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

## **AGENDA PACKET**

### **RTPO Technical/Policy Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday, November 10, 2021**

**10:00AM – 2:00PM**

**Virtual Meeting via MS Teams**





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**RTPO Joint Technical & Policy Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, November 10, 2021**  
**10:00 am**  
**Virtual Meeting – Microsoft Teams**

## A G E N D A

### ROUTINE ITEMS:

| Item # | Item                                       | Presenter               |
|--------|--|-------------------------|
| I.     | Call to Order and Introductions            | Dave Deutsawe, Chairman |
| II.    | Action: Agenda                             | Dave Deutsawe           |
| III.   | Action: Minutes – October 13, 2021 meeting | Dave Deutsawe           |

### ACTION ITEMS:

| Item # | Item  | Presenter      |
|--------|---|----------------|
| IV.    | Action: Members to approve and authorize the NWRTPO Annual Performance and Expenditure Report for FFY2021 | Robert Kuipers |

### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

| Item # | Item  | Presenter      |
|--------|---|----------------|
| V.     | Review & Discuss: Roadway Project Prioritization  | Robert Kuipers |
| VI.    | Update: Staff to provide annual member survey report – if not enough submitted by October meeting | Robert Kuipers |

### REPORTS: (10-minute limit)

*Please submit Written Reports for inclusion in minutes*

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| <b>RTPO Program Report</b> ( <i>significant news only</i> ) ( <i>update member appointments</i> ) | Robert Kuipers, Program Manager  |
| <b>Local Member Reports</b> ( <i>significant news only</i> )                                      | By Entity  |
| <b>New Mexico Department of Transportation Reports</b> ( <i>significant news only</i> )           | RTPO Liaison (Neala Krueger)<br>Tribal Liaison (Ron Shutiva)<br>District 5 (James Mexia, Stephanie Medina)<br>District 6 (JoAnn Garcia; Bill Santiago) |

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, December 8 – Ramah Navajo Chapter (unless otherwise determined or virtual via MSTeams)

### ADJOURNMENT

NORTHWEST NEW MEXICO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

**NWRTPO | Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization**

Joint Policy & Technical Committee

**NWRTPO Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday October 13, 2021

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Virtual meeting executed via Microsoft Teams

Due to COVID-19 Pandemic

**ATTENDANCE:**

| <b>Local &amp; Tribal Governments</b>                      |                                    |
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| <b>Entity</b>  | <b>Representative(s)</b>           |
| Pueblo of Acoma  | Dave Deutsawe (Chair)              |
| Pueblo of Laguna   | Gaylord Siow, Elroy Keetso         |
| Pueblo of Zuni   | Royce Gchachu, Roxanne Hughte      |
| Navajo Nation  | Larry Joe, Marco Sells, Leanne Roy |
| Ramah Navajo   | Dorothy Claw, Tom Martine          |
| City of Grants   | Don Jaramillo, Mark Teshima        |
| City of Gallup   | Clyde Strain, Alicia Santiago      |
| Village of Milan   | Denise Baca, Felix Gonzales        |
| Cibola County  | Edward Salazar, Judy Horacek       |
| McKinley County  | Rodney Skersick, Mindi Macias      |
| San Juan County  | Absent (Nick Porell)               |
| Farmington Metropolitan Planning Organization - Ex-officio | Not in attendance                  |

| <b>New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT)</b> |  |
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| <b>Entity</b>  | <b>Representative(s)</b>                               |
| RTPO Liaison   | Neala Krueger  |
| District 5   | Stephanie Medina, James Mexia                          |
| District 6   | JoAnn Garcia, Bill Santiago, Arif Kazmi, Michael Neely |
| Tribal Liaison   | Ron Shutiva  |
| DOT Central Regional Design Office                     | James Sanchez, Juan Archuletta                         |
| Other NMDOT Staff / Guests                             | Name - NMDOT,  |

| <b>Regional Transportation Planning Organization</b> |                          |
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| <b>Entity</b>  | <b>Representative(s)</b> |
| Northwest NM Council of Governments                  | Robert Kuipers           |

**Tally Sheet – Attendance & Quorum**

| Total Full Attendance:     | Member Entities:   | NMDOT   | RTPO   | Guests  | Full Attendance Norm:      |        |
|----------------------------|--------------------|---|--------|---------|----------------------------|--------|
|                            | 12                 | Normally 4-5: DOT Liaison, Tribal Liaison, District 5 & 6 Representatives | 1      | varies  | 17 - 20                    |        |
| Attendance – this meeting: | Member Attendance: | NMDOT Attendance:   | Staff: | Guests: | Attendance % this meeting: | TOTAL: |
|                            | 9                  | 7   | 1      |         | 85%                        | 17     |

## ROUTINE ITEMS:

| Item # | Item   |
|--------|--|
| I.     | <b>Call to Order and Introductions.</b> The meeting was called to order at 10:09 am, Bob Kuipers welcomed those in attendance, and Don Jaramillo proceeded with introductions and approval of agenda and minutes. The virtual meeting was conducted via Microsoft Teams, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. |
| II.    | <p><b>Agenda.</b> RTPO Program Manager provided an overview of the day's agenda topics and RTPO Vice-Chair called for a motion:</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Royce Gchachu – Pueblo of Zuni - motioned; Judy Horaceck – Cibola County - seconded adoption of the agenda. All in favor – motion carried.</p>   |
| III.   | <p><b>Minutes (August 11, 2021).</b> Vice-Chair provided time for review of minutes and there were no revisions requested,</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Royce Gchachu – Pueblo of Zuni motioned; Denise Baca – Village of Milan seconded adoption of the minutes. All in favor – motion carried.</p>          |

**Discussion:** No discussion

## ACTION ITEMS:

| Item #  | Item                             | Presenter                   |
|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| IV.   | <b>Call for Projects Process</b> | Robert Kuipers – RTPO Staff |
| <b>BACKGROUND</b>   |                                  |                             |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Why?</b> As our virtual meetings are continuing due to the ongoing pandemic, we'll have each member govt. identify their top priority project for Roadway and Bridge RTIPR sections. Only TAP and RTP projects with complete packages will be cited at top priority – all others for members who only submitted PFF's and PPF's rather than complete packages will be cited below and unprioritized). <b>Note though the additional documentation requirements for TAP and RTP application packages under "Current Work" below, which were due September 10. Based on member responses to Roadway Vetting (not at this meeting) staff will report prioritization for Roadway projects at our November meeting.</b></li> <li><b>Purpose.</b> Reduce the time and competition required around project prioritization.</li> <li><b>Discussion/Finalization.</b> Members will be asked to support this method for our Call for Projects to complete the FFY2022 RTIPR.</li> </ul> |                                  |                             |
| <b>URRENT WORK</b>  |                                  |                             |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members to consider and identify their top priority project for the Roadway, Bridge, TAP and RTP sections of the RTIPR.</li> <li>Members that <b>did not submit complete TAP and RTP application packages</b> (application form with cover page, table of contents, PFF, PPF, Application, Supporting Resolution or official letter from chief local govt. executive with budget authority, ROW support letters and project map) <b>can cite their project in the RTIPR, but can't complete for prioritization until FFY2023.</b> Staff sent guidance for these additional documentation requirements to RTPO members on a number of times in the past.</li> </ul>   |                                  |                             |
| <b>ANTICIPATED WORK</b>   |                                  |                             |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RTPO members to consider and approve this process at our October meeting</li> <li>RTPO staff will subsequently cite projects within and develop our draft RTIPR for review in November and Finalization in December.</li> <li>Final RTIPR to be approved in January or February 2022</li> <li>District 6 (and Dist. 5?) RTIP (Zipper) in March, 2022.</li> </ul>   |                                  |                             |
| <b>ATTACHMENTS</b>  |                                  |                             |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summary document for projects proposed for our FFY2021-2022 RTIPR</li> <li>2021 Call for Projects Guidance</li> <li>Additional guidance for Bridge, TAP, RTP and CMAQ RTIPR positioning without competitive prioritization.</li> </ul>   |                                  |                             |
| <b>BUDGET IMPACT</b>  |                                  |                             |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>  |                                  |                             |
| <b>ACTION ITEM</b>  |                                  |                             |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members will vote to approve a competitive process for project prioritization for Roadway projects only – for all other RTIPR categories the top priority project for each government in the Bridge, TAP and RTP section will be cited on top of these sections (pending complete applications for TAP &amp; RTP), with all other proposed projects cited below. Incomplete TAP &amp; RTP project submissions (ie. just a PFF &amp; PPF) will be listed below those for which complete applications were submitted.</li> </ul>   |                                  |                             |

**IV. Call for Projects Discussion:** There was considerable discussion on this item, as initially we anticipated no prioritization competition this year, however, with 22 Roadway projects submitted, in some cases up to three or four from

a single government, for this section of the RTIPR we are asking our members to identify their single top priority project and provide information on the following questions:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location of project</li> <li>• Need for project</li> <li>• Impact to community</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consistency with other plans (2020 Reg. Trans. Plan, ICIP, Comprehensive Plan, etc.)</li> <li>• Cost</li> <li>• Match</li> <li>• Readiness</li> </ul> |
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For the Bridge section member governments submitting only one project will be placed in the top priority section, and two of our governments submitting two to three projects will select their top priority project for the top priority section and their other projects will be cited below.

For TAP, RTP and CMAQ projects – only those who have submitted complete application packages will be cited as top priority. For RTPO members who only submitted a PFF and PPF (not a complete application package per guidance provided to members a number of times) – these projects will be un-ranked, and cited below the top priority projects.

Transportation Project Fund projects will remain un-prioritized as in previous RTIPR's, as the next round of funding is not anticipated until 2023. On the other hand for the 2021 round of TPF funding our region was awarded a total of \$22,415,160 for 11 of our projects on behalf of 9 of our NWRTPO member govt.s, and 5 projects for 4 of the Farmington MPO govt.s; along with a project approved for Tohajiilee Chapter from the MRRTPO. This entails a NMDOT TPF award of \$21,294,404, with \$1,120,756 in local matching funds for the total of \$22,415,160.

After considerable discussion to clarify and make sure our members were clear on our prioritization process for the Roadway, Bridge, TAP, RTP, CMAQ and TPF sections of our RTIPR, **Gaylord Siow – Pueblo of Laguna motioned to approve, Royce Gchachu – Pueblo of Zuni seconded, and all participating RTPO members were in favor.**

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

| Item #  | Item                        | Presenter                   |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| V.  | Transportation Project Fund | Robert Kuipers – RTPO Staff |
| <b>BACKGROUND</b>   |                             |                             |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Why?</b> For the first and second round of LGTPF – now called Transportation Project Fund from the State of New Mexico the NWRTPO and it's members were exceptionally successful.</li> <li>• <b>Purpose.</b> NWRTPO staff want to consult with RTPO members regarding progress with their FFY2019 awarded projects to see how many are complete or close to completion. The deadline for completion for the first round of LGTPF projects is June 30, 2022.</li> <li>• <b>Discussion/Finalization.</b> Members are asked to push their respective govt. leaders to complete 2019 awarded projects by this deadline or seek an extension, to maintain our strong reputation with the NM Department of Transportation.</li> </ul> |                             |                             |
| <b>CURRENT WORK</b>   |                             |                             |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members to report on progress toward completion for FFY2019 awarded projects.</li> <li>• Members asked to consult with their respective leaders to complete 2019 LGTPF projects by the June 30, 2022 deadline or request an extension; and commence their currently awarded projects in the near future (ASAP) in order to maintain our region's reputation with NMDOT.</li> </ul>   |                             |                             |
| <b>ANTICIPATED WORK</b>   |                             |                             |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members are asked to push for 2019 project completion by the June 30, 2022 deadline, and commence currently awarded projects for efficient execution toward completion, to continue the strong reputation for the NWRTPO around responsible project management and completion within timelines.</li> </ul>   |                             |                             |
| <b>ATTACHMENTS</b>  |                             |                             |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FFY2019 awarded projects</li> <li>• FFY2021 awarded projects</li> </ul>  |                             |                             |
| <b>BUDGET IMPACT</b>  |                             |                             |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>  |                             |                             |
| <b>ACTION ITEM</b>  |                             |                             |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>   |                             |                             |

**Discussion:**

- As stated in Action Item IV) in the 2021 round of TPF funding our region was awarded a total of \$22,415,160 for 11 of our projects on behalf of 9 of our NWRTPO member govt.s, and 5 projects for 4 of the Farmington MPO govt.s; along with a project approved for Tohajiilee Chapter from the MRRTPPO. This entails a NMDOT TPF award of \$21,294,404, with \$1,120,756 in local matching funds for the total of \$22,415,160.
- In order to maintain a strong reputation with the NMDOT for completing our projects according to funding guidance and timelines, staff requested reports from members on where we are with our FFY2018-2019 LGTPF projects. The deadline for completing these projects is June 30, 2022. The resulting reports were quite positive as follows:
- Cibola County: County Road 18B funded at \$950,000 – the County is already in the process of requesting an extension from NMDOT
- Gallup – East Nizhoni Blvd Reconstruction funded at \$350,000 – **completion anticipated in December, 2021**
- Grants – Washington Ave. Bridge replacement funded at \$1,500,000 – **complete**
- McKinley County – Manuelito Canyon Bridge & Road Improvements funded at \$3,000,000 – **complete**
- Village of Milan – Haystack Phase 2 funded at \$126,577 – **complete**
- Navajo Nation – Baahaalil Chapter – Solid Waste Transfer Station Access road funded at \$296,250 – **complete**
- Navajo Nation – Twin Lakes Chapter US491 Road Safety Audit (RSA) funded at \$150,000 – extension request anticipated
- Navajo Nation – Mexican Springs Chapter – RSA funded at \$20,000 – extension request anticipated
- Navajo Nation – Tohatchi Chapter – RSA funded at \$75,000 – extension request anticipated
- Pueblo of Acoma – SP130 Veterans Blvd Roadway – funded at \$1,196,749 – **complete**
- Pueblo of Laguna – Interstate 40 Concrete Box Underpass – funded at \$2,000,000 – in negotiation with NMDOT District 6 to change expanding the concrete box underpass to an I-40 bridge overpass for the L24 Rainfall Road that currently uses the underpass. This change was recommended from NMDOT District 6, so hoping in that case that the NMDOT will approve the project change and extension.

| Item #   | Item                | Presenter                     |
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| VI.  | NMDOT new Map Guide | Neala Krueger – NMDOT Liaison |
| <b>BACKGROUND</b>  |                     |                               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Why?</b> The NMDOT has developed a new mapping tool that can support MPO and RTPPO transportation development along with presentations</li> <li>• <b>Purpose.</b> Acquaint the NWRTPO members with this tool for their use as / when needed</li> <li>• <b>Discussion/Finalization.</b> Acquaint RTPPO members with this mapping tool available from NMDOT</li> </ul> |                     |                               |
| <b>CURRENT WORK</b>  |                     |                               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Present NMDOT Map Guide</li> </ul>  |                     |                               |
| <b>ANTICIPATED WORK</b>  |                     |                               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members can use this tool for transportation development and presentations</li> </ul>   |                     |                               |
| <b>ATTACHMENTS</b>   |                     |                               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Map Guide guidance</li> </ul>   |                     |                               |
| <b>BUDGET IMPACT</b>   |                     |                               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>   |                     |                               |
| <b>ACTION ITEM</b>   |                     |                               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>  |                     |                               |

**Discussion:**

Ms. Krueger – our NWRTPO NMDOT Liaison provided a strong and in-depth yet efficient presentation on the new NMDOT Mapping Tool. She brought up the tool and demonstrated how to navigate many of the information sources within the tool for regional, multimodal transportation development. The mapping tool has an impressive 29 different mapping sections, with an incredible amount of information available for a wide variety of transportation infrastructure, corridors, services and multimodal aspects (*railroad, roadways, trails, airports, byways, bridges, transit, etc.*) within the State of New Mexico.

| Item #   | Topic                            | Presenter               |
|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| VII.   | Reports, Updates & Announcements | Robert Kuipers - NWRTPO |
| <b>BACKGROUND</b>  |                                  |                         |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Why?</b> Update RTPO members on news, training, funding, and other items of special interest</li> <li>• <b>Purpose.</b> Keep RTPO members up to date on critical information from NWRTPO and NMDOT sources</li> </ul>  |                                  |                         |
| <b>Informational Items</b>   |                                  |                         |
| <b>Regional News &amp; Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Work Program Status Report</li> <li>• RTPO Monthly Report</li> <li>• Member Reports</li> </ul>  |                                  |                         |
| <b>Member Special Reports:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None this meeting</li> </ul>   |                                  |                         |
| <b>NMDOT Reports:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• G to G Liaison: Neala Krueger</li> <li>• Tribal Liaison: Ron Shutiva</li> <li>• District 6: JoAnn Garcia &amp; staff; District 5: James Mexia, Stephanie Medina</li> </ul>  |                                  |                         |
| <b>News, Training &amp; Funding Opportunities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>FHWA Planning, Environment &amp; Realty Reports</u>: 9/22/21</li> <li>• <u>NMDOT Govt. to Govt. Update</u>: none</li> <li>• <u>AASHTO Publications</u>: none</li> <li>• <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 <a href="http://ltap.unm.edu">ltap.unm.edu</a> – <b>Online courses notice</b> forwarded to members as LTAP emails come in.</li> <li>• <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.</li> <li>• <u>Every Day Counts News</u>: 9/2/21, 9/16/21, 10/5/21</li> <li>• <u>FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program</u>: 9/2/21</li> <li>• <u>USDOT Innovator Newsletter</u>: 9/7/21, 10/5/21</li> <li>• <u>Reminder on additional documentation</u>: required for TAP, RTP, and CMAQ project applications: 9/14/21</li> <li>• <u>Reminder on LGTPF 2019 awarded projects</u>: due for completion by June 30, 2022</li> <li>• <u>Annual Member Survey for FFY2021</u>: initially sent to members 9/14/21 - Survey Monkey link sent 9/29/21</li> <li>• <u>Atchison, Topeka &amp; Santa Fe Steam Locomotive 2926</u>: display and open house by NM Railroad Historical Society – Sept. 25 at 1833 8<sup>th</sup> St. in Albuquerque – 9am to 5pm: 9/14/21</li> <li>• <u>Announcement</u>: Lisa Vega is the new NMDOT lead District 6 Engineer: 9/28/21</li> </ul> |                                  |                         |

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.

**Discussion:**

No discussion of significance other than member and DOT staff reports cited below.

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

**Pueblo of Acoma**

- CMGC2 – 1: Construction of new office for Transportation and other Departments is underway – anticipated completion has been delayed by COVID-19. **At this time building construction is complete.**
- CMGC2-2 SP130 Veterans Blvd. – Project is complete.
- **CMGC2- 3 . Baseball Fields improvement is now complete.**
- **CMGC2 – 4 Projects are now complete:** (*request for proposals for this new bundle of projects was published 2/10/19*)
- The Pueblo is now doing construction to increase its water irrigation system.
- FEMA 4352 Large Projects All FEMA Large projects have been completed (104 projects!) - \$13 million a year ahead of time; the Pueblo is now addressing finishing the small projects and only has one to go.
- **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.
- **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!**
- **FEMA 4352: Small Projects:** Recovery work has begun; the POA Public Works / Utility Authority was awarded the small projects (65) at \$2.2 million capital investment. 45 projects have been completed; 22 projects remain. **All projects have been completed at this time.**
- Arrowhead Drive new construction project is now complete.
- Capital Outlay: The Pueblo has proposed a restart date of May 18 to resume work.
- 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.

**Pueblo of Zuni**

- 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 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 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

- **Pending projects for the County include CR-19 improvements and Deer Springs Road for base course.**
- **Woodview Road 1.5 miles of Chipseal in Prewitt is now complete. Hillcrest and Bowman Roads are also complete.**
- The County is finishing their Local Government Road Fund projects including the Thoreau Town Site project at \$776K for cold mix overlay, for which the County has rented a milling machine. Certifications are complete for all LGRF projects and the County is requesting an extension till Spring – 2020 to complete maintenance construction which will include paving for CR-1 in Mentmore. Brasier Asphalt Co. has completed contract work on Thoreau Townsite roads. The County is waiting to complete this project by fog sealing the roads with the last of this funding.
- Brasier Asphalt Co. has completed contract work on CR1 – Mentmore.
- The County has almost completed chip-sealing CR-1 – Defiance Draw – will complete with fog-sealing remaining.
- TIF: \$1.2 million awarded for 10 miles of Deer Springs Road improvement – project on hold until Spring of 2020 for Mexican Springs Chapter. NDOT is contributing Fuel Excise Tax funding. Funding will allow drainage improvements, five miles of gravel base improvement and three miles of chip-seal.
- TIF: \$1.3 million awarded for 18 miles of CR19 gravel and chip-seal road improvement – multiple Eastern Navajo Chapters; collaborating with NDOT for road repairs and renovation. NDOT is contributing Fuel Excise Tax funding. Project has commenced, but completion may take until Spring of 2022 around weather issues.
- **The County had their ribbon cutting ceremony for Manuelito Canyon bridge replacement on September 10 – 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.
- **Coal Basin Road was completed by the end of June.**
- **County Road 6 – Cousins Road to commence repairs in August thru October.**
- 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. Final street lighting is scheduled for completion in mid September. The City is now seeking funding for phase 2 and has submitted an application for the NM Transportation Project Fund – and has been awarded \$3,500,000 from this fund to complete this project.**

- **East Nizhoni and West Aztec improvements are currently in design phase – East Nizhoni design at 75%; West Aztec is at 30% design - received news from NMDOT Dist. 6 that the City was awarded MAP funding for East Nizhoni Ave - \$900,000. W. 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> phase for East Nizoni will be the College Drive and Nizhoni intersection.**
- **Local Govt. Road Fund funded projects have commenced mill and overlay for planned roads; received word from NMDOT Dist. 6 that the City was awarded funds for our next project.**
- The City has submitted a Letter of Intent for Coop funding.
- **Federal Aviation Admin. application for \$5 million has been submitted for our airport taxi-way and connectors.**

#### Milan

No report yet for this meeting – as the new village manager just quit.

#### Ramah

- 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 NWRTPO.
- **BIA 175 is the next new project for Ramah Navajo – seeking funding at this time.**
- **Working on signage for BIA 125 and 122.**
- **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.**
- 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.
- 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.**
- 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 will determine the award at their January 14 meeting. **CR18-B will commence soon – drainage work is at 8%.**
- 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. **The bridge and channel are almost completed.**
- 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 and is currently at 45%.** Final PS&E was scheduled for this August and project letting is scheduled for September. Total project stands at \$6.2 million.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> street bridge out to bid for construction to commence in July – delay due to COVID-19 pandemic.
- Washington bridge replacement over 2<sup>nd</sup> Street through LGTPF funding will include a walking opportunity for High School students; project construction is underway – commenced in June.
- Lobo Canyon and Roosevelt intersection improvements are underway and ongoing.

### Pueblo of Laguna

- **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.
- Gaylord Siow has returned to help manage Transportation Development for the Pueblo; Gaylord will now be the primary RTPO representative and Elroy Keetso will be the alternate. Sharon Hausam has left the Pueblo.
- **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
- 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 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.**
- **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.**
- **L24 Rainfall Road:** design changed to two phases, **Ph-1 Road & Trail at final 100% design, and Ph-2 Conc Box Underpass at 30% design and moving to 60% design.** 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 pending funding.
- **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 ongoing on the east bound lanes from MM112 – 116..**
- The Pueblo has completed L26 Rainfall Road along with two trail projects.

#### Navajo Nation – Northern Agency

- **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, Gadiahii, 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

- **Marco Sells the new manager for Eastern Navajo indicated that a Virtual Navajo Nation Transportation Summit is in development to be announced sometime in the near future.**
- **Lary 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.**
- **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.

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 RTIP 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 Intersection of jpHighway 491 and N9, Milepost 15-15.5
- Whiterock Chapters- 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**

- Request an administrative amendment to roll over \$1,946.82 in remaining funds from 2021 to the 2022 budget at the November meeting.
- The NWRTPO 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report is under review.

- An RSA for the area around the I-40 / US491 intersection and west of this intersection in Gallup RSA is now complete. Numerous pedestrian injuries and fatalities have occurred in recent years. A virtual stakeholder meeting was held on January 28, 2021.
- The Recreational Trails Program (RTP), Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and Congestion Mitigation / Air Quality (CMAQ) Call for projects was issued on May 3, 2021.
- The NMDOT 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan is now finalized and available on the NMDOT website.
- A new Pedestrian Safety Action Plan was adopted to commence implementation soon – find it on the NMDOT website.
- The New Mexico LTAP center provides technical assistance and trainings to support workforce development with the aim of helping local governments and municipalities across New Mexico meet their transportation needs.  
<https://ltap.unm.edu/>
- A new Functional Classification Guide update has been completed – now available on the DOT website.

#### NMDOT Tribal Liaison – Ron Shutiva

- **Ron reminded our members that 2019 LGTPF funded project completions are due June 30, 2022.**
- **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.**
- **Ron indicated that only Pueblo of Acoma applied for FEMA Covid Recovery funds.**
- The Navajo Nation is having issues with development of an industrial park along the NM118 corridor between Rehoboth and Churchrock. The Navajo Economic Development Dept. is now working with NMDOT Dist. 6 toward an industrial park on NM118 between Rehoboth and Churchrock.
- **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 than 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.
- NMDOT needs an update from Pueblo of Laguna for progress on Rainfall Road from the Local Govt. Road Fund.
- 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 indicated that the Laguna I-40 improvement project is moving forward from Exit 112 to 117.
- Ron is concerned about improvements needed for the US64 Shiprock School Zone corridor – NDOT is non-responsive, and support and input is needed from NDOT before the state moves forward with safety improvements.
- I-40 Safety projects are coming to the Laguna Acoma area, including the exit 114 bridge.
- 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 is working with area Chapters for improvements on the US491 corridor from Shiprock to Colorado border.

#### NMDOT District 5 – James Mexia, Stephanie Medina

- Stephanie reminded of the five certifications required before projects are considered construction ready.
- **Stephanie concurred with Bill Santiago of DOT Dist. 6 regarding the impending deadline (Dec. 31) for LGRF projects – if you can’t complete your project by that date, request an extension with a local govt. supporting resolution. Two Grey Hills Chapter may lose their LGRF project – please follow up with Larry Joe & Marco Sells!!**
- 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.



**NMDOT District 6 - JoAnn Garcia, Bill Santiago, Arif Kazmi**

- **Local Govt. Road Fund** – as Stephanie from District 5 mentioned, the 5 certifications are also required before LGRF projects are considered construction ready.
- **Bill Santiago: LGRF current cycle ends December 31, 2021** – if members don't anticipate being able to complete their projects by that date – **request an extension by the end of October**, along with a **local govt. supporting resolution for the extension!**
- **Mike Neely is on board with NMDOT District 6** to assist the RTPO's participating in the District 6 region.
- **Lisa Vega is now the Acting 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!

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEXT MEETING:** No announcements – **next meeting October 13, 2021 – virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams**

**ADJOURNMENT (11:50 am)** Edward Salazar – Cibola County motioned; and Denise Baca – Village of Milan seconded for adjournment Motion carried by acclamation.

**MEETING ACTIONS:**

**Staff:**

- **Orientations:** RTPO Orientations for Local Government Policy Board meetings were completed in August thru September, 2021.
- **Website:** update all important documents page and update Meeting schedule on Meetings page - **complete**
- **Program Guides:** post to website and circulate - **complete**
- **Review Amendments** (especially Gallup for MAP/Coal Avenue Commons - June 30)
- **Transportation Project Fund Internal Deadlines:** Implementation – **complete** – **all proposed projects have been approved and are now authorized to move forward.**

**MEMBERS:**

- **Orientations:** complete
- **2019 LGTPF awarded projects:** due for completion by June 30, 2022
- **Annual RTPO Member Survey:** sent to members 9/14/21; Survey Monkey Link sent to members 9/29/21 – asking members to complete these for review at our November or December meeting.
- **Statewide Transportation Plan 2045 update** – members encouraged to review

**NMDOT:**

- Remind Staff and RTPO Members of impending deadlines for various projects and deliverables





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NORTHWEST NEW MEXICO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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

**Agenda Item #IV: 2021 Annual Performance &  
Expenditure Report**

**Subject:** Beside quarterly reports to NMDOT, NWRTPO staff submit an annual report each fiscal year summarizing significant actions or achievements.

**Prepared for:** November 10 RTPO meeting

**Date:** 10/29/21

**BACKGROUND**

- **Why?** Staff report quarterly to NMDOT on RTPO accomplishments; also at the end of each fiscal year staff provide an annual report on significant achievements.
- **Purpose.** This demonstrates the effectiveness of the RTPO in developing and maintaining transportation infrastructure and services through collaborative planning and development on the part of participating member municipal, tribal, and county government representatives. This also documents the responsible and effective management of federal transportation funding thru regional collaboration for transportation infrastructure and services development and maintenance across participating jurisdictions.
- **Discussion/Finalization.** Members will vote to approve and authorize the APER report.

**CURRENT WORK**

- Members to review and vote to approve and authorize the APER Report.

**ANTICIPATED WORK**

- RTPO members will continue monthly collaboration for the development and maintenance of transportation infrastructure and services serving our multi-jurisdictional region.

**ATTACHMENTS**

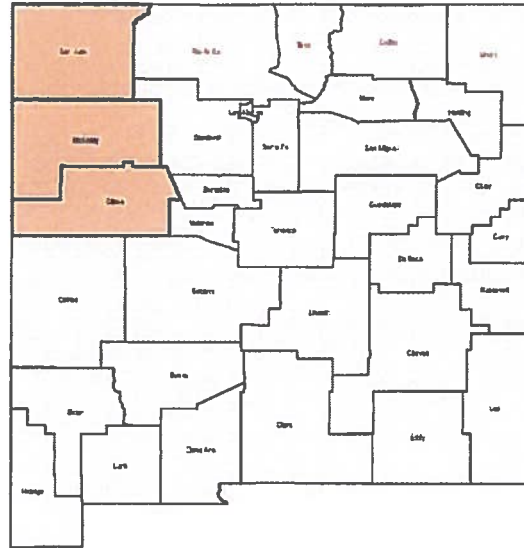
- Annual NWRTPO APER report.

**BUDGET IMPACT**

- None

**ACTION ITEM**

- Members will vote to approve and authorize the Annual Performance & Expenditure Report.



**NORTHWEST NEW MEXICO REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

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# Annual Report & Highlights

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*Prepared and Submitted by:*

**NORTHWEST NEW MEXICO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

**NOVEMBER 2021**

September Q-4 Expenditure Summary  
FFY2021

|                      | Q1 Request   | Q2 Request   | Q3 Request   | Q4 Request   | Total Budgeted Amount -<br>amend #2 | Requests YTD<br>(incl. current request) | Balance       |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|---|---------------|
| a. Personnel         | \$ 15,254.25 | \$ 13,920.02 | \$ 17,068.25 | \$ 15,107.40 | \$61,070.00                         | \$ 61,349.92                            | \$ (279.92)   |
| b. Fringe Benefits   | \$ 3,578.21  | \$ 3,461.36  | \$ 4,090.63  | \$ 3,556.36  | \$13,588.00                         | \$ 14,686.56                            | \$ (1,098.56) |
| c. Travel & Training | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ 679.57    | \$ -         | \$ 1,523.00                         | \$ 679.57                               | \$ 843.43     |
| d. Equipment         | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -                                | \$ -                                    | \$ -          |
| e. Supplies          | \$ 114.97    | \$ 85.61     | \$ 256.50    | \$ 91.06     | \$ 1,091.00                         | \$ 548.14                               | \$ 542.86     |
| f. Contractual       | \$ 4,619.07  | \$ 2,521.98  | \$ 3,587.64  | \$ 1,456.32  | \$ 14,878.00                        | \$ 12,185.01                            | \$ 2,692.99   |
| g. Construction      | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -                                | \$ -                                    | \$ -          |
| h. Other             | \$ 3,446.70  | \$ 3,883.98  | \$ 4,673.41  | \$2,584.41   | \$ 14,100.00                        | \$ 14,588.50                            | \$ (488.50)   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>         | \$ 27,013.20 | \$ 23,872.95 | \$ 30,356.00 | \$ 22,795.55 | \$ 106,250.00                       | \$ 104,037.70                           | \$ 2,212.30   |
| Local Match (20%)    | \$ 5,402.64  | \$ 4,774.59  | \$ 6,071.20  | \$ 4,559.11  | \$ 21,250.00                        | \$ 20,807.54                            | \$ 442.46     |
| Federal Share (80%)  | \$ 21,610.56 | \$ 19,098.36 | \$ 24,284.80 | \$ 18,236.44 | \$ 85,000.00                        | \$ 83,230.16                            | \$ 1,769.84   |

|                                 |               |               |                      |                        |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Control Number: P621010         | Invoice # 476 | TOTAL         | Local Match<br>(20%) | Federal Share<br>(80%) |
| Work Authorization (09/30/2020) |               | \$ 106,250.00 | \$ 21,250.00         | \$ 85,000.00           |
| Quarter                         |               |               |                      |                        |
| Q1 ending 12/31                 | 27,741.36     | \$ 27,013.20  | \$ 5,402.64          | \$ 21,610.56           |
| Q2 ending 3/31                  | 23,872.95     | \$ 23,872.95  | \$ 4,774.59          | \$ 19,098.36           |
| Q3 ending 6/30                  |               | \$ 30,356.00  | \$ (6,071.20)        | \$ 24,284.80           |
| Q4 ending 9/30                  |               | \$ 22,795.55  | \$ 4,559.11          | \$ 18,236.44           |
| <b>BALANCE</b>                  |               | \$ 2,212.30   | \$ 442.46            | \$ 1,769.84            |

\*line items in excess of \$500 require a detailed explanation. Single purchases over \$500 require invoices and proof of payment

**RTPO APER Budgeted Staff Hours Summary  
FFY2021**

| September-2021 / Q-4 Monthly Report |                             |        |        |        |        |                          |         |  |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------------------------|---------|--|
| Function                            | Budgeted<br>Hours<br>Amt. 2 | Q1     | Q2     | Q3     | Q4     | Total<br>Actual<br>hours | Balance | Percentage<br>budgeted<br>differs from<br>actuals* |
| 1                                   | 240                         | 163.75 | 64.00  | 13.50  | 13.25  | 254.50                   | -14.50  | 6.04%  |
| 2                                   | 100                         | 0.00   | 22.00  | 9.00   | 41.50  | 72.50                    | 27.50   | 27.00%   |
| 3                                   | 650                         | 75.00  | 245.50 | 209.00 | 144.50 | 674.00                   | -24.00  | 3.69%  |
| 4                                   | 210                         | 17.00  | 82.00  | 22.50  | 83.50  | 205.00                   | 5.00    | -2.38%   |
| 5                                   | 450                         | 85.75  | 165.50 | 146.00 | 115.75 | 513.00                   | -63.00  | 14.00%   |
| 6                                   | 450                         | 59.50  | 181.50 | 124.50 | 87.00  | 452.50                   | -2.50   | 0.56%  |
| TOTAL                               | 2100                        | 401.00 | 760.50 | 524.50 | 485.50 | 2171.50                  | -71.50  | 3.40%  |

\*If budgeted hours differ from actual hours by more than 20% in any function, provide a narrative explanation below:

FUNCTION 2: RTPO staff are not strongly skilled in data research and management and rely on another staff member who was busy from March - September 2021 and beyond with recreational trail development in the Zuni Mountains of McKinley and Cibola Counties; therefore less time was consumed by RTPO and other COG staff in Function 2 this fiscal year.

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## RTPO APER Narrative Summary

FFY2021: (October, 2020 thru September, 2021)

Please provide a BRIEF (one to two sentences each) summary of Work Program activities by Function below.

### Function 1: Long-Range Planning and Implementation

- Major work in the FFY2021 first quarter to complete updating our Regional (long range) Transportation Plan – In sync with the major NMDOT Transportation Plan update in 2020. This engaged 72 regional stakeholders from our 3 County / 4 tribe region. *Major aspects included the Cool Ave. Commons project, Trail of the Ancients Scenic Byway achieving national designation, major recreational trail development in the Zuni Mountains of McKinley and Cibola Counties, along with trails in the Pueblos of Laguna and Acoma, and the Chuska Mountains. Development of an energy logistics park and potential inland port in the former Gomerco Mine area northwest of Gallup, and EDA Opportunity Zones in our region.* Our major 2020 Regional Transportation Plan update was completed and authorized via supporting resolutions from the NWNMCOG and the NWRTPO at our second quarter January 13 NWRTPO meeting.
- Staff developed and filed notes from the west I-40 / US491 Intersection RSA conducted in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and forwarded these to RTPO members in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.

### Function 2: Technical Support and Data Management

- Staff forwarded the new NMDOT statewide Pedestrian Safety Plan to RTPO members in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter.
- Staff reviewed the NMDOT 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (51 pages) and summarized it to a 1.5 page document and shared this with RTPO members at our June 9 meeting during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter.
- Staff researched NM DOT's "Ideal Bike Networks" initiative and participated in a "Travel, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation" webinar from the National EDA on August 3 related to our regions recreational trails development in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter.
- Staff did some initial research in the new NMDOT Mapping Tool (which has a lot to offer!) in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter.

### Function 3: Project Development and Monitoring

- The NWRTPO undertook a full RTIPR Call for Projects commencing in May of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter, which will run thru March of the FFY2022 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter.
- Some RSA follow up from the recent past – Chee Dodge Elementary School intersection RSA, and the more recent I-40 / US491 Intersection RSA conducted in our region during the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter around potential mitigations.
- Research and support for NMDOT and the GGEDC's initiative for Autonomous Vehicles – this included a GGEDC Economic Roundtable in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. Staff participated in a "Gallup Mobility Hub" virtual meeting with the GGEDC that also addressed autonomous vehicles in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.
- All of the NM Transportation Project Fund project proposals from the NWRTPO member governments were approved for funding in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter at a total of \$22,415,160.00 for 10 of our member governments and 4 of the Farmington MPO governments. (!!!)
- Staff participated in a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Manuelito Canyon Bridge project of McKinley County on September 3; this was a major bridge project supporting a very large regional watershed. The Ceremony included many regional leaders, along with Senator Ben Ray Lujan.

### Function 4: Other Activities and Projects

- Q-1: Staff participated in a Pedestrian Safety Action Plan virtual workshop and completed a related survey.
- During the 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 4<sup>th</sup> Quarters (March – September, 2021) Carrie House continued building recreational trails in the Zuni Mountains moving from McKinley to Cibola during the Spring thru Fall season of 2021.
- Follow up with RTPO members and regional stakeholders during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter around portions of our Trail of the Ancients Scenic Byway receiving National Designation.
- Staff participated in a NM Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan webinar in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter.



## RTPO APER Narrative Summary

### Function 5: General RTPO Support

- Staff undertook our annual RTPO member survey for FFY2020 in the first quarter; as well as our annual evaluation of 5310 and 5311 public transportation providers funding applications, and submitted results to NMDOT Transit & Rail.
- Staff completed the NHI 151055 "Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Programming" webinar during the first quarter.
- Staff orchestrated presentations in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter from a) Sky Tallman on TAP, RTP and CMAQ at our April 14 meeting and b) Jason Grover on "Development along federal and state highways" at our May 12 meeting, and c) a presentation from Wilson & Co. at our June 9 meeting on the I-40 / US491 Intersection RSA in Gallup.
- Staff arranged a presentation from Jeanette Bachand of NMDOT on Roadway Functional Classification at our July 14 RTPO virtual meeting, and an HSIP presentation from Jason Coffey at our August 11 meeting during the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter.
- Staff completed RTPO orientations for our member governments during the FFY2021 Fourth quarter.

### Function 6: RTPO Administration

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Q - Staff participated in a statewide virtual RTPO Roundtable – April 13, 2021 hosted by the SWCOG.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Q – Staff participated in a statewide virtual RTPO Roundtable – August 26 hosted by the SCCOG.
- RTPO staff completed an annual Quality Assurance Review with Neala Krueger – NMDOT Liaison in April (3<sup>rd</sup> Q) with no findings.
- RTPO staff completed submission of RTPO Meeting advertisements for the Gallup Independent and Cibola Citizen newspapers (May 2021 – April 2022) within required timelines in the third quarter.

### 7) Prewitt / Milan Transportation Master Plan

- Q-1 - 4 RTPO staff developed an RFP for a "Prewitt / Milan Transportation Master Plan" to which Wilson & Co. responded receiving high scores from our Review Committee. The intent for this project is to plan for roadway (trucking freight) and railroad (BNSF) infrastructure recommendations to make these two industrial parks more inviting for industrial development after the closure of the Prewitt Park Escalante Electric Generating Station (where around 100 employees lost their jobs). Staff assisted Wilson & Co. in identifying appropriate stakeholders from this two county region.
- Throughout FFY 2021 Wilson & Co. in collaboration with COG RTPO staff held a number of Technical Working Group and Policy Advisory committee meetings engaging regional stakeholders in planning sessions for development of rail and roadway infrastructure to position and empower these two (Prewitt and Milan) industrial parks for further growth and development.
- Wilson & Co. and COG staff also held a number of stakeholder focus group meetings to gain as much input and perspective from stakeholders for the Prewitt Industrial Park, the Milan Industrial Park, the Navajo Nation (incl. Eastern RBDO and regional Chapter reps.), Bluewater Village, Cibola Industrial Park, and the Solid Waste Authority for our region.
- Wilson & Co. anticipate having an initial report available for this project sometime in January, 2022.



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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

August 26, 2021

## Monumental Transportation Money Awarded

### NM Transportation Commission Awards \$160M in Critical Local & Tribal Projects

**Virtual, via Zoom** -- On August 26<sup>th</sup>, the New Mexico Transportation Commission approved close to \$160 million worth of local and tribal transportation projects throughout the State of New Mexico. A special call for projects was announced in April, and the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPOs), and New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) reviewed applications from various entities throughout the State. Ultimately, NMDOT Cabinet Secretary Michael Sandoval provide a final list of recommendations to the Commission for approval. The NMDOT received over \$273M in applications statewide and selected 110 projects for award totaling \$159.5 million. Remaining funds will be used for hardship waivers. Special thanks to our District 5 Commissioner Tom Taylor and District 6 Commissioner Charles Lundstrom for their support and advocacy for these funds.

Projects funded in Northwest New Mexico and the counties of Cibola, McKinley, and San Juan included:

| District | Entity                             | Project Title                         | State        | Entity      | Total        |
|----------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| 5        | City of Aztec                      | McWilliams Road Paving                | \$663,100    | \$34,900    | \$698,000    |
| 5        | City of Bloomfield                 | East Blanco Bridge Phase II           | \$363,850    | \$19,150    | \$383,000    |
| 5        | City of Farmington                 | Foothills Drive Enhancement Phase III | \$1,672,950  | \$88,050    | \$1,761,000  |
| 5        | Navajo Nation - Shiprock Chapter   | Shiprock Farm Road Improvement        | \$1,140,000  | \$60,000    | \$1,200,000  |
| 5        | San Juan County                    | County Road 6100 Bridge Resurfacing   | \$603,250    | \$31,750    | \$635,000    |
| 5        | Town of Kirtland                   | Road 6405 Reconstruction              | \$114,950    | \$6,050     | \$121,000    |
| 5        | Town of Kirtland                   | Road 6411 Reconstruction              | \$114,950    | \$6,050     | \$121,000    |
| 6        | Cibola County                      | County Road 1 Bridge and Road Repair  | \$1,187,500  | \$62,500    | \$1,250,000  |
| 6        | City of Gallup                     | Coal Avenue Commons Phase II          | \$3,325,000  | \$175,000   | \$3,500,000  |
| 6        | City of Grants                     | Washington Avenue & Drainage Recon    | \$2,070,346  | \$108,965   | \$2,179,312  |
| 6        | City of Grants                     | Sakelares Blvd Design                 | \$546,250    | \$28,750    | \$575,000    |
| 6        | McKinley County                    | Superman Canyon Bridges               | \$1,900,000  | \$100,000   | \$2,000,000  |
| 6        | Village of Milan                   | Airport Road Reconstruction           | \$3,145,591  | \$165,557   | \$3,311,149  |
| 6        | Navajo Nation - Ramah Chapter      | BIA Route 145 Reconstruction Design   | \$546,250    | \$28,750    | \$575,000    |
| 6        | Navajo Nation - Ramah Chapter      | BIA 195 Reconstruction                | \$850,360    | \$44,755    | \$895,116    |
| 6        | Navajo Nation - Tohajiilee Chapter | Tohajiilee Road Paving                | \$3,695,403  | \$194,494   | \$3,889,898  |
| 6        | Navajo Nation - Tsayatoch Chapter  | West Tsayatoch Road Phase I           | \$2,327,500  | \$122,500   | \$2,450,000  |
| 6        | Pueblo of Acoma                    | State Road 124 Frontage Road          | \$1,472,500  | \$77,500    | \$1,550,000  |
| TOTAL    |                                    |                                       | \$21,294,404 | \$1,120,756 | \$22,415,163 |

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NORTHWEST NEW MEXICO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

## NORTHWEST REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (NWRTPO)

FFY2021, Annual Report

Period: October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021

This report reflects and follows the functions and tasks in the approved FFY2021 Regional Work Program and Budget. The following are functions and tasks completed by the Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization during the course of FFY2021:

|  |                             |  |                            |
|--|-----------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| Function 1:  | <u>Long-Range Planning.</u> |  |                            |
| ANNUAL ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS & RECAP   |                             |  |                            |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>FFY 2020 Regional Transportation Plan Update:</b> Staff undertook a more major update to our Regional Transportation Plan commencing in 2020 and completed in the first quarter of 2021; in sync. with NMDOT’s major LRTP update on a 5-year cycle. This included a survey for RTPO members and a 70 member stakeholder list from our three county, four tribe and small community region. Staff also assessed progress with meeting the goals and related actions within our current RTP, and generated a related list of recommended actions to move toward completion. Completion was authorized by supporting resolutions from the NWNMCOG and NWRTPO at our January 13 meeting in our 2021 second quarter. Staff summarized the NMDOT 2045 LRTP updates to a 1.5 page document and presented to RTPO members during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Q.</li><li>• <b>Prewitt / Milan Transportation Master Plan:</b> Staff have undertaken development of a Prewitt – Milan Transportation Master Plan funded by NMDOT SPR (<i>State Planning &amp; Research</i>) Funds at \$120K – with a \$30K match, to plan road and rail transportation infrastructure needed to sustain and grow the Prewitt and Milan Industrial Parks along with any other opportunities in the region between Thoreau and Milan, related to the closure of the Escalante Electric Generation Plant. Wilson &amp; Co. were awarded the contract to generate the master plan and in collaboration with COG staff hosted a number of Technical Working Group and Policy Advisory Committee meetings with regional stakeholders to consider rail and roadway recommendations to improve the viability of these industrial parks to attract new tenants. A draft report is anticipated in January 2022, with a final report by April, 2022 for needed rail and roadway improvements increasing the viability of these parks to attract new tenants.</li><li>• <b>Gallup US491 / I-40 Road Safety Audit:</b> Staff participated in this RSA in the third quarter and presented to RTPO members.</li><li>• <b>Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan:</b> Staff participated in the Northwest Region Town Hall presentation of this plan from NMDOT and invited RTPO members participation.</li><li>• <b>Indigenous Communities Webinar:</b> Staff participated in the NM EDA’s “Indigenous Communities” webinar in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter since we have three Pueblos and the Navajo Nation within our NWRTPO region, with economic development related to roadway access.</li></ul> |                             |  |                            |
| TASK TRACKING  |                             |  |                            |
| TASK   |                             | DUE DATE   | STATUS                     |
| 1.1 REGIONAL PLAN<br>Collaborate with NMDOT and other partners to identify and document current and future transportation needs, plans and projects for inclusion in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).   | Q2, FFY2021                 | NM Transportation Plan   | ✓ Adopted in July 2021     |
|  |                             | Northwest Regional Transportation Plan                                 | ✓ Adopted In January 2021; |
| 1.1.1 UPDATE REGIONAL PLAN<br>Review and update the RTP, including tasks and goals, at least once every four years in coordination with the NM Transportation Plan update.   | Q3, FFY2018                 | o Updates in FFY2018, FFY2019, and major updates in FFY 2020 thru 2021 |                            |



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| <b>1.1.2 PLANNING PRODUCTS</b><br>Conduct and/or participate in corridor studies, transportation-related subarea plans, and regional and local multi-modal and intermodal planning activities, including bicycle master plans, comprehensive plans, transportation plans, safety plans, e.g.: Road Safety Audits, Downtown Master Plans, 4CITE, etc. | Continuous  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ongoing: Contributed to Gallup's Coal Avenue Commons design and construction project</li> <li>○ Ongoing: Continued support for ZMTP RTP projects.</li> <li>○ FFY2020: RSA conducted for US491 Naschitti, Sheep Springs and Newcomb community and school intersections and major intersections inbetween.</li> <li>○ FFY2021: RSA conducted for I-40 and US491 Intersection area in 3<sup>rd</sup> Q - 2021</li> </ul>  |
| <b>1.1.3 PLANNING INTEGRATION</b><br>Support and coordinate long-range regional transportation planning with other local, regional, and statewide planning initiatives, such as ICIP, STIP, and legislative capital outlay priorities.   | Continuous  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ongoing: Continued participation to assist communities with past, present, and future capital outlay, ICIP and CDBG transportation project priorities.</li> <li>○ Staff continue support for ongoing development for an energy logistics park, potential Inland Port, and other econ. dev. opportunities, in the former Gamarco Mine area of McKinley County.</li> <li>○ Staff supported recreational trails development in the Pueblo of Laguna, Zuni Mountains of (McKinley/Cibola) and around the Gallup area.</li> </ul> |
| <b>1.2 PERFORMANCE MEASURES</b><br>Implement performance measures developed in the RTP. Created and implement a strategic plan for implementation of the action items identified by RTPO members and stakeholders as part of the RTP development process.  | Draft:<br>12/30/16<br><br>Final:<br>Q3, FFY2017<br><br>Updates:<br>FFY2018, 2019 and major update in FFY2020-21 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Staff continued updates to the RTP implementation evaluation tracker in 2019; and undertook major updates to the RTP in FFY2020 – 21.</li> <li>○ Staff developed strategies to complete unfinished RTP goals during the course of FFY2020.</li> </ul>  |

## STAFFING SUMMARY

## Function 1: Long-Range Planning

| FFY 2020-2021 Program   | Budgeted Hours<br>FFY 2020 | Actual Hours<br>FFY 2020 | % Δ <u>Original</u><br>vs. Actuals | Budgeted Hours<br>FFY 2021 | Actual Hours<br>FFY 2021 | % Δ Original vs.<br>Actuals |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Original/Approved       | 200.00                     |                          |                                    | 200.00                     |                          |                             |
| Amendment 2 – 2021:     | 200.00                     |                          |                                    | 240.00                     |                          |                             |
| Quarter 1: 10/1 - 12/31 | 50.00                      | 26.75                    | 10%                                | 50.00                      | 163.75                   |                             |
| Quarter 2: 1/1 - 3/31   | 50.00                      | 40.50                    | 12%                                | 50.00                      | 64                       |                             |
| Quarter 3: 4/1 - 6/30   | 50.00                      | 57                       | 30%                                | 50.00                      | 13.5                     |                             |
| Quarter 4: 7/1 - 9/30   | 50.00                      | 190.5                    | 13%                                | 50.00                      | 13.25                    |                             |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>200.00</b>              | <b>314.75</b>            | <b>65%</b>                         | <b>200.00</b>              | <b>254.50</b>            |                             |
| <b>Balance</b>          | <b>0.00</b>                | <b>-114.75</b>           |                                    | <b>0.00</b>                | <b>-14.5</b>             |                             |

Explanation / Comments:

The NWRTPO is undertook a more substantial update to our Regional Transportation Plan in FFY2020, in sync. with NMDOT's more comprehensive update of their Long Range Transportation Plan. As a result, a lot of time was invested in this function during the fourth quarter of 2020 and first quarter of 2021 by staff in terms of major updates to information, recent statistics, and more recent activity and focus for the NWRTPO.

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| Function 2:  | <u>Technical Support and Data Management.</u> |   |
| ANNUAL ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS & RECAP   |   |   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Zuni Mountain Recreational Trails:</b> COG staff member Carrie House continued laying out GIS coordinates, mapping and constructing 200 miles of the Zuni Mountain Trails now moving from the McKinley to Cibola County region.</li><li>• <b>NM State Legislative Session:</b> COG Director Evan Williams and Planner – Brandon Howe supported our region’s development needs, including transportation infrastructure or services at the New Mexico State Legislative Session and committee meetings this year.</li><li>• <b>NMDOT “Ideal Bike Networks” and Pedestrian Safety Plan:</b> Staff researched and forwarded to members in the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarters.</li><li>• <b>RTP Implementation Tracker:</b> Staff updated our Regional Transportation Plan Implementation Tracker instrument during this fiscal year based on annual accomplishments, and news coming in from state or federal sources.</li><li>• <b>NMDOT Mapping Tool:</b> Staff did some initial research in the new NMDOT Mapping Tool, which has a lot to offer.</li></ul> |   |   |
| TASK TRACKING  |   |   |
| TASK   | DUE DATE                                      | STATUS  |
| <b>2.1 DATA COLLECTION &amp; MANAGEMENT</b><br>Collect and manage data, perform technical planning and plan development, in coordination with transportation goals, trends, and needs developed and identified in the RTP.   | Continuous                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Ongoing: Carrie House, Planning Assistant is focused on creating a GIS/Data Management System for the RTPO covering both our regional road / bridge and multimodal trail systems.</li><li>○ RTPO staff will pursue data skills and sources ongoing in FFY2022 to improve our collection of data supporting funding and new initiatives.</li></ul>   |
| <b>2.1.1 FACTBOOK &amp; DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM</b><br>Collect and evaluate new statewide population, economic development, travel demand data, projects, and trends to inform regional planning efforts, and distribute this information with local counties and communities. Data to be collected and maintained by the RTPO may include land use data, demographic and population data, freight data, traffic count and crash data and any other data that supports the goals and actions outlined in the RTP.   | Continuous                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ FFY2018-2019: Started requesting data sets from NMDOT and BBER to build base maps and filter information into the RTP implementation evaluation report.</li><li>○ COG staff member Carrie House continued collecting demographic and growth data during the course of FFY2020 – 2021</li><li>○ The new NMDOT Mapping Tool (2021) provides a significant amount of statewide data.</li></ul> |
| <b>2.1.2 APPLICATION SUPPORT</b><br>Assist project applicants with analysis, data collection, and other technical support for transportation planning, project identification, and project development.  | Continuous                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ During the course of FFY 2021 staff regularly informed RTPO members of funding, and technical assistance opportunities.</li></ul>   |
| <b>2.2 CLASSIFICATION</b><br>Assist RTPO members and NMDOT staff with roadway and corridor-level classification and analysis in accordance with the currently adopted guidelines. Keep members informed about criteria, timelines, and requirements for submittal of proposals to modify classifications.  | 11/30/18                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Not much activity during FFY2020 – US491 and 9<sup>th</sup> St. / Chino Loop (Gamerco) intersection leading to Carbon Coal Road received \$23 million for improvements related to anticipated commercial trucking traffic for economic development in the former Gamerco Mine area, which may lead to functional classification upgrades in FFY2021.</li></ul>                              |
| STAFFING SUMMARY   |   |   |

| Function 2: Technical Support & Data Management |                            |                          |                             |                            |                          |                             |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| FFY 2020-2021 Program                           | Budgeted Hours<br>FFY 2020 | Actual Hours<br>FFY 2020 | % Δ Original<br>vs. Actuals | Budgeted Hours<br>FFY 2021 | Actual Hours<br>FFY 2021 | % Δ Original vs.<br>Actuals |
| Original/Approved                               | 200.00                     |                          |                             | 200.00                     |                          |                             |
| Amendment 2 – 2021:                             |                            |                          |                             | 100.00                     |                          |                             |
| Quarter 1: 10/1 - 12/31                         | 50.00                      | 33.75                    | 13%                         | 50.00                      | 0                        |                             |
| Quarter 2: 1/1 - 3/31                           | 50.00                      | 13                       | 33%                         | 50.00                      | 22                       |                             |
| Quarter 3: 4/1 - 6/30                           | 50.00                      | 209                      | 16%                         | 50.00                      | 9                        |                             |
| Quarter 4: 7/1 - 9/30                           | 50.00                      | 1                        | 17%                         | 50.00                      | 41.5                     |                             |
| <b>Total</b>                                    | <b>200.00</b>              | <b>256.75</b>            | <b>78%</b>                  | <b>200.00</b>              | <b>72.5</b>              |                             |
| Balance   | 0.00                       | -56.75                   |                             | 0.00                       | 27.5                     |                             |

## Explanation / Comments:

Staff continued efforts during FFY2021, related to GIS and data-gathering / management around regional COG projects and local government priorities for our road and trail systems, our now nationally designated scenic byway, and mapping of new recreational trails in the Zuni Mountains.

| Function 3:   | Project Development and Monitoring. |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| ANNUAL ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS & RECAP  |                                     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Annual Public Transportation Funding Appl. Evaluation:</b> RTPO members completed our annual evaluation of 5311 transit providers (no 5310 this year) funding applications for our region in the first quarter of FFY2021 and submitted results to NMDOT Transit &amp; Rail.</li> <li><b>NM Transportation Project Fund:</b> Our RTPO again did exceptionally well with our Transportation Project Fund requests from the State of New Mexico; receiving a total of \$17,974,428 for 11 proposed projects from 9 of our member governments. Combined with the Farmington MPO, our region received \$22,415,160.00 from the 2021 TPFI</li> <li><b>LGRF:</b> Staff kept RTPO members informed on Local Govt. Road Fund application deadlines and other requirements.</li> <li><b>FY2020 Call for Projects:</b> The 2020 RTIPR Revision was approved at our February, 2021 meeting and the DOT District 6 RTIP was approved and authorized in April, to give Sandoval and Catron Counties a little more time to update their projects. Staff participated in NMDOT District 5's RTIP meeting for Northern Navajo projects in San Juan County in March, 2021.</li> <li><b>FY2021 Call for Projects:</b> Staff conducted a full Call for Projects from April of FFY2021 thru March of 2022, with PFF's and PPF's in by the end of September totals are as follows: Roadway: \$54,057,214 / Bridges: \$55,199,768 / Planning &amp; Studies: \$4,770,000 / TAP: \$4,930,253 / RTP: \$23,249,000 / CMAQ: \$4,053,137 / FLAP: \$0 / HSIP: \$800,000 / TPF: - funded: \$17,399,428 funded -proposed for next round: \$1,000,000 / GRAND TOTAL: \$148,059,372.00 Typically for our rural 3 County region the NWRTPO gets \$5 to \$8 million in funded projects every 1-2 years.</li> <li><b>Autonomous Vehicles in New Mexico:</b> Staff participated in NMDOT and GGEDC's initiative for autonomous vehicle corridors in our region.</li> <li><b>Manuelito Canyon Bridge:</b> Staff participated in a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Manuelito Canyon Bridge of McKinley County on Sept. 3 – this was a major bridge project supporting a primary and large regional watershed.</li> </ul> |                                     |
| TASK TRACKING   |                                     |
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| <b>3.1 PROJECTEERING</b><br>Assist project applicants in developing projects.  | Q3, FFY18                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o The FFY2021 RTIPR commenced in May of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter and will be complete in Feb. – March of the FFY2022 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter. At this time the RTIPR holds a total of \$148,059,372.00 in proposed projects.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>3.1.1 FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES</b><br>Provide information to potential applicants about funding opportunities.   | Continuous               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Ongoing: Staff regularly inform members at monthly meetings on funding opportunities.</li> <li>o The State of New Mexico came out with a new <u>Transportation Project Fund</u> with \$160 million available statewide in FFY2021; The NWRTPO &amp; FMPO region received just under 22.5 million from this fund for 13 projects from 10 of our member governments and 5 projects from 4 FMPO governments.</li> </ul>                   |
| <b>3.1.2 IDENTIFY PROJECTS</b><br>Assist project applicants to identify projects that may be eligible for transportation funding from federal or other sources, based upon appropriate local, regional and state-wide plans and applicable data.   | Continuous               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Staff provided this information on an ongoing basis at all monthly RTPO meetings, related to any new funding opportunities, and review of project functional classification, to determine qualification for federal or other funding.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>3.1.3 APPLICATION ASSISTANCE</b><br>Assist project applicants with applications for NMDOT statewide competitive programs. Follow current adopted Guides provided by NMDOT for project eligibility, program guidelines, and application timelines. Submit all complete applications to the designated NMDOT coordinator in accordance with the schedule outlined in the applicable Guide(s). | Continuous               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o RTPO staff provided this information regularly at each monthly RTPO meeting throughout the course of FFY2021. When questions or concerns come up, staff try to assist with gaining answers from funding sources.</li> <li>o Significant funding opportunities in FFY2021 included a) The NMDOT Transportation Project Fund (\$160 million), and b) "Member Designated Projects from Congress in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter,</li> </ul> |
| <b>3.1.4 IDENTIFY SAFETY ISSUES</b><br>Assist project applicants with identification of safety issues that warrant Road Safety Assessments, Safety Plans and/or qualify for Highway Safety Improvement Program funding.  | Continuous               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Staff continue to support safety improvements for a) the Shiprock, N.M. School Zone on the US64 corridor undertaken thru NDOT and NMDOT District 5. b) A Road Safety Audit (RSA) for the I-40 / US491 Intersection in Gallup, and c) RSA for US491 intersections around Twin Lakes, Mexican Springs, and Tohatchi Chapters.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>3.2 CALL FOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS</b><br>Manage preliminary project review process.  | Biennial<br>(Even Years) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o NWRTPO executed a full Call for Projects this year, with a current total request at \$148,059,372.00 for our member governments.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>3.2.1 PROJECT FEASIBILITY &amp; ID</b><br>Establish and implement a process for RTPO members to prepare and submit Project Feasibility Forms (PFFs) and Project Identification Forms (PIFs), through coordination with NMDOT District(s).   |                          |   |
| <b>3.2.2 PFF/PPF ASSISTANCE</b><br>Assist project applicants with development of PFFs and PPFs; ensure that all members are fully informed of the process and timelines, and support entities in accessing all forms and data required by project applicants to complete the forms.  | Biennial<br>(Even Years) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In FFY2021 the NWRTPO executed a full Call for Projects, with a current total request at \$148,059,372.00 for our member governments.</li> <li>• The current RTIPR which will be completed by February 2022 and only contains projects that qualify for federal funding.</li> <li>• The only section of the RTIPR that will be prioritized for #1 projects for each member government will be the Roadway section.</li> </ul>          |
| <b>3.2.3 SCORING CRITERIA</b><br>Work with RTPO members to establish scoring criteria for project selection and prioritization, based on goals and action items included in the RTP, the New Mexico 2040 Plan, the Active Transportation and Recreational Programs Guide, and other guidance from NMDOT.   |                          |   |

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| <b>3.2.4 PROJECT LIST &amp; RTIPR</b><br>Develop a prioritized list of projects based on the regional goals articulated in the RTP, and the statewide goals in the 2040 Plan, as well as Technical and Policy Committee review and input. This list will serve as the Regional Transportation Improvement Program Recommendations (RTIPR) list and be submitted to the NMDOT District for potential federal funding opportunities on an annual basis, in coordination with NMDOT's call for RTP, TAP and other projects.          |                     |  |
| <b>3.3 TRANSIT SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT</b><br>Provide assistance to local governments interested in pursuing transit system development and coordination activities.   | Continuous          | Not much activity in FFY2021 – the Zuni Ashiwi transit program extended service to the Ramah Navajo area for connectivity with Gallup services.  |
| <b>3.3.1 TRANSIT APPLICATIONS</b><br>Facilitate prioritization of Public Transit Program applications for the RTP area in response to the state-wide prioritization schedule established by NMDOT Transit and Rail Section staff. Submit the results to the NMDOT Transit and Rail Section in accordance with that schedule. Include the results in the RTP RTIPR.  | Annual<br>(October) | ○ RTP members ranked and prioritized our 5311 public transportation applications for FFY2022 funding at the 12/08/21 virtual meeting (in the first quarter of FFY2022.   |
| <b>3.3.2 REGIONAL TRANSIT CONNECTIVITY</b><br>Support regional transit system development and connectivity with efforts to regional transportation system development, through coordination with local entities and NMDOT Transit & Rail Division.  | Continuous          | ○ RTP staff and members support the opportunities for regional transit connectivity on an ongoing basis. In rural New Mexico, long range inter-transit connectivity is often limited from funding issues and lack of adequate ridership. |
| <b>3.4 "ZIPPER" MEETING</b><br>During the month of March, coordinate and co-facilitate RTIPR "zipper" meetings with NMDOT Government to Government Unit (GTG) liaison, the appropriate District staff, and applicable RTPs, if necessary. Notify NMDOT GTG liaison and District staff of the dates, times, and locations for these "zipper" meetings. Submit the combined, prioritized RTIPR to GTG liaison, the District Engineers and all relevant RTPs within ten days of the prioritization meeting.                          | March 2017          | ○ Zipper meeting(s) will take place in FFY2022 during the second quarter for DOT Dist. 6 and DOT Dist. 5. Whether these are virtual or in person meetings depends on the status of COVID-19.   |
| <b>3.5 STIP PROJECT TRACKING</b><br>Track the progress of Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) projects within the RTP region and ensure regular communication between the project sponsors, NMDOT staff and others to ensure the projects are meeting deadlines outlined in the Tribal/Local Public Agency (T/LPA) Handbook. Keep project applicants informed on project status, including through review of complete regional STIP project lists at meetings, and assist RTP members with issues that may arise. | Continuous          | ○ Ongoing: Staff have been tracking this through Member reporting at monthly RTP meetings with necessary follow-up with DOT Planning, District and Regional Design office staff.   |

## STAFFING SUMMARY

## Function 3: Project Development &amp; Monitoring

| FFY 2020-2021 Program   | Budgeted Hours<br>FFY 2020 | Actual Hours<br>FFY 2020 | % Δ <u>Original</u><br>vs. Actuals | Budgeted Hours<br>FFY 2021 | Actual Hours<br>FFY 2021 | % Δ Original vs.<br>Actuals |
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| Original/Approved       | 400.00                     |                          |                                    | 450.00                     |                          |                             |
| Amended (#2)            | 300.00                     |                          |                                    | 650                        |                          |                             |
| Quarter 1: 10/1 - 12/31 | 75                         | 58.75                    | 42.5%                              | 162.5                      | 75.00                    |                             |
| Quarter 2: 1/1 - 3/31   | 75                         | 51.5                     | 19%                                | 162.5                      | 245.50                   |                             |
| Quarter 3: 4/1 - 6/30   | 75                         | 18                       | 37%                                | 162.5                      | 209.00                   |                             |
| Quarter 4: 7/1 - 9/30   | 75                         | 21.5                     | 8%                                 | 162.5                      | 144.50                   |                             |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>450.00</b>              | <b>149.75</b>            | <b>106.5%</b>                      |                            | <b>674.00</b>            |                             |
| Balance                 | 0.00                       | 150.25                   |                                    | 0.00                       | -24.00                   |                             |

FFY2021: NWRTPO executed a full Call for Projects to be completed by Feb., 2022 with DOT District "Zippers" in March, 2022.

Function 4:

Other Activities & Projects.

ANNUAL ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS & RECAP

- TOA Byway National Designation:** RTPO staff and the NWNMCOG submitted an application for national designation for portions of our Trail of the Ancients Scenic Byway in New Mexico, after President Trump re-initiated the Scenic Byway Program. This included re-assembling an oversight committee for our state’s portion of this four-state scenic byway (incl. Az., Utah, Colo.). **We received notification on February 16, 2021 that proposed portions of our Trail of the Ancients Scenic Byway are now designated as a national byway corridor!** Staff are trying to rebuild the NM TOA Byway Council, and help manage the four state collaboration for this byway – now nationally designated in Utah, Colorado and New Mexico – just Arizona (mostly Navajo Nation) to go! Staff are considering joining the National Scenic Byway Foundation for training, coaching and other support materials.
- 4 Corners Geotourism Website:** The NWNMCOG took over management of a “Four-Corners Geotourism Website” that inter-nationally advertises our region of north west and north central New Mexico; along with participating counties in north east Arizona, south east Utah, and south west Colorado. This website averages 1.5 to 3 thousand web visits a month.
- Zuni Mountains Recreational Trails Development:** Reference Function 2 first bullet; COG staff continued to support the plan, design and build out for 200+ miles of recreational trails in the Zuni Mountains of McKinley and Cibola Counties.

TASK TRACKING

| TASK  | DUE DATE   | STATUS   |
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| <b>4.1 STATE SPECIAL STUDIES/PROJECTS</b><br>Coordinate and participate with NMDOT staff on special studies or projects specified in the NMDOT Planning Work Program. Provide periodic updates to RTPO members on the status of the studies/projects and involve the members in this effort as appropriate.   | Continuous | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o FFY2020: COG staff participated in an RSA for US 491 Intersections at Naschitti, Sheep Springs and Newcomb for these communities and schools (Lee Engineering)</li><li>o FFY2021: A virtual RSA from Wilson &amp; Co. for the US491 intersection with the Chee Dodge Elementary School Intersection just south of Gallup, and an RSA for the US491 and I-40 Intersection.</li><li>o FFY2021: Navajo Nation RSA’s for US491 Intersections with roads to Twin Lakes, Mexican Springs, and Tohatchi Chapters.</li></ul> |
| <b>4.2 LEGISLATIVE STUDIES</b><br>Coordinate and participate with the Councils of Governments (COGs) and applicable New Mexico State agency staff on legislative studies related to state-wide or RTPO-specific transportation issues, as appropriate.  | Continuous | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o NWNMCOG Planner – Brandon Howe participated in the 2020 and 2021 legislative sessions and facilitates participation from our NWRTPO region</li></ul>   |
| <b>4.3 FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS</b><br>Monitor development of Federal and state laws affecting the transportation system and provide information about the contents and status to RTPO members.   | Continuous | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Staff regularly check and report on laws and legislation impacting transportation at monthly RTPO meetings.</li></ul>  |
| <b>4.4 REGIONAL SPECIAL STUDIES/PROJECTS</b><br>Participate in miscellaneous transportation-related programs and special projects in the RTPO region, including trail and walkability groups and initiatives, examples may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Support to the Zuni Mountains Trail Partnership on master trail planning, design, development, and maintenance.</li><li>• Support to Route 66 National Scenic Byway and the Trail of the Ancients State Scenic Byway.</li></ul> | Continuous | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Ongoing: Staff continue to support Zuni Mountains and other recreational trails development and Scenic Byways in our region.</li><li>o Ongoing: Staff participate in the Four Corners Future Forum and Four Corners Geotourism Project, which focused on economic development opportunities incl. the role of transportation.</li></ul>  |

| STAFFING SUMMARY                        |                            |                          |                             |                            |                          |                             |
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| Function 4: Other Activities & Projects |                            |                          |                             |                            |                          |                             |
| FFY 2020-2021 Program                   | Budgeted Hours<br>FFY 2020 | Actual Hours<br>FFY 2020 | % Δ Original vs.<br>Actuals | Budgeted Hours<br>FFY 2021 | Actual Hours<br>FFY 2021 | % Δ Original vs.<br>Actuals |
| Original/Approved                       | 200.00                     |                          |                             | 200.00                     |                          |                             |
| Amended (#2)                            | 350.00                     |                          |                             | 210.00                     |                          |                             |
| Quarter 1: 10/1 - 12/31                 | 50.00                      | 25.50                    |                             | 52.50                      | 17.00                    |                             |
| Quarter 2: 1/1 - 3/31                   | 50.00                      | 134.75                   |                             | 52.50                      | 82.00                    |                             |
| Quarter 3: 4/1 - 6/30                   | 50.00                      | 123.00                   |                             | 52.50                      | 22.50                    |                             |
| Quarter 4: 7/1 - 9/30                   | 50.00                      | 14.50                    |                             | 52.50                      | 83.50                    |                             |
| <b>Total</b>                            | <b>200.00</b>              | <b>297.75</b>            |                             | <b>210.00</b>              | <b>205.00</b>            |                             |
| Balance                                 | 0.00                       | 52.25                    |                             | 0.00                       | 5.00                     |                             |

Explanation:

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| Function 5:  | General RTPO Support. |        |
| ANNUAL ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS & RECAP   |                       |        |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>2020 Annual Survey:</b> Staff undertook the annual member survey for FFY2020 during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of FFY2021.</li><li>• <b>NMDOT Non-Metropolitan Survey:</b> Staff completed the NMDOT Non-metropolitan Survey in the first quarter and forwarded the survey to RTPO members.</li><li>• <b>Training and Funding:</b> Staff continue to provide information on training and funding opportunities a monthly meetings along with RTPO website maintenance.</li><li>• <b>NWRTPO Local Leaders Orientation:</b> Staff completed the NWRTPO Virtual Orientation power point to new or ongoing elected leaders in our region’s county, municipal or tribal governments participating in the NWRTPO during August and September of the FFY2021 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter.</li><li>• <b>Annual Updates:</b> In the second quarter of 2021 RTPO staff re-confirmed continuing positions for the RTPO Chair and Vice-Chair, the major 2020 Regional Transportation Update, finalization of our RTIPR, and development of another meeting schedule for May, 2021 thru April, 2022.</li><li>• <b>RTPO Meeting Presentations:</b> Staff orchestrated presentations during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter from a) Sky Tallman - NMDOT on TAP, RTP and CMAQ at our April 14 meeting; b) Transportation Project Fund from staff at April 14 meeting; c) Jason Grover – NMDOT on Development along federal and state highways at our May 12 meeting; and d) a report on the I-40 / US491 Intersection RSA from Wilson &amp; Co. at our June 9 meeting. In the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter staff arranged a presentation from Jeanette Bachand – NMDOT on Roadway Functional Classification for our July 14 meeting and an HSIP (<i>Highway Safety Improvement Program</i>) presentation from Jayson Coffey at our August 11 meeting.</li><li>• <b>Roundtables:</b> Staff participated in a statewide RTPO Roundtable hosted by the South Central COG – April 13, 2021; and a Roundtable hosted by the SWCOG – August 26; both of these were virtual.</li></ul> |                       |        |
| TASK TRACKING  |                       |        |
| TASK   | DUE DATE              | STATUS |



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| <b>5.1 RTPO MEETINGS</b><br>Organize and facilitate all meetings of the RTPO in accordance with the Public Participation Plan (PPP).  | Monthly             | ✓   |
| <b>5.1.1 DOCUMENT PPP</b><br>Document the RTPOs public participation process including but not limited to, procedures the RTPO uses to comply with the <i>New Mexico Open Meetings Act</i> (NMSA 1978, Sections 10-51-1, et. seq.) and 23 CFR 450.  | Monthly             | ✓   |
| <b>5.1.2 DOCUMENT PPP</b><br>Per the <i>New Mexico Open Meetings Act</i> and 23 CFR 450.210, provide public notice (including publication of ads in local newspaper(s)) for all official RTPO Committee meetings.   | Monthly             | ✓   |
| <b>5.1.3 AGENDA PACKET</b><br>Provide RTPO Committee members, the appropriate NMDOT District staff, and GTG with meeting agendas and information packets no later than seven (7) calendar days in advance of RTPO Committee meetings.   | Monthly             | ✓   |
| <b>5.1.4 RTPO COMMITTEE ELECTIONS</b><br>On an annual basis, provide all eligible T/LPAs with the opportunity to appoint or confirm a representative and alternates to the RTPO Committee.  | Annual<br>(January) | ✓   |
| <b>5.2 RTPO MEETINGS</b><br>Maintain bylaws that clarify and document member entities, responsibilities and roles, including voting protocols.  | Annual<br>(January) | ✓   |
| <b>5.2.1 OFFICIAL MEMBER LIST</b><br>Maintain a list of RTPO Committee members with contact information and provide a copy of the list to appropriate NMDOT District staff, GTG, member entities, and other regular participants.   | Annual<br>(January) | ✓ Living document updated regularly   |
| <b>5.3 CONDUCT OUTREACH ACTIVITIES</b>  |                     |   |
| <b>5.3.1 OUTREACH</b><br>Engage in and document outreach activities and provide citizens and other transportation stakeholders with reasonable opportunities to participate in RTPO processes per 23 CFR 450.   | Continuous          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o The NWRTPO advertises monthly meetings to the public on an ongoing basis in regional news media, and tracks publication in local news papers.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>5.3.2 ORIENTATION</b><br>Coordinate with RTPO members to develop a list of entities including newly elected officials and potential members, who will be educated on RTPO process. Document this outreach and presentations and share any questions or concerns in quarterly reports and with appropriate NMDOT staff.<br>As indicated in status column, all orientations are now complete thru FFY20; none the less, members may request an orientation for their respective leaders at any time. | Every 3 Years       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o The NWRTPO provides and tracks local govt. leader orientations to the NWRTPO and it's function on behalf of local transportation infrastructure on an ongoing basis.</li> <li>o Staff developed a virtual orientation to the NWRTPO in 2020 due to the COVID-19 impact on public meetings. Staff forwarded to RTPO members and respective leaders and completed these orientations in August thru September of 2021.</li> <li>o Member governments may request an orientation at any time, but the NWRTPO provides them at least once every 3 years, due to election turn-over.</li> </ul> |



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| <b>5.4 RTPO MEETINGS</b><br>Attend RTPO quarterly and special meetings.  | Monthly    | ✓ RTPO staff regularly participate in quarterly statewide RTPO Roundtable meetings with NMDOT staff.<br>✓ RTPO meetings are conducted on the second Wednesday of each month, moved around the region by each of our 12 member governments who take turns hosting. |
| <b>5.5 WEBSITE</b><br>Maintain a website that includes current meeting information and planning documents, as referenced in the Quality Assurance Review (QAR) guidelines. Post a list of current Technical and Policy Committee members and keep this information updated.  | Continuous | ✓ Staff updated website on monthly basis.   |
| <b>5.6 TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES</b><br>Provide training opportunities for RTPO staff and members.  | Continuous | ✓ Staff sent out training opportunities as needed and discussed at monthly meetings.  |
| <b>5.6.1 STAFF DEVELOPMENT PLANS</b><br>Coordinate training and professional development opportunities for RTPO staff and members, including developing training plans. Assist RTPO staff and members to identify technical training needs and work with NMDOT, LTAP, and other entities to meet those needs. Informing member entities of training opportunities and encouraging participation. | Continuous | ✓ Q1 - 4, FFY2021: Staff put together training plans, as part of our Regional Work Plan and Regional Transportation Plan – Goal #1. This was reviewed each quarter.   |
| <b>5.6.2 STAFF TRAININGS</b><br>Attend in-state and out-of-state conferences, training sessions or special meetings for staff and professional development opportunities. This task includes the purchase of any supporting materials that may be needed to coordinate, conduct or attend the conference, training session or meeting.   | Continuous | ✓ <u>Ongoing</u> : Staff participate in national and state wide training events and webinars from NMDOT and FHWA on an ongoing basis.   |

## STAFFING SUMMARY

## Function 5: General RTPO Support

| FFY 2020-2021 Program   | Budgeted Hours<br>FFY 2020 | Actual Hours<br>FFY 2020 | % Δ Original<br>vs. Actuals | Budgeted Hours<br>FFY 2021 | Actual Hours<br>FFY 2021 | % Δ Original vs.<br>Actuals |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Original/Approved       | 600.00                     |                          |                             | 450.00                     |                          |                             |
| Amended                 |                            |                          |                             |                            |                          |                             |
| Quarter 1: 10/1 - 12/31 | 150.00                     | 129.00                   | 19%                         | 112.50                     | 85.75                    |                             |
| Quarter 2: 1/1 - 3/31   | 150.00                     | 145.25                   | 26%                         | 112.50                     | 165.50                   |                             |
| Quarter 3: 4/1 - 6/30   | 150.00                     | 202.50                   | 38%                         | 112.50                     | 146.00                   |                             |
| Quarter 4: 7/1 - 9/30   | 150.00                     | 157.00                   | 27%                         | 112.50                     | 115.75                   |                             |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>600.00</b>              | <b>633.75</b>            | <b>110%</b>                 | <b>450.00</b>              | <b>513.00</b>            |                             |
| Balance                 | 0.00                       | -33.75                   |                             | 0.00                       | -63.00                   |                             |

Explanation: This year between the State of New Mexico Transportation Project Fund and our regular NWRTPO Call for Projects, Staff had to invest more time in the General category for meetings and Call for Projects development with our member governments.

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| Function 6:  | RTPO ADMINISTRATION.           |   |
| ANNUAL ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS & RECAP   |                                |   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Reporting:</b> Staff submitted quarterly reports and the 2020 APER report within NMDOT timelines.</li><li>• <b>Office &amp; File Organization &amp; Management:</b> Staff organized and filed away older / outdated RTPO files to make room in cabinets for a constantly building volume of more current files.</li><li>• <b>Amendments:</b> Staff requested budget amendments as / when needed based on expenditure fluctuations.</li><li>• <b>NWRTPO Regional Work Program:</b> Staff submitted the FFY2021 Regional Work Program to DOT Liaison Neala Krueger, including carry over funds from FFY2020. RTPO members approved and authorized the <b>NWRTPO Regional Work Program &amp; Budget for FFY2021 thru 2022</b> at our May virtual meeting.</li><li>• <b>Annual QAR:</b> NWRTPO undertook its annual Quality Assurance Review with NMDOT Liaison Neala Krueger in April, 2021.</li><li>• <b>Roundtables:</b> Staff participated in a statewide RTPO Roundtable hosted by the South Central COG – April 13, 2021; and a Roundtable hosted by the SWCOG – August 26; both of these were virtual.</li></ul> |                                |   |
| TASK TRACKING  |                                |   |
| TASK   | DUE DATE                       | STATUS  |
| <b>6.1 PPM COMPLIANCE</b><br>Produce work products that meet all quarterly work requirements and deadlines per the Planning Procedures Manual (PPM) and submit a summary of activities completed per quarter.  | Ongoing quarterly              | ✓   |
| <b>6.1.1 MONITOR EXPENSES</b><br>Implement and monitor program expenditures in relation to the annual budget, per the PPM. Ensure documentation on program expenditures and activities are available to the public online and retained as physical copies, which will be reviewed during the annual Quality Assurance Review (QAR).  | Monthly                        | ✓   |
| <b>6.1.2 REIMBURSEMENTS PACKETS</b><br>Submit quarterly Reimbursement Packets per the PPM. Include this report as an informational item on the following RTPO Committee agenda and should reflect all costs outlined in the Invoice.   | Quarterly                      | ✓ Q1, FFY2021<br>✓ Q2, FFY2021<br>✓ Q3, FFY2021<br>✓ Q4, FFY2021  |
| <b>6.1.3 ANNUAL REPORT (APER)</b><br>Submit an Annual Performance and Expenditure Report (APER) each year, per the timeline and procedures documented in the PPM. This will suffice as the 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter Quarterly Report but will include additional descriptions to summarize the activities performed in the past year.   | November 15                    | Q1, FFY2021: FFY2021 APER due November 15, 2021   |
| <b>6.2 REGIONAL WORK PROGRAM</b><br>Solicit and utilize input from RTPO board members to develop the two-year (FFY 2017 - FFY 2018) Regional Work Program (RWP) for submittal to the NMDOT by deadlines outlined in the PPM.   | Annual (June 1 <sup>st</sup> ) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Staff submitted the FFY2020-2021 RWP for NMDOT and NMFHWA approval per outlined deadlines.</li><li>o Staff submitted the FFY2021 RWP update based on carry over funds / time per submission deadline.</li></ul> |

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| <b>6.2.1 RWP COORDINATION</b><br>Coordinate the RTPO's planning program with other RTPOs and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) or other agencies impacted by and/or associated with activities contained in the RWP.  | Annual<br>(June)                  | The NWRTPO coordinates periodically with Farmington MPO leaders, and statewide RTPO's and MPO's on an annual basis. |
| <b>6.3 BUDGET</b><br>Develop an annual budget based on the tasks outlined in the RWP, and annually update Northwest NM Council of Governments' Indirect Cost Allocation Plan (ICAP), in accordance with 2 CFR 200 and the PPM.   | Annual<br>(June 1 <sup>st</sup> ) | ✓   |
| <b>6.4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN</b><br>Maintain a Public Participation Plan (PPP) that addresses Title VI and Environmental Justice procedures. Ensure a specific contact person and contact information is listed. Update the PPP in accordance with the PPM schedule or as determined appropriate by RTPO members or staff. | Continuous                        | ✓   |
| <b>6.5 AUDIT</b><br>Submit the Northwest NM Council of Governments' Financial Audit for each State Fiscal Year to the NMDOT GTG Liaison, within 30 days of when the audit is released by the State Auditor's Office.   | October -<br>November             | ✓   |

**STAFFING SUMMARY****Function 6: RTPO Administration**

| FFY 2020-2021 Program   | Budgeted Hours<br>FFY 2020 | Actual Hours<br>FFY 2020 | % Δ Original<br>vs. Actuals | Budgeted Hours<br>FFY 2021 | Actual Hours<br>FFY 2021 | % Δ Original<br>vs. Actuals |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Original/Approved       | 450.00                     |                          |                             | 450.00                     |                          |                             |
| Amended                 |                            |                          |                             |                            |                          |                             |
| Quarter 1: 10/1 - 12/31 | 112.5                      | 130.00                   |                             | 112.50                     | 59.50                    |                             |
| Quarter 2: 1/1 - 3/31   | 112.5                      | 79.75                    |                             | 112.50                     | 181.50                   |                             |
| Quarter 3: 4/1 - 6/30   | 112.5                      | 157.00                   |                             | 112.50                     | 124.50                   |                             |
| Quarter 4: 7/1 - 9/30   | 112.5                      | 76.00                    |                             | 112.50                     | 87.00                    |                             |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>450.00</b>              | <b>442.75</b>            |                             | <b>450.00</b>              | <b>452.50</b>            |                             |
| Balance                 | 0.00                       | 7.25                     |                             | 0.00                       | -2.5                     |                             |

**RE-CAP****STAFFING SUMMARY: Program Totals, FFY 2020 and FFY 2021****GRAND TOTAL, ALL FUNCTIONS**

| FFY 2020-2021 Program    | Budgeted Hours<br>FFY 2020 | Actual Hours<br>FFY 2020 | % Δ <b>Original</b><br>vs. Actuals | Budgeted Hours<br>FFY 2021 | Actual Hours<br>FFY 2021 | % Δ Original<br>vs. Actuals |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Original/Approved</b> | <b>2,000.00</b>            |                          |                                    | 2,000.00                   |                          |                             |
| Amended                  | 2,100.00                   |                          |                                    | 2,100.00                   |                          |                             |
| Quarter 1: 10/1 - 12/31  | 525.00                     | 403.75                   |                                    | 525.00                     | 401.00                   |                             |
| Quarter 2: 1/1 - 3/31    | 525.00                     | 464.75                   |                                    | 525.00                     | 760.50                   |                             |
| Quarter 3: 4/1 - 6/30    | 525.00                     | 766.50                   |                                    | 525.00                     | 524.50                   |                             |
| Quarter 4: 7/1 - 9/30    | 525.00                     | 460.50                   |                                    | 525.00                     | 485.50                   |                             |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>2,100.00</b>            | <b>2095.50</b>           |                                    | <b>2,100.00</b>            | <b>2171.50</b>           |                             |
| Balance                  | 0.00                       | 4.50                     |                                    | 0.00                       | -71.50                   |                             |

**“Function 7” – Prewitt / Milan Transportation Master Plan – funded thru NMDOT SPR (*Special Planning & Research*) Funds – narrative report only:**

- Q-1 - 4 RTP staff developed an RFP for a “Prewitt / Milan Transportation Master Plan” to which Wilson & Co. responded receiving high scores from our Review Committee. The intent for this project is to plan for roadway (trucking freight) and railroad (BNSF) infrastructure recommendations to make these two industrial parks more inviting for industrial development after the closure of the Prewitt Park Escalante Electric Generating Station (where around 100 employees lost their jobs). Staff assisted Wilson & Co. in identifying appropriate stakeholders from this two county region.
- Throughout FFY 2021 Wilson & Co. in collaboration with COG RTP staff held a number (3 each – now going on to 4) of **Technical Working Group** and **Policy Advisory Committee** meetings engaging regional stakeholders in planning sessions for development of rail and roadway infrastructure to position and empower these two (Prewitt and Milan) industrial parks for further growth and development.
- Wilson & Co. and COG staff also held a number of stakeholder focus group meetings to gain as much input and perspective from stakeholders for the Prewitt Industrial Park, the Milan Industrial Park, the Navajo Nation (incl. Eastern RBDO and regional Chapter reps.), Bluewater Village, Cibola Industrial Park, and the Solid Waste Authority for our region.
- Wilson & Co. anticipate having an initial report available for this project sometime in January, 2022. This should include any additional rail spurs for both parks along with recommended roadway infrastructure that will allow freight trucks to go over or under the main BNSF Railroad. At this point – at least for the Prewitt park, use of the I-40 underpass and the bridge over BNSF Rail line at Thoreau will be recommended for trucking freight, then going up NM 371 to the NWNM Solid Waste Authority Road, and extending that road east for about 1.5 to 2 miles to the Prewitt Industrial Park for use Monday thru Friday (closed on weekends). This would save millions of dollars as opposed to building a BNSF Rail over or under pass in Prewitt. More than likely, extending the rail spur north of the main BNSF Rail line for the entire length of the Milan Industrial Park will be the initial recommendation for further development of the Milan park (perhaps with an additional spur to drop of rail cars for periods of time if needed).



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## Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NWRTPO)

### Agenda Item #V: Roadway Project Prioritization

**Subject:** Members to prioritize their #1 Roadway Project for the RTIPR

**Prepared for:** Ongoing development of our FFY2022 RTIPR

**Date:** 10/29/21

#### BACKGROUND

- **Why?** Typically the NWRTPO prioritizes projects in the Roadway, Bridge, TAP, RTP and CMAQ sections of the RTIPR. This year we don't have too many competing projects in any section but the Roadway section; therefore we're asking our members to submit their #1 priority Roadway project, which will compete via a standardized questionnaire for prioritization; all other Roadway project submissions will be listed below without priority.
- **Purpose.** To assure competitive opportunity for funding for each of our member government's top priority roadway project.
- **Discussion/Finalization.** Members to submit their top priority project in advance of our November 10 meeting.

#### CURRENT WORK

- Members to complete questionnaire for prioritization of top priority roadway projects.

#### ANTICIPATED WORK

- Staff to prioritize, followed by member discussion at RTPO meeting for final prioritization.

#### ATTACHMENTS

- Roadway Project Prioritization Questionnaire
- 2022 RTIPR Guide

#### BUDGET IMPACT

- None

#### ACTION ITEM

- N/A

**FFY 2022 RTIPR Roadway Project Prioritization Review**

RTPO members, for all those who are submitting roadway projects, please answer the following questions:

**1: Location of Project:**

**2) Local/Regional Need for Project:**

**3) Anticipated impact(s) for your community or region:**

**4) Consistency with our 2020 Regional Transportation Plan (available on COG RTPO website) and any other local plans (ICIP, CDBG, Comprehensive, etc.):**

**5) Anticipated Cost:**

**6) Match Availability:**

**7) Readiness (construction or phase):**

## **2022 RTIPR Guide:**

### **Roadway:**

- Ramah: NM53 / BIA 125 Intersection improvement - \$418,090.00
- Ramah: BIA 125 MP 0 – 2 - \$2,689,487.00
- Northern Navajo: N5010 Reconstruction – Sanostee Chapter (5 miles) - \$2,200,000.00
- Northern Navajo: NM371 / N-5 intersection RSA – Burnham Chapter - \$500,000.00
- Eastern Navajo: N474 (BIA) Road – Ojo Encino Chapter – road reconstruction 5 mi. \$5,000,000.00
- Milan: Motel Drive & Drainage Improvements – road, pedestrian & drainage - \$1,200,000.00
- Milan: Willow Drive full depth reconstruction - \$1,600,000.00
- Milan: Mill Road and Rail Crossing Improvements - \$1,500,000.00
- Acoma Pueblo: SP38 Haaku Road Reconstruction – preliminary engineering & construction – 12.4 miles to prolong roadway life and mitigate flooding issues - \$25,596,500.00
- Acoma Pueblo: SR124 Frontage Road: Extend NM124 from the current I-40 underpass, to the NM117 I-40 overpass, eliminating the underpass - \$1,550,000.00
- McKinley: CR1 Road repairs - \$500,000.00
- McKinley: CR-5A Manuelito Canyon Road – address drainage issues, reposition and repair road sections - \$800,000.00
- McKinley: CR77 “Becenti Trail” – resurface / chip seal 3 miles NM566 to MM3 - \$600,000.00
- McKinley: Red Mesa Bluff road to Solid Waste Authority – resurface, and preliminary design to extend road to the Prewitt Industrial Park - \$400,000.00
- McKinley: CR43 – Superman Canyon Road and Bridges - Road improvements and installation of culvert bridges for this corridor - \$2,500,000.00
- Cibola: C-24 Elkins Road – PER, Utilities, ROW, Construction 1.8 miles - \$3,000,000.00
- Grants: Nimitz Drive – full depth reconstruction of Nimitz Drive - .3 mi. incl. curb & gutter, sidewalks, drainage improvements - \$1,200,000.00
- Gallup: East Nizhoni Blvd. Reconstruction – including ADA compliant sidewalks, curb & gutter, storm drainage, mill and overlay from 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to College Avenue, including under / over street utilities - \$4,053,137.00
- Gallup: West Aztec Ave. reconstruction and storm drainage – implement storm drainage improvement while reconstructing west Aztec Avenue – about .5 miles - \$1,300,000.00
- Gallup: West Logan Ave. street and drainage improvement – reconstruct street, curb & gutter, utilities, drainage and other infrastructure improvements to west Logan Ave. from 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> streets - \$450,000.00
- **TOTAL: \$57,057,214**

### **Bridges:**

- Milan: Airport Road Bridge Reconstruction - \$1,800,000.00 – funded thru TPF
- Milan: Stanley Road & Bridge Improvement (incl. pedestrian accommodation) - \$5,000,000.00
- Milan: NM605 Bridge Reconstruction - (incl. pedestrian accommodation) - \$3,000,000.00
- Cibola: C-5 Moquino Bridge Replacement - \$1,000,000.00
- Cibola: CR-1 Marquez Road Phase 2 Bridge Replacement – phase 1 funded for \$1,250,000 thru the NM Transportation Project Fund. Due to the magnitude of this project a second phase is required for completion – requesting: \$2,000,000.00



- Acoma Pueblo: SP36 Mesa Hill Bridge & Road Extension (over BNSF Railroad and Rio San Jose River) - \$30,000,000.00 (*this will obviously involve joint private & public sector investment, and seeking major federal funding opportunities.*)
- Grants: Reconstruct Anderman Street Bridge - \$300,000.00
- Laguna Pueblo: I-40 new bridge overpass to L-24 road (now a box culvert underpass) to accommodate safer vehicle and bike / pedestrian passage - \$13,899,768 – required match at \$2,023,806.20; Tribe offering \$880,348 + \$3,070,000 from other sources which would exceed the required match. However these PPF financial figures will need a clearer explanation on sources.
- **TOTAL: \$55,199,768**

#### **Planning & Studies:**

- Northern Navajo: San Juan County CR8890 – Whiterock Chapter Clearances and Preliminary Engineering – 5 miles - \$150,000.00
- Eastern Navajo: N7124 (BIA) Road Preliminary Engineering, clearances, drainage studies & ROW for bridge replacement - \$1,000,000.00
- Cibola: CR42 Chain of Craters Back Country Byway – Preliminary Engineering - \$100,000.00 (25% match offered)
- McKinley: CR19 at NM122 Intersection and Rail Crossing: Preliminary Engineering, Planning and Design to improve this intersection for the Prewitt Industrial Park - \$500,000.00 (*This project could qualify for HSIP as well.*)
- Grants: Grants Arroyo Trail – planning and preliminary engineering for 1 mile of trail along this watershed from Nimitz Dr. to Roosevelt Ave. - \$160,000.00
- Grants: NM122 (Route 66 / Santa Fe Ave.) – planning and preliminary engineering for 2.75 miles of improvements to this corridor from NM117 to NM53, including street repair, land scaping and pedestrian / bike infrastructure to revitalize this main-street corridor - \$1,500,000.00
- Grants: NM547 Shoulder Improvements – Planning and preliminary Engineering to improve shoulders along Lobo Canyon Road (NM547) 1.75 mi. for bike and pedestrian access to the Continental Divide Trail head - \$200,000.00
- Grants: Sakelares Blvd. – Planning and preliminary engineering to reconstruct Sakelares Blvd. from NM122 (Rt. 66) to NM547 (Lobo Canyon Road) 2.7 mi. including bike and pedestrian infrastructure - \$1,000,000.00
- Grants: 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Shared Path Loop – Planning, preliminary engineering and design for a 12 foot wide 1.1 mile asphalt trail from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street / Roosevelt Ave. intersection around the school to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street / Rio San Jose intersection - \$160,000.00
- **TOTAL: \$4,770,000**

#### **TAP: (Transportation Alternative Program)**

- Acoma Pueblo: SP32 Pinsbaari Drive – preliminary engineering and construction for a 5.3 mile separated bike & pedestrian trail along Pinsbaari Drive - \$920,000.00
- Grants: 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Shared Path Loop – Planning, preliminary engineering and design for a 12 foot wide 1.1 mile asphalt trail from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street / Roosevelt Ave. intersection around the school to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street / Rio San Jose intersection - \$160,000.00
- Laguna Pueblo: NM124 Bike & Pedestrian (separated?) path from NM279 intersection to Rio San Jose – (1.2 miles) - \$832,689.00 – this could also be funded by Recreational Trails.



- Laguna Pueblo: NM279 Bike & Pedestrian (separated?) path from NM124 intersection to MP9.5 (9.5 miles) - \$1,817,564.00 – this could also be funded by Recreational Trails.
- Laguna Pueblo: NM124 Bike & Pedestrian (separated?) path from Seama to Paraje – (2.8 miles) - \$1,200,000.00 – this could also be funded by Recreational Trails.
- **TOTAL: \$4,930,253**

#### **RTP: (Recreational Trails Program)**

- Cibola: ZMTP - Ojo Redondo Trail and McKinley Connector - \$614,000.00
- Cibola: ZMTP – Bluewater Trail - \$985,000
- McKinley: High Dessert Trailhead relocation - \$650,000.00
- Gallup: Northside Trail System & Outdoor Mecca – purchase 6,000 acres of available property and develop motorized, non-motorized and shared use trails. This will include a visible trailhead from I-40. - \$21,000,000.00 (*this will obviously involve joint private & public sector investment, and seeking major federal funding opportunities.*)
- **TOTAL: \$23,249,000**

#### **CMAQ: (Congestion Mitigation / Air Quality)**

- Gallup: Nizhoni Road Diet – 3,000 linear feet / .55 mile; road diet and major reconstruction in four phases - **\$4,053,137.00 (TOTAL)**

#### **FLAP: (Federal Lands Access Program)**

- **NM547/Lobo Canyon Road – shoulder improvement to Cont. Divide Trailhead for bike/pedestrians ?**  
– Depends on if Cibola wants to sponsor?

#### **HSIP: (Highway Safety Improvement Program)**

- Acoma Pueblo: SP30 Pueblo Road – signage & re-striping – 10 miles - **\$800,000.00 (TOTAL)**

#### **TPF: (Transportation Project Fund)**

- Cibola: C-34 Pine Hill Road Improvement 9.7 miles – Transportation Project Fund - \$1,000,000.00 (next round)
- Cibola: CR1 Bridge & Road Repair - \$1,250,000.00 – **funded thru TPF**
- Ramah: BIA Rt. 145 - \$575,000.00 and BIA Rt. 195 - \$895,116.00 – **funded thru TPF**
- Northern Navajo: Shiprock Farm Road double chipseal 4.4 mi - \$1,200,000.00 – **funded thru TPF**
- Eastern Navajo: West Tsayatoh Road - \$2,450,000.00 – **funded thru TPF**
- Milan: Airport Road Bridge Reconstruction - \$1,800,000.00 – **funded thru TPF**
- Gallup: Coal Ave Commons phase 2 – Second Street to First Street (intersections) – complete reconstruction of downtown corridor to create a more inviting and revitalized downtown accommodating traffic and pedestrians - \$3,500,000.00 – **funded thru TPF.**
- Grants: Sakelares Blvd. Design - \$575,000.00 and Washington Ave. & Drainage - \$2,179,312.00 – **funded thru TPF.**
- McKinley: Superman Canyon Road Bridges - \$2,000,000.00 – **funded thru TPF.**
- Pueblo of Acoma: State Road 124 Frontage Road extension - \$1,550,000.00 – **funded thru TPF.**
- **TOTAL: \$17,399,428 – funded / Next Round: \$1,000,000 requested (so far . . .)**

**Grand Total – FFY2022 RTIPR: \$151,059,372**



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

**Agenda Item #VI: Annual Member Survey**

**Subject:** Annual RTPO member survey of program services and priorities

**Prepared for:** November 10, 2021 RTPO meeting

**Date:** October 29, 2021

**BACKGROUND**

- **Why?** On an annual basis the NWRTPO conducts a survey to gauge the quality of program services and consider new priorities going forward
- **Purpose.** Staff seek to refine and improve RTPO management for local government transportation services and infrastructure development along with supporting cross-jurisdictional collaboration in the NWRTPO three county / four tribe region
- **Discussion/Finalization.** Members have been provided the survey via hard copy and Survey Monkey

**CURRENT WORK**

- Provide survey options so members can complete and submit

**ANTICIPATED WORK**

- Staff will summarize survey results and report back to members and DOT staff in October or November

**ATTACHMENTS**

- FFY2021 Member Survey Form

**BUDGET IMPACT**

- None.

**ACTION ITEM**

- N/A. Based on member feedback, staff will consider and develop recommendations for FFY2022

**Re: FFY2021 Annual RTPO Member Survey****Robert Kuipers** <rkuipers@nwnmcog.org>

Wed 11/3/2021 11:42 AM

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2021 Member Survey.docx;

RTPO members,

Reference below; so far only 5 members have responded and completed the survey as evident in Survey Monkey. Please try to undertake this survey before our November 10 meeting if possible. If for any reason you cannot access the survey via Survey Monkey, I am also attaching it in MS Word.

Thanks,

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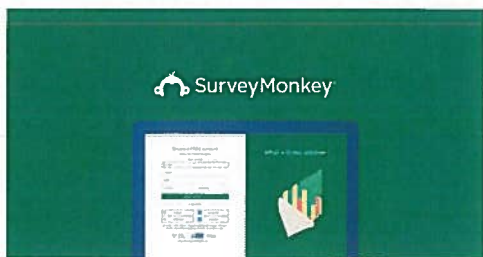
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RTPO members,

It appears that you simply need to click on "done"

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## FFY2021 Annual NWRTPO Member Survey

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**Subject:** FFY2021 Annual RTPO Member Survey

RTPO members:

Here is the link to the FFY2021 (Oct. 2020 - Sept. 2021) annual member survey. Please try to complete this survey by or before the end of October, so we can review it in November. All you need to do is complete the survey - it will automatically collect within survey monkey. You may simply need to hit submit (or save) when you complete the survey, if that option pops up.

For any of our new members within the last month or two - no need to complete the survey until October, 2022.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/R7XJ53J>

Thanks,

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**Annual NWRTPO Member Survey**  
**FFY – 2021: October, 2020 – September, 2021**

**1) Please enter the number of training events you attended during FFY 2021:**

List (name) the trainings in the appropriate boxes so we can identify the types of trainings you've attended during this time period.

|   |   |
|---|---|
| UNM-LTAP / TTAP: (Local Tech. Asst. Prgm. / Tribal Tech. Asst. Prgm.) | • |
| NHI National Hwy. Institute:  | • |
| FHWA Fed. Hwy. Admin.:  | • |
| Other:  | • |

**2) Which RTPO members have completed the NWRTPO orientation virtual presentation for your policy officials due in FFY2021?**

| Local Government: | Orientation Completed: | Local Government: | Orientation Completed: |
|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| San Juan County   |                        | Northern Navajo   | Aug. – Sept. 2021      |
| McKinley County   | 8/17/21                | Eastern Navajo    | Aug – Sept., 2021      |
| Cibola County     | 9/23/21                | Pueblo of Acoma   | 9/16/21                |
| Gallup            | 9/28/21                | Pueblo of Laguna  | 8/27/21                |
| Grants            | 9/7/21                 | Pueblo of Zuni    | 9/7/21                 |
| Milan             | 8/19/21                | Ramah Navajo      | 9/2/21                 |

**Response:** (Orientations can be provided at any time a local govt. feels they need another one based on elections and leadership turnover.)

**3) How would you rate the RTPO services over the FFY2020 term (Oct. 2019 – Sept. 2020):**

| Rating              | Comments: |
|---------------------|-----------|
| ✓ Excellent         |           |
| ✓ Good              |           |
| ✓ Fair              |           |
| ✓ Needs Improvement |           |

**4) Please provide information on any presentations you are interested in having at an RTPO meeting:**

- A)
- B)
- C)
- D)

**5) Please provide any feedback on issues or ideas that would be helpful to improve the RTPO service to our local governments:**

- A)
- B)
- C)
- D)



**6) The RTPPO seeks opportunities to strengthen rural positioning for transportation resources, using data and performance measures. Do you have any new ideas or creative suggestions?**

- A)
- B)
- C)
- D)

**7) The Goals in our Regional Transportation Plan include:**

- 1) Operate with Transparency and Accountability
- 2) Improve safety and health for all system users
- 3) Maintain transportation assets for the long term
- 4) Provide multi-modal connectivity and access
- 5) Respect for NM cultures, environment, history and Quality of Life

Are there specific actions or strategies within these goals that you would like more focus toward on the part of NWRTPPO staff and members in the year ahead?

**8) Any additional recommendations from your jurisdiction for the NWRTPPO?**

## **RTPO Annual Member Survey – FFY2021**

**5 Respondents as of 11/3/21**

### **1) Training:**

- FHWA: Tribal Transportation Program Portal Reporting
- OSHA 30 (?)

### **2) Interested in Local Govt. Leaders RTPO Orientation:**

- Very Likely – 3
- Likely – 1
- Unlikely – 1

### **3) Rate NWRTPO Services for FFY2021**

- Excellent – 3
- Good – 2

### **4) Presentations of Interest for NWRTPO Meetings:**

- Funding for local street roads
- Training on new policies
- Construction Manger / General Contractor (CMGC)
- Organization / Planning Class
- NEPA
- Right of Way on Native American Lands vs. State Lands

### **5) Rural Positioning for Transportation Resources (via data & performance measures):**

- Organization does well
- Gaining ROW in rural areas to improve roads needing repair
- NMDOT presentations on the most current data
- Have NMDOT share tracking tools or software for interactive data

### **6) Recommended actions or strategies to help implement RTP Goals for more focus in upcoming year:**

- Replacing bridges that are old and unsafe

### **7) Additional recommendations from your jurisdiction for the NWRTPO:**

- Enjoy working with the RTPO
- Improving roads – more gravel, chip seal. Paved roads so citizens have safer access. Improve School Bus routes.



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

#### **Agenda Item #VII: Reports, Updates & Announcements**

**Subject:** Discussion / Presentation Items

**Prepared by:** Robert Kuipers, NWRTPO

**Date:** 10/29/21

#### **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**

- Regional Work Program Status Reports
- RTPO Monthly Report
- **Staff to forward annual 5310 and 5311 Public Transportation Provider funding applications to RTPO members for review in advance of evaluative scoring at our December RTPO Virtual meeting.**
- Member Reports

##### **Member Special Reports:**

- None this meeting

##### **NMDOT Reports:**

- G to G Liaison: Neala Krueger
- Tribal Liaison: Ron Shutiva
- District 6: JoAnn Garcia & staff; District 5: James Mexia, Stephanie Medina

##### **News, Training & Funding Opportunities:**

- FHWA Planning, Environment & Realty Reports: none
- NMDOT Govt. to Govt. Update: 10/15/21, 10/28/21
- 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](http://ltap.unm.edu) – **Online courses notice** forwarded to members as LTAP emails come in.
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**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.



## NWRTPO | Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization

### Monthly Report – October, 2021

- A. 2021 NWRTPO RTIPR Update:** The NWRTPO conducted an “RTIPR Revision” in 2020 rather than a full call for projects. This is due to the fact that not much funding was anticipated until at least 2021 or 2022. This year (FFY2021 – 2022) the NWRTPO is executing a full Call for Projects which will extend from April, 2021 thru March 2022, so members are invited to submit new project applications according to our Call For Projects schedule and guidance. At this point, RTPO members have submitted 53 project 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 are under review from DOT District 5 at this time. Projects approved to move forward have now been developed into Project Prospectus Forms (PPF's) by our respective submitting members and will be updated in our new FFY2021-22 RTIPR.
- B. FFY2021 NMDOT Transportation Project Fund:** The State of New Mexico recently initiated a new LGTPF fund to support transportation needs across New Mexico, complimenting the ongoing Local Govt. Road Fund. This fund provided \$50 million statewide in FFY2019 and is not restrained by federal functional classification requirements. In 2019 a total of 22 projects were submitted from the NWRTPO, (along with 2 from the SWRTPO and 4 from the MRRTPO) – totaling 28 projects for the DOT Dist. 6 region. The NWRTPO region was awarded just over \$12 million. Eleven member governments of the NWRTPO and Farmington MPO were funded for 14 projects which are now underway. In FFY2021 NMDOT has \$120 million available and has been officially renamed to the Transportation Project Fund (TPF) and now officially includes Tribal communities. With this in mind the NWRTPO commenced our call for the TPF fund early and pushed our members to complete all required application documents in advance of NMDOT deadlines – for which the final submission deadline was June 15, 2021. NMDOT District 6 reviewed and approved 12 projects from 9 of our member governments to move forward, and DOT District 5 approved one project from Northern Navajo for a total of just under \$20 million for our participating NWRTPO governments. Last month we received news that every single one of our proposed TPF projects were approved by the NMDOT Transportation Commission for funding at \$19,485,577. When including the Farmington MPO, the total award is at \$22,415,160.00 for our region.
- C. 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 – FFY21; 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.
- D. 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 but presently without funding. Nonetheless 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! We can now support and work on the Arizona portion of the four state byway, which is primarily on Navajo Nation lands. Historically across the nation - regions who achieved national scenic byway status have enjoyed a major and positive impact on tourism and resulting economic growth. 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.
- E. FFY2021 Annual Performance & Expenditure Report (APER):** RTPO staff completed and are prepared to submit our APER Report for FFY2021 to NMDOT in advance of the November 15 deadline for draft report submission.
- F. News, Training and Funding Opportunities:** The following training and funding opportunities have recently emerged:
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## RTPO APER Budgeted Staff Hours Summary FFY2022

| October Monthly Report |                |        |        |        |        |      |      |      |                    |         |   |
|------------------------|----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------|------|------|--------------------|---------|---|
| Function               | Budgeted Hours | Oct-21 | Nov-21 | Dec-21 | Q1     | Q2   | Q3   | Q4   | Total Actual hours | Balance | Percentage budgeted differs from actuals* |
| 1                      | 200            | 7.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 7.00   | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 7.00               | 193.00  | -96.50%                                   |
| 2                      | 200            | 3.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 3.00   | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3.00               | 197.00  | -98.50%                                   |
| 3                      | 450            | 44.00  | 0.00   | 0.00   | 44.00  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 44.00              | 406.00  | -90.22%                                   |
| 4                      | 350            | 0.50   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.50   | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.50               | 349.50  | -99.86%                                   |
| 5                      | 450            | 34.50  | 0.00   | 0.00   | 34.50  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 34.50              | 415.50  | -92.33%                                   |
| 6                      | 450            | 60.50  | 0.00   | 0.00   | 60.50  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 60.50              | 389.50  | -86.56%                                   |
| TOTAL                  | 2100           | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 149.50 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 149.50             | 1950.50 | -92.88%                                   |

\*If budgeted hours differ from actual hours by more than 20% in any function, provide a narrative explanation below

# September Q-4 Expenditure Summary FFY2021

|                      | Q1 Request   | Q2 Request   | Q3 Request   | Sep-21      | Q4 Request   | Total Budgeted Amount - amend #2 | Requests YTD (incl. current request) | Balance       |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| a. Personnel         | \$ 15,254.25 | \$ 13,920.02 | \$ 17,068.25 | \$ 4,749.06 | \$ 15,107.40 | \$ 61,070.00                     | \$ 61,349.92                         | \$ (279.92)   |
| b. Fringe Benefits   | \$ 3,578.21  | \$ 3,461.36  | \$ 4,090.63  | \$ 1,143.90 | \$ 3,556.36  | \$ 13,588.00                     | \$ 14,686.56                         | \$ (1,098.56) |
| c. Travel & Training | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ 679.57    | \$ -        | \$ -         | \$ 1,523.00                      | \$ 679.57                            | \$ 843.43     |
| d. Equipment         | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -        | \$ -         | \$ -                             | \$ -                                 | \$ -          |
| e. Supplies          | \$ 114.97    | \$ 85.61     | \$ 256.50    | \$ 62.32    | \$ 91.06     | \$ 1,091.00                      | \$ 548.14                            | \$ 542.86     |
| f. Contractual       | \$ 4,619.07  | \$ 2,521.98  | \$ 3,587.64  | \$ -        | \$ 1,456.32  | \$ 14,878.00                     | \$ 12,185.01                         | \$ 2,692.99   |
| g. Construction      | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -        | \$ -         | \$ -                             | \$ -                                 | \$ -          |
| h. Other             | \$ 3,446.70  | \$ 3,883.98  | \$ 4,673.41  | \$ 722.96   | \$ 2,584.41  | \$ 14,100.00                     | \$ 14,588.50                         | \$ (488.50)   |
| TOTAL                | \$ 27,013.20 | \$ 23,872.95 | \$ 30,356.00 | \$ 6,678.24 | \$ 22,795.55 | \$ 106,250.00                    | \$ 104,037.70                        | \$ 2,212.30   |
| Local Match (20%)    | \$ 5,402.64  | \$ 4,774.59  | \$ 6,071.20  | \$ 1,335.65 | \$ 4,559.11  | \$ 21,250.00                     | \$ 20,807.54                         | \$ 442.46     |
| Federal Share (80%)  | \$ 21,610.56 | \$ 19,098.36 | \$ 24,284.80 | \$ 5,342.59 | \$ 18,236.44 | \$ 85,000.00                     | \$ 83,230.16                         | \$ 1,769.84   |

|                                 |               |               |                   |                     |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Control Number: P621010         | Invoice # 476 | TOTAL         | Local Match (20%) | Federal Share (80%) |
| Work Authorization (09/30/2020) |               | \$ 106,250.00 | \$ 21,250.00      | \$ 85,000.00        |
| Quarter                         |               |               |                   |                     |
| Q1 ending 12/31                 | 27,741.36     | \$ 27,013.20  | \$ 5,402.64       | \$ 21,610.56        |
| Q2 ending 3/31                  | 23,872.95     | \$ 23,872.95  | \$ 4,774.59       | \$ 19,098.36        |
| Q3 ending 6/30                  |               | \$ 30,356.00  | \$ (6,071.20)     | \$ 24,284.80        |
| Q4 ending 9/30                  |               | \$ 22,795.55  | \$ 4,559.11       | \$ 18,236.44        |
| BALANCE                         |               | \$ 2,212.30   | \$ 442.46         | \$ 1,769.84         |

\*line items in excess of \$500 require a detailed explanation. Single purchases over \$500 require invoices and proof of payment