

Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NWRTPO)

RTPO Technical/Policy Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

10AM – 2PM

Gallup Eastside Fire Station
3700 Church Rock Street
Gallup, NM

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order and Introductions.....Jeff Irving, NWRTPO Chair
- II. Agenda – Review & Approval.....Jeff Irving
- III. Minutes of 2/14/18 – Review & Approval.....Jeff Irving

ACTION ITEMS:

- IV. FFY18-19 Meeting Schedule.....Robert Kuipers
Members will confirm and finalize the meeting schedule for May, 2018 – April, 2019 at this meeting!! Members who have not already confirmed a location with their respective elected leaders, will be responsible for getting this done (meeting room formally reserved) ASAP, per the location identified at today's meeting – if a member has to come up with a different meeting location thereafter, the public notice will have already gone out, and it will be that member's responsibility to post a sign on the door of the advertised location, regarding the new location, along with directions, on the day of their respective hosted meeting!! Advising Eastern Navajo to host a meeting with Northern Navajo "off the hook" this year since they hosted in 2017 – NMDOT Dist. 6 will host the March 2019 meeting in order to finalize the D-6 RTIPR ("Zipper").

DISCUSSION / PRESENTATION ITEMS:

- V. Annual RTPO Member Survey, and Trainings Attended by Members.....Robert Kuipers
Most of our RTPO members have not completed and submitted the surveys emailed via Survey Monkey on 12/29/17 and have therefore not provided a report on trainings or webinars attended for FY17 (Oct. 2016 – Sept. 2017) (can use the survey to report training / webinars) (training includes: LTAP / TTAP, NHI, FHWA, FTA, BIA and Other). Therefore, because this is an annual contractual requirement from the NMDOT, and because we are now behind schedule with this deliverable; members in attendance will complete hard copies of the survey at todays meeting; and those needing more time, or those not in attendance will be given a short deadline (1-2 weeks) to submit these to Mr. Kuipers.
- VI. NWRTPO Call For Projects, FFY18 –19.....Robert Kuipers
Call for projects commences in June, 2018, with PFF's due July 31, PIF's due Oct. 26, RTIPR finalized 2/13/19; DOT-6 Zipper 3/13/19
- VII. RTP / TAP / CMAQ Update.....Robert Kuipers, Neala Krueger
PFF's due July 31, 2018; Applications & PIF's due to NWRTPO Oct. 26, 2018; Applications due to NMDOT Nov. 30, 2018
- VIII. NWRTPO Regional Work Program Status Report.....Robert Kuipers
- IX. Reports, Updates & Announcements:
 - RTPO Report: Regional News & Updates.....Robert Kuipers
 - Membership Updates: need member appointment updates for:
 - Pueblo of Laguna – lacking form for Ray L.; and new alternate member once appointed
 - Cibola – need to replace Anna L. who's resigned, follow up with Judy Horacek

- McKinley – still need Muriel Plummer’s appointment form as alternate
- Ramah – need to replace Joe S. – follow up with Shane Lewis
- RTPO Orientation for the Pueblo of Zuni completed 4/9/18; orientations now complete through 2020; although in the event of elected leader turn-over, an orientation can be provided to any member govt. at any time requested.
- **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

X. New Business/Open Floor – Members & Guests

- No requests in advance of this meeting

XI. Review Calendar & Announcements / Training & Funding Opportunities

- FHWA Office of Planning, Environment & Realty / Human Environment Digest: week of 3/12, nothing thereafter
- Govt. to Govt. Updates: Weeks of 3/12 and 4/2 – emailed to members as they came out.
- NADO Rural Transportation News: Forwarded to members 4/3.
- 2018 National Work Zone Awareness Week (and Fact-sheet): forwarded to members 4/2.
- Save the Date: Designing for Pedestrians (Focus City) Workshop March 29-30: emailed to members 4/2, providing links to the power-point presentations from this workshop
- Applying for National Park Service Assistance: emailed this April 12 webinar opportunity to members 4/2, providing guidance to applying for NPS support / assistance with outdoor recreation and natural resource conservation under the “Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program”, as it may apply to our Recreational Trails projects.
- AARP Challenge Grants: emailed to members 4/2 regarding potential funding for multi-modal projects supporting senior citizen mobility, access and quality of life.
- Funding Opportunities: forwarded news of a variety of funding opportunities to members on 3/19, to share with their colleagues; along with news of an “American Indian Tourism Conference” to be held at Isleta Resort / Casino Sept. 17-20, 2018
- USDOT Infrastructure Booklet: link to the “President’s Initiative for Rebuilding Infrastructure in America” emailed to members 3/15 so we can anticipate what opportunities may be coming down the pipe.
- CMAQ (Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality) Funding Opportunity: There is a funding opportunity coming in the Spring of 2018 for CMAQ projects, which may include such things as multi-modal trails, school bus retrofits, and transition to natural gas for transit fleets.
- Open Mtng.s Act / Inspection of Public Records Act Training: this Training hosted by NM Attorney General to occur 2/27 in Aztec, and 8/24 in Gallup – emailed to members on 2/22
- N.M. TRIP Report: A great resource for RTPO members to be aware of – good data analysis of transportation infrastructure. Forgot to hand out at February meeting – will provide hard copies at April meeting.
- Updated ARF to include DUNS number: emailed to members 11/30/17

XII. Next Meetings

- Schedule for May, 2018 – April, 2019 finalized this meeting, available at (advertised in advance of) May 9 mtng.

XIII. Adjournment:

- **Motion:**
- **2nd:**



NORTHWEST NEW MEXICO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

NWRTPO | Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization

Joint Policy & Technical Committee

NWRTPO Meeting Minutes

Wednesday February 14, 2018

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

McKinley Office of Emergency Management

2221 Boyd Avenue, Gallup, NM

ATTENDANCE:

Local & Tribal Governments:

Pueblo of Acoma	Dave Deutsawe – Vice Chair
Pueblo of Laguna	Ray Lucero - absent
Pueblo of Zuni	Royce Gchachu, Roxann Hughte – absent
Navajo Nation	Eastern Navajo: Rosilyn Smith - absent
	Northern Navajo: Larry Joe - absent
Ramah Navajo	Shane Lewis
Farmington MPO	Vacant at this time
City of Grants	Don Jaramillo, Les Gaines
City of Gallup	Alicia Santiago
Village of Milan	Jack Moleres, Denise Baca – absent; Paul Pena VOM . Manager - present
Cibola County	Anna Larson, Judy Horacek – absent
McKinley County	Jeff Irving–Chair, Donna Fambrough (guest–McK Road Dept.)
San Juan County	Nick Porell – absent

Technical Agencies:

New Mexico Department of Transportation:	G-2-G Unit: Neala Krueger
	DOT District 5: Stephen Lopez, Warren Maestas
	DOT District 6: Marticia Holiday, Bill Santiago, Arif Kazmi
	DOT Tribal Liaison: Ron Shutiva
	DOT – LTAP:
	DOT Admin:
Bureau of Indian Affairs	TTP:

NWRTPO Administration:

Northwest Regional Planning Organization	Robert Kuipers, Evan Williams
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Guests:

<u>TOTAL ATTENDANCE:</u>	4 Members, 3 alternate members, 7 NMDOT, 2 RTPO Staff, 1 guests – TOTAL: 16
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- I. **Call to Order and Introductions:**.....Jeff Irving, NWRTPO Chair
- 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 McKinley County with special thanks for coffee, snacks and lunch provided.
- II. **Review & Approval of Agenda:**.....Jeff Irving
- No discussion or changes to the agenda were made.
 - Motion to approve agenda made by Dave Deutsawe, Acoma; seconded by Don Jaramillo, Grants; all in favor, none opposed.
- III. **Approval and Review of Minutes for November 8, 2017 Meeting:**.....Jeff Irving
- Motion to accept meeting minutes made by Dave Deutsawe, Acoma; seconded by Paul Pena, Milan; all in favor, none opposed.

ACTION ITEMS: There are no policy actions this meeting

DISCUSSION / PRESENTATION ITEMS:

- IV. **Local Government Road Fund Presentation**.....JoAnn Garcia, NMDOT District 6
Applications due March 15

BACKGROUND

- **Why?** To help our local govt. member representatives better understand the Local Govt. Road Fund, and how to successfully navigate project application and implementation.
- **Purpose.** To help keep RTPO members informed and on track for the LGRF resource, which helps support and address the needs for development of local roads, which don't qualify for federal funding through the NMDOT.
- **Discussion/Finalization.** NMDOT Dist. 6 staff will explain the LGRF process to RTPO members

CURRENT WORK

- Last year, many RTPO members had to submit extension requests to avoid funding expiration / reversion deadline of 12/31/16.
- Attention to the LGRF funding process and reporting requirements will help our members make better use of this limited resource for funding rural local road projects that don't qualify for federal funding due to functional classification
- Members may anticipate submitting applications for new LGRF projects, against a March 15 deadline for letters of intent.
- DOT staff will explain the LGRF application and implementation process.

ANTICIPATED WORK

- Members submit applications for new LGRF projects by March 15.
- NM DOT Districts submit request for DOT approval of all submitted projects by April 15.
- Members can find the complete LGRF 2014 Handbook on COG website – RTPO link_Documents_LGRF Handbook link under “Planning Documents”; or on NMDOT website-Local Govt. Info_Project Oversight Division_LGRF link on the right.

ATTACHMENTS

- LGRF guidance

BUDGET IMPACT

- None. (LGRF benefits rural communities with funding for local road projects)

ACTION ITEM

- Members interested in submitting new projects should follow up with DOT District staff.

Discussion: (Presentation and discussion yielded the following primary points:)

- March 15 deadline for proposals – presentation provided required documentation to be included with the proposal along with samples of required forms
- Early May or June – local entities receive tentative funding offer letter from NMDOT Districts – template for letter of acceptance provided in presentation
- Project termini must be project specific and accurate – however it's better to propose a slightly longer termini than the actual project target – in case funding / savings allow extension of project termini
- Once project agreements are signed – no further adjustments can be made
- Local government resolution must match the proposal details (example template in presentation)
- Consider sending proposal in certified mail, in order to verify and prove submission date – and that DOT received it
- IMPLEMENTATION: must use contractors that are licensed with the State of New Mexico (pre-qualification rule)
- Notice to Proceed must be signed and executed before commencing project
- Need Engineer's stamp on estimates over \$100K
- Additional Discussion:
 - Consider inviting Utility Providers to RTPO meeting to discuss certification delays that can jeopardize projects. (Regional utilities have gained a reputation for poor response delays – they don't provide clearances in spite of multiple requests)
 - Conduct the LGRF presentation at the January meeting each year – provides more time for RTPO members to prepare their proposals

V. Annual RTPO Member Survey, and Trainings Attended by Members.....Jeff Irving, Robert Kuipers

BACKGROUND
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Why? On an annual basis, the NWRTPO issues a member survey to enable members to assess the RTPO's performance, and make recommendations; this includes tracking the trainings and webinars that RTPO members have participated in.• Purpose. This annual exercise helps assess, track and fine tune the RTPO's service and performance, along with staff and member training and professional development. It also provides RTPO members an opportunity to recommend regional priorities going forward.• Discussion/Finalization. Members are asked to complete and submit the survey (which has a section for reporting training) emailed from Survey Monkey 12/29/17. Please report both <u>trainings</u> and <u>webinars</u>.

WORK TO DATE
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff updated the survey to include RTPO quality of staff service feedback, ideas for generating resources in rural, and recommendations for advancing our five Regional Transportation Plan goals.

ANTICIPATED WORK
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Members are requested to complete and submit the survey (reference 12/29/17 email from Survey Monkey) and report on trainings and webinars attended during FY17 (10/16 – 9/17)• Members can also report training / webinars attended between Oct. – Dec., 2017

ATTACHMENTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hard Copy – Member Satisfaction Survey for FY17

BUDGET IMPACT
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• none

ACTION ITEM

- no policy action – members are requested to complete and submit the survey, and report trainings attended over the past fiscal year (Oct. 2016 – Sept. 2017) can also report training attended Oct. – Dec. 2017.

Discussion:

- Requesting members to complete and submit the survey, emailed via Survey Monkey on 12/29/17 which assesses their satisfaction with RTPO services, and recommendations for the year ahead, along with trainings they have attended over the past year. Training sources can include: LTAP/TTAP, NHI, FHWA, FTA, BIA, and other.
- Bob K. covered the member survey and process, and indicated that so far, only three members have responded.
- DOT staff suggested inviting (local governance certified) Navajo Chapters who are actively pursuing transportation development to RTPO meetings. No further discussion.

- VI. **NWRTPO Meeting Schedule, May, 2018 – April, 2019:**.....Robert Kuipers
Need members consideration for our upcoming annual meeting schedule – hope to finalize by next month's meeting. There may be impetus to choose another day, as Farmington MPO meets the 2nd Weds. of each month. We now have 12 members incl. Northern, Eastern and Ramah Navajo. Advising Eastern Navajo to host a meeting with Northern Navajo "off the hook" this year since they hosted in 2017 – NMDOT Dist. 6 will host the March 2019 meeting in order to finalize the RTIPR.

- **Why?** The RTPO generates an annual meeting schedule providing dates and locations in the three county region for meetings.
- **Purpose.** Provide adequate advance notification to the public, as well as RTPO member representatives, along with the governments which they represent, on the date, time and location of meetings
- **Discussion/Finalization.** Commence development of this annual schedule for completion by March and no later than April, 2018.

CURRENT WORK

- Members will begin discussing hosting meetings with their respective leaders, and choose a date within the schedule (2nd Wednesday of each month - May 2018 – April 2019)
- Discussion as to whether a different Wednesday each month might work, as the Farmington MPO meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month
- Staff will provide an annual schedule for members to discuss with their respective leaders

ANTICIPATED WORK

- RTPO staff and members will continue choosing dates to host the RTPO meeting, to complete the annual schedule no later than April, 2018

ATTACHMENTS

- Current Public Notice meeting schedule through April, 2017.

BUDGET IMPACT

- None.

ACTION ITEM

- Members to schedule meeting host dates with their leaders, and submit to RTPO Planner; RTPO Planner will create new annual schedule for public notice by or before April, 2018.

Discussion:

- Members were reminded that we need to try to finalize the May, 2018 – April, 2019 annual meeting schedule by our March meeting, so RTPO staff can advertise to the public within required deadlines.

VII. NWRTPO Call for Projects – FFY18 – FFY19 Guidance & Schedule:.....Robert Kuipers

BACKGROUND

- **Why:** The NMDOT distributes federal funding for transportation maintenance and development to metropolitan and rural regions of the state. With limited funding available to rural areas, it is important to have a prioritized list of viable (qualified) projects for funding.
- **Purpose.** The NWRTPO undertakes a new Regional Transportation Improvement Program Recommendations (RTIPR) list of projects that qualify for federal funding in two year cycles.
- **Discussion/Finalization.** The NWRTPO will undertake this project qualification / prioritization process commencing in June, 2018 and completing in March, 2019 with an updated RTIPR.

WORK TO DATE

- An updated Call for Projects Guide has been developed to guide the NWRTPO members through the process for identifying qualified projects, and assessing their readiness for phased development, as well as competitiveness for funding.
- In previous cycles, the NWRTPO has trimmed it's RTIPR from \$350 million, with many projects that did not qualify for federal funding, down to \$65 million, with all projects listed qualifying for federal funding through the state. The actual documented need for our three county region of New Mexico is cited at \$777 million.

ANTICIPATED WORK

- The NWRTPO will commence the RTIPR update in June of 2018. The process will run through March of 2019, with a) submission of Project Feasibility Forms (PFF), which if approved as viable for federal \$, will follow with b) submission of Project Identification Forms (PIF). c) For projects that compete for prioritization, the NWRTPO hears and scores presentations on project need and readiness from each jurisdictional representative. d) The NWRTPO then drafts the RTIPR update, and approve / authorize it in collaboration with the DOT Districts. e) From there, each DOT District prioritizes projects from their participating RTPO's for the DOT District RTIP – referred to as the "Zipper" because it blends projects from several RTPO's.
- Once projects are cited in the DOT District RTIP, they are within 4-5 years of getting funded, or may need to be re-authorized by the RTPO and DOT District for future funding.

ATTACHMENTS

- FFY 18 – 19 NWNM Call for Transportation Projects Guide (and schedule)

BUDGET IMPACT

- none

ACTION ITEM

- No action now. Members are anticipated to work through their respective governments, to prepare PFF submissions during the summer of 2018, according to the Call for Projects schedule.

Discussion:

- Bob K. covered the upcoming biennial Call for Projects process and distributed hard copies our guidance outlining the process.
- Neala Krueger and Bob clarified to members that all TAP, RTP, and CMAQ funding applications are due to NMDOT by November 30, 2018

VIII. Legislative Report for Transportation Issues:.....Evan Williams, Deputy Director, NWNMCOG

BACKGROUND

- **Why?** NWNMCOG Deputy Director Evan Williams is present at each annual N.M. Legislative session to assist our regional Legislators with moving our regional projects forward. As such, over the years, Mr. Williams carries an influential presence at the Legislature, that is valued by our regional Senators and Representatives, and helps successfully navigate our regional priorities through legislative policy and funding support.
- **Purpose.** Mr. Williams will report on anticipated legislative trends for transportation funding and policy support, to help our members better prepare for competitive project development.
- **Discussion/Finalization.** Members will be better prepared for competitive project submission into the RTIPR or for other state funding sources for their respective transportation infrastructure.

WORK TO DATE

- Mr. Williams has completed most of his work on behalf of the 2018 N.M. Legislative session, and has a good understanding of prospective legislation and funding, and anticipated impacts or opportunities for transportation development.

ANTICIPATED WORK

- Based on Mr. Williams participation and analysis of this sessions legislative priorities, he will convey to members where there may be opportunities or challenges for our region in the area of transportation development.

ATTACHMENTS

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BUDGET IMPACT

- None on RTPO budget, but potential funding opportunities for RTPO members

ACTION ITEM

- Informational / discussion item only

Discussion:

- Mr. Williams provided a comprehensive and detailed report on legislative support for transportation projects, including at least \$50 million in new funding for state and local transportation projects. His presentation also covered the broader arena of legislative bills and support for a wide variety of infrastructure and other forms of development that will benefit our region.
- Discussion occurred during and following the presentation, and the presentation gave our members a better understanding of “what may be coming down the pipe” from the state legislature, so they and their communities can prepare and take advantage.

IX. NWRTPO Regional Work Program Status Report:.....Robert Kuipers, NWRTPO Staff

BACKGROUND

Why? Due to a NMDOT Office of Inspector General (OIG) Audit and subsequent findings, NWRTPO staff met with NMDOT Planning Bureau staff to develop a corrective action plan (CAP).

Purpose. As part of our CAP RTPO staff will provide monthly reports showing line item budget expenditures and staff hours in comparison with the approved Regional Work Program (RWP) Budget.

Discussion/Finalization. Based on this monthly analysis and report, staff will better manage time and funding investment, and assess where and when to seek a RWP amendment if needed.

WORK TO DATE

- RTPO staff met with NMDOT staff on 12/7/16 to review a draft corrective action plan, detailing specific actions and controls in a number of areas to assure stronger compliance to the RWP budgeted time and financial allocations.
- The Corrective Action Plan has been finalized and is now being executed.
- RTPO staff have provided reports at monthly meetings: January – December 2017.
- In Quarter 2, RTPO staff submitted Amendment #1 to modify our hours per function and annual RTPO FFY17 budget, as approved by the RTPO Committee (February 2017). A copy of the FHWA/NMDOT approval of this amendment was attached. RTPO staff submitted amendment #2 to the NMDOT Planning Dept. for our biennial work program in Quarter 4 approved at our August, 2017 and December, 2017 RTPO meetings, adjusting hours based on our experience and expectations.

ANTICIPATED WORK

- Ongoing reports to the NWRTPO members at monthly meetings.
- RWP amendment requests may be anticipated, as time and budget demands may vary as the fiscal year progresses.
- Our annual Quality Assurance Review (QAR) occurred on April 12th, which provided a good check-up on how the RTPO is performing.

ATTACHMENTS

- RWP & Budget Monthly Report

BUDGET IMPACT

- None.

ACTION ITEM

- This is a monthly report item only.

RTPO Regional Work Program	Original FFY17-18 Staff hours	FY17 1 st Quarter Hours Used	FY17 2 nd Quarter Hours Used	FY17 3 rd Quarter Hours Used	FY17 4 th Quarter Hours Used	Total Hours FFY17:	FY18 Staff hours Amend #2	FFY-18 Q-1 Totals:	Jan.	Feb.	March	FFY-18 Q-2 Totals:
Function 1 – 12% (Long Range Planning & Implementation)	300	82.75	59.5	72	36	250.25	250.0	4	14			18
Function 2 – 10% (Technical Support & Data Management)	100	64.5	8.25	14.5	78.25	165.5	200.0	72	0			72
Function 3 – 19% (Project Development & Monitoring) (uses more hours in the first 2 quarters – related to new RTIPR development)	400	209.75	30.25	25.75	145	410.75	400.0	31.75	16			47.75
Function 4 – 12% (Other Activities & Projects)	400	64.25	71	104.5	48.5	288.25	250.0	60.75	9			69.75
Function 5 – 33% (General RTPO Support)	400	196	221.5	194.5	102.25	714.25	700.0	152.25	57			209.25
Function 6 – 14% (RTPO Administration)	400	80.5	46	48.25	157.5	332.25	300.0	133.75	44.75			178.5
PROGRAM TOTAL	2000.0	697.75	436.5	459.5	567.5	2,161.25	2100.0	454.5	140.75			595.25

Discussion: no discussion, members are accustomed to these reports.

X. Reports, Updates & Announcements:

BACKGROUND	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Why? Update RTPO members on news, training, funding, and other items of special interest• Purpose. Keep RTPO members up to date on critical information from NWRTPO and NMDOT sources	
Informational Items	
Regional News & Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• RTPO Report• Member Reports
Member Special Reports:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None submitted prior to the meeting
NMDOT Reports:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• G to G Liaison: Neala Krueger• Tribal Liaison: Ron Shutiva• District 6: JoAnn Garcia & staff; District 5: Steve Lopez• DOT Planning Unit – Govt. to Govt. Weekly Updates
Training & Funding Opportunities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CMAQ (<i>Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality</i>) grant / funding opportunity anticipated for the Spring of 2018 (reference agenda citation).
New Business / Open Floor:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No formal requests submitted

VI. REPORTS, UPDATES and ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A) RTPO Report – December 2017

- **Membership Updates:** After further review of our files, the only membership appointment forms needing updates are McKinley and Laguna as soon as Jeff and Ray identify a new Alternative Member representative for their respective jurisdictions. Bob K. provided Jeff Irving with the appointment form, Ray L. not in attendance.
Report covered the following items:
- **Legislative Support for 2018 Session** from COG Deputy Director Evan Williams, which included attending Transportation Committee meetings to anticipate future trends around challenges and opportunities for transportation development.
- **Update on 4 Corners Counties Collaborative meetings** (seeking cost and time efficiencies in navigating multi-jurisdictional transportation projects on the Navajo Nation)
- **Regional GIS data and mapping:** finished mapping McKinley Recreational Trails in Zuni Mountains in November. Need follow up with our three Pueblos to include their roads and data in our regional portfolio.
- **2018 NMDOT Rail Plan update**
- **Navajo DOT Transportation Symposium** which took place January 16 – 17 at San Juan College in Farmington on behalf of all New Mexico Navajo Chapters. Mr. Kuipers presented the RTPO orientation, including highlighting some of the more recent Navajo Nation projects, such as the four-laning of US491.
- **CMAQ (Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality) Funding:** an opportunity for CMAQ funding will be available to rural regions of New Mexico in the Spring of 2018. This funding will be less restricted for air quality mitigation, and can be used for air pollution prevention initiatives such as multi-modal trails, school bus retrofits, and transition to natural gas for transit fleets, etc.
- **NWRTPO Annual Member Survey:** Mr. Kuipers indicated that only three RTPO members have responded thus far, and that this is an annual contractual requirement of all RTPO's from the NMDOT, so all members are instructed to complete the survey along with trainings attended over the past year.
- **New Annual Meeting schedule:** Need to develop a new annual meeting schedule for May, 2018 – April 2019 by or before our April 2018 meeting.
- **Local Govt. Road Fund (LGRF):** reminder to members that applications are due March 15 (reference section IV above)

B) Local Member Reports & Updates:

RTPO members were requested to just provide highlights, as the extra agenda items for this meeting took up a little more of the meeting's allocated time.

1. Pueblo of Acoma:

- CMGC projects are all complete with final close out at the end of January; FHWA would like to present a "case study" on Acoma's CMGC success.
- There will be a kick-off meeting soon for Pinsbaari Drive Corridor Development Plan, for multi-modal enhancements to this corridor
- Acoma is now the second Native American Tribe in the nation to achieve "Self-declaration" for FEMA assistance, related to 181 FEMA sites resulting from October 2016 major flooding for the Pueblo. FEMA is now in Acoma assessing all these sites, with \$6.5 million available for restoration.
- The Pueblo is closing out their BIA Legacy Projects
- Exit 96 – McCarty Bridge is almost complete (NMDOT project)
- Waiting to hear on INFRA funds for Mesa Hill Bridge and Haaku Road to the old Pueblo.

2. Pueblo of Zuni:

- Not present this meeting

3. McKinley County:

- Johnson Road Project: \$800 K NMDOT funding + \$200 K NDOT match, 3 phases of construction; first two miles graveled and working on next section at this time. Will complete chipseal in the Spring of 2018.
- CR 19: right-of-way completed incl. allotment and trust lands (18 miles), awaiting funding, approval from BIA; 3 Phases (\$3.9 million for chipseal), NDOT contributing a significant \$1.9 million match to invite a strong state funding contribution for this corridor.

4. Milan:

- 2nd Street phase 2 is complete
- Motel Drive phase 5 is in construction at this time

5. Ramah:

- BIA projects have completed the supplemental field survey, completed aerial mapping and geotechnical / lab studies; review drafts of public meetings, began project scoping report and preliminary drainage analysis, prepping 30% design plans, initiating utility mapping, and coordinating with THPO (?) for environmental study.
- Submitted draft for TAP scope of work for Mt. View and Pine Hill compliance study.
- Ongoing general maintenance for area roads, cattle guards and signage, pot holes and base course patching (incl. school bus routes)
- Continuing development of access turnout design guidance for commercial turnouts.
- Tribal Transportation Unity Caucus Meeting Jan. 17-18, 2018 in Chandler, AZ
- Road Inventory Field Data System (RIFDS) Update Jan. 24-25, 2018 in Albuquerque.

6. Cibola County, Anna Larson – not present; last month's report as follows:

- Maintenance: Fence Lake, Candy Kitchen, Marquez – CR1: blade and shape road surface; Broadview, Murry Acres, RalphCard Road: dirt removal from ditches
- Preliminary MOU with Forest Service for road maintenance on Forest lands
- RAC \$ @ \$74K: some road sections are Forest Service and some are County – exploring which type of agreement form they need. Considering three roads: Zuni Canyon (FR49 & 50 / CR49) Lobo Canyon Road, and CR19-B.

7. Grants

- 2nd St. project at 60% design – phase 4 construction in May
- George Hanosh Road and Bridge deck at 100% design for construction

- 1st Street phase 3 and 2nd Street phase 5 at 90% design; looking for construction \$.
- 8. Pueblo of Laguna, not present; last month's report as follows:
 - L22 Casa Blanca Road: project complete – final punch-list pending
 - L26 Rainfall Road and trail design: almost 100% complete – pending BIA review meeting, and ROW amendments awaiting Tribal Council approval late January.
 - L24 Rainfall Road: design at 40%; PER complete
 - L26 Deer Dancer Road & L243 Acorn Road: PERs are complete, moving to 60% design
 - M137 San Jose Bridge Replacement project: site reviews with USACE complete for 404 Permits, awaiting pending NTP authorization from BIA.
 - M154 Paguete Wash Bridge: PER request for engineering services to be published this month.
 - L503 Veterans Road: mill, overlay and striping to be bid in February; awaiting IGA from NMTIF, and kick-off meeting Dec. 15
 - M108 San Jose bridge - Seama: PS&E complete, pending ROW amendments approval from Tribal Council in January.
 - Planning & design RFP for L248 Bluejay Road, and L248 Blue Star Loop to be issued in January
 - NMDOT projects within the Pueblo lands:
 - NM124 & L22 Casa Blanca Road intersection PER kick off meeting today 1/10/18 (TIF project)
 - Interstate 40-108 interchange corridor study were published – proposals received and will be awarded at Tribal Council meeting – Jan. 13 (TIF project)
 - NM 6 reconstruction at 90% and should be open for traffic by the holidays
 - TAP trails – Bay Tree Rd to L22 Casa Blanca Road had been bid – proposals under review
 - Interstate 40 108 bridge interchange corridor study in progress
- 9. Northern Navajo: not present this meeting
- 10. Eastern Navajo: not present this meeting

C) State DOT Reports:

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

- TLPA Handbook is being updated at this time; CMAQ handbook/ guidance update is also forthcoming
- DOT has a new TAP Coordinator – Gabriel Chavez
- March 29 – MPO/RTPO joint meeting at MR-COG in Albuquerque.

2) NMDOT Tribal Liaison – Ron Shutiva:

- Concerns have been expressed about safety on US-550 – Ron brought to Governor's attention; still awaiting supportive feedback from NDOT, and concern about lack of follow up from Councilman Begay
- Tribal Transportation Unity Caucus Meeting Jan. 17-18, 2018 in Chandler, AZ to inform Washington DC on tribal needs – Ron was able to attend.
- National Tribal Transportation Program Coordinating Committee met Jan. 27 – Feb. 2 at NDOT; Christy VanBuren is the new TTPCC representative for New Mexico.
- Ron hosted a Tribal Transportation Planners Roundtable last week; hope to meet on a quarterly basis; now planning a tribal safety summit for the Spring of 2018.
- Ongoing concerns on US64 for Shiprock School Zone safety issues
- New national TTAP program (*Tribal Technical Assistance Program*) based in University of Virginia
- March 27-28: TERO (*Tribal Employment Rights Office*) meeting in Acoma.

3) DOT District 5 – Steve Lopez:

- Attended / presented at NDOT Symposium on Day 2 – much focus on transfer of road responsibility from BIA to NDOT
- US64 Shiprock School Zone improvements: NMDOT is planning improvements to the US64 Corridor between MP 0.0 to 20.0, including improvements within the Shiprock HS School Zone

4) DOT District 6 – JoAnn Garcia, Bill Santiago:

- No new news from DOT Dist. 6 – JoAnn was not able to attend the meeting due to illness.

5) Central Regional Design / FHWA / Other: not present

VII. New Business / Open Floor – Members & Guests

- **Orientations** – need to schedule orientation for Pueblo of Zuni
- **Membership Updates:** need member appointment updates for:
 - A) Laguna – once new alternative member elected.
 - B) McKinley – provided Jeff Irving with appointment form for Muriel Plummer as alternate member.
- **Annual meeting schedule** – members need to **finalize our next annual schedule: May, 2018 – April, 2019; by our March meeting in order to publish in April – well in advance of our May meeting!**

VIII. Review Calendar & Announcements

- **FHWA Office of Planning, Environment & Realty / Human Environment Digest:** week of 1/21
- **Govt. to Govt. Updates:** Weeks of 1/9, and 1/29 – emailed to members as they came out.
- **CMAQ (Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality) Funding Opportunity:** There is a funding opportunity coming in the Spring of 2018 for CMAQ projects, which may include such things as multi-modal trails, school bus retrofits, and transition to natural gas for transit fleets.
- **Draft NM State Management Plan** for Federal Transit Grant administration – emailed to members 2/7/18
- **N.M. TRIP Report:** A great resource for RTPO members to be aware of – good data analysis of transportation infrastructure.
- **Northern and Eastern Navajo Agency Transportation Symposium:** 1/16-17/18 at San Juan College – Farmington
- **Updated ARF to include DUNS number:** emailed to members 11/30
- **Rail Plan Update reminder:** emailed to members 7/24 – reminders at subsequent meetings

IX. Next Meetings:

- March 15: NMDOT District 6 – 1919 Pinon Drive, Milan, NM – **members are reminded to be prepared to finalize annual meeting schedule May, 2018 – April, 2019 at this meeting!!!**
- April 11: Gallup Eastside Fire Station, 3700 Churchrock Street, Gallup, N.M.

X. Adjournment

At 1:00 PM: Dave Deutsawe - Acoma, motioned for meeting to adjourn, seconded by Don Jaramillo - Grants; passed by consensus, none opposed.

MEETING ACTIONS:

RTPO Members:

- Members are requested to report training / webinars attended in FY17 (*incl. LTAP / TTAP, NHI, FHWA, FTA, BIA and Other*) – members are also requested to complete and submit the annual member survey emailed via Survey Monkey on 12/29/17 – the survey includes a page on which to report trainings.
- Give consideration toward our annual meeting schedule, and which meeting your government could host; **need to finalize an annual meeting schedule May, 2018 – April, 2019, by our March or at latest – April, 2018 meeting.**
- Give consideration to the CMAQ grant opportunity – applications coming in Spring of 2018.
- Consider any projects you may wish to submit for inclusion in the 2018 Rail Plan update; must be relatively construction ready and approved by your leaders; submit to NMDOT Rail Division

RTPO Staff:

- Follow up with RTPO members for FY17 training attended and annual NWRTPO member survey – only 3 have submitted the survey thus far.
- Develop a schedule 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*)
- Further research on Liberty Mobility opportunity for clarity on operational costs to sponsoring organization or community.
- Continue to update the Reg. Trans. Plan tracker instrument and pursue relevant information.
- Maintain appointment forms as members transition.
- Undertake RTPO orientation session with Pueblo of Zuni – follow up with Royce.
- Explore CMAQ (Congestion Mitigation / Air Quality) grant opportunity and inform members
- 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.

NMDOT Staff:

- Continue to press for LTAP “cradle to grave” comprehensive project development training.
- Assist in arranging a presentation on the new HSIP process from James Mexia.
- 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.



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Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NWRTPO)

Agenda Item #IV: Annual Meeting Schedule

Subject: Develop Meeting schedule: May, 2018 – April, 2019

Prepared by: Robert Kuipers

Date: 3/8/18

BACKGROUND

- **Why?** The RTPO generates an annual meeting schedule providing dates and locations in the three county region for meetings.
- **Purpose.** Provide adequate advance notification to the public, as well as RTPO member representatives, along with the governments which they represent, on the date, time and location of meetings
- **Discussion/Finalization.** Commence development of this annual schedule for completion by March and no later than April, 2018.

CURRENT WORK

- Members will begin discussing hosting meetings with their respective leaders, and choose a date within the schedule (2nd Wednesday of each month - May 2018 – April 2019)
- Discussion as to whether a different Wednesday each month might work, as the Farmington MPO meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month
- Staff will provide an annual schedule for members to discuss with their respective leaders

ANTICIPATED WORK

- RTPO staff and members will continue choosing dates to host the RTPO meeting, to complete the annual schedule no later than April, 2018

ATTACHMENTS

- Current Public Notice meeting schedule through April, 2017.

BUDGET IMPACT

- None.

ACTION ITEM

- Members to schedule meeting host dates with their leaders, and submit to RTPO Planner; RTPO Planner will create new annual schedule for public notice by or before April, 2018.

Public Notice

The Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NWRTPO) Committee is scheduled to meet as follows. Information is also available and updated at: <http://www.nwnmcog.com/meetings1.html>

Wednesday, May 10, 2017 @ NMSU Small Business Dev. Center, 701 East Roosevelt, Grants, NM

Wednesday, June 14, 2017 @ San Juan County Fire Operations Center, 209 South Oliver Drive, Aztec, NM

Wednesday, July 12, 2017 @ Chu Chu's Restaurant, 1344 Highway 53, Zuni, NM

Wednesday, August 9, 2017 @ Laguna Public Works Department, I-40 Exit 114 to NM124 Roundabout, then east on Old US66, then left on L55 Rodeo Road, north to first parking lot, Pueblo of Laguna, NM

Wednesday, September 13, 2017 @ Pueblo of Acoma Tribal Auditorium, 33 Pinsbaari Drive, Acoma, NM

Wednesday, October 11, 2017 @ Northern Navajo Nation Division of Transportation, Shiprock Chapter, NM Highway 64, milepost 23 – Bldg. 5548, Shiprock, NM

Wednesday, November 8, 2017 @ Milan Parks & Recreation Office, 409 Airport Road, Milan, NM

Wednesday, December 13, 2017 @ Ramah Navajo Chapter, 434 BIA Rt. 125, Pine Hill, NM (MP 4.2 south on BIA Rt. 125 from NM53 intersection in Mountain View)

Wednesday, January 10, 2018 @ Cibola Convention Center, 515 High Street, Grants, NM

Wednesday, February 14, 2018 @ McKinley Fire Training Center, 413 Bataan Memorial Drive, Gallup, NM

Wednesday, March 14, 2018 @ NM Dep. of Transportation District 6 Office, 1919 Pinon Drive, Milan, NM

Wednesday, April 11, 2018 @ Gallup Eastside Fire Station, 3700 Churchrock St, Gallup, NM

Meetings are scheduled to begin at 10:00 am and end at 1:00 pm or when all business is concluded.

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

For additional information, please contact: Executive Director Jeff Kiely or RTPO Program Manager at the Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments, 106 West Aztec, Gallup, NM 87301. Phone: (505) 722-4327.

Pursuant to the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, unless compelling reasons dictate otherwise, public meetings and hearings conducted by the RTPO in conjunction with the NMDOT will be held in accessible buildings and are open to the public. Given reasonable notice, interpreters and readers will be available to the hearing and visually impaired, and to those with limited English proficiency. Contact ADA Coordinator, Damian Segura, at NMDOT (505) 827-1778.



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Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NWRTPO)

Agenda Item V: Annual RTPO Member Satisfaction Survey and Training Attended

Subject: Annual NWRTPO Member Survey and Training Report

Prepared by: Robert Kuipers

Date: 1/3/18

BACKGROUND

- **Why?** On an annual basis, the NWRTPO issues a member survey to enable members to assess the RTPO's performance, and make recommendations; this includes tracking the trainings and webinars that RTPO members have participated in.
- **Purpose.** This annual exercise helps assess, track and fine tune the RTPO's service and performance, along with staff and member training and professional development. It also provides RTPO members an opportunity to recommend regional priorities going forward.
- **Discussion/Finalization.** Members are asked to complete and submit the survey (which has a section for reporting training) emailed from Survey Monkey 12/29/17. Please report both trainings and webinars.

WORK TO DATE

- Staff updated the survey to include RTPO quality of staff service feedback, ideas for generating resources in rural, and recommendations for advancing our five Regional Transportation Plan goals.

ANTICIPATED WORK

- Members are requested to complete and submit the survey (reference 12/29/17 email from Survey Monkey) and report on trainings and webinars attended during FY17 (10/16 – 9/17)
- Members can also report training / webinars attended between Oct. – Dec., 2017

ATTACHMENTS

- Hard Copy – Member Satisfaction Survey for FY17

BUDGET IMPACT

- none

ACTION ITEM

- no policy action – members are requested to complete and submit the survey

Annual Northwest RTPO Member Survey

NWRTPO Member Satisfaction Survey
January 2018

- The goal of this survey is to provide feedback from our membership on the RTPO program.
- This is an annual deliverable under our Regional Transportation Plan that is reported to the NMDOT.
- Internal recommendations are presented and shared with the RTPO staff and membership.

1. Please enter the number of training events you attended during the last year? 

LTAP/TTAP: Local or Tribal
Training Assistance
Programs

NHI: National Highway
Institute


FHWA: Federal Highways
Administration

Other


2. Would your entity be interested in a RTPO orientation for your policy officials in the upcoming year? 

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3. Please rate the RTPO services over the last year? 

4. Please provide us information on any presentation(s) you are interested in having at a RTPO meeting. 

5. Please provide us any feedback on issues or ideas that would be helpful to improve our service. 

6. The RTPO continues to try to strengthen rural positioning for transportation resources, using data and performance measures; do you have any new ideas or creative suggestions? 

7. The goals in our Regional Transportation Plan include:

Goal #1: Operate with Transparency & Accountability

Goal #2: Improve safety & health for all system users;

Goal #3: Maintain transportation assets for long term;

Goal #4: Provide multimodal connectivity & access;

Goal #5: Respect for NM cultures, environment, history, & quality of life.

Are there specific strategies or actions within these goals that you would like more focus from RTPO staff?

NW Regional Transportation Planning Organization
Training/Professional Development Tracking Tool
Oct. 2016 - Sept. 2017

NWRTPO Staff

Name	Government Affiliation	LTAP & Other Trng.		Webinars			
		Project Mgmt	Other	FHWA	FTA	Other	Other (Please List by Name; also cite FHWA/FTA)
Robert Kuipers	NWCOG		5	5	0	0	A) Training: 1) BBER Data Conference - Alb., NM - 11/10/16; 2) Panoramic - Real Time Project Tracking - Gallup, NM - 12/7/16; 3) Part of Admin. Team and Trainer at McKinley Road Forum - Gallup, NM - 6/13/17; 4) FHWA 2017 Nat. Reg. Trans. Conf. - Denver, Colo. - 6/28-30/17; 5) FHWA S.W. Tribal Trans. Workshop - NDOT/ Tse Bonito, NM - 8/22-24/17 B) Webinars: 1) FAF4 Freight Flow Forecasting Analysis - 6/28/17; 2) Talking Freight Webinars: 10/19/16, 12/21/16, 2/15/17; 3) Intermodal Corridor Mgmt. - 3/6/17; 4) NADO /FHWA/RPO America Rail Freight Webinar - 4/21/17; 5) FHWA-NHI 151052 "Basics of Transportation Planning" - web based training - received certificate 8/24/17
Jeff Kiely	NWCOG		0	0	0	0	
Evan Williams	NWCOG		0	0	0	0	
			0	0	0	0	
Carrie House	NWCOG		0	0	0	0	

RTPO Members, Alternatives, and Other

Name	Government Affiliation	LTAP & Other Trng.		Webinars			
		Project Mgmt	Other	NHI	FHWA	FTA	Other (Please List by Name; also cite FHWA/FTA)
Anna Larson	Cibola County		0	0	0	0	1)
Jeff Irving	McKinley County		0	0	0	0	1)
Nick Porrel	San Juan County		0	0	0	0	1)
Stan Henderson	Gallup		0	0	0	0	1)
Don Jaramillo	Grants		0	0	0	0	1)
Jack Moleres	Milan		0	0	0	0	1)

Larry Joe	Navajo DOT - Northern	0	0	0	0	1)
Rosilyn Smith	Navajo DOT - Eastern	0	0	0	0	1)
Dave Deutsawe	Pueblo of Acoma	0	0	0	0	1)
Ray Lucero	Pueblo of Laguna	0	0	0	0	1)
Royce Gchachu	Pueblo of Zuni	1	0	0	0	1) FHWA 19th Annual National Tribal Transportation Conference - Anaheim, Calif. - 10/3-6/16
Joe Sanchez / Shane Lewis	Ramah Navajo	10	0	0	0	<p>A) FHWA: 1) TTP OK/ Eastern Region Tribes Workshop, Lakewood, Colo. 10/18-20/16; 2) Tribal Transportation Workshop Albuquerque, NM - 8/22-24/2017; 3) 20th Annual National Tribal Transportation Conference - Tucson, AZ - 9/25-29/17</p> <p>B) BIA & Other: 1) Mtn. West TTAP Road Inventory Field Data System (RIFDS) Users Trng. - Albuquerque, NM - 11/17-18/16; 2) BIA-DOT 25CFR Part 170 Final Rule Trng. - Albuquerque, NM - 1/18/17; 3) TTP Project Mgmt. Trng. - Albuquerque, NM - 2/27 - 3/3, 2017; 4) Bureau of Geospatial Support - Principals of GIS - Lakewood, Colo. - 8/28-31/17; 5) Mt. West TTAP On-site Heavy Equip. Trng. - Ramah, NM - 6/20-22/17; 6) OSHA 10 Hour Training - Albuquerque, NM - 4/4-6/17; 7) Admin. Asst. Conf. - Albuquerque, NM - 9/13-14/17</p>

Analysis:

NWRTPO Staff.

NWRTPO Members. We believe our members participate in significant training throughout the year, which is catalyzed by the NWRTPO staff's continuous communication on upcoming opportunities. We will continue to communicate opportunities and create and implement a process to more accurately track success rates in terms of the number of RTPO members that attend trainings.



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Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NWRTPO)

Agenda Item VI: NWRTPO FY18-19 Call for Projects

Subject: Biennial process for submitting new projects to the RTIPR

Prepared by: Robert Kuipers

Date: 2/7/18

BACKGROUND

- **Why:** The NMDOT distributes federal funding for transportation maintenance and development to metropolitan and rural regions of the state. With limited funding available to rural areas, it is important to have a prioritized list of viable (qualified) projects for funding.
- **Purpose.** The NWRTPO undertakes a new Regional Transportation Improvement Program Recommendations (RTIPR) list of projects that qualify for federal funding in two year cycles.
- **Discussion/Finalization.** The NWRTPO will undertake this project qualification / prioritization process commencing in June, 2018 and completing in March, 2019 with an updated RTIPR.

WORK TO DATE

- An updated Call for Projects Guide has been developed to guide the NWRTPO members through the process for identifying qualified projects, and assessing their readiness for phased development, as well as competitiveness for funding.
- In previous cycles, the NWRTPO has trimmed it's RTIPR from \$350 million, with many projects that did not qualify for federal funding, down to \$65 million, with all projects listed qualifying for federal funding through the state. The actual documented need for our three county region of New Mexico is cited at \$777 million.

ANTICIPATED WORK

- The NWRTPO will commence the RTIPR update in June of 2018. The process will run through March of 2019, with a) submission of Project Feasibility Forms (PFF), which if approved as viable for federal \$, will follow with b) submission of Project Identification Forms (PIF). c) For projects that compete for prioritization, the NWRTPO hears and scores presentations on project need and readiness from each jurisdictional representative. d) The NWRTPO then drafts the RTIPR update, and approve / authorize it in collaboration with the DOT Districts. e) From there, each DOT District prioritizes projects from their participating RTPO's for the DOT District RTIP – referred to as the "Zipper" because it blends projects from several RTPO's.
- Once projects are cited in the DOT District RTIP, they are within 4-5 years of getting funded, or may need to be re-authorized by the RTPO and DOT District for future funding.

ATTACHMENTS

- FFY 18 – 19 NWNM Call for Transportation Projects Guide (and schedule)

BUDGET IMPACT

- none

ACTION ITEM

- No action now. Members are anticipated to work through their respective governments, to prepare PFF submissions during the summer of 2018, according to the Call for Projects schedule.

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Northwest New Mexico Call for Transportation Projects Guide

NWRTPO PROJECT SUBMISSION SCHEDULE & PROCESS

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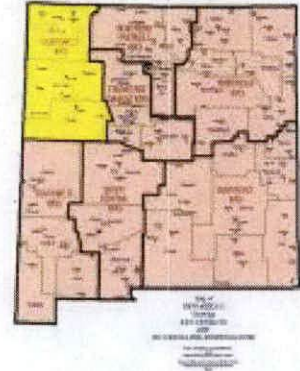
Items Included:

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

Call for Transportation Projects

Description and Overview.

The Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NWRTPO) is assisting in NM Department of Transportation (NMDOT) in a comprehensive call for transportation projects. Transportation projects can include all modes and methods of travel including roads, bridges, trails, scenic byways, rail, air, transit, etc. The process for collecting new projects will start with the submission of a Project Feasibility Form (PFF). The general public, stakeholders, or non-NWRTPO entities will need to gain permission from their appropriate jurisdiction and the PFF must be submitted by the NWRTPO member representing that jurisdiction on the Committee. A list of these members is provided in this package.



All projects, even projects currently listed in our Regional Transportation Improvement Program Recommendation (RTIPR), **will need** to submit a PFF. The RTPO is trying to clear this list to remove outdated project information and provide consultations on the feasibility of the projects.

To find out if your project is on the RTIPR, please feel free to contact our office or review through our website at: http://www.nwnmcog.com/uploads/1/2/8/7/12873976/nwrtpo_rtpr_2017-2022.pdf

Further, the NWRTPO and NMDOT are looking for projects that will advance on region's long-range transportation plan, which can be found at:

http://www.nwnmcog.com/uploads/1/2/8/7/12873976/northwest_rtp_2015_final.pdf

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

In this guidance is a list of examples and possible project sourcing and programs to help showcase what types of projects are possible and are suitable to be submitted with a Project Feasibility Form.

Many of the available funding sources will place value on projects that are supported by Comprehensive Plans, Transportation Plans and Studies (Regional, State, and Tribal), Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plans, and those that went through the Project Feasibility Form process. For specific, Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) and Recreational Trails Program (RTP) projects, we would encourage you to look at the supplemental guidance found in NMDOT's "Active Transportation and Recreational Programs Guide".

http://dot.state.nm.us/content/dam/nmdot/planning/FFY18-19_TAP-RTP_Guide.pdf

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



Background:

One of the main purposes of this “Call for Transportation Projects” guidance is to populate and prioritize our region’s RTIPR. The Regional Transportation Improvement Program Recommendations (RTIPR) process varies around New Mexico and the document serves different purposes in each Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) area. As part of the implementation of the New Mexico 2040 Plan (2040 Plan), and its associated performance measures and targets, the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) is undertaking an effort to standardize the RTIPR process around the state. A standardized process will ensure the RTIPR is helpful to both the RTPO and the NMDOT in determining which projects receive funding.

In coming years, NMDOT will program a significant portion of its federal funding by selecting projects based upon project evaluation criteria and prioritization processes. Projects will score highly when they positively contribute to NMDOT meeting its federally-mandated performance targets. (Please see the NMDOT Planning summary of MAP-21, FAST Act and Final Planning Rule for more information on the performance management and target requirements.)

Role of the RTP:

As part of the 2040 Plan planning process, each RTPO developed a Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) that is consistent with the statewide 2040 Plan and defines the specific goals of the RTPO region. Every transportation project in a region should be consistent with the related RTP; therefore, the RTIPR should be developed accordingly. If a project is not consistent with the applicable RTP, it should not be recommended for funding in the RTIPR. Further, the projects in the RTIPR should be ranked according to the regional project prioritization process that prioritizes projects based on the extent to which they meet the regional goals in the applicable RTP and the state goals in the 2040 Plan.

Role of the PFF:

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

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

- (1) Project aligns with RTP goals and National Performance measures, and specifically will move the needle on measures and targets identified in the RTP and New Mexico Transportation Plan;

- (2) Project is functionally classified or qualifies for an FHWA program;
- (3) Project is technically feasible, based on engineer review; and
- (4) Requesting entity has the capacity to take on or manage Federal funding.

Role of the Prioritization Process:

Based upon the regional goals articulated in the RTP, and the statewide goals in the 2040 Plan, each RTPO will create a project prioritization process. This is the process that will be used to rate and rank the projects in each RTPO's RTIPR.

The standardized project prioritization process to score and rank projects included in the applicable RTIPR must be consistent with the NMDOT 2040 Long Range Multimodal Transportation Plan and each RTPO's RTP. Examples for creating a prioritization process can be found in the Active Transportation and Recreational Programs Guide (see sections on "application scoring factors" and "application scoring matrix") and the Project Prioritization Process for Small Urban Areas developed and used by the Mid Region Metropolitan Planning Organization.

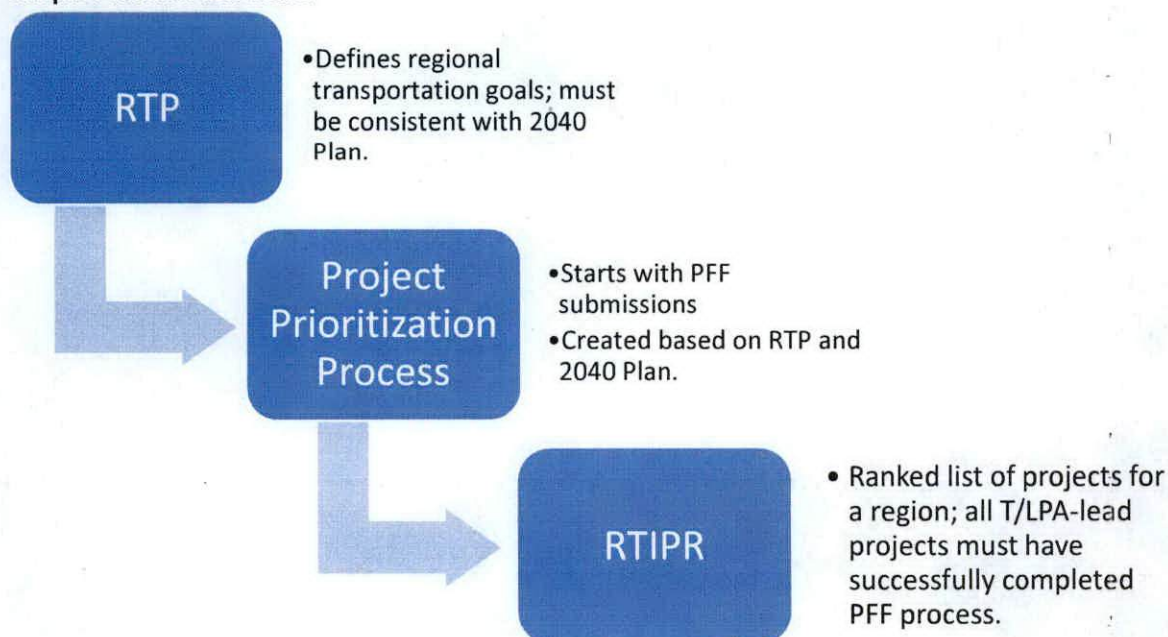
Role of the RTIPR:

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

The RTPOs will issue a call for projects according to their individual application cycles. Following submittal of all T/LPA projects (with an approved PFF) to the RTPO planner, the RTPO planner will coordinate a rating and ranking process with the RTPO board. The RTPO board will utilize the adopted criteria to rate and rank projects based on project characteristics and the extent to which they meet the articulated goals of the RTP and 2040 Plan. The resulting ranked list of projects is considered the RTIPR. The RTIPR is then submitted to the District and used for consideration by the state in developing the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

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

Simple Process Flowchart:



Northwest RTPO Prioritization Process:

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

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

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

STEP 1: Project Feasibility Form. Our Prioritization Process will be used to develop the RTPO's RTIPR. So, projects will be submitted in response to this "Call for Transportation Projects" guidance and begin as Project Feasibility Forms (PFFs). PFF will be submitted as per the timeline established in this Call for Transportation Projects guidance, and thence distributed to NMDOT, District staff, Regional Design staff, and RTPO staff for review. A mandatory PFF consultation meeting will be held with the entity to discuss the project, and result in a go- or no-go decision by the District Engineer or his/her designee. RTPO staff will provide a PFF Consultation Report back to the entity outlining information including suggestions on alternative funding sources and technical assistance providers.

STEP 2: Project Identification Form. Projects that are approved to move forward will then need to submit a Project Identification Form (PIF) and other application documents depending on Federal funding program. These documents are again distributed to NMDOT, District staff, Regional Design staff, and RTPO staff for review, as well as RTPO members.

STEP 3: Project Presentations. Entities will decide which projects they want to present for scoring. Project presentations are developed by each entity and are presented at the *December* monthly meeting. The presentation template assists the entity to pull information from the PIF and present it in the exact order as the scoring criteria. **A copy of the presentation templates for Roadway/Bridges and Active Transportation & Recreational Programs can be provided.** Entities can request assistance from the RTPO staff, especially in terms of, data and maps. At this meeting, the RTPO Policy & Technical Committee members will evaluate each project and presentation, using the scoring criteria. **A copy of the scoring criteria for Roadway/Bridges and Active Transportation & Recreational Programs can also be provided.**

STEP 4: RTIPR Approval Process. RTPO will collect and compile each member scoring criteria form, and this will be the basis for the draft RTIPR presented to the RTPO Policy & Technical Committee in *January*. RTPO members can discuss prioritization of project, especially those that receive similar scores, and based on consensus members may make modifications to the scoring, findings and project ranking.






Their discussion will be brought back in the form of a recommendation to the RTPO Policy & Technical Committee in *February*, which will further review the project ranking and vote to establish the RTIPR.








STEP 5: ZIPPR. Since our RTPO region overlaps with several different NMDOT Districts and RTPO regions, our staff works collaboratively with other RTPO to create a unified RTIPR that then goes to the appropriate District office as a recommended list.

STEP 6: Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP). Ultimately, the final Regional Transportation Improvement Program lists are finalized and submitted by the District office; these are fiscally constrained projects that are funded and get incorporated into the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Comprehensive Projects List. In addition to this process, the Northwest RTPO process will include the development and update on a 20-Year Financial Plan or Comprehensive Projects List. This list will be for all projects in the region, including those that are not eligible for RTIPR. This list will be generated by Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan (ICIP) and other local and tribal transportation plans and long-range projects.



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

PROGRAM	DESCRIPTION	EXAMPLES OF ELIGIBLE OPPORTUNITIES
Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS)	SRTS funding supports infrastructure development to create or improve safety features for school related traffic or pedestrians. <u>Now funded from TAP pool of funding.</u>	<p>Sidewalk improvements, traffic calming and speed reduction improvements, pedestrian and bicycle crossing improvements, on-street and off-street bicycle facilities, traffic diversion improvements, public awareness campaigns, traffic education and enforcement, student sessions on bicycle and pedestrian safety, and funding for training, volunteers, and managers of SRTS programs</p> 
Recreational Trails Program	Provides funding for motorized and non-motorized trails and supporting infrastructure. Currently, there is a separate program other than the TAP pool.	<p>Motorized vehicle parks and facilities, hiking trails, urban trails, joint use trails and facilities.</p> 
Federal Transit Administration Section 5310	Provides Federal funding for seniors and individuals to serve the transportation needs of elderly persons and persons with disabilities who reside in "small urban areas"	<p>Para-transit services, or flexible route bus services in small urban areas</p> 
Federal Transit Administration Section 5311	The rural program that is formula based and provides funding to states for the purpose of supporting public transportation in rural areas, with population of less than 50,000. Funding for capital, operating, and administrative expenses for public transportation projects that meet the needs of rural communities.	<p>Examples of eligible activities include: capital projects; operating costs of equipment and facilities for use in public transportation; and the acquisition of public transportation services, including service agreements with private providers of public transportation services.</p> 
Special Studies	Additional studies not mentioned in other programs, such as special traffic studies	<p>Traffic studies, corridor studies, bicycle/pedestrian count studies, etc.</p> 
Roadways & Bridges	Projects that are determined to be functional classified can be prioritized through the STIP and receive funding	<p>Roadway improvements, lane expansion, widening, interchange development and bridge replacement</p> 
Federal Aviation Admin. Airport Improvement Program	Provides grants to public agencies — and, in some cases, to private owners and entities — for the planning and development of public-use airports that are included in the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS). http://www.faa.gov/airports/aip/	
TIGER Discretionary Grants	Provides a unique opportunity for the DOT to invest in road, rail, transit and port projects, that promise to achieve critical national objectives. http://www.dot.gov/tiger	<p>Each project is multi-modal, multi-jurisdictional or otherwise challenging to fund through existing programs, including port, rail, planning, transit, road, and BPE projects.</p> 

NWRTPO Timeline Call for Transportation Projects

June 2018 - March 2019:

Task	Timeframe/Due Date	Responsible Party
General Announcement of NMDOT Active Transportation and Recreational Programs Guide and CMAQ Program	April 2018	NMDOT
Initial Announcement of Call for NWNM Transportation Projects	June 6	NWRTPO Staff
Technical Assistance, Contact the NWRTPO to set up a time and place with District staff.	July	NWRTPO & District Staff
Project Feasibility Forms (PFF) Due (Must be submitted by appropriate RTPO Member)	July 31	NWRTPO Members
Send out PFF for review and set up Consultations	August 1 -14	NWRTPO Staff
Mandatory Project Consultation Meetings between RTPO Member, Local Entity Representative/Official, RTPO staff, DOT Liaison, and District Staff. Meeting Report due 5 working days after.	August 15 - 31	All
◇ Based on decision and recommendation by District staff, project and RTPO Member will be directed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare and submit a Project Identification Form (PIF) for inclusion and prioritization in the Regional Transportation Improvement Program Recommendations (RTIPR), or • Detail other options for projects and/or funding 	September 7	District Staff
Project Identification Forms (PIF) and TAP/RTP Applications Due (Must be submitted by appropriate RTPO Member)	October 26	NWRTPO Members
PIFs and TAP/RTP Applications are vetted by RTPO staff	November 1-15	NWRTPO Staff
PIFs & Applications sent to RTPO members for review	November 30	NWRTPO Staff
Project presentations and scoring by RTPO members El Morro Event Center, 201 South 2nd Street Gallup, NM	December 12 @ 10AM	NWRTPO Members
Draft RTIPR is presented to the NWRTPO Committee meeting Cibola County Convention Room, 515 West High Street, Grants	January 9 @ 10AM	NWRTPO Members
Final RTIPR is approved by NWRTPO Committee Chu Chu's Restaurant, 1344 Highway 53, Zuni	February 13 @ 10AM	NWRTPO Members
District 6 RTIPR ("zipper") Meeting to finalize recommendations and priorities for inclusion into the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) NMDOT District 6 Office, 1919 Pinon Drive, Milan	March 13 @ 10AM	District Staff, NWRTPO Members

Eligible Entities for Transportation Funds

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

Ineligible Entities

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

For municipal, County, and tribal government entities interested in applying for a project, please inform, coordinate, and involve the following Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NWRTPO) representatives for your respective jurisdiction. Other entities or individuals are encouraged to do the same. Below are the jurisdictions that the NWRTPO will be considering applications from for this "Call for Projects".

For more information, feel free to contact Evan Williams, RTPO Program Manager (505) 722-4327; ewilliams@nwnmcog.org

NWRTPO Members	
Cibola County	Judy Horacek, Projects Coordinator 505-285-2557; jhoracek@co.cibola.nm.us
McKinley County	Jeff Irving, Road Superintendent 505-722-2303; jirving@co.mckinley.nm.us
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Grants	Don Jaramillo, Special Projects Coordinator 505-285-3981; grantsprojects@cityofgrants.net
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Navajo Nation – Eastern Agency	Rosilyn Smith, Senior Planner 505-786-2024; rsmith@navajodot.org
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Pueblo of Laguna	Ray Lucero, Public Works Director 505-552-1218; rlucero@lagunapueblo-nsn.gov
Pueblo of Zuni	Royce Gchachu, Program Manager 505-782-7116; royce.gchachu@ashiwi.org
Ramah Navajo	Shane Lewis, Ramah DOT 505-775-3264; ShaneLewis@ramahnavajo.org

If you are located in the Farmington MSA (of the Cities Farmington, Bloomfield, and Aztec), please contact the Farmington MPO, to discuss projects and process with them directly. Contact Information: (505) 599-1392



Northwest New Mexico RTPO

PROJECT FEASIBILITY FORM (PFF)

For assistance, contact Evan Williams, RTPO Planner,
at (505) 722-4327 or ewilliams@nwnmcoq.org

GENERAL INFORMATION

Preparation Date [Click here to enter date](#)

Project Title: [Enter Project name](#)

Requesting Entity: [Enter Entity name](#)

Governing Body Approval: [Yes / No](#)

Contact Person: [Click here to enter contact person name](#)

Phone: [Enter phone #](#)

Email: [Enter email address](#)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project Type (Check all types that apply to your project):

ROADWAY ☐

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND RECREATIONAL PROJECT

☐ [\(Information on Eligible Types of RTP and TAP Projects\)](#)

BRIDGE ☐

SAFETY ☐

OTHER ☐ [If other, please describe type here](#)

Route Number and/or Street Name: [Enter route number or name](#)

Project Termini: [Enter route number or name](#)

Beginning Mile point [Enter begin point](#) Ending Mile point [Enter end point](#)

Total length of proposed project: [Enter length in miles](#)

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

STUDY/PLANNING ☐

PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING ☐

DESIGN ☐

CONSTRUCTION ☐

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT ☐

NATIONAL PERFORMANCE GOALS

For more information: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/tpm/about/goals.cfm>

Goals to be addressed (Check all goals that apply to your project):

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| (1) Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (2) Infrastructure Condition | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (3) Congestion Reduction | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (4) System Reliability | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (5) Freight Movement & Economic Vitality | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (6) Environmental Sustainability | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (7) Reduced Project Delivery Delays | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (8) System Connectivity | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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

Begin typing here. Box will expand as needed.

PROJECT COSTS

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

Please indicate below if your entity wishes to pursue a local match waiver from District 6/NMDOT for the proposed transportation project.

Match Waiver: Yes / No

DISTRICT 6 REVIEW:

(This Section will be filled out by District staff, once submitted)

By: Enter Name

Date: Click here to enter a date.

Recommended: Yes / No

Signed: _____

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Recommends that:

- All Project Feasibility Forms for Northwest New Mexico are discussed with, filled out with, and provided through the appropriate RTPO Member, to find out who your RTPO member is, go to our webpage at <http://www.nwnmcog.com/regional-transportation-planning-organization-rtpo.html> or contact us at (505) 722-4327.
- Each entity that submits a Project Feasibility Form should plan on bringing a local/tribal elected official to the joint consultation with the RTPO and DOT staff. It will help them understand the process.

Topics to discuss during PFF consultation meetings:

- Is the Tribal/Local Public Agency (T/LPA) familiar with the NMDOT T/LPA Handbook? Has a representative of the entity attended one of the T/LPA Handbook trainings? The T/LPA must follow the Handbook.
- Is this project included in any other planning documents? (Comprehensive Plan, ICIP, etc.)
- Is the project within NMDOT ROW? If so, does the district support the project?
 - Are agreements necessary for maintenance and operations? (Lighting agreements, landscaping, etc.)
- The T/LPA needs to understand the reimbursement process and be prepared to pay all costs up front. The T/LPA must follow district instructions for submitting invoices for reimbursement.
- Discuss the requirements for federal funds including reimbursement process, 90 day closeout after project completion, certified testing during construction, Buy America requirements for steel, etc.
 - These items are reimbursable, but they need to be included in the cost estimate (construction engineering)
- The T/LPA must follow the NMDOT specs unless NMDOT grants permission prior to design for the T/LPA to use other specs.
- Maintenance and Operations costs-does the T/LPA have a plan for these?
- Does the T/LPA have a good track record for responsible use/tracking of federal funds? Have they met closeout deadlines? Have they successfully completed other federally funded projects in a timely manner?
- Has the T/LPA had any issues with design/construction in the past?
- Does the T/LPA have major audit findings that would prevent them from being a responsible fiscal agent?



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**Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization
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Agenda Item #VII: TAP, RTP, CMAQ Update

Subject: Transportation Alternatives Program, Recreational Trails Program, Congestion Mitigation / Air Quality Funding Opportunities

Prepared by: Robert Kuipers

Date: 3/8/18

BACKGROUND

- **Why?** While TAP, RTP and CMAQ projects have generally the same timeframe as all other RTIPR projects, each has its own separate application, related to multi-modal issues and characteristics. At this time NMDOT staff are updating PFF's and Applications for these three categories, which is anticipated for completion by the end of April.
- **Purpose.** Prepare RTPO members with an interest in multimodal transportation development and related economic opportunities to submit project applications and related "Call for Projects" required documents in a proper and timely fashion.
- **Discussion/Finalization.** RTPO staff and DOT Liaisons will cover the process based on what we are aware of at this time, anticipating minor edits / additions before DOT finalizes the applications and process by the end of this month.

WORK TO DATE

- NMDOT Planning Bureau staff are finalizing the application and PFF forms and process.
- The CMAQ opportunity will include multimodal preventive strategies, as opposed to strictly air quality mitigation, since there are now surplus funds available to / through the state.

ANTICIPATED WORK

- RTPO staff will keep members informed as the PFF's and applications along with process are finalized.
- RTPO members may anticipate developing proposals, with finalized forms and process by the early part of May.

ATTACHMENTS

- TAP / RTP / CMAQ Guidance from NMDOT to date.

BUDGET IMPACT

- No impact for the RTPO budget; potential funding for member governments.

ACTION ITEM

- Information item only

DOT Guidance for TAP, RTP and CMAQ

- Applications will be for FFY20 – 21; if design and planning / clearances are needed, then it may be advisable to request / program funds for design / clearances in FFY20, and construction in FFY21. NMDOT will try to exercise some flexibility in working out process / timing details with each applicant.
- There will be some minor changes to Project Feasibility Forms, in order to capture better information; the new PFF's and guidance for TAP / RTP applications ("Active Transportation and Recreational Programs Guide Federal Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021") as well as guidance for CMAQ applications ("Congestion Mitigation / Air Quality") are anticipated by the end of April, and should be available by or before our May 9 meeting.
- The NWRTPO deadline scheduling coincides well with the NMDOT as follows:
 - Project Feasibility Forms due July 31, 2018
 - Applications (TAP, RTP, CMAQ) with related PIF's (*Project Identification Forms*) due Oct. 26, 2018 to RTPO, for RTPO / DOT review and advisement
 - Final Application packages due to NMDOT Coordinators Nov. 30, 2018
 - TAP – Gabrielle Chavez
 - RTP – Shannon Glendenning
 - CMAQ – Wade Patterson
- Complete application packages should include (although the NMDOT may exercise some edits to some of the forms – again, well in advance of deadlines):
 - PFF signed by NMDOT District Representative (in our case Dist. 6 for most of us and Dist. 5 for Larry Joe / Northern Navajo)
 - PIF
 - Completed TAP / RTP / or CMAQ Application
 - Resolution of Sponsorship from your respective local govt. which references commitment of a) 14.56% match and b) ability to cover upfront costs for reimbursement thereafter, and c) acknowledgement of maintenance responsibility.
 - Letters of support from any entity whose Right of Way is infringed upon by the project
 - Map of project area
 - Additional documentation supporting scoring factors which may include:
 - Any other local plans the project is cited in (max 6 points @ 2 points per plan) (i.e. ICIP, Reg. Trans. Plan, Bike & Ped. plans, Econ. Dev. plans, Comp. plans, Land Use Plans, Corridor Studies, SRTS plans, RSA's / Safety plans, NM Mainstreet Plans)
 - Economic Vitality: 0 – 3 points
 - Safety & Security: 0 – 3 points
 - Access / Mobility / Integration / Connectivity: 0 – 3 points
 - Protection / Enhancement of Environment:
 - ✓ Promotes Environmental Conservation: 0 – 3 points
 - ✓ Improves Quality of Life for Residents: 0 – 3 points
 - ✓ Achieve Community's Land Use Goals: 0 – 3 points
 - Efficient System Management: 0 – 3 points
 - System Preservation: 0 – 3 points
- All new projects will be included in the RTIPR, if they qualify to move from PFF to PIF per RTPO / NMDOT review.



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Agenda Item #VIII:

NWRTPO Regional Work Program Status Report

Subject: RWP Monthly Report

Prepared by: Robert Kuipers

Date: 3/8/18

BACKGROUND

Why? Due to a NMDOT Office of Inspector General (OIG) Audit and subsequent findings, NWRTPO staff met with NMDOT Planning Bureau staff to develop a corrective action plan (CAP).

Purpose. As part of our CAP RTPO staff will provide monthly reports showing line item budget expenditures and staff hours in comparison with the approved Regional Work Program (RWP) Budget.

Discussion/Finalization. Based on this monthly analysis and report, staff will better manage time and funding investment, and assess where and when to seek a RWP amendment if needed.

WORK TO DATE

- RTPO staff met with NMDOT staff on 12/7/16 to review a draft corrective action plan, detailing specific actions and controls in a number of areas to assure stronger compliance to the RWP budgeted time and financial allocations.
- The Corrective Action Plan has been finalized and is now being executed.
- RTPO staff have provided reports at monthly meetings: January – December 2017
- In Quarter 2, RTPO staff submitted Amendment #1 to modify our hours per function and annual RTPO FFY17 budget, as approved by the RTPO Committee (February 2017). A copy of the FHWA/NMDOT approval of this amendment was attached. RTPO members approved amendment #2 for our biennial work program at our 12/13/17 mtng; adjusting hours based on FY17 experience and expectations for FY18, which is now approved from the NMDOT Planning Dept. and the NM FHWA Office.

ANTICIPATED WORK

- Ongoing reports to the NWRTPO members at monthly meetings.
- RWP amendment requests may be anticipated, as time and budget demands may vary as the fiscal year progresses.
- Our annual Quality Assurance Review (QAR) occurred on April 12th, 2017; which provided a good check-up on how the RTPO is performing.

ATTACHMENTS

- RWP & Budget Monthly Report

BUDGET IMPACT

- None.

ACTION ITEM

- This is a monthly report item only.

RTPO APER Budgeted Staff Hours Summary

Staff Hours Summary FFY17													
Function	Budgeted Hours	Amendment #1	Change	Q1	Q2	Q3	July	Aug.	Sept.	Q4	Total Actual hours	Hours Remaining	Percentage budgeted differs from actuals*
1	300	250	-50	82.75	59.5	72	21.5	13	1.5	36	250.25	-0.25	0.10%
2	100	200	100	64.50	8.25	14.5	22.75	43	12.5	78.25	165.50	34.50	-17.25%
3	400	400	0	209.75	30.25	25.75	26.25	103	15.75	145	410.75	-10.75	2.69%
4	400	250	-150	64.25	71	104.5	34.5	13.5	0.5	48.5	288.25	-38.25	15.30%
5	400	600	200	196.00	221.5	194.5	42.75	40.5	19	102.25	714.25	-114.25	19.04%
6	400	300	-100	80.50	46	48.25	67	47.5	43	157.5	332.25	-32.25	10.75%
TOTAL	2000	2000	0	697.75	436.5	459.5	214.75	260.5	92.25	567.5	2161.25	-161.25	8.06%
*if budgeted hours differ from actual hours by more than 20% in any function, provide a narrative explanation below													

Explanation: #3 - project dev. & monitoring required more investment during RTIPR / DOT District RTIP period (mainly 1st quarter); #5 - general support continues to capture the most monthly staff support activity.

Staff Hours Summary FFY18													
Function	Budgeted Hours Amdmt. 2	Change	Q1 totals	Jan.	Feb.	March	Q2		Q3	Q4	Total Actual hours	Hours Remaining	Percentage budgeted differs from actuals*
1	250	0	4	14.00	14.5	35.5	64.00				68.00	182	-72.80%
2	200	0	72	0.00	1	0	1.00			0	73	127	-63.50%
3	400	0	31.75	16.00	26	26.5	68.50			0	100.25	299.75	-74.94%
4	250	0	60.75	9.00	15.5	4.5	29.00			0	89.75	160.25	-64.10%
5	700	100	152.25	57.00	47	27	131.00			0	283.25	416.75	-59.54%
6	300	0	133.75	44.75	8.5	77	130.25			0	264	36	-12.00%
TOTAL	2100	100	454.5	140.75	112.5	170.5	423.75			0	878.25	1,222	-58.18%
*if budgeted hours differ from actual hours by more than 20% in any function, provide a narrative explanation below													

Explanation: NWRTPO Policy Committee approved amendment to functions 5 & 6 (6 by > 20%) in 8/9/17 and again in 12/13/17 meeting.



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**Agenda Item #IX: Routine Items Section – Reports,
Updates & Announcements**

Subject: Discussion / Presentation Items

Prepared by: Robert Kuipers, NWRTPO

Date: 4/8/18

BACKGROUND

- **Why?** Update RTPO members on news, training, funding, and other items of special interest
- **Purpose.** Keep RTPO members up to date on critical information from NWRTPO and NMDOT sources

Informational Items

Regional News & Updates

- RTPO 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

- CMAQ (*coming in Spring of 2018*), TAP, RTP funding opportunities

New Business / Open Floor:

- No formal requests submitted

Fw: FHWA Office of Planning, Environment, and Realty (HEP) Weekly Digest Bulletin

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RTPO Members and DOT Colleagues,
Here is the latest report from the FHWA Office of Planning, Environment & Realty.
-Bob Kuipers
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FHWA Nature-Based Solutions for Coastal Highway Resilience White Paper

03/06/2018

FHWA Publishes White Paper on Nature-Based Solutions for Coastal Highway Resilience

FHWA's recently published [White Paper: Nature-Based Solutions for Coastal Highway Resilience](#) briefly describes the current state of practice regarding the use of natural and nature-based features to protect coastal roads from flooding. It provides an overview of available tools for design, implementation challenges, and knowledge gaps. The white paper is part of an [FHWA project](#) that also includes five pilot projects, regional peer exchanges, and an implementation guide. The project's research and technical assistance will enable transportation agencies to use natural and nature-based features to improve the resilience of transportation systems.

Nature-based features mimic characteristics of natural features and processes but are created by human design and engineering. Examples include restoration of dunes, wetlands, maritime forests, beaches, and reefs. These features can protect coastal highways from the brunt of storm surges and waves. Some can adapt to sea level rise by accreting sediment and migrating inland. They can also provide benefits such as recreation opportunities, habitat needed for commercial fisheries, and a healthier environment.

Those interested in FHWA's white paper may also be interested in the [US Army Corps of Engineers request for proposals for beneficial use of dredge material pilot projects](#) where dredged material would:

- Reduce storm damage to property and infrastructure;
- Promote public safety;
- Protect, restore and create aquatic ecosystem habitats;
- Stabilize stream systems and enhance shorelines;
- Promote recreation;
- Support risk management adaptation strategies; and
- Reduce the costs of dredging and dredged material placement or disposal, such as projects that use dredged material for: construction or fill material; civic improvement objectives; and other uses and placement alternatives that provide public economic or environmental benefits.

USACE notes that public bodies are eligible to apply. **Applications are due March 12, 2018.**

Human Environment Digest 3/8/18

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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

[April 3-4, 2018](#): Complete Streets Conference. Nashville, TN. (There is a fee)

[May 22-23, 2018](#): USDOT's National Congestion Pricing Conference. Washington, D.C.

[July 9-12, 2018](#): TRB's Automated Vehicle Symposium. San Francisco, CA. (There is a fee)

[August 8-9, 2018](#): National Household Travel Survey Data for Transportation Applications Workshop.



Safety

Study Aims to Improve Street Safety for Vulnerable Users

The *National Association of City Transportation Officials* (NACTO) launched [a new project](#) that will develop best practices for two technologies that can help truck drivers avoid or mitigate collisions with pedestrians and bicyclists. The project aims to make streets safer for pedestrians, cyclists, and other vulnerable road users. NACTO is pooling funds from Boston, MA; Chicago, IL; Los Angeles, CA; San Francisco, CA; Seattle, WA; and Washington, D.C. to support the project.

Washington, D.C. (There is a fee)

WEBINARS

[March 12, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM](#)

ET: American Trails'
Introduction to Trail Safe!

[March 12, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM](#)

ET: TRB's Improving the
Resilience of Transit Systems
Threatened by Natural
Disasters

[March 14, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM](#)

ET: America Walks' Pushing
Boundaries: What Makes a
Walkable Community

[March 27, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM](#)

ET: USDOT's Updating the
ITS Knowledge Resource
Databases to Better Analyze,
Plan, and Evaluate Your ITS
Projects

[April 4, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET:](#)

America Walks' Walking
Toward Justice - Stop Street
Harassment: Making Public
Places Safe and Welcoming
for Women, LGBTQ-inclusive,
and Cisgender individuals.

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To submit comments or
information for inclusion in the
next HE Digest, click [here](#).

"Pedestrian Traffic Fatalities by State"

The *Governors Highway Safety Administration* released a new report titled, "[Pedestrian Traffic Fatalities by State](#)." The report includes preliminary 2017 data comparing the number of annual pedestrian fatalities to previous years. The report found that the number of pedestrian fatalities increased 27 percent from 2007 to 2016, while at the same time, all other traffic deaths decreased by 14 percent.

Health and Transportation Podcast

Transportation Radio posted [a new podcast](#) in its *Institute of Transportation Engineers* (ITE) Talks Transportation podcast series. This episode discusses the relationship between health, transportation, and Vision Zero initiatives.



Infrastructure

"Guidebook for Measuring Multimodal Network Connectivity"

The *Federal Highway Administration* (FHWA) recently published the "[Guidebook for Measuring Multimodal Network Connectivity](#)." The guidebook focuses on pedestrian and bicycle network connectivity and provides information on incorporating connectivity analysis into State, metropolitan, and local transportation planning processes. It also includes references and illustrations of current practices, including materials from five case studies conducted as part of the research process.

"Context Sensitive Solutions and Design: State of the Practice Assessment"

On February 21, 2018, the *Federal Highway Administration's* (FHWA's) Office of Planning, Environment, and Realty hosted a webinar, titled "[Context Sensitive Solutions and Design: State of the Practice Assessment](#)." The webinar highlighted the results from a national state of the practice assessment of how context sensitive solutions (CSS) and design principles are integrated in transportation decision making to achieve better outcomes and accelerate project delivery. A webinar recording is now available.

Submissions must be made
before 12 PM ET Wednesday.

Secretary Chao Delivers Remarks at National Bike Summit

The *League of American Bicyclists' National Bike Summit* took place on March 5-7, 2018, in Washington, D.C. U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Secretary Elaine L. Chao delivered remarks at the event, and a [transcript](#) is now available. In her remarks, Secretary Chao emphasized USDOT's commitment to improving bicyclist safety, especially as bicycling becomes a more popular mode for commuting.

AARP Publishes Article on Pedestrian Islands

The *American Association of Retired Persons* (AARP) published a new article, titled "[How to Get a Pedestrian Island Installed.](#)" The article explores ways in which pedestrian islands can help create more walkable communities, particularly for older adults.



HEP Quarterly Research Newsletter Now Available

The *Federal Highway Administration's* (FHWA's) Office of Planning, Environment and Realty (HEP) recently published its [Winter 2018 research newsletter](#). The newsletter includes topics from the 2018 *Transportation Research Board* (TRB) Annual Meeting, as well as reports and research highlights.

"Preparing Communities for Autonomous Vehicles"

The *American Planning Association* (APA) published a new report, titled "[Preparing Communities for Autonomous Vehicles.](#)" The report summarizes the findings of a symposium and research on the implications of autonomous vehicles for cities and regions. It is intended for planners and local government officials involved in land-use planning, urban design, and transportation. Readers will learn about the need to plan for the potential benefits and negative impacts of autonomous vehicles and what steps they can take now to prepare their communities.

Alternative Fuels Corridor Second Round Designations

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Alternative Fuels Corridor Second Round Designation Update

FHWA recently completed the second round of designations for the Alternative Fuels Corridor program. With the designation of these corridors, FHWA is continuing to establish a national network of alternative fueling and charging infrastructure along national highway system corridors.

To date, FHWA's Alternative Fuels Corridor Program has included:

- **58 Nominations;**
- Designations on segments or entire lengths of **71 Interstate corridors** (including Hawaii); and,
- **44 states** (plus the District of Columbia) designated as corridor-ready or corridor-pending for one or more alternative fuel types.

Visit the [Alternative Fuels Corridor website](#) to learn about the new designations and view updated corridor maps and information.

What's New in TPCB 3/9/18

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Transportation Performance Mgmt/Performance-Based Planning and Programming (PBPP)

MPOs—please review this FAQ from FHWA (as referenced by FHWA's Dolores Gallegos at the 3/28 PM meeting) regarding transportation performance management requirements: <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/tpm/faq.cfm>. In particular, please review the 'Planning Requirements' section of the FAQ. MPOs are responsible for understanding and implementing these PBPP requirements in their MTPs and TIPs. Note that TIPs amended or updated on/after 5/27/18 must meet the PBPP requirements for the safety performance measures. The FAQ provides additional information.

Frequently Asked Questions - Transportation Performance ...

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Q. What are the dates of the first four-year performance period? A. The first performance period begins January 1, 2018, and ends on December 31, 2021 with the exception of the CMAQ emissions reduction measure. For that measure, the first performance period begins on October 1, 2017, and ends on ...

PPM

Attached are the draft MPO and RTPO PPM Chapters that I distributed at the Joint Meeting last week. If you have any comments on the proposed changes, please email them to me. As discussed at the meeting, we will bring any additional changes back to the groups at the June RTPO and MPO Quarterlies, as well as an updated SPB Chapter.

Joint MPO/RTPO Mtg

Thanks all for coming to the meeting at MRCOG last week. NMDOT is working on the notes and I'll send them out once they're ready.

New Mexico Energy Roadmap

As discussed by Jessica Griffin at the Joint Meeting last week, here's the link to the NM Energy Roadmap website/plan: <http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/ECMD/energyroadmap.html>.

Upcoming Meetings/Trainings/Conferences

4/9-4/10: NM Transit Conference and Expo; Santa Fe; please see [website](#) for more information and registration.

4/18-4/20: New Mexico TransCon; Las Cruces/NMSU; please see [website](#) for registration information.

4/26, 9am-noon: Open Meetings Act/Inspection of Public Records Act Compliance training, Silver City, free; see attached email for more information; visit NMAG [website](#) for more 2018 trainings.

6/4-6/5: MPO Quarterly; host Farmington MPO.

Thanks,

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FFY19/20 UPWP/RWP Budgets

Please see the attached spreadsheet with FFY19/20 MPO PL and RTPO SPR estimated budgets. Since we've not yet received FFY19 apportionments, the attached estimates are consistent with the FFY18 budgets. Please contact your liaisons if you have any questions. Draft UPWPs are due 4/30 and draft RWPs are due 6/1.

T/LPA ADA & Title VI

Attached is the most recent T/LPA Master ADA and Title VI status list, as of 2/23/18. Please contact Jeff Garcia if you have any questions (jeffrey.garcia@state.nm.us).

Upcoming Meetings/Trainings/Conferences

3/28, 1-5pm, MRCOG: MPOs meeting with NMDOT to discuss Performance Measures (contact: Tammy Haas)

3/29, 8-10am, MRCOG: MPOs meeting with STIP Unit to discuss eSTIP reports (contact: Rebecca Maes)

3/29, 10am-5pm, MRCOG: MPO/RTPO Joint Meeting (please email agenda items to me at rosa.kozub@state.nm.us; **attached is a draft agenda**)

Thank you,

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Rural Transportation News

Learn about a new report on transportation and economic development performance measurement, an upcoming series of virtual peer exchanges for regional and state transportation and economic development professionals, and more!

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New Resource: Integrating Economic Resilience in Performance-based Transportation Planning

The National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) Research Foundation has released the report [Integrating Economic Resilience in Performance-based Transportation Planning](#) (PDF). Using information from dozens of regional planning and development organizations and their partners, the report suggests a framework for considering economic resilience and the input of economic development stakeholders throughout the planning process—from developing a vision, goals, and objectives through to selecting measures, prioritizing projects, and communicating performance information. Key takeaways include:

Integrating Economic Resilience in Performance-based Transportation Planning



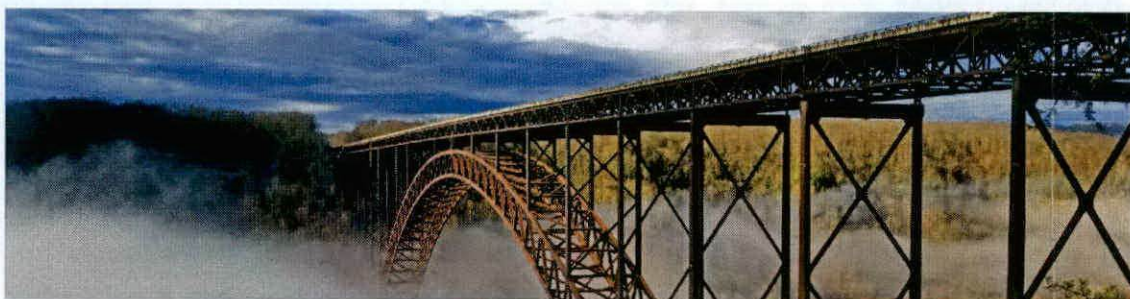
- Take a systems perspective to understand economic resilience goals, regional prosperity, and transportation's role. Multiple systems frameworks exist; the rural wealth creation framework is one focused on existing community assets.
- Embed measurement into the regional planning process, rather than treating it as a standalone task.
- Measure regional wellbeing across several emphasis areas, track it through plan updates, and use the measures in multiple planning efforts. Repurpose measures used by partners, such as state agencies, where appropriate.
- Develop transportation project prioritization criteria that implement the vision, goals, objectives, and measures adopted through the planning process.
- Communicate progress over time in order to make performance measurement a feedback loop that influences future planning and development decisions.
- Intentionally include economic development stakeholders, including both private sector leaders and intended beneficiaries of development such as low-income residents, throughout the planning process.

NADO Research Foundation to Hold Virtual Peer Exchanges on Transportation and Economic Development

With support from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the NADO Research Foundation will hold a [series of virtual peer exchanges](#) exploring how transportation and economic development planning practitioners can work together to maximize the economic impact of infrastructure investments, grow businesses and jobs, and strengthen the livability and vitality of communities and regions.

This five-event series will provide best practice examples and hands-on training on topics such as using economic analysis to sharpen transportation decision making, engaging business and workforce stakeholders in the transportation planning process, leveraging non-traditional funding sources, aligning transportation and economic development plans, and taking advantage of new economic opportunities stemming from enhancements to transportation networks.

In order to make these virtual peer exchanges as useful as possible, the NADO Research Foundation is seeking input from state and regional transportation and economic development professionals. [Click here](#) to complete a brief form to indicate an interest in learning more about particular topics and to share challenges or noteworthy examples.



NADO Research Foundation Launches CEDS Central



[CEDS Central](#) is the new Resource and Training Archive for materials developed by the NADO Research Foundation (NADO RF) as part of its Stronger CEDS, Stronger Region program, funded by the [U.S. Economic Development Administration](#). The free materials archived there include reports, case studies, videos, webinars, and presentation materials on planning, developing, and implementing the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). New staff working on the CEDS for the very first time as well as

more seasoned veterans of the process should find these resources useful and relevant to their work. Planners who are not responsible for a CEDS may find useful information for considering economic activity in other regional planning efforts. Click [here](#) to visit CEDS Central.

FHWA Releases New Multimodal Network Resources

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration has recently released two new publications to help practitioners improve multimodal transportation networks. These new publications offer resources for a variety of places, including rural and small town locations as well as medium and larger cities.

- [Guidebook for Measuring Multimodal Network Connectivity](#): This resource focuses on measuring pedestrian and bicycle network connectivity and incorporating connectivity analysis into the transportation planning process.
- [Case Studies in Realizing Co-Benefits of Multimodal Roadway Design and Gray and Green Infrastructure](#): This report is intended to provide information to encourage agencies interested in making improvements to their pedestrian and bicycle networks that also provide green infrastructure and resiliency benefits.

For more resources on building a intermodal transportation system that focuses on accessibility and safety, including for nonmotorized users, visit https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bicycle_pedestrian/publications/.

More Rural Transportation Resources

Other new resources from NADO and the NADO Research Foundation, federal agencies, and other partners are available:

- [FHWA to Hold Webinar on Freight Data](#)
- [Next Generation Scenario Planning: a Transportation Practitioner's Guide](#)
- [Getting to Zero Alcohol-Impaired Driving Fatalities: A Comprehensive Approach to a Persistent Problem](#)

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RTPO members:
FYI on National Work Zone Awareness Week.
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Sent: Wednesday, March 28, 2018 2:38 PM
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Subject: 2018 National Work Zone Awareness Week Factsheet

Freight Transportation Stakeholders,

The FHWA Office of Freight Management and Operations would like to inform you about the upcoming 2018 National Work Zone Awareness Week, which will take place from Monday, April 9th to Friday, April 13th. Attached is a fact sheet highlighting work zone safety tips and recent work zone accident information. Additionally, a National Work Zone Awareness Week website has been created: https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/wz/outreach/wz_awareness.htm. Information about Work Zone Awareness Week resources and events has been and will be placed on the site. For more information about the 2018 National Work Zone Awareness Week, contact Martha Kapitanov in the FHWA Office of Transportation Operations at (804) 775-3342 or at martha.kapitanov@dot.gov.

National Work Zone Awareness Week - FHWA Work Zone

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Each year in April, National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW) is held to bring national attention to motorist and worker safety and mobility issues in work zones.

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RTPO members and DOT colleagues:

FYI and files, attached are training files for pedestrian enhancements.

-Bob K

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Subject: RE: SAVE THE DATE: Designing for Pedestrians(Focus City) Workshop

Hello Everyone,

Attached you will find links to access the power point presentations from this week's Designing for Pedestrians Workshop.

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Subject: SAVE THE DATE: Designing for Pedestrians(Focus City) Workshop

When: Thursday, March 29, 2018 8:30 AM to Friday, March 30, 2018 4:30 PM (UTC-07:00) Mountain Time (US & Canada).

Where: D-3 Auditorium 7500 Pan American Freeway Albuquerque, NM 87199

Hello,

We need a final headcount as space is limited.

If you are planning on attending you must fully accept the meeting so you are guaranteed a seat.

Thanks!

All,

Correction: this is a two-day workshop. 11 – 12 pdh will be earned.

Bill

Dear Regional Design Managers and District Engineers,

Please forward this save-the-date to the PDE's on your staff.

You will receive two invitations as there will be two – 1.5 day workshops to choose from, one at the D-3 auditorium and one in Las Cruces at the D-1 Solano office.

This training is part of the FHWA's Every Day Counts 4 initiative entitled 'Safe Transportation for Every Pedestrian' (STEP)

Given that NM is now one of the worst in the nation per capita for pedestrian fatalities we recommend that you consider making this training mandatory.

We are told that PDH hours will be available.

The workshop will focus on proven safety countermeasures and updates underway to the Pedestrian portion of the Design Manual addressing pedestrian safety.

For those who attended this will build on the Action Plan meeting in Santa Fe held last month.

The MPO's and RTPO's will also be invited, seating may be limited.

This invitation will be updated as more information is available.

Thanks,

Bill Hutchinson

Co-Chair EDC4 Step Committee

Fw: Upcoming Webinar: Applying for National Park Service Assistance

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Robert Kuipers

Mon 4/2/2018 10:28 AM



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RTPO members and DOT colleagues:

With appreciation to Evan Williams for this information; please note this April 12 - 10am webinar for National Park Service assistance / support for local recreation related projects. Please share this with other local govt. colleagues, who may have an interest.

Thanks,

Bob Kuipers

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From: Evan Williams

Sent: Friday, March 30, 2018 5:24 PM

To: Robert Kuipers

Subject: Fw: Upcoming Webinar: Applying for National Park Service Assistance

Something of interest to RTPO members?

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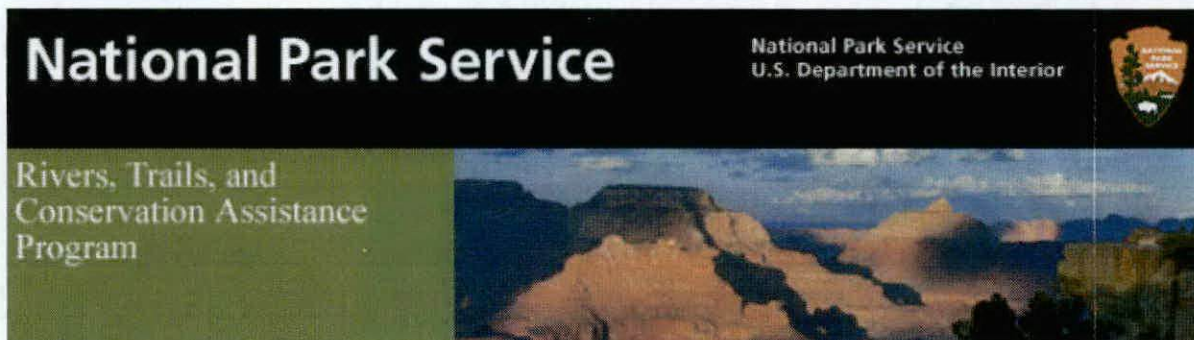
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Upcoming NPS RTCA Webinar on April 12

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Upcoming Webinar

Help from the Arrowhead: National Park Service Assistance for Your Community

Thursday, April 12 | 10:00AM - 11:00AM MDT

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Join us to learn how to secure help for your community project

The National Park Service's [Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program \(RTCA\)](#) works with local leaders to build partnerships and engage their communities in outdoor recreation and natural resource conservation projects.



Tune in **Thursday, April 12 at 10:00 a.m. MDT/11:00 a.m. CDT** to learn who and what is eligible for NPS assistance, how the RTCA program can support your vision, the ins and outs of the application process, and what makes a competitive application.

For More Information on Applying for National Park Service Assistance

Application materials and guidelines are available [on our website](#). Applications are due June 30. We encourage potential applicants to contact their [nearest RTCA staff member](#) to discuss their interest by May 30.

Register Here

Webinar hosted by the NPS – RTCA Intermountain Region:

[Hugh Osborne](#) | Acting Program Manager– Intermountain Region

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RTPO members:

Potential funding for multi-modal projects, supporting senior citizen mobility, access, and quality of life.

Again, with much appreciation to Mr. Williams for continuing to find and forward such opportunities.

Please share with any other colleagues who may have an interest.

-Bob Kuipers

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Cc: Jeffrey Kiely; Jane Williams

Subject: AARP Challenge Grants #GrantOps

All:

Here is a grant opportunity:

<https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/about/info-2017/aarp-community-challenge.html>

For Downtown Gallup, in the video I liked the last image of the artistic alleyway project.

Evan

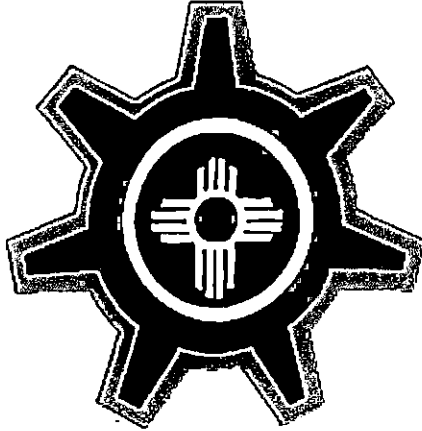
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RTPO members:

Please share / forward this news of funding / resource opportunities to appropriate colleagues within your respective jurisdictions.

-Bob Kuipers

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From: Evan Williams

Sent: Monday, March 19, 2018 9:24 AM

To: Robert Kuipers; Angelina Grey; Carrie House

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Subject: Fw: Funding Opportunities: North Face, NEH, DoE, U of Arkansas

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Subject: Fwd: Funding Opportunities: North Face, NEH, DoE, U of Arkansas

North Face Grant might interest AGB

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March 19, 2018

Dear Members, Partners and Friends:

If you are interested in developing outdoor adventures in public lands, the North Face Explore Fund may be for you. This small grants program may help you get off the ground.

Also in this announcement, the National Endowment for the Humanities is funding museums and libraries to be catalysts in their communities. Tourism could be one of those collaborations. For ideas, watch this webinar: [We're All Tourists Sometime: Learning from libraries who serve both tourists and residents](#).

The U.S. Department of Energy has funding for energy infrastructure which could benefit tourism programs as well as the whole community. And, the University of Arkansas is planning a Native Youth in Food and Agriculture seminar for Native Youth. Farmers markets, value added products and farm to table cuisine are all potential agritourism programs.



North Face grants that enable outdoor exploration and protect the environment

One of the major ways the Explore Fund supports outdoor exploration is through a \$500,000 annual open-grants cycle. They are looking for innovative ideas, both large and small in scale, that are

changing the way we think about outdoor participation, accessibility, and protection of the environment. The Explore Fund grants are offered in two main categories.

ENABLING NEW EXPLORERS

Introducing underrepresented communities to outdoor adventures, in potentially new and interesting ways, is core to this program category. We want to work with nonprofits that are helping change the narrative of outdoor exploration. Ideal programs are working towards that goal in ways that could include teaching independence and self-awareness through outdoor adventures, demonstrating partnership and trust through outdoor activities, and developing outdoor leaders through innovative programming and trips to public lands. If your program seeks to develop new outdoor adventurers, this category is for you.

PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

Projects large and small in scale are vital for protecting our ecosystems and our ability to continue to enjoy them. Ideal programs think creatively about engaging new and diverse communities in environmental work and can share tangible outcomes. Potential projects might address needs for new trails or forests, or larger topics such as climate change on public lands or in cities. Organizations that work with new technologies and programmatic approaches to protecting our environment are encouraged to apply. If your program focuses more on environmental education in the outdoors, please complete the Enabling New Explorers application.

Applicants may apply for up to \$25,000 in grant funding and a minimum of \$5,000. In rare cases, The North Face may award more than \$25,000 to specific projects.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about North Face, [visit their website](#). For help with your application, email THE_NORTH_FACE_EXPLORE_FUND@VFC.COM



NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE

Humanities

**USING MUSEUMS /
LIBRARIES AS ASSETS TO
ACTIVATE COMMUNITIES**

Deadline: May 14, 2018

Activating Community Opportunities Using Museums/Libraries as Assets is part of a special Community Catalyst initiative under the National Leadership Grant programs. For this initiative, the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) is interested in supporting projects that address significant challenges and opportunities facing the library, archive, and museum (LAM) fields and that have the potential to advance theory and practice.

Museums, libraries, and archives, as well as universities and non-profit organizations with experience in museum, library, or archives projects and expertise in community development work, are eligible to apply. Award amounts will range from \$25,000 to \$150,000, and a one-to-one cost share is required. More details can be found in the [application guidelines](#).

This joint Libraries and Museums special call for proposals invites projects that will help LAMs and their communities learn together how to build upon the unique abilities of LAMs to achieve positive change. Successful projects will exemplify how LAMs can provide trusted spaces for ongoing community dialog and exploration of the intersections between individual narratives.

The desired outcome is to further the ability for LAM institutions to:

- (a) proactively assess the best role for themselves within the context of their local community's assets (e.g., resources, skills, experiences) for creating meaningful positive community changes and
- (b) define and implement plans and activities developed together with their communities that can best achieve sustained community improvement.

WEBINAR:

Monday, **March 26, 2018**, 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Eastern, to learn more about the program and ask questions.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Applicants are encouraged to review the [2016 report](#) and Community Catalyst [blog series](#). Contact, Dr. Marvin D. Carr, Senior Advisor, Office of the Director, [202-653-4752](tel:202-653-4752) or mcarr@imls.gov, Steve Schwartzman, sschwartzman@imls.gov, [202-653-4641](tel:202-653-4641), or Sarah Fuller, sfuller@imls.gov, [202-653-4783](tel:202-653-4783).



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF

ENERGY

**Up To \$11.5 Million Available
for Energy Infrastructure
Deployment on Tribal Lands**

Deadline: April 19

DOE has announced up to \$11.5 million in new funding to deploy energy infrastructure on tribal lands. This funding through the Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs will support

Native American and Alaska Native communities interested in harnessing their vast undeveloped energy resources.

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) builds on efforts to strengthen tribal energy, economic infrastructure resource development, and electrification on tribal lands. This is also the first time that DOE's Office of Indian Energy is issuing a FOA on an entirely fuel- and technology-neutral basis. This will expand the potential for tribes to use the particular resources available to them, and is consistent not only with an all-of-the above energy policy, but also with the principles of tribal sovereignty and self-determination.

This funding opportunity will solicit and select applications from Indian Tribes, which include Alaska Native Regional Corporations and Village Corporations, and Tribal Energy Resource Development Organizations in the following areas:

- Install energy efficiency measures and/or energy generating system(s) for tribal building(s) (Topic Area 1);
- Deploy community-scale energy generating system(s) on tribal lands (Topic Area 2); and
- Install energy system(s) for autonomous operation (Topic Area 3).

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For additional details, read the full press release and download the [full FOA](#). An informational webinar was held Feb. 27, 2018, to provide potential applicants with more information. [download the webinar](#). For more information about the Office of Indian Energy Programs, [click here](#).



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**Native Youth in Food and
Agriculture Leadership
Summit at the University of
Arkansas School of Law**

The Native Youth in Food and Agriculture Leadership Summit at the University of Arkansas School of Law is open to American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian youth, ages 15-18 (including recently graduated high school seniors).

Interested participants should apply now to attend the 2018 Native Youth in Food and Agriculture Leadership Summit, which will be held June 7th-14th in Fayetteville, Arkansas, at the University of Arkansas School of Law, home of the Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative. Some travel assistance may become available; participants will receive information about this after they are accepted into the program.

While at the Summit, participants will be led by experts in these areas and will spend their time at the event learning and working on these topics with a small group of their peers. In addition to learning the critical skills they need to be the next generation of Indian Country food and ag leaders in each of these topic areas, all students attending will also receive a full Food Safety Modernization Act training on the Produce Safety Rule during their time at the Summit.

TO APPLY

The priority deadline for applying to the 2018 Summit is **March 1, 2018**. Priority students will be allocated additional points in the selection process. The final deadline for applying to the 2018 Summit is **March 15, 2018**. To apply, [click here](#).

COST TO ATTEND

All food, lodging, instructional materials and field trip costs will be provided. Depending on the number of students, some travel scholarships will also be provided. However, we need applications as soon as possible to plan for travel needs.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Questions about the Summit? Contact Erin Shirl on the IFAL staff at eshirl@uark.edu, or call her at [479.575.6572](tel:479.575.6572) or [479.575.5128](tel:479.575.5128).

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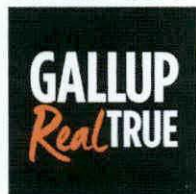
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RTPO members and DOT colleagues:

With appreciation to Royce Gchachu, please find a link to the President's Infrastructure initiative;
might forecast what may be coming down the pipe?

-Bob Kuipers

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Someone may be interested in reading "The President's Initiative for Rebuilding Infrastructure in America", so please share with RTPO members.

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Please find the link below to access the new USDOT booklet titled "The President's initiative for Rebuilding Infrastructure in America."

Let me know if you have any questions.

<https://www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/docs/briefing-room/305216/infrastructure-initiative-booklet.pdf>

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