGIBLE OPPORTUNITIES	
RECURRING FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS			
Bicycle, Pedestrian, Equestrian Program (BPE)	Provides development of bicycle, walking, and horse trails – often alongside traffic corridors	Bicycle lanes, multi-use trails, “share the road” roadway designations, bicycle facilities, etc.	
Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP)	Formerly known as Public Lands Highway, this program provides funding for projects that focus on access, mobility, safety, connectivity, economic development, and natural resource protection in Federal lands http://flh.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/flap/	Projects that mitigate a known safety issue; parking or rest areas; provision for pedestrians and bicycles; provides facilities for alternative modes; connects to additional routes serving Federal lands; operation and maintenance of transit facilities; or improves roadway surface and/or bridge condition(s).	
Federal Lands Transportation Program (FLTP)	The FLTP complements the Federal Lands Access Program. Where the Access Program provides funds for State and local roads that access the Federal estate, the FLTP focuses on the transportation infrastructure owned and maintained by Federal lands management agencies. http://flh.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/fltp/		
Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)	Assists agencies with studying hazardous traffic conditions and funding stand-alone engineering type safety improvements to transportation facilities or non-construction traffic safety enforcement, education, or emergency medical services related programs to reduce risks of future severe crashes http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/hsip/	Proposed road safety audits, site-specific safety projects, multi-location system wide safety projects, and/or transportation safety programs on state highways and bridges	
Long-Range, Federal Lands, and/or Tribal Transportation Planning & Studies	Provides funding for planning-related projects that emphasize long-range time frames	Long-range transportation planning, bicycle-pedestrian plans, corridor plans, or “complete streets” studies	
Transportation Alternative Program (TAP)	Formerly known as Transportation Enhancements, this program combines several funding programs and seeks projects that expand travel choices and improve the transportation experience for all users by integrating modes and improving the cultural, historic and environmental aspects of our transportation infrastructure http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21/guidance/guidetap.cfm	Planning, design, and construction of on-road and off-road trail facilities, construction of turnouts, overlooks, and viewing areas, historic preservation of transportation facilities, removal of outdoor advertising, recreation trail program projects, scenic byway program projects, and safe routes to school program projects, etc.	
Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) Program	This program provides \$2.5 billion or more per year thru 2026 to reduce vehicle carbon emissions thru reduced traffic congestion, alternate vehicle propulsion, or transit	This program primarily relates to metropolitan areas.	

PROGRAM	DESCRIPTION	EXAMPLES OF ELIGIBLE OPPORTUNITIES
Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS)	SRTS funding supports infrastructure development to create or improve safety features for school related traffic or pedestrians. <u>Now funded from TAP pool of funding.</u>	<p>Sidewalk improvements, traffic calming and speed reduction improvements, pedestrian and bicycle crossing improvements, on-street and off-street bicycle facilities, traffic diversion improvements, public awareness campaigns, traffic education and enforcement, student sessions on bicycle and pedestrian safety, and funding for training, volunteers, and managers of SRTS programs</p> 
Recreational Trails Program	Provides funding for motorized and non-motorized trails and supporting infrastructure. Currently, there is a separate program other than the TAP pool.	<p>Motorized vehicle parks and facilities, hiking trails, urban trails, joint use trails and facilities.</p> 
Federal Transit Administration Section 5310	Provides Federal funding for seniors and individuals to serve the transportation needs of elderly persons and persons with disabilities who reside in "small urban areas"	<p>Para-transit services, or flexible route bus services in small urban areas</p> 
Federal Transit Administration Section 5311	The rural program that is formula based and provides funding to states for the purpose of supporting public transportation in rural areas, with population of less than 50,000. Funding for capital, operating, and administrative expenses for public transportation projects that meet the needs of rural communities.	<p>Examples of eligible activities include capital projects; operating costs of equipment and facilities for use in public transportation; and the acquisition of public transportation services, including service agreements with private providers of public transportation services.</p> 
Special Studies	Additional studies not mentioned in other programs, such as special traffic studies	<p>Traffic studies, corridor studies, bicycle/pedestrian count studies, etc.</p> 
Roadways & Bridges	Projects that are determined to be functional classified can be prioritized through the STIP and receive funding	<p>Roadway improvements, lane expansion, widening, interchange development and bridge replacement.</p> 
Federal Aviation Admin. Airport Improvement Program	Provides grants to public agencies — and, in some cases, to private owners and entities -- for the planning and development of public-use airports that are included in the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS). http://www.faa.gov/airports/aip/	
RECURRING STATE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS		
Transportation Project Fund	This fund from the State of New Mexico supports the state's rural areas / small towns for transportation projects which don't qualify for federal funding but represent priorities for economic / community growth.	<p>This fund from the state supports local / regional transportation priorities for rural / small town areas.</p>

PROGRAM	DESCRIPTION	EXAMPLES OF ELIGIBLE OPPORTUNITIES
BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW (BIL) PROGRAMS		
RAISE Grant (Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity)	This federal funding source provides larger multi-million \$ amounts for big projects that have local and regional impact – a total of \$1.5 billion is available for 2023	Half of this funding goes to urban areas and half goes to rural areas; including \$15 million to areas of persistent poverty or historically disadvantage communities
Reconnecting Communities Program	This federal program is designed to mitigate transportation infrastructure that creates barriers to access, mobility or economic development due to grade separations, design factors or high speeds – etc.	This program provides technical assistance to address community transportation barriers with \$198 million available for planning or construction in 2023.
Railroad Crossing Elimination Program	This program provides \$500 million per year to eliminate at grade rail crossings through the use of a bridge or underpass – or providing other roadway options.	This program seeks to improve safety and mobility for the transport of people or products around railroad crossings. Eligible entities include states, tribes, communities, and MPO's.
Carbon Reduction Program	This program supports projects that reduce carbon emissions from transportation infrastructure or traffic alternatives, with \$1.258 billion available in 2023	The objective of this program is to reduce transportation emissions.
Bridge Formula Program	This program provides funding to replace, rehabilitate, preserve, protect, and construct highway bridges	This program provides \$5.5 billion per year thru 2026
Bridge Investment Program	This program provides \$12.5 billion to improve bridge and culvert condition, safety, efficiency, and reliability	Bridge replacement along locally owned corridors to increase accessibility for emergency services, school buses, and passenger vehicles.
Buses and Bus Facilities Program	This program provides over \$600 million a year to replace, rehabilitate or purchase new buses of public transit facilities.	
National Electric Vehicle Program	Appears this program provides up to \$1 billion a year thru 2026 to establish electric vehicle charging stations and provision of electric vehicle network infrastructure	
Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)	\$1 billion a year thru 2026 for roadway safety improvement projects or developing a comprehensive safety action plan – to reduce death and serious injury.	
Surface Transportation Block Grant	Provides \$14+ billion a year thru 2026 for multimodal transportation development primarily in urban areas	
Tribal Transportation Program	Provides up to almost \$3 billion for tribal transportation projects	

NWRTPO Timeline Call for Transportation Projects

February 2023 - March 2024

Task	Timeframe/Due Date	Responsible Party
<u>Calendar Year - 2023</u>		
Announcement of NMDOT Transportation Project Fund	January	NMDOT
RTPO approves and releases Call for Projects Guide	February 8 th	RTPO Staff & Members
Technical Assistance Contact the RTPO to set an appointment to get PFF assistance	Feb. 8 th – April 14 th	RTPO Staff
Project Feasibility Forms (PFF) Due on or before Must be submitted by appropriate RTPO Member	April 14 th	RTPO Members
PFF Review and set up Consultations	April 17 th – 28 th	RTPO Staff
Announcement of NMDOT TAP, RTP, CRP and CMAQ Programs	May	NMDOT
Mandatory Project Consultation Meetings between RTPO Member, Local Entity Representative/Official, RTPO staff, DOT Liaison, and District Staff. Meeting Report due 5 working days after.	May 1 st – May 5 th	All Agencies
◊ Based on decision and recommendation by District staff, RTPO Member will be directed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare and submit a Project Prospectus Form (PPF) for inclusion and prioritization in the Regional Transportation Improvement Program Recommendations (RTIPR), or Detail other options for projects and/or funding 	May 5 th forward	NMDOT & RTPO Staff
Technical Assistance and TPF Application Review Contact RTPO for TPF application assistance	May 8 th – 31 st	RTPO Staff & Members
Transportation Project Fund application deadline RTPO staff to submit TPF applications to NMDOT FTP website	May 31 st	RTPO Staff & NMDOT
Technical Assistance and PPF review Contact the RTPO for PPF assistance	June – August	RTPO Staff & Members
Project Prospectus Forms (PPF) due to RTPO	August 31 st	RTPO Members
Technical Assistance and TAP/RTP/CMAQ/CRP application review Contact the RTPO for application assistance	September – October	RTPO Staff & Members
TAP/RTP/CMAQ/CRP Applications Submission	October	RTPO Staff
Project Presentations and scoring by RTPO members	November 8 th	RTPO Staff & Members
Draft RTIPR	November – December	RTPO Staff
<u>Calendar Year - 2024</u>		
Final RTIPR is approved by NWRTPO Committee	January – February	RTPO Staff & Members
District 6 RTIPR (“zipper”) Meeting to finalize recommendations and priorities for inclusion into the NMDOT STIP - NMDOT Dist. 6 – 1919 Pinon Drive, Milan (including Catron and Sandoval Counties)	March 10 th	NMDOT & RTPO Staff

Eligible Entities for Transportation Funds

- Local & Tribal Governments
- Regional Transportation Authorities
- State & Federal Natural Resource or Public Land Agencies
- Transit Agencies
- School Districts, Local Education Agencies or Schools

Ineligible Entities

- Nonprofits as direct grant recipients. Nonprofits are eligible to partner with any eligible entity, if state or local requirements permit.
- Businesses & Individuals; though these may partner with an eligible entity project sponsor to carry out a project.

For municipal, County, and tribal government entities interested in applying for a project, please inform, coordinate, and involve the following Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NWRTPO) representatives for your respective jurisdiction. Other entities or individuals are encouraged to do the same. Below are the jurisdictions that the NWRTPO will be considering applications from for this "Call for Projects". For more information, feel free to contact Robert Kuipers, RTPO Program Manager at (505) 722-4327 or rkuipers@nwnmcog.org

NWRTPO Members			
Entity	Member	Phone	Email
Cibola County	Edward Salazar	505-285-2570	Edward.Salazar@co.cibola.nm.us
	Judy Horacek	505-285-2557	jphoracek@co.cibola.nm.us
McKinley County	Rodney Skersick	505-722-2303	Rodney.Skersick@co.mckinley.nm.us
San Juan County	Nick Porell	505-334-4530	nporell@sjcounty.net
Gallup	Clyde Strain	505-863-1290	cstrain@gallupnm.gov
	Alicia Santiago		asantiago@gallupnm.gov
Grants	Don Jaramillo	505-287-7927	manager@grantsnm.gov
	Shannon Devine	505-290-3722	specialprojects@grantsnm.gov
Milan	Linda Cooke	505-285-6694	manager@villageofmilan.com
	Denise Baca		milanclerk@villageofmilan.com
Navajo Nation: Northern Agency	Edwin Begay	505-371-8312	ebegay@navajodot.org
	Margie Begay		mbegay@navajodot.org
Navajo Nation: Eastern Agency	Edwin Begay	505-371-8312	ebegay@navajodot.org
	Margie Begay	505-371-8312	mbegay@navajodot.org
Ramah Navajo	Dorothy Claw, Chair		DorothyClaw@ramahnavajo.org
Pueblo of Acoma	Dennis Felipe Jr., Vice-Chair	505-552-5139	
Pueblo of Laguna	Leonard Ludi	505-552-1201	lludi@pol-nsn.gov
Pueblo of Zuni	Royce Gchachu	505-782-7116	royce.gchachu@ashiwi.org
	Roxann Hughte		Roxann.Hughte@ashiwi.org

If you are located in the Farmington MSA (of the Cities Farmington, Bloomfield, and Aztec), please contact the Farmington MPO. Contact Information: (505) 599-1392)



NWRTPO

T/LPA PROJECT FEASIBILITY FORM (PFF)

For assistance, contact Robert Kuipers, RTPO/MPO Planner, at (505) 722-4327 or rkuipers@nwnmcog.org

GENERAL INFORMATION

Preparation Date: _____

Project Title: _____

Requesting T/LPA: _____

Governing Body Approval:
YES ___ NO ___ PENDING ___

Person in Responsible Charge: _____

Phone: _____

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project Type (Circle/boldface/underline all that apply):

ROADWAY **TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE**

BRIDGE

SAFETY

OTHER

If you chose "OTHER" please clarify here:

Route Number and/or Street Name: _____

Project Termini: _____ Beginning Mile point ____ Ending Mile point ____

Total length of proposed project: _____

Project Phases to be included in request (Circle/boldface/underline all that apply):

PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING

CONSTRUCTION

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT & TESTING

PLANNING FACTORS

National Planning Factors

Goals to be addressed (circle/boldface/underline all that apply):

*Support Economic Vitality | Increase Safety for Motorized and Non-Motorized Users |
Increase Security for Motorized and Non-Motorized Users | Increase Accessibility and Mobility for People and
Freight | Protect and Enhance Environment, Energy Conservation, Quality of Life |
Enhance Integration and Connectivity | Promote System Management and Operation |
Emphasize System Preservation | Enhance Travel and Tourism |
Improve System Resiliency, Reliability and Reduce or Mitigate Stormwater Impacts*

Justification of how this project meets or addresses the goals circled above (use additional pages if necessary):

Begin typing here. Box will expand as needed.

New Mexico Climate Change Goals

Goals to be addressed (circle/boldface/underline all that apply):

*Reduction in Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions | Reduction in Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) |
Increased Adoption of Cleaner Vehicles*

Please describe how this project addresses the goals selected above (use additional pages if necessary):

Begin typing here. Box will expand as needed.

PROJECT COSTS

Column A			Column B	
If project is <u>not</u> phased, complete column A only.			Total Phases No. (1, 2, 3, I, II, III, etc.):	
If project is phased, list the amount of funding being currently requested in Column A and complete Column B.			The amount below represents the cost of the entire project and will be greater than Column A.	
Project Cost: \$			Total Project Cost: \$	
Percentage Estimates:			Phased projects are usually large and divided into parts or phases. If you wish to supply any additional information, list comments here:	
Total Local Match	%	\$		
Total Federal Share	%	\$		
	100%			

DISTRICT REVIEW:				
By:	Date:	Recommended:	Yes	No
T/LPA REVIEW:				
By:	Date:	Recommended:	Yes	No

Type district comments here. Box will expand as needed.

Topics to discuss during PFF meetings:

- Is the Tribal/Local Public Agency (T/LPA) familiar with the NMDOT T/LPA Handbook? Has the person in responsible charge attended one of the T/LPA Handbook trainings?
- The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 requires public agencies with more than 50 employees to create a transition plan to achieve program accessibility requirements. (Except tribal entities)
 - Does the LPA have an approved plan on file with the NMDOT?
 - If the LPA has fewer than 50 employees, has NMDOT received an official letter listing employee names and positions (to include part time employees but not elected officials)?
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- LPAs with fewer than 50 employees still need an ADA policy. Does the LPA have an ADA policy?
- Does the LPA have an approved Title VI plan on file with the NMDOT? (Tribal entities are not required to have a Title VI plan).
- Is this project included in any other planning documents? (Comprehensive Plan, ICIP, etc.)
- Is the project within NMDOT ROW? If so, does the district support the project?
 - Are agreements necessary for maintenance and operations? (Lighting agreements, landscaping, etc.)
- Is there a need for proprietary items or brand-specific items on this project? If so, Public Interest Finding/certification is required and should be discussed.
- Does the T/LPA have the minimum match required for the project? Is the T/LPA using in kind match: entity furnished items/labor/materials/equipment? This needs to be approved up front and written into the agreement.
- The T/LPA needs to understand the reimbursement process and be prepared to pay all costs up front. The T/LPA must follow district instructions for submitting invoices for reimbursement.
 - Does the T/LPA have the capability to pay all costs up front?
 - Does the T/LPA have the capability to adhere to 90 day project closeout process?
- Certified testing is required during construction and is eligible for reimbursement.
 - Has the T/LPA included funding for testing in the consultant management estimate above or does the T/LPA have certified employees that can provide materials testing?
- Does the T/LPA know the Buy America requirements for steel and iron?
 - **NOT the same as Buy American, this is not reimbursable or allowed on federal projects**
- The T/LPA must follow the NMDOT specifications as outlined in the "Specs for Highway and Bridge Construction" unless the appropriate NMDOT Design Center grants permission prior to design for the T/LPA to use other specs.
- Does the T/LPA have maintenance and operations costs accounted for?
- Does the T/LPA have a good track record for responsible use/tracking of federal funds? Have they met closeout deadlines? Have they successfully completed other federally funded projects in a timely manner?
- Has the T/LPA had any issues with design/construction in the past?
- Does the T/LPA have major audit findings that would prevent them from being a responsible fiscal agent?

**TRANSPORTATION PROJECT FUND
PROJECT FEASIBILITY FORM (PFF)
MPO/RTPO: _____**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Preparation Date: _____ **Project Title:** _____

Requesting T/LPA: _____ **Is there an approved Governing Body resolution for this application**
(Applicant) ☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ PENDING If pending, date expected _____

Responsible Charge

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Title: _____ **Email:** _____

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project Type (Check all that apply):

☐ ROADWAY ☐ BRIDGE ☐ SAFETY ☐ PLANNING/DESIGN ☐ OTHER

If you chose "OTHER" please clarify here: _____

Project Scope: _____

Is the request to address a bridge on the NMDOT's Local Bridge Priority List for Replacement/Rehabilitation?

☐ NO ☐ YES If yes, please indicate bridge #: _____

Is the request to continue or advance a phase of a previous project?

☐ NO ☐ YES If yes, please indicate funding sources and scope of previous phase below.

Funding Source: _____

Previous Phase Project Scope: _____

Completion Date of Previous Phase: _____

Current Phase being requested: _____

Project Location

Route Number and/or Street Name: _____

Project Termini:

Beginning Mile point and/or intersection: _____

Ending Mile point and/or intersection: _____

Total length of proposed project: _____

NOTE: A local government project that is located in full or in part within a department right-of-way or NHS route must be administered in accordance with the "Tribal/Local Public Agency Handbook".

A local government project that ties into, connects or crosses a department right-of-way or an NHS route, or when the project may have an effect on existing improvements within department rights-of-way, requires the approval of the department.

Is the project located in full or in part within a department right-of-way or NHS route?

☐ NO ☐ YES If yes, the project must be administered in accordance with the Tribal/Local Public Agency Handbook and follow all requirements and procedures.

Does the project tie into, connect or cross a department right-of-way or an NHS route, or will the project have an effect on existing improvements within a NMDOT right-of-way? "Letter of Approval" from the NMDOT District Engineer?

☐ NO ☐ YES If yes, a "Letter of Approval" is required from the NMDOT District Engineer.

Will the project impact known environmental and/or cultural resources?

☐ NO ☐ YES If yes, please clarify _____

Is this project tied to any past or future federal funding?

☐ NO ☐ YES If yes, please identify _____

☐ NO ☐ YES Does the Local Entity intend to apply for Match Waiver Funding?

Project Phases to be included in request (Check all that apply):

☐ *PLANNING*

☐ *PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING/DESIGN*

☐ *CONSTRUCTION*

☐ *CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT & TESTING*

☐ *RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION**

* Projects that are for ROW acquisition will need to follow NMDOT ROW acquisition requirements if the entity intends to utilize federal funding in any subsequent project phase.

PROJECT COSTS:

Column A (Not Phased)			Column B (Phased)
If project is not phased, complete column A only.			Total Phases No. (1, 2, 3, I, II, III, etc.):
If project is phased, list the amount of funding being currently requested in Column A and complete Column B.			The amount below represents the cost of the entire project and will be greater than Column A.
			Total Project Cost: \$
Percentage Estimates:			Phased projects are usually large and divided into parts or phases. Please clarify how the requested project funding relates to the total overall project. Identify future phases and estimated costs.
Total Local Match	5%	\$	
Total State Share	95%	\$	
Total cost	100%	\$	

T/LPA REVIEW:

By:	Date:	Recommended:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
NMDOT DISTRICT REVIEW:				
By:	Date:	Recommended:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

NMDOT District comments.

NMDOT Environmental Bureau comments.

Topics to discuss during all PFF meetings:

- Is this project included in any other planning documents? (Comprehensive Plan, ICIP, etc.)
- Does the T/LPA have the minimum match required for the project? If not, does the T/LPA intend to apply for a match waiver?
- Does the T/LPA have a good track record for responsible use/tracking of state funds? Have they met closeout deadlines? Have they successfully completed other state funded projects in a timely manner?
- Has the T/LPA had any issues with design/construction in the past?
- Does the T/LPA have major audit findings that would prevent them from being a responsible fiscal agent?

Additional topics to discuss during PFF meetings ONLY if project is on or intersects with an NMDOT or NHS route:

- Is the Tribal/Local Public Agency (T/LPA) familiar with the NMDOT T/LPA Handbook? Has the person in responsible charge attended one of the T/LPA Handbook trainings?
- Is the project within NMDOT ROW? If so, does the district support the project?
 - Are agreements necessary for maintenance and operations? (Lighting agreements, landscaping, etc.)
- The T/LPA must follow the NMDOT specifications as outlined in the "Specs for Highway and Bridge Construction" unless the appropriate NMDOT Design Center grants permission prior to design for the T/LPA to use other specs.



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Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NWRTPO)

Agenda Item #V: Review and Approve FFY2023 – 2024 RTPO Meeting Schedule (meetings to remain virtual)

Subject: RTPO members will approve meeting schedule for May, 2023
thru April, 2024

Prepared for: NWRTPO meetings going forward – May, 2023 – April,
2024

Date:

BACKGROUND

- **Why?** While RTPO meetings may remain virtual due to COVID, this schedule will accommodate RTPO member and public awareness for NWRTPO meetings
- **Purpose.** Have members review (and approve) our routine annual schedule – while meetings may remain virtual due to COVID, this schedule at least helps inform the public and our RTPO members
- **Discussion/Finalization.** While not an action item, members will confirm this annual meeting schedule.

CURRENT WORK

- Members to review and approve the 2023-2024 meeting schedule

ANTICIPATED WORK

- Staff to submit schedule in advance of May, 2023 to area media, to support public awareness for NWRTPO meetings – whether virtual or in person

ATTACHMENTS

- FFY2023 – 2024 meeting schedule / Public Notice

BUDGET IMPACT

- None.

ACTION ITEM

- N/A.

Public Notice

May 2023 – April 2024

The Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NWRTPO) Committee is scheduled to meet as follows. All meetings are open and accessible to the public, as well as virtually offered using Microsoft Teams application. All information is available and updated at: <http://www.nwnmcog.com/rtpo-meetings.html>

Please Note: At the time of publication all tribal locations indicated by * below remain closed to the public due to pandemic.

Wednesday, May 10, 2023 @ Grants Public Library, 1101 N. First Street, Grants, NM

Wednesday, June 14, 2023 @ Gallup Eastside Fire Station, 3700 Churchrock Street, Gallup, NM

Wednesday, July 12, 2023 @ San Juan County Fire Operations Center, 209 South Oliver Drive, Aztec, NM

Wednesday, August 09, 2023 @ NWNM Council of Governments, 106 West Aztec, Gallup, NM

Wednesday, September 13, 2023 @ Cibola County Management Office, 700 E. Roosevelt Ave., Grants, NM

* Wednesday, October 11, 2023 – @ Laguna Public Works Department, I-40 Exit 114 to NM124 Roundabout, then east on Old US66, then left on L55 Rodeo Road, north to first parking lot, Pueblo of Laguna, NM

Wednesday, November 8, 2023 @ McKinley County Office of Emergency Management, 2221 Boyd Ave., Gallup, NM

* Wednesday, December 13, 2023 @ Ramah Navajo Chapter, 434 BIA Rt. 125, Pine Hill, NM
(MP 4.2 south on BIA Rt. 125 from NM53 intersection in Mountain View)

* Wednesday, January 10, 2024 @ Pueblo of Acoma Tribal Auditorium, 33 Pinsbaari Drive, Acoma, NM

* Wednesday, February 14, 2024 @ Ashiwi College & Career Center, 67 Rt. 301 North – off Hwy. 53, Zuni, NM

Wednesday, March 13, 2024 @ NM Department of Transportation District 6 Office, 1919 Pinon Drive, Milan, NM

Wednesday, April 10, 2024 @ Milan Parks & Recreation Office, 409 Airport Road, Milan, NM

Hybrid Meetings can be joined directly or virtually on Microsoft Teams application – contact us for link.

Meetings are scheduled to begin at 10:00am and end when all business is concluded.

The purpose of these meetings is to review, discuss, and take any needed action on transportation issues of importance to the region, which includes Cibola, McKinley, and San Juan Counties. Attendance is welcome from all city, county and tribal governments and stakeholders within the northwest region. Interested citizens are welcome to attend.

For additional information, please contact: RTPO Program Manager Robert Kuipers at Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments, 106 West Aztec, Gallup, NM 87301. Phone: (505) 722-4327

Pursuant to the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, unless compelling reasons dictate otherwise, public meetings and hearings conducted by the RTPO in conjunction with the NMDOT will be held in accessible buildings and are open to the public. Given reasonable notice, interpreters and readers will be available to the hearing and visually impaired, and to those with limited English proficiency. Contact ADA Coordinator, Charles E. Trujillo or current staffer, at NMDOT (505) 470-6739.



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**Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization
(NWRTPO)**

Agenda Item #VI: Next Round of Funding for FFY2023

Subject: Presenting again the multiple funding sources anticipated thru
FY2026

Prepared for: Feb. 8 RTPO meeting

Date: 1/19/23

BACKGROUND

- **Why?** This replicates funding sources announced in FFY2022, as we anticipate that these sources will repeat over the next four years thru FFY2026.
- **Purpose.** Help members to gear up for new funding opportunities which we anticipate will be announced in the next few months with deadlines for application submission
- **Discussion/Finalization.** Simply present these opportunities again, so NWRTPO members can gear up for another round of unprecedented federal funding

CURRENT WORK

- Asking members to prepare and gear up for another round of significant funding

ANTICIPATED WORK

- NWRTPO members (in some cases with assistance from the NWRTPO) should gear up for another round of unprecedented federal funding for transportation infrastructure and services.

ATTACHMENTS

- Same guidance as FFY2022 – most likely with different application submission deadlines; members should ignore the deadlines contained in stated in this documentation, but gear up for a new round of funding with forthcoming deadlines.

BUDGET IMPACT

- None

ACTION ITEM

- N/A

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
Funding Presentation Webinar

1) Introduction: Senator Heinrich and Senator Lujan: Both Senators introduced the project and opportunities via this funding, for a variety of transportation development including transit, electric vehicles and statewide transportation infrastructure repairs and development.

2) USDOT Presentation from Charles Small: (Charles.small@dot.gov)

- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) is providing \$660 billion nationally; following is the funding summary in billions of dollars:
 - FHWA - \$365 billion
 - FTA - \$107 billion (transit)
 - FRA - \$102 billion (rail)
 - FAA - \$25 billion
 - NHTSA - \$8 billion
 - FMCSA - \$5 billion
 - MARAD - \$2.25 billion
 - OST - \$120 billion
 - Build America Bureau - \$100 billion
 - USDOT - \$140 billion
- USDOT Bipartisan Infrastructure Law: (five areas of emphasis)
 - Safety
 - Climate
 - Equity (fair distribution)
 - Economic Strength
 - Transformation
- Funding breakdown (Roads, Bridges, Sidewalks, Potholes):
- \$250 million for safety (highways)
- Safe Streets - \$6 billion for local govts.
- \$40 billion for bridges – NM to receive \$225 million over 5 years
- Bridge Infrastructure Grant Program - \$12.5 billion
- Highways - \$57.5 billion – NM to receive \$2.5 billion over the next 5 years
- Highway Safety - \$15.6 billion
- RAISE Grants: \$2.275 billion (April 14 deadline) – local match can be waived for rural
- Congress Omnibus Bill with no timeline restrictions - \$775 million (up to \$45 million per application) – TAP and CMAQ \$ can qualify of local match
- N.M. Transit will receive \$379 million in the next five years, with a total of \$107 billion available nationally
- Capital Investment Grant available at \$23 billion for national rail and transit
- Clean energy buses at \$5.6 billion and Bus Facilities at \$2 billion available – applications due May 31
- Railroad at-grade crossing elimination funding available at \$5.5 billion
- MEGA (?), INFRA, and Rural funding NOFO: MEGA at \$5 billion, INFRA at \$8 billion, and Rural at \$2 billion
- E.V. Charging formula grants - \$2.5 billion nationally; NM gets \$38 million over the next 5 years
- National Rail gets \$102 billion for Amtrack
- Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program - \$1 billion
- All Stations accessibility Program - \$1.75 billion

- More information available at:
 - <https://www.grants.gov>
 - <https://www.transportation.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law>
 - <https://www.transportation.gov/rural/funding-opportunities>

3) Mayor Martin Chavez – Albuquerque:

- Much appreciation from New Mexico for this federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)
- \$1 billion is available for broadband development in New Mexico

4) NMDOT – David Quintana – Lead Engineer:

- The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will provide NM \$486,535,021 for the next 5 years
- Projects get programmed at NMDOT thru the 5 year STIP
- Looking forward we will have \$45,000,000 per year for bridges for the next 5 years (total: 225 million)
- This includes \$6.5 million per year (15%) for rural areas – 5 year total: \$32.5 million

Forthcoming Funding Analysis

For all of these funding sources you can find more detailed information on the internet

1) Bipartisan Infrastructure Law:

- Address safety, climate, equity, economic strength and transformation
- Eliminate lead pipes, and deliver clean water to all American families
- Provide reliable high speed internet
- Repair / rebuild roads and bridges (*climate change mitigation, resilience, equity & safety*)
- Improve transportation options and reduce greenhouse emissions
- Upgrade our nation's airports and shipping ports, and strengthen supply chains
- Invest in passenger rail
- National network of electric vehicle charge stations
- Upgrade power infrastructure and move toward zero emissions
- Make our infrastructure resilient against climate change, cyber-attacks and extreme weather
- Address pollution and clean up superfund and brownfield sites, reclaim abandoned mines and cap orphaned oil and gas wells.
- **Program Funding Round Two:**
 - Transit-Oriented Development Pilot Program
 - Bridge Investment Program
 - Natural Gas Distribution Safety & Modernization Prgm
 - University Transportation Centers program
 - Safe Streets and Roads for All
 - All Stations Accessibility Program
 - Railroad Crossing Elimination Program
 - Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program
 - Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Project Program
 - Consolidated Rail Infrastructure & Safety Improvements grant program
 - Strengthening Mobility And Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) grant program
 - FHWA Climate Change
 - EV funding

2) Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act: This federal funding source will provide \$1.2 trillion over the next five years for a variety of infrastructure – some of which will include transportation.

3) Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant Program:

- Application deadline: September 15, 2022 – 3pm our time
- Eligible Applicants: MPO's, Counties, Cities, Towns, Transit Agencies, Special Districts, Tribes (and multi-jurisdictional groups comprised of the forementioned entities).
- Eligible activities:
 - 1) Action Plan Grants:
 - Develop or update a comprehensive Safety Action Plan
 - Conduct planning, design and development activities in support of an action plan

2) Implementation Grants:

- Carry out projects and strategies identified in the action plan – these **construction projects are only available if the local govt. already has a safety action plan.**
- \$ 5 billion for FFY2022 – 2026;
- More information: <https://www.transportation.gov/SS4A>
- For planning grants advisable to develop a committee or task force with targeted participants based on expertise for plan development, implementation and monitoring
- **Data support is critical for any funding from state or federal sources.** Data sources: US Census, NHTSA – Roadway Fatalities 2016 – 2020, DOT Underserved Communities List
- Apply thru Grants.gov – **must register with Grants.gov and gain a “Unique Entity Identifier”**
- <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A/resources> provides and application template and additional NOFO information
- Must indicate annual rate of injuries and deaths for project area of funding
- Narrative has 300 word limit. Looking for low cost, high impact strategies
- Include map
- Budget: **SF424A**- Federal – 80% local – 20% - expenditures previous to authorization don't qualify. Match funding can not come from other federal sources. Federal compensation will be by reimbursement after local expenditure.

4) Bridge Investment Program:

- \$2,500,000 minimum application;
- Construction project applications
- “Bridge Infrastructure Grant Program has 12.5 billion available 2022 – 2026
- NM to receive \$225 million over the next five years for bridges

5) Federal Highway Funding:

- FHWA is providing \$52.5 billion in funding for highway improvements available to all 50 states in FFY2022 – this funding is available under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)
- Highway Safety funding is supposed to be available and \$15.6 billion, but I can't find this information on the internet.

6) RAISE (*Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity*) Funding:

- \$2.2 billion available this year for transportation development and maintenance.
- \$7.5 billion available over the next five years
- Projects are evaluated based on safety, environmental sustainability, quality of life impacts, economic competitiveness and opportunity, partnership & collaboration, innovation, state of good repair, mobility and community connectivity.

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7) 2022 Omnibus Bill Funding – US Dept. of Transportation:

- \$100 billion available nationally for FY 2022; this includes \$61 billion for federal highways, \$16.3 billion for public transit, and \$3.4 billion for passenger and freight rail.

8) NM Transit:

- In the US Infrastructure bill, transit will receive \$109 billion nationally over the next five years.
- NM Transit will receive \$379 million over the next five years.

9) Capital Investment Grants:

- Capital investment grants are available at \$23 billion over the next five year for transit and rail development
- Information is not very clear for this program.

10) Railroad At-grade Crossing Elimination Program:

- \$5.5 billion available nationally for the next five years
- Funding authorized at \$500 million a year for FFY2022 – 2026
- This funding could help execute a bridge over the BNSF rail line for the Milan Industrial Park.
- National Rail gets \$102 billion over the next five years for Amtrack

11) Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program:

- Applications are due October 13, 2022 by 9:59 pm our time; and must be submitted thru grants.gov (and again – must have a “Unique Entity Identifier” – see page 2)
- This program helps communities have better connectivity around transportation barriers – by removing, retrofitting or mitigating highway or rail barriers.
- Applications are complicated and demanding – be sure to check the internet under “Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program NOFO FY2022” to review guidance.

12) All Stations Accessibility Program:

- \$350 million a year nationally FFY2022 – 2026 for transit station improvements – especially related to passengers with disabilities

13) Electric Vehicle Charging Formula Grants:

- \$2.5 billion nationally; NM gets \$38 million over the next five years

14) MEGA, INFRA, and RURAL Funding Opportunities:

- MEGA at \$5 billion, INFRA at \$8 billion and RURAL at \$2 billion over the next five years

A) MEGA:

- \$5 billion available FY 22 – 26
- \$1 billion available in FFY 2022 – 80% federal grant share / 20% local match
- Eligible projects for large funding include: bridge, freight, rail, public transit and highway funding
- Eligible applicants include states, metropolitan governments (not sure on tribes?)
- Must have regional economic, mobility and/or safety benefits
- Applicant government must be able to maintain the infrastructure the funding provides

B) INFRA:

- \$8 billion available FY 22 – 26
- \$1.55 billion available FY 2022 for large projects
- 15% available for smaller projects
- 25% available to rural areas
- Minimum of \$5 million for “small” projects; minimum of \$25 million for large projects
- Eligible entities include state, community, county and tribes
- Eligible projects include: freight, bridges, rail, roadway, wildlife crossings
- Requirements: regional benefit, cost effective, meets one or more national goals, based on solid preliminary engineering
- Local govts. must show ability to cover unanticipated costs
- Projects should be completed in 18 months

C) Rural Program:

- \$1.5 billion available FFY 22 – 26
- Minimum awards at \$25 million
- 80% federal grant, 20% match
- Eligible projects: highway, bridges, freight, safety, transit, benefits to regional economy
- Projects should provide mobility and safety benefits
- Sept. 30, 2025 deadline for PER and construction
- Desired project outcomes:
 - Safety
 - State of good repair
 - Economic benefits, freight movement, jobs
 - Address climate change, resiliency, environment
 - Equity, multimodal, quality of life
 - Innovation
 - Benefit cost analysis
 - Project readiness: technical assessment, financial completeness, environmental risk
- More info:
 - https://www.transportation.gov/grants/mpdg_announcement
 - questions to: Engage@dot.gov

Build America Bureau Funding

- This is US-DOT's "Go To Shop" for federal transportation financing and technical assistance
- Low interest, long term loans for transportation infrastructure development.
- Can assist with training and project diversity
- Comes from the Office of the US DOT Secretary
- Build America Bureau provides: outreach, technical assistance, project development, risk management, underwriting and portfolio management
- Lending capacity:
 - TIFIA (*Transportation Infrastructure Finance & Innovation Act of 1998*): \$70 billion
 - ✓ Surface transportation and public infrastructure
 - ✓ Finance up to 33% of eligible project costs
 - ✓ Long term repayment – up to 35 years
 - RRIF (*Railroad Rehabilitation & Improvement Financing*): \$30 billion
 - ✓ Passenger, freight and commuter rail and transit oriented development
 - ✓ Finance up to 100% of eligible project costs
 - ✓ Highly customizable to meet borrower needs
 - ✓ Also offer loan guarantees and line of credit
 - PAB's (*Private Activity Bonds*): \$15 billion
 - ✓ State / local govt.s issue tax-exempt bonds
 - ✓ Private entity responsible for debt service
 - ✓ Can be used alone or in combination with TIFIA and/or RRIF
 - **Low interest rate at 2.93% for a 35 year loan**
 - Includes projects for roads, rail and air
- TIFIA – Rural:
 - Outside urban area – population at 150k or less
 - Project costs between \$10 and 100 million
 - TIFIA can finance up to 49 % of project costs
 - Fixed rate at one-half of treasury rate – 1.47%
 - Most of New Mexico qualifies for rural assistance
- Can choose between grants and loans
- Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program – \$10 million, 5 year pilot program providing rural state, local and tribal governments with:
 - Technical, legal and financial advisory assistance
 - Project evaluation
 - Cover early development – feasibility, PER, Environmental – etc.
- Technical Assistance Grants for Asset Concession Projects: \$100 million, 5 year program to provide state and local governments with technical, financial and legal advisory services for project delivery. Covers pre-implementation costs incl. ID assets or projects for concessions, developing / issuing requests for proposals, risk analysis
- Regional Infrastructure Accelerators:
 - \$10 million in grants

- Funds pre-planning resources and capacity
- Expedites regional transportation projects
- Improves access to \$ billions in Bureau financing
- The Build America Center collaborates with FHWA, Build America Bureau, and five prominent universities
- Includes a “Thriving Communities Program” for disadvantaged communities
- Contacts: BuildAmerica@dot.gov / <https://www.transportation.gov/BuildAmerica>
- (Sometimes clear and easy to hear; sometimes garbled, echo, too soft to adequately hear)
- **Post presentation consultation:**
- Rosa Kozub: “Is there a call line we can use for questions?” answer: “Working on this opportunity for collaboration – anticipate forthcoming in September.
- Tribal communities may require a different process – working on this – still in progress
- Want to be sensitive to local governments
- **Can offer comments thru August 26** Rosa Kozub encourages NM rural communities to communicate needs / concerns by / before August 26
- A few more presentations will be forthcoming, including a tribal technical assistance program

Complete Streets for Rural Areas Webinar

Brooke Struve – FHWA, Jackson Hotaling – Missouri DOT, Jon Kaplan – Vermont Transportation Agency

1) Brooke Struve (Brooke.Struve@dot.gov)

- Focus toward low cost resources and projects for pedestrians and bicycles, as well as supporting aging or disabled citizens
- Complete streets are safe and provide multimodal access
- Highway fatalities increased by 9% between 2010 and 2019
- Pedestrian fatalities increased by 44% between 2010 and 2019
- There were 38,680 traffic related deaths in 2020
- **Safety Factors:**
- Speeding is a significant factor – 10,490 fatalities nationally in 2020
- Number of lanes
- Traffic volume and composition
- Conflict points – intersections, multimodal interface
- Visibility and conspicuity
- Proximity between vehicles, bikes and pedestrians
- Pavement conditions
- Connectivity – are routes safe and destinations easy to find?
- **Complete Streets:**
- Multimodal and safe access – equity for all ages and abilities (disabled / handicapped)
- Shoulders along rural roads support bikes and pedestrians
- Separated trails and sidewalks promote safety
- Improved cross-walks, clearly designated with median islands and warning lighting
- Bike and pedestrian lanes, and freight parking zones
- Transit stop/pickup turn-outs, signs and resources
- Consider safety, comfort and connectivity for all ages and abilities
- FHWA has many safety countermeasures to offer along with guidance
- Implementation involves improving data collection and analysis, rigorous evaluation and establishing standards and guidance

2) Jackson Hotaling:

- Complete streets requires consideration toward handicapped citizens and active non-motorized modes
- Pursuing Complete Streets funding throughout Missouri
- Must address deteriorating sidewalks
- Provided examples of bike and pedestrian infrastructure
- Complete streets engagement commenced in 2010 and takes a grass-roots approach engaging citizens
- Seek to engage / involve community champions
- Focus on engaging citizens and vulnerable road users

- Provide training to rural citizens and engage community support

Jon Kaplan:

- Focus on bike and pedestrian planning
- Engage National Center for Rural Road Safety
- Vermont instituted a law statute promoting complete streets
- Focus on making streets better for bikes and pedestrians with limited funding
- Consider narrowing travel lanes and street marking for pedestrians and bicyclists.
- (had to leave meeting here for a COG luncheon)

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Summary

Anticipated Funding for New Mexico:

- Federal Highway Formula Funding for highways and bridges: \$2.8 billion over 5 years
- \$17 million in 402 formula funding for highway safety traffic programs over 5 years. NM can also compete for \$6 billion in funding from the “Safe Streets for All” program available nationally.
- \$379 million to NM over next 5 years to improve Public Transit.
- NM to receive \$38 million over the next 5 years for EV charging station network. Can also apply for \$2.5 billion in EV grants nationally for charging stations.
- Freight and Passenger Rail Efficiency and Safety – NM can compete for \$5 billion for rail improvement and safety, and \$3 billion for grade crossing safety improvements.
- NM to receive \$90 million over five years for airport improvements. \$5 billion available nationally for airport improvements.

Anticipated National BIL Grant programs over the next five years:

- Safe Streets for All - \$6 billion
- RAISE (*Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity*) - \$15 billion
- INFRA (*Infrastructure For Rebuilding America*) \$14 billion
- FTA (*Federal Transit Admin.*) Low / No Emission Bus grants: \$5.6 billion
- FTA Bus Facilities Program: \$2 billion
- Transit Capital Investment Grants: \$23 billion
- Federal Aviation Admin. Terminal Program: \$5 billion
- MEGA grants: \$15 billion (*multi-modal, multi-jurisdictional projects of regional or national significance*)
- PROTECT (*Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient and Cost-saving Transportation*): \$8.7 billion (\$7.3 billion in formula funding for states / \$1.4 billion in competitive grants for eligible entities)
- FHWA Competitive Bridge Grants: \$12.5 billion
- FTA All Station Accessibility Program: \$1.75 billion (*for transit and commuter rail stations to improve access for Americans with disabilities*)
- Charging and Fueling Discretionary Grants: \$2.5 billion (*for convenient fueling / charging stations*)
- Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program: \$1 billion (*for planning, design, demolition and reconstruction of street grids, parks or other infrastructure*)
- FHWA Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects: \$1.5 billion (*construction / reconstruction / rehabilitation of nationally significant projects on federal or tribal lands. This funding allows 100% federal share on tribal lands.*)
- SMART (*Strengthening Mobility And Revolutionizing Transportation*) grant: \$1 billion (*competitive grants to states, local governments and tribes for projects that improve transportation safety and efficiency*)

Next Steps:

- Find out if and when grant submission deadlines, and application templates will be issued; check with NMDOT, FHWA and USDOT.
- Inform RTPO members of these BIL opportunities (including tribal)
- Inform our region's transit providers, Amtrak and Airports of these opportunities



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The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Will Deliver for New Mexico

President Biden and Vice President Harris's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is the largest long-term investment in our infrastructure and competitiveness in nearly a century. **The need for action in New Mexico is clear, and recently released state-level data demonstrates that the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will deliver for New Mexico.** For decades, infrastructure in New Mexico has suffered from a systemic lack of investment. The historic Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will make life better for millions of New Mexico residents, create a generation of good-paying union jobs and economic growth, and position the United States to win the 21st century.

Specifically, with regard to transportation, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will:

Repair and rebuild our roads and bridges with a focus on climate change mitigation, resilience, equity, and safety for all users, including cyclists and pedestrians. In New Mexico there are 207 bridges and over 3,822 miles of highway in poor condition. Since 2011, commute times have increased by 7.7% in New Mexico, and on average, each driver pays \$767 per year in costs due to driving on roads in need of repair. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is the single largest dedicated bridge investment since the construction of the interstate highway system. **Based on formula funding alone, New Mexico would expect to receive approximately \$2.8 billion over five years in Federal highway formula funding for highways and bridges.** On an average annual basis, this is about 29.7% more than the State's Federal-aid highway formula funding under current law (1). New Mexico can also compete for the \$12.5 billion Bridge Investment Program for economically significant bridges and \$15 billion of national funding in the law dedicated to megaprojects that will deliver substantial economic benefits to communities. New Mexico can also expect to receive approximately \$61 million over five years in formula funding to reduce transportation-related emissions, in addition to about \$70 million over five years to increase the resilience of its transportation system (2). States may also apply federal aid dollars towards climate resilience and safety projects.

Improve the safety of our transportation system. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests \$13 billion over the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act levels directly into improving roadway safety. Over five years, New Mexico will receive approximately \$17 million in 402 formula funding for highway safety traffic programs, which help states to improve driver behavior and reduce deaths and injuries from motor vehicle-related crashes. On an average annual basis, this represents about a 29% increase over FAST Act levels. Local and tribal governments in New Mexico will also be eligible to compete for \$6 billion in funding for a new **Safe Streets for All** program which will provide funding directly to these entities to support their efforts to advance "vision zero" plans and other improvements to reduce

crashes and fatalities, especially for cyclists and pedestrians. In addition, New Mexico can expect to receive approximately \$33.7 million over five years in funding to augment their commercial motor vehicle (CMV) safety efforts to reduce CMV crashes through the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) formula grant (3). This represents about a 71% increase in funding compared to FAST Act levels (4). New Mexico will be able to apply for funds to modernize data collection systems to collect near real time data on all reported crashes, including fatal ones, to enhance safety and to allow the Department to understand and address trends as they are identified.

Improve healthy, sustainable transportation options for millions of Americans. New Mexicans who take public transportation spend an extra 94.3% of their time commuting and non-White households are more likely to commute via public transportation. 20% of transit vehicles in the state are past useful life. **Based on formula funding alone, New Mexico would expect to receive about \$379 million over five years under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to improve public transportation options across the state (5). In the first year, this represents about a 37% increase over 2021 FAST Act formula transit funding levels.**

Build a network of EV chargers to facilitate long-distance travel and provide convenient charging options. The U.S. market share of plug-in electric vehicle (EV) sales is only one-third the size of the Chinese EV market – in 2020, plug-in electric vehicles made up only 2.3% of new car sales in the U.S., compared to 6.2% in China. The President believes that must change. The law invests \$7.5 billion to build out the first-ever national network of EV chargers in the United States and is a critical element in the Biden-Harris Administration's plan to accelerate the adoption of EVs to address the climate crisis and support domestic manufacturing jobs. **Under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, New Mexico would expect to receive about \$38 million over five years to support the expansion of an EV charging network in the state (6). New Mexico will also have the opportunity to apply for grants out of the \$2.5 billion available for EV charging.**

Modernize and expand passenger rail and improve freight rail efficiency and safety. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law includes \$66 billion above baseline to eliminate the Amtrak maintenance backlog, modernize the Northeast Corridor, and bring world-class rail service to areas outside the northeast and mid-Atlantic. Within these totals, \$22 billion would be provided as grants to Amtrak, \$24 billion as federal-state partnership grants for Northeast Corridor modernization, and \$12 billion for partnership grants for intercity rail service, including high-speed rail. On top of this, New Mexico will be eligible to compete for \$5 billion for rail improvement and safety grants and \$3 billion for grade crossing safety improvements.

Improve our nation's airports. The United States built modern aviation, but our airports lag far behind our competitors. **Under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, airports in New Mexico would receive approximately \$90 million for infrastructure development for airports over five years (7).** This funding will address airside and landside needs at airports, such as improving runways, taxiways and airport-owned towers, terminal development projects, and noise reduction projects. In addition, \$5 billion in discretionary funding is available over five years for airport terminal development projects that address the aging infrastructure of our nation's airports, including projects that expand accessibility for persons with disabilities, improve access for historically disadvantaged populations, improve energy efficiency, and improve airfield safety.

State and local governments can look forward to these new & expanded competitive grant programs in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) anticipated to launch over the course of the next year:

- **Safe Streets for All (\$6B, new)** – This program will provide funding directly to local and tribal governments to support their efforts to advance “vision zero” plans and other improvements to reduce crashes and fatalities, especially for cyclists and pedestrians.
- **Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grants (\$15B, expanded)** – RAISE grants support surface transportation projects of local and/or regional significance.
- **Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Grants (\$14B, expanded)** – INFRA grants will offer needed aid to freight infrastructure by providing funding to state and local government for projects of regional or national significance. The BIL also raises the cap on multimodal projects to 30% of program funds.
- **Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Low and No Emission Bus Programs (\$5.6B, expanded)** – BIL expands this competitive program which provides funding to state and local governmental authorities for the purchase or lease of zero-emission and low-emission transit buses as well as acquisition, construction, and leasing of required supporting facilities.
- **FTA Buses + Bus Facilities Competitive Program (\$2.0B, expanded)** – This program provides competitive funding to states and direct recipients to replace, rehabilitate, and purchase buses and related equipment and to construct bus-related facilities including technological changes or innovations to modify low or no emission vehicles or facilities.
- **Capital Investment Grants (CIG) Program (\$23B, expanded)** – The BIL guarantees \$8 billion, and authorizes \$15 billion more in future appropriations, to invest in new high-capacity transit projects communities choose to build.
- **Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Terminal Program (\$5B, new)** – This discretionary grant program will provide funding for airport terminal development and other landside projects.
- **MEGA Projects (\$15B, new)** – This new National Infrastructure Project Assistance grant program will support multi-modal, multi-jurisdictional projects of national or regional significance.
- **Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT) Program (\$8.7B, new)** – PROTECT will provide \$7.3 billion in formula funding to states and \$1.4 billion in competitive grants to eligible entities to increase the resilience of our transportation system. This includes funding for evacuation routes, coastal resilience, making existing infrastructure more resilient, or efforts to move infrastructure to nearby locations not continuously impacted by extreme weather and natural disasters.
- **5307 Ferry Program (\$150M, existing)** – BIL retains the \$30 million per year passenger ferry program for ferries that serve urbanized areas.
- **Electric or Low Emitting Ferry Program (\$500M, new)** – This competitive grant program will support the transition of passenger ferries to low or zero emission technologies.
- **Rural Ferry Program (\$2B - new)** – This competitive grant program will ensure that basic essential ferry service continues to be provided to rural areas by providing funds to States to support this service.
- **Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) competitive grants for nationally significant bridges and other bridges (\$12.5B, new)** – This new competitive grant program will assist state, local, federal, and tribal entities in rehabilitating or replacing bridges, including culverts. Large projects and bundling of smaller bridge projects will be eligible for funding.

- **FTA All Station Accessibility Program (\$1.75B, new)** – This competitive grant program will provide funding to legacy transit and commuter rail authorities to upgrade existing stations to meet or exceed accessibility standards under the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- **Charging and fueling infrastructure discretionary grants (Up to \$2.5B, new)** – This discretionary grant program will provide up to \$2.5 billion in funding to provide convenient charging where people live, work, and shop.
- **Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program (\$1B, new)** – This new competitive program will provide dedicated funding to state, local, MPO, and tribal governments for planning, design, demolition, and reconstruction of street grids, parks, or other infrastructure.
- **FHWA Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects (\$1.5B, expanded)** – This discretionary program provides funding for the construction, reconstruction, and rehabilitation of nationally-significant projects within, adjacent to, or accessing Federal and tribal lands. BIL amends this program to allow smaller projects to qualify for funding and allows 100% federal share for tribal projects.
- **Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grant Program (\$1B, new)** – The SMART Grant program will be a programmed competition that will deliver competitive grants to states, local governments, and tribes for projects that improve transportation safety and efficiency.

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RTPO members and DOT colleagues:

The next round of RAISE grant funding is forthcoming;
this may be a worthwhile webinar.

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FY 2023 RAISE Webinar Series: How to Compete for RAISE Grants -- Rural & Tribal Applicants

Tuesday, January 24, 2023

2:00-4:00 PM EST

[Register here!](#)

Join the U.S. Department of Transportation's (USDOT) RAISE staff and the ROUTES Initiative on Tuesday, January 24 from 2:00-4:00 PM ET for a webinar intended to help potential rural and tribal applicants successfully compete for the FY 2023 RAISE Discretionary Grant Program. If you are unable to attend the webinar or space is no longer available, the slides and recording will be made available shortly after the conclusion of the webinar.

The Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity, or RAISE Discretionary Grant Program, provides a unique opportunity for the USDOT to invest in road, rail, transit and port projects that promise to achieve national objectives. Since 2009, Congress has dedicated nearly \$12.1 billion for fourteen rounds of National Infrastructure Investments to fund projects that have a significant local or regional impact. In 2022, RAISE awarded 166 projects across 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the US Virgin Islands.

The FY 2023 RAISE program has \$2.275 billion to be awarded to projects with significant local or regional impact. Applicants are encouraged to consider how climate change may impact their project as well as any equity considerations. Half of the FY 2023 RAISE funding will go to projects in rural areas and at least \$15 million in funding is guaranteed for projects located in [Areas of Persistent Poverty or Historically Disadvantaged Communities](#), and projects located in these areas will be eligible for up to 100 percent federal cost share.

The NOFO is available [here](#). The deadline for applications is 11:59 PM EST on February 28, 2023.

Other [FY 2023 RAISE Webinars](#) that may be helpful:

- [How to Compete for RAISE Grants](#)
 - View recording [here](#). Passcode: .g8gN9*\$
- [How to Compete for RAISE Grants: New Applicants](#)
 - View recording [here](#). Passcode: 6js#RT7G
- How to Use the New RAISE Mapping Tool
 - February 1, 2023 from 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM EST
 - Register [here](#).
- How to Prepare a Benefit-Cost Analysis for RAISE Grants
 - January 26, 2023 from 2:00 - 4:00PM EST
 - Register [here](#).

Learn more and stay connected to the RAISE Grant Program:

- Register for the *How to Compete for RAISE Grants: Rural & Tribal Applicants* webinar on January 24, 2:00-4:00 PM EST [here](#).
- Visit the RAISE grants web page [here](#).
- Consider additional DOT discretionary funding opportunities [here](#).

You may send questions to Raisegrants@dot.gov.

The Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success ([ROUTES](#)) Initiative aims to address disparities in rural transportation infrastructure by disseminating resources on its [website](#) and providing technical assistance. If you want to learn more about ROUTES, or how it can help your community, you can reach the ROUTES team at rural@dot.gov.



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**Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization
(NWRTPO)**

Agenda Item #VII: Local Govt. Road Fund Programs

Subject: Cover the various funding programs under LGRF

Prepared for: February 8, 2023 NWRTPO Meeting

Date: 1/30/23

BACKGROUND

- **Why?** The Local Govt. Road Fund is a flexible program that allows funding for a variety of projects without functional classification limitations
- **Purpose.** Make RTPO members aware of the funding opportunities under LGRF – which include Municipal Arterial Program, Coop funding, County Arterial Program, and School Bus Route program
- **Discussion/Finalization.** Mr. Bill Santiago will present on the LGRF opportunities

CURRENT WORK

- Members to take notes in order to take advantage of this funding source

ANTICIPATED WORK

- None (City of Grants turn for MAP funding)

ATTACHMENTS

- Guidance documents in meeting package

BUDGET IMPACT

- None

ACTION ITEM

- N/A

Local Govt. Road Fund Guidance:

1) What programs are under LGRF:

- MAP – Municipal Arterial Program – 16% of LGRF funds – 24 month timeframe
- Coop – 42% of LGRF funds – 18 month timeframe
- CAP – County Arterial Program – 26% of LGRF funds – 18 month timeframe
- SB – School Bus Route Program – 16% of LGRF funds – 18 month timeframe

2) Eligible Factors for each Program:

a) Applicants:

- Local entities take the lead in developing and contracting construction & maintenance projects
- NMDOT Dist. Coordinators (Bill Santiago – D-6) send a letter to local entities for project proposals
- Letter to include: **Project Tracking Guide, Project Proposal Letter example, and Preliminary Cost Estimate.**
- Project proposals due March 15.

b) Projects:

- Call for Projects comes from State Grants Manager in Santa Fe; project proposals are submitted directly to this person (Bill Santiago can probably identify)
- If project is awarded – begin working with DOT Dist. 5 or 6 LGRF Coordinator
- Certification #1 for pre-construction project phase is due to DOT Dist. 5 or 6 LGRF coordinator by June 30 of the year following the award of project.
- Project proposals (Coop, CAP, SB) to be submitted to NMDOT District (5 or 6) Engineer by / before the March 15 deadline including:
 - Letter of Intent from govt. body or agency head including scope, termini and project cost
 - Location of proposed project (incl. map and route termini & designation)
 - Scope of work
 - Project cost estimate – incl. state amount requested
 - Justification for project construction
 - Certification proposed work is on public highway and necessary to serve the public of municipality, county or school district.
- Project Proposals – (MAP) to be submitted to State Grants Manager in Santa Fe by March 15 including:
 - Map of project limits (incl. proposed phasing)
 - Current & 20 projected traffic volumes
 - Pavement design criteria
 - Typical section, major intersection & traffic signal analysis
 - Drainage reports
 - Preliminary cost estimate (State and local match share)

- Local Govt. resolution of support
- Project data sheet
- State Grants Manager – Clarissa Martinez – NMDOT Project Oversight Division – 505-699-6646
- NMDOT Transportation Commission approval or denial of projects comes in May.
- District Coordinators draft agreements and distribute to local awarded entities for signatures in June.
- When District Coordinators receive agreements including supporting resolutions signed by local entity, they submit agreement packet to NMDOT Cabinet Secretary. Once executed by Cabinet Secretary, the awarded funding will be encumbered. **All agreements must be fully executed by Oct. 31st. No work can begin before a fully executed agreement is in place.**

c) Match Waiver: match waiver applications are due to Santa Fe by July 31.

d) LGRF is a disbursement program – not a reimbursement program, so funds may be requested for disbursement as soon as the notice of award and notice to proceed have been issued.

3) General Funding Limitations: Historically around \$200 to \$300 thousand dollars.

4) Match Requirements: 25%

Local Govt. Road Fund (LGRF) Training (for Navajo Nation)
Bill Santiago – NMDOT District 6

- The Local Govt. Road Fund for FFY 2022 – 2023 has no functional classification limitations.
- A new LGRF Handbook is in the works at NMDOT
- Local governments receiving the funds are responsible to manage their projects in terms of state and federal requirements (ADA, environmental, right of way, utility, railroad, ITS – etc.)
- Letter of intent to participate in this funding is due March 15 – should include:
 - Location (route & termini)
 - Scope of work
 - Funding estimate
 - Follow up with Bill Santiago on other requirements – covered too fast for me to keep up! (Bob K.) – Bill.Santiago@state.nm.us / 505-290-9631
- **March 15 deadline** to submit proposals for funding – only one project allowed for each members government – which means only one project funded for Eastern / Northern / Ft. Def. agencies; and one project funded for Ramah Navajo. Application to include:
 - Letter of Intent from local govt.
 - Project location / route designation / termini
 - Scope of work
 - Project \$ estimate (25% local match)
 - Project justification
 - Certification that the proposed project qualifies for LGRF funding
- Successful application offers will be sent from NMDOT early April
- Local Govt. must accept or decline DOT offer by mid April (incl. scope of work, route designation, termini, and cost summary)
- Notification of approval or denial from NMDOT in May
- June: Resolution from Local Govt.:
 - Adopt project
 - Scope
 - Route
 - Termini
 - Local 25% match
 - Project no.
 - Control no. (Project / Control #? Follow up with Bill on this – should be provided from NMDOT?)
- 3 Agreements will be required: a) DOT District 6, b) DOT Santa Fe, c) Local Government; will be executed electronically via DOT Dist. 6
- Sign and return agreements to DOT Dist. 6 July – Sept.
- **DO not commence project until a signed agreement is executed and authorized by NMDOT**
- Required clearances: Environmental, Utility, ROW, Railroad, ITS (maintain copies of all of these)
- Send a copy of clearances obtained (or need to be obtained) to NDOT LGRF Coordinator – include certification of insurance for contractors
- Must use pre-qualified contractor (either by NMDOT or NDOT)
- Notice to Proceed: include a) process schedule, b) notice of award / work order, c) Notice to Proceed, d) Cost Estimate

- **Qualified Projects:**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pavement rehab • Reconstruction • Full Construction • Drainage Improvement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blading / shaping • Traffic Signals • Parking Lots • Miscellaneous (additional projects) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridge replacement • Design • ROW, Lighting, Fencing, Construction Management
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- Supporting Resolution (example template provided from NMDOT)
- Provide Certifications:
 - Environmental (Audrey Moore – 490-1850)
 - ROW (Darlene Roybal – 690-2865)
 - Railroad (Rob Fine – 629-2830)
 - Utility Certification – Bill Santiago 285-3252 (find out what's there) – must provide a certification letter
 - ITS – (Brian Degani 490-1297)
- Notice to Contractors: must coordinate with NMDOT around utilities / provide example of pay disbursement letter / must be on local govt. letterhead / include scope of work, route and termini
- Notice to Proceed / Notice of Award must be on DOT templates
- Don't allow contractor to start before DOT start date on contract
- Letter of Intent: use NMDOT cost estimate document
- Project Certification: complete when project is done (include as-built summary of costs and quantities)



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Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NWRTPO)

Agenda Item #VIII: Reports, Updates & Announcements

Subject: Discussion / Presentation Items

Prepared by: Robert Kuipers, NWRTPO

Date: 2/01/23

BACKGROUND

- **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

Regional News & Updates

- RTPO Monthly Report and Staff hours for January, 2023
- Member Reports

Member Special Reports:

- None this meeting

NMDOT Reports:

- G to G Liaison: Neala Krueger
- Tribal Liaison: Ron Shutiva
- District 6: Bill Santiago & staff; District 5: James Mexia or Amanda Nino

News, Training & Funding Opportunities:

- FHWA Planning, Environment & Realty Reports: 1/25/23
- NMDOT Govt. to Govt. Update: 1/17/23, 1/23/23
- AASHTO Publications: none
- 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 – **Online courses notice** forwarded to members as LTAP emails come in.
- 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.
- Email Change Notice from NMDOT: All NMDOT staff emails have changed from @state.nm.us to @dot.nm.gov
- Pedestrian Safety Training: 1/18/23, 2/22/23, 3/15/23 – three sessions – 12/15/22
- TAP, RTP, CRP Guidance: Applications due March 10, 2023 – reminders to members sent 12/16/22 and 12/21/22
- USDA Seeks Applications to Improve Rural Transit Systems: 1/19/23
- How to Complete for RAISE Grants – Rural & Tribal Communities: 1/20/23
- FHWA Value Capture Webinar for Econ. Dev. Tools: Webinar is Feb. 9, 3pm our time – 1/26/23
- Transportation Funding Opportunities for Tribal Nations: 1/23/23

Members please note: none of these documents will be included in the full meeting package due to the physical size and the electronic megabyte size going forward – all of the cited documents have already been emailed in advance of the RTPO monthly meeting to our NWRTPO members. Some of the citations are ongoing from month to month regarding ongoing training or funding opportunities.



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Monthly Report – January 2023

- A. 2023-2024 NWRTPO RTIPR Update:** This past year (FFY2021 – 2022) the NWRTPO executed a full Call for Projects which extended from April, 2021 thru March 2022. RTPO members submitted 53 project PFF's and PPF's for our 2021 – 2022 RTIPR update, 49 of which were presented and reviewed by DOT District 6 staff on June 29-30; 4 projects for Northern Navajo were reviewed by DOT District 5. The 2022 RTIPR has a total of \$175,686,550.00 for Roadway, Bridge, Planning, TAP, RTP, FLAP, HSIP, TPF and Transit projects. **The 2023 NWRTPO RTIPR Call for Projects Update is commencing this month – February, 2023 to give our members a head-start; we are encouraging our members to consider and commence developing their priorities for the 2024 round of Transportation Project Fund (TPF) opportunity; the 2023-2024 Call for Projects will be completed in March of 2024, with the DOT Dist. 5 & 6 RTIP's.**
- B. NMDOT Transportation Project Fund:** A new 2023 TPF call for projects was issued with a deadline of May 31, 2022 for project submissions, staff have cited eight (8) projects proposed from seven (7) of our member governments in our 2022 RTIPR. On August 18, 2022 the NM Transportation Commission awarded seven (7) proposed projects from the NWRTPO, and three (3) projects from the Farmington MPO at a total of \$19,747,334 for our three county region.
- C. TAP, RTP, CRP Guidance:** Applications are due March 10, 2023 – reminders sent to members 12/16/22 & 12/21/22
- D. GIS Data Gathering, Trails Development, Mapping and Compiling Work:** COG staff Carrie House continues to provide technical assistance and GIS mapping for development of 200 new miles of recreational trails in the Zuni Mountains in McKinley and Cibola Counties during FFY18 – FFY22; and continues contributing GIS mapping for regional transportation infrastructure. The NWCOG was the only New Mexico recipient of a NADO Impact Award for the ongoing development of 200 miles of recreational trails in the Zuni Mountains of McKinley and Cibola Counties. The Navajo Nation will soon be developing 80 miles of recreational trails in the Chuska Mountain range, complimenting the rec. trails being developed in the Zuni Mtns. The Pueblo of Laguna is developing bike and pedestrian trails connecting all six of their Pueblo Villages.
- E. Trail of the Ancients Scenic Byway is Nationally Designated:** President Trump signed the "Reviving America's Scenic Byways Act of 2019" into law re-establishing the Scenic Byway Program. This provided the NWRTPO the opportunity to undertake a demanding process to pursue national designation for parts of our New Mexico TOA byway portion. RTPO and COG staff submitted the 2020 application for national designation for portions of our New Mexico Trail of the Ancients Scenic Byway. The entire TOA byway corridor is shared by Counties in the 4-Corners region of Utah, Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado; the Utah and Colorado corridors are already nationally designated. **We received news that major portions of our New Mexico corridor are now designated as a National Byway corridor!** With the return of the federal Scenic Byway Program after a multi-year period when the program went away, **we are reconstructing the TOA Byway Council for New Mexico, and undertaking the challenging responsibility shared by participating counties to monitor and improve the national corridor, along with stronger participation in funding the byway, in collaboration with NMDOT staff. Staff submitted an application to update our Corridor Management Plan as the first rendition was done in November, 2008. This was recently awarded for funding in 2024.**
- F. Major Funding from Federal Sources:** The Federal Govt. and USDOT is providing funding for transportation development in billions of dollars – far beyond anything we've ever seen before, in some cases with short application timeframes. Members are encouraged to become familiar with these opportunities and take advantage of them.
- G. News, Training and Funding Opportunities:** The following training and funding opportunities have recently emerged:
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RTPO APER Budgeted Staff Hours Summary FFY2023

January Monthly Report											
Function	Budgeted Hours	Q1	Jan. 23	Feb. 23	Mar-23	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total Actual hours	Balance	Percentage budgeted differs from actuals*
1	325	67.00	7.00	0.00	0.00	7.00	0.00	0.00	74.00	251.00	-77.23%
2	75	1.50	2.00	0.00	0.00	2.00	0.00	0.00	3.50	71.50	-95.33%
3	600	78.00	61.00	0.00	0.00	61.00	0.00	0.00	139.00	461.00	-76.83%
4	300	24.00	8.00	0.00	0.00	8.00	0.00	0.00	32.00	268.00	-89.33%
5	425	88.50	42.00	0.00	0.00	42.00	0.00	0.00	130.50	294.50	-69.29%
6	375	102.00	39.50	0.00	0.00	39.50	0.00	0.00	141.50	233.50	-62.27%
TOTAL	2100	361.00	159.50	0.00	0.00	159.50	0.00	0.00	520.50	1579.50	-75.21%
*if budgeted hours differ from actual hours by more than 20% in any function, provide a narrative explanation below											