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Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NWRTPO)

RTPO Technical/Policy Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 13, 2020

10:00 am

Due to COVID-19 pandemic, meeting will be executed via conference call:

Dial in Number: 515-606-5166 / Access Code: 301965

AGENDA

ROUTINE ITEMS:

Item #	Item	Presenter
I.	Call to Order and Introductions	Dave Deutsawe, Chairman
II.	Action: Agenda	Robert Kuipers, Program Manager
III.	Action: Minutes (April 8, 2020)	Robert Kuipers, Program Manager

ACTION ITEMS:

Item #	Item	Presenter
IV.	Action: Regional Work Program & Budget Amendment #2	Robert Kuipers, Program Manager
V.	Action: Regional Work Program & Budget FFY2021-22	Robert Kuipers, Program Manager

DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION ITEMS:

Please Provide Presentations for inclusion in minutes

Item #	Topic	Presenter
VI.	Review & Discuss: RTIPR Revision Process & Timeline (CY2020-21)	Robert Kuipers, Program Manager
VII.	Update: Special Session & Project Clawbacks (if available)	State DOT Staff

REPORTS: (10-minute limit)

Please Submit Written Reports for inclusion in minutes

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 via Virtual Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

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Joint Policy & Technical Committee

NWRTPO Meeting Minutes

Wednesday April 8, 2020

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Meeting executed via conference call

Due to COVID-19 / Corona-virus Pandemic

ATTENDANCE:

Local & Tribal Governments:

Pueblo of Acoma	Chair – Dave Deutsawe; Raymond Concho
Pueblo of Laguna	Ray Lucero
Pueblo of Zuni	Royce Gchachu ; Roxann Hughte
Navajo Nation	Eastern Navajo: Larry Joe - absent Northern Navajo: Larry Joe
Ramah Navajo	Shane Lewis , Trina Martine
Farmington MPO	Vacant at this time
City of Grants	Vice-Chair - Don Jaramillo
City of Gallup	Stan Henderson, Alicia Santiago
Village of Milan	Jack Moleres - absent
Cibola County	Judy Horacek , Gary Porter
McKinley County	Rodney Skersick , Mario Gomez
San Juan County	Scott Martin, Nick Porell - absent

Technical Agencies:

Govt. to Govt. Liaison: **Neala Krueger**
DOT District 5: **James Mexia, Stephanie Medina**
DOT District 6: **JoAnn Garcia**, Bill Santiago
DOT Tribal Liaison: **Ron Shutiva**
DOT – Admin:

NWRTPO Administration:

Northwest Regional Planning Organization: **Robert Kuipers**

Guests: None

TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 7 Members, 3 alternate members, 5 NMDOT, 1 RTPO Staff,
0 guests – TOTAL: 16

- I. **Call to Order and Introductions:**.....Robert Kuipers – COG RTPO staff
- Robert Kuipers called the meeting to order at 10:15 am, welcomed those in attendance, and proceeded with introductions and approval of agenda and minutes. The meeting was conducted via conference call, due to the COVID-19 / Corona-virus pandemic.

II. **Action Item: Review and Approve NWRTPO Bylaws**.....Robert Kuipers – COG RTPO staff

BACKGROUND

- **Why?** With the COVID-19 (Corona-virus) outbreak, a need for virtual meetings is now apparent, with no idea as to how long this pandemic will last.
- **Purpose.** To honor state and national advice and warnings regarding physical distancing during this viral pandemic, by creating the option in our bylaws for virtual meetings using communicative technology.
- **Discussion/Finalization.** RTPO members will vote to approve the NWRTPO Bylaws, with the new provision for virtual meetings that do not require members physical presence in a meeting room.

CURRENT WORK

- Members to vote for approval / authorization of the NWRTPO Bylaws going forward.

ANTICIPATED WORK

- Staff and member governments will continue to monitor the COVID-19 outbreak, and utilize the virtual meeting options as advised, and/or as deemed necessary for the safety of our members and DOT staff.

ATTACHMENTS

- Proposed NWRTPO Bylaws for FFY2020 going forward.

BUDGET IMPACT

- None.

ACTION ITEM

- Members to vote yes, no or abstain for approval and authorization of NWRTPO Bylaws.

Discussion: Members unanimously approved the NWRTPO Bylaws (without motion or 2nd), with the addition for virtual meetings when needed – as conducted today related to the COVID-19 / Corona-virus Pandemic.

- III. **Review & Approval of Agenda:**..... Robert Kuipers
- Motion to Approve: Judy Horacek – Cibola County, 2nd: Alicia Santiago - Gallup; all in favor none opposed
- IV. **Approval and Review of Minutes for 3/11/20 meeting:**..... Robert Kuipers
- Motion to Approve: Don Jaramillo – Grants, 2nd: Judy Horacek – Cibola County; all in favor, none opposed.

V. Action Item: Election of Officials.....Robert Kuipers

BACKGROUND

- **Why?** The NWRTPO is established with representatives for participating local, tribal, and county governments within the San Juan, McKinley and Cibola County region. These representatives work thru the NWRTPO to acquire and secure funding for transportation infrastructure and service projects and collaborate to prioritize project development that benefits local and regional populations. The NWRTPO relies on the leadership of a Chair and Vice-chair, who work with staff to assure productive monthly meetings that execute required RTPO deliverables and services within timelines, and seek to move our region into the future engaging new technologies, future trends, and regional collaboration to build and maintain transportation infrastructure and services which position our region for the future.
- **Purpose.** The NWRTPO has a process for member appointment and authorization by their respective local governments as representatives transition from time to time. With the departure of Jeff Irving from McKinley County, the NWRTPO will elect a new Chair from any members interested in taking this position, which beyond each local government, also considers and develops transportation infrastructure or services on behalf of the three county region to maintain mobility and quality of life.
- **Discussion/Finalization.** Members will discuss and either elect today, or at our April 8 meeting.

CURRENT WORK

- Per the NWRTPO Bylaws due to Jeff Irving leaving the Chair position, Dave Deutsawe our present Vice-chair will move into the Chair position, and has accepted this position – at least thru the end of 2020; Don Jaramillo has expressed interest in taking on the Vice-Chair, and with no other members expressing interest, we will vote today to elect Mr. Jaramillo to the Vice-Chair position.

ANTICIPATED WORK

- Election by vote at today's meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

- Members can reference the NWRTPO Bylaws which are part of this meeting's agenda package.

BUDGET IMPACT

- None.

ACTION ITEM

- Members will vote to elect Mr. Jaramillo to the Vice Chair position, as no other members have expressed interest in assuming this position.

Discussion: Former Vice Chair – Dave Deutsawe has agreed to assume the Chair position with Jeff Irving's departure from the RTPO – as prescribed in our Bylaws; members will vote to elect a new Vice-Chair for the NWRTPO.

Members unanimously supported (without motion or 2nd) moving Mr. Deutsawe to Chair, as prescribed in our Bylaws, and unanimously supported (without motion or 2nd) Don Jaramillo for Vice-Chair.

VII. Reports, Updates & Announcements:

BACKGROUND

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

Informational Items

Regional News & Updates

- Regional Work Program Status Report
- RTPO Report
- Member Reports

Member Special Reports:

- None submitted prior to the meeting

NMDOT Reports:

- G to G Liaison: Neala Krueger
- Tribal Liaison: Ron Shutiva
- District 6: JoAnn Garcia & staff; District 5: vacant at this time

News, Training & Funding Opportunities:

- FHWA Planning, Environment & Realty Reports: 3/19 and 4/2 – emailed to members as reports came out
- NMDOT Govt. to Govt. Update: 3/30 – emailed to members as these reports came out
- AASHTO Publications: 3/20 and 3/31 – emailed to members as these reports came out
- NMDOT / UNM-LTAP: Provides a very robust collection of training opportunities – staff forward news to members as it comes out from this source – reference at ltap.unm.edu
- LTAP Training Opportunities on hold for public meeting places due to COVID-19, only webinars available; current offerings emailed to members 4/2; news of class training cancellations thru May to members 3/19
- ROUTES – “Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success: USDOT Secretary Elaine Chao announced this new funding source supporting rural transportation needs in America.
- US DOT announces \$321.4 million in “Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects”: (NSFLTP) this funding will support maintenance repair or new construction for roads and bridges serving tribal or federal lands. <https://www.transportation.gov/briefing-room/fhwa1519>
- Title VI Training is available to MPO's and RTPO's from Lisa Neie – Civil Rights Manager for FHWA New Mexico. These trainings can be customized to address member concerns and issues for their regions, if provided to her in advance. Based on training length, we could provide it at one of our meetings.
- USDOT 2020 BUILD Grant: funding for large / expensive projects – emailed to members 2/20
- Federal Transit Funding Opportunities: emailed to our regional Transit providers and RTPO members 4/1
- FHWA Virtual Peer Exchange Workshops: emailed to members 3/31 (scheduled May – Oct., 2020)
- 2020 Census Info.: emailed to members 3/31
- Tran-SET Conference rescheduled for Sept. 1-2, 2020: emailed to members 3/19
- 2020 Tribal Motor Vehicle Safety Summit: May 19-21, Isleta Casino, emailed to members 3/16

A. RTPO Reports:

- No Reports this month - no new developments since February RTPO report; staff will provide RWP Status Report at our May, 2020 meeting.
- FHWA Planning, Environment and Realty Reports, NMDOT Planning Govt. to Govt. Reports, and AASHTO Publication Updates are regularly forwarded to members as they come out.

B. Local Member Reports & Updates:

1. Pueblo of Acoma:

- Pueblo concluded project development on March 17 related to the COVID-19 pandemic; will resume project development in May, if the Pandemic subsides.
- CMGC – 4 Projects: (*request for proposals for this new bundle of projects was published 2/10/19*)

- CMGC2-1 Transportation Office Complex – Design is complete. Construction for the new building has commenced.
- CMGC2-2 SP130 Veterans Blvd. – Project is complete.
- CMGC2- 3 Baseball Fields – Design is complete; waiting on prairie dog removal before Notice to Proceed is approved and issued – construction will commence in the Spring of 2020.
- CMGC2-4 FEMA 4352 Large Projects (39) – 14 projects have been completed; work began in the southern regions of the Pueblo. All projects to be completed by June, 2020.
- The Pueblo is continuing on the update to their Long-Range Transportation Plan; WH Pacific will do traffic analysis counts to contribute to the Pueblo's LRTP. The Pueblo is also updating their Transportation Safety Plan at this time.
- FEMA 4352: Small Projects: Recovery work has begun; the POA Public Works / Utility Authority was awarded the small projects (64) at \$2.2 million capital investment. 35 projects have been completed; 70 projects remain – anticipating completion by March, 2020.
- LGRF: The Pueblo has received its fully executed Cooperative Agreement.
- LGTPF: The Pueblo received its cooperative agreements on Oct. 8 for the Veterans Blvd. project; the Pueblo is waiting for confirmation of funding from the DOT District 6.
- Capital Outlay: The Pueblo is ready for the 30 day session with its priority projects.
- Mainstreet Project: The Pueblo will add several projects to the CMGC suite to include performas for housing and economic development. These would include engineering studies, NEPA, infrastructure development and engineers estimates, and renderings for each area.

2. Pueblo of Zuni:

- Royce is now also the Airport Manager. Receipt of FAA grant agreement for developing an Airport Master Plan for the Andrew Othole Memorial (AOM) Airport. The master plan will be developed by the Pueblo's airport consultant – Armstrong Consultant's, Inc.
- The Pueblo continues to update its long-range transportation plan.
- The Pueblo is providing base course around the Zuni Headstart facility for parking.
- Ongoing road maintenance around the Pueblo.
- The Pueblo is working with Ashiwi Transit and Gallup Express to extend transit service to the Ramah Navajo area.
- The Pueblo has engaged contractual on call engineering services for future transportation development.
- **The Ashiwi transit system received a national award at the 2019 National RTAP (*Rural Transportation Assistance Program*) conference.**

3. McKinley County:

- The County is finishing their Local Govt. Road Fund projects including the Thoreau Town Site project for cold mix overlay, for which the County has rented a milling machine. Certifications are complete for all LGRF projects and the County is requesting an extension till Spring – 2020 to complete maintenance construction which will include paving for CR-1 in Mentmore.
- TIF: \$1.2 million awarded for 10 miles of Deer Springs Road improvement – project on hold until Spring of 2020 for Mexican Springs Chapter. NDOT is contributing Fuel Excise Tax funding. Funding will allow drainage improvements, five miles of gravel base improvement and three miles of chip-seal.
- TIF: \$1.3 million awarded for 18 miles of CR19 gravel and chip-seal road improvement – multiple Eastern Navajo Chapters; collaborating with NDOT for road repairs and renovation. NDOT is contributing Fuel Excise Tax funding. Project has commenced, but completion anticipated until this coming summer around weather issues.
- The County will contract out their LGTPF project for Manuelito Canyon bridge replacement and road improvements.
- The County will benefit with \$23 million for improvements to the Carbon Coal Road intersection in Gamerco with US491, which leads to the developing Energy Logistics Park (and potential Inland Port).

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

VI. NWRTPO Call for Projects Guide FFY2020 - 2021.....Robert Kuipers

BACKGROUND

- **Why?** Every two years (biennial basis) the NWRTPO engages a Call for Projects process to invite new projects into the NWRTPO RTIPR for our local municipal, tribal and county member governments. This process engages a series of document forms and meetings to assure that proposed new projects are both local / regional priorities, and qualify for state and federal funding.
- **Purpose.** To engage the NWRTPO members in a review of the proposed process going forward to qualify new projects for inclusion in the FFY2021 RTIPR for the NWRTPO.
- **Discussion/Finalization.** RTPO members will approve and authorize (not by vote) the NWRTPO Call for Projects related to documentation submission and meeting dates which typically should commence in May-June, 2020 and conclude with a finalized RTIPR for the NWRTPO in February, and the DOT District Office RTIP (Zipper) in March, 2021.

CURRENT WORK

- RTPO members will review the Call for Projects process, and schedule for the FFY2021 RTIPR, and approve and authorize the NWRTPO Call for Projects, perhaps with any recommended edits.

ANTICIPATED WORK

- RTPO members will approve and authorization of the FFY2020 – FFY2021 NWRTPO Call for Projects process.

ATTACHMENTS

- NWRTPO Call for Transportation Projects Guide.

BUDGET IMPACT

- None.

ACTION ITEM

- Not an action item – members will be asked to eliminate projects that have been completely funded, and can generate PFF's for any new projects.

Discussion: Members are advised to review the status of their projects and eliminate any that have been completely funded, and can provide PFF's for new projects, or the next phase of a project that has been funded for the previous phase.

NMDOT NWRTPO Liaison Neala Krueger announced that there will not be a Call for Projects for RTP, TAP, or CMAQ projects until May, 2021 – for October, 2022 implementation.

4. Gallup:

- Coal Avenue Commons both MAP and Legislative Agreements have been executed by the State. The City is working with Wilson & Co. and NMDOT Dist. 6 on the final PS&E. City Council approved Wilson & Co.'s professional engineering proposal for construction management. The Mainstreet grant resolution was approved by City Council for this project. Project is ongoing at this time.
- The East Nizhoni Blvd. Reconstruction project was awarded LGTPF funding – the contract with NMDOT was executed by the City and the State, with the electronic copy received; awaiting the original signature.
- W. Aztec drainage legislative grant has been executed and engineering services have been awarded to begin design; notice of obligation has been submitted and approved by the state. Design in progress at this time.
- COOP and Legislative agreement funding for the Veterans Cemetery access road are now closed out with completion of this project.

5. Milan: (not present this meeting former report follows)

- Coop funded project for drainage behind Allsups – design complete, project out to bid for construction soon
- Uranium and East Street drainage project will utilize LGRF funds.
- Mirabol Park design complete – Village is pursuing funding for construction.
- Berry Hill and Haystack streets Elkins Park project – Utilities, roads, parking and drainage for Elkins Park is out to bid

6. Ramah:

- BIA Projects Update:
 - BIA 125 mp 18 – 24.6 – received 100% design plans – submitting concurrence letter to FHWA and received approval to move forward and finalize project.
 - BIA 125 MP O – 4.4 Received approval for updated cultural resources report to include a drainage pond and submitted a resolution for easement withdrawal; received approval from NNHPO on the updated cultural report and categorical exclusion.
 - BIA 195: submitted ROW documents to RN Realty Office
 - BIA 145 and BIA 113; Awaiting draft report for BIA 145; received draft report for BIA 113.
- Submitted road signs replacement maintenance project for 2021 LGRF cycle.
- NMDOT LGRF received some certifications and will coordinate with Utility providers.
- Assisting with RN Community Dev. Dept. for the Navajo Nation Rural Addressing Project.
- Ongoing general maintenance for area roads, cattle guards and signage, blading and shaping, potholes and base course patching (incl. school bus routes). Cleaning and replacing roadway signs. Field fence repairs, post replacements and gate repairs.

7. Cibola County:

- ZMTP RTP trail project is funded for FFY2020 construction – working with McKinley County for trails development beginning with the Quartz Hill Trail Head.
- CR-18B and CR1 road / bridge projects are current priorities. CR-18B awarded LGTPF funding – LGTPF contract is complete and submitted.
- Coop projects will begin soon.
- Ongoing County wide maintenance.

8. Grants:

- Riverwalk trail: Design at 100% from WHPacific, Project is on hold for the time being.
- First Street phase 3 – Adams to Roosevelt: design at 100%; added a pond and lift station on Geis Street for drainage; allotted \$1.8 million from 2019 state legislature for final phase from Washington to Roosevelt – anticipate construction late summer of 2020. Total project stands at \$6.2 million.
- 2nd Street – **construction is now complete.**
- Washington bridge replacement over 2nd Street thru LGTPF funding will include a walking opportunity for High School students – construction anticipated for this summer.
- Lobo Canyon and Roosevelt intersection improvements are underway

9. Pueblo of Laguna:

- The Pueblo is pursuing an FHWA grant to develop a Pueblo-wide (all Villages / roads) Safety Plan and will be seeking data sources identifying various crash incidents, and high crash incident locations; may need assistance from the RTPO or DOT with analyzing crash data. The Pueblo has a number of State Routes, where high speeds impact upon more fatal crashes.
- NM 124 Trail- Encinal Road to St. Rd. 279, a bike/ped path: The Construction Management services firm selected is Bohannon Huston Inc. Construction NTP was issued in January. Construction is at 17% complete. Desert Fox Paving has cleared and grubbed the first half of the trail and working on subgrade. Completion date is set for September per approved construction schedule.
- L26 Rainfall Road from Cubero Wash to Seama bridge M108: Notice to proceed was issued to Sierra Valley Construction; construction now in progress at 75% complete – will include a bike & ped. trail.
- M137 bridge at Laguna Subdivision: Construction complete and project in close out with BIA.
- Mill, Overlay, Striping & Enhancement Projects: Construction is complete for L503 – Veterans Memorial Road, L200 Postal Road and L245 Raindrop Road; Pueblo is closing out these projects at this time.
- LGRF / BIA Road Maintenance Striping Projects: Phase 2 & 3: Phase 2 – working on ITS certs. for L500 Mountain Ash Loop and Central Park roads. Phase 3 – working on NMDOT certs for L540 – Veterans Memorial Road and L200 Elizabeth Bender Road. Construction to commence this summer for both phases.
- NM 124 Roundabout: The repairs to the roundabout are being coordinated by NMDOT, no start date has been determined.
- L24 Rainfall Road: design changed to two phases, Ph-1 Road & Trail and Ph-2 Conc Box Underpass, design is in progress and **construction funded for \$1.9 million from the LGTPF fund!**
- L26 Deer Dancer Road: at 95% design, working on ROW amendments and E.A.
- L243 Acorn Road design: completed 100% design and PS&E review from the BIA. Construction pending funding.
- M154 Paguete Wash Bridge: PER In progress – draft report has been submitted to the Pueblo and BIA.
- M108 San Jose River Bridge-Seama: PS&E complete and ROW amendments approved; pending items include EA, FONSI and NOI.
- L248 Bluejay Road and L248 Blue Star Loop: RFP published, proposals received, reviewed and awarded. A kick off meeting will be held in March.
- Pueblo's Safety Plan: Phase 1 is complete and the Pueblo is intending to apply for additional planning funds to continue plan development.
- NMDOT I-40 Safety Project: The Pueblo met with NMDOT on March 3. Design is at 90%; NMDOT hopes to let the project this summer.

10. Northern Navajo: (Northern and Eastern Navajo – not present this meeting previous reports follow)

- NMDOT Safety Projects:
 - Shiprock Chapter/Navajo DOT in coordination with NMDOT are working on a school zone safety project at Hwy 64 west of Hwy 491/64 intersection. Project on NM NWRTPPO List – programmed for funding on NM STIP for construction in 2023. Beyond this, DOT Dist. 5 is working for intersection safety improvements with Beclabito, Gadihii, Tsedaakaan and Shiprock chapters for US64 up to the Arizona state line.
 - Beclabito Chapter/NDOT on safety project on Hwy 64 at MP 3.0-3.5 for street lighting. In planning stage with NMDOT Dist. 5. The Chapter was awarded NM Capital Outlay funding for a helipad landing facility.
 - TseDaaKaan Chapter/NDOT safety project to improve Hwy 64 & N5031 Intersection. Project on NM NWRTPPO list. Application was updated and submitted for HSIP funding. Earmarked for construction in NM STIP 2021.
 - San Juan Chapter Bridge project connecting N36 to Hwy 64 near Hogback. The feasibility studies were completed by contractor, Wilson & Company. This project would involve coordination with NM DOT and NM State Representative, Anthony Allison and other State Legislatures to obtain additional funding for preliminary engineering studies and clearances and design.
 - Upperfruitland Chapter Safety Project at Hwy 371 & N36 Intersection for improvement. This Project was awarded through NM Capital Outlay fund to start on Design and Construction. Wilson & Company is assigned to complete the design which Navajo Nation will fund as match. Navajo Gaming assisted with advocacy of funding request. Assigned San Juan County, NM as lead agency to implement the project – construction to begin in summer - 2020.

- Sheep Springs Chapter is working on safety project to improve intersection at Hwy 491/134, to reduce traffic crashes and pedestrian cross walks. Pending with NMDOT District 6.
- Lee Engineering is providing a safety audit for Newcomb, Naschitti and Sheep Springs.
- Hwy 64 Shiprock Bridge replacement – a public hearing is set for Nov. 14 at the Shiprock Chapter
- Burnham Chapter is proposing for N5 hwy. intersection improvements.
- Newcomb Chapter is working on a low water crossing project funded thru state and tribal funds – needing BIA approval for a road realignment; and pushing for street lighting along Hwy 491.
- Sanostee Chapter is also pushing for street lighting along US491.
- Road Safety Audit funding awarded to Twin Lakes, Mexican Springs and Tohatchi Chapters through the LGTPF funding opportunity from the State of New Mexico.
- San Juan – Hogback Bridge have completed feasibility studies for a new bridge.
- Shiprock Chapter is seeking a road safety audit for US491 mp. 89 – 90
- Burnham Chapter is seeking a road safety audit and N-5 / Chapter intersection improvement
- Newcomb Chapter is seeking funding for street lights along the US491 and N5001 intersection
- Sanostee Chapter is seeking funding to construct drainage infrastructure for the intersection of US491 and N-34, as well as a school zone RSA on N34
- Local Govt. Road Fund awards to Navajo Chapter Projects as follows:
 - Sheep Springs Chapter awarded \$50K for improvements to N5002
 - Gadihii-Tokoi Chapter awarded \$200K for chip-seal improvements to N571
 - Preliminary planning in progress for a number of school bus routes around Little Water Chapter awarded \$60K for improvements – including TR4925, TR5313, N5016, N5005, and N5092.

11. Eastern Navajo:

- Bread Springs (Baahaali) Chapter awarded LGTPF funding at \$281.5 K to construct their waste transfer station access road.
- Twin Lakes, Tohatchi and Mexican Springs Chapters were awarded LGTPF funding for Road Safety Audits on US491 intersections serving these chapters.
- McKinley County has an MOU in place with the Navajo Nation (who contribute \$400,000 annually to the county for maintenance of primary Navajo Chapter roads.
- Ongoing attention from Eastern Navajo for the NM118 corridor between Rehoboth and Church Rock, around both traffic safety, road capacity expansion, economic development opportunities, and multi-modal safety options. Also a watershed study has been conducted for the NM118 corridor between Church Rock and Iyanbito to address and mitigate periodic and costly flooding of I-40 and NM118, leaving up to a foot or more of sediment on the roads, for which the DOT has to take emergency fix measures to clear these roads as quickly as possible. Wilson & Co. is working with NDOT to design roadway lighting along this corridor, and Navajo Gaming Enterprise and Church Rock Chapter have secured capital outlay funding on behalf of this lighting project
- Rock Springs Chapter has been awarded capital outlay funding to design improvements to the Chee Dodge School access road and intersection safety improvements.
- Navajo DOT looking at another Transportation Symposium coming up March 31 thru April 2, 2020 at the Farmington Convention Center; the Tribe is looking for trainers from the New Mexico side, with focus on best practices and safety. **This conference has now been cancelled.**
- Navajo DOT is also considering providing quarterly TTAP trainings at the NDOT facility in Tse Bonito.
- NDOT is having meetings with Eastern Navajo Chapter areas for transportation needs
 - Crownpoint Chapter is seeking funding for NM371 and N-9 intersection improvements
 - Standing Rock Chapter is seeking funding for an RSA on N-9
 - White Rock Chapter is seeking funding for an RSA on NM371
 - Smith Lake Chapter is seeking funding for an RSA and street lighting for the NM371 and N49 intersection
- NDOT is updating their agreements with Counties in NM, AZ and Utah at this time.
- NDOT completed a safety plan for the Arizona Counties side of the Navajo Nation – hope to do the same on the N.M. side for Northern Navajo, Eastern Navajo, and the New Mexico side of Ft. Defiance Agency.

C) State DOT Reports:

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

- The Regional Work Program is due for FFY 2021 – 2022; but delays are anticipated and acceptable under the current COVID-19 pandemic conditions.
- The Road Safety Audit funded through HSIP for Naschitti, Newcomb and Sheep Springs went really well on Nov. 4-5; the final report has been issued.
- The NMDOT Long Range Transportation Plan update will provide a website to report on four meetings to be held across the state. These public meetings are anticipated to commence in April.
- Paul Sittig has developed statewide transportation data that may be useful to RTPO's
- NMDOT will be considering functional classification updates statewide in the near future.
- NM Pedestrian Safety Action Plan: NMDOT Planning Bureau is undertaking a Pedestrian Safety Action Plan. A public survey and input map is available at: <https://nmpedplan.altaplanning.cloud/#/>
- Whether or not the Recreational Trails program will be managed by the N.M. Econ. Dev. Dept. is on hold for the time being, as state officials consider which dept. (Transportation or Econ. Dev.) should take the lead.

2. NMDOT Tribal Liaison – Ron Shutiva:

- Ron is concerned about improvements needed for the US64 Shiprock School Zone corridor – NDOT is non-responsive, and support and input is needed from NDOT, before the state moves forward with safety improvements.
- Ron has sent out statewide Tribal Contacts for 2020 and put them on the DOT website.
- Ron now has an office in Albuquerque along with an office in Santa Fe.
- I-40 Safety projects are coming to the Laguna Acoma area.
- Many tribes benefited from the recent LGTPF funding opportunity.
- Ron reported on the NM118 drainage analysis that took place between the Iyanbito and Ft. Wingate I-40 intersections at previous meetings. Ron indicated he feels that NM118 drainage issues remain unresolved to this day (in spite of two studies!) and the Navajo Nation DOT remains non-responsive!
- Ron shared concern regarding the lack of an NDOT Eastern Navajo representative – they are putting a lot of pressure on Larry Joe!

3. DOT District 5 – Steve Lopez (having retired - not present this meeting, previous report as follows):

- WHPacific is being contracted for a study on needed road and intersection improvements on US 64 – MP 0 – 20 (which includes the Shiprock School Zone). This project will be divided into two phases funded separately and in the Dist. 5 HSIP plan for 2021 including a) primary / major Chapter or community intersections from Shiprock to the Arizona border and b) the Shiprock School Zone.
- The NM371 and N36 intersection near Northern Edge Casino is at 60% design; need ROW clearance / easement from NDOT.
- The District is looking at the need to replace the aging Shiprock San Juan River bridge.
- **New Report from James Mexia and Stephanie Medina**: D-5 staff are managing project proposals for the 2021 Local Govt. Road Fund

4. DOT District 6 – JoAnn Garcia:

- JoAnn reminded members to check up on their Capital Outlay projects in the CPM system, to make sure their projects are submitted and up to date, with the required minimal 5% match.
- For Local Govt. Road Fund projects – the District needs certifications for all projects – many RTPO members are not following LGRF guidance for project development and are trying to close out projects without having reported progress to the DOT or following what the program requires – this could jeopardize funding, and DOT Dist. 6 urges follow up with their staff (!!!!!) Have contractors apply to be on the State list as pre-qualified contractors. Using a non-state-qualified contractor could also jeopardize project funding!
- Members are encouraged to follow up with NMDOT District 6 – JoAnn Garcia regarding their LGTPF projects.

VIII. New Business / Open Floor – Members & Guests:

- Nothing to report

IX. Review Calendar & Announcements:

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- ROUTES – “Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success”: USDOT Secretary Elaine Chao announced this new funding source supporting rural transportation needs in America.
- US DOT announces \$321.4 million in “Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects”: (NSFLTP) this funding will support maintenance repair or new construction for roads and bridges serving tribal or federal lands. <https://www.transportation.gov/briefing-room/fhwa1519>
- Title VI Training is available to MPO’s and RTPO’s from Lisa Neie – Civil Rights Manager for FHWA New Mexico. These trainings can be customized to address member concerns and issues for their regions, if provided to her in advance. Based on training length, we could provide it at one of our meetings.
- USDOT 2020 BUILD Grant: funding for large / expensive projects – emailed to members 2/20
- Federal Transit Funding Opportunities: emailed to our regional Transit providers and RTPO members 4/1
- FHWA Virtual Peer Exchange Workshops: emailed to members 3/31 (scheduled May – Oct., 2020)
- 2020 Census Info.: emailed to members 3/31
- Tran-SET Conference rescheduled for Sept. 1-2, 2020: emailed to members 3/19
- 2020 Tribal Motor Vehicle Safety Summit: May 19-21, Isleta Casino, emailed to members 3/16

X. Next Meetings:

- Our May 13 and June 10 meetings will be virtual – exercised via conference call – 515-606-5166 / access code: 301965
- July 8: San Juan County Fire Ops. 209 S. Oliver, Aztec, NM – will revert to conf. call if COVID-19 restrictions persist.

XI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am; motion: Royce Gchachu – Pueblo of Zuni, 2nd: Dave Deutsawe – Pueblo of Acoma; all in favor - none opposed.

MEETING ACTIONS:

RTPO Members:

- Based on our new annual meeting schedule – which will exactly replicate last year’s meeting locations, with the exception of Navajo Nation – which will be a virtual meeting as a location was not confirmed. Members need to review the schedule and make sure they confirm the meeting locations that they are hosting well in advance of the meeting date. Bear in mind that if / as the COVID-19 Pandemic continues, we may have to substitute virtual meetings for any of our reserved locations.

RTPO Staff:

- Ongoing: Distribute the schedule developed that provides annual or multi-year deadlines for all RTPO deliverables including reports – quarterly and annual, RTIPR Call for Projects cycle, Regional Work Program updates or amendments, and governing document updates (*Bylaws, Open Meetings Act Resolution, Title VI Plan, Public Participation Plan, Official Membership Roster*)
- Maintain appointment forms as members transition.

NMDOT Staff:

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

This meeting was cancelled for City of Gallup to host, and conducted via conference call, due to the COVID-19 / Corona-virus Pandemic.



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

**Agenda Item #IV: FFY20 NWRTPO Regional Work
Program & Budget Amendment #2**

Subject: RTPO Approval & Authorization - Amendment #2

Prepared by: Robert Kuipers

Date: 5/1/2020

BACKGROUND

- **Why?** RTPO Program Manager must present formal amendments for approval by our Joint Policy & Technical Committee according to NMDOT Planning Procedures Manual when hours or budget line-item change exceed 20% shifts.
- **Purpose.** To approve the second formal amendment as detailed herewithin.
- **Discussion/Finalization.** If approved, RTPO Program Manager will submit to NMDOT for approval and make changes to Regional Work Program and Budget.

WORK TO DATE

- RTPO staff are proposing a formal RWP budget adjustment with some hours and budget categories that exceed a 20% change due to anticipated demands on the RTPO for the remainder of year
- Amendment #2 changes are explained in the subsequent COG memo.

ANTICIPATED WORK

- Finalize and package with the minutes of this meeting and submitted Amendment #2 to NMDOT.

ATTACHMENTS

- RTPO Amendment Request Form with proposed new hours and budget allocations for the RWP work function categories for FFY-2020.

BUDGET IMPACT

- No impact on final budget or overall Work Program hours.

ACTION ITEM

- Staff recommends "approval" of this action item.

NWRTPO Voting Summary
NWRTPO Virtual Mtng. – 5/13/20

1) FFY2019 – 2020 RWP Amendment 2:

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Ramah Navajo: Shane Lewis / Trina Martine				

2) RWP & Budget – FFY2021-2022:

Member:	Present	Yes	No	Abstain
Cibola County: Judy Horacek / Gary Porter				
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San Juan County: Scott Martin / Nick Porell				
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Executive Director | Evan Williams

Memorandum

DATE: May 1, 2020

To: Neala Krueger, NWRTPO Planning Liaison
NWRTPO Policy Committee Members

FROM: Robert Kuipers, RTPO Program Manager

cc: Evan Williams, Executive Director *[Signature]*
Martina Whitmore, Administrative Assistant (CONTRACT FILE)

RE: FFY20 Regional Work Program & Budget – Amendment #2

This memo is to outline the requested changes to the Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization's (NWRTPO) regional work program and budget. This amendment was presented to the NWRTPO Joint Technical and Policy Committee on May 13, 2020 at their monthly meeting. This amendment does the following

Amendment #2 Items:

- **Work Program Hours.** The COG was not required to implement its Call for Projects biennial process to update and clear its Regional Transportation Improvement Program Recommendations (RTIPR), which saved significant time under Function #3 (150 hours), however additional hours were required under Function #4 to complete a nomination application for the National designation of the Trail of the Ancients – NM byway. USDOT/FHWA opened this call which last happened 10+ years ago in response to "Reviving America's Scenic Byways Act of 2019 passed by Congress and signed by the President.
- **Budget Adjustments.** The COG completed a property improvement project to connect fiber to our building. This upgrade required a new telephone system to change to voice over internet protocol (VOIP). This purchase was determined to be equipment rather than a supply cost. This amendment moves money from the supply line-item into equipment.



MPO/RTPO Work Program Amendment Request Form

This form is for MPO/RTPO Planners to submit a request for an amendment to either an approved Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) or Regional Work Program (RWP). Please refer to the appropriate section in the Planning Procedures Manual (PPM) for information regarding Work Program amendments and the Month-by-Month Work Program Timeline (calendar) for due dates.

Please complete the following information and submit the completed form to your NMDOT Government to Government Planning Liaison via email. Include a copy of a complete, revised work program narrative and budget.

Date:	5/1/2020		
Entity:	Northwest RTPO		
Contact Name:	Robert Kuipers, RTPO Program Manager		
UPWP/RWP Amendment #:	FFY2020/Q3 2	Control #:	P619010

Staff Hours or Budget Line Items being changed (Indicate Task # or Budget Category. Add rows as needed)	Current Budgeted Amount	Revised Amount	Percent Change	Brief Description of Change
Function 1	200	200	0%	No changes needed or anticipated at this time for staffing hours
Function 2	200	200	0%	No changes needed or anticipated at this time for staffing hours
Function 3	450	300	-33.3%	Decrease activity due to no biennial Call for Projects process.
Function 4	200	350	75%	Increased activity due to Byway Nomination process.
Function 5	600	600	0%	No changes needed or anticipated at this time for staffing hours
Function 6	450	450	0%	No changes needed or anticipated at this time for staffing hours
Program Total	2100	2100	0%	No changes needed or anticipated at this time for staffing hours

Staff Hours or Budget Line Items being changed (Indicate Task # or Budget Category. Add rows as needed)	Current Budgeted Amount	Revised Amount	Percent Change	Brief Description of Change
Personnel	\$57,200	\$57,200.00	0%	No change.
Fringe Benefits	\$14,374	\$14,374.00	0%	No change.
Travel	\$3,962	\$3,962.00	0%	No change.
Equipment	\$0	\$1,399.21	100%	The COG was required to upgrade telephone system and this was determined to be an equipment cost and not a supply cost.
Supplies	\$4,591	\$3,191.79	-30.5%	Savings in supplies line-item.
Contractual	\$13,511	\$13,511.00	0%	No change.
Construction	\$5,198.11*	\$5,198.11*	0%	No change.
Other	\$12,612	\$12,612.00	0%	No change.
Program Total	\$111,448.11	\$111,448.11	0%	No change.

*Carry over funds from FFY2019 toward installation of fiber-optic cable and roof repair projects for COG and RTPO operations with a local match of \$1,039.62.

Please indicate if amendment is administrative or formal and provide detailed justification based upon requirements in the PPM.

Amendment Type (Administrative/Formal)	Justification
Formal Amendment	Changes to Staff hours and Supplies and Equipment line-item significantly exceed 20%.

Approval by MPO/RTPO Boards:

Review Committee/Board:	N/A
Technical Committee/Board:	5/13/2020
Policy Committee/Board:	5/13/2020

For NMDOT use only.

Received by Liaison (name):	
Date:	
Recommendation of Liaison:	
Received by SPB Chief on date:	
Action (Amend #):	

Quarter	Administrative (check if appropriate)	Formal (check if appropriate)	Amendments (brief description including any changes to the budget. Include a separate copy of budgetary changes if necessary)	FHWA/NMDOT approval date	Board approval date
Q1		X	To align RTPG budget with approved COG budget and budget carry-over funds		12/11/2019
Q2					
Q3		X	To shift hours into Function #4 and move funding into Equipment line-item.		5/13/2020
Q4					

FFY2020 RTPO Program Budget
May 1, 2020

Northwest RTPO FFY20 Budget Detail	Original Approved Budget	A#1 Revised Budget	Amendment #2 Budget
a. Personnel	\$60,000.00	\$57,200.00	\$57,200.00
b. Fringe Benefits	\$15,670.00	\$14,374.00	\$14,374.00
c. Travel & Training	\$4,000.00	\$3,962.00	\$3,962.00
d. Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,399.21
e. Supplies	\$1,500.00	\$4,591.00	\$3,191.79
f. Contractual	\$7,870.00	\$13,511.00	\$13,511.00
g. Construction (FFY2019 carry over funds)	\$ -	\$ 5,198.11	\$5,198.11
h. Other	\$17,210.00	\$12,612.00	\$12,612.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$106,250.00	\$111,448.11	\$111,448.11
Local Match (20%)	\$ 21,250.00	\$ 22,289.62	\$ 22,289.62
Federal Share (80%)	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 89,158.49	\$ 89,158.49



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

**Agenda Item #V: Regional Work Program & Budget
FFY2021-22**

Subject: Biennial Approval and Authorization for FFY21-22 RWP

Prepared for: May 13 NWRTPO Meeting

Date: 5/6/20

BACKGROUND

- **Why?** Every two years the NWRTPO generates a biennial Regional Work Program – in this case for FFY2021 thru FFY2022
- **Purpose.** The Regional Work Program guides both staff, and NWRTPO members activity, providing a voice for all local governments participating in the NWRTPO for the development of transportation infrastructure and services in collaboration with the NMDOT.
- **Discussion/Finalization.** Members will vote to approve and authorize the RWP for FFY21-22.

CURRENT WORK

- Staff have generated the FFY2021-2022 RWP, for member review and approval

ANTICIPATED WORK

- Upon member approval and authorization, the NWRTPO RWP for FFY2021 - 2022 will be submitted to NMDOT.

ATTACHMENTS

- FFY2021-2022 Regional Work Program

BUDGET IMPACT

- This action authorizes the proposed budget for this upcoming biennial period.

ACTION ITEM

- Members will vote to approve and authorize the FFY2021-2022 Regional Work Program

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Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments

NORTHWEST REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (NWRTPO)

FFY 2021-2022 REGIONAL WORK PROGRAM

October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2022

Introduction and Purpose

The Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NWRTPO) serves the Northwest New Mexico region consisting of San Juan, McKinley, and Cibola counties including all municipal, rural, and tribal communities except for the area served by the Farmington MPO. NWRTPO is a voluntary association of local governments and the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) that provides a forum for members to meet, plan and work together on issues related to transportation in the Northwest NM region. NWRTPO serves as a regional forum for cooperative decision making about transportation issues and to serve as a liaison between local governments and NMDOT.

The Regional Work Program (RWP) sets forth activities for which the Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) Program Manager will carry out on behalf of the NWRTPO in alignment with NM Department of Transportation's (NMDOT) Planning Procedures Manual that outlines the duties of both Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPOs).

The RWP includes tasks and activities that are both driven by NMDOT and the RTPO Joint Technical/Policy Committee members. The RWP is aimed at moving the Northwest RTPO region forward in terms of transportation planning, project development and prioritization, and providing a venue for community involvement and local public official engagement.

The following are functions and task orders that the Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments (COG) will complete in fulfillment of the contract for management of the Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) for Federal Fiscal Years (FFY2021 – FFY2022) October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2022.

Function 1. Long-Range Planning and Implementation

Task 1.1 Initiate and coordinate long-range regional transportation planning with other local, regional and statewide planning initiatives. Collaborate with NMDOT and other partners to identify and document current and future transportation needs, plans, and projects for inclusion in the RTPO Long-Range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

1.1.1 Review and update the RTP, including tasks and goals, at least once every five years in coordination with the NMDOT Long Range Statewide Transportation Plan (LRSTP) update.

1.1.2 Conduct and/or participate in corridor studies, transportation-related subarea plans, and regional and local multi-modal and intermodal planning activities, including bicycle master plans, comprehensive plans, transportation plans, safety plans, road safety audits, and continued planning and implementation of the Four Corners Intermodal Transloading Equinox (4CITE) and Prewitt Area Transportation (PAT) Master Plan, etc.

1.1.3 Support and coordinate long-range regional transportation planning with other local, regional, and statewide planning initiatives, such as Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plans (ICIP), the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), and legislative capital outlay priorities.

Task 1.2 Create and implement a strategic plan and tracking instrument for implementation of the action items identified by RTPO members and stakeholders as part of the RTP development process.

Function 1	Budgeted Hours ('21)	Actual Hours	Other Specific Costs	Budgeted Hours ('22)	Actual Hours	Other Specific Costs
FFY 2021/2022 Budget	200	N/A		200	N/A	
1 st Quarter						
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Function 1 Activity Tracking – 2021

1 st Quarter Report	
2 nd Quarter Report	
3 rd Quarter Report	
4 th Quarter Report	

Function 2. Technical Support and Data Management

Task 2.1 Collect and manage data, perform technical planning and plan development, in coordination with the transportation goals, trends and needs developed and identified in the RTP.

2.1.1 Collect and evaluate new population, economic development, travel demand and forecast data, projects and trends to inform regional planning efforts, and distribute this information with local counties and communities. Data to be collected and maintained by the RTPO may include land use data, demographic and population data, freight data, traffic count and crash data, and any other data that supports the goals and actions outlined in the RTP.

2.1.2 Assist project applicants with analysis, data collection and other technical support for transportation planning, project identification, and project development.

Task 2.2 Assist RTPO members and work with NMDOT staff on roadway and corridor-level classification and analysis, in accordance with the currently adopted rules, guidelines, and procedures. Keep members informed about criteria, timelines, and requirements for submittal of proposals to modify classifications.

2.2.1 Assist RTPO members and work with NMDOT staff on post-Census Urban Area Boundary Smoothing, as appropriate. Keep members informed about criteria, timelines, and requirements for submittal of proposals to modify Urban Area and Small Urban Area designations, based on FHWA Area Definitions.

Function 2	Budgeted Hours ('21)	Actual Hours	Other Specific Costs	Budgeted Hours ('22)	Actual Hours	Other Specific Costs
FFY 2021/2022 Budget	200	N/A		200	N/A	
1 st Quarter						
2 nd Quarter						
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Function 2 Activity Tracking – 2021

1 st Quarter Report	
2 nd Quarter Report	
3 rd Quarter Report	
4 th Quarter Report	

Function 3. Project Development and Monitoring

Task 3.1 Assist project applicants in developing projects.

3.1.1 Provide information to potential applicants about funding opportunities.

3.1.2 Assist project applicants to identify projects that may be eligible for transportation funding from federal, state or other sources, based upon appropriate local, regional and state-wide plans and applicable data

3.1.3 Assist project applicants with applications for NMDOT federal and state transportation funding programs. Follow current adopted New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC) and/or program guides provided by NMDOT for project eligibility, program guidelines, and application timelines. Submit all complete applications to the designated NMDOT coordinator in accordance with the schedule outlined in the applicable NMAC and/or guide(s).

3.1.4 Assist project applicants with identification of safety issues that warrant Road Safety Assessments, Safety Plans and/or qualify for Highway Safety Improvement Program funding.

Task 3.2 Manage preliminary project review process. See NWRTPO's *Call for Projects guidance on our program website for current process and timelines*.

3.2.1 Establish and implement a process for RTPO members to prepare and submit Project Feasibility Forms (PFFs) and Project Prospectus Forms (PPFs), through coordination with NMDOT District(s).

3.2.2 Assist project applicants with development of PFFs and PPFs; ensure that all members are fully informed of the process and timelines, and support entities in accessing all forms and data required by project applicants to complete the forms. Ensure members are informed of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Title VI plan requirements for all recipients of federal funds.

3.2.3 Work with RTPO members to establish scoring criteria for project prioritization, based on goals and action items included in the RTP, the current NMDOT LRSTP, the Active Transportation and Recreational Programs Guide, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program Guide and other guidance from NMDOT.

3.2.4 Develop and maintain a prioritized list of projects based on the regional goals articulated in the RTP, and the statewide goals in the NMDOT LRSTP, as well as Technical and Policy Committee review and input. This list will serve as the Regional Transportation Improvement Program Recommendations (RTIPR) list and be submitted to the NMDOT District for potential federal and state funding opportunities on an every-other-year basis (at a minimum). RTIPR development will occur based on this schedule published in NWRTPO's *Call for Projects guidance on our program website for current process and timelines*.

Task 3.3 Provide assistance to local governments interested in pursuing transportation system development and coordination activities.

3.3.1 Facilitate prioritization of Public Transit Program applications for the RTPO area in response to the state-wide prioritization schedule established by NMDOT Transit and Rail Section staff. Submit the results to the NMDOT Transit Bureau in accordance with that schedule. Include the results in the RTPO RTIPR.

3.3.2 Support efforts on regional transportation system development, through coordination with local entities and NMDOT Transit & Rail Division.

Task 3.4 During the month of March, coordinate and co-facilitate RTIPR "zipper" meetings with NMDOT Government to Government Unit (GTG) liaison, the appropriate District staff, and applicable RTPOs, if necessary. Notify NMDOT GTG liaison and District staff of the dates, times, and locations for these "zipper" meetings. Submit the combined, prioritized RTIPR to GTG liaison, the District Engineers and all relevant RTPOs within ten days of the prioritization meeting.

Task 3.5 Track the progress of Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) projects within the RTPO region and ensure regular communication between the project sponsors, NMDOT staff and others to ensure the projects are

meeting deadlines outlined in the Tribal/Local Public Agency (T/LPA) Handbook. Keep project applicants informed on project status, including through review of complete regional STIP project lists at meetings, and assist RTPO members with issues that may arise.

Function 3	Budgeted Hours ('21)	Actual Hours	Other Specific Costs	Budgeted Hours ('22)	Actual Hours	Other Specific Costs
FFY 2021/2022 Budget	450	N/A		450	N/A	
1 st Quarter						
2 nd Quarter						
3 rd Quarter						
4 th Quarter						
Balance						

Function 3 Activity Tracking – 2021

1 st Quarter Report	
2 nd Quarter Report	
3 rd Quarter Report	
4 th Quarter Report	

Function 4. Other Activities and Projects

- Task 4.1 Coordinate and participate with NMDOT staff on special studies or projects specified in the NMDOT Planning Work Program. Provide periodic updates to RTPO members on the status of the studies/projects and involve the members in this effort as appropriate.
- Task 4.2 Coordinate and participate with the Councils of Governments (COGs) and applicable New Mexico State agency staff on legislative studies related to state-wide or RTPO-specific transportation issues, as appropriate.
- Task 4.3 Monitor development of federal and state laws affecting the transportation system and provide information about the contents and status to RTPO members.
- Task 4.4 Attend RTPO Roundtable and special meetings.
- Task 4.5 Attend in-state and out-of-state conferences, training sessions or special meetings for staff and professional development opportunities. This task includes the purchase of any supporting materials that may be needed to coordinate, conduct or attend the conferences, training sessions or meetings. RTPO staff may attend these out-of-state trainings during this RWP, as outlined in our Training & Professional Development Plan available on our program website. Out-of-State trainings and conferences may include but not be limited to NADO National Transportation Conferences known as RPO America, Tribal Transportation Conferences, etc.

Task 4.6 Participate in miscellaneous transportation-related programs and special projects in the RTPO region, examples may include:

- Support of trails planning, design, development, and maintenance including Zuni Mountains Trail System.
- Support of Route 66 National Scenic Byway and the Trail of the Ancients Scenic Byway including corridor management planning, byway council support, and other technical assistance to improve transportation, exposure, and visitor experience.

Function 4	Budgeted Hours ('21)	Actual Hours	Other Specific Costs	Budgeted Hours ('22)	Actual Hours	Other Specific Costs
FFY 2021/2022 Budget	350	N/A		350	N/A	
1 st Quarter						
2 nd Quarter						
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Function 4 Activity Tracking – 2021

1 st Quarter Report	
2 nd Quarter Report	
3 rd Quarter Report	
4 th Quarter Report	

Function 5. General RTPO Support

Task 5.1 Organize and facilitate all meetings of the RTPO in accordance with the Public Participation Plan.

- 5.1.1 Document the RTPOs public participation process including but not limited to, procedures the RTPO uses to comply with the *New Mexico Open Meetings Act* [NMSA 1978, Sections 10-51-1, et. seq.] and 23 CFR 450.
- 5.1.2 Per the *New Mexico Open Meetings Act* (NMSA, 1978, Section 10-15-1(D)) and 23 CFR 450.210, provide compliant public notice for all official RTPO Committee meetings.
- 5.1.3 Provide RTPO Committee members, the appropriate NMDOT District staff, and GTG with meeting agendas and information packets preferably 7 calendar days in advance, and no later than seventy-two (72) hours in advance of RTPO Committee meetings.
- 5.1.4 On an annual basis, provide all eligible T/LPAs with the opportunity to appoint or confirm a representative and alternates to the RTPO Committee.

Task 5.2 Maintain bylaws that clarify and document member entities, responsibilities and roles, including voting protocols.

5.2.1 Maintain a list of RTPPO Committee members with contact information and provide a copy of the list to appropriate NMDOT District staff, GTG, member entities, and other regular participants.

Task 5.3 Conduct Outreach Activities.

5.3.1 Engage in and document outreach activities and provide citizens and other transportation stakeholders with reasonable opportunities to participate in RTPPO processes per 23 CFR 450.

5.3.2 Coordinate with RTPPO members to maintain a list of entities including newly elected officials and potential members, who will be educated on the RTPPO process. Document this outreach and presentations and share any questions or concerns in quarterly reports and with appropriate NMDOT staff.

Task 5.4 Maintain a website that includes current meeting information and planning documents, as referenced in the Quality Assurance Review (QAR) guidelines. Post a list of current Technical and Policy Committee members and keep this information updated.

Task 5.5 Coordinate training and professional development opportunities for RTPPO members, including developing and maintaining training plans. Assist RTPPO members to identify technical training needs and work with NMDOT, LTAP, and other entities to meet those needs. Informing member entities of training opportunities and encouraging participation

Function 5	Budgeted Hours ('21)	Actual Hours	Other Specific Costs	Budgeted Hours ('22)	Actual Hours	Other Specific Costs
FFY 2021/2022 Budget	450	N/A		450	N/A	
1 st Quarter						
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Function 5 Activity Tracking – 2021

1 st Quarter Report	
2 nd Quarter Report	
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Function 6. RTPO Administration

- Task 6.1 Produce work products that meet all quarterly work requirements and deadlines per the Planning Procedures Manual (PPM) and submit a summary of activities completed per quarter.
 - 6.1.1 Implement and monitor program expenditures in relation to the annual budget, per the PPM. Ensure documentation on program expenditures and activities are available to the public online and retained as physical copies, which will be reviewed during the annual Quality Assurance Review (QAR).
 - 6.1.2 Submit quarterly Reimbursement Packets per the PPM. Include this report as an informational item on the following RTPO Committee agenda and should reflect all costs outlined in the Invoice.
 - 6.1.3 Submit an Annual Performance and Expenditure Report (APER) each year, per the timeline and procedures documented in the PPM. The APER will be derived from the 4th quarter Quarterly Report, but will include additional descriptions to summarize the activities performed in the past year.
- Task 6.2 Solicit and utilize input from RTPO board members to develop the two-year (FFY 2023- FFY 2024) Regional Work Program (RWP) for submittal to the NMDOT by deadlines outlined in the PPM.
 - 6.2.1 Coordinate the RTPO's planning program with other RTPOs and any Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) or other agencies impacted by and/or associated with activities contained in the RWP.
- Task 6.3 Develop an annual budget based on the tasks outlined in the RWP, and include cost-sharing methodologies and calculations for costs that are shared between various Northwest NM Council of Government's programs, in accordance with 2 CFR 200 and the PPM. Apply and illustrate cost-sharing methodologies consistently when submitting quarterly Reimbursement Packets.
- Task 6.4 Maintain a Public Participation Plan (PPP) that addresses Title VI and Environmental Justice procedures. Ensure a specific contact person and contact information is listed. Update the PPP in accordance with the PPM schedule or as determined appropriate by RTPO members or staff.
- Task 6.5 Submit the NWNM Council of Governments Financial Audit for each State Fiscal Year to the NMDOT GTG Liaison, within 30 days of when the audit is released by the State Auditor's Office.

Function 6	Budgeted Hours ('21)	Actual Hours	Other Specific Costs	Budgeted Hours ('22)	Actual Hours	Other Specific Costs
FFY 2021/2022 Budget	450	N/A		450	N/A	
1 st Quarter						
2 nd Quarter						
3 rd Quarter						
4 th Quarter						
Balance						

Function 6 Activity Tracking – 2021

1 st Quarter Report	
2 nd Quarter Report	
3 rd Quarter Report	
4 th Quarter Report	

Northwest RTPO Budget	FFY2021	FFY2022
a. Personnel	\$54,070.00	\$54,070.00
b. Fringe Benefits	\$13,588.00	\$13,588.00
c. Travel & Training	\$5,023.00	\$5,023.00
d. Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00
e. Supplies	\$4,591.00	\$4,591.00
f. Contractual	\$14,878.00	\$14,878.00
g. Construction	\$0.00	\$0.00
h. Other	\$14,100.00	\$14,100.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$106,250.00	\$106,250.00
Local Match (20%)	\$ 21,250.00	\$ 21,250.00
Federal Share (80%)	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 85,000.00



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

Agenda Item #VI: RTIPR Revision Process and Timeline

Subject: RTIPR Revision Process and Timeline (CY2020-21)

Prepared for: NWRTPO members to review and authorize at May 13 meeting.

Date: 5/6/20

BACKGROUND

- **Why?** Every two years (biennial basis) the NWRTPO engages a Call for Projects process to invite new projects into the NWRTPO RTIPR for our local municipal, tribal and county member governments. This process engages a series of document forms and meetings to assure that proposed new projects are both local / regional priorities, and qualify for state and federal funding.
- **Purpose.** To engage the NWRTPO members in a review of the proposed process going forward to qualify new projects for inclusion in the FFY2021 RTIPR for the NWRTPO.
- **Discussion/Finalization.** **There will not be a Call for Projects in FFY2020:** the NWRTPO will simply update the RTIPR.

CURRENT WORK

- RTPO members will discuss the **RTIPR revision process and timeline**. At this time members will simply vote to approve and authorize the revision process and timeline – which will seek to update the RTIPR by removing projects or project phases that have already been funded, and **simply insert new projects via PFF's**. The NWRTPO will not undertake the entire process recommended in the Call for projects, and simply add projects to the RTIPR via PFF's – since funding is not anticipated until FFY2021.

ANTICIPATED WORK

- RTPO members to vote on approval and authorization of the FFY2020 – FFY2021 NWRTPO RTIPR revision process, and set timelines for PFF submission and review at the May 13 meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

- NWRTPO Call for Transportation Projects Guide.

BUDGET IMPACT

- None.

ACTION ITEM

- No action needed



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EVAN WILLIAMS, NWNMCOG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Memorandum

DATE: May 8, 2020

TO: NWRTPO Technical & Policy Committee Members
Neala Krueger, NWRTPO Planning Liaison

FROM: Robert Kuipers, RTPO Program Manager
cc: Evan Williams, Executive Director

RE: Regional Transportation Improvement Program Recommendations (RTIPR) Revision

The Planning Procedures Manual (PPM) outlines that the Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) implement a Call for Transportation Projects biennial starting in Spring of even years. This process is used to clear out and update the Regional Transportation Improvement Program Recommendations (RTIPR) to provide up-to-date projects, cost estimates, and our priorities to New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) for vetting and possible inclusion into the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Last year, the RTPO carried out a special and off schedule Call for Transportation Projects specifically for the new Local Government Transportation Project Fund now called the Transportation Project Fund (TPF). This year in discussion with Neal Krueger, NWRTPO Planning Liaison, it seemed that funds for programs like the Recreational Trails Program, Transportation Alternative Program, and others were not available this cycle and that it would be prudent to postpone our biennial process until Spring 2021.

Instead the RTPO Program Manager recommends an abbreviated process for a simple RTIPR revision that would instead the following:

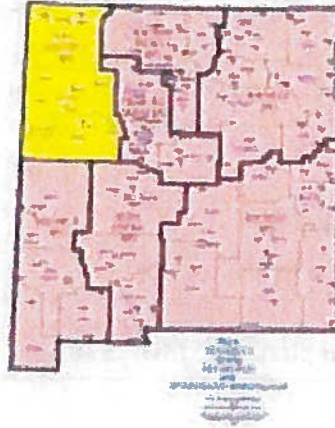
Action	Result
(1) RTPO Members would be provide information on projects that have been completed or fully funded in the current RTIPR.	These projects will be removed from the RTIPR revision and all proceeding projects will move up in priority order.
(2) If a project has completed a phase and needs to be updated in terms of information in the RTIPR, that RTPO member would submit an updated Project Feasibility Form (PFF).	This project will be updated in their current position in the RTIPR.
(3) New Projects can be added if needed by submitting a Project Feasibility Form (PFF).	These projects will be added to the bottom of the project order.
(4) Project Feasibility Form (PFF) Consultation	No PFF consultation, as they will be required in the formal Call for Transportation Projects process in 2021.

An abbreviated packet and timeline is attached.

Project Feasibility Forms can be downloaded on the RTPO Important Documents webpage at:

<http://www.nwnmco.org/important-documents.html>

NORTHWEST REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (NWRTPO)



Northwest New Mexico Regional Transportation Improvements Program Recommendations (RTIPR) Revision

NWRTPO PROJECT SUBMISSION SCHEDULE & PROCESS

June 2020



NWRTPO Timeline

RTIPR Revision

June 2020 - March 2021:

Task	Timeframe/Due Date	Responsible Party
Approval of RTIPR Revision Process & Timeline	May 13	NWRTPO
Initial Announcement of RTIPR Revision to RTPO Members	June 1, 2020	NWRTPO Staff
Technical Assistance, Contact the NWRTPO to set up a time and place with District staff.	July – September	NWRTPO & District Staff
Project Feasibility Forms (PFF) Due (Must be submitted by appropriate RTPO Member)	October 14	NWRTPO Members
RTPO Staff review of PFFs for completeness	October - November	NWRTPO Staff
Draft RTIPR is presented to the NWRTPO Committee meeting Cibola County Convention Room, 515 West High Street, Grants	January 13, 2021 @ 10AM	NWRTPO Members
Final RTIPR is approved by NWRTPO Committee McKinley Office of Emergency Mgmt., 2221 Boyd Ave., Gallup	February 10 @ 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 10 @ 10AM	District Staff, NWRTPO Members

For more information, feel free to contact Robert Kuipers, RTPO Program Manager (505) 905-4384; rkuipers@nwnmcog.org

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Navajo Nation – Eastern Agency	Larry Ute Joe, Senior Planner filling in – same as above
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Northwest New Mexico RTPO

PROJECT FEASIBILITY FORM (PFF)

For assistance, contact Robert Kuipers, RTPO Planner,
at (505) 722-4327 or rkuiipers@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 / Pending](#)

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 ☐

TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE ☐ ([Information on Eligible Types of Recreational Trails & Transportation Alternative 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 & TESTING ☐

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):

- | | |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| (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, list comments here: <div style="background-color: yellow; padding: 5px;">Begin typing here. Box will expand as needed.</div>	
Total – Local Match	Enter %	Enter Cost \$		
Total – Federal Share	Enter %	Enter Cost \$		
	100%			

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: _____

Type District Comments here.

Begin typing here. Box will expand as needed.

NORTHWEST NEW MEXICO RTPO

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



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

Agenda Item #VIII: Reports, Updates & Announcements

Subject: Discussion / Presentation Items

Prepared by: Robert Kuipers, NWRTPO

Date: 5/06/20

BACKGROUND

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

Informational Items

Regional News & Updates

- Regional Work Program Status Report
- RTPO Report
- Member Reports

Member Special Reports:

- None submitted prior to the meeting

NMDOT Reports:

- G to G Liaison: Neala Krueger
- Tribal Liaison: Ron Shutiva
- District 6: JoAnn Garcia & staff; District 5: vacant at this time

News, Training & Funding Opportunities:

- FHWA Planning, Environment & Realty Reports: 4/30
- NMDOT Govt. to Govt. Update: 4/13
- AASHTO Publications: 4/3, 4/24, 4/28 and 5/4
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RTPO APER Budgeted Staff Hours Summary

FFY2021

April Monthly Report															
Function	Budgeted Hours	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Q1	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Q2	Apr-20	Q3	Q4	Total Actual hours	Balance	Percentage budgeted differs from actuals*
1	200	7	14	5.75	26.75	25.50	4	11.00	40.50	9.00	9.00	0.00	76.25	123.75	-61.88%
2	200	0.5	13.75	19.5	33.75	5.00	8	0.00	13.00	53.00	53.00	0.00	99.75	100.25	-50.13%
3	450	16.5	26	16.25	58.75	30.00	20.5	1.00	51.50	3.00	3.00	0.00	113.25	336.75	-74.83%
4	350	0.5	0.5	24.5	25.50	22.25	58.5	54.00	134.75	78.00	78.00	0.00	238.25	111.75	-31.93%
5	450	35.5	31.5	62	129.00	21.75	40.5	83.00	145.25	42.00	42.00	0.00	316.25	133.75	-29.72%
6	450	64	50.25	15.75	130.00	42.00	14	23.75	79.75	58.00	58.00	0.00	267.75	182.25	-40.50%
TOTAL	2100	124.00	136.00	143.75	403.75	146.50	145.50	172.75	464.75	243.00	243.00	0.00	1111.50	988.50	-47.07%
*if budgeted hours differ from actual hours by more than 20% in any function, provide a narrative explanation below															

Monthly Expenditure Summary -April 2020

	Q1 Request	Q2 Request	Apr-20	Q3 Request	Q4 Request	Total Budgeted Amount	Requests YTD (incl. current request)	Balance
a. Personnel	\$ 15,208.83	\$ 13,481.86	\$ 4,899.59	\$ 4,899.59	\$ -	\$54,070.00	\$ 33,590.28	\$ 20,479.72
b. Fringe Benefits	\$ 3,519.57	\$ 3,521.35	\$ 909.48	\$ 909.48	\$ -	\$13,588.00	\$ 7,950.40	\$ 5,637.60
c. Travel & Training	\$ 287.30	\$ 2,157.61	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,023.00	\$ 2,444.91	\$ 2,578.09
d. Equipment	\$ -	\$ 1,399.21	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,399.21	\$ 1,399.21	\$ -
e. Supplies	\$ 512.32	\$ 424.23	\$ 94.00	\$ 94.00	\$ -	\$ 3,191.79	\$ 1,030.55	\$ 2,161.24
f. Contractual	\$ 5,448.63	\$ 2,767.00	\$ 1,225.31	\$ 1,225.31	\$ -	\$ 14,878.00	\$ 9,440.94	\$ 5,437.06
g. Construction	\$ -	\$ 2,258.72	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,258.72	\$ (2,258.72)
h. Other	\$ 3,674.11	\$ 4,354.37	\$ 558.70	\$ 558.70	\$ -	\$ 14,100.00	\$ 8,587.18	\$ 5,512.82
TOTAL	\$ 28,650.76	\$ 30,364.35	\$ 7,687.08	\$ 7,687.08	\$ -	\$106,250.00	\$ 66,702.19	\$ 39,547.81
Local Match (20%)	\$ 5,730.15	\$ 6,072.87	\$ 1,537.42	\$ 1,537.42	\$ -	\$ 21,250.00	\$ 13,340.44	\$ 7,909.56
Federal Share (80%)	\$ 22,920.61	\$ 24,291.48	\$ 6,149.66	\$ 6,149.66	\$ -	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 53,361.75	\$ 31,638.25

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



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Monthly Report – April, 2020

- A. Local Government Transportation Project Fund:** The State of New Mexico recently initiated a new LGTPF fund to support transportation needs across New Mexico, complimenting the ongoing Local Govt. Road Fund. This fund provides \$50 million statewide and is not restrained by federal functional classification requirements. In 2019 a total of 22 projects were submitted from the NWRTPO, (along with 2 from the SWRTPO and 4 from the MRRTPPO) – totaling 28 projects for the DOT Dist. 6 region. *The NWRTPO region was awarded just over \$12 million – 2 to 3 times the funding the RTIPR provides to our region annually.* Eleven member governments of the NWRTPO and Farmington MPO were funded for 14 projects which are now underway. **Presently funding for LGTPF projects is not anticipated until FFY2021; nonetheless, the NWRTPO will program and prioritize current (remaining / unfunded from FFY2019) and any new LGTPF projects within the FFY2020 biennial RTIPR.**
- B. GIS Data Gathering, Mapping and Compiling Work:** COG staff Carrie House continues to provide technical assistance and GIS mapping for development of 66 new miles of recreational trails in the Zuni Mountains in McKinley and Cibola Counties during FFY18 – FFY21; and continues contributing GIS mapping for regional transportation infrastructure. RTPO staff need to follow up with our three Pueblos – Laguna, Acoma and Zuni regarding the opportunity to include their transportation mapping and data into our regional portfolio, based on what each Pueblo is willing to share. The NWCOG was the only New Mexico recipient of a NADO Impact Award for the ongoing development of recreational trails in the Zuni Mountains of McKinley and Cibola Counties.
- C. NWRTPO Regional Transportation Plan:** RTPO staff have conducted annual updates to our R.T.P. at this time, and anticipate more updates in the year ahead, as the NMDOT (State plan) has come into the 4-year major update cycle. Our RTPO may not need major updates to our plan, as we update it on an annual basis.
- D. Scenic Byway Program is back:** President Trump signed the “Reviving America’s Scenic Byways Act of 2019” into law re-establishing the Scenic Byway Program but presently without funding. Nonetheless this provides the NWRTPO the opportunity to undertake a demanding process to pursue national designation for parts of our New Mexico byway portion. RTPO members are encouraged to spread the news, as a N.M. TOA Byway Oversight Council builds an application to designate portions of our TOA byway corridor as a national (as opposed to state) scenic byway. Historically across the nation regions who achieved national scenic byway status have enjoyed a major and positive impact on tourism and resulting economic growth for the region the national corridor serves. The TOA Byway Council will have to document and build guidance within the application concerning services, amenities, regional support and especially “intrinsic value” attractions that characterize our region and history along the proposed national corridor – for our visitors to enjoy.
- E. News, Training and Funding Opportunities:** The following training and funding opportunities have recently emerged:
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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

Please check with event organizers on if/how events are being adjusted to accommodate remote participation.



Safety

April 25-28, 2020: American Planning Association National Planning Conference. Houston, TX. **(In-person event canceled, virtual event April 29-May 1; there is a fee)**

May 5-6, 2020: National Shared Mobility Virtual Summit. (There is a fee)

May 6, 2020: National Bike to School Day. **(Event canceled)**

July 16-17, 2020: Micromobility America Conference. Richmond, CA. (There is a fee)

August 4-7, 2020: Walk/Bike/Places Conference. Indianapolis, IN. (There is a fee)

August 24-28, 2020: Transportation Research and Education Center's Initiative for Bicycle and Pedestrian Innovation Workshop: Comprehensive Bikeway Design. Portland, OR. (There is a fee)

August 31-September 2, 2020: Sustainability and Emerging Transportation Technology Conference. Irvine, CA. (There is a fee)

September 14-17, 2020: NACTO's

GAO Report Highlights Pedestrian Safety Tests

The U.S. Government Accountability Office published a [report](#) analyzing the relationship between vehicle characteristics and pedestrian fatalities and injuries. It also examines strategies that automakers and *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)* have deployed to improve pedestrian safety, including an evaluation of NHTSA's [New Car Assessment Program](#), which crash-tests new vehicles and rates them on their ability to protect occupants. The findings suggest that vehicle characteristics related to age, body type, and travel speed contributed to increases in pedestrian fatalities between 2008 and 2018. The report indicates that pedestrian detection systems with radar technologies help decrease injuries and deaths, recommending that NHTSA determine whether to include pedestrian safety tests in its Federal safety testing program.

Research Examines Characteristics and Causes of Distracted Driving Behavior

The *Illinois Center for Transportation* at the *University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign* published a [literature review](#) to better understand the characteristics, causes, and impacts of distracted driving in Illinois. Researchers also analyzed past studies, current laws, and enforcement programs to identify best practices for mitigating distracted driving. The study makes recommendations related to changing driver behavior, increasing law enforcement and education campaigns, optimizing street signage, and integrating new vehicle technologies. Distraction is a major safety concern for all roadway users—in 2018 distracted driving killed 400 pedestrians, 77 bicyclists, 1,730 drivers, and 605 passengers throughout the U.S.

Study Outlines Strategies to Reduce Multiple-Threat Crashes

Designing Cities 2020. Boston, MA. (There is a fee)

September 29-October 1, 2020: AASHTO 2020 Joint Policy Conference: Connecting the DOTs. New Brunswick, NJ. (There is a fee)

October 26-30, 2020: AMPO's Annual Conference. Minneapolis, MN. (There is a fee)

WEBINARS

April 30, 1:00-2:30 PM ET: American Trails' How Mobile Work Crews Enhance Trail Maintenance. (There is a fee for some)

April 30, 1:00-2:30 PM ET: PBIC's Enhancing Mobility, Access, and Safety for Pedestrians Part II.

April 30, 1:00-2:30 PM ET: TRB's What Role Does Ecology Have in Transportation? (There is a fee)

May 7, 1:00-2:00 PM ET: National Center for Sustainable Transportation at UC Davis' The Many Benefits of Reducing Car Dependence.

May 7, 1:00-3:00 PM ET: FHWA's Value Capture Virtual Peer Exchange Series: Maximizing Value Capture by Leveraging Infrastructure Banks. ([Virtual Peer Exchange Series Information](#))

May 13, 1:00-2:30 PM ET: TRB's Data Sharing Tips for Public Transportation Agencies.

May 14, 1:00-2:30 PM ET: American Trails' Common Ground: Shared Goals for the Trails and Health Communities. (There is a fee for some)

May 14, 1:00-3:00 PM ET: FHWA's Value Capture Virtual Peer Exchange Series: Use Transportation Utility Fee to Fund Roadway Maintenance and Enhance Safety. ([Virtual Peer Exchange Series Information](#))

May 15, 1:00-2:30 PM ET: American Planning Association Transportation Planning Division's

Study Examines Strategies to Reduce Multiple-Threat Crashes and Improve Pedestrian Safety

The *Transportation Research Record: Journal of the Transportation Research Board* published a [research article](#) analyzing risk factors of multiple-threat crashes, which occur when a driver stops for a pedestrian who is then struck by a second driver traveling in the same direction of travel in the next lane. The findings suggest that a greater number of lanes and higher speed limits increase the risks of multiple-threat crashes. Researchers note that advance stop or yield lines are effective interventions because they increase yielding distance. Other identified strategies to enhance pedestrian safety in these instances include increased signage, public education, and high visibility enforcement programs.



Infrastructure

Study Highlights Economic Benefits of Active Transportation Infrastructure

The *Transportation Research and Education Center at Portland State University* released a [study](#) on the economic impacts of bicycle and pedestrian street improvements. The study examined street improvement corridors across six cities to determine the effects on business activity. The findings indicate that active transportation infrastructure has positive impacts on employment, wages, and increased sales, particularly for the food service industry, which benefited the most.

Study Analyzes Impacts of Left-Turn Traffic-Calming Treatments

The *Insurance Institute for Highway Safety* published a [report](#) on the effects of left-turn traffic-calming treatments on conflicts and speeds. The study examined conflicts between left-turning vehicles and pedestrians, including left-turn speeds at select intersections in Washington, District of Columbia. The findings suggest that simple infrastructure improvements can provide major benefits and reduce crashes among pedestrians at intersections when road diets, curb extensions, and centerline hardening treatments such as bollards, rubber curbs, and medians are in place.

Research Evaluates Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon Operation on Higher-Speed Roadways

The *Transportation Research Record: Journal of the Transportation Research Board* published a [research article](#) examining the use of pedestrian hybrid beacons (PHBs) on higher-speed roads in Arizona. Researchers recorded video data at select roads with posted speed limits of 45 or 50 miles per hour, evaluating interactions between pedestrian crossings and driver-yielding behavior. The findings suggest that PHBs perform adequately on

Focus on Micromobility:
Incorporating New Methods of
Travel into the Planning
Landscape. (There is a fee)

May 18, 2:00-3:30 PM ET: TRB's
Designing Landscapes to Enhance
Roadside Water Management.
(There is a fee)

May 19, 1:00-2:30 PM ET: PBIC's
Quick Build Networks for All Part 1.

May 20, 1:00-2:30 PM ET: PBIC's
Quick Build Networks for All Part 2.

May 20, 3:00-4:00 PM ET:
Association of Pedestrian &
Bicycle Professionals' 2020 Vision:
Through the Lens of Equity. (There
is a fee)

June 17, 3:00-4:00 PM ET:
Association of Pedestrian &
Bicycle Professionals' Taking
Steps Toward Measuring the
Pedestrian Environment. (There is
a fee)

June 18, 1:00-3:00 PM ET:
FHWA's Value Capture Virtual Peer
Exchange Series: Value Capture
Strategies-Developer Impact Fees
and Negotiated Exactions. ([Virtual
Peer Exchange Series Information](#))

July 23, 1:00-3:00 PM ET: FHWA's
Value Capture Virtual Peer
Exchange Series: Value Capture
Strategies-Special Assessment
Districts such as Community
Improvement District and Sales
Tax District. ([Virtual Peer
Exchange Series Information](#))

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Wednesday.

behavior. The findings suggest that PHBs perform adequately on
these higher-speed roads, with 97 percent of drivers yielding to
pedestrians or bicyclists, which is comparable to how PHBs
perform on lower-speed roads.



Innovation

U.S. DOT Seeks Innovators for Inclusive Design Challenge

The *U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT)* recently launched the [Inclusive Design Challenge](#), a national prize competition that aims to make future automated vehicles (AVs) more accessible to people with disabilities. As part of Stage I of the Inclusive Design Challenge, *U.S. DOT* is seeking innovative design solutions that help individuals with physical, sensory, and cognitive disabilities to use AVs to access jobs, healthcare, and other essential services. The program will award \$300,000 to each of up to 10 semifinalists in Stage I. [Submissions are due October 30 at 5:00 pm ET.](#)

Research Examines Social Media Impacts on E-Scooter Safety Practices

The *Journal of Medical Internet Research: Public Health Surveillance* published a [research paper](#) analyzing the social media accounts of electric scooter providers between 2018 and 2019 to determine how they promote safety to users. The study explains that social media content can influence user behavior and may contribute to unsafe riding practices. The findings suggest limited promotion of protective gear on social media, highlighting opportunities to develop web-based campaigns in order to increase safe riding.

Research Analyzes Traumatic Injuries from Micromobility Devices

The *Journal of the American Medical Association: Network Open* published a [research article](#) evaluating traumatic injuries associated with standing motorized scooters, including the use of protective gear and intoxicants on injury risk. Researchers found that scooter-related injuries are significantly associated with lack of safety gear and alcohol or drug use. The findings highlight the importance of updating injury screening and healthcare protocols in order to increase public understanding of micromobility safety risks.



Accountability

E-book on Creative Placemaking in Low-Income Communities

A nonprofit organization recently published an [e-book on creative placemaking](#) and the opportunities it provides for low-income populations within disadvantaged communities. Developed as part of a "For Whom by Whom" series, the e-book features local examples of equitable placemaking initiatives that prevent displacement and gentrification in urban settings across the country. The stories highlight various neighborhood improvements including those on bicycle trails, business corridors, and under highway overpasses.

Journal of Transport & Health Calls for Papers on Health Equity, Social Inclusion, and Mobility

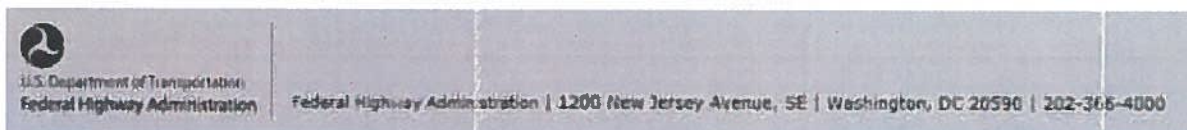
The *Journal of Transport & Health* is calling for papers for the [Special Issue: Health equity, social inclusion and mobility](#). Authors are invited to submit papers that address themes related to transport system impacts on vulnerable populations, including the effects of limited mobility on health equity, livability, and accessibility, as well as policy and built environment interventions. [Author guidelines are available online](#) and submissions are due May 31, 2020.

APBP Seeks 2020 Annual Awards Nominations

The *Association of Pedestrian & Bicycle Professionals* (APBP) is seeking [nominations for the 2020 APBP Annual Awards](#). The awards will recognize lifetime achievements and professionals of the year in six categories. Nominations are due May 31, 2020 and must be submitted by current APBP members.

NADTC Releases Healthy Aging Resource for Bus Operators

The *National Aging and Disability Transportation Center* released a [brochure](#) outlining information and tips for bus operators assisting passengers with Alzheimer's and dementia. It is designed to build awareness of the day-to-day challenges that individuals with Alzheimer's and dementia face in order to support healthy aging and ensure a safe trip for all riders.



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

SPR Part A Call for Projects for FFY21-22 (Jessica Griffin and Neala Krueger)

State Planning & Research (SPR) Part A **applications are due TODAY, April 13 by the end of day**, to Neala Krueger at Neala.Krueger@state.nm.us. NMDOT, MPOs and RTPOs are eligible to apply. Please see the attached Guide, which includes the application.

Bicycle Facility Design Training Course

FHWA's National Highway Institute (NHI) recently released a new [Bicycle Facility Design](#) web-based training course. It is available for free for anyone seeking to learn more about planning and designing bicycling facilities. Please share widely and with anyone who might be interested. Direct link:

https://www.nhi.fhwa.dot.gov/course-search?tab=0&key=bicycle&sf=0&course_no=142080

B2G Now Training Opportunity for T/LPAs

B2G Now is the required software that T/LPAs and their contractors use on federal aid projects, in order to track DBE and prompt pay compliance. B2G Now announced a virtual training, with sessions taking place May 11-22. Please share this information with your T/LPAs that have federal aid projects. More information is available on the training brochure:

https://b2gnow.gob2g.com/upload/b2gnow/ut/b2gnow_virtual_user_training.pdf.

Upcoming Meetings, Trainings, Webinars

- 5/21, 1-4pm, Albuquerque (specific location TBD): [Open Meetings Act/Inspection of Public Records Act Training](#). NM Attorney General's Office has many trainings scheduled around the state for 2020. Please see their [website](#) for current information. Trainings are free, but you should RSVP using [this form](#). All MPOs/RTPOs are strongly encouraged to attend this training. According to the NM AG website, the April training in Roswell is cancelled. Please check the website prior to these trainings to confirm whether they are still happening, as many events are being cancelled around the state.
- 10/1-10/2, Farmington: 3rd Annual New Mexico [Outdoor Economics Conference](#); more information, including registration, available here: <https://outdooreconomicsnm.com/>
- 10/14-10/16, Roswell: Save the date! American Planning Association-New Mexico Chapter ([APA-NM](#)) [annual conference](#); keep an eye on the website for updates on the conference; <http://apa-nm.org/conferences/2020-conference/>

Thanks and hope everyone is safe and healthy!

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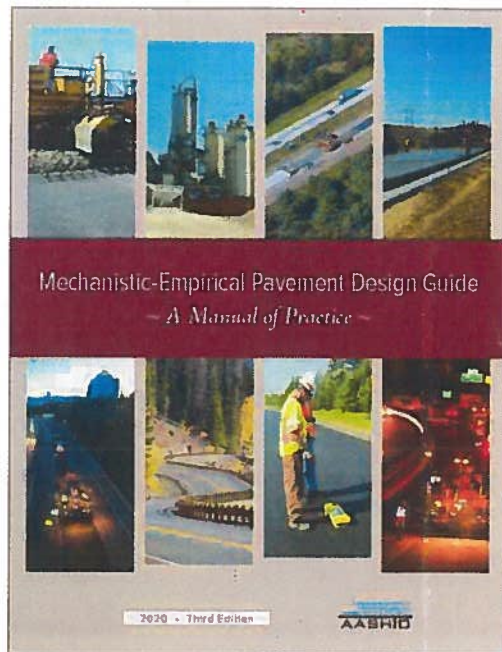
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***AASHTO Publishes New Edition of
Pavement Design Guide***

**NEW!**

Mechanistic-Empirical Pavement Design Guide: A Manual of Practice, 3rd Edition

AASHTO Publications has released a new edition of its pavement design guide *Mechanistic-Empirical Pavement Design Guide: A Manual of Practice, 3rd Edition*.

Developed by the AASHTO Committee on Materials and Pavements, this guide describes the pavement design methodology termed mechanistic-empirical (M-E) pavement design. Based on engineering mechanics that have been validated through extensive road test performance data, the guide presents information necessary for pavement design engineers to use the M-E design and analysis method.

UPDATES SINCE 2015 SECOND EDITION

This new 2020 third edition, which supersedes the 2015 second edition, includes a number of revisions and updates, including the following:

- New fracture mechanics-based model for reflective cracking in AC overlays over flexible, semi-rigid, and rigid pavements;
- New mechanistic-empirical model for short jointed plain concrete pavement overlays of flexible pavements;
- New flexible and semi-rigid pavement global calibration coefficients;
- The addition of non-structural preventative maintenance treatment consideration for flexible and rigid pavements;
- The addition of five level 3 default distributions for normalized axle load spectra;

- Updated climate discussion for Modern Era Retrospective Reanalysis and North American Regional Reanalysis data;
- The incorporation of crack load transfer efficiency for flexible pavements;
- Expanded guidance for creep compliance and indirect tensile strength inputs for asphalt wearing surface layers; and
- Updated standards references.

AVAILABLE FORMATS

The guide is available in three (3) formats:

- In print/paperback;
- As a PDF download, single-user, 5-user, or 10-user; and
- In a set that includes both the paperback version and the single-user PDF download version, at a discounted rate.

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To order a copy of the new *Mechanistic-Empirical Pavement Design Guide: A Manual of Practice, 3rd Edition*, visit the AASHTO Store online at <https://store.transportation.org/>, and search by the publication's item code, MEPDG-3, or click below to link directly to the publication's page on the AASHTO Store.

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Related Software!

AASHTOWare Software:

The *Mechanistic-Empirical Pavement Design Guide: A Manual of Practice, 3rd Edition*, references the AASHTOWare Pavement ME Design™, M-E Pavement design software, commercially available through AASHTOWare, AASHTO's software development program.

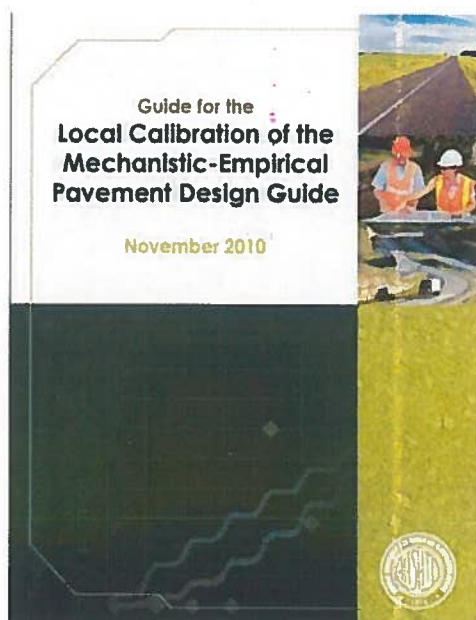
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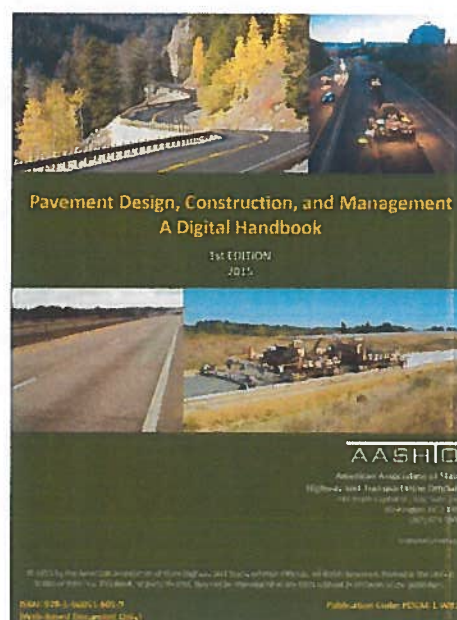
- *Guide for the Local Calibration of the Mechanistic-Empirical Pavement Design Guide, 1st Edition*; and
- *Pavement Design, Construction, and Management: A Digital Handbook, 1st Edition*.

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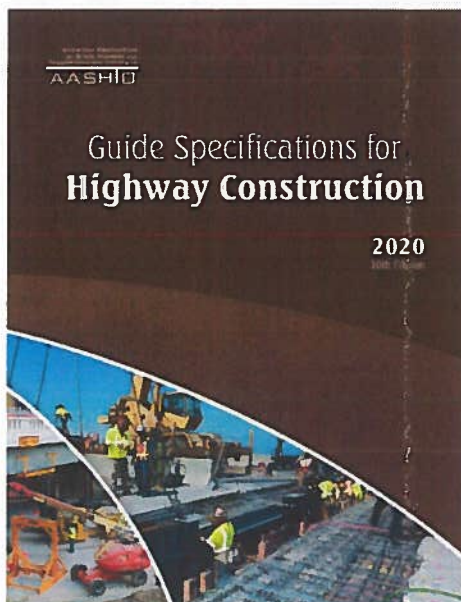
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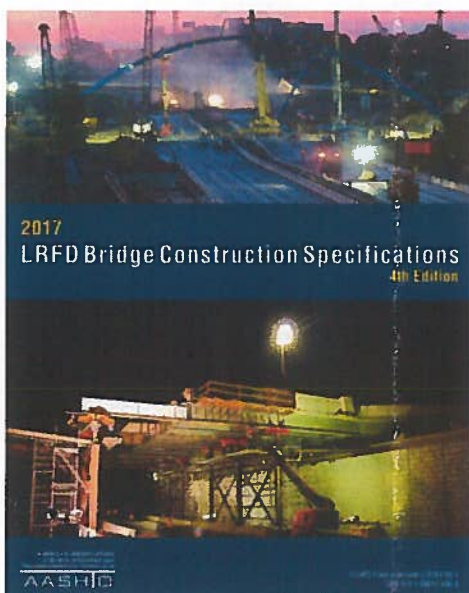
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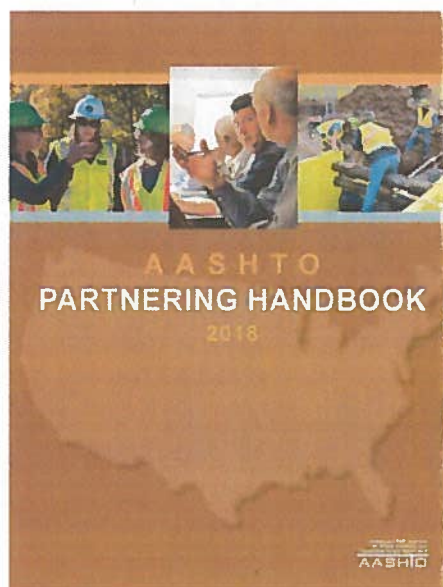
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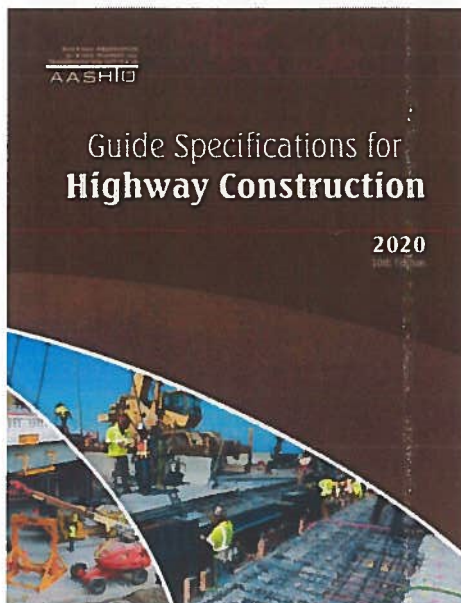
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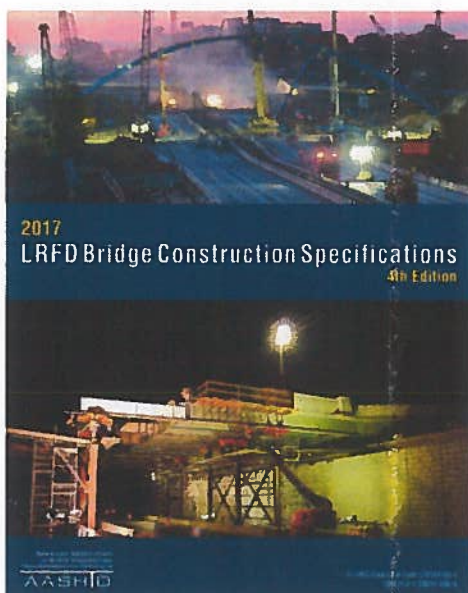
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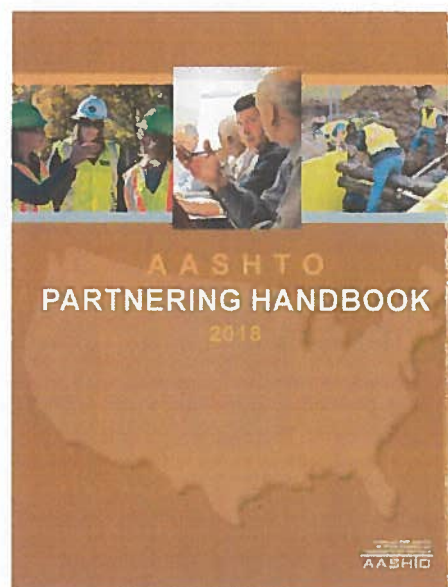
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It's been quite a busy month for us in the AASHTO Publications Department. Despite the challenges of continuing to work from our respective homes, we've managed to pull together, like never before, and release **four new AASHTO publications this month, as well as a new AASHTO Publications Catalog.**

FOUR NEW PUBLICATIONS!

During the month of April, we released the following four new AASHTO publications:

- The new ninth edition of the *LRFD Bridge Design Specifications*;
- The April Update to the Materials Standards, 40th Edition;
- The new tenth edition of the *Guide Specifications for Highway Construction*; and
- The new third edition of the *Mechanistic-Empirical Pavement Design Guide: A Manual of Practice*.

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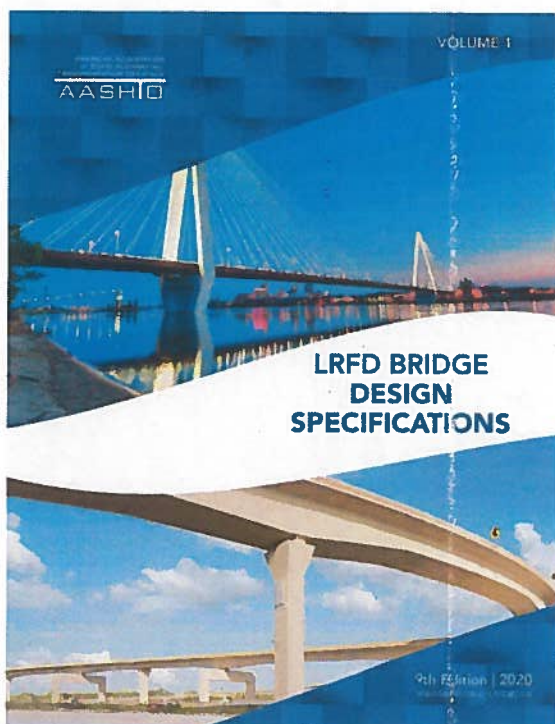
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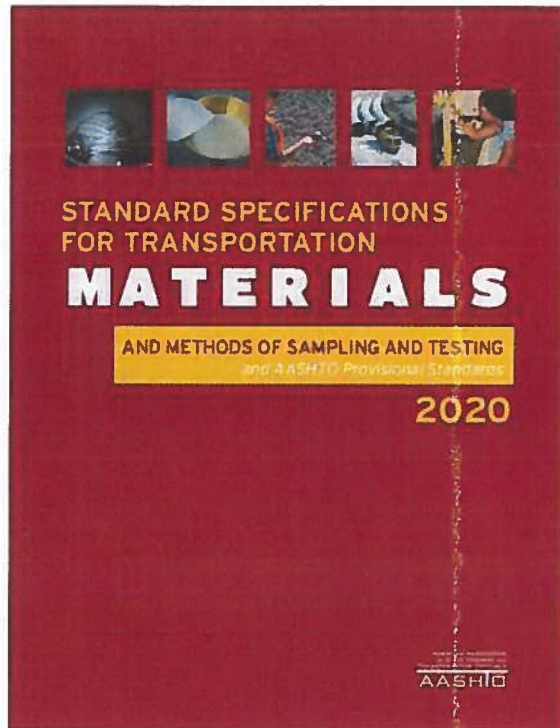
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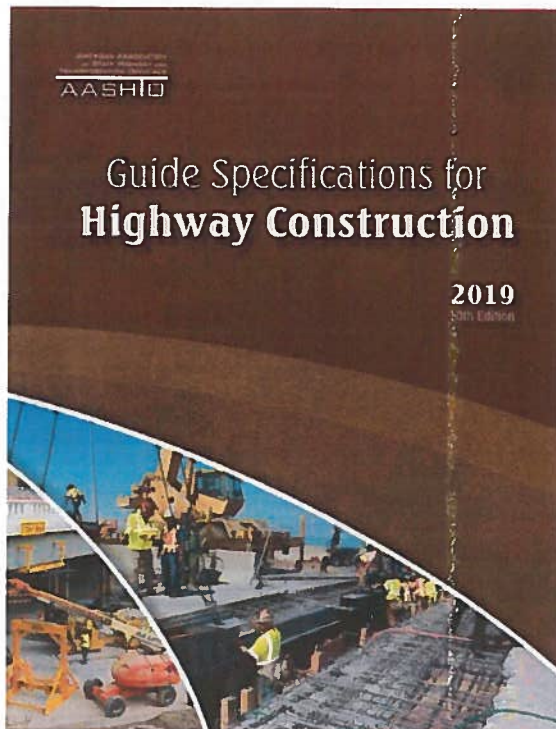
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The April 2020 Update to the Materials Standards includes 8 new and 18 revised standards, and revises the standards on Hydraulic Cement and Lime; Fresh Concrete; Hardened Concrete; Pavement Measurement; Bridge and Pavement Preservation; and Quality Assurance and Environmental.

In conjunction with the release of the April Update, several new enhancements have been made to the Materials Standards, including the availability of the standards in paperback, as well as in an enhanced PDF Download version, which replaces the previous web-based format.

To receive discounted pricing on the Materials Standards, customers can purchase the new 40th edition in paperback in three volumes that correspond with the release of the updates; or they can purchase a 12-month subscription to the PDF Download to receive all updates released during the subscription period. The updates can also be purchased individually as released.

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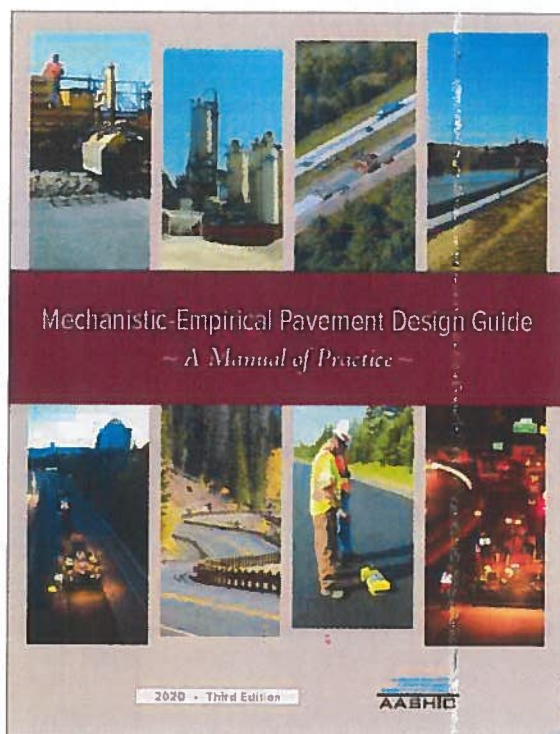
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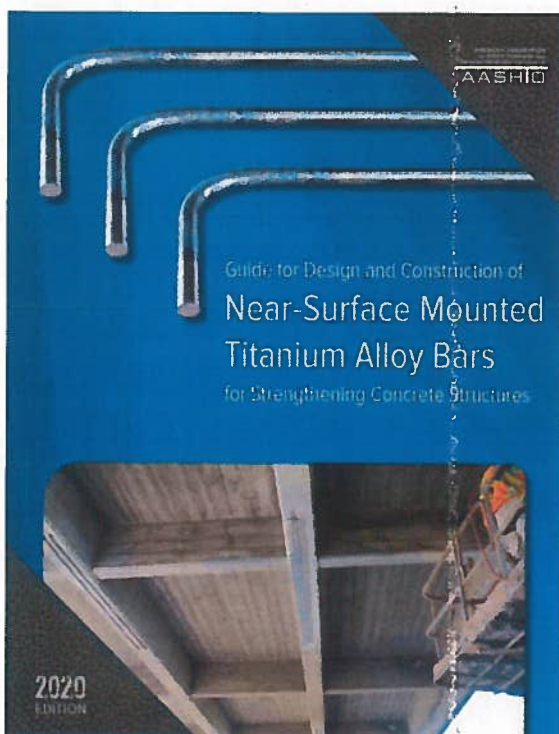
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The manual references [AASHTOWare Pavement ME Design™](#), [M-E Pavement design software](#), commercially available through [AASHTOWare](#), AASHTO's software development program.



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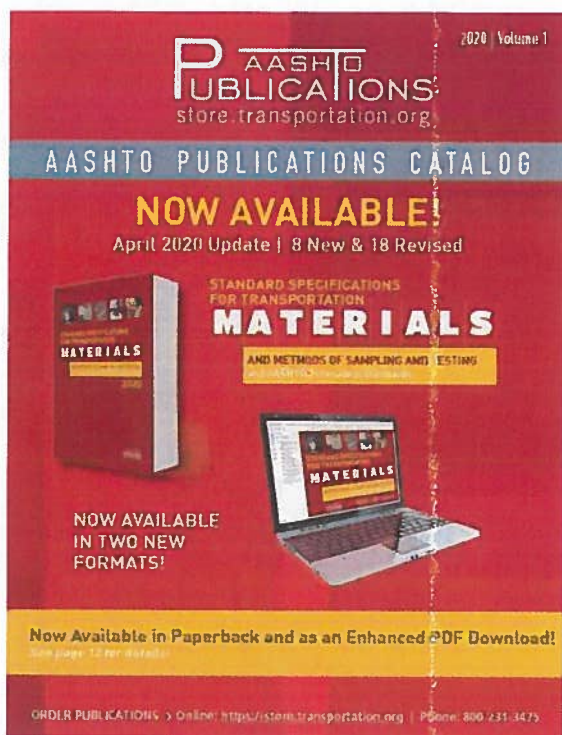
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This guide provides design and construction recommendations for strengthening existing reinforced concrete structures with titanium alloy bars (TiABs), using the near-surface mounted (NSM) construction method. The overall approach and organization of the guide are based on those presented in ACI 440.2R (ACI, 2017). Design recommendations provided for shear and flexural strengthening are based on and adapted from the AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications. The recommendations are supported by experimental and analytical research, as well as field experiences that have demonstrated the application of TiABs for strengthening full-scale specimens typical of bridge girders. The available experimental evidence includes the influences of combined high-cycle fatigue and environmental durability on the structural performance of NSM-TiAB-strengthened girders.

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From: Bishop, Thay (FHWA) <Thay.Bishop@dot.gov>**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 5:15 AM**To:** Bishop, Thay (FHWA) <Thay.Bishop@dot.gov>**Subject:** Free! Registration is still open for the Upcoming EDC-5 Value Capture Virtual Peer Exchanges on May 7 and May 14, 2020**Free! Registration is still open for the Upcoming EDC-5 Value Capture Virtual Peer Exchanges on May 7 and May 14, 2020**

You are invited to the FHWA's Everyday Count (EDC-5) Value Capture Strategies Virtual Peer Exchange Series. The Value Capture Strategies Peer Exchange provides a unique forum to share challenges, solutions, and successes. To reserve your slot **click here!** This customized topical peer exchange provides the opportunity for participants to learn and engage with nationally recognized experts and representatives from leading peer states and localities who have successfully implemented Value Capture Strategies to advance transportation projects and programs. Peer experts will present selected case studies demonstrating various value capture topics and concepts. Please see the attached flyers. To register, click on the link below or copy and paste the link to your web browser. For non-DOT attendees, please refer to attached instructions for the registration process or instructions at the bottom of the e-mail.

Topic	Date	Time	Register Online
Maximizing Value Capture by Leveraging Infrastructure Banks, https://bit.ly/2xmAdME	May 07, 2020	1:00pm-3:00pm ET	Register Here!
Use Transportation Utility Fee (TUF) to Fund Roadway Maintenance & Enhance Safety, https://bit.ly/5xmAdMG	May 14, 2020	1:00pm-3:00pm ET	Register Here!

Registration Process for Non-DOT Attendees

- Non-DOT users including State DOTs must request access to the FHWA External Portal for webinars
 - Here is the link to request an account: <https://collaboration.fhwa.dot.gov/FBA/Register.aspx>. Step-by step instructions on how to request an account can be found here: <https://connectdot.connectsolutions.com/espnon-dotstaff/>
- Non-DOT users including State DOTs must login using the email address used to request access to the site and their requested password. The account issuance takes approximately one business day. Once they receive their account information, they can access the site by clicking on the registration link and logging in.

We look forward to your participation in our webinars. Please contact thay.bishop@dot.gov or Pepper Santalucia at P.Santalucia.CTR@dot.gov for any questions

Best regards,

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Mon 4/6/2020 4:54 PM

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 1 attachments (187 KB)

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NWRTPO Tribal members,

With appreciation to Ron Shutiva, note the attached memo to New Mexico Tribal Nations.

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Subject: FW: Tribal Contacts

FYI ~ Share info with your tribal entities.

Be Safe!!

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From: Catanach, Sherrie, IAD <Sherrie.Catanach2@state.nm.us>

Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 6:24 PM

Subject: FW: Tribal Contacts

Good evening,

Please see the below email and attachment from the NM Department of Agriculture.

Thank you,
Sherrie

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For the latest COVID-19 updates visit, cv.nmhealth.org or newmexico.gov

New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA) is open and has taken steps to ensure there is no impediment to commerce during the 2019 novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) situation.

If you have urgent business with NMDA, please call us at 575-646-3007 or email nmagsec@nmda.nmsu.edu.

Veterinary Diagnostic Services in Albuquerque will continue to operate Monday to Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Our team assures you that the NMDA Veterinary Diagnostic Services Lab will maintain normal diagnostic operations. There is limited visitor traffic in the building, however, this will not affect your ability to drop off diagnostic samples. Obviously, this is a dynamic situation and things could change, but for now we will continue to provide the best possible diagnostic services to our clients. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call 505-383-9299 or email ddvds@nmda.nmsu.edu.

We want to assure the public that there is a steady and safe supply of food in New Mexico. Many efforts are being made by markets, delivery drivers and distribution centers to ensure that steady and safe supply of food. There is not a large-scale shortage of food, and consumers should remain confident that those who work in our farm-to-fork industries are meeting the challenges posed by recent events.

Thank you,
Rebecca Agnew
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April 3, 2020

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Tribal Leaders
FROM: Anthony J. Parra, Tribal Liaison
Deputy Director, New Mexico Department of Agriculture
SUBJECT: New Mexico Department of Agriculture Continuity of Operations

New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA) has taken steps to ensure there is no impediment to commerce during the 2019 novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) situation.

While the Las Cruces NMDA main building doors are locked, per New Mexico State University policy, our staff will be available as needed for necessary business operations including, but not limited to, licensing, regulation, sampling on a complaint basis and functions related to our metrology lab, chemistry lab, petroleum lab and seed lab. If you have urgent business with NMDA, please call us at 575-646-3007 or email nmagsec@nmda.nmsu.edu.

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NMDA's Albuquerque District Office and the Peanut Grading Station in Portales are closed to the public, however, necessary services at those facilities will continue. The public should call or email during this time:

- Albuquerque District Office: 505-361-2840 or jconlogue@nmda.nmsu.edu
- Peanut Grading Station: 575-356-8393 or kberry@nmda.nmsu.edu

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For more information about COVID-19, visit the New Mexico Department of Health Coronavirus Disease website at <http://cv.nmhealth.org/> or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

The state has established a coronavirus hotline for health-related issues: 855-600-3453.
There is also a hotline for non-health-related issues: 833-551-0518.

We are all in this together, and we will do everything we can to avoid impeding commerce.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.