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

# **AGENDA PACKET**

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

**Wednesday, June 12, 2019**

**10:00AM – 3:00PM**

**Ashiwi College & Career Center**

**67 Rt. 301 North off NM Hwy53, Pueblo of Zuni, NM**



**Special Thanks to Pueblo of Zuni**

# Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NWRTPO)

## RTPO Technical/Policy Committee Meeting

Wednesday, June 12, 2019

10AM – 3PM

Ashiwi College & Career Center

67 Rt. 301 North – off NM Hwy 53, Pueblo of Zuni, NM

## AGENDA

- I. Call to Order and Introductions.....Jeff Irving, *NWRTPO Chair*
- II. Agenda – Review & Approval.....Jeff Irving
- III. Minutes of 5/8/19 – Review & Approval.....Jeff Irving

**ACTION ITEMS:** none this meeting

### **DISCUSSION / PRESENTATION ITEMS:**

- IV. Local Government Transportation Project Fund (LGTPF).....Robert Kuipers, JoAnn Garcia, Steve Lopez, Neala Krueger  
Discussion on Application Packages / documentation readiness with members.
- V. Public Transit Transportation Plans.....DOT Public Transportation Staff  
Presentation from NMDOT Transit staff on the statewide planning process and implications for our region.
- VI. Reports, Updates & Announcements:
  - RTPO Report: Regional News & Updates.....Robert Kuipers
    - 2019 TLPA Handbook status: **who attended the trainings – 3/26 – Grants; 3/27 - Farmington**
    - NWRTPO Regional Work Program Status Report
    - Meeting Schedule – members to confirm location and date/time reservations, along with ADA compliance
    - Annual Member Survey time again
  - Local Member Issues, Reports & Updates.....NWRTPO Members
  - State DOT Reports
    - 1. Planning/Government-to-Government Unit (Neala Krueger)
    - 2. Tribal Liaison (Ron Shutiva)
    - 3. District 5 (District 5 Staff – Stephen Lopez)
    - 4. District 6 (District 6 Staff – JoAnn Garcia)
    - 5. Santa Fe Administration /Central Regional Division

**VII. New Business/Open Floor – Members & Guests**

- **LTAP Grant Writing Training (1:00 – 2:30 pm)** .....UNM LTAP Staff.  
This training will cover the basics of Grant Writing – important for all of us in rural / small town New Mexico, as we all have to look for matching funding sources to adequately pull off transportation projects.

**VIII. Review Calendar & Announcements / Training & Funding Opportunities:**

- FHWA Office of Planning, Environment & Realty / Human Environment Digest: week of 6/3/19.
- Govt. to Govt. Updates: Weeks of 6/3/19 – emailed to members as they came out.
- AASHTO Publications Updates: weeks of 5/31/19 - emailed as they came out
- NMDOT Tribal & Local Public Agency Handbook Training: Offered 3/26 in Grants and 3/27 in Farmington – members who did not attend will be at a disadvantage
- NMDOT / UNM-LTAP: Summer Training opportunities and locations – emailed to members 5/28/19
- TTAP Tribal Consultation meetings: emailed to NWRTPO Tribal Members 6/3/19

**IX. Next Meetings:**

- July 10: San Juan County Fire Operations Center, 209 S. Oliver Drive, Aztec, NM – **this will commence with a joint meeting with the Farmington MPO**
- August 14: Laguna Public Works Dept., I-40 Exit 114 to NM124 Roundabout, then east on old Rt. 66, and left on L55 – Rodeo Road, Pueblo of Laguna, NM
- Sept. 11: Pueblo of Acoma Tribal Auditorium, 33 Pinsbaari Drive, Acoma, N.M.

**X. Adjournment:**

- **Motion:**
- **2<sup>nd</sup>:**



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**NWRTPO | Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization**

Joint Policy & Technical Committee

**NWRTPO Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday May 8, 2019

10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Grants Public Library

1101 N. First Street, Grants, NM

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**ATTENDANCE:**

**Local & Tribal Governments:**

Pueblo of Acoma	Vice Chair – absent
Pueblo of Laguna	Gaylord Siow
Pueblo of Zuni	Royce Gchachu
Navajo Nation	Eastern Navajo: absent
	Northern Navajo: absent
Ramah Navajo	Jonathan Henio
Farmington MPO	Vacant at this time
City of Grants	Don Jaramillo
City of Gallup	Alicia Santiago
Village of Milan	Jack Moler, Denise Baca
Cibola County	Judy Horacek
McKinley County	Chair – Jeff Irving
San Juan County	Absent

**Technical Agencies:**

Govt. to Govt. Liaison: Neala Krueger  
DOT District 5: Steve Lopez  
DOT District 6: JoAnn Garcia, Marticia Holliday, Bill Santiago  
DOT Tribal Liaison: Ron Shutiva  
DOT – Admin:

**NWRTPO Administration:**

Northwest Regional Planning Organization: Robert Kuipers

**Guests:** Bill Green – Catron County Manager, Carol Bowman-Muskett – Mexican Springs Chapter

**TOTAL ATTENDANCE:** 6 Members, 3 alternate member, 6 NMDOT, 1 RTPO Staff,  
2 guests – TOTAL: 18

- I. **Call to Order and Introductions:**....., NWRTPO Chair – Jeff Irving
- Jeff Irving called the meeting to order at 10:20 am, welcomed those in attendance, and proceeded with introductions and approval of agenda and minutes. The meeting was hosted by City of Grants with special thanks for coffee, snacks and lunch provided.
- II. **Review & Approval of Agenda:**.....Jeff Irving, Chair
- Motion to Approve: Jack Moleres - Milan; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Royce Gchachu - Zuni; all in favor, none opposed.
- III. **Approval and Review of Minutes for July 11, 2018 meeting:**.....Jeff Irving
- Motion to Approve: Alicia Santiago - Gallup; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Gaylord Siow - Laguna; all in favor, none opposed. Some discussion occurred around resurrecting the DOT Cradle to Grave project development training, which details steps for each phase of project development for transportation infrastructure.

**ACTION ITEMS:** none this meeting

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- IV. **Local Govt. Transportation Project Fund (LGTPF):**.....Robert Kuipers

**BACKGROUND**

- **Why?** Rural areas and small towns in New Mexico are suffering with deteriorating infrastructure, including transportation needs, with inadequate funding to even maintain what they have, never mind developing new infrastructure
- **Purpose.** This fund was established by the state to address rural needs in the area of transportation, to compliment the Local Govt. Road Fund and help ensure that our small towns and rural areas can support local transportation infrastructure which does not qualify for federal funding.
- **Discussion/Finalization.** The NWRTPO will present this opportunity with a short application time frame

**CURRENT WORK**

- RTPO members are encouraged to consider this funding for local projects. They can apply the funding to those cited in the RTIPR, or for other local roads or infrastructure, with justification for the local need.

**ANTICIPATED WORK**

- RTPO members about one month to complete their applications, including PFF and PPF submissions, along with supporting resolutions from their leadership.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- Guidance on this funding from NMDOT, along with a summary of this guidance from the NWRTPO staff related to application requirements

**BUDGET IMPACT**

- This fund will add capacity for local priorities, including those that don't qualify for federal funding

**ACTION ITEM**

- N/A.

**Discussion:**

- Concern was expressed about Tribes not allowed the match waiver per D.F.A.; nonetheless the Tribes appreciate NMDOT for including them in this opportunity.
- There was much discussion around time constraints for this funding – especially relevant to resolutions of sponsorship and Right of Way clearances; the option around resolutions for a letter from the local

govt. Chief Executive expressing local match commitment was appreciated. Discussion also questioned whether since the projects have until 2024 for completion, whether the funding source would allow extra time, if ROW clearances become difficult.

- RTPO members chose not to prioritize projects, and leave this to the discretion of the DOT Commission.
- Members unanimously approved / supported (not as an action item) the LGTPF Call for Projects, pending double checking that the inherent PFF and PPF examples are consistent with the latest NMDOT updated versions.

V. **RTP/TAP/CMAQ Awards:**.....Robert Kuipers

**BACKGROUND**

- **Why?** Discussion will cover who was awarded, implementation plans going forward, and any perspective on application strengths or weaknesses.
- **Purpose.** RTPO member awareness of funding awards to our region, plans for development, and application competitive performance issues for future calls for projects.
- **Discussion/Finalization.** RTPO members will share and discuss application process and plans for projects going forward.

**CURRENT WORK**

- Members awarded funding to begin preparing for project implementation

**ANTICIPATED WORK**

- Project implementation once awarded funding

**ATTACHMENTS**

- Memo from Maggie Moore – NMDOT Planning on TAP and RTP awards

**BUDGET IMPACT**

- None.

**ACTION ITEM**

- N/A.

**Discussion:**

- Awards to our region as follows:
  - **Recreational Trails:**
  - **McKinley County:** McKenzie Ridge Trail Connector which will connect Zuni Mountain McKinley Trails to Cibola Trails – Total Award FFY 20-21: \$180,400 / state funds - \$154,134 / local match - \$26,266 (*McKinley received \$807,980 / \$137,690 local match for 36 miles of rec. trails in FFY2018, and Cibola received \$710,472 / \$121,073 local match for 30 miles of rec. trails in FFY2019*).
  - San Juan County received MPO awards for “Glade Run” trails in two phases – Total Award FFY 20-21: \$1,025,000 / state funds - \$875,760 / local match - \$149,240.
  - **Transportation Alternatives Program:**
  - **Laguna Pueblo:** NM124 Bike and Ped. Facilities – Total Award FFY2021 - \$1,150,000 / state funds - \$1,150,000 / state funds - \$982,560 / local match \$167,440
  - City of Farmington received MPO awards for 20<sup>th</sup> Street Phase 3 – total \$832,930 / state funds - \$711,655 / local match \$121,275 in FFY2021, and Foothills Drive Enhancement phase 2 – total \$351,179 / state funds - \$300,047 / local match - \$51,132 in FFY2020

- San Juan County received MPO award for Kirtland School Path Extension – total award \$795,000 – state funds FFY2020 - \$55,536 / local match \$9,464 for design; state funds FFY2021 – \$623,712 / local match - \$106,288 for construction
- **Congestion Mitigation / Air Quality (CMAQ):** Most of the funding as might be anticipated went to MPO areas of the state; with the exception of a) the NPTPO which received FFY2020 and FFY2022 funding for “Urban Trail phase 2 – Spruce Street to Aquatic Center on Canyon Rd.” – Los Alamos - total - \$3,605,000 and b) MRRTPPO which received FFY2020 – FFY 2023 funding for NM Hwy 4 Multi Use Pedestrian Trail – Pueblo of Jemez – total - \$5,496,912.
- McKinley acknowledged getting the McKenzie Ridge Trail award, and Laguna acknowledged getting the NM124 Bike & Ped Facility award.

#### VI. Reports, Updates & Announcements:

BACKGROUND	
●	<b>Why?</b> Update RTPPO members on news, training, funding, and other items of special interest
●	<b>Purpose.</b> Keep RTPPO members up to date on critical information from NWRTPPO and NMDOT sources
Informational Items	
<b>Regional News &amp; Updates</b>	
●	Regional Work Program Status Report
●	RTPPO Report
●	<b>2019 TLPA Handbook Training: who attended the trainings: 3/26 in Grants, 3/27 in Farmington</b>
●	Meeting schedule: members to confirm location & date/time reservations along with ADA compliance
●	Annual Member Survey time again
●	Member Reports
<b>Member Special Reports:</b>	
●	None submitted prior to the meeting
<b>NMDOT Reports:</b>	
●	G to G Liaison: Neala Krueger
●	Tribal Liaison: Ron Shutiva
●	District 6: JoAnn Garcia & staff; District 5: Steve Lopez
●	DOT Planning Unit – Govt. to Govt. Bi-weekly Updates
<b>Training &amp; Funding Opportunities</b>	
●	New BUILD Grant – Tribal & Rural Introductory Webinar occurred May 2; Preparing Benefit Cost Analysis webinars coming May 7 and May 14; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Introductory Webinar coming May 9
●	Upcoming LTAP training opportunities (grant writing basics at June 12 NWRTPPO meeting in Zuni)
●	National Regional Transportation Conference – June 17-19, 2019, Columbus, Ohio
<b>New Business / Open Floor:</b>	
●	None requested in advance of this meeting

Discussion:

#### A. RTPPO Report – April 2019

- Reports attached for April RTPPO report along with RWP Status Report.
- FHWA Planning, Environment and Realty Reports, NMDOT Planning Govt. to Govt. Reports, and AASHTO Publication Updates are forwarded to members as they come out.

## B. Local Member Reports & Updates:

1. Pueblo of Acoma: (not present this meeting or April – report from March meeting follows)
  - Ramond Concho Jr. has joined the Pueblo's Community Development Office as the Transportation Planner, having stepped down in the recent appointments, from his role as 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Governor for the Pueblo.
  - The Pueblo of Acoma has been named a case study of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for its successful application of the CMGC process (*Construction Management / General Contractor*). Mr. Deutsawe was part of a national webinar on 2/7/19 for the "Every Day Counts 5" national initiative on the subject of project bundling which is a new innovation of EDC5.
  - CMGC – 2 Projects: (*request for proposals for this new bundle of projects was published 2/10/19*)
  - CMGC-10 Transportation Office Complex – NEPA work is completed; categorical exclusion received. Request for proposals received. POA selection team completed its scoring and will have interviews 3/14/19; Notice of Award anticipated for 3/22/19.
  - CMGC-11 SP130 Veterans Blvd. – NEPA work is completed; categorical exclusion received. Request for proposals received. POA selection team completed its scoring and will have interviews 3/14/19; Notice of Award anticipated for 3/22/19.
  - CMGC-12 Baseball Fields - NEPA work is completed; categorical exclusion received. CDO working with Realty to complete the Grant of Easements and ROW. POA selection team completed its scoring and will have interviews 3/14/19; Notice of Award anticipated for 3/22/19.
  - CMGC-14 FEMA 4352 Large Projects (39) – Ready for recovery; all NEPA documents have been completed by FEMA's Environmental Historic Preservation Office. Request for proposals received. POA selection team completed its scoring and will have interviews 3/14/19; Notice of Award anticipated for 3/22/19.
  - BIA Legacy Projects:
    - SP302, GE Pino Roads – all documentation has been submitted to the BIA SWRO Division of Transportation for their PS&E review. Received 100% PS&E on 3/6/19. Ready to present to the Governor for his signature.
    - Mesa Hill Road and Bridge Project: PS&E completed. Applied to several federal and other funding mechanisms for construction; still waiting for a response from the US DOT whether we have been awarded.
  - The Pueblo is continuing on the update to their Long-Range Transportation Plan; anticipate completion by September, 2019
  - Pinsbaari Drive Corridor Development Study: Possible funds have been identified through the Capital Outlay Process; these funds would help create a Mainstreet Project for economic development.
  - FEMA 4352: Small Projects: Recovery work has begun; the POA Public Works / Utility Authority was awarded the small projects (64) at \$2.2 million capital investment.
  - TTP: Received approved 2019-2023 Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan from FHWA.
2. Pueblo of Zuni:
  - Royce is now also the Airport Manager.
  - All shovel ready projects have been completed.
  - Mainly ongoing road maintenance related to a very wet Winter and Spring season thus far
  - Royce will be attending an Aviation Conference in the near future.
3. McKinley County:
  - The County is finishing their Local Govt. Road Fund projects
  - Johnson Road Project: Complete: Chip Seal 4.2 miles; Base Course 6.3 miles
  - TIF: \$1.2 million awarded for 10 miles of Deer Springs Road improvement – ongoing dept. on weather for Mexican Springs Chapter. NDOT is contributing Fuel Excise Tax funding.
  - TIF: \$1.3 million awarded for 18 miles of CR19 road improvement – multiple Eastern Navajo Chapters; collaborating with NDOT for road repairs and renovation. NDOT is contributing Fuel Excise Tax funding.
  - County has had weather delays related to continued construction on most of their projects.
  - Some member discussion on the **ongoing problems with Utility Company delays for transportation projects; possible solutions that came up in discussion included:**



- Provide the Utility Company as much information as possible, so they understand any impacts upon their infrastructure
- Offer them deadlines for response, or the project will move forward anyway

4. Gallup:

- In close out with NMDOT Dist. 6 for the Allison Bridge Replacement project and NM118 Pedestrian Safety Project
- Veterans Cemetery Access Road: Construction in progress – completion scheduled for May 20; Dedication and Opening scheduled for May 27 - Memorial Day, with attendance from N.M. Governor and other dignitaries.
- Coop Project certifications have been obtained to rehabilitate a number of city streets – will begin milling and overlay
- Sky City CDBG project is complete and in close out with NM-Dept. of Finance Admin.; fiscal audit completed in December, 2018
- Design of Taxiway is in progress for the Gallup Airport.
- Working on LGRF and MAP Applications for next fiscal year, to be forwarded to DOT Dist. 6
- Coal Avenue Event Street: design at 60% at this time.

5. Milan:

- Motel Drive project continues, obtained extension through October 12 – some blacktop failure is under review
- Coop funded project for drainage behind Allsups – design complete, project out to bid for construction soon
- Sand Street bridge in design
- Mirabol Park design complete – Village is pursuing funding for both projects
- Haystack project – Utility and parking for Elkins Park is out to bid

6. Ramah:

- BIA Projects Update:
  - BIA 125 mp 18 – 24.6 – PS&E underway and held technical review with stakeholders
  - BIA 125 MP O – 4.4 Received Cultural Resources Report and forwarded to FHWA and NNHPO for review.
  - BIA 195: received ROW documents
  - BIA 145 and BIA 113; received consent forms from allotment owners for proposed alignments; coordinating with Ramah Navajo BIA Realty Offices for processing new ROW.
- Transportation Committee beginning to update their Plan of Operations
- Attended the TLPA Handbook training.
- Shane was appointed a committee member for the Ramah BIA Health & Safety Committee
- Received proposals for Pine Hill ADA Compliance Study – will select consultant in May.
- Advertising for a new backhoe and tractor for O&M of Ramah Navajo's roadways.
- Ongoing general maintenance for area roads, cattle guards and signage, blading and shaping, pot holes and base course patching (incl. school bus routes). Cleaning and replacing roadway signs. Field fence repairs, post replacements and gate repairs. Maintenance more demanding this Winter season due to frequent and heavy snow fall.

7. Cibola County:

- ZMTP RTP trail project is funded for FFY2019 construction.
- ICIP approved for the County
- Capital Outlay awarded for road maintenance equipment and new Sheriff vehicles - \$175,000
- WH Pacific helping to identify data gaps

8. Grants:

- Riverwalk trail: Design at 100% from WHPacific, Bids opened May 3, hoping to start construction in June – have \$435,000 in TAP funding, and \$95,000 in Main Street funding (which expires June 30, 2019)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Street phase 2 Washington to Adams underway, design at 90%, working on utility / environmental / ROW and Railroad certifications; anticipating phase 3 construction for June – Sept., 2019.

- First Street phase 3 – Adams to Roosevelt: design at 100%, construction anticipated for June thru Sept., 2020; added a pond and lift station on Geis Street for drainage; allotted \$1.6 million from 2019 state legislature.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Street phase 4 (Washington to Adams) and phase 5 (Adams to Roosevelt): phase 4 funded at \$1,640,573 from DOT; phase 5 the City is committing around \$1 million. Design at 100%, all cert.s and PS&E complete in May, 2019 – hope to start construction in June – July, 2019
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Channel and Shared Loop drainage / trail project will include two bridges to the High School; design at 100%, certs and PS&E to complete in May, and hope to start construction in June, 2019

9. Pueblo of Laguna:

- 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.
- NM 124 Trail- Paraje to the Kawaika Center, a bike/ped path: Construction is 100% complete.
- NM 124 Trail- Encinal Road to St. Rd. 279, a bike/ped path: The Construction Management services firm selected is Bohannon Huston Inc. Contract documents for construction bidding is almost complete.
- L26 Rainfall Road from Cubero Wash to Seama bridge M108: Tribal Council approved a construction contract award to Sierra Valley Constructors. A pre-construction meeting was held on 5/1/19 with Sierra Valley, BIA, POL and Wilson & Co. Notice to proceed anticipated by the end of May.
- M137 bridge at Laguna to Laguna Subdivision: Construction is complete, with a punch list for a few minor items to be complete when temperatures are above 45 degrees, anticipated in May, 2019.
- Mill, Overlay, Striping & Enhancements Project: for L503 Veterans Memorial Rd, L200 Postal Road and L245 Raindrop Road. Construction has resumed March 1 for L503 and L200; Trail and road paving is complete for L503 and commencing signage and striping. Concrete flatwork on L200 is at 90% and paving should be complete in May.
- BIA Road Maintenance Striping Project: Routes-L22 Casa Blanca Road, L500 Central Park Rd, L200 Twin Lakes Rd, L200 Old Bridge Rd, L200 Porkchop Hill Rd and L200 Elizabeth Bender Rd. The project will be bid in June..
- NM 124 Roundabout: The repairs to the roundabout are being coordinated by NMDOT, no start date has been determined.
- L24 Rainfall Road: design changed to two phases, Ph-1 Road & Trail and Ph-2 Conc Box Underpass, design is in progress.
- L26 Deer Dancer Road: at 90% design, working on ROW amendments
- L243 Acorn Road design: completed 100% design, pending PS&E review from the BIA.
- M154 Paguete Wash Bridge: PER In progress
- M108 San Jose River Bridge-Seama: PS&E complete and ROW amendments approved; pending items include EA, FONSI and NOI. The Engineer of Record will update Estimate, for submission to BIA for construction funding.
- Planning and Design Request for Proposal: RFP for design services for L248 Bluejay Road and L248 Blue Star Loop, will be published May, 2019.
- The Pueblo's Safety Plan is completed.

9. Northern Navajo: not present – report from previous month

- LGRF application submitted for Sanostee Chapter road
- Annual NDOT Transportation Symposium took place April 2-4 at Twin Arrows Casino, east of Flagstaff.
- TTIP funding cycle is coming up
- New Mexico funding priorities for Northern Navajo include the N36 / NM371 intersection (near Flowing Waters Casino) and the Shiprock School Zone.

10. Eastern Navajo (Rosilyn has left her position, Larry Joe filling in – previous report follows):

- Right of Way has been a challenge for Chapters to address related to road development
- BIA is assisting with maintenance work for N474 from Hwy 197 to Sandoval County line on behalf of Ojo Encino
- Assisting area Chapters with project development from state or NDOT sources
- Eastern Navajo has six projects proposed for the 2019 RTIPR

**C) State DOT Reports:**

**1. Planning / Govt. to Govt. Unit Liaison – Neala Krueger:**

- A Pedestrian Safety Action Plan training is forthcoming June 25-26 – reference Rosa Kozub's latest govt. to govt. report
- May 14-15: FHWA mandatory training for local govt. funding requirements – RTPO/MPO staff only
- TAP, RTP and CMAQ funded projects are now available in Rosa Kozuh's most recent Govt. to Govt. report – **check if your projects got funded**
- FHWA has developed an accelerated safety program for more efficient project development
- The final RSA report for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street rail crossings for Gallup is complete and available
- Gallup Transportation Safety Plan – final report in progress
- Check on free webinars from the National Highway Institute
- The statewide Bike Plan is now available from NMDOT

**2. NMDOT Tribal Liaison – Ron Shutiva: (not present; report from previous meeting follows)**

- NMDOT looking at installing median wall barriers at "dead man's curve" just east of the main Laguna Village and Administration in I-40
- Ron reported on the NM118 drainage analysis going on around and between the Iyanbito and Ft. Wingate I-40 intersections. Need follow up on NM118 drainage study – Vincent Steiner is the lead Engineer for Bohannon Huston; **check the McKinley O.E.M. office for previous Army Corps of Engineers study**
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- NMDOT has a meeting scheduled for May 28 to discuss area roads with Navajo DOT
- Tribal Safety Summit – next planning committee meeting is scheduled for May 17; Ron will forward the call in number to Mr. Kuipers to distribute to RTPO members. The summit will take place Nov. 2 – 22, 2019, at the Native American Cultural Center in Albuquerque. Presently gaining statewide concerns to address from the Tribes.
- Ron requests **assistance to push Karen Benally for a new Eastern Navajo RTPO Representative**
- The new N.M. Indian Affairs Dept. Secretary is Lynn Trujillo, from Sandia Pueblo
- Ron would like to promote quarterly meetings to improve coordination between the DOT District and the Tribes
- Michael Sandoval is the new Transportation Secretary for New Mexico, as Tom Church has retired
- Anticipate the statewide Tribal Safety Summit for around mid-November, 2019 – will emphasize DUI, speeding, and jurisdictional collaboration

**3. DOT District 5 – Steve Lopez:**

- The DOT is currently figuring out the next round of LGRF funding, to better report opportunities to the tribes.

**4. DOT District 6 – JoAnn Garcia:**

- DOT currently working on closing out LGRF projects statewide – several NWRTPO projects are on the inactive list and will need follow up soon. a) CR6100764 – Laguna, for design and construction of NM124 Bike and Pedestrian facilities; b) Riverwalk Bike & Ped. Trail in Grants
- Consider attending the State Veterans Memorial Park Grand Opening located off Hassler Valley Road in Gallup, scheduled for May 27.
- Bill Santiago: LGRF – all MAP projects have requested extensions as needed. Need certifications by June 30 from local governments for FFY2019 LGRF special appropriation funding.
- DOT/Member discussion: Laguna needs RSA for NM124 related to bike and pedestrian trail and driver cell phone accidents.

**VIII. New Business / Open Floor – Members & Guests: No new business presented.**

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- NADO Rural Transportation News: emailed to members 5/1/19 (**BUILD GRANT Tribal & Rural guidance webinar scheduled for May 2 – 12 noon our time!**) 2<sup>nd</sup> round of grant guidance on May 9, 12 noon; Benefit Cost Analysis scheduled for May 7 – 12 noon, and 2<sup>nd</sup> BCA scheduled for May 14 – 1pm.
- NM - ICIP Workshop Training: coming to Farmington, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm on May 22, 2019.
- 5310 / 5311 Statewide Budget Awards Meeting: announcing meetings for our public transportation providers in Santa Fe, to announce funding awards for the 2020 cycle. (5310 – 5/15/19; 5311 – 5/16/19)

**X. Next Meetings:**

- **June 12**: Ashiwi College & Career Center – 67 Rt. 301 North of Hwy 53, Zuni, NM
- **July 10**: San Juan County Fire Operations Center – 209 South Oliver Drive, Aztec, NM (We may commence at the County Commission Chambers – large County Complex on north side of Oliver Drive – just before the Fire Ops. Center on the south side; in order to briefly meet with the Farmington MPO.)
- **August 14**: Laguna Public Works Dept., I-40 Exit 114 to NM124 Roundabout, then east on old Rt. 66 and left on L55 Rodeo Road, Laguna, NM

**XI. Adjournment**

At 2:30 PM, motion for meeting to adjourn by Jack Moleres - Milan, seconded by Don Jaramillo - Grants; passed by consensus, none opposed. Lunch and snacks provided by City of Grants.

**MEETING ACTIONS:**

**RTPO Members:**

- Double check that your projects packages are complete – PFF, PPF, all other relevant documents.
- Pursue LGTPF *Local Government Transportation Project Fund* Grant Opportunity on behalf of interested local governments – utilize Special Call For Projects Guide provided for this grant to stay on track with a limited time frame.

**RTPO Staff:**

- Assist as needed on process, information, or DOT guidance for Local Government Transportation Project Fund (LGTPF); follow up with members on progress, provide Special Call for Projects Guide to RTPO members.
- Ongoing: Distribute the schedule developed that provides annual or multi-year deadlines for all RTPO deliverables including reports – quarterly and annual, RTIPR Call for Projects cycle, Regional Work Program updates or amendments, and governing document updates (*Bylaws, Open Meetings Act Resolution, Title VI Plan, Public Participation Plan, Official Membership Roster*)
- Continue to update the Reg. Trans. Plan tracker instrument and pursue relevant information.
- Maintain appointment forms as members transition.
- Keep an eye on federal funding for public transportation, and inform our regional 5310 & 5311 providers and RTPO members of any pending changes
- Continue collaborating with Northern Pueblos RTPO for development of the RISTRA / Panoramic real-time / transparent project development status website. **Need status check – still alive?**

**NMDOT Staff:**

- Continue to press for LTAP “cradle to grave” comprehensive project development training.
- Assist in arranging a presentation on the new HSIP process.
- Continue to assist with information on the latest Transportation Bill, and the NMDOT Funding Formula.
- Technical assistance with locating data sets for RTP performance measures.



**Thanks to City of Grants for hospitality**



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

**Agenda Item #IV: Local Govt. Transportation Project  
Fund**

**Subject:** New State fund established to support rural transportation  
development

**Prepared for:** June 12 RTPO meeting with project submissions due June  
14

**Date:** 5/1/19

**BACKGROUND**

- **Why?** Rural areas and small towns in New Mexico are suffering with deteriorating infrastructure, including transportation needs, with inadequate funding to even maintain what they have, never mind developing new infrastructure
- **Purpose.** This fund was established by the state to address rural needs in the area of transportation, to compliment the Local Govt. Road Fund and help ensure that our small towns and rural areas can support local transportation infrastructure including that which does not qualify for federal funding.
- **Discussion/Finalization.** The NWRTPO will present this opportunity with a short application time frame

**CURRENT WORK**

- RTPO members are encouraged to consider this funding for local projects. They can apply the funding to those cited in the RTIPR, or for other local roads or infrastructure, with justification for the local need.

**ANTICIPATED WORK**

- RTPO members have completed their applications, including PFF and PPF submissions, along with project maps, supporting resolutions or letters from their leadership.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- LGTPF Document Checklist

**BUDGET IMPACT**

- This fund will add capacity for local priorities, including those that don't qualify for federal funding

**ACTION ITEM**

- N/A.

**LGTPF Call For Projects**  
**NWRTPO Local Government Document Progress Checklist**  
**Status as of 6/5/19**

**Village of Milan:**

**Haystack Place Phase 2**

Required Documents	Complete	Status: complete
<b>Cover Letter</b> (can incl. \$ match commitment)	✓	
<b>Project Feasibility Form</b>	✓	
<b>Project Prospectus Form</b>	✓	
<b>Resolution of Sponsorship or Project Match Letter from Chief Executive</b>	✓	Resolution dated May 16
<b>Project Map</b>	✓	
<b>Right of Way Support Letters</b> (as needed)		

**Berryhill Street**

Required Documents	Complete	Status: complete
<b>Cover Letter</b> (can incl. \$ match commitment)	✓	
<b>Project Feasibility Form</b>	✓	
<b>Project Prospectus Form</b>	✓	
<b>Resolution of Sponsorship or Project Match Letter from Chief Executive</b>	✓	
<b>Project Map</b>	✓	
<b>Right of Way Support Letters</b> (as needed)		

**Pueblo of Acoma:**

**Haaku Road SP38 – Design:**

Required Documents	Complete	Status:
<b>Cover Letter</b> (can incl. \$ match commitment)		
<b>Project Feasibility Form</b>	✓	
<b>Project Prospectus Form</b>	✓	
<b>Resolution of Sponsorship or Project Match Letter from Chief Executive</b>		
<b>Project Map</b>	✓	
<b>Right of Way Support Letters</b> (as needed)		

**NM124 Realignment – Planning, Design, & Engineering:**

Required Documents	Complete	Status:
<b>Cover Letter</b> (can incl. \$ match commitment)		
<b>Project Feasibility Form</b>	✓	
<b>Project Prospectus Form</b>	✓	
<b>Resolution of Sponsorship or Project Match Letter from Chief Executive</b>		
<b>Project Map</b>	✓	
<b>Right of Way Support Letters</b> (as needed)		

**Pinsbaari Drive Trail:**

Required Documents	Complete	Status:
<b>Cover Letter</b> (can incl. \$ match commitment)		
<b>Project Feasibility Form</b>	✓	
<b>Project Prospectus Form</b>	✓	
<b>Resolution of Sponsorship or Project Match Letter from Chief Executive</b>		
<b>Project Map</b>	✓	
<b>Right of Way Support Letters</b> (as needed)		

**SP130 Veterans Blvd.:**

Required Documents	Complete	Status:
<b>Cover Letter</b> (can incl. \$ match commitment)		
<b>Project Feasibility Form</b>	✓	
<b>Project Prospectus Form</b>	✓	
<b>Resolution of Sponsorship or Project Match Letter from Chief Executive</b>		
<b>Project Map</b>	✓	
<b>Right of Way Support Letters</b> (as needed)		



**Cibola County:****CR1 – Marquez Road Project:**

Required Documents	Complete	Status: complete
<b>Cover Letter</b> (can incl. \$ match commitment)	✓	*Cover letter signed by County Manager commits 5% match; attachment document cites National goals addressed by project
<b>Project Feasibility Form</b>	✓	
<b>Project Prospectus Form</b>	✓	
<b>Resolution of Sponsorship or Project Match Letter from Chief Executive</b>	* ✓	Resolution dated 5/23/19
<b>Project Map</b>	✓	
<b>Right of Way Support Letters</b> (as needed) / additional info:		Project submission includes powerpoint, and project site picture

**CR18b Bridge Project:**

Required Documents	Complete	Status: complete
<b>Cover Letter</b> (can incl. \$ match commitment)	✓	*Cover letter signed by County Manager commits 5% match; attachment document cites National goals addressed by project
<b>Project Feasibility Form</b>	✓	
<b>Project Prospectus Form</b>	✓	
<b>Resolution of Sponsorship or Project Match Letter from Chief Executive</b>	* ✓	Resolution dated 5/23/19
<b>Project Map</b>	✓	
<b>Right of Way Support Letters</b> (as needed)		Project submission includes powerpoint, and project site picture

**City of Grants:****2<sup>nd</sup> Street CBC Project:**

Required Documents	Complete	Status: complete
<b>Cover Letter</b> (can incl. \$ match commitment)	✓	
<b>Project Feasibility Form</b>	✓	
<b>Project Prospectus Form</b>	✓	
<b>Resolution of Sponsorship or Project Match Letter from Chief Executive</b>	✓	
<b>Project Map</b>	✓	
<b>Right of Way Support Letters</b> (as needed)		

**Washington Bridge Project:**

Required Documents	Complete	Status: complete
<b>Cover Letter</b> (can incl. \$ match commitment)	✓	
<b>Project Feasibility Form</b>	✓	
<b>Project Prospectus Form</b>	✓	
<b>Resolution of Sponsorship or Project Match Letter from Chief Executive</b>	✓	
<b>Project Map</b>	✓	
<b>Right of Way Support Letters</b> (as needed)		

**Pueblo of Laguna:****I40 – Rainfall Road Underpass Project:**

Required Documents	Complete	Status:
<b>Cover Letter</b> (can incl. \$ match commitment)		
<b>Project Feasibility Form</b>	✓	
<b>Project Prospectus Form</b>	✓	
<b>Resolution of Sponsorship or Project Match Letter from Chief Executive</b>		
<b>Project Map</b>	✓	
<b>Right of Way Support Letters</b> (as needed)		

**McKinley County:****County Road 1 Project:**

Required Documents	Complete	Status:
<b>Cover Letter</b> (can incl. \$ match commitment)		
<b>Project Feasibility Form</b>	✓	
<b>Project Prospectus Form</b>	✓	
<b>Resolution of Sponsorship or Project Match Letter from Chief Executive</b>		
<b>Project Map</b>		
<b>Right of Way Support Letters</b> (as needed)		

**County Road 6 – Cousins Project:**

Required Documents	Complete	Status:
<b>Cover Letter</b> (can incl. \$ match commitment)		
<b>Project Feasibility Form</b>	✓	
<b>Project Prospectus Form</b>	✓	
<b>Resolution of Sponsorship or Project Match Letter from Chief Executive</b>		
<b>Project Map</b>		
<b>Right of Way Support Letters</b> (as needed)		

**County Road 77 Project:**

Required Documents	Complete	Status:
<b>Cover Letter</b> (can incl. \$ match commitment)		
<b>Project Feasibility Form</b>	✓	
<b>Project Prospectus Form</b>	✓	
<b>Resolution of Sponsorship or Project Match Letter from Chief Executive</b>		
<b>Project Map</b>		
<b>Right of Way Support Letters</b> (as needed)		

**Manuelito Canyon Project:**

Required Documents	Complete	Status:
<b>Cover Letter</b> (can incl. \$ match commitment)		
<b>Project Feasibility Form</b>	✓	
<b>Project Prospectus Form</b>	✓	
<b>Resolution of Sponsorship or Project Match Letter from Chief Executive</b>		
<b>Project Map</b>		
<b>Right of Way Support Letters</b> (as needed)		

**Solid Waste Access Road off NM371 Project:**

Required Documents	Complete	Status:
<b>Cover Letter</b> (can incl. \$ match commitment)		
<b>Project Feasibility Form</b>	✓	
<b>Project Prospectus Form</b>	✓	
<b>Resolution of Sponsorship or Project Match Letter from Chief Executive</b>		
<b>Project Map</b>		
<b>Right of Way Support Letters</b> (as needed)		

**Superman Canyon Project:**

Required Documents	Complete	Status:
<b>Cover Letter</b> (can incl. \$ match commitment)		
<b>Project Feasibility Form</b>	✓	
<b>Project Prospectus Form</b>	✓	
<b>Resolution of Sponsorship or Project Match Letter from Chief Executive</b>		
<b>Project Map</b>		
<b>Right of Way Support Letters</b> (as needed)		

**City of Gallup:****Master Transportation Plan Project:**

Required Documents	Complete	Status: complete
<b>Cover Letter</b> (can incl. \$ match commitment)	✓	Cover letter commits 5% match.
<b>Project Feasibility Form</b>	✓	
<b>Project Prospectus Form</b>	✓	
<b>Resolution of Sponsorship or Project Match Letter from Chief Executive</b>		
<b>Project Map</b>	✓	2005 City Traffic Counts Map / 2014 City Collector & Arterial Streets Map
<b>Right of Way Support Letters</b> (as needed)		

**Nizhoni Blvd. Reconstruction Project:**

Required Documents	Complete	Status: complete
<b>Cover Letter</b> (can incl. \$ match commitment)	✓	Cover letter commits 5% match.
<b>Project Feasibility Form</b>	✓	
<b>Project Prospectus Form</b>	✓	
<b>Resolution of Sponsorship or Project Match Letter from Chief Executive</b>		
<b>Project Map</b>	✓	
<b>Right of Way Support Letters</b> (as needed)		

**Eastern Navajo:****Baahaali Chapter Solid Waste Transfer Station Road Project:**

Required Documents	Complete	Status: complete
<b>Cover Letter</b> (can incl. \$ match commitment)	✓	Cover letter includes 5% match commitment
<b>Project Feasibility Form</b>	✓	
<b>Project Prospectus Form</b>	✓	
<b>Resolution of Sponsorship or Project Match Letter from Chief Executive</b>		
<b>Project Map</b>	✓	
<b>Right of Way Support Letters</b> (as needed)		

**Mexican Springs Chapter Safety Project:**

Required Documents	Complete	Status: complete but may want to double check total amount requested, as beyond an RSA – also seeking construction funds – dept. on how many street lights will be installed?
<b>Cover Letter</b> (can incl. \$ match commitment)	✓	
<b>Project Feasibility Form</b>	✓	
<b>Project Prospectus Form</b>	✓	
<b>Resolution of Sponsorship or Project Match Letter from Chief Executive</b>	✓	
<b>Project Map</b>	✓	
<b>Right of Way Support Letters</b> (as needed)		

**Tohatchi Chapter Intersection Safety Project:**

Required Documents	Complete	Status: complete
<b>Cover Letter</b> (can incl. \$ match commitment)	✓	
<b>Project Feasibility Form</b>	✓	
<b>Project Prospectus Form</b>	✓	
<b>Resolution of Sponsorship or Project Match Letter from Chief Executive</b>	✓	
<b>Project Map</b>	✓	
<b>Right of Way Support Letters</b> (as needed)		

**Twin Lakes Chapter Safety Project:**

Required Documents	Complete	Status: complete but may want to cite street light construction / installation at three US491 intersections in cover letter, which currently only states Road Safety Audit
<b>Cover Letter</b> (can incl. \$ match commitment)		
<b>Project Feasibility Form</b>	✓	
<b>Project Prospectus Form</b>	✓	
<b>Resolution of Sponsorship or Project Match Letter from Chief Executive</b>	✓	
<b>Project Map</b>	✓	
<b>Right of Way Support Letters</b> (as needed)		Package includes accident data and mapping

**Northern Navajo:****Beclabito Chapter Street Lighting Project:**

Required Documents	Complete	Status:
<b>Cover Letter</b> (can incl. \$ match commitment)	✓	Does not commit 5% match
<b>Project Feasibility Form</b>	✓	
<b>Project Prospectus Form</b>	✓	
<b>Resolution of Sponsorship or Project Match Letter from Chief Executive</b>		Resolution is for TAP funds, not LGTPF funds
<b>Project Map</b>	✓	
<b>Right of Way Support Letters</b> (as needed)		



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## Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NWRTPO)

### Agenda Item #V: NMDOT Public Transit Services Plan

**Subject:** Overview of State Plan Update Process for Public Transportation Services

**Prepared for:** Presentation at June 12 NWRTPO meeting

**Date:** June 12, 2019

#### BACKGROUND

- **Why?** Periodically the NMDOT Transit and Rail Division updates their statewide plan for providing and coordinating public transportation services.
- **Purpose.** Engage the NWRTPO in the DOT's efforts to inform and gain public perspective for their statewide public transit plan update.
- **Discussion/Finalization.** Presentation will take place at the June 12 NWRTPO meeting in Zuni.

#### CURRENT WORK

- None

#### ANTICIPATED WORK

- NWRTPO members are encouraged to share the information provided with their local transportation providers and department officials.

#### ATTACHMENTS

- None

#### BUDGET IMPACT

- None.

#### ACTION ITEM

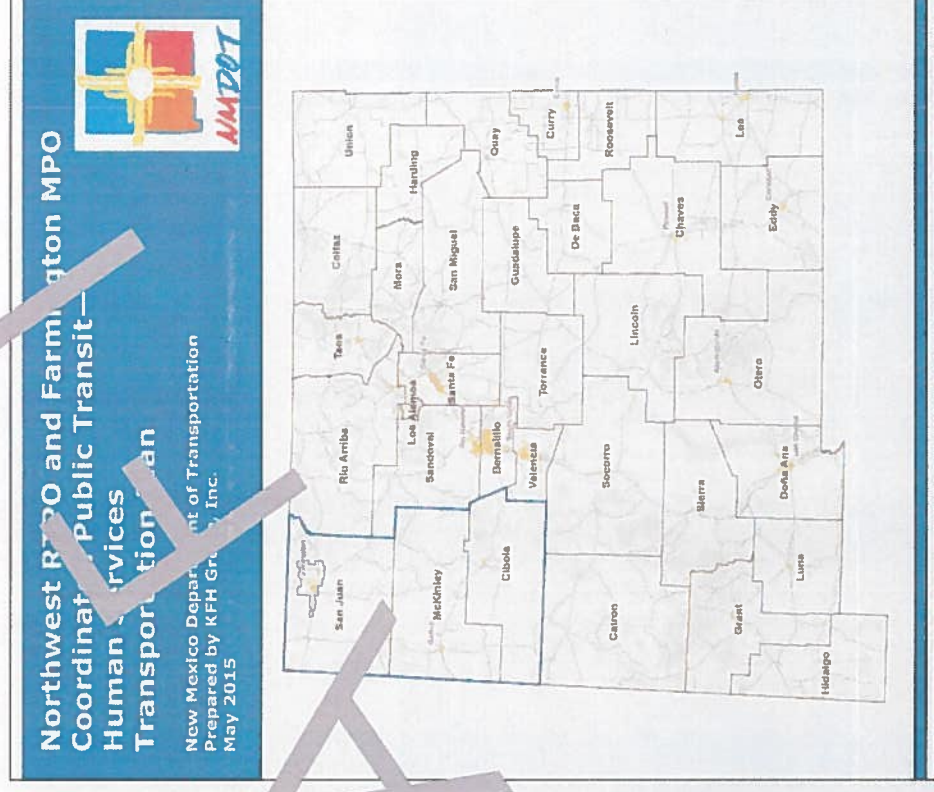
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# Northwest RTPD and Farmington MPO Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Coordination Plan Update

**Presented by**

**The New Mexico  
Department of Transportation**

**June 5, 2019**





# ORIGINS AND STATUS OF THE PLANNING PROCESS

- Federal regulations require that grant requests for certain Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 grants must be consistent with a locally developed Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Coordination Plan.
- The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) continues to work with local governments and service providers to develop regional plans based on Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) boundaries.
- NMDOT is currently in the process of updating the 2015 plans.

# PLAN UPDATE PROCESS

- ▶ The Plan updates will be conducted at the regional level as the majority of the services affected by the plans are located in RTPOs. In all, six regional plan updates will be developed by NMDOT.
- ▶ Data for Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) will be integrated into the RTPO descriptions.
- ▶ Information has been gathered from multiple sources:
  - ▶ NMDOT's Statewide Multimodal Plan
  - ▶ Local Governments' Comprehensive Plans
  - ▶ RTPO Long Range Plans
  - ▶ MPO Strategic Plans
  - ▶ U. S. Census and American Community Survey Estimates (2017)
  - ▶ Regional Transit District Service Plans (if available)
  - ▶ Reports from transit service providers and
  - ▶ Extensive public outreach.
- ▶ The update will use these sources of information to develop graphic and narrative descriptions of current and future needs, existing services, and gaps between services and needs in current and future scenarios.



# PLAN UPDATE SCHEDULE

- The schedule for the update is as follows:
  - Updates to the Plan began February 2019
  - Initial meetings with RTPOs and MPOs will be conducted June through July of 2019
  - The Draft Coordination Plan will be available for comment by August 1, 2019
  - Public comments are due no later than September 1, 2019
  - The Final Plan Update will be completed by September of 2019.

# PLAN UPDATE STRUCTURE

The Plan Update will contain four chapters:

1. **Introduction** - A summary of Federal policies, requirements and funding
2. **Assessment of Current Services:**
  - An inventory and review of current services by region
  - A summary of human service transportation providers
  - An inventory of financial resources
3. **Needs Assessment:**
  - Review of census data
  - Discussions with transit and human service providers
  - Public Outreach
  - Needs compared to existing services to determine unmet needs
4. **Strategies to Address Gaps in Service** - Strategies to address needs will be presented and selected in each region.

**Draft and Final Plan Update** - The draft plan will be presented and will include the four chapters. Final comments will be incorporated and a Final Plan Update will be produced.



# ASSESSMENT OF CURRENT SERVICES

For all human service transportation and public transit services:

- **Inventory of Existing Services** – Services available, vehicles, locations
- **Existing and Future Conditions** – Ridership figures and potential service for the future
- **Funding for Transit** – Costs of existing services, funding sources and future funding potential

# NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Needs will be determined through a variety of sources including: census and survey data and maps; discussions with human service agencies, transit management and other stakeholders; public outreach.

The net result will be the identification of where people live, where they want to go and what other needs should be addressed. These will be depicted in maps:

- ▶ **Where People Live:**

- ▶ Overall Population Density
- ▶ Transit Dependent Index (TDI) – A detailed review of where transit dependent people live.

- ▶ **Major Destinations:**

- ▶ Shopping
- ▶ Work
- ▶ Personal Business
- ▶ Human service agencies
- ▶ Others

- ▶ **Other Needs:**

- ▶ Additional wheelchair capacity
- ▶ Vehicle type
- ▶ Service type



# STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS UNMET NEEDS

This step in the planning process will include development of strategies and/or activities to address gaps in service and to achieve efficiencies in service delivery. That chapter will include:

- New services to meet the existing and future needs:
  - Maintaining existing services
  - New areas of service
  - New service designs
  - Additional vehicles and other capital equipment
- Coordination of human service and transit services:
  - This can include a wide variety of opportunities to combine services, training, safety programs, dispatching or any aspects of service that could be coordinated
- Consolidate services – the ultimate in coordination

# EXISTING STRATEGIES

Strategies from the 2015 plan include:

- Prioritize transit service to areas with higher concentrations of special needs populations;
- Coordinate with existing transit services to determine and respond to any eligible and unmet needs in the urban area where special needs transit funding could effectively supplement urban services;
- Increase transit connections to and between major centers inside and outside of the planning area: i.e. the NAPI Center; Farmington; Aztec; Bloomfield; Gallup; Albuquerque; Durango, Colorado;
- Increase transit service to educational and health-care facilities within and out of the planning area;
- Increase transit service to areas in the planning area with growing special needs populations;



# EXISTING STRATEGIES, Cont'd

- Prioritize transit service to areas with higher concentrations of special needs populations;
- Coordinate with existing transit services to determine and respond to any eligible and unmet needs in the urban area where special needs transit funding could effectively supplement urban services;
- Increase transit connections to and between major centers inside and outside of the planning area: i.e. the NAPI Center; Farmington; Aztec; Bloomfield; Gallup; Albuquerque; Durango, Colorado;
- Increase transit service to educational and health-care facilities within and out of the planning area;
- Increase transit service to areas in the planning area with growing special needs populations;



# EXISTING STRATEGIES, Cont'd

- Route new or additional service to un-served or underserved populations in both urban and rural areas: i.e. Aztec; Bloomfield; Crownpoint; Shiprock; Sheep Springs; Counselors;
- Monitor and respond to un-served and underserved special transit needs;
- Cooperate with other transit service providers when possible by sharing resources such as information and riders, dispatch and maintenance facilities, and operations and administrative processes;
- Identify and support alternative transportation options such as car and van pools, and the use of school buses to transport special needs populations in areas where public transit is not available or not cost effective;
- Seek and utilize opportunities to expand, combine or leverage funding sources to increase or improve services: i.e. provide customers with one number to call of requests for various transportation services, information on services, and trip planning;

# EXISTING STRATEGIES, Cont'd

- Expand or enhance existing transportation services to meet the growth rate of special needs populations in the planning area;
- Provide opportunities to add or enhance public transportation services beyond the minimum requirements of the ADA; and
- Coordinate with service providers and appropriate agencies to fill transportation service gaps such as:
  - Evening service
  - Weekend service
  - Inter-community and inter-city service
  - Service for rural areas.



**COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS...**

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# **PLAN AVAILABILITY AND NMDOT POINT OF CONTACT**

## **2015 Plans Available for Review:**

[http://dot.state.nm.us/content/nmdot/en/Transit\\_Rail.html](http://dot.state.nm.us/content/nmdot/en/Transit_Rail.html)

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

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

**Subject:** Discussion / Presentation Items

**Prepared by:** Robert Kuipers, NWRTPO

**Date:** 6/4/19

**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 Report
- RTPO Report
- Member Reports

**Member Special Reports:**

- None submitted prior to the meeting

**NMDOT Reports:**

- G to G Liaison: Neala Krueger
- Tribal Liaison: Ron Shutiva
- District 6: JoAnn Garcia & staff; District 5: Steve Lopez
- DOT Planning Unit – Govt. to Govt. Weekly Updates

**Training & Funding Opportunities:**

- Upcoming LTAP training opportunities; National TTAP Training Opportunities **including TTAP Safety Workshops June 25-28 at NDOT in Tse Bonito**; National Regional Transportation Conference – June 17-19, 2019, Columbus, Ohio
- UNM LTAP Grant Writing Training provided at this meeting – 1:00 thru 2:30 pm

**New Business / Open Floor:**

- None requested in advance of this meeting



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## NWRTPO | Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization

### Monthly Report – May, 2019

- A. **FFY 19 -20 NWRTPO Call For Projects Cycle:** The NWRTPO completed another Call for Projects cycle that ran from June, 2018 through March, 2019. The finalized FFY2020 – 2024 RTIPR stands at a total of \$64,596,000; with 4 Roadway projects, 7 Planning & Studies projects, 2 TAP projects, 2 RTP projects, 2 Bridge projects, 1 FLAP project, and 8 Safety projects, for a total of 26 projects for our region; all of which qualify for federal funding per functional classification. The DOT District 6 RTIP (“Zipper”) was finalized at a total of \$73,571,000; incorporating one Roadway project for Catron County of the SWRTPO, and one CMAQ project for Sandoval County of the MRRTPPO.
- B. **Local Government Transportation Project Fund:** The State of New Mexico recently announced a new LGTPF fund to support rural and small town transportation needs, complimenting the ongoing Local Govt. Road Fund. This fund has \$50 million available statewide, and is not restrained by federal functional classification requirements, so the funding can even be applied to local roads, based on the transportation priorities and needs of the local government. This fund is on a tight time schedule with application packages due June 14, so our RTPO members will need to move quickly on required documentation (PFF, PPF, Resolution of Sponsorship from local governments, and letters of support for Right of Way access where needed). Members are encouraged to have all documentation finalized and submitted by or before our June 12 meeting, so staff can get all applications on to the NMDOT FTP website.
- C. **New Federal BUILD Grant:** A new Federal BUILD Grant has been announced with an application due date of July 15, 2019. Grant Guidance webinars were available May 2 and May 9, and Benefit Cost Analysis webinars were available May 7 and May 14. The FFY2019 cycle has \$900 million available nationally.
- D. **GIS Data Gathering, Mapping and Compiling Work:** RTPO staff need to re-invigorate our outreach to our three Pueblos – Laguna, Acoma and Zuni regarding the opportunity to include their transportation mapping and data into our regional portfolio, based on what each Pueblo is willing to share. COG staff continue to provide technical assistance and GIS mapping for development of 66 new miles of recreational trails in the Zuni Mountains in McKinley and Cibola Counties during FFY18 – FFY19; and continue contributing GIS mapping for regional transportation infrastructure.
- E. **NWRTPO Regional Transportation Plan:** RTPO staff have conducted annual updates to our R.T.P. at this time, and anticipate more updates in the year ahead, as the NMDOT (State plan) is coming into the 4-year major update cycle. Our RTPO may not need major updates to our plan, as we constantly update it on an annual basis.
- F. **NWRTPO Regional Work Program – FFY2019 – FFY2020:** The RWP for FFY2019 has been finalized and approved by NMDOT as follows: 1) Long Range Plng. 250 hrs., 2) Tech. Support/ Data Mgmt. 200 hrs., 3) Project Dev. 400 hrs., 4) Other Activities 200 hrs., 5) General RTPO Support 600 hrs., 6) RTPO Admin. 450 hrs.
- G. **NMDOT Road Safety Audit and Safety Plan for Gallup:** NM DOT staff have collaborated with COG / RTPO staff and City of Gallup leaders and administration to undertake a Road Safety audit for the downtown area, centered around 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street rail crossings, and have been meeting with support from Wilson & Co. for development of a City wide Transportation Safety Plan, addressing issues in high accident incidence areas.
- H. **FHWA 2 CFR-200 Training:** This was a mandatory two day training for RTPO staff which took place May 14-15 at the Bataan Memorial Building – 400 Don Gaspar Avenue in Santa Fe, to cover the guidance around updates for federal transportation funding requirements and regulation, for local government projects.
- I. **National Regional Transportation Conference:** This year’s national transportation conference will take place June 17-19 in Columbus, Ohio; registration opened on April 4, 2019. NWRTPO staff will attend.
- J. **Tribal Tech. Assistance Prgm:** The National Tribal Technical Assistance Program (TTAP) will provide a series of Transportation Safety Trainings at the NDOT Facility in Tse Bonito June 25 thru 28. **NWRTPO Tribal members and their transportation colleagues are highly encouraged to take advantage of this training series in our region!**



# RTPO APER Budgeted Staff Hours Summary

May -- Staff Hours Summary FFY19											
Function	Budget-ed Hours	FFY19 Q1	FFY19 Q2	FFY19 Q3	April	May	June	FFY19 Q4	Total Actual hours	Balance	Percentage budgeted differs from actuals*
1	250	25	30.5	20	0	20			75.50	174.50	
2	200	26	65.75	30.5	13	17.5			122.25	77.75	
3	400	170	75.75	129.25	17	112.25			375.00	25.00	
4	200	40.5	43	26.75	13.5	13.25			110.25	89.75	
5	600	114.5	155.75	155.5	54.5	101			425.75	174.25	
6	450	115.75	79	140	56	84			334.75	115.25	
TOTAL	2100	491.75	449.75	502.00	154	348			1443.50	656.50	

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

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# Fw: NMDOT Govt to Govt Update - Week of 06/03/19

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Tue 6/4/2019 9:12 AM

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Importance: High

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TTAP Safety Workshops Tse Bonito - June 25-28.pdf; June5\_2019 FMPO Quarterly\_Agenda.docx;

## NWRTPO Tribal Members:

Just wanted to bring to your attention again the TTAP Safety Workshops that will be available at the NDOT facility in Tse Bonito the last week of June.

The instructor is coming all the way from Virginia, and these workshops are free, so consider these for yourself and your colleagues who serve in transportation capacities.

Thanks,

Bob

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# Tribal Technical Assistance Program

Tse Bonito, NM  
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## TTAP Safety Training - June 25-28, 2019

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### ☐ JUN 25 | 8:30 - 12:00 "LOW COST SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS"

Low Cost Safety Improvements (LCSI) is a 3.5-hour training class condensed from Road Safety 365. It is designed to provide tribal agencies with practical and effective ways to implement low cost safety solutions into their day-to-day activities, reducing collisions, injuries, and fatalities. Topics discussed include the need to make roads safer, road safety myths vs. realities, how to "read the road" and improve safety in the community, and practical and proven low cost countermeasures for safety.

### ☐ JUN 25 | 1:00 - 4:30 "ROAD SAFETY AUDITS/ASSESSMENTS"

Participants in this 3.5-hour class will learn how to improve transportation safety by applying a proactive approach to reduce accidents and their severity in tribal lands. These techniques address examination of a roadway by an independent, qualified audit team. The RSA is a way for an agency to improve safety and to communicate to the public how they are working toward accident reductions. This class includes topics including RSA definition and history, how to conduct a RSA, and identifying the common safety issues found with RSAs.

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### ☐ JUN 26 | 8:30 - 12:00 "IMPROVING SAFETY BY CONTROLLING ROW"

In Indian Country, the most common type of crash is the run-off-the-road crash. The impact on the vehicle when it leaves the road determines the survivability of that crash. Railroad grade crossings represent another common crash location for tribal families. This 3.5 hour class identifies some of the hazards that are built, planted or placed in the Right of Way that can lead to crashes. It will also explore some of the common problems with railroad crossings and will identify the safety features of those crossings.

### ☐ JUN 26 | 1:00 - 4:30 "ROUNDAABOUTS"

Roundabouts are a proven safety solution for reducing the frequency and severity of intersection crashes and are increasingly being used on tribal lands. This 3.5-hour class presents an introduction to the basics of roundabout geometry, the safety and other benefits of roundabouts, how to overcome opposition, and basic design elements of roundabouts.

☐ **JUN 27 | 8:30 - 12:00 "SAFETY PLAN DEVELOPMENT"**

Indian Country Transportation Systems are managed by many Tribal, Federal, State and Local Agencies involved in providing a safe and efficient transportation system to keep up with growth and development. To enable tribal areas access to Federal, State and Local funds that have been provided to assist with the tribal transportation systems, a data/evidence-driven decision process, a Tribal Transportation Safety Plan, needs to be developed. This class will explore the resources provided by the FHWA to assist each of the tribal areas in the development of these plans.

☐ **JUN 27 | 1:00 - 4:30 "SAFETY DATA: WHAT DO I COLLECT AND HOW DO I COLLECT IT"**

This 3.5 hour safety data class will assist tribal agencies as they are developing a Tribal Safety Plan to gather and review the data needed when developing or updating those plans. As a Safety Plan is being developed, assumptions about concerns and issues may be made, while these concerns are based on experience and are very real, not all of the solutions may be apparent. This class will assist participants to gather the whole picture, enabling them to develop a Data and Evidence Driven Decision as they develop/update their Safety Plan.

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☐ **JUN 28 | 8:30 - 12:00 "CRASH DATA ANALYSIS"**

This 3.5-hour class offers participants a basic understanding of the data/evidence-driven process and its role in the development of a Tribal Safety Plan. The data/evidence-driven decision process used with a Safety Plan requires an organization to understand the process of analyzing both road segment and intersectional crash data. It also requires an organization to identify possible causes and trends within the data. Participants will also learn effective corrective actions to reduce the threat of additional crashes.

☐ **JUN 28 | 1:00 - 4:30 "SAFE TRANSPORTATION FOR EVERY PEDESTRIAN (STEP)"**

Eleven percent of all crashes that occur on tribal lands are pedestrian-related. A safe transportation system must address the needs of the multi-modal transportation system, especially where bikes and pedestrians share the road with vehicular traffic. This 3.5-hour class will review effective safety projects, addressing the need for non-data-based reviews and identifying methods for addressing the needs of tribal pedestrians and bicyclists.

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**To register:** Check beside the classes you would like to attend. Email this form to Todd Morrison at [todd.ttap@virginia.edu](mailto:todd.ttap@virginia.edu) or call 833-484-9944 or visit [ttap.enrollware.com](http://ttap.enrollware.com).

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TTAP Safety Workshops Tse Bonito - June 25-28.pdf; June5\_2019 FMPO Quarterly\_Agenda.docx;

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Hi All—Please see the information below (and attached) for the latest updates on NMDOT information relevant to the MPOs and RTPOs. Please pass along relevant information to your member entities.

**Announcements:**

The National Parks Service (NPS) Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance (RTCA) Program has announced its call for 2020 community conservation and outdoor recreation projects. The RTCA program provides technical assistance, not financial support. Please share this information within your networks. Applications are due June 30 and you are highly encouraged to reach out to us if you've got project ideas to explore. More information [here](#).

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FHWA's National Highway Institute (NHI) recently released a free, hour-long, web-based training called "Implementing Performance-Based Planning and Program." MPOs and other interested parties are highly encouraged to attend. More information available on the [NHI course page](#).

- FHWA Tribal Technical Assistance Program (TTAP) Trainings: The FHWA TTAP is offering roadway safety workshops in Tse Bonito, NM on June 25 to 28. The eight half day workshops on roadway safety will provide information on reducing roadway injuries and fatalities. The information shared would be beneficial for Transportation and Safety Personnel, Planners, Grant Writers, the Maintenance crews, Law Enforcement, EMS and Health Services. Attendance is complimentary for the workshops. The attached flyer lists the workshops and covers the registration process. To register go to [www.ttap.enrollware.com](http://www.ttap.enrollware.com) or fill out the attached form and send it back to [logistics.ttap@virginia.edu](mailto:logistics.ttap@virginia.edu) or [todd.ttap@virginia.edu](mailto:todd.ttap@virginia.edu).

**FFY 2020 PM 1 (Safety) Targets (Jessica Griffin)**

The stakeholders met on 5/21 in Santa Fe to discuss the Highway Safety Plan targets, which includes 3 of the 5 PM Safety Targets. MPOs were invited but did not attend. UNM is finalizing the safety target charts based on the feedback at that meeting and Jessica Griffin will email those charts out to the MPOs as soon as they are available. The NMDOT must adopt the targets via the HSIP annual report by 8/31. The MPOs have until 2/27/20 to adopt the state PM 1 Safety targets or establish their own.

**Title VI Training (Lisa Neie, FHWA-NM)**

Lisa Neie, the Civil Rights Program Manager from FHWA-NM offered to provide Title VI implementation trainings/presentations/workshops/etc. to any interested MPO/RTPO and their member entities. Lisa is willing to work with MPOs/RTPOs to customize the effort based upon the needs of those attending. If any MPO/RTPO is interested in discussing with Lisa, please contact her directly at [Lisa.Neie@dot.gov]Lisa.Neie@dot.gov or 505-795-8166.

**Upcoming Meetings, Trainings, Webinars**

- 6/5, Farmington: MPO Quarterly, hosted by Farmington MPO; draft agenda attached; please contact Mary Holton at [mholton@fmrtn.org](mailto:mholton@fmrtn.org) for more information.
- 6/20 and onward, 11am-12:30pm MT, webinars: FHWA's Value Capture Webinar Series is now open for registration. There are 8 webinars in this series. The attachment outlines the webinar topics and has links for registration.

- 6/25-6/26, all day, Santa Fe, NMDOT General Office (1120 Cerrillos Rd): "How to Develop a Pedestrian Safety Action Plan" training for T/LPAs. Email Shannon Glendenning ASAP at [shannon.glendenning@state.nm.us](mailto:shannon.glendenning@state.nm.us) if interested in attending. Shannon will be coordinating to bring this same training to Las Cruces this fall.
- 7/10, 9am-noon, Deming: Open Meetings Act/Inspection of Public Records Act Training. NM Attorney General's Office has many trainings scheduled around the state for 2019. Please see their [website](#) for current information. Trainings are free, but you should RSVP to [roadshows@nmag.gov](mailto:roadshows@nmag.gov) or (505) 490-4863. All MPOs/RTPOs are strongly encouraged to attend this training.

Thanks,

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# Fw: Action: Tribal Consultation on the Tribal Technical Assistance Program (TTAP)

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TTAP Tribal Leaders Letter.Tribal Consultation.pdf; Federal Register Notice\_5.17.2019.pdf;

RTPO Tribal Members,

With appreciation to my COG colleague - Angelina Grey, who discovered this opportunity, wanted to share with our tribal members.

Note the meeting date and location options that are offered for these meetings.

-Bob Kuipers

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**From:** Angelina Grey

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**To:** Robert Kuipers

**Subject:** Fw: Action: Tribal Consultation on the Tribal Technical Assistance Program (TTAP)

Bob,

Here's something that your partners, etc. might benefit from, if you haven't heard of this yet.

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Angelina



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**Subject:** Action: Tribal Consultation on the Tribal Technical Assistance Program (TTAP)

Greetings All,

Last week, FHWA mailed the attached letter to the tribal leadership of each federally recognized tribe using the contact information found in BIA's Tribal Leaders Directory. To maximize awareness of these consultation sessions, I have attached the letter and a copy of federal register notice. We look forward to hearing from tribal leadership on this important matter.

Please note the correct locations for the consultation meetings are Oklahoma City, OK; Reno, NV; Anchorage, AK; and Bloomington, MN.

Victoria

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Dear Tribal Leader:

On behalf of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), please accept this invitation to participate in an upcoming Tribal consultation meeting to discuss the Tribal Technical Assistance Program (TTAP). We published a formal consultation notice in the *Federal Register* on May 17, 2019 (copy enclosed).

The TTAP provides training and technical assistance to Tribal governments so they can develop and expand their ability to build, maintain, and operate the highway transportation networks that serve them. The FHWA is gathering information to guide our evaluation of the 2018-2019 delivery model pilot before securing long-term services for the program. The TTAP pilot:

- (1) Consolidated the administrative functions of the program;
- (2) Focused the training on core functions needed to build, maintain, and operate a highway transportation network;
- (3) Expanded the availability and geographic equity of the types of training and technical assistance the TTAP offers;
- (4) Diversified the training options to augment in-person training and technical assistance with on-line/on-demand training and ready access to subject matter experts to shorten problem resolution response times; and
- (5) Increased the frequency and range of technology and practice innovations that are introduced to and promoted with the Tribes.

The FHWA would like to receive feedback from Tribal leaders about their experiences with the TTAP pilot, including the quality, quantity, and availability of the training and technical assistance provided to the Tribes under the 2018-2019 pilot program and suggestions on how to better shape the program for the future.

The face-to-face consultation details are as follows:

- Thursday, June 20, 2019, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (CST), Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The consultation meeting will be held at the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments, 4205 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, OK 73105.
- Tuesday, June 25, 2019, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (PST), Reno, Nevada. The consultation meeting will be held at the Hyatt Place Reno-Tahoe Airport, 1790 East Plumb Lane, Reno, NV 89502.

- Tuesday, July 9, 2019, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (AKST), Anchorage, Alaska. The consultation meeting will be held at the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, 222 West 7th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99513.
- Thursday July 11, 2019, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (CST), Bloomington, Minnesota. The consultation meeting will be held at the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, 5600 American Boulevard West, Bloomington, MN 55437-1458.

An agenda for the meeting is enclosed for your reference. Written comments will be accepted throughout the duration of the Tribal Consultation. The deadline to provide your comments is July 19, 2019. All comments must be identified by agency and docket number and sent by one of the following methods:

- Fax: 1-202-493-2251.
- Mail: Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001.
- Federal Rulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- Hand Delivery or Courier: U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

We hope that you will join us for this important discussion. If you have questions or concerns about the consultation, please contact me at [Victoria.Peters@dot.gov](mailto:Victoria.Peters@dot.gov), or (720) 963-3522.

Sincerely,

*Victoria Peters*

Victoria Peters  
Director, Center for Local Aid Support

Enclosures:

1. *Federal Register* Notice - FHWA Docket No. FHWA-2019-0011  
<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/05/17/2019-10309/notice-of-meeting>
2. Consultation Meeting Agenda

**Tribal Government-to-Government Consultation Agenda  
for the  
Tribal Technical Assistance Program**

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A. Welcome

- Opening Remarks
- Introduction of FHWA Leadership and Tribal Leadership

B. Overview of Current TTAP Pilot

C. Open Discussion between Tribal Leaders and Federal Representatives

D. Adjourn

# Fw: AASHTO RELEASES NEW GUIDELINES FOR GEOMETRIC DESIGN OF LOW-VOLUME ROADS

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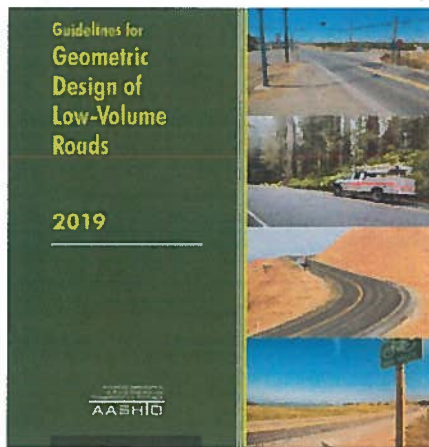
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AASHTO has released a new, second edition of the *Guidelines for Geometric Design of Low-Volume Roads*. This new edition supersedes the first edition, *Guidelines for Geometric Design of Very Low-Volume Local Roads*, published in 2001.

Developed by the AASHTO Technical Committee on Geometric Design, this publication presents geometric design guidelines for low-volume roads that help highway designers select appropriate geometric designs for roads with low traffic volumes.

These guidelines may be used on low volume local and minor collector roads, in lieu of the applicable policies presented in the AASHTO publication, *A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets, 7th edition*, commonly known as the "Green Book."

These guidelines were first published by AASHTO in 2001 for application to 'very' low-volume local roads and some collector roads with design average daily traffic volumes of 400 vehicles per day or less. This second edition has been updated for application to all low-volume local and minor collector roads with design average daily traffic volumes of 2,000 vehicles per day or less.

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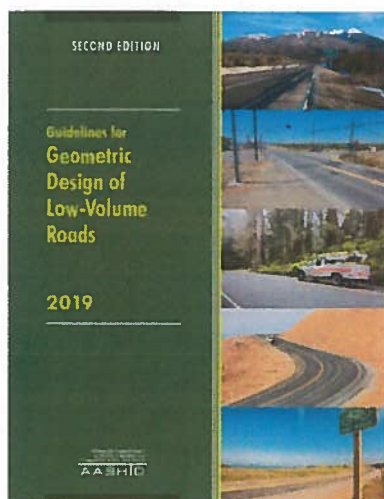
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## Human Environment Digest 05/30/19

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May 30, 2019

# Human Environment Digest

Welcome to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Office of Human Environment biweekly email digest. This digest shares the latest information from a range of Federal and non-Federal sources, addressing transportation and its relationship to the human environment. Through this information exchange, FHWA hopes to foster dialogue at all levels and continue to further the state of the practice on these important topics in support of safety; infrastructure, including accelerated project delivery, access to jobs, and community revitalization; technology and design innovation; and accountability, including, data-driven decisions and performance-based planning.

For more information on any of these topics, see the FHWA Related Links on the sidebar.

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## EVENTS

[June 2-5, 2019](#): TRB's National Transportation Planning Applications Conference.

Portland, OR. (There is a fee)

[June 6-7, 2019](#): Sixth Annual Summer Conference on Livable Communities. Kalamazoo, MI.

(There is a fee)

[June 9-12, 2019](#): ASCE's International Conference on Transportation & Development: Engineering Smart Mobility for the Smart City. Alexandria, VA.

(There is a fee)

[June 11-12, 2019](#): FTA and NTI's Advanced-Level Environmental Justice Workshop. Fort Worth, TX. (Invitation Only)

[June 16-19, 2019](#): National ADA Symposium. Grapevine, TX.

(There is a fee)

[June 23-25, 2019](#): LOCUS' Leadership Summit: Opportunity Rising. Arlington, VA. (There is a fee)



## Safety

### TRB Report Studies Cyclist Compliance

The *Transportation Research Board (TRB)* [published a journal article](#) assessing cyclist behavior in relation to existing laws. The report found a disconnect between the goals of safety laws and cyclists' perceptions of their own safety, contributing to cyclist noncompliance. Recommendations include targeted interventions for cyclist education and improved dedicated infrastructure for cyclists.

### Report Focuses on Speed Management to Promote Pedestrian Safety

The *University of California, Berkeley Safe Transportation Research and Education Center (SafeTREC)* and the *California Office of Traffic Safety* released an [overview of motor vehicle speed as a risk factor in pedestrian safety](#). The report summarizes recent research on this topic, which emphasizes that managing speed and avoiding impact are the primary factors in promoting pedestrian safety.

[June 24-26, 2019](#): Institute for Transportation and Development Policy's MOBILIZE: Reclaiming Streets for Access and Mobility. Fortaleza, Brazil. (There is a fee)

[June 25-27, 2019](#): 25th International Conference on Urban Transport and the Environment. Aveiro, Portugal.

[August 25-28, 2019](#): Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals Conference. Portland, OR. (There is a fee)

[September 10-13,](#)

[2019](#): TRB's 6th International Conference on Women's Issues in Transportation. Irvine, CA. (There is a fee)

[September 15-18, 2019](#): TRB's Conference on Performance and Data in Transportation Decision Making. Atlanta, Georgia. (There is a fee)

[October 21-25, 2019](#): Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations' Annual Conference. Baltimore, MD. (There is a fee)

[December 11-12, 2019](#): TRB's Conference on Health and Active Transportation. Washington, D.C. (There is a fee)

## WEBINARS

[May 30, 1:00-2:30 PM ET](#): FHWA's Innovation Exchange: Virtual Public Involvement

[June 4, 12:30-1:30 PM ET](#): Vision Zero Network's Partnering with a Trauma Center to Advance Vision Zero Data Systems

[June 5, 12:00-1:00 PM ET](#): Towards Zero Deaths: Working with Nontraditional Stakeholders

[June 6, 2:30-4:00 PM ET](#): U.S. Access Board's Accessible Public Rights-of-Way: Open Question & Answer Session

[June 11, 2:00-3:30 PM ET](#): TRB's Communications Strategies for Talking Tolls & Public-Private Partnerships



## Infrastructure

### TRB Report Assesses Coordination between Transportation and Land Use Planning

The *Transportation Research Board (TRB)* published a [state-of-the-practice report](#) on connecting transportation and land use planning in the United States. The survey includes 30 metropolitan planning organizations and 10 case studies of communities that have increased multimodal connectivity and accessibility through coordinating transportation planning and promoting development, particularly around transit stations.

### WRI Paper Explores Urban Transportation Access in the Global South

The *World Resources Institute (WRI)* published a paper titled "[From Mobility to Access for All: Expanding Urban Transportation Choices in the Global South](#)." The paper analyzes limitations on access to jobs and opportunities, particularly for low-income communities in Mexico City, Mexico, and Johannesburg, South Africa. To provide more equitable access, the report recommends promoting multimodal options and shared mobility; reprioritizing road space and building more complete street networks; and investing in transit infrastructure and transit-oriented development.



## Innovation

### FHWA Publishes EDC-5 Summit Summary and Baseline Report

The *Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)* [published a report](#) to document the status of innovative projects implemented as part of the fifth round of Every Day Counts (EDC-5). The report outlines the status of these projects and documents launch summits held in fall 2018. This round's projects include human environment topics such as reducing rural roadway departures and pedestrian safety.

[June 12, 2:00-3:00 PM ET:](#)

America Walks' Safe Speeds,  
Safe Communities: Partners in  
Speed Management

[June 13, 3:00-5:00 PM ET:](#)

Institute of Transportation  
Engineers' Speed Management  
Noteworthy Practices (There is a  
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[June 17, 2:00-3:00 PM](#)

[ET:](#) America Walks' Equitable  
Development: Finding Funding  
and Support

[June 19, 12:00-1:00 PM ET:](#)

Towards Zero Deaths: Engaging  
with Elected Officials

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information for inclusion in the  
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before 12 PM ET Wednesday.*

#### **Workshop Explores Potential of Mobility on Demand (MOD)**

The *Transportation Research Board (TRB)* [released a research circular](#) titled "Mobility on Demand: A Smart, Sustainable, and Equitable Future." The circular is a synopsis of the current state of mobility on demand (MOD), a system that would allow travelers to access all of their multimodal travel options as a consumer service, with a heavy focus on public transportation and shared mobility options. The report explores how MOD can increase mobility and access for all users.



#### **Accountability**

##### **TCRP Report Identifies Social and Economic Sustainability Performance Measures for Public Transportation**

The *Transportation Research Board's (TRB's) Transit Cooperative Research Program* released a pre-publication of its report on "[Social and Economic Sustainability Performance Measures for Public Transportation](#)." This report serves as a tool to help transit agencies report progress and measure success towards agency financial stability; regional economic growth; improved mobility and access; and safety of riders, employees, and the public.

##### **Research Brief Highlights Strategies for Reducing Transportation Disparities**

The *Center for Transportation Studies at the University of Minnesota* and the *Minnesota Department of Transportation* published a research brief on "[Advancing Transportation Equity: Strategies for Reducing Transportation Disparities](#)." The brief focuses on inter-agency collaboration and multimodal solutions to address transportation barriers, particularly for low-income, rural, and elderly communities.

##### **TRB Report Examines Methods to Measure Access Impacts of Park-and-Ride Systems**

The *Transportation Research Board (TRB)* [published a new methodology](#) in its research journal for calculating the access impacts of park-and-ride systems in the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area. The study analyzes how using mixed-mode transit travel influences the number of jobs



accessible within a certain travel time threshold. The research results revealed that current methods underestimate transit connections in these suburban areas and that park-and-ride facilities significantly improve these communities' access to employment centers.

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## RESEARCH QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER - SPRING 2019

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### RESEARCH QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER – SPRING 2019

#### **Welcome to the Spring 2019 edition of the FHWA's Office of Planning, Environment and Realty's (HEP) quarterly research newsletter.**

This issue of the newsletter focuses on HEP's efforts to ensure transportation planning decisions are made using a comprehensive process. The Office of Planning (HEPP) together with The Office of Project Development and Environmental Review (HEPE) promotes greater efficiency by fostering a coordinated approach between State and regional decision-makers, federal agencies, and the public toward integrated planning, environmental review, and project development through [Planning and Environment Linkages \(PEL\)](#). PEL facilitates the selection and implementation of transportation investments that are sensitive to the environment and reflect community needs through active agency engagement and the public involvement process.



Jody McCullough, FHWA

In this edition, you can read about HEPP's, HEPH's, and HEPE's EDC-5 [Virtual Public Involvement](#) initiative highlighting tools that increase participation and transparency in transportation planning and project development. The initiative saves time and money while reducing potential project delays by identifying issues early. It includes Virtual Public Involvement's new [webinar](#) series.

Also, check out the 2020 HEP research projects funded by the National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP), and the findings from an [NCHRP scan](#) of design, operation, and policy decisions State DOTs face when adding modes and services within existing right-of-way.

I encourage you to explore these resources, consider contributing to them, and help identify future research needs.



## 2020 NCHRP Projects

Each year, HEP supports several research projects funded through the Transportation Research Board's (TRB) NCHRP program. The following projects were approved by the Special Committee on Research and Innovation in April, and cover exciting project topics across HEP's areas of research. With nearly \$5 million in proposed funding, these projects are invaluable investments towards research that will improve transportation planning, environmental decision making, and real estate management. More information can be found on the [website](#).

### **Valuation of Permitting Utility and Communications Installations in Public Right-of-Way (ROW)**

This project will produce a guidance document for State DOTs (SDOTs) to assess their accommodation policies of utilities and communication facilities in the ROW with other SDOTs. This will provide SDOTs with a clear course for executing changes that may result in better legislation, expanded SDOT communication networks, fiscally net neutral accommodation, or net positive accommodation.

### **Development of Business Case and Communication Strategies for a State DOT Resilience Program**

This research will examine SDOT communication strategies and processes to inform the public and stakeholders of how resiliency is part of the SDOT's overall mission, and build a business case for investing in resilience strategies. The research will examine best practices of transportation agencies regarding resilience in agency activities and communications efforts when faced with disruptions (e.g., Georgia DOT bridge deck fire, Caltrans wildfires, South Carolina DOT hurricane efforts, and Washington State DOT I-5 Skagit River bridge collapse). The project will analyze best case applications of communications strategies and lessons learned from recent disruptions.

### **Access to Jobs, Economic Opportunities, and Education in Rural Areas**

This research will identify 'hot spots' of unmet need in rural communities, including employment, education, and transportation, and explore the new relationships and partnerships needed to ensure success. Commuting patterns are becoming increasingly regional, requiring transit agencies to develop new services to connect employees across jurisdictional boundaries. New local routes, regional commuter services, and rural employment routes will support regional and statewide economies.

### **Methodology to Define New AASHTO Green Book 7.0: Context Classification Settings Implementation as Related to Active Transportation Infrastructure**

Additional guidance is needed to help practitioners select which existing guidance is most pertinent to the new categories, such as suburban and rural contexts. The increased resolution of context categories and documentation in operational databases will provide enhanced research and guidance addressing the specific and unique needs of the new proposed categories.

### **National Synthesis of Project-Level Programmatic Agreements (PA) for Expediting Section 106 Consultation in Project Delivery**

This research will compile and synthesize information on the use, content, and efficiencies provided by Section 106 project-level PAs from across the U.S. It will focus on identifying and summarizing project-level PAs executed in the last decade by SDOTs and FHWA, but may also include relevant examples that have been executed by other agencies like the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The synthesis will include recommendations on successful practices that result in expedited completion of Section 106 requirements for complex transportation projects.

### **Best Practices (BP) in Coordination of Public Transit and Ride Sharing**

This research will document available online apps to improve commuter access to public transit and

allow for greater mobility in their communities. A key component of this research is identifying existing resources and how private industry is interacting and partnering with the public sector in coordinating mobility services.

#### **Effective On-Bridge Treatment of Stormwater**

Today's current treatment technologies utilize media filtration to remove many pollutants of concern. Many DOTs utilize media filtration for rapid passive filtering of stormwater along the roadway. The same concept could be applied to on-bridge stormwater treatment. This research will identify filter media and mixes that would be successful in an on-bridge application. It will provide stormwater designers with a realistic idea of available options for on-bridge stormwater treatment.

#### **Incorporating Resilience Concepts and Strategies in Transportation Planning Efforts**

This project will develop specific guidance on incorporating resilience in every level of transportation planning. The research will look at different types of SDOT planning efforts, such as statewide planning, modal planning, and corridor planning, and how resilience can be integrated into such efforts.

#### **Accessing America's Great Outdoors: Understanding Recreational Travel Patterns, Demand, and Future Investment Needs for Transportation Systems**

The study will examine tourism demand, analyze travel volumes and patterns, and develop a model to project travel demand on state and county roads. This research will allow jurisdictions to make informed decisions about investments in economic development, transportation, and other issues that may affect residents and visitors alike.

#### **Development and Implementation of the National Intercity Bus Atlas (NIBA)**

This research project will develop a national atlas of intercity bus services that utilizes General Transit Feed Specification (GTFS) data, is publicly available, can be maintained to a high level of currency, and is complementary to the National Transit Map.

#### **Trade-offs for Cross-sectional Reallocation on Urban and Suburban Roads**

This research will examine both performance and feasibility related to cross-sectional reallocation. The issues associated with evaluating these proposals are complex and require modern perspectives and insights on safety performance and economic trade-offs associated with such roadway changes. The final report will include enhanced guidance targeted to design practitioners.

#### **Design Options to Reduce Turning Motor Vehicle–Bicycle Conflicts at Intersections**

The objective of this project is to develop guidelines for intersection design that minimizes the risks that motor-vehicle turning movements create for through-moving bicyclists. To accomplish this, the research will rely on a variety of conflict data to supplement often-sparse crash data at signalized intersections.

#### **Safety Evaluation of On-Street Bikeway Designs**

Separated bikeways are bikeways within or adjacent to the roadway and separated from moving traffic by curbs, parking lanes, striped buffers, or other barriers. This research will study various separated bikeway designs and update guidance documents. Other outcomes include a greater understanding of the safety, efficiency, connectivity, and maintainability issues associated with separated bikeway designs, and the identification of additional research needs.

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### **Just Released - New Environmental Justice (EJ) Publications**

FHWA's HEPH released two new EJ resources: [Addressing Changing Demographics in Environmental Justice Analysis, State of the Practice](#), and [Environmental Justice Analysis in Transportation Planning and Programming, State of the Practice](#). The first publication provides information on national demographic trends and notable EJ analysis practices to help transportation practitioners better understand and respond to rapid community change, while



improving methods to meaningfully involve EJ populations in transportation decision making. The research highlights strategies to accelerate project delivery using innovative data-driven approaches, and equity analysis methods to support economic growth and improve quality of life. Listen to the [webinar](#) held in January on this resource.



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The second publication details the state of the practice among SDOTs and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) regarding how these agencies consider and address environmental justice concerns in their transportation planning and programming process. The report chronicles commonly applied techniques and emerging new approaches for conducting EJ assessments. It is organized around these focus areas: identifying and engaging EJ populations; understanding EJ populations' needs; assessing benefits and burdens of proposed transportation plans; determining whether transportation plans may result in disproportionately high and adverse effects on EJ populations, and deploying strategies to address such effects. The report concludes with overarching best practices: integrating EJ analyses with plans and programs and using EJ analyses to support decision making. A complementary case study, [Using Social Media to Reach Environmental Justice Communities](#) was also released by the Center for Environmental Excellence, AASHTO (American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials).

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## Successful Approaches to Accommodate Additional Modes and Services in Existing Right-of-Way

FHWA's HEPH participated in [NCHRP's Domestic Scan](#) of design, operation, and policy decisions SDOTs face when considering accommodating additional modes and services within existing rights-of-way. The scan team visited seven geographically-dispersed projects and utilized a variety of multimodal transportation strategies benefitting bicycle, pedestrian, transit, and automobile users. Scanned projects included existing general-purpose traffic lanes converted to transit-only service (e.g., bus or rail), or to express toll lanes with bus rapid transit (BRT), or express bus service. The report, [Successful Approaches to Accommodate Additional Modes and Services in Existing Right-of-Way](#), includes findings and recommendations that will advance the institutional capacity of SDOTs to successfully participate and partner in projects that add modes to existing rights-of-way.

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## The National Science Foundation (NSF) Partners with FHWA in Conducting the Smart & Connected Communities Research Program

FHWA representatives David Kuehn, Exploratory Advanced Research program manager and Shari Schaftlein, Director, Office of Human Environment, participated in the annual [National Science Foundation Smart & Connected Communities Principle Investigators Meeting](#). David facilitated a panel on *Transportation, Equity, and Emerging Technology*. Shari presented an overview of FHWA mobility innovation research and related human environment program efforts, and facilitated a workshop session. Several universities partnered with community groups through the NSF program to address improved mobility. Tools are available to explore new mobility solutions that provide greater access to employment, education, and healthcare. For updates on the research projects see <https://nsfscppimeeting.ece.uw.edu/2019-presentations/>.

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## Webinars of Interest

### Virtual Public Involvement

On April 25, FHWA launched the first in a four-part webinar series to help transportation professionals engage the public more effectively by supplementing face-to-face information with technology. [Virtual public involvement techniques](#) include meeting-in-a-box, pop-up outreach, interactive maps, and other innovative tools. All four webinars include case-study videos and presenters from the field. The second webinar is scheduled for June 25 and features: Building a Social Media Presence, Targeted Online Ads and Telephone Town Halls. Learn more [here](#).

### Value Capture Webinar Series Begins in June



Value Capture refers to a toolbox of strategies used by public agencies to capture a portion of the value generated by public infrastructure investment. These are powerful funding tools that can help address funding gaps, can be part of the mix of funding sources for transportation improvement solutions, and can accelerate project delivery, save time and money, and enhance safety when done properly. Are you interested in applying individual value capture techniques, to capture the benefits created by transportation infrastructure projects, faster and more effectively, while also achieving system performance goals and accelerate the project delivery process? Are you interested in learning funding and financing strategies for a program of projects? Register through the links below to learn more about Value Capture techniques, including case studies by lead agencies around the country.



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Thursday, June 20 - [Understand Value Capture Tools and Federal Resources](#)

Thursday, June 27 - [Value Capture: Developer Contributions Techniques and Case Studies](#)

## **Research Highlights**

### ***Environment***

#### **CMAQ Program Emission Reductions Calculator**

The calculator is a spreadsheet-based tool to assist DOTs and MPOs, and project sponsors to generate emissions benefit information. Released in modules the calculator represents the most common types of projects. Staff

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### ***Planning***

#### **VisionEval/Rapid Policy Analysis Tool (RPAT)**

VisionEval/Rapid Policy Analysis Tool offers strategic models operating at a range of geographic scales to evaluate metrics related to land use, transportation policies, and economic and demographic trends. It is an open source project that is under active development through an FHWA pooled fund study representing seven states and three MPOs. The project provides models, data preparation tools, and a visualizer for results from many alternative scenarios. The VisionEval software and documentation are available [here](#). Staff Contact: [Jeremy Raw](#), 202-366-0986.



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#### **HEPGIS – Unique Mapping Database**

Planning, Environment, and Realty (HEP) Executive Geographic Information System ([HEPGIS](#)) is FHWA's only publicly available web-based interactive mapping system designed for FHWA and its stakeholders to perform MPO and Statewide transportation planning activities by using maps and obtaining geo-spatial data. Maps include: National Highway System, Federal Aid Highways, Freight Networks, Federal Lands Highways, Alternative Fuel Corridors, annual average daily traffic, fatal crashes, MPO/TMA boundaries, non-attainment areas, unemployment rates, and decennial census population distributions. The Freight Analysis Framework and border origin-destination visualization maps include flows by commodity group, mode, and forecast year. In addition, HEPGIS now includes monthly travel time reliability index maps using FHWA National Performance Management Research Data Set GPS data to help implement Performance-Based Planning and Programming. Staff Contact: [Supin Yoder](#), 312-257-6356.

### ***Real Estate***

#### **Temporary Waiver of Methodology for Calculating a Replacement Housing Payment (RHP) for Negative Equity**

This investigative study will gather nationwide data of residential real estate market values to identify and document where and to what extent market values have not recovered, or have met or exceeded those values that existed prior to the historically unique 2008 U.S. real estate market crash. The results created circumstances of negative equity in the homes of owner occupants, whereby the methodology to calculate an RHP, under 49 CFR 24.401(b)(1) did not ensure that a comparable replacement dwelling was available



within the economic means of the displaced person(s) as required by the Uniform Act. FHWA recently extended the temporary waiver through December 31, 2019. **Staff Contact:** [Melissa Corder](#), 202-366-5823.

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## Upcoming Events

- **August 25 – 28**

**[Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals Conference](#),  
Portland, OR**

The biennial conference provides outstanding training and networking that attract professionals working on active transportation projects in the U.S. and Canada. Opportunities to connect with leaders and innovators, established and emerging decision-makers. **Staff Contact:** [Darren Buck](#).



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- **September 10 – 13**

**[International Conference on Women's Issues in Transportation](#), Irvine,  
CA**

The 2019 WiT conference will focus on women's issues related to all aspects of travel and transportation, framed through the lens of insights, inclusion, and impact. FHWA is a sponsor of this year's conference and will advance themes from the 2014 conference including gender differences in transportation and mobility, responsiveness of transport systems to needs and preferences of women, transportation safety, personal security, and participation of women in decision-making and wealth creation in the transportation sector. **Staff Contact:** [Shari Schaftlein](#).

- **September 22 – 26**

**[International Conference on Ecology and Transportation](#), Sacramento, CA**

The foremost interdisciplinary, inter-agency supported conference addressing the broad range of ecological issues related to transportation systems in all modes. Experts in transportation development, related scientific study, policy issues, and administrative processes gather at ICOET to share current research, quality applications, and best practices that can enhance both the project development process and the ecological sustainability of all transportation modes. FHWA is a sponsor. **Staff Contact:** [Mike Ruth](#).

- **November 13 – 15**

**[Transportation Resilience 2019](#), Washington, DC**

TRB, AASHTO, and FHWA are sponsoring the 2nd International Conference on Transportation System Resilience to Natural Hazards and Extreme Weather Events. The conference will provide transportation professionals with information on emerging best practices and state of the art research results on how to adapt surface transportation networks to the potential impacts of natural disasters and extreme weather events. Conference topics and abstracts are being solicited at TR2019. **Staff Contact:** [Mike Culp](#).

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### **Introduction to Unmanned Airborne Systems (UAS) Mapping**

**May 29, 2019 in Albuquerque, NM**

Click [here](#) to register

This full day course starts with a brief overview of the UAS mapping technology and its rules and regulations. The principles of UAS data collection are explained along with hands-on practice in flight planning and execution. The main focus of this course is on processing the collected imagery using structure from motion technique and deriving orthophoto mosaics and ultra-high resolution digital terrain models (DTMs) and digital surface models (DSMs) of land surface, vegetation and structures. More advanced topics include multitemporal 3D data analysis, fusion with lidar data and 3D visualization with applications in transportation engineering.

### **Transportation Asset Management**

**July 2, 2019 in Las Vegas, NM**

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The large inventory of aging roadways and bridges, the dramatic fluctuations in construction costs, the retirement of experienced transportation workers, and the increased competition for available funding have amplified the challenges transportation agencies face as they manage their highway systems. Over the last decade, a number of state highway agencies have established Transportation Asset Management (TAM) programs to help document asset conditions, to allocate funding, and to determine the most effective use of available funds. TAM programs provide the processes and tools necessary to help transportation leaders make informed project decisions that can improve the overall operational efficiency of the organization. This NHI course covers the basic tenets of an asset management program, how it is useful and looks at pavement preservation strategies.

### **Introduction to Online Mapping**

**July 17, 2019 in Albuquerque, NM**

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Online mapping or Web mapping is a process of compiling and delivering geo-spatial data in the form of an interactive web application. Online mapping services allow users to interact with geographic data, query data, finding landmarks, obtaining addresses, etc. This course provides information on current and emerging online mapping technologies and capabilities.

The emphasis of this class will be hands-on experience in the following aspects of internet-enabled mapping.

### **Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance**

**August 13, 2019 in Las Vegas, NM**

**September 11, 2019 in Las Cruces, NM**

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The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements have been in effect since 1990, yet state and local jurisdictions all across the country have dealt with severe penalties from the U.S. Department of Justice for failure to provide the required facilities. This class identifies the laws that involve ADA required facilities associated with public rights of way. Also included are discussions about the entire pedestrian facility, including sidewalks and curb ramps. Requirements for completing and maintaining a transition plan are also included. A person doesn't have to look very hard to find newly constructed pedestrian facilities that do not meet ADA requirements. Doing it right the first time is repeatedly stressed throughout this class.

### **Roadway Drainage**

**September 10, 2019 in Las Cruces, NM**

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This course will discuss basic road design characteristics as they relate to drainage, soil characteristics, basic hydrology (drainage areas, runoff factors, and rainfall intensity), hydraulics (culvert materials, sizing culvert, sizing ditches), and placement of culverts, culvert end treatments, and culvert and ditch maintenance. The participants will have an understanding of the makeup of roadway drainage and the qualities that increase the service life of the road. This course is set up to create discussion among participants, to include local conditions, concerns and techniques. While this course does not provide design criteria for engineers, it is intended to cover the needs of all people responsible for roads, from managers to operators.

### **Roadway Safety 365**

**October 29, 2019 in Roswell, NM**

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To help reduce the number and severity of crashes on local and rural roadways, the FHWA Office of Safety has developed this one day Road Safety 365 workshop as part of a package of focused products for local and rural governments. Road Safety 365 is designed to provide local and rural agencies with practical and effective ways to incorporate safety solutions into daily activities as well as the project development process.

### **Asphalt Pavement Maintenance**

**October 30, 2019 in Roswell, NM**

Click [here](#) to register

This seminar provides information on specific maintenance techniques for asphalt pavements. Topics include pavement preservation concepts, preventative and corrective repairs, identifying types of pavement distress and their causes, selecting candidates for pavement preservation, and methods for repairing pavement failures.

## **Interact With Us!**

### **Tribal Technical Assistance Program (TTAP) trainings!**

The Tribal Technical Assistance Program (TTAP) will be hosting free workshops on roadway safety to be held in Tse Bonito, NM on June 25 to 28.

These workshops would be beneficial to anyone interested in reducing roadway injuries and fatalities, and are open to all who wish to attend. They will have eight workshops total. Each one will be a half a day. You could sign up for one or all eight.

**FREE Tribal  
Trainings**