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NORTHWEST NEW MEXICO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

## Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NWRTPO)

### RTPO Joint Technical & Policy Committee Meeting

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

10:00 am

Virtual Meeting – Microsoft Teams

## A G E N D A

### ROUTINE ITEMS:

Item #	Item	Presenter
I.	Call to Order and Introductions	Dorothy Claw, Chairman
II.	<i>Action:</i> Agenda	Dorothy Claw
III.	<i>Action:</i> Minutes – May 10, 2023 meeting	Dorothy Claw

### ACTION ITEMS: none

### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Item #	Item	Presenter
IV.	<i>Review &amp; Discuss:</i> RTPO members can commence PPF's in May – August, based on NMDOT review of PPF's and advisement.	Robert Kuipers
V.	<i>Review &amp; Discuss:</i> Next cycle for TAP, RTP, CRP and CMAQ projects?	Robert Kuipers / NMDOT staff
VI.	<i>Present:</i> I-40 Corridor Study – Project Update and Alternatives	NMDOT & Parametrix Engineering – Stephanie Miller

### REPORTS: (10-minute limit)

*Please submit Written Reports for inclusion in minutes*

RTPO Program Report ( <i>significant news only</i> )	Robert Kuipers
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) District 6 (Bill Santiago, Michael Neely)

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, July 12, 2023 – San Juan County Fire Operations Center, 209 S. Oliver Drive, Aztec, NM (unless otherwise determined or virtual via MSTeams)

### ADJOURNMENT

NORTHWEST NEW MEXICO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

**NWRTPO | Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization**  
 Joint Policy & Technical Committee  
 NWRTPO Meeting Minutes

Wednesday May 10, 2023  
 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
 Virtual meeting executed via Microsoft Teams  
 Due to COVID-19 Pandemic

**ATTENDANCE:**

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

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

<b>Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization</b>	
Northwest NM Council of Governments	<b>Robert Kuipers</b>

**Tally Sheet – Attendance & Quorum**

<b>Total Full Attendance:</b>	<b>Member Entities:</b>	<b>NMDOT</b>	<b>RTPO</b>	<b>Guests (Transit)</b>	<b>Full Attendance Norm:</b>	
	<b>12</b>	Normally 4-5: DOT Liaison, Tribal Liaison, District 5 & 6 Representatives		varies	<b>17 - 20</b>	
<b>Attendance – this meeting:</b>	<b>Member Attendance:</b>	<b>NMDOT Attendance:</b>	<b>Staff:</b>	<b>Guests:</b>	<b>Attendance % this meeting:</b>	<b>TOTAL:</b>
	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>50%</b>	<b>10</b>

**ROUTINE ITEMS:**

Item #	Item
I.	<b>Call to Order and Introductions.</b> The meeting was called to order at <b>10:10</b> am, <b>Dennis Felipe</b> welcomed those in attendance, and proceeded with introductions approval of agenda and minutes. The virtual meeting was conducted via Microsoft Teams, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
II.	<b>Agenda.</b> RTPO Staff provided an overview of the day’s agenda topics and <b>Dennis Felipe – Vice Chair</b> called for a motion:  <b>ACTION:</b> <b>Linda Cooke – Village of Milan</b> motioned; <b>Rodney Skersick – McKinley County</b> seconded adoption of the agenda. All in favor – motion carried.
S	<b>Minutes (April 12, 2023).</b> RTPO Staff provided time for review of minutes and there were no revisions requested, <b>Dennise Felipe – Vice Chair</b> called for a motion.  <b>ACTION:</b> <b>Linda Cooke – Village of Milan</b> motioned; <b>Rodney Skersick – McKinley County</b> seconded adoption of the minutes. All in favor – motion carried.  Request to clear out old projects in the minutes from Ron Shutiva

**ACTION ITEMS: None**

**Discussion Items:**

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IV.	<b>Review &amp; Discuss: PFF’s that can move forward to PPF’s</b>	<b>Robert Kuipers, NWRTPO</b>
<b>BACKGROUND</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Why?</b> Every two years now COG admin. requires RTPO staff to completely clear the RTIPR and have RTPO members submit new projects, and resubmit projects already cited in the previous RTIPR.</li> <li>• <b>Purpose.</b> This is to keep projects up to date, based on local government priorities.</li> <li>• <b>Discussion/Finalization.</b> Based on our May 2 consultation at DOT Dist. 6 approved PFF’s can move forward to PPF’s (Project Prospectus Forms)</li> </ul>		
<b>CURRENT WORK</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members to submit new and previous project PPFs, based on approved PPF’s approved for each section of the RTIPR</li> </ul>		
<b>ANTICIPATED WORK</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members to submit new and previous project PPF’s for various RTIPR sections for forthcoming funding opportunities.</li> </ul>		
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current Project Prospectus Form</li> </ul>		
<b>BUDGET IMPACT</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>		
<b>ACTION ITEM</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>		

**Discussion:**

- DOT District 6 indicated they will complete review of PFF’s and advise on any needed edits in the next couple of weeks (before the end of May)
- Will copy the COG / NWRTPO on any recommended edits.

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V.	<b>Present: Transportation Project Fund Progress – due May 31</b>	<b>Robert Kuipers</b>
<b>BACKGROUND</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Why?</b> The NWRTPO has acquired significant funding from the NMDOT TPF source in past years, and managed projects well within specified timelines.</li> <li>• <b>Purpose.</b> We are asking our members to repeat this pattern with available funding for TPF projects this year, with full application packages due to the NMDOT FTP website by May 31.</li> <li>• <b>Discussion/Finalization.</b> Discuss TPF priorities for our members and encourage completing and submitting application packages by the May 31 deadline.</li> </ul>		
<b>CURRENT WORK</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete TPF application packages and submit by May 31.</li> </ul>		
<b>ANTICIPATED WORK</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to execute TPF funded projects within specified deadlines</li> </ul>		
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NMDOT Transportation Project Fund guidance</li> </ul>		
<b>BUDGET IMPACT</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None – however this NMDOT funding source has significantly increased the amount of projects the NWRTPO is able to complete in annual or biennial cycles for our region.</li> </ul>		
<b>ACTION ITEM</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>		

**Discussion:**

- Robert Kuipers covered the TPF Application Checklist (in our meeting package) and reminded members that complete applications packages are due to the NMDOT FTP website by or before May 31.

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VI.	<b>Present: Cost Benefit Analysis</b>	<b>Ken Cooper – UNM-LTAP</b>
<b>BACKGROUND</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Why?</b> Cost Benefit Analysis helps to maximize the application of funding to projects in a manner that is efficient, effective, and saves money by reducing costs</li> <li>• <b>Purpose.</b> Inform RTPO members on the use of this process</li> <li>• <b>Discussion/Finalization.</b> Presentation from Ken Cooper of UNM LTAP</li> </ul>		
<b>CURRENT WORK</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members can consider the use of Cost Benefit Analysis for more cost efficient and effective development of transportation projects.</li> </ul>		
<b>ANTICIPATED WORK</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members can consider using cost benefit analysis to help make transportation projects more cost efficient and effective.</li> </ul>		
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some guidance on the Cost Benefit Analysis process.</li> </ul>		
<b>BUDGET IMPACT</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None – Cost Benefit Analysis can reduce the cost of executing transportation projects</li> </ul>		
<b>ACTION ITEM</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>		

**Discussion:**

- Ken Cooper of UNM-LTAP provided an in-depth 32 page presentation on Cost Benefit Analysis and sent the presentation to Mr. Kuipers in advance of today’s meeting so Mr. Kuipers could forward it to all of our RTPO members.



Item #	Item	Presenter
VII.	<b>Reports, Updates, Announcements</b>	Robert Kuipers
<b>BACKGROUND</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Why?</b> Update RTPO members on news, training, funding, and other items of special interest</li> <li>• <b>Purpose.</b> Keep RTPO members up to date on critical information from NWRTPO and NMDOT sources</li> </ul>		
<b>Informational Items</b>		
<b>Regional News &amp; Updates</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RTPO Monthly Report and Staff hours summary for April, 2023</li> <li>• Member Reports</li> </ul>		
<b>Member Special Reports:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None this meeting</li> </ul>		
<b>NMDOT Reports:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• G to G Liaison: Neala Krueger</li> <li>• Tribal Liaison: Ron Shutiva</li> <li>• District 6: Bill Santiago &amp; staff; District 5: James Mexia &amp; Amanda Nino</li> </ul>		
<b>News, Training &amp; Funding Opportunities:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>FHWA Planning, Environment &amp; Realty Reports</u>: none</li> <li>• <u>NMDOT Govt. to Govt. Update</u>: 4/06/23</li> <li>• <u>AASHTO Publications</u>: none</li> <li>• <u>NMDOT / UNM-LTAP</u>: Provides a very robust collection of training opportunities – staff forward news to members as it comes out from this source – reference at <a href="http://ltap.unm.edu">ltap.unm.edu</a> – <b>Online courses notice</b> forwarded to members as LTAP emails come in.</li> <li>• <u>Title VI Training</u> is available to MPO’s and RTPO’s from Lisa Neie – Civil Rights Manager for FHWA New Mexico. These trainings can be customized to address member concerns and issues for their regions, if provided to her in advance.</li> <li>• <u>Email Change Notice from NMDOT</u>: All NMDOT staff emails have changed from @state.nm.us to @dot.nm.gov</li> <li>• <u>April 24 Weekly Grant Advisory</u>: April 24, 2023</li> <li>• <u>Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Webinars</u>: April 24 – May 2</li> <li>• <u>Notes from Public Transit Stakeholder &amp; Community Engagement Meeting</u>: April 18, 2023 – El Morro Event Center</li> <li>• <u>Notes from Quarterly Statewide RTPO Meeting</u>: April 17, 2023</li> <li>• <u>I-40 Corridor Study – AZ state line to Albuquerque</u>: provided by Parametrix Engineering – April 25, 2023 – 6:30pm</li> <li>• <u>SS4A funding NOFO - July 10 submission deadline</u>: April 10, 2023</li> </ul>		

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

- Robert Kuipers provided his monthly report for April along with staff hours executed.
- **2023 NM Transportation Project Fund: full applications are due by May 31**
- Members are reminded to stay on top of forthcoming funding opportunities; staff will do their best to keep members informed on opportunities along with submission deadlines.

Local Member Reports ( <i>significant news only</i> )	By Entity
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- There were no member reports or updates provided today, due to the length of the Cost Benefit Analysis presentation from Ken Cooper of UNM-LTAP.

**New news in bold**

Pueblo of Acoma

- **MESA HILL BRIDGE PROJECT:** The project PS&E and EA are complete. The Pueblo is working towards finalizing the cultural clearances and right-of-way with the BIA. In addition, finalizing the land status with Tribal Leadership. Upon completion of pending items, the Pueblo will apply for Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Tribal Transportation Program (TTP) Bridge Program Funds. The Pueblo plans to utilize the On-Call Engineering Services to complete the planning and design phase to move forward with construction.
- **ON-CALL ENGINEERING SERVICES:** Contract approval in progress.
- **SP30 – PUEBLO ROAD MAINTENANCE:** LGRF Cooperative Agreement and Tribal Resolution have been signed by Pueblo leadership and sent to Bill Santiago at DOT District 6. Acoma continues to move forward with the project.
- **SP38 HAAK’U ROAD PLANNING & DESIGN (PS&E):** Project consists of a 12.3-mile-long corridor to Acoma’s original Village at the mesa. Project funded for \$2,900,000 for planning and design improvements from the FY2023 NM Transportation Project Fund (TPF). The TPF Cooperative Agreement finalized. Finalizing contract to issue NTP for fund issuance from NMDOT.
- **M123 BRIDGE (SAN FIDEL CREEK BRIDGE ON SP34 FATIMA HILL ROAD) REPAIR/REPLACEMENT:** Project funded \$137,049 for design through FHWA Tribal Transportation Program Bridge Program Funding. To move forward using on-call services.
- **M124 BRIDGE (ACOMITA LAKE BRIDGE ON SP34 FATIMA HILL ROAD) REPAIR/REPLACEMENT:** Project funded \$380,000 for design through FHWA Tribal Transportation Program Bridge Program Funding. To move forward using on-call services.
- **SAFETY PROGRAM:** Awarded FHWA TTP Safety Program Funding of \$10,000 to update Transportation Safety Plan and \$475,000 for SP30 Pueblo Rd. East End (Between NM124 & I-40) Safety Re-Design.
- **SP30 PUEBLO RD. (ENTIRE ROUTE I-40 WEST):** Pueblo is seeking funding for design and reconstruction of SP30 – Pueblo Road (10.6 miles).
- **SKY CITY SCENIC BYWAY:** Pending Tribal Council resolution for Tribal byway designation.
- **FR4011P/SP35 SAN LORENZO ROAD:** Official notification to NMDOT Dist. 6 to discuss state-owned route drainage issues.
- **PROJECT BUNDLING:** Acoma would like to invite local, county and other tribal entities within the region to consider partnering for construction project funding, as bundling projects saves money, as Acoma has learned from the CMGC (Construction Management / General Contractor) funding.
- **ALTERNATIVE REPRESENTATIVES:** In process of selecting alternate representative.
- **LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN:** 2022 Update Issued and posted on Acoma’s Community Development Office website.
- **ACOMA BUSINESS PARK:** Design 100% Complete. Construction UNFUNDED at an estimated \$35 million.
- **NM124 EXTENSION TO NM117:** Project on hold. Design funded through the Transportation Project Fund.

Pueblo of Zuni

- The Pueblo is working on drainage improvements along the NM53 corridor mp 15.5 to 19.5 – creating culverts and ponds.
- The Pueblo submitted an application to update their Transportation Safety Plan; and was awarded funding to update their Tribal Transportation Safety Plan in 2022; and conduct an RSA on NM53 from mp 13.5 to 18. Notice of award was received late yesterday – Feb. 7.
- NMDOT Contract #CN6101091 – Meridian Contracting working on drainage issues and retention ponds; this includes installing concrete box culverts. Asphalt paving will continue when weather permits.
- Have received FHWA Tribal Transportation Program funding for FFY22. – Prepping for construction in FY23.
- The Pueblo Transportation Dept. will be issuing two RFP’s in the near future. One is to plan, design and construct a new transportation facility to include Ashiwi Transit; and the other is for planning, design and reconstruction of BIA Route 5 – Nutria Road.
- The Pueblo is under lock down with little administrative activity due to COVID-19 pandemic; the Pueblo has extended re-opening until sometime in the future, depending on how long COVID-19 persists.

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

#### McKinley County

- **CR-19 improvements. CR19 – 18.6 miles of chip-sealing is now complete and striping is finished making this project almost complete; just 7 miles of fencing to go.**
- **The County’s Local Government Road Fund projects for FFY2021 are now complete; working on certifications for 2022 projects at this time. LGRF Manuelito Canyon road alignment is now complete.**
- **The County Road Dept. has issued Purchase orders for a bridge on CR15 and a bridge on CR43; these bridges are now at 60% to completion.**
- The County had their ribbon cutting ceremony for Manuelito Canyon bridge replacement on September 10, 2021 – the event was well attended by State and regional legislative leaders along with President Jonathon Nez of the Navajo Nation.
- The County will benefit with \$23 million for improvements to the Carbon Coal Road intersection in Gamerco with US491, which leads to the developing Energy Logistics Park (and potential Inland Port). **This project is now complete!**
- The County has finished chip sealing Pine Haven road; will use remaining funds to finish improvements on Allison road.



- **Cousins Road and CR-1 will move into phase 2 repairs; Cousins road will get 4 miles of chip seal. Superman Canyon Road (CR43) and Old Church Rock Mine Bridge (CR15) are next projects on the list. The County Road Dept. has issued purchase orders for a bridge on CR15 and a bridge on CR43. Church Rock Mine Bridge is getting started at this time. The 2023 Transportation Project Fund has funded another Superman Canyon road – CR43 bridge at \$2,716,334.00.**
- **The County is realigning CR5 – Manuelito Canyon road – LGRF funds; has applied 4 miles of chip seal on CR6 – now waiting on rain delays. The alignment for this road is now complete.**
- **Ongoing county-wide maintenance including blading, patching potholes, cleaning culverts, repairing bridges / guardrails, etc. The County has completed the ZMTP Milk Ranch Trail Head.**

#### Gallup

- **Gallup Mainstreet Project – Ground breaking May 13; construction commenced July 1. Coal Avenue Commons both MAP and Legislative Agreements have been executed by the State. The City is working with Wilson & Co. and NMDOT District 6 on the final PS&E. City Council approved Wilson & Co.'s professional engineering proposal for construction management. The Mainstreet grant resolution was approved by City Council for this project. Between MAP, State Legislative, Economic and City funding the Coal Avenue Commons project phase 1 is now complete with final walk thru executed 7/20/21. The City has been funded for phase 2 from the NM Transportation Project Fund – and has been awarded \$3,500,000 from this fund to complete this project. The city commenced construction on May 2, starting with alley improvements. Intersection of Coal Ave. and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street is now complete with additional drainage structure. Phase 2 construction is now complete. First to Second street is now complete, working on 1<sup>st</sup> Street to Coal Avenue next.**
- **East Nizhoni and West Aztec improvements are currently in design phase – East Nizhoni received news from NMDOT Dist. 6 that the City was awarded MAP funding for East Nizhoni Ave - \$900,000. Phase 2 Nizhoni Blvd. and College Drive intersection construction began on 10/17/22 and is currently on Winter suspension. East Nizhoni was also awarded \$350,000 from the NM FFY2023 Transportation Project Fund. East Nizhoni phase 3 is out to bid – closing on 2/21/23 and is on the City Council agenda for construction award approval for March 14, 2023. West Aztec – meeting with property owner has been executed and now moving forward to complete design. Working on a West Aztec utility easement agreement and met with Dist. 6 staff on 2/28/23.**
- **West Aztec drainage legislative grant has been executed and engineering services have been awarded to begin design; notice of obligation has been submitted and approved by the state. Property owner has submitted proposal to City for utility easement – now completed and moving to complete design.**
- **Local Govt. Road Fund funded projects have completed mill and overlay for planned roads; received word from NMDOT Dist. 6 that the City was awarded funds for our next project. Working on close out paperwork and Coop letter of intent for 2023.**
- **The City has submitted a Letter of Intent for Coop funding.**
- **West Logan street repairs are being advertised**
- **2nd and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street pedestrian safety improvements RFP for design was awarded, along with 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Quiet Zone awarded for design.**
- **CDBG RFP was awarded – working on paperwork for DFA approval. An Extension Request was sent to DFA; construction to commence in the Spring.**
- **Federal Aviation Admin. application for \$5 million has been submitted for our airport taxi-way and connectors. The City has been awarded and construction began on April 11, 2022. Construction is now complete and project in close out.**

#### Milan

- **The Village had a ribbon cutting ceremony for a new soccer complex and is improving a baseball field.**
- **Airport road is moving forward to phase 2 and 3 for bridge replacement and road repairs in April.**
- **There has been some flooding but no major problems. Sewer system improvements are in design including a lift station. Swimming pool and water system improvements are ongoing, as well as the baseball field.**
- **Cottonwood road is in design.**
- **Working toward street improvements for Willow Drive, Elkins Road, Motel Drive and Tiejn Street**
- **Various ongoing lighting projects**

- **Need to address repair for NM605 bridge**
- **Need to address a Mill Road and Rail crossing**

#### Ramah

- **Ramah is looking to draft an agreement with Cibola County for road maintenance.**
- **Ramah has submitted applications to repair / replace two bridges.**
- **Winter maintenance is ongoing.**
- Condolences to the community for the loss of Shane Lewis, who accomplished significant transportation development on behalf of the Ramah Navajo community.
- Ramah Navajo has filled two positions after the departure of Shane Lewis with Dorothy Claw as primary transportation developer and Tom Martine as transportation assistant – these individuals are also the primary and alternative representatives to the NWRTPPO.
- **Ramah Navajo is updating their Long Range Transportation Plan at this time, and in the process of prioritizing projects. Public meeting took place January 3 . Ramah is also working on Administrative Policies and Procedures.**
- **BIA 175 is the next new project for Ramah Navajo – seeking funding at this time.**
- **Working on signage for BIA 125 and 122.**
- **Ramah has applied to the MEGA grant for improvements to BIA 125 mp. 18 – 26**
- **Ramah received a safety grant for \$300,000 which will help supply new guard rails.**
- **Looking to reconstruct BIA 145 and BIA 195**
- Completed PFF's for NM53 & BIA 125 intersection and Pine Hill school pedestrian ADA improvements.
- Some weather related road maintenance and repair going on at this time.
- **Ramah is developing RSA's for ten (10) intersections for NM53 and other tribal roads.**
- Dorothy and Tom are acclimating with ongoing Ramah transportation projects at this time and updating the Ramah Long Range Transportation Plan, completing an annual report, and looking for training opportunities.
- Acting executive director for Ramah Navajo Chapter's 638 Grants & Contract Programs issued a memorandum for employees to return back to work and follow CDC guidelines within each Chapter program RNDOT is back in operation and continues to maintain roadways.
- BIA Projects Update:
  - BIA 125 mp 18 – 24.6 – received approved design exception report for this project from FHWA and will move to finalize the project. BIA 125 MP 0 – 4.4 received approval from NNHPO on the updated Cultural Report document and Categorical Exclusion. Awaiting ROW documents for BIA 195 in Ramah Band Land to RN Realty Office. BIA 113 and 145 received final report and will review final documents with tribal officials
  - BIA 195: submitted ROW documents to RN Realty Office; **more focus on this road going forward.**
  - BIA 145 and BIA 113: Received draft report for BIA 145 and BIA 113. **More focus on BIA 145 going forward.**
- RNDOT Transportation Technician is vacant and will advertise for the position.
- Submitted grant applications for the NOFO on Tribal Transportation Program Safety Funds.
- BIA 125 striping project is complete; **BIA 125 mp 0-4 and mp12 – 24.6 are now construction ready.**
- NMDOT LGRF received all certifications and submitted a letter of disbursement. Awaiting on contractor to return signed Notice of Award for BIA 125 striping project.
- Cancelled Transportation Committee Meetings until COVID-19 Restrictions are lifted.
- Submitted road signs replacement maintenance project for 2021 LGRF cycle.
- NMDOT LGRF received some certifications and will coordinate with Utility providers. Received ROW certification and submitted letter requesting disbursement.
- Assisting with RN Community Development Department for the Navajo Nation Rural Addressing Project.
- Ongoing general maintenance for area roads, cattle guards and signage, blading and shaping, potholes and base course patching (incl. school bus routes). Cleaning and replacing roadway signs. Field fence repairs, post replacements and gate repairs.
- **Ramah Navajo has submitted a BUILD Grant application.**

#### Cibola County

- Cibola County has hired a new Road Superintendent by the name of Ed Salazar.

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

#### Grants

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

#### Pueblo of Laguna

- **Leonard Ludi is now the primary representative for Laguna; as Elroy Keetso has taken a job at NM Indian Affairs.**
- **The Pueblo remains under COVID restrictions, and is looking for a transportation specialist – no other major news now.**
- **The Pueblo remains closed to the public, and administration is closed until the COVID-19 Pandemic resides. For I-40 MP 111 – 117 exists are closed to the Pueblo. Access NM124 via I-40 MP108 and 117 exits.**
- Gaylord informed COG RTPO staff that the Pueblo has six official villages – not seven – staff will execute this correction going forward.
- **The Pueblo is consulting with the MRRTPPO for Laguna Pueblo lands within their jurisdiction.**

- The Pueblo is pursuing an FHWA grant to develop a Pueblo-wide (all Villages / roads) Safety Plan and will be seeking data sources identifying various crash incidents, and high crash incident locations; may need assistance from the RTPO or DOT with analyzing crash data. The Pueblo has a number of State Routes, where high speeds impact upon more fatal crashes.
- NM124 Bike and Pedestrian Trail – Paraje to the Kawaika Center project is complete – working with NMDOT for close out.
- NM124 Bike and Pedestrian Trail Encinal Road to State Road 279 is complete and in close out.
- NM124 Rio San Jose to Roundabout bike & ped path: Design is complete. PS&E checklist is complete – project planned to be let February – March, 2021. **NM 124 design is complete, anticipating construction in Spring of 2022.**
- L26 Rainfall Road from Cubero Wash to Seama bridge M108: **Construction has been completed**, including a bike & ped. trail. Final audits in progress **and project is in close-out.**
- M137 bridge at Laguna Subdivision: **Construction complete and project in close out with BIA.**
- Mill, Overlay, Striping & Enhancement Projects: Construction is complete for L503 – Veterans Memorial Road, L200 Postal Postal Road and L245 Raindrop Road. **The Pueblo is developing the next phase on four BIA routes: LGRF/BIA Road Maintenance Striping Projects – phase 2 & 3: Phase 2 – L500 Mountain Ash Loop and L500 Central Park Road; Phase 3 – L540 Veterans Memorial Road and L200 Elizabeth Bender Road. No bids were received so the Pueblo is working with NMDOT to sole-source these projects.**
- **Local Govt. Road Fund: projects will go out for construction bids soon.**
- LGRF / BIA Road Maintenance Mill, Overlay & Striping Projects: Phase 2 & 3: Phase 2 – the Pueblo is working on the next phase for four BIA routes: phase 2 for L500 Mountain Ash Loop and Central Park roads. Phase 3 for L540 – Veterans Memorial Road and L200 Elizabeth Bender Road. **Contract amendments submitted and received. Local Govt. Road Fund and trail projects to commence soon.**
- NM 124 Roundabout: The repairs to the roundabout are being coordinated by NMDOT, no start date has been determined. **NM124 Road Diet has received an extension and is in final design for Rio San Jose to the Roundabout (6100764 project control no.) – this includes a bike and pedestrian addition.**
- L24 Rainfall Road: design changed to two phases, **Ph-1 Road & Trail at final 100% design, and in ROW review. The Concrete Box Underpass is now eliminated, and DOT Dist. 6 proposes to build an I-40 bridge over L24 road. Construction funded for \$1.9 million from the LGTPF fund!**
- L26 Deer Dancer Road: **at 100% design, working on ROW amendments and E.A.**
- L243 Acorn Road design: completed 100% design and PS&E review from the BIA. **Construction to begin in the Spring.**
- M154 Paguete Wash Bridge: **PER is complete – design phase will commence later this year.**
- M108 San Jose River Bridge-Seama: **PS&E, and ROW complete; EA, FONSI and NOI are in progress. Bridge is now at 100% design.**
- L248 Bluejay Road and L248 Blue Star Loop: **Design is in progress now at 30%. PER report is now in progress to include ROW review.**
- Pueblo's Safety Plan: **Plan is now complete – close out letter sent to BIA.**
- NMDOT I-40 Safety Project: The Pueblo met with NMDOT on March 3. **Design is at 100%; Construction by MSCl is ongoing on the east bound lanes from MM112 – 116..**
- The Pueblo has completed L26 Rainfall Road along with two trail projects.

#### Navajo Nation – Northern Agency

- **New Navajo Nation Leadership in Administrative and Legislative branches. Garrett Silversmith will remain in charge of NDOT.**
- **NDOT has completed \$170 million in projects in the past seven (7) years.**
- **NDOT will be meeting with the Hopi leaders on mutual road projects sometime soon.**
- **Navajo DOT is updating their Long Range Transportation Plan at this time.**
- **Local Govt. Road Fund projects will commence implementation soon for both Eastern and Northern Navajo.** Priscilla Lee – NDOT is working on extensions for FFY2019 projects. 2018 projects are complete at this time.
- **Northern and Eastern – currently updating regional road routes to present on Feb. 22 to the Navajo Council. Also updating Chapters on BIA Road Inventory to help fund 15 mile regional routes maintenance.**

#### Navajo Nation – Eastern Navajo



- **Edwin Begay is the Senior Planner for Eastern Navajo indicated that NDOT is now updating Chapter routes and will follow up with Chapters for resolutions and inventory training.**
- Emergency repair work is ongoing for road repairs related to heavy Monsoon rainfall. Busy fixing Chapter access roads – primarily in Arizona and now in New Mexico.
- **Recently Arlando Teller – USDOT met with Anthony Dimas and Billy Moore to discuss Navajo roads.**
- Working on TTIP projects across the Navajo Nation.
- Providing Chapters technical assistance for ingress and egress – including the BIA and NM / AZ DOT. The BIA will provide road inventory training to NDOT.
- **Navajo Transit is now under Navajo DOT.**
- NDOT is also gearing up for school bus route improvements and asking route maps from the various Navajo Nation schools. **NDOT is completing School Bus Route mapping at this time. There is currently much concern around school bus routes and bridges which buses cannot cross.**
- **Transportation Project Fund project application was approved by DOT for the west Tsayatoh Road in Eastern Navajo at \$2,450,000.**
- NDOT is meeting with Chapters around regional priorities and funding; **Iyanbito bridge request remains a priority around significant rail crossing delays (especially around emergency response concerns).**
- There are concerns with overgrazing, along with dust storms and sand on roadways – NDOT will present to NM Indian Affairs on these concerns.
- For both Northern and Eastern Navajo there have been major road washouts due to flooding, which NDOT is addressing as best they can. NDOT staff will also be undertaking BIA Road Inventory training.
- **NDOT is asking Chapters for new projects, and follow up with Chapters on Capital Outlay.**
- **At this time, the Navajo DOT has no representatives to the NWRTPPO other than Margie Begay – they are working to identify new representatives for Northern, Eastern and Ft. Defiance Agencies.**

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

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

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

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

Multimodal Planning & Programs Bureau – Neala Krueger

- **Quality Assurance Reviews:** are forthcoming against a May 31 deadline – QAR is complete for the NWRTPPO.



- **Upcoming news & funding:** FHWA Urban Area Boundaries, and USDOT Safe Streets for All funding is forthcoming
- **DOT Construction & Civil Rights Bureau reminds that ADA Transition Plans and Title VI Plans are due Sept., 15, 2023.**
- **JoAnn Garcia requested member comments by June 15 for the Urban Adjusted Boundaries – send to Joseph Moriarty**

**NMDOT Tribal Liaison – Ron Shutiva**

- **Ron participated in Indian Day at the Legislature in Santa Fe on February 3.**
- **Ron is trying to meet with new tribal legislators and engage with DOT District staff.**
- **There is concern around litter and trash along I-40 intersection within the Pueblo of Laguna area.**
- **A corridor study is under consideration for I-40 from Arizona to Albuquerque – this will include consideration toward developing three lanes for this highway in each direction, given the truck freight traffic. Virtual Public meeting took place April 25 at 6:00 pm. Ron will be following up with Tribal entities for recommendations.**
- **Ron continues to work on engaging tribes around state corridors and is seeking help from regional media.**
- **Justin Reese is the new Cabinet Secretary for NMDOT.**
- **There will be a session on I-40 improvements with NDOT.**
- **Ron recommends phasing projects due to increasing costs**
- **House Memorial 13 is executed for a study on the Ramah area Wolf Sanctuary Road for improvements.**
- **NM 118 drainage study request from Mark Freeland – Navajo Tribal Council.**
- **Iyanbito Chapter is requesting a bridge over the BNSF Rail Line. (Another consideration would be extending a paved road west to the Church Rock bridge – might cost less).**
- **Ron is considering setting up quarterly tribal meetings with the DOT Districts, with consideration toward priority tribal projects.**
- **Ron reminds members to submit monthly reports for their Capital Outlay and Tribal Infrastructure projects.**
- **There are drainage concerns for Rt. 66 – adjacent to I-40 at the Ft. Wingate bridge.**
- **Ron reminded members to pay attention to the “Buy America” guidelines. Our region did well for this round of TPF funds.**
- **Ron reminded members to stay on top of funding opportunities – with \$ billions forthcoming – remember to prepare for environmental requirements (which are time consuming) for this funding.**
- **Shiprock Bridge replacement is being sought by Rep. Charles-Newton and under consideration with the Feds and Daryl Bradley from NDOT. Shiprock Chapter supports this project (but not critical at this time).**
- **Ron is now on the LTAP Board.**
- **Hoping to push for NM64 projects and NM491 north of Shiprock projects; along with the Hogback rockslide mitigation on US491.**
- **An NM264 Corridor session is forthcoming for Yatahey to Window Rock.**
- **A statewide Tribal Summit will take place at Mescalero Apache July 5-6.**
- **Concern that the NDOT is not involved with the NM I-40 studies.**
- **There’s a new Indian Highway Safety Grant out from the BIA.**
- **Reminding members to keep on top of deadlines for ICIP, TIF, and LGRF.**
- **Transportation Project Fund: better to phase then have a shortfall on funding for proposed projects.**
- **A national broadband project is establishing a broadband corridor along I-40, and will involve tribal discussion with Pueblos of Laguna and Acoma and Navajo Nation.**
- **Ron is encouraging tribal members to pursue bridge funding.**
- **Ron reminds tribal members to pursue support and related letters of support from state and national legislators.**
- **NM118 drainage analysis project is finally in progress as the Navajo Council is working on agreements with the local governments in the region of the study between Churchrock and Iyanbito; need coordination with NDOT.**
- **Ron reported on the NM118 drainage analysis that took place between the Iyanbito and Ft. Wingate I-40 intersections at previous meetings. Ron indicated he feels that NM118 drainage issues remain unresolved to this day (in spite of two studies!) and the Navajo Nation DOT remains non-responsive!**

**NMDOT District 5 – James Mexia, Amanda Nino**

- **WHPacific is being contracted for a study on needed road and intersection improvements on US 64 – MP 0 – 20 (which includes the Shiprock School Zone). This project will be divided into two phases funded separately and**

referencing the District 5 HSIP plan for 2021 including a) primary / major Chapter or community intersections from Shiprock to the Arizona border and b) the Shiprock School Zone.

- The NM371 and N36 intersection near Northern Edge Casino is at 60% design; need ROW clearance / easement from NDOT.
- D-5 staff are managing project proposals for the 2021 Local Government Road Fund, and have received awards from the DOT General Office in Santa Fe for the next fiscal year.
- **Work is pending for NDOT Capital Outlay and N.O.O. – Please contact DOT District 5 SOON!!! Remember that Capital Outlay requires monthly report updates. Amanda encouraged RTPO members to provide Capital Outlay (CPMS) updates or the funding can be reverted.**
- **Watch out for funding deadlines! – Local Govt Road Fund agreements are due June 30 – close out previous projects by June 30, 2023. Get your Transportation Project Fund agreements in!**

#### NMDOT District 6 – Bill Santiago, Michael Neely

- DOT District 6 Office is still under renovation – nonetheless, DOT 6 staff will resume full time office work starting January 1, 2023.
- With a lot of local govt. turnover including RTPO members, staff training may be needed to bring new staff with transportation focus up to speed.
- Bill reminded RTPO members that all NMDOT staff have new emails as: dot.nm.gov
- Bill reminded that MAP and LGRF agreements are due – amendments are due 60 days in advance!
- Clayton Garner echoed Amanda Nino's comments from Dist. 5 encouraging RTPO members to undertake CPMS updates for Capital Outlay projects so as to retain their funding.
- **Local Govt. Road Fund** – as Stephanie from District 5 mentioned, the 5 certifications are also required before LGRF projects are considered construction ready. Keep District 6 informed on progress – the time is now critical to request an extension amendment as previously funded LGRF cycle is in close out! Extension requests are due by October 31 (including a resolution)! **The new LGRF call for projects has a March 15 deadline.**
- **Bill Santiago encourages RTPO members to pay attention to application deadlines around forthcoming funding. Also, be aware of staff changes at NDOT, NMDOT, and local governments.**
- The FY2023 Transportation Project Fund applications must include a supporting resolution. DOT District 6 has provided a template. Request a match waiver ASAP – due end of September.
- **Get signed agreements to DOT Dist. 6 soon, including supporting resolutions.**
- **Keep DOT District 6 staff informed on progress for the Transportation Project Fund. 5 certifications takes time – try to get these executed during this Winter season so you are construction ready in the Spring!!**
- **Bill reminded RTPO members that the MAP funding proposals will be due soon.**
- Mike Neely is on board with NMDOT District 6 to assist the RTPO's participating in the District 6 region – include Mr. Neely on all communication.
- Mr. Clayton Garner will fill JoAnn Garcia's former position at the District. Reminding members to remind others that traffic safety is important in construction areas.
- Lisa Vega is now the Director for DOT District 6, as Larry Maynard has retired.
- For Local Government Road Fund projects – the District needs certifications for all projects – many RTPO members are not following LGRF guidance for project development and are trying to close out projects without having reported progress to the DOT or following what the program requires – this could jeopardize funding.

**Reminder: NMDOT will have a new email: staff member@dot.nm.gov.**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEXT MEETING: No announcements – next meeting May 10, 2023 – virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams**

**ADJOURNMENT (11:35 pm) Dennis Felipe – Pueblo of Acoma motioned; and Yvonne Tso – Navajo DOT seconded for adjournment - motion carried by acclamation.**

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**MEETING ACTIONS:**

**Staff:**

- **Transportation Project Fund Internal Deadlines:** Implementation – complete – all proposed projects have been approved and are now authorized to move forward. **A new TPF Call for Projects has been issued for FFY2023. RTPO members have completed 2023 TPF application packages, staff have submitted to NMDOT and seven (7) projects were approved to move forward for the NWRTPO (*Grants, Acoma, McKinley, Gallup, Cibola, Milan, Eastern Navajo*).**

**MEMBERS:**

- **Members are encouraged to review your respective sections in these minutes and report to RTPO staff on which portions / bullet sentences can be eliminated as no longer pertinent or completed, as these sections make the minutes incredibly lengthy!!**
- **NMDOT:** Remind Staff and RTPO Members of impending deadlines for various projects and deliverables.



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

**Agenda Item #IV: Project Feasibility Forms approved to  
move forward with Project Prospectus Forms**

**Subject: Remind RTPO members that PPF's will be due August 31, 2023**

**Prepared for: June 14 meeting**

**Date: 6/06/23**

**BACKGROUND**

- **Why?** Every two years now COG admin. requires RTPO staff to completely clear the RTIPR and have RTPO members submit new projects, and resubmit projects already cited in the previous RTIPR.
- **Purpose.** This is to keep projects up to date, based on local government priorities.
- **Discussion/Finalization.** We are now moving PPF's for projects approved to move forward into PPF's which provide more detail around project intent.

**CURRENT WORK**

- Members to generate Project Prospectus Forms (PPF's), based on approved PPF's to move projects forward.

**ANTICIPATED WORK**

- Members to submit new and previous project PPF's providing more detail to project intent for various RTIPR sections and forthcoming funding opportunities.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- Current Project Prospectus Form
- NWRTPO Member Govt. PPF Lists

**BUDGET IMPACT**

- None, but citing projects within our FFY2023-2024 Call for Projects, makes them more competitive for funding.

**ACTION ITEM**

- N/A



## T/LPA PROJECT PROSPECTUS FORM (PPF)

**INSTRUCTIONS: Please complete all sections thoroughly.  
See the end of this document for required distribution.**

1. **Date of Submittal:** Click here to type date
  2. **Is this project phased?** Yes / No **If phased:** Enter phase number and total # of phases
  3. **T/LPA Responsible Charge:** Enter entity name
  4. **Project Name:** Enter project name
  5. **Is the project on the ICIP?** Yes / No **If yes, year and priority #:** Year, priority # (if available)
  6. **Is the project in or consistent with any T/LPA planning documents?** Yes / No  
**If yes, list documents (ICIP/Community/Bike/Ped Plan/etc.):** Enter document name and year
  7. **Is a related project in the STIP?** Yes / No **If yes, year(s):** Enter year(s) **Control #:** Enter CN
  8. **Is a related project on the MPO TIP/RTPO RTIPR?** Yes / No **If yes, which year(s):** Enter year(s)  
*Notes: Please contact your MPO/RTPO planner if this project is not in any local planning documents; if it is, please include the plan's cover page and the page on which the project is listed for any relevant documents.*
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9. **T/LPA Person in Responsible Charge:** Click here to enter
  10. **Address:** Enter street address, city, state, and zip code
  11. **County:** Select a county
  12. **Phone:** Enter phone #
  13. **E-mail:** Enter email address
  14. **MPO or RTPO:** Select a MPO/RTPO
  15. **NMDOT District #:** Select a district
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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

16. **In the space below, please provide a narrative describing the Project Purpose and Need:** i.e., the rationale behind the project. *If this project has or will go through the NEPA process, the description below should match the NEPA description as closely as possible.*

Enter a project description – this field will expand as needed, but please limit text to 200 words.

17. **Select the main project type:** Select the main project type.

List additional project types here: enter additional project types here.



### Project Details (fill out where applicable)

18. **Project Scope** (not the same as Purpose and Need): This will be entered into the STIP and used for agreements, please be specific
19. **Route # (or Street) Name:** Enter route number or name      20. **Length (mi.):** Enter length in miles
21. **Begin mile post/intersection:** Enter begin point      22. **End mile post/intersect.:** Enter end point
23. **Attach a map of project area:** Enter shortened URL [goo.gl/maps/xxxx].
24. **Roadway FHWA Functional Classification(s):** Select a road type, or enter road types.

### FUNDING INFORMATION

25. **Has a related project received Federal funding previously?** Yes / No **If yes, which years?** Enter year(s) **Which funding program(s)?** Enter program(s)

In the table below, please itemize the total project cost by type and funding source. (This information will be entered into the STIP and used for agreements, please be specific)

Activity	Federal	Local***	Tribal	Other	
26. Preliminary Engineering*					
27. Utilities					
28. Right-of-Way					
29. Construction Management**					
30. Construction					<b>Project Total</b>
<b>Totals</b>					

\* 26. Preliminary Engineering total includes planning, environmental, and design.

\*\* 29. Construction management total includes bidding, observation and material testing.

\*\*\* Local funds can be used for match and to increase project total.

See Program specific guidance on match ratios. Generally, match ratios for projects are 85.44% Federal, 14.56% Local/State/Tribal.

### Project Readiness

List any certifications, clearances and other processes that have been obtained for this project. Required certifications for federally-funded and state-funded projects include: Right of Way, Environmental\*, Utilities, Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) and Railroad. Please include the **date** that the certification or clearance was received **OR** if a certification/clearance is underway. **In most cases, a project will not have these certs or clearances yet.**

31. **Clearances and/or Certifications:** List any/all, including the date completed, or when they were started

\* **NEPA assessment** may evaluate: Threatened & Endangered Species, Surface Water Quality (Clean Water Act), Ground Water Quality, Wetlands, NPDES Permit, Noxious weeds, Air Quality Analysis, Noise Analysis, Hazardous Materials Analysis, and other areas; 4-F properties. **NHPA Section 106 Cultural Resources Investigation** may include: coordination with land management agencies and State Historic Preservation Officer, Cultural Properties Inventory (buildings recorded), Traditional Cultural Property Inventory (consult with appropriate Native American tribes), Tribal Historic Preservation Officer and State Historic Preservation Officer. **For a full list of environmental and cultural areas that may be evaluated, see the Tribal/Local Public Agency Handbook.** This also includes public outreach.

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## Planning Factors

### National Planning Factors

Below are the federally mandated planning factors for all transportation projects. Please check all that apply and provide a brief explanation of how the project addresses the factor. Comment area will expand as needed.

**NOTE: if you are applying for TAP, RTP, or CMAQ funds, leave this section blank and complete the supplemental application (contact MPO/RTPO with questions).**

- 33.  **Support Economic Vitality:** Type explanation.
  - 34.  **Increase Safety for Motorized and Non-motorized Users:** Type explanation.
  - 35.  **Increase Security for Motorized and Non-motorized Users:** Type explanation.
  - 36.  **Increase Accessibility and Mobility of People and Freight:** Type explanation.
  - 37.  **Protect and Enhance Environment, Energy Conservation, Quality of Life:** Type explanation.
  - 38.  **Enhance Integration and Connectivity:** Type explanation.
  - 39.  **Promote System Management and Operation:** Type explanation.
  - 40.  **Emphasize System Preservation:** Type explanation.
  - 41.  **Improve System Resiliency and Reliability and Reduce or Mitigate Stormwater Impacts**  
: Type explanation.
  - 42.  **Enhance Travel and Tourism:** Type explanation.
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### New Mexico Climate Change Goals

Below are the state of New Mexico's climate change goals for transportation projects. Please check all that apply and provide a brief explanation of how the project addresses the goal. Comment area will expand as needed.

**NOTE: this section is required for all applications.**

- 43.  **Reduction in Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions:** Type explanation.
- 44.  **Reduction in Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT):** Type explanation.

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45.  **Increase Adoption of Cleaner Vehicles:** Type explanation.

## REQUIRED DISTRIBUTION

**The Applicant shall send a completed electronic version** to the **MPO/RTPO, District Staff** and **NMDOT Planning Liaison**. If the applicant is applying for TAP, RTP or CMAQ, this form should be submitted with the other application materials to your MPO/RTPO Planner only.

## GLOSSARY

**FAST Act:** *Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act*, the current funding and authorization bill to govern United States federal surface transportation spending.

**NMDOT Planning Liaison:** NMDOT Planning Liaison, a NMDOT employee assigned to provide planning technical assistance to a MPO/RTPO or T/LPA. See NMDOT website for a list of Liaisons and contact information.

**ICIP:** *Infrastructure capital improvement plan*, a plan that establishes planning priorities for anticipated capital projects.

**MPO:** *Metropolitan Planning Organizations* conduct comprehensive transportation planning for metropolitan areas with populations of 50,000 or more. The MPOs in New Mexico are Farmington, Santa Fe, Mid Region (Albuquerque Area), Mesilla Valley (Las Cruces area), and a portion of El Paso (Sunland Park, and Anthony area).

**MTP:** *Metropolitan Transportation Plan*, the long range, comprehensive, multimodal document that guides each MPO for the next 25 years, which is updated every 4-5 years.

**NEPA:** *National Environmental Policy Act*, enacted on January 1, 1970, requires federal agencies to assess the environmental effects of their proposed actions prior to making decisions on a range of items, including project construction.

**RESPONSIBLE CHARGE:** A full-time, public employee qualified to ensure that the work delivered is complete, accurate, and consistent with the terms, conditions, and specifications of the cooperative agreement. This person should be able to answer all questions about the project and oversee all aspects from planning through construction.

**RTIPR:** *Regional Transportation Improvement Program Recommendations*, the list of programs promoted by local agencies outside of MPO areas. These lists may inform NMDOT Districts when they program funds in their regions.

**RTP:** *Recreational Trails Program*, which provides funds to the States to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both non-motorized and motorized recreational trail uses. - **OR** -

**RTP:** *Regional Transportation Plan*, similar to MTPs for the RTPO regions.

**RTPO:** *Regional Transportation Planning Organizations*, state-designated entities that orchestrate rural transportation planning. The RTPOs in New Mexico are Northwest, Northern Pueblos, Northeast, Southeast, South Central, Southwest and Mid Region RTPOs.

**STIP:** *State Transportation Improvement Program*, the fiscally constrained list of projects, programmed for four years (plus two more years for planning).

**TIP:** *Transportation Improvement Program*, the federally required, fiscally constrained program that includes transportation projects proposed for funding within an MPO's boundaries in the next four years, which is developed by the MPOs every two years. Project information is entered into the STIP.

**TLPA:** *Tribal/Local Public Agency*, the umbrella term for tribal entities, communities, and counties.

**Project Feasibility Forms Submitted to Date:**

**1) Cibola County:**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PFF – C-1 Marquez Road</li> <li>● PFF – C-34 Pine Hill Road</li> <li>● PFF – C-42 Chain of Craters Byway</li> <li>● PFF – C-24 Elkins Road</li> <li>● PFF-RTP Bluewater Trail</li> <li>● PFF-RTP Ojo Redondo Trail</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PFF-TPF C-1 Marquez Road</li> <li>● PFF-TPF C-34 Pine Hill Road</li> <li>● PFF-TPF C-42 Chain of Craters Byway</li> <li>● PFF-TPF C-24 Elkins Road</li> <li>● PFF-TPF C-5 Armijo Bridge</li> <li>● PFF-TPF C-5 Moquino Llano</li> <li>● PFF-TPF C-8</li> </ul>
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**2) City of Gallup:**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PFF - 9<sup>th</sup> Street Plan &amp; Design</li> <li>● PFF - Allison Road Corridor – part B</li> <li>● PFF – Maloney Ave. Plan &amp; Design</li> <li>● PFF – Mentmore Road Crossing</li> <li>● PFF - Northside Trail System</li> <li>● PFF-West Aztec ext. Florence to Marguerite</li> <li>● PFF - Aztec Ave. – Munoz to Marguerite</li> <li>● PFF-Aztec Ave.–Strong Drive to Munoz Drive</li> <li>● PFF-East Nizhoni Blvd. Reconstruct–Phase IV</li> <li>● PFF-West Aztec Ave. Storm Drainage Construct</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PFF-TPF Hasler Valley Road</li> <li>● <i>(all below are for both regular and TPF – PFF’s)</i></li> <li>● PFF-TPF Aztec Ave – Munoz to Marguerite</li> <li>● PFF-TPF Aztec Ave – Strong to Munoz</li> <li>● PFF-TPF East Nizhoni Blvd Reconstruct – <b>TPF - 2024</b></li> <li>● PFF-TPF West Aztec Storm Drainage</li> </ul>
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**3) City of Grants:**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PFF – Anderman Street Bridge</li> <li>● PFF – Grants Arroyo Trail</li> <li>● PFF – NM 547 Lobo Canyon CDT Trail</li> <li>● PFF – Sakelares Boulevard Improvements</li> <li>● PFF – Santa Fe Ave. / Rt. 66 Improvements</li> <li>● PFF – Davis &amp; Gunderson</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PFF – Roosevelt Ave.</li> <li>● PFF – West Roosevelt Ave.</li> <li>● PFF-TPF Davis &amp; Gunderson – incl. map – <b>TPF-2024</b></li> <li>● PFF-TPF Roosevelt Avenue</li> <li>● PFF-TPF West Roosevelt Avenue</li> </ul>
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**4) Village of Milan:**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PFF - Stanley Avenue &amp; Bridge</li> <li>● PFF – NM-605 Bridge</li> <li>● PFF – Elkins Road Improvements (\$10 M)</li> <li>● PFF – Tietjen Street Improvements</li> <li>● PFF-TPF – Tietjen Street Improvements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PFF-TPF – Stanley Ave. &amp; Bridge Improvements &amp; map – <b>TPF-2024</b></li> <li>● PFF-TPF Elkins Road Improvements (\$1 M)</li> <li>● PFF-TPF Willow &amp; Pinon Drive</li> <li>● PFF-TPF Motel Drive Improvements</li> </ul>
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**5) McKinley County:**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PFFCR1 Mentmore Rd/Carbon Coal south \$25M</li> <li>● PFF- CR19 Intersection &amp; Rail Crossing</li> <li>● PFF – High Dessert Trailhead</li> <li>● PFF – Prewitt Interchange – Exit 63 McK</li> <li>● PFF – Thoreau Interchange – Exit 53 McK</li> <li>● PFF – Twin Springs Trail</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PFF-TPF – CR1 Mentmore Rd. / Carbon Coal South (\$3 M)</li> <li>● PFF-TPF – Hassler Valley Road Extension</li> <li>● PFF-TPF – Superman Canyon Bridge #1 – <b>TPF-2024</b></li> </ul>
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**6) Northern / Eastern / Ft. Def. Navajo:**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PFF- NM371 / N7009 Intersection – Becenti</li> <li>● PFF- N5-NM371 intersect RSA – Burnham</li> <li>● PFF – N5010 – Sanostee Chapter Road</li> <li>● PFF- CR8890 – White Rock Chapter</li> <li>● PFF – Ojo Encino Chapter Road Rehab</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PFF – N7124 Bridge PER – Standing Rock</li> <li>● PFF-TPF – Tsayatoh Bridge #7894 – <b>TPF-2024</b></li> <li>● PFF-TPF Cedar Ave.Bridge - Red Lake Chapter</li> <li>● PFF-TPF White Rock Chapter CR8890</li> </ul>
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**7) Pueblo of Acoma:**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PFF – SP30 Pueblo Road Construction</li><li>• PFF – SP36 Mesa Hill Bridge &amp; Road Construction</li><li>• PFF – SP32 Pinsbaari Drive Bike &amp; Pedestrian Trail</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PFF-TPF – SP30 Pueblo Rd. Plng. &amp; Design</li><li>• PFF-TPF – SP36 Mesa Hill Bridge &amp; Road Plng. &amp; Design</li><li>• PFF-TPF – SP32 Pinsbarri Drive Trails</li></ul>
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**8) Pueblo of Laguna:**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I-40/ L-24 Bridge &amp; Bike/Ped. Improvements</li><li>• NM124 Seama to Paraje Bike &amp; Ped. Trails</li><li>• NM124 to Rio San Jose Bike &amp; Ped. Trails</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NM279 &amp; NM124 Bike &amp; Ped. Trails</li><li>• PFF-TPF I-40 &amp; L24 Bridge Bike &amp; Ped. Improvements</li></ul>
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**9) Ramah Navajo:**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PFF - BIA Rt. 125 mp 0 – 2</li><li>• PFF – BIA 125 / NM53 Intersection</li><li>• PFF – BIA 130 / NM53 Intersection</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PFF-TPF – Pinehill- School Pedestrian Improvements</li></ul>
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**10) Pueblo of Zuni – no submissions**



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**Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization  
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**Agenda Item #V: Next Cycle for TAP, RTP, CRP, and  
CMAQ projects**

**Subject: Discussion with DOT staff on these forthcoming opportunities**

**Prepared for: June 14, 2023 RTPO Meeting**

**Date: 6/06/23**

**BACKGROUND**

- **Why?** Members are encouraged to get a head start around completing full meeting packages for review in advance of submission deadlines.
- **Purpose.** Help our members get started and be informed on the process and required documents for full application packages.
- **Discussion/Finalization.** Members are encouraged to get a head-start on these application packages.

**CURRENT WORK**

- Commence application packages

**ANTICIPATED WORK**

- TAP/RTP applications for FY2024 were due March 10, 2023 – no guidance yet for 2025 applications.
- CMAQ applications are typically due in Sept. – November – final deadline December 30
- Carbon Reduction Program applications for 2024+ were due March 10, 2023.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- Members are encouraged to visit the NMDOT website, then go to Business Support, then to TLPA Documents and Information, then to Planning, then to RTP, TAP and CMAQ guides
- There is no information available on the NMDOT website yet for Carbon Reduction Program.
- These are not attached as they contain multiple pages.

**BUDGET IMPACT**

- None – but potential funding for future projects

**ACTION ITEM**

- N/A

**Fw: 2023\_0111\_RTP\_TAP Guide \_ CRP\_Program Guide**

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Wed 1/11/2023 4:58 PM

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 4 attachments (4 MB)

2022\_1109\_RTP\_TAP Guide FFY2024\_FINAL.pdf; 2022\_1110\_CRP Program Guide 2024\_FINAL.pdf; 2023\_0106\_TAP-RTP sample resolution of sponsorship.docx; Shannon Glendenning.vcf;

RTPO members:

With appreciation to Joann Garcia, attached are the guidance for the TAP, RTP, and CRP funding programs;

you can follow up with Shannon Glendenning for more assistance if needed.

**Full applications are due March 10** so best to get started early as there are likely a number of forms and requirements to meet and complete. Bear in mind that a supporting resolution from your respective government is also required.

Thanks, and wishing you all the best outcomes for any applications submitted.

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**From:** Garcia2, JoAnn, NMDOT <JoAnn.Garcia2@dot.nm.gov>

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 11, 2023 10:17 AM

**To:** Robert Kuipers <rkuipers@nwnmcog.org>

**Subject:** 2023\_0111\_RTP\_TAP Guide \_ CRP\_Program Guide

Good Morning,

Please forward to the T/ LPA as an FYI, Beth our CRP Coordinator is no longer working for planning division, so all inquiries regarding the CRP can be Directed to

Shannon Glendenning, AICP  
Programs Unit Supervisor  
Multimodal Planning and Programs Bureau  
New Mexico Department of Transportation  
Phone: (505)231-4300  
Email: Shannon.Glendenning@dot.nm.gov (Please note our new email suffix and update your contacts—Thanks!)

RTP, TAP inquiries can reach out to me.

Respectfully,

JoAnn B Garcia  
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## RESOLUTION OF SPONSORSHIP

### For a <name of funding program (RTP or TAP)> Application and Maintenance Commitment

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

**A resolution declaring the eligibility and intent of the <name of sponsoring entity> to submit an application to the New Mexico Department of Transportation for Federal Fiscal Year 2018/2019 <name of funding program (RTP or TAP)> funds.**

**Whereas**, the <name of sponsoring agency>, New Mexico, has the legal authority to apply for, receive and administer federal funds; and,

**Whereas**, the <name of sponsoring agency>, is submitting an application for Federal Fiscal Year 2018/2019 (FFY18/19) New Mexico <name of funding program (RTP or TAP)> funds in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_,\_\_\_\_, as set forth by the Federal legislation, Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, and as outlined in the FFY 18/19 New Mexico TAP/RTP Guide; and,

**Whereas**, the <identify project(s)> named in the <name of funding program (RTP or TAP)> application are eligible project(s) under New Mexico <name of funding program (RTP or TAP)> and the FAST Act; and,

**Whereas**, the <name of sponsoring agency>, acknowledges availability of the required local match of 14.56% and the availability of funds to pay all costs up front, as <name of funding program (RTP or TAP)> is a cost reimbursement program; and,

**Whereas**, the <name of sponsoring agency>, agrees to pay any costs that exceed the project amount if the application is selected for funding; and,

**Whereas**, the <name of sponsoring agency>, agrees to maintain all project(s) constructed with <name of funding program (RTP or TAP)> funding for the useable life of the project(s);

**Now, therefore be it resolved by the governing body of the <name of sponsoring agency>, that:**

**1.** The <name of sponsoring agency>, authorizes <agency representative> to submit an application for FFY18/19 New Mexico <name of funding program (RTP or TAP)> funds in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_,\_\_\_\_ from the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) on behalf of <name of sponsoring agency>.

**2.** That the <name of sponsoring agency>, assures the NMDOT that if <name of funding program (RTP or TAP)> funds are awarded, sufficient funding for the local match and for



upfront project costs are available, since <name of funding program (RTP or TAP)> is a reimbursement program, and that any costs exceeding the award amount will be paid for by <name of sponsoring agency>.

3. That the <name of sponsoring agency>, assures the NMDOT that if awarded <name of funding program (RTP or TAP)> funds, sufficient funding for the operation and maintenance of the <name of funding program (RTP or TAP)> project will be available for the life of the project.

4. That the <agency representative> of <name of sponsoring agency>, is authorized to enter into a Cooperative Project Agreement with the NMDOT for <name of funding program (RTP or TAP)> projects using these funds as set forth by the FAST Act on behalf of the citizens of <name of agency>. The <agency representative> is also authorized to submit additional information as may be required and act as the official representative of the <name of sponsoring agency> in this and subsequent related activities.

5. That the <name of sponsoring agency>, assures the NMDOT that the <name of sponsoring agency>, is willing and able to administer all activities associated with the proposed project.

**PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

<name of sponsoring agency>

\_\_\_\_\_  
<agency representative>, <title>

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
<name>, <clerk or other appropriate entity staff>



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**Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization  
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**Agenda Item #VI: I-40 Corridor Study Update**

**Subject:** Parametrics Engineering and DOT staff will provide a project update for I-40 – Arizona border to Albuquerque – Stephanie Miller

**Prepared for:** June 14 virtual NWRTPO meeting

**Date:** 6/06/23

**BACKGROUND**

- **Why?** I-40 has become one of the major freight trucking corridors in our nation, which is demanding for maintenance expenditures for NMDOT. Up to 10,000 trucks each 24 hr. day!
- **Purpose.** This study will recommend improvements to I-40 thru our state, including adding lanes in some sections, addressing drainage, improve intersections and other considerations.
- **Discussion/Finalization.** Parametrics Engineering will present the project update and recommended alternatives, and welcome additional comments from NMDOT staff.

**CURRENT WORK**

- This study is well underway – working toward completion in Fall of 2023.

**ANTICIPATED WORK**

- Completion of corridor study with recommended improvements to address traffic flow.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- I-40 Study Webinar from Parametrics, conducted on November 15, 2022.
- Proposed I-40 planning projects from our region's local governments.

**BUDGET IMPACT**

- This project won't impact our NWRTPO budget, but could bring in millions of dollars for intersection and other improvements for the corridor in our region.

**ACTION ITEM**

- N/A

## Robert Kuipers

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**Sent:** Tuesday, June 6, 2023 9:14 AM  
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**Subject:** FW: I-40 Corridor Study Presentation for June 14, 2023  
**Attachments:** I40\_Update\_June\_2023.pdf

RTPO members and DOT colleagues:

Attached is the I-40 Corridor Study presentation that will be provided by Stephanie Miller of Parametrix Engineering at our June 14 meeting next Wednesday.

Please review, and be ready with any questions or comments you might have. This is one of the busiest freight corridors in our nation, and this study intends to improve capacity along with safety for this corridor between the Arizona State line and Albuquerque.

Thanks,

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**Subject:** I-40 Corridor Study Presentation for June 14, 2023

Bob,

Thank you for the call today. Per our discussion, I have attached the presentation we plan to give next Wednesday. I will be presenting and Summer Herrera, the Project Manager from the NMDOT will introduce the study and will be available for questions.

Let me know if you have questions or need additional information. Otherwise, we'll wait to get the virtual meeting link from you for next week's meeting.

Regards,

## I-40 Study Webinar – Parametrix Engineering

November 15 – 6:30 – 8:00 pm

- **Ten Thousand Trucks a 24 hour day on I-40 thru NM:**
  - Mostly during the day
  - More truck traffic in Spring and Summer
  - Fall about average
  - January thru February truck traffic volume drops
- **Population:** Going forward Cibola County population expected to grow a 1%; McKinley County does not expect population growth.
- I-40 Entry volumes highest in the state – especially thru Gallup
- I-40 anticipated freight growth thru 2050: 2017 – 47,000 / 2050 – 86,000
- 80 – 90% of freight carriers on I-40 in our state travel thru our state to and from the west coast ports and communities
- **Crash Data:** increasing – 400 to 700 per year; more in the Winter; more crashes on weekends (with more passenger vehicles on the corridor).
  - Frequent crash areas: (west to east) mp 21 / mp 26 / mp39-40 / mp 105 / mp 114 / mp 140
  - Crash types:
    - ✓ **Fatal:** 18 per year / 50% heavy vehicle / 32% DUI / 17% pedestrian; high incidence Laguna/Acoma area, and west of Albuquerque / Fatal Heavy Vehicle – rear end collision
    - ✓ **Serious Injury:** 17 per year – 40% heavy vehicle / 10% DUI
    - ✓ **Pedestrian Crashes:** 54% fatal / 16% serious injury / 52% heavy vehicles – many in Gallup
- **Drainage:** 600 culvert or drainage structures on I-40 AZ state-line to Albuquerque and 154 bridges on I-40. Flooding is common in Gallup, Ft. Wingate exit, and Rt. 66 Casino
- **Alternative / Frontage Roads:** Old Rt. 66 / NM 118 along I-40; lots of I-40 construction backups lately
  - 9 DOT cameras
  - 4 automatic traffic reporters
  - E.V. Chargers – 12 in Gallup, 4 in Grants
  - NM investing in broadband, ITS infrastructure, E.V. Chargers
  - Infrastructure Development Plan in the works, and autonomous vehicles forthcoming
- **I-40 Improvements:**
  - Add lanes
  - Safety enhancements
  - Interchange improvements
  - Drainage
  - Pavement improvements
  - Improve frontage roads
  - Construction zones – try to keep two lanes open
  - ITS (Intelligent Transportation Systems) improvements
- **Schedule:** Spring 2022 thru Summer 2023 – a) develop alternatives, b) public meetings
  - Public meetings: a) this one, b) Winter / Spring 2023, c) Summer / Fall 2023
  - Try to engage: Tribes / BIA, RTPO's and MPO's, State Patrol and Freight Providers, Regulatory Agencies

- **Final Comments and Questions:**
  - Are bicycles to be considered? Will consider bike lanes; pedestrians should not be on the interstate
  - Certain areas may have median barriers
  - Improvements will be phased due to expenses
  - West coast travel time = rest areas for truckers between Gallup and Albuquerque; Gallup could definitely benefit economically around a trucking rest area
- **Contacts:**
  - [i40nmstudy.com](http://i40nmstudy.com)
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  - Phone: 505-445-5464
  - Comments to: I-40 Study / 9600 San Mateo Blvd. NE / Albuquerque, NM 87113 - send comments by December 14, 2022
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**I-40 Planning Projects**

<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>T/LPA Entity</b>	<b>Grant Lead</b>
Milan: I-40/NM568 - Sawmill Road Interchange	\$ 3,500,000	Milan	NWNMCOG
Milan: I-40 / Horizon Blvd. Phase 1A/B/C	\$ 1,500,000	Milan	NWNMCOG
McKinley: I-40/NM371/NM612 Interchange Reconfiguration	\$ 1,000,000	McKinley	McKinley
McKinley: I-40 Prewitt Industrial Park Connectivity & Rail Crossing	\$ 3,000,000	McKinley	McKinley
McKinley: Williams Acres I-40 Noise Barrier	\$ 150,000	McKinley	McKinley
Gallup: I-40 / NM-118 East _West Interchanges Phase 1A/B/C	\$ 4,000,000	Gallup	McKinley
Gallup: Gallup Trade Port	\$ 1,000,000	Gallup	Gallup
McKinley: Autonomous Trucking Complex	\$ 2,500,000	McKinley	McKinley
McKinley: Commercial Truck Testing Corridor	\$ 1,000,000	McKinley	McKinley
McKinley: Supply Chain Accelerator	\$ 1,000,000	McKinley	NMDOT
	\$ 18,650,000		



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

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

**Subject:** Discussion / Presentation Items

**Prepared by:** Robert Kuipers, NWRTPO

**Date:** 6/06/23

**BACKGROUND**

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

**Informational Items**

**Regional News & Updates**

- RTPO Monthly Report, Staff hours report for May, 2023
- Member Reports

**Member Special Reports:**

- None this meeting

**NMDOT Reports:**

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

**News, Training & Funding Opportunities:**

- FHWA Planning, Environment & Realty Reports: 5/11/23
- NMDOT Govt. to Govt. Update: 5/05/23, 5/31/23
- AASHTO Publications: none
- NMDOT / UNM-LTAP: Provides a very robust collection of training opportunities – staff forward news to members as it comes out from this source – reference at [ltap.unm.edu](http://ltap.unm.edu) – Online courses notice forwarded to members as LTAP emails come in.
- Title VI Training is available to MPO's and RTPO's from Lisa Neie – Civil Rights Manager for FHWA New Mexico. These trainings can be customized to address member concerns and issues for their regions, if provided to her in advance.
- Email Change Notice from NMDOT: All NMDOT staff emails have changed from @state.nm.us to @dot.nm.gov
- USDOT Navigator-May Update: 5/04/23
- USDOT – Rural EV Infrastructure Toolkit: 5/08/23
- Value Capture Guidance Webinar: To save \$ on projects – 5/09/23
- USDOT Discretionary Grant Opportunities: 5/09/23
- Security Awareness – Scam Awareness Alert: 5/11/23
- USDOT – Resources, Upcoming Events, Funding Opportunities: 5/18/23
- Tribal Reminder of Transportation Project Fund Appl. deadline – May 31: 5/22/23
- I-40 Corridor Study Presentation: for June 14 RTPO virtual meeting – 6/06/23

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



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Monthly Report – April 2023

- A. 2023-2024 NWRTPO RTIPR Update:** This past year (FFY2021 – 2022) the NWRTPO executed a full Call for Projects which extended from April, 2021 thru March 2022. RTPO members submitted 53 project PFF's and PPF's for our 2021 – 2022 RTIPR update, 49 of which were presented and reviewed by DOT District 6 staff on June 29-30; 4 projects for Northern Navajo were reviewed by DOT District 5. The 2022 RTIPR has a total of \$175,686,550.00 for Roadway, Bridge, Planning, TAP, RTP, FLAP, HSIP, TPF and Transit projects. The 2023 NWRTPO RTIPR Call for Projects Update commenced in February, 2023 to give our members a head-start; we are encouraging our members to consider and commence developing their priorities for the 2024 round of Transportation Project Fund (TPF) opportunity – full applications due May 31; **the 2023-2024 Call for Projects will be completed in March of 2024, with the DOT Dist. 5 & 6 RTIP's. Project Feasibility Forms were reviewed by DOT District 5 and 6 on May 2 at the DOT District 6 Office in Milan.**
- B. NMDOT Transportation Project Fund:** **A new 2024 TPF call for projects was issued with a deadline of May 31, 2023 for project submissions; staff reminded RTPO members to submit their full applications via the FTP website by/before this deadline.** In 2022 staff cited eight (8) projects proposed from seven (7) of our member governments in our 2022 RTIPR. On August 18, 2022 the NM Transportation Commission awarded seven (7) proposed projects from the NWRTPO, and three (3) projects from the Farmington MPO at a total of \$19,747,334 for our three county region. **This year only three (3) member gov't.s submitted including Navajo – Burnham Chapter, Acoma – SP30 Pueblo Road, and Ramah Navajo – NM53 / Rt. 125 intersection – for a total of \$3,368,414.**
- C. MAP funding:** **City of Grants is executed their turn to pursue 2024 Municipal Arterial Funding, and submitted their application by the March 15, 2023 deadline.**
- D. GIS Data Gathering, Trails Development, Mapping and Compiling Work:** COG staff Carrie House continues to provide technical assistance and GIS mapping for development of 200 new miles of recreational trails in the Zuni Mountains in McKinley and Cibola Counties during FFY18 – FFY22; and continues contributing GIS mapping for regional transportation infrastructure. The NWCOG was the only New Mexico recipient of a NADO Impact Award for the ongoing development of 200 miles of recreational trails in the Zuni Mountains of McKinley and Cibola Counties. The Navajo Nation will soon be developing 80 miles of recreational trails in the Chuska Mountain range, complimenting the rec. trails being developed in the Zuni Mtns. The Pueblo of Laguna is developing bike and pedestrian trails connecting all six of their Pueblo Villages.
- E. Trail of the Ancients Scenic Byway is Nationally Designated:** President Trump signed the "Reviving America's Scenic Byways Act of 2019" into law re-establishing the Scenic Byway Program. This provided the NWRTPO the opportunity to undertake a demanding process to pursue national designation for parts of our New Mexico TOA byway portion. RTPO and COG staff submitted the 2020 application for national designation for portions of our New Mexico Trail of the Ancients Scenic Byway. The entire TOA byway corridor is shared by Counties in the 4-Corners region of Utah, Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado; the Utah and Colorado corridors are already nationally designated. **We received news that major portions of our New Mexico corridor are now designated as a National Byway corridor!** With the return of the federal Scenic Byway Program after a multi-year period when the program went away, **we are reconstructing the TOA Byway Council for New Mexico, and undertaking the challenging responsibility shared by participating counties to monitor and improve the national corridor, along with stronger participation in funding the byway, in collaboration with NMDOT staff. Staff submitted an application to update our Corridor Management Plan as the first rendition was done in November, 2008. This was recently awarded for funding in 2024.**
- F. Major Funding from Federal Sources:** The Federal Govt. and USDOT is providing funding for transportation development in billions of dollars – far beyond anything we've ever seen before, in some cases with short application timeframes. Members are encouraged to become familiar with these opportunities and take advantage of them.
- G. News, Training and Funding Opportunities:** The following training and funding opportunities have recently emerged:
- FHWA Planning, Environment & Realty Reports: 5/11/23
  - NMDOT Govt. to Govt. Update: 5/05/23, 5/31/23
  - AASHTO Publications: none
  - NMDOT / UNM-LTAP: Provides a very robust collection of training opportunities – staff forward news to members as it comes out from this source – reference at [ltap.unm.edu](http://ltap.unm.edu) – Staff forward to members as LTAP emails come in.
  - Title VI Training is available to MPO's and RTPO's from Lisa Neie – Civil Rights Manager for FHWA New Mexico. These trainings can be customized to address member concerns and issues for their regions, if provided to her in advance.
  - Email Change Notice from NMDOT: All NMDOT staff emails have changed from @state.nm.us to @dot.nm.gov
  - USDOT Navigator-May Update: 5/04/23
  - USDOT – Rural EV Infrastructure Toolkit: 5/08/23
  - Value Capture Guidance Webinar: To save \$ on projects – 5/09/23
  - USDOT Discretionary Grant Opportunities: 5/09/23
  - Security Awareness – Scam Awareness Alert: 5/11/23
  - USDOT – Resources, Upcoming Events, Funding Opportunities: 5/18/23
  - Tribal Reminder of Transportation Project Fund Appl. deadline – May 31: 5/22/23
  - I-40 Corridor Study Presentation: for June 14 RTPO virtual meeting – 6/06/23

**RTPO APER Budgeted Staff Hours Summary  
FFY2022**

May Monthly Report											
Function	Budgeted Hours	Q1	Q2	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Q3	Q4	Total Actual hours	Balance	Percentage budgeted differs from actuals*
1	325	26.50	77.50	38.50	32.00	0.00	70.50	0.00	174.50	150.50	-46.31%
2	75	5.00	31.50	16.50	72.50	0.00	89.00	0.00	125.50	-50.50	67.33%
3	600	159.00	130.50	56.00	64.50	0.00	120.50	0.00	410.00	190.00	-31.67%
4	300	12.50	81.00	22.50	61.00	0.00	83.50	0.00	177.00	123.00	-41.00%
5	425	119.50	143.00	13.00	25.00	0.00	38.00	0.00	300.50	124.50	-29.29%
6	375	115.00	80.50	41.00	13.50	0.00	54.50	0.00	250.00	125.00	-33.33%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2100</b>	<b>437.50</b>	<b>544.00</b>	<b>187.50</b>	<b>268.50</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>456.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1437.50</b>	<b>662.50</b>	<b>-31.55%</b>

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



**April Q-3 Expenditure Summary  
FFY2023**

	Q1 Request	Q2 Request	Apr-23	Q3 Request	Q4 Request	Total Budgeted Amount	Requests YTD (incl. current request)	Balance
a. Personnel	\$ 13,373.03	\$ 17,627.41	\$ 5,508.01	\$ 5,508.01	\$ -	\$58,758.00	\$ 36,508.45	\$ 22,249.55
b. Fringe Benefits	\$ 3,157.76	\$ 4,261.15	\$ 1,271.75	\$ 1,271.75	\$ -	\$15,150.00	\$ 8,690.66	\$ 6,459.34
c. Travel & Training	\$ 139.73	\$ 797.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,023.00	\$ 936.73	\$ 4,086.27
d. Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
e. Supplies	\$ 614.95	\$ 1,080.22	\$ 92.70	\$ 92.70	\$ -	\$ 4,591.00	\$ 1,787.87	\$ 2,803.13
f. Contractual	\$ 2,262.75	\$ 4,875.50	\$ 1,104.25	\$ 1,104.25	\$ -	\$ 14,878.00	\$ 8,242.50	\$ 6,635.50
g. Construction	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
h. Other	\$ 2,998.99	\$ 3,535.13	\$ 1,017.12	\$ 1,017.12	\$ -	\$ 14,100.00	\$ 7,551.24	\$ 6,548.76
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 22,547.21</b>	<b>\$ 32,176.41</b>	<b>\$ 8,993.83</b>	<b>\$ 8,993.83</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 112,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 63,717.45</b>	<b>\$ 48,782.55</b>
Local Match (20%)	\$ 4,509.44	\$ 6,435.28	\$ 1,798.77	\$ 1,798.77	\$ -	\$ 22,500.00	\$ 12,743.49	\$ 9,756.51
Federal Share (80%)	\$ 18,037.77	\$ 25,741.13	\$ 7,195.06	\$ 7,195.06	\$ -	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 50,973.96	\$ 39,026.04

Control Number: P621010	Invoice # 476	TOTAL	Local Match (20%)	Federal Share (80%)
Work Authorization (09/30/2020)		\$ 106,250.00	\$ 21,250.00	\$ 85,000.00
Quarter				
Q1 ending 12/31	22,547.21	\$ 22,547.21	\$ 4,509.44	\$ 18,037.77
Q2 ending 3/31	32,176.41	\$ 32,176.41	\$ 6,435.28	\$ 25,741.13
Q3 ending 6/30	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Q4 ending 9/30	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>BALANCE</b>		#VALUE!	\$ -	#VALUE!

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