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

## **AGENDA PACKET**

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

**Wednesday, July 8, 2020**

**10:00AM – 2:00PM**

**Virtual Meeting due to COVID-19**

**Dial In #: 515-606-5166 / Access Code: 301965**



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## AGENDA

### ROUTINE ITEMS:

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

### ACTION ITEMS:

Item #	Item	Presenter
IV.	Action: no action items this meeting.	

### DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION ITEMS:

*Please Provide Presentations for inclusion in minutes*

Item #	Topic	Presenter
V.	Review & Discuss: 2020 NWRTPO Quality Assurance Review Report	Neala Krueger, NMDOT Liaison / Robert K.
VI.	Update & Discuss: NWRTPO Regional Transportation Plan 2020 Update progress. (members encouraged to contribute ideas based on review)	Robert Kuipers
VII.	Review & Discuss: member's progress with PFF submissions for 2020 RTIPR Revision; any questions, and NMDOT advisement	Robert Kuipers, NMDOT staff

### REPORTS: (10-minute limit)

*Please submit Written Reports for inclusion in minutes*

VIII. RTPO Program Report (significant news only)	Robert Kuipers
IX. Local Member Reports (significant news only)	By Entity
X. 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)

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, August 12, 2020 – Laguna Public Works Dept. I; will revert to virtual / Conf. Call meeting if COVID-19 pandemic restrictions continue.

### ADJOURNMENT:

NORTHWEST NEW MEXICO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

**NWRTPO | Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization**

Joint Policy & Technical Committee

NWRTPO Meeting Minutes

Wednesday June 10, 2020

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Meeting executed via conference call

Due to COVID-19 Pandemic

**ATTENDANCE:**

<b>Local &amp; Tribal Governments</b>	
<b>Entity</b>	<b>Representative(s)</b>
Pueblo of Acoma	Dave Deutsawe (Chair); Raymond Concho Jr.
Pueblo of Laguna	Ray Lucero
Pueblo of Zuni	Royce Gchachu
Navajo Nation	Absent (Northern & Eastern Agencies)
Ramah Navajo	Shane Lewis
City of Grants	Mark Teshima
City of Gallup	Alicia Santiago
Village of Milan	absent
Cibola County	Judy Horacek
McKinley County	Rodney Skersick
San Juan County	absent
Farmington Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) – 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, Stephanie Medina
District 6	JoAnn Garcia, Bill Santiago – both absent
Tribal Liaison	Ron Shutiva - absent
Local Government Relations	Not in attendance

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

**Tally Sheet – Attendance & Quorum**

<b>Members</b>	<b>NMDOT</b>	<b>RTPO</b>	<b>Guests</b>
9	3	1	0
<b>Member Entities</b>	<b>Attending</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>TOTAL:</b>
12	9	75	13

#### ROUTINE ITEMS:

Item #	Item
I.	<b>Call to Order and Introductions.</b> The meeting was called to order at 10:20 am, Dave Deutsawe and Bob Kuipers welcomed those in attendance, and proceeded with introductions and approval of agenda and minutes. The meeting was conducted via conference call, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
II.	<b>Agenda.</b> RTPO Program Manager provided an overview of the day's agenda topics. <b>ACTION:</b> Ray Lucero (Laguna) motioned and Dave Deutsawe (Acoma) seconded adoption of the agenda. All in favor – motion carried.
1Q	<b>Minutes (March 11, 2020).</b> Chairman provided time for review of minutes and no comments or revisions were made. <b>ACTION:</b> Judy Horacek motioned and Dave Deutsawe (Acoma) seconded adoption of the minutes. All in favor – motion carried.

#### ACTION ITEMS:

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IV.	RTIPR Revision Process & Timeline (CY2020-21)	Robert Kuipers, Program Manager

##### BACKGROUND

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

##### CURRENT WORK

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

##### ANTICIPATED WORK

- RTPO members to vote on approval and authorization of the FFY2020 – FFY2021 NWRTPO RTIPR revision process, and set timelines for PFF submission and review at the June 10 meeting.

##### ATTACHMENTS

- NWRTPO Call for Transportation Projects Guide.

##### BUDGET IMPACT

- None.

##### ACTION ITEM

- RTPO members will vote to approve and authorize the RTIPR Revision Process & Timeline

Members unanimously approved the RTIPR Revision Process and Timeline as represented.

**DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION ITEMS:**

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V.	Presentation: NMDOT Long Range Transportation Plan Update_2020	Robert Kuipers, Program Manager

**BACKGROUND**

- **Why?** Every five years the NMDOT conducts a major update to their Long Range Transportation Plan for the state.
- **Purpose.** It is strategically appropriate for NWRTPO members to be aware of the Statewide NMDOT LRTP update, as we generally conduct our Regional Transportation Plan major update at the same time, and try to some extent to coordinate / synchronize our priorities.
- **Discussion/Finalization.** Members will be provided a brief overview of NMDOT's timeline and major components of their LRTP update, for consideration toward our own RTP update.

**CURRENT WORK**

- Members will be encouraged to familiarize with NMDOT's LRTP update, and complete the related survey **so that our region's interests can be represented** in the statewide LRTP.

**ANTICIPATED WORK**

- Members will be asked to consider and contribute to our own Regional Transportation Plan update to be developed "in sync." with the state LRTP timelines – anticipating completion in September or October.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- Initial Announcement and Guidance for the State LRTP update.

**BUDGET IMPACT**

- None

**ACTION ITEM**

- N/A

**Discussion:**

Neala Krueger presented on the status and process for the NMDOT statewide Long Range Transportation Plan update entitled the New Mexico 2045 Transportation Plan. Members are encouraged to complete the survey available on the NMDOT website, so our region can have our interests and priorities incorporated – where appropriate. There will be stakeholder meetings most likely the weeks of July 7 and July 13.





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VI.	Update: NWRTPO Regional Transportation Plan Update – process, outline & schedule	Robert Kuipers, Program Manager

#### BACKGROUND

- **Why?** The NWRTPO makes minor updates to its Regional Transportation Plan every year; but every 5 years the NWRTPO undertakes a more major update to its RTP in sync. with NMDOT's LRTP update.
- **Purpose.** This year the NWRTPO will undertake a more significant update to our Regional Transportation Plan, and try to some extent to coordinate / synchronize our priorities with those represented within the NM-LRTP update that have appeal or utility within our region.
- **Discussion/Finalization.** Members will be provided 1) a concise summary and 2) a more detailed summary outlining the process and schedule for our RTP update.

#### CURRENT WORK

- Members will be encouraged to familiarize with our Regional Transportation Plan on the NWNM Council of Governments website, and consider what interests their respective regional govt. jurisdiction may have for inclusion in our more significant RTP update this year.

#### ANTICIPATED WORK

- Members will be asked to consider and contribute toward updating our RTP this year to insure that their respective interests are represented in the final document – anticipating completion in September or October, 2020.
- Members will be **particularly asked to update their govt. jurisdiction's priorities** for Appendix 2 – Public Outreach Report, which cites forthcoming priorities for both our region (p.85) and our respective NWRTPO Member Governments pp. 86 – 103. It will be important for our respective members to **execute update recommendations for this section within specified timelines**; those who do not respond will be left out. These new priorities can reflect both current RTIPR project priorities, as well as new prioritized directions or interests that participating member governments wish to pursue for multi-modal transportation maintenance or development.

#### ATTACHMENTS

- Quick Summary – FFY2020 NWRTPO Regional Transportation Plan Update.
- General Schedule for NWRTPO Regional Transportation Plan Update.

BUDGET IMPACT	ACTION ITEM
• None	• N/A

#### Discussion:

RTPO staff indicated that with little funding available from the state until FFY2021 for local projects, we will execute a much simpler process which will only entail submission of Project Feasibility Forms (PFF's) to incorporate new projects or phases into our RTIPR update this year. Guidance and schedule is provided in this meeting package. Members are asked to review our current RTIPR, to recommend removal of projects or project phases that have been already fully funded.

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VII.	<b>REPORTS:</b> (10 minute limit due to virtual meeting)	RTPO & DOT staff, RTPO members
<b>Significant news only due to virtual meeting</b>		
<b>RTPO Program Report (<i>significant news only</i>)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff provided the monthly report for May which includes announcements on training and funding opportunities, and other transportation news from the recent past or near future. Staff provided the monthly work hours and budget expenditures summary for May.</li> <li>FHWA Planning, Environment and Realty Reports, NMDOT Planning Government to Government Reports, and AASHTO Publication Updates are regularly forwarded to members as they come out.</li> </ul>		Robert Kuipers, Program Manager
<b>BACKGROUND</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Why?</b> Update RTPO members on news, training, funding, and other items of special interest</li> <li><b>Purpose.</b> Keep RTPO members up to date on critical information from NWRTPO and NMDOT sources</li> </ul>		
<b>Informational Items</b>		
<b>Regional News &amp; Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional Work Program Status Report</li> <li>RTPO Report</li> <li>Member Reports</li> </ul>		
<b>Member Special Reports:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None submitted prior to the meeting</li> </ul>		
<b>NMDOT Reports:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>G to G Liaison: Neala Krueger</li> <li>Tribal Liaison: Ron Shutiva</li> <li>District 6: JoAnn Garcia &amp; staff; District 5: vacant at this time</li> </ul>		
<b>News, Training &amp; Funding Opportunities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>FHWA Planning, Environment &amp; Realty Reports</u>: 5/14, 5/28</li> <li><u>NMDOT Govt. to Govt. Update</u>: 5/11</li> <li><u>AASHTO Publications</u>: 5/11, 5/19, 5/29</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></li> <li>Notice of <u>Updated NMDOT Policy &amp; Procedures Manual (PPM)</u> available on DOT website</li> <li><u>Tribal COVID-19 Grant</u> and <u>Tribal Transportation Program (TTP) NOFO</u> funding opportunity</li> <li><u>NM-E.D.D. Outdoor Equity Fund</u></li> <li><u>NMDOT 2024 Transportation Plan (Long Range Transportation Plan major update)</u></li> <li><u>CARES Act Grant Application opportunity</u></li> <li><u>Tribal Planning &amp; Pedestrian Safety webinar</u>: 6/23, 1:00pm – 2:15 pm for our time zone</li> <li><u>ROUTES – “Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success</u>: USDOT Secretary Elaine Chao announced this new funding source supporting rural transportation needs in America.</li> <li><u>US DOT announces \$321.4 million in “Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects”</u>: (NSFLTP) this funding will support maintenance repair or new construction for roads and bridges serving tribal or federal lands. <a href="https://www.transportation.gov/briefing-room/fhwa1519">https://www.transportation.gov/briefing-room/fhwa1519</a></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. Based on training length, we could provide it at one of our meetings.</li> <li><u>USDOT 2020 BUILD Grant</u>: funding for large / expensive projects</li> <li><u>Tran-SET Conference rescheduled for Sept. 1-2, 2020</u></li> </ul>		

**RTPO Program Report – (Significant News Only):**

Robert Kuipers – RTPO Program Manager

- Staff provided the monthly report for May which includes announcements on training and funding opportunities, and other transportation news from the recent past or near future. Staff provided the monthly work hours and budget expenditures summary for May.
- FHWA Planning, Environment and Realty Reports, NMDOT Planning Government to Government Reports, and AASHTO Publication Updates are regularly forwarded to members as they come out.

**Local Member Reports (significant news only)**

By Entity

**New news in bold**

**Pueblo of Acoma**

- Pueblo concluded project development on March 17 related to the COVID-19 pandemic; will resume project development in May, if the Pandemic subsides. **Pueblo of Acoma remained closed thru June 2; contractors are now two months behind due to COVID-19 pandemic.**
- CMGC – 4 Projects: *(request for proposals for this new bundle of projects was published 2/10/19)*
- CMGC2-1 Transportation Office Complex – Design is complete. Construction for the new building has commenced.
- CMGC2-2 SP130 Veterans Blvd. – Project is complete.
- CMGC2- 3 Baseball Fields – Design is complete; waiting on prairie dog removal before Notice to Proceed is approved and issued – construction will commence in the Spring of 2020.
- CMGC2-4 FEMA 4352 Large Projects (39) – 14 projects have been completed; work began in the southern regions of the Pueblo. All projects to be completed by June, 2020.
- All CMGC-2 Projects have been shut down due to COVID-19 precautions.
- The Pueblo is continuing on the update to their Long-Range Transportation Plan; WH Pacific will do traffic analysis counts to contribute to the Pueblo's LRTP. The Pueblo is also updating their Transportation Safety Plan at this time. Public involvement meetings are postponed due to COVID-19, which will delay completion dates for these plans.
- FEMA 4352: Small Projects: Recovery work has begun; the POA Public Works / Utility Authority was awarded the small projects (65) at \$2.2 million capital investment. 45 projects have been completed; 20 projects remain. The work was scheduled for completion by March 2020 but due to COVID-19 the completion date is pending a re-start, at which time a new completion date will be established.
- Capital Outlay: The Pueblo has proposed a restart date of May 18 to resume work.
- Mainstreet Project: The Pueblo will add several projects to the CMGC suite to include projects for housing and economic development. These would include engineering studies, NEPA, infrastructure development and engineers estimates, and renderings for each area.

**Pueblo of Zuni**

- Royce is now also the Airport Manager. Receipt of FAA grant agreement for developing an Airport Master Plan for the Andrew Othole Memorial (AOM) Airport. The master plan will be developed by the Pueblo's airport consultant – Armstrong Consultant's, Inc.
- The Pueblo continues to update its long-range transportation plan.
- **Ongoing road maintenance around the Pueblo.**
- 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.

**McKinley County**

- **The County is finishing their Local Government Road Fund projects including the Thoreau Town Site project at \$776K for cold mix overlay, for which the County has rented a milling machine.** Certifications are complete for all LGRF projects and the County is requesting an extension till Spring – 2020 to complete maintenance construction which will include **paving for CR-1 in Mentmore.**
- TIF: \$1.2 million awarded for 10 miles of Deer Springs Road improvement – project on hold until Spring of 2020 for Mexican Springs Chapter. NDOT is contributing Fuel Excise Tax funding. Funding will allow drainage improvements, five miles of gravel base improvement and three miles of chip-seal.



- TIF: \$1.3 million awarded for 18 miles of CR19 gravel and chip-seal road improvement – multiple Eastern Navajo Chapters; collaborating with NDOT for road repairs and renovation. NDOT is contributing Fuel Excise Tax funding. Project has commenced, but completion anticipated until this coming summer around weather issues.
- The County will contract out their LGTPF project for Manuelito Canyon bridge replacement and road improvements.
- The County will benefit with \$23 million for improvements to the Carbon Coal Road intersection in Gamarco with US491, which leads to the developing Energy Logistics Park (and potential Inland Port).
- **The County has completed gravelling Allison road is currently providing base course and chipseal for the Pine Haven road.**

#### Gallup

- **NOO's have been processed for the Gallup Mainstreet Project – construction anticipated to commence July 1.**
- **Nizhoni and W. Aztec improvements are currently in design.**
- 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. Project is ongoing at this time.
- The East Nizhoni Blvd. Reconstruction project was awarded LGTPF funding – the contract with NMDOT was executed by the City and the State, with the electronic copy received; awaiting the original signature.
- W. Aztec drainage legislative grant has been executed and engineering services have been awarded to begin design; notice of obligation has been submitted and approved by the state. Design in progress at this time.

#### Milan (not present this meeting)

No report submitted this month.

#### Ramah

- Acting executive director for Ramah Navajo Chapter's 638 Grants & Contract Programs issued extension shelter in place memorandum restricting travel, purchasing and reducing staff to essential employees.
- BIA Projects Update:
  - BIA 125 mp 18 – 24.6 – received 100% design plans – submitting concurrence letter to FHWA and received approval to move forward and finalize project.
  - BIA 125 MP O – 4.4 Received approval for updated cultural resources report to include a drainage pond and submitted a resolution for easement withdrawal; received approval from NNHPO on the updated cultural report and categorical exclusion.
  - BIA 195: submitted ROW documents to RN Realty Office
  - BIA 145 and BIA 113: Received draft report for BIA 145 and BIA 113.
- 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.

#### Cibola County

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

#### Grants

- Riverwalk trail: Design at 100% from WHPacific, Project is on hold for the time being.

- First Street phase 3 – Adams to Roosevelt: design at 100%; added a pond and lift station on Geis Street for drainage; allotted \$1.8 million from 2019 state legislature for final phase from Washington to Roosevelt – anticipate construction late summer of 2020. Anticipate bidding in July and construction to commence in September. Total project stands at \$6.2 million.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Street – construction is now complete. 2<sup>nd</sup> street bridge out to bid for construction in June.
- **Washington bridge replacement over 2<sup>nd</sup> Street through LGTPF funding will include a walking opportunity for High School students – out to bid in June; construction anticipated for this summer, but currently shut down around COVID-19 restrictions.**
- Lobo Canyon and Roosevelt intersection improvements are underway

#### Pueblo of Laguna

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

#### Navajo Nation – Northern Agency (not present for this meeting)

- NMDOT Safety Projects:
  - Shiprock Chapter/Navajo DOT in coordination with NMDOT are working on a school zone safety project at Hwy 64 west of Hwy 491/64 intersection. Project on NM NWRTPO List – programmed for funding on NM STIP for construction in 2023. Beyond this, DOT District 5 is working for intersection safety improvements with Beclabito, Gadihii, Tsedaakaan and Shiprock chapters for US64 up to the Arizona state line.
  - Beclabito Chapter/NDOT on safety project on Hwy 64 at MP 3.0-3.5 for street lighting. In planning stage with NMDOT District 5. The Chapter was awarded NM Capital Outlay funding for a helipad landing facility.
  - TseDaaKaan Chapter/NDOT safety project to improve Hwy 64 & N5031 Intersection. Project on NM NWRTPO list. Application was updated and submitted for HSIP funding. Earmarked for construction in NM STIP 2021.

- San Juan Chapter Bridge project connecting N36 to Hwy 64 near Hogback. The feasibility studies were completed by contractor, Wilson & Company. This project would involve coordination with NM DOT and NM State Representative, Anthony Allison and other State Legislatures to obtain additional funding for preliminary engineering studies and clearances and design.
- Upper Fruitland Chapter Safety Project at Hwy 371 & N36 Intersection for improvement. This Project was awarded through NM Capital Outlay fund to start on Design and Construction. Wilson & Company is assigned to complete the design which Navajo Nation will fund as match. Navajo Gaming assisted with advocacy of funding request. Assigned San Juan County, NM as lead agency to implement the project – construction to begin in summer - 2020.
- Sheep Springs Chapter is working on safety project to improve intersection at Hwy 491/134, to reduce traffic crashes and pedestrian cross walks. Pending with NMDOT District 6.
- Lee Engineering is providing a safety audit for Newcomb, Naschitti and Sheep Springs.
- Hwy 64 Shiprock Bridge replacement – a public hearing is set for Nov. 14 at the Shiprock Chapter
- Burnham Chapter is proposing for N5 hwy. intersection improvements.
- Newcomb Chapter is working on a low water crossing project funded through state and tribal funds – needing BIA approval for a road realignment; and pushing for street lighting along Hwy 491.
- Sanostee Chapter is also pushing for street lighting along US491.
- Road Safety Audit funding awarded to Twin Lakes, Mexican Springs and Tohatchi Chapters through the LGTPF funding opportunity from the State of New Mexico.
- San Juan – Hogback Bridge have completed feasibility studies for a new bridge.
- Shiprock Chapter is seeking a road safety audit for US491 mp. 89 – 90
- Burnham Chapter is seeking a road safety audit and N-5 / Chapter intersection improvement
- Newcomb Chapter is seeking funding for street lights along the US491 and N5001 intersection
- Sanostee Chapter is seeking funding to construct drainage infrastructure for the intersection of US491 and N-34, as well as a school zone RSA on N34
- Local Government Road Fund awards to Navajo Chapter Projects as follows:
  - Sheep Springs Chapter awarded \$50K for improvements to N5002
  - Gadihii-Tokoi Chapter awarded \$200K for chip-seal improvements to N571
  - Preliminary planning in progress for a number of school bus routes around Little Water Chapter awarded \$60K for improvements – including TR4925, TR5313, N5016, N5005, and N5092.

#### Navajo Nation – Eastern Navajo

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

- White Rock Chapter is seeking funding for an RSA on NM371
- Smith Lake Chapter is seeking funding for an RSA and street lighting for the NM371 and N49 intersection
- NDOT is updating their agreements with Counties in NM, AZ and Utah at this time.
- NDOT completed a safety plan for the Arizona Counties side of the Navajo Nation – hope to do the same on the NM side for Northern Navajo, Eastern Navajo, and the New Mexico side of Ft. Defiance Agency.

**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)

**New news in bold**

**Multimodal Planning & Programs Bureau – Neala Krueger**

- NMDOT is reviewing NWRTPO's FFY2021-2022 Regional Work Program and will provide feedback (if any) by June 15<sup>th</sup>; the final RWP is due to NMDOT on July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Lee Engineering emailed stakeholders the final US-491 Road Safety Audit Report and appendix on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. This RSA comprised Naschitti, Newcomb, and Sheep Springs communities and was funded via HSIP. Any further questions, response letters, or letters of support can be directed to Neala Krueger ([neala.krueger@state.nm.us](mailto:neala.krueger@state.nm.us)). Feedback from the Navajo Chapters is still pending.
- The NMDOT Long Range Transportation Plan website/portal is available at <https://newmexico2045plan.com/>. Please complete the survey. Also, share your feedback, thoughts, and ideas through the "Contact Us" form. In light of COVID-19, stakeholder workshops will be conducted this summer through a virtual, webinar format. NMDOT is currently looking to schedule the workshops during the weeks of July 13 or July 20.
- NMDOT sent NWRTPO staff the Quality Assurance Review (QAR) report results on May 27. The QAR noted that NWRTPO staff and committee is high performing and deserving of commendation on their work products, outputs, innovation and collaboration.
- NMDOT Planning is undertaking a Pedestrian Safety Action Plan. A public survey and input map is available at: <https://nmpedplan.altaplanning.cloud/#/>

**NMDOT Tribal Liaison – Ron Shutiva**

- Ron is concerned about improvements needed for the US64 Shiprock School Zone corridor – NDOT is non-responsive, and support and input is needed from NDOT before the state moves forward with safety improvements.
- Ron has sent out statewide Tribal Contacts for 2020 and put them on the DOT website.
- Ron now has an office in Albuquerque along with an office in Santa Fe.
- I-40 Safety projects are coming to the Laguna Acoma area, including the exit 114 bridge.
- Many tribes benefited from the recent LGTPF funding opportunity – which is now called the Transportation Project Fund from the State of New Mexico. New funding from this source not anticipated until FFY2021.
- Ron brought up Tribal Lands funding and ROUTES funding now available.
- A Road Dust webinar is forthcoming. COVID-19 webinars are available from the NM Governor.
- The Pueblo Cultural Center in Albuquerque has a "Pueblo Relief Fund" available, and around \$300K has already been distributed. Go to [PuebloReliefFund.org](http://PuebloReliefFund.org).
- Ron reported on the NM118 drainage analysis that took place between the Iyanbito and Ft. Wingate I-40 intersections at previous meetings. Ron indicated he feels that **NM118 drainage issues remain unresolved to this day (in spite of two studies!) and the Navajo Nation DOT remains non-responsive!**
- Ron shared concern regarding the lack of an NDOT Eastern Navajo representative – they are putting a lot of pressure on Larry Joe!

**NMDOT District 5**

- WHPacific is being contracted for a study on needed road and intersection improvements on US 64 – MP 0 – 20 (which includes the Shiprock School Zone). This project will be divided into two phases funded separately and in the 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.
- The District is looking at the need to replace the aging Shiprock San Juan River bridge.
- **New Reports from James Mexia and Stephanie Medina:**
- **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.**
- **D-5 staff are drafting Coop Agreements at this time to get out to local governments.**

#### NMDOT District 6 (not present this meeting)

- JoAnn Garcia reminded members to check up on their Capital Outlay projects in the CPM system, to make sure their projects are submitted and up to date, with the required minimal 5% match.
- For Local Government Road Fund projects – the District needs certifications for all projects – many RTPPO members are not following LGRF guidance for project development and are trying to close out projects without having reported progress to the DOT or following what the program requires – this could jeopardize funding, and DOT District 6 urges follow up with their staff. Have contractors apply to be on the State list as pre-qualified contractors. Using a non-state-qualified contractor could also jeopardize project funding!
- Members are encouraged to follow up with NMDOT District 6 – JoAnn Garcia regarding their LGTPF projects.
- Bill Santiago reminded members that Local Government Road Fund projects have been submitted to Santa Fe – once approved, the District will draft agreements for local governments. LGTPF funding is going out to local governments.

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

- None this meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, July 8, 2020 to be held at the San Juan Fire Operations Center at 209 S. Oliver Drive in Aztec; **in the event COVID-19 restrictions are not lifted, the meeting will revert to virtual via conference call.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Dave Deutsawe (Acoma) moved and Alicia Santiago (Gallup) seconded approval of this formal amendment. Motion carried by acclamation.

#### MEETING ACTIONS:

##### RTPPO Members:

- *RTPPO Meeting Schedule:* Review and confirm RTPPO Meeting Schedule and confirm in advance if meetings cannot be held in person due to COVID-19 restrictions.

##### RTPPO Staff:

- *Annual Agenda Meeting Guide:* Finalize and distribute to members for review and comment at next meeting.
- *Retirement:* Thank Stan Henderson for his years of service to the RTPPO and region.
- *RTPPO Orientation Video:* Produce and distribute a video for members and governing bodies.
- RTPPO staff will be updating our *Regional (long-range) Transportation Plan* this year with completion anticipated for FFY2020 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, or FFY2021 1<sup>st</sup> quarter.

##### NMDOT Staff:

- *T/LPA Handbook Training:* This training has already been announced and provided throughout the state for the Handbook update – some of our RTPPO members have attended already. Is it possible to have an abbreviated training at an upcoming meeting or to video this training so that all NWRTPPO members can access it. (Jolene Herrera) RTPPO staff will follow up with Ms. Herrera on this.
- *New Mexico Transportation Plan Update:* Members can review the plan's roll out schedule and status at the project website: <https://newmexico2045plan.com/>

**This meeting was conducted via conference call, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.**





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

**Agenda Item #V: 2020 NWRTPO Quality Assurance Review**

**Subject:** Annual Review of NWRTPO scheduled Regional Work Program deliverables for planning products, financial & contractual management, reporting, membership, public awareness & access to meetings, staff & member training, and overall organization of files and governing documents.

**Prepared for:** July 8, 2020 meeting – report to members

**Date:** 6/29/20

**BACKGROUND**

- **Why?** RTPO staff are responsible for managing NWRTPO meeting agendas, minutes, governing documents, financial investments, public awareness and access, member govt. participation, staff/member training investments, funding opportunities and monitoring / reporting for our region's development and maintenance of transportation infrastructure and services.
- **Purpose.** To assure the NWRTPO provides efficient and effective collaboration and service to our region's participating governments, for the development and maintenance of transportation infrastructure and services
- **Discussion/Finalization.** RTPO members and their respective local governments will have a better understanding of how the NWRTPO helps serve transportation development, services and maintenance in a manner that equitably distributes resources on behalf of all our member governments, and promotes cross-jurisdictional collaboration for regional transportation priorities.

**CURRENT WORK**

- Report on the NWRTPO QAR review for FFY2019 – FFY2020 cycle

**ANTICIPATED WORK**

- The annual QAR reviews and assures that the NWRTPO responsibly and equitably helps our regional local governments access resources and develop / maintain infrastructure and services based on vetted local and regional transportation priorities.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 2019 – 2020 QAR Review document

**BUDGET IMPACT**

- None

**ACTION ITEM**

- N/A

**NMDOT Asset Management and Planning Division  
Statewide Planning Bureau – Government to Government Unit  
Annual Quality Assurance Review of RTPOs  
Checklist and Report**

**Initial QAR Meeting:**

Entity (RTPO): Northwest RTPO (NWRTPO)	Reviewer: Neala Krueger, NMDOT NWRTPO Liaison
	Review date: April 17, 2020 (via telephone conference and SharePoint)
Personnel interviewed (list names and positions): Robert Kuipers, RTPO Program Manager; Evan Williams, NWNM COG Executive Director; Martina Whitmore, Administrative Assistant	

**QAR Follow-Up Meeting (if applicable):**

Entity (RTPO):	Reviewer:
	Review date:
Personnel interviewed (list names and positions):	

**1. Summarize results of agency audit, including any findings for the year ending June 30, 2019.**

Provide context for any quotes, indicating the audit section in which the finding is found.

Additionally, review the Single Audit Section and highlight any findings related to the SPR grant:

The NM Office of the State Auditor released the 2019 annual financial audit for the Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments (NWNMCOG) on 01/06/2020. Patillo, Brown & Hill, L.L.P., conducted the audit. Opinion for Major Federal Programs was Not Applicable. Therefore, there were no audit findings that were required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a).

The audit identified one finding:

**2019-001 Chief Procurement Officer (Other Non-Compliance)**

**Condition:** It was noted that the Council did not have a Chief Procurement Officer in place the year ended June 30, 2019.

**Management's Response:** Council management did register staff several times in 2019 for the Procurement Certification training offered in New Mexico and has been wait listed twice as demands for this course exceeds opportunities. Council management will continue to register for training in 2020 and plans to be certified.

**Action:** Since the audit finding, NWNMCOG has sent Martina Whitmore to Chief Procurement Officer (CPO) training. She received her Chief Procurement Certification in February 2020.

Additionally, the audit is:      Current ☒      On file ☒      Linked via the website ☒

General summary: See above

Concerns/Issues: No concerns given the audit finding was quickly resolved.

Best Practices: NWNMCOG has implemented internal control over financials and established procedures and oversight to ensure that all federal program expenditures are consistently monitored, reported, and occur within the grant award period.

Follow-Up Needed On: N/A
Notes from Follow-Up QAR:

**2. Planning Products – are the following current, on file and posted to the website (PDF)?**

Current	On file <sup>1</sup>	Posted to the website	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Regional Work Program (RWP)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Regional TIP Recommendations (RTIPR)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public Participation Plan (PPP) (update every 5 yrs)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Title VI Plan with contact person identified (update every 3 yrs) <sup>2</sup>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Annual Performance and Expenditure Report (APER)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other plans ( <i>list below</i> )

General summary: The core NWRTPO planning products are well organized and easily found on the NWRTPO website (<http://www.nwnmcog.com/rtpo.html>) via the Important Documents webpage. The Zuni Mountains Trail & Conservation Master Plan is available. NWRTPO RTP will be updated in 2020, in coordination with the New Mexico 2045 Plan. All files were available to me via SharePoint, illustrating the Planning products are filed electronically and methodically on the COG's common drive.

Concerns/Issues: N/A

Best Practices: NWRTPO applies edits to their RTP routinely; recent updates of the adopted 2015 RTP occurred in June 2017 and August 2018. This practice will enable a more efficient 2020 RTP update.

Follow-Up Needed On: N/A

Notes from Follow-Up QAR:

**3. Boards/Committees - are the following current, on file and posted to the website?**

Current	On File	Posted to the website	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bylaws
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Members, including Chair and Vice Chair
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Schedule of meetings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Agendas (posted to website 72 hours prior to meeting)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Meeting minutes (for the past 2 years)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Approved documents (i.e. signed resolutions)

General summary: Most information is easily accessed via the NWRTPO website. The Annual Meeting Schedule, Agendas and Meeting minutes are available on the RTPO Meetings webpage. Generally, agendas are emailed to committee members and posted to the website a week in advance. Physical copies are available at the COG office and at in-person committee meetings. Relevant Committee documents are certified and/or have appended resolutions. Meeting minutes record approval of the previous meeting's minutes.

<sup>1</sup> 'On file' assumes an electronic copy; hard copies are optional.

<sup>2</sup> Title VI Contact may be a specific person that works at the entity; it may also be a position that is routinely filled (e.g. HR Director); ideally the contact information should be stable (e.g. [ADA.TitleVI@xxcog.org](mailto:ADA.TitleVI@xxcog.org) or a general phone number) so that even if the person leaves, the contact information stays active.

All files were available to me via SharePoint, illustrating that NWRTPO Committee documents are filed electronically and methodically on the COG's shared drive.
Concerns/Issues: Stand-alone signed resolutions should be posted to the website to show the public the various actions taken by NWRTPO. An example is Resolution No. 2015-02 supporting the RTP. This Resolution is appended to the posted RTP; however, it should also be available as an independent document on the website.
Best Practices: In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, on 04/8/20 NWRTPO Amended and Approved their Bylaws to allow for virtual meetings when meeting in-person is difficult or impossible.
Follow-Up Needed On: RTPO to post stand-alone signed resolutions to the website.
Notes from Follow-Up QAR:

#### 4. Financials - Reporting and Documentation

- ☒ Reimbursement Packets consistently submitted in a timely, complete, and accurate fashion?
- ☒ Reimbursement Packets include cover letters, Quarterly Reports, Budget Reports, Expenditure Summary, Invoices and supporting documentation? Are these provided with the Reimbursement Packets and maintained on file? Does the RTPO charge allocated costs consistently with what is included in the RWP Budget?
  - Budget Report: track expenditures by line item as defined by task in the RWP budget
  - Expenditure Summary: provide a summary of federal funds expended plus local match paid, by quarter
- ☒ Is the documentation on file, well-organized, and accessible?
  - Security: what measures does the RTPO take to ensure their IT systems are secure? (explain below)

General summary: NWRTPO's Corrective Action Plan (CAP) was closed on 11/07/2019 after the final open finding, Finding # 5, "Incomplete or incorrect information included in reimbursement packets" was rectified; the NWRTPO reimbursement packets for FFY2019 Q1 through FFY2019 Q4 were submitted in a timely, complete, and accurate fashion enabling NMDOT to close the CAP. The reimbursement packets for FFY2020 Q1 and FF2020 Q2 continued to be timely, complete, and accurate. All files were available to me via SharePoint, illustrating the documentation is filed electronically and methodically on the COG's common drive. NWRTPO also keeps hard copies in filing cabinets.
Concerns/Issues: No reoccurring or ongoing financial issues since NMDOT closed NWRTPO's CAP on 11/07/2019.
Best Practices: NWNMCOG has implemented internal control over financials and has established an internal review process so that NWRTPO quarterly reimbursement packages are sufficiently vetted and checked for accuracy before submitting to NMDOT.
Follow-Up Needed On: N/A
Notes from Follow-Up QAR:

- A. Timesheets and Timesheet Summary** - All RTPO staff who charge time to a federally funded task are required to maintain internal, accurate, and current time records using database and spreadsheets comparable to the RTPO Time Tracking workbook provided in the Planning Procedures Manual. GTG Liaison must randomly test a week to ensure the

timesheets are on file and that they match what was included in that reimbursement packet.

- ☒ Is the RTPD able to provide access to timesheets?
- ☒ Is the amount of time spent on RTPD duties and billed to FHWA funds clearly indicated?

General summary: NWNMCOG uses Clicktime for timesheets, customized to allow employees to record time by work program function. This also applies to staff working on multiple programs within the COG; Clicktime can track and record all time and bill to the proper program. Within Clicktime, staff also provides a narrative substantiating hours worked. Clicktime generated staff work activity reports for FFY 2018 through FFY 2020 Q2 were available electronically via SharePoint.

Concerns/Issues: N/A

Best Practices: N/A

Follow-Up Needed On: N/A

[Notes from Follow-Up QAR:](#)

**B. Contract Awards**

- ☒ No Contract Awards during the time period covered by this QAR

OR:

- ☐ Published Notice in Newspaper for Invitation for Bid or Request for Proposals (RFP) (advertisement), copy of ad
- ☐ Bidder's list at bid opening-Company(s) and quotation sheet(s); or copies of proposals received
- ☐ Award Letter, "NOTICE OF AWARD"/"NOTICE TO PROCEED" Forms
- ☐ All subsequent notices: starts, suspends, resumes, and completions
- ☐ Copy of fully executed Contract on file
- ☐ All invoicing (copies) for contractors, vendors, suppliers

General summary: N/A

Concerns/Issues: N/A

Best Practices: N/A

Follow-Up Needed On: N/A

[Notes from Follow-Up QAR:](#)

**C. Inventory of capital assets acquired with Federal Aid Highway Program funds valued at \$5,000 and greater**

- ☒ Not applicable

OR:

- ☐ Are there property records that include a description of the property, serial or other identification number, source of property, who holds title, acquisition date, cost of property, percentage of Federal participation, location, use and condition of property and ultimate disposition data including date of disposal and sale price?
- ☐ Is there a physical inventory of the property with results reconciled with property records (at least once every 2 years)?



- ☐ Is there a control system developed to ensure adequate safeguards to prevent loss, damage or theft of property? If there was an occurrence did NMDOT investigate and what were the results of that investigation?
- ☐ Are there adequate maintenance procedures developed to keep property in good condition?

Note: Disposition of items of equipment at current, per-unit, fair market value in excess of \$5,000 may be retained or sold and the awarding agency (FHWA) has the right to an amount calculated by multiplying the current market value or proceeds from sale by awarding agency's share of the equipment.

General summary: N/A
Concerns/Issues: N/A
Best Practices: N/A
Follow-Up Needed On: N/A
Notes from Follow-Up QAR:

#### 5. Structure/Intergovernmental & Other Agreements

Current    On file

- ☒    ☒    Is the Cooperative Agreement with NMDOT current and on file?  
☐    ☐    Other (*list below*)

General summary: The current Cooperative Agreement on file covers FFY2019-2022 (updated by NMDOT on 6/25/19).
Concerns/Issues: N/A
Best Practices: N/A
Follow-Up Needed On: N/A
Notes from Follow-Up QAR:

#### 6. Staff & Board/Committee Member Training and Professional Development

- ☒ Is there a training/professional development plan for RTPO staff and how is it being implemented?
- ☐ Have all RTPO staff attended the basic NHI courses when offered [e.g. Federal-Aid Highways 101 (last offered spring 2014), Highway Program Funding (last offered winter 2016)]?
- ☒ Has the RTPO Program Manager attended a NM Open Meetings Act training?
- ☒ Is the RTPO following the RWP training plan for Board/Committee Members? Are additional resources needed to implement the training plan?
  - What is the outreach to non-participating members? (*Detail below*)

General summary: NWNMCOG has a listing of suggested conferences, training and webinars; this is where RTPO staff documents and tracks trainings completed. The training plan indicates that NWRTPO staff completed and received a certification of completion for FHWA-NHI 151052 Basics of Transportation Planning on 08/24/17. NWRTPO staff and members encourage training and professional development opportunities at Committee meetings and via email. The NWRTPO is an engaged committee with regular member attendance; however, there is a high turnover rate. As such, NWRTPO will contact government representatives that are new or have been non-participatory to encourage attendance and gauge their commitment to the RTPO. NWRTPO staff administers

a Member Satisfaction Survey yearly, which also tracks member training; unfortunately, there is a low survey response rate
Concerns/Issues: N/A
Best Practices: N/A
Follow-Up Needed On: NWRTPO staff to attend NHI courses Federal-Aid Highways 101 and Highway Program Funding when offered again.
Notes from Follow-Up QAR:

**7. Public Involvement & Outreach/Environmental Justice/Title VI**

- ☒ Is public attendance at meetings encouraged and tracked?
- ☒ Is public input received, addressed, and documented?
- ☒ Is there outreach to Environmental Justice/minority communities?
- ☒ Do meetings comply with the NM Open Meetings Act?
- ☐ Are Environmental Justice and Title VI complaints documented, addressed and tracked?
- ☐ Is NMDOT GTG Liaison informed of all complaints and resolution in a timely manner?

General summary: Meetings are advertised publicly as required, on an annual basis in the Gallup Independent and monthly in the Cibola Citizen newspaper. Attendance is tracked with sign-in sheets. Public input is welcome and documented in the "New Business/Open Floor" section of the Committee Meeting Minutes. All procedures are consistent with the Open Meetings Act and meeting locations are ADA compliant. NWRTPO has received no EJ/Title VI complaints to date. The Title VI Plan is up to date.
Concerns/Issues: N/A
Best Practices: In NWNM, the preponderance of the population is comprised of minority and/or Environmental Justice communities. As such, meetings rotate to different locations within the RTPO area to reach these different communities and encourage public participation. The recent virtual Committee Meetings, conducted via teleconference due to COVID-19, have had high attendance rates.
Follow-Up Needed On: N/A
Notes from Follow-Up QAR:

**8. Tracking local-lead projects – how is the RTPO Program Manager doing this?**

General summary: RTPO members report on both NMDOT lead and local lead projects, and implementation progress at each monthly meeting.
Concerns/Issues: N/A
Best Practices: N/A
Follow-Up Needed On: N/A
Notes from Follow-Up QAR:

**9. Nonconformance issues during the time period since the last QAR:**

- ☐ Have there been nonconformance issues (per PPM) since the last QAR?
- ☐ If so, is there a Corrective Action Plan underway?

NWRTPO was under a corrective action plan (CAP) as a result of an OIG audit conducted in 2016. The CAP was closed on 11/07/2019 after Finding # 5, "Incomplete or incorrect information included in reimbursement packets," was rectified.

**10. Overall organization:**

- ☒ Are files organized, easy to find and backed up?
- ☒ Does COG/EDD have a shared drive everyone uses or are files stored on separate PCs?
  - How are files/documents archived? (*Detail below*)

General summary: The COG uses a shared drive to store files and records, which includes protective technology. Files are logically organized and easy to find. Servers are backed up every evening. Once a year, a complete copy of the server is made.

Concerns/Issues: N/A

Best Practices: N/A

Follow-Up Needed On: N/A

Notes from Follow-Up QAR:

**11. Additional notes and comments (concerns or commendations):**

NWRTPO is high performing and deserving of commendation on their work products, outputs and innovation. For example, on 04/13/20 NWRTPO applied for and was subsequently awarded SP&R funds for a Prewitt Area Transportation Plan. NWRTPO has been an important Stakeholder for NMDOT led projects including but not limited to the Gallup Area Transportation Safety Plan and multiple Road Safety Audits. The NWRTPO effectively managed the Local Government Transportation Fund Call for Projects, which helped secure significant funding for T/LPAs in the region. Furthermore, the NWRTPO Committee is engaged and collaborative.

**12. GTG Liaison: Please provide a summary of the review, including issues/findings and follow up needed, along with a timeline for RTPo to address any findings.**

The review was effective and efficient. NWRTPO staff was well organized and provided necessary QAR files via SharePoint. The teleconference was succinct given NWRTPO's QAR preparation.

The 2020 QAR revealed one issue. Signed resolutions, independent from the document, are currently unavailable on NWRTPO's website. Resolutions need to be posted to NWRTPO's website and maintained moving forward. NMODT will follow-up in August 2020 to ensure resolutions are uploaded to the website.

NWRTPO staff should attend NHI courses Federal-Aid Highways 101 and Highway Program Funding when offered again.

Prior year findings and corresponding follow-up items related to internal financial controls and accuracy of Quarterly Reimbursement Packets have been resolved.

Follow-up Recommendations for next QAR:

**Review and Sign-off**

Final Submitted to GTG Supervisor on (DATE) Neala Krueger, 5/27/2020
Reviewed and Approved by (NAME) on (DATE) Rosa Kozub, 5/27/2020
Final Report (pdf) emailed to RTPO on (DATE) 5/27/2020



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

**Agenda Item #VI: NWRTPO 2020 Regional (long-range)  
Transportation Plan Update**

**Subject:** NWRTPO RTP Update – process, outline and schedule

**Prepared for:** NWRTPO Report – Robert Kuipers

**Date:** 6/4/20

**BACKGROUND**

- **Why?** The NWRTPO makes minor updates to its Regional Transportation Plan every year; but every 5 years the NWRTPO undertakes a more major update to its RTP in sync. with NMDOT's LRTP update.
- **Purpose.** This year the NWRTPO will undertake a more significant update to our Regional Transportation Plan, and try to some extent to coordinate / synchronize our priorities with those represented within the NM-LRTP update that have appeal or utility within our region.
- **Discussion/Finalization.** Members will be provided 1) a concise summary and 2) a more detailed summary outlining the process and schedule for our RTP update.

**CURRENT WORK**

- Members will be encouraged to familiarize with our Regional Transportation Plan on the NWNM Council of Governments website, and consider what interests their respective regional govt. jurisdiction may have for inclusion in our more significant RTP update this year.

**ANTICIPATED WORK**

- Members will be asked to consider and contribute toward updating our RTP this year to insure that their respective interests are represented in the final document – anticipating completion in September or October, 2020.
- Members will be **particularly asked to update their govt. jurisdiction's priorities** for Appendix 2 – Public Outreach Report, which cites forthcoming priorities for both our region (p.85) and our respective NWRTPO Member Governments pp. 86 – 103. It will be important for our respective members to **execute update recommendations for this section within specified timelines**; those who do not respond will be left out. These new priorities can reflect both current RTIPR project priorities, as well as new prioritized directions or interests that participating member governments wish to pursue for multi-modal transportation maintenance or development.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- Quick Summary – FFY2020 NWRTPO Regional Transportation Plan Update.
- General Schedule for NWRTPO Regional Transportation Plan Update.

**BUDGET IMPACT**

- None

**ACTION ITEM**

- N/A



## **Quick Summary – FFY2020 NWRTPO Regional Transportation Plan Update**

**1) June 10 Virtual Meeting:** Members will vote to approve and authorize the 2020 NWRTPO Regional Transportation Plan update process and schedule.

**2) June – July:**

- a) RTPO Staff will review the various sections of our NWRTPO Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) to consider what old information can go and what new information may be needed, and consult RTPO members at our monthly meetings before making any changes.
- b) RTPO staff will: 1) revise and update our stakeholder list for the RTP update; and 2) develop a survey for a) RTPO members, b) regional stakeholders, and c) the general public to gather information and perspectives regarding the NWRTPO RTP update, pertaining to the various sections and any needed / recommended updates.
- c) Staff will 1) use conference call opportunities and the surveys to help guide the RTP updates due to the impact on actual meetings related to the COVID 19 pandemic restrictions. 2) Advise RTPO members, stakeholders and the public on where on the NWNMCOG website RTPO section the RTP can be viewed, related to ongoing updates. ([www.nwnmcog.com](http://www.nwnmcog.com) / Programs / Transportation Planning / Important Doc.s / NWRTPO Planning Doc.s / N.W. RTP Updated 8/18)

**3) July – August:**

- a) Staff will undertake updates to the NWRTPO RTP based on feedback received from RTPO members, area stakeholders, and the general public; along with new trends evidenced in the NMDOT Long Range Transportation Plan (NM-LRTP) update.
- b) Staff will follow up with RTPO members at monthly meetings on any updates, as conducted in the RTP, to assure, clarify and define any guiding verbiage questions or concerns. Staff will undertake the same process with regional stakeholders and the general public that participate.

**4) September – October:**

- a) Staff will finalize the 2020 RTP updates for review by RTPO members, regional stakeholders, and the participating public, to accept, consider and report any final edits.
- b) Staff will present the final RTP update to RTPO members at the monthly RTPO meeting for RTPO member policy action on approving and authorizing the final RTP product.

**5) Reference the “General Schedule for NWRTPO – RTP Plan Update” for a more detailed summary of the various sections of our RTP which include:**

- Existing and Future Conditions – pp. 2 – 31
- Transportation System Overview – pp. 32 – 39
- Regional Goals & Strategies – pp. 40 – 65
- Next Steps – pp. 66 – 68
- Appendix 1 – Public Involvement Process – pp. 70 – 83
- Appendix 2 – Public Outreach Report – pp. 84 – 103
- Appendix 3 – Public Comments Summary – pp. 104 – 107
- Appendix 4 – Alternative Projects Flowcharts – pp. 108 – 112
- Appendix 5 – Resiliency – pp. 113 – 116
- Appendix 6 – Resolutions – pp. 117 – 119

## General Schedule for NWRTPO Regional Transportation Plan Update

### 1) June 10 NWRTPO Virtual Meeting:

- Initial presentation of the NWRTPO schedule for our Regional Transportation Plan Update and approval / authorization from RTPO members.
- Staff are already collecting information from NMDOT to update various sections of the current RTP.

### 2) June thru August or September:

- Staff will be updating the various sections of our Northwest Regional Transportation Plan (NWRTP) as needed or appropriate including:
- Existing & Future Conditions – pp. 2 – 31, which provide:
  - An overview of the NWRTPO Region pp. 3-7
  - Demographics – pp. 8 – 11
  - Industries & Economy – pp. 12 - 17
  - Land Use and Communities – pp. 18 – 22
  - Safety – pp. 23 – 28
  - Public Health – pp. 29 – 31
- Transportation System Overview – pp. 32 - 39:
  - General Overview – (*Key Routes, Scenic Byways, Airports, Rail Lines, Transit Service, Border Crossings*) pp. 33 - 34
  - Roadway System by Tier pp. 35 – 36
  - Transit System – p. 37
  - Freight – pp. 38 – 39
  - Recreation & Tourism – p. 39
- Regional Goals & Strategies – pp. 40 – 65:
  - Includes Five Goals and associated strategies for implementation:
  - Goal # 1 – Operate with Transparency & Accountability – pp. 43 – 46
  - Goal #2 - Improve Safety of all System Users – pp. 47 – 49
  - Goal #3 – Preserve & Maintain our Transportation Assets for Long-Term – pp. 50 – 53
  - Goal # 4 – Provide Multimodal Access & Connectivity for Community Prosperity – pp. 54 – 59; *this is the section where staff may incorporate economic opportunity zone information.*
  - Goal #5 – Respect New Mexico's Cultures, Environment, History, Health & Quality of Life – pp. 60 – 65
- Next Steps – pp. 66 – 68 (describes the RTIPR and STIP process)  
These updates may require consultation with our members, DOT staff, and other regional stakeholders. RTPO staff will report progress with these updates at monthly RTPO meetings.

### 3) Appendices:

- **Appendix #1 – Public Involvement Process – pp. 70 – 83 – July thru August / September:**
  - RTPO staff will invite the public to participate in either actual or virtual RTPO meetings, or hold separate advertised meetings to engage public opinion either by actual or virtual meetings depending on pandemic status. The intent is to gain public and stakeholder opinion of a) existing conditions or concerns, b) vision and anticipated challenges, c) strategic direction for future development.
- **Appendix #2 – Public Outreach Report – pp. 84 – 103:**
  - This appendix will update a regional priorities summary from RTPO members, stakeholders and the public.
  - Provide a general summary of Public comments obtained for each virtual or actual meeting
  - **In this section we will ask our member governments to update their project priorities – as cited in our RTIPR, along with other multi-modal transportation priorities they have in mind for the future – as well as recommendations from public outreach.**
- **Appendix # 3 – Public Comments Summary – pp. 104 – 107:** this section will summarize comments received from the public for our current RTP update – previous information in this section will be taken out if accomplished – or left in if not accomplished, and any new comments from the public will be added.
- **Appendix #4 – Alternative Projects Flowcharts – pp. 108 – 112:** this section will largely remain the same, as it represents an ongoing process describing opportunities for a) federal funding available on a biennial basis thru the NMDOT for our regional projects, or b) alternative funding processes from other funding sources for projects that do not qualify for federal funding thru the state.
- **Appendix #5 – Resiliency – pp. 113 – 116 –** this section will also remain the same as not much has changed for our region in terms of human or natural impacts upon our transportation infrastructure; unless thru stakeholder or public involvement any new ideas come forward.
- **Appendix #6 – Resolutions – pp. 117 – 119:** This section will include the final supporting resolutions for the RTP update from a) the NWRTPO, and b) the NWNMCOG.



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**Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization  
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**Agenda Item #VII: RTIPR Revision Process and Timeline**

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

**Prepared for: Discussion with NWRTPO members regarding progress  
with PFF's for the 2020 RTIPR Revision**

**Date: 6/29/20**

**BACKGROUND**

- **Why?** Every two years (biennial basis) the NWRTPO engages a Call for Projects process to invite new projects into the NWRTPO RTIPR for our local municipal, tribal and county member governments. This process engages a series of document forms and meetings to assure that proposed new projects are both local / regional priorities and qualify for state and federal funding.
- **Purpose.** To engage the NWRTPO members in discussion on progress with Project Feasibility Forms to qualify new projects for inclusion in the FFY2021 RTIPR for the NWRTPO.
- **Discussion/Finalization.** **There will not be a formal Call for Projects in FFY2020:** the NWRTPO will simply update the RTIPR with PFF's for new projects or phases due at our October 14 meeting.

**CURRENT WORK**

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

**ANTICIPATED WORK**

- RTPO members will discuss progress with eliminating funded projects or phases in the current RTIPR, and inserting new projects or phases via PFF's for the FFY2020 – FFY2021 NWRTPO RTIPR revision.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- RTIPR Revision Timeline

**BUDGET IMPACT**

- None.

**ACTION ITEM**

- No action needed

## NWRTPO Timeline

### RTIPR Revision

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<b>Technical Assistance,</b> Contact the NWRTPO to set up a time and place with District staff.	July – September	NWRTPO & District Staff
<b>Project Feasibility Forms (PFF) Due</b> (Must be submitted by appropriate RTPO Member)	October 14	NWRTPO Members
<b>RTPO Staff review of PFFs for completeness</b>	October - November	NWRTPO Staff
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**NORTHWEST REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (NWRTPO)**



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



## NWRTPO Timeline

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## Northwest New Mexico RTPO PROJECT FEASIBILITY FORM (PFF)

For assistance, contact Robert Kuipers, RTPO Planner,  
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### GENERAL INFORMATION

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

Project Title: [Enter Project name](#)

Requesting Entity: [Enter Entity name](#)

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

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

Phone: [Enter phone #](#)

Email: [Enter email address](#)

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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

ROADWAY ☐

TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE ☐ ([Information on Eligible Types of Recreational Trails & Transportation Alternative Projects](#))

BRIDGE ☐

SAFETY ☐

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

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

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

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

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

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

STUDY/PLANNING ☐

PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING ☐

DESIGN ☐

CONSTRUCTION ☐

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT & TESTING ☐

## NATIONAL PERFORMANCE GOALS

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

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

- (1) Safety ☐
- (2) Infrastructure Condition ☐
- (3) Congestion Reduction ☐
- (4) System Reliability ☐
- (5) Freight Movement & Economic Vitality ☐
- (6) Environmental Sustainability ☐
- (7) Reduced Project Delivery Delays ☐
- (8) System Connectivity ☐

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

Begin typing here. Box will expand as needed.

### PROJECT COSTS

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



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### DISTRICT 6 REVIEW:

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

By: Enter Name

Date: Click here to enter a date.

Recommended: Yes / No

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Type District Comments here.**

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## NORTHWEST NEW MEXICO RTPD

Recommends that:

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

## Topics to discuss during PFF consultation meetings:

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



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**Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization  
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**Agenda Item #VIII: Reports, Updates & Announcements**

**Subject:** Discussion / Presentation Items

**Prepared by:** Robert Kuipers, NWRTPO

**Date:** 6/29/20

**BACKGROUND**

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

**Informational Items**

**Regional News & Updates**

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

**Member Special Reports:**

- None submitted prior to the meeting

**NMDOT Reports:**

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

**News, Training & Funding Opportunities:**

- FHWA Planning, Environment & Realty Reports: 6/11, 6/24, 6/25 and 6/25 again
- NMDOT Govt. to Govt. Update: 6/8/20
- AASHTO Publications: 6/9, 6/19, 5/29
- 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)
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- Tran-SET Conference rescheduled for Sept. 1-2, 2020



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## NWRTPO | Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization

### Monthly Report – June, 2020

- A. Local Government Transportation Project Fund:** The State of New Mexico recently initiated a new LGTPF fund to support transportation needs across New Mexico, complimenting the ongoing Local Govt. Road Fund. This fund provides \$50 million statewide and is not restrained by federal functional classification requirements. In 2019 a total of 22 projects were submitted from the NWRTPO, (along with 2 from the SWRTPO and 4 from the MRRTPPO) – totaling 28 projects for the DOT Dist. 6 region. The NWRTPO region was awarded just over \$12 million. Eleven member governments of the NWRTPO and Farmington MPO were funded for 14 projects which are now underway. **Presently funding for LGTPF projects is not anticipated until FFY2021; nonetheless, the NWRTPO will program and prioritize current (remaining / unfunded from FFY2019) and any new LGTPF projects within the FFY2020 biennial RTIPR.** The LGTPF Fund has been officially renamed to the Local Transportation Project Fund (LTPF) and now officially includes Tribal communities.
- B. GIS Data Gathering, Mapping and Compiling Work:** COG staff Carrie House continues to provide technical assistance and GIS mapping for development of 66 new miles of recreational trails in the Zuni Mountains in McKinley and Cibola Counties during FFY18 – FFY21; and continues contributing GIS mapping for regional transportation infrastructure. RTPO staff need to follow up with our three Pueblos – Laguna, Acoma and Zuni regarding the opportunity to include their transportation mapping and data into our regional portfolio, based on what each Pueblo is willing to share. The NWCOG was the only New Mexico recipient of a NADO Impact Award for the ongoing development of recreational trails in the Zuni Mountains of McKinley and Cibola Counties.
- C. NMDOT LRTP and NWRTPO Regional Transportation Plan:** RTPO staff have conducted annual updates to our R.T.P. at this time, and anticipate more updates in the months ahead, as the NMDOT (State plan) has come into the 4/5-year major update cycle. Our RTPO may not need major updates to our plan, as we update it on an annual basis; **nonetheless, staff will undertake a more comprehensive update with RTPO members June -- September or October, in sync. with the NMDOT LRTP update.**
- D. Scenic Byway Program is back:** President Trump signed the “Reviving America’s Scenic Byways Act of 2019” into law re-establishing the Scenic Byway Program but presently without funding. Nonetheless this provides the NWRTPO the opportunity to undertake a demanding process to pursue national designation for parts of our New Mexico byway portion. RTPO and COG staff have completed and 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 hope this application gets parts of our New Mexico corridor nationally designated; then we can work on Arizona. Historically across the nation regions who achieved national scenic byway status have enjoyed a major and positive impact on tourism and resulting economic growth. With the return of the federal Scenic Byway Program after a multi-year period when the program went away, **we have reconstructed the TOA Byway Council for New Mexico, and if awarded designation as a national byway, the Council will have a more challenging responsibility shared by participating counties to monitor and improve the national corridor, in collaboration with NMDOT staff.**
- E. News, Training and Funding Opportunities:** The following training and funding opportunities have recently emerged:
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  - **Tribal COVID-19 Grant and Tribal Transportation Program (TTP) NOFO** funding opportunity
  - **NMDOT 2024 Transportation Plan (Long Range Transportation Plan major update)**
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## NWRTPO Virtual Orientation for local elected leaders

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2020 Virtual Orientation Tracking Instrument.docx;

Greetings NWRTPO members and DOT colleagues:

Due to the impact of COVID-19 on regional meetings, the NWRTPO is adapting related to our local government elected leader orientations to the NWRTPO role and function due in 2020 - 2021. We are providing the virtual orientation presentation that can be watched individually or as a group thru the following link to the COG's Youtube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g1KZSUxkLjU>



### RTPO Orientation

An introduction and overview of the Northwest New Mexico Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO). This acts as our official orientation video for RTPO members, elected officials and leaders, partners, stakeholder, and the general public. For more information about this program, go to: <http://www.nwnmcog.com/rtpo.html>

[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

Please follow up with your respective leaders to document and confirm their review of the presentation, and report back to RTPO staff using the attached tracking instrument; or they can confirm their review by emailing myself directly at [rkuipers@nwnmcog.org](mailto:rkuipers@nwnmcog.org) and providing their name, local govt. position, and any questions or comments. I will leave it to each of our members to determine when and where the best venue would be for their respective leaders to view the orientation power point (whether as individuals or a group) - so long as they report back to each of you, or to myself as suggested to confirm their review and post any questions. For Larry Joe and Karen Bedonie my suggestion would be to a) see if you could announce the Youtube opportunity at a Navajo Nation District or Agency Council meeting, and/or b) send the link to each engaged / participating Chapter - and have them report back on leadership review. Thanks to all of our members, for the extra work and effort related to keeping our transportation opportunities moving forward, even under the present pandemic, by accommodating our respective elected leaders thru this virtual orientation presentation.

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## 2020 N.W.R.T.P.O. Member Govt. Elected Leaders Orientation Tracking Instrument

### Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization

#### 1) Local Governments' Orientation Update Calendar:

Government	Last Presented to:	In Compliance Until:	Due to COVID-19 pandemic staff have submitted a virtual (You-tube) presentation for local leaders' review – RTPO Local Govt. representative members can use the checklist below to confirm their leaders have reviewed the presentation and submit any questions or comments they might convey.
San Juan County	5/30/17	5/29/20	
Farmington*	*These entities currently part of Farmington MPO and thus receive orientation through the MPO and its process.		
Aztec*			
Bloomfield*			
Gallup	2/28/17	2/27/20	
McKinley County	5/09/17	5/08/20	
Cibola County	9/28/17	9/27/20	
Grants	3/06/17	3/05/20	
Milan	4/12/17	4/11/20	
Navajo Nation (Northern & Eastern)	1/16/18	1/15/21	
Acoma	4/28/17	4/27/20	
Laguna	6/10/17	6/09/20	
Zuni	4/9/18	4/10/21	
Ramah Navajo	3/27/17	3/26/20	

#### 2) Orientation Checklist: (name:) \_\_\_\_\_ As the NWRTPO

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# Human Environment Digest

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EVENTS





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August 3-5, 2020: Association for Commuter Transportation's Virtual International Conference. (There is a fee)

August 4-7, 2020: Walk/Bike/Places Conference. Indianapolis, IN. (In-person event canceled, virtual event August 4-7)

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

September 14-17, 2020: NACTO's Designing Cities 2020. Boston, MA. (In-person event postponed to September 7-10, 2022, virtual event in fall 2020)

September 21-27, 2020: National Bike to Work Week.

September 29-October 1, 2020: AASHTO 2020 Joint Policy Conference: Connecting the DOTs. New Brunswick, NJ. (In-person event canceled, event details pending)

September 30-October 1, 2020: North American Bikeshare Association's Together, We Keep Moving Virtual Conference. (There is a fee)

October 1-2, 2020: Micromobility America Conference. Bay Area, CA. (There is a fee)

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

## WEBINARS

June 11, 1:00-2:00 PM ET: American Trails' Gatehouses and Greenways: Interactive Community Engagement for Trails.

June 11, 1:00-2:30 PM ET: Smart Growth Online's Walkability and Health: Building Strong, Vibrant, and Resilient Communities, Part 1, Tools and Techniques.

June 16, 2:00-3:00 PM ET: SGA's Virtual Engagement: A Springboard for Inclusive Community Planning Series, Webinar 3, Equitable Inclusion in Virtual Community Engagement.

June 17, 3:00-4:00 PM ET: Association of Pedestrian & Bicycle Professionals' Virtual

## Research Highlights Safety Assessment Framework for Proactive Safety Monitoring of Vulnerable Road Users

The *Mineta Transportation Institute* at *San Jose University* released a [research report](#) outlining a safety assessment framework for vulnerable road users. Researchers developed an intersection safety monitoring system that proactively evaluates the safety of vulnerable road users using video data at intersections with high crash rates in San Diego, California. The system evaluates safety using detection models that track moving objects, speed, direction of travel and other factors to identify near-crash events. Findings also suggest that automated safety evaluations can be performed to proactively identify critical events.

## User Guide Outlines Network Design Attributes to Support Road Safety

An international transportation research group released a [user guide](#) that outlines road design attributes to help reduce crashes and injuries at cross-sections and intersections. It recommends a range of treatments to improve safety on a network or corridor basis including rural freeways and urban local access roads. The guide discusses a network design procedure for road safety, outlining the level of safety risk associated with various road network characteristic such as traffic type and volume, speed limits, road curvature, and other design considerations.

## Research Examines Interactions Between Pedestrians and Automated Vehicles to Improve Safety

The *Safety Through Disruption National University Transportation Center* at *Virginia Tech Transportation Institute* released a [report](#) analyzing the interaction between pedestrians and drivers. Researchers compared the behaviors of human drivers and automated vehicles (AV) in order to assess the safety implications of each context. The report explains that current AV models do not take communication between drivers and pedestrians into account, such as when a driver hand signals a pedestrian to cross. Researchers examined these varied interactions at crosswalks, and translated the data into a model that mimics human driver behavior which can then be used to safely support AV programming and decision making.



## Infrastructure

## PBIC Information Brief Analyzes Bicycling Rates in Schools

The *Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center* released an [information brief](#) analyzing factors associated with high rates of students bicycling to school. Researchers compared bicycling rates in schools in Santa Clara County, California and assessed factors that promote active transportation related to bicycle parking, road infrastructure, school policy, building orientation, traffic calming, school zoning, grant funding, and staff capacity. The findings suggest that bicycle parking supply, school policies that promote bicycling, and participation in grant programs contribute to higher rates of bicycling in schools.

## Research Analyzes Connections between Built Environment and Neighborhood Resident Quality of Life

bicycle professionals taking Steps Toward Measuring the Pedestrian Environment. (There is a fee)

[June 18, 1:00-3:00 PM ET:](#)

FHWA's Value Capture Virtual Peer Exchange Series: Value Capture Strategies-Developer Impact Fees and Negotiated Exactions. ([Virtual Peer Exchange Series Information](#))

[June 23, 3:00-4:15 PM ET:](#)

America Walks' Walking Towards Justice in Indian Country Series: Part 1, Tribal Transportation Planning and Pedestrian Safety.

[June 24, 3:00-3:45 PM ET:](#)

Association of Pedestrian & Bicycle Professionals' A Discussion of the NTSB Bicycle Safety Report.

[June 25, 1:00-2:30 PM ET:](#)

Lifesavers Conference 2020 Webinar Series: Understanding the Science of Distracted Driving.

[June 26, 1:00-2:30 PM ET:](#)

Lifesavers Conference 2020 Webinar Series: Designing for Safety to Prevent Bicyclist & Pedestrian Injuries.

[June 29, 2:00-3:00 PM ET:](#)

TRB's A Research Roadmap for Transportation and Public Health. (There is a fee)

[June 30, 1:00-2:00 PM ET:](#)

American Trails' Sustainable Advantage: Outdoor Recreation and Rural Community Development in California.

[June 30, 1:00-3:00 PM ET:](#)

TRB's Forecasting Zero Emission Vehicles Fleet Scenarios & Emissions Implications. (There is a fee)

[July 15, 3:00-4:00 PM ET:](#)

Association of Pedestrian & Bicycle Professionals' Victim Blaming in Crash Reporting: What Is It and How To Stop It. (There is a fee)

[July 23, 1:00-3:00 PM ET:](#)

FHWA's Value Capture Virtual Peer Exchange Series: Value Capture Strategies-Special Assessment Districts such as Community Improvement District and Sales Tax District. ([Virtual Peer Exchange Series Information](#))

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FHWA's Value Capture Virtual Peer Exchange Series: Value Capture Strategies-Advertising, Naming Rights, and Sponsorships. ([Virtual Peer Exchange Series Information](#))

## FHWA RELATED LINKS

Environment Magazine

The *Journal of the American Planning Association* published a [research article](#) analyzing the impacts of neighborhood walkability, access to transit, and access to parks on residents' quality of life in Phoenix, Arizona. Researchers surveyed residents to determine how built environment elements and their interconnections influence overall life satisfaction. Respondents who expressed higher life satisfaction were those satisfied with the number of neighborhood parks and lived in generally more walkable neighborhoods. The article explains that satisfaction with parks is linked with other benefits including increased social connection, interaction with nature, and opportunities for physical activity.



Innovation

## Colorado DOT Enhances Public Engagement with Virtual Public Involvement

The *Colorado Department of Transportation* (CDOT) is optimizing its [public engagement processes](#) with virtual public involvement (VPI) tools as part of its 2045 Statewide transportation plan. CDOT gathered input from residents using virtual and traditional methods to ensure balanced participation from all demographics. Staff deployed a variety of outreach methods to engage with residents and identify transportation system improvement including online surveys, telephone town halls, online mapping, social media engagement, and informational booths at community events and farmers markets. CDOT's VPI strategies align with the *Federal Highway Administration's* [Every Day Counts-5 Virtual Public Involvement](#) initiative, which supports agencies' efforts to engage the public more effectively by supplementing face-to-face information sharing with technology.

## PBIC Report Examines Implications of Automated Driving Systems Near School Zones

The *Pedestrian Bicycling and Information Center* released a [report](#) discussing key issues and research priorities associated with deploying automated driving systems (ADS) around schools. The research notes that school zones are complex environments that have varying traffic conditions and procedures, including frequent interaction between motorists and pedestrians. The report summarizes ADS deployment challenges related to policy, infrastructure, and education, as well as outlining recommendations for operators and local stakeholders to improve pedestrian safety.

## Report Outlines Mobility Data Sharing Practices for Communities and Providers

A national transportation research group released a [report](#) on the current practices and policy issues related to mobility data sharing and analysis. It highlights the importance of access to data and provides an overview of key concepts for communities and mobility operators, including shared micromobility services, such as electric scooter share systems. The report explains that access to mobility data can help determine performance towards equity goals, including whether services are available in neighborhoods underserved by public transit. It adds that improved data sharing systems can leverage project evaluation, help identify the need for expanded services in priority areas, and inform new or improved policies.

## Research Explores Role of Urban Air Mobility

The *Institute of Transportation Studies at the University of*



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California, Berkeley published a [report](#) analyzing innovations in urban transportation and discussing the role of air transport, or urban air mobility, in moving goods and people across an urban area. It examines whether air transport is a viable alternative for large-scale hub-door and door-door operations. The study compared the potential for electric air travel with gasoline road travel based on three metrics including en route travel time, fuel cost, and carbon dioxide emissions. The results for passenger movement as well as consolidated and unconsolidated movement of goods indicate that air transport is generally more efficient in terms of time, fuel cost, and emissions, particularly for longer distances. The research highlights the potential for automated aircraft to improve quality of life by reducing travel time and providing enhanced access to jobs and services.

#### **Webinar Discusses Implications of Automated Vehicles**

A national transportation advocacy group hosted a [webinar](#) on the implications of implementing automated vehicles, including user benefits and costs, and impacts to travel demand, safety, road design, parking, and public transit supply. It also outlines projections related to deployment and policy recommendations.



## **Accountability**

#### **FHWA Publishes Transportation Performance Management/ Performance-Based Planning and Programming Implementation Workshop Interim Report**

The *Federal Highway Administration* (FHWA) published a [report](#) summarizing the 2019 Transportation Performance Management (TPM)/Performance-Based Planning and Programming (PBPP) Implementation Workshop Series, which highlights common themes, noteworthy practices, and challenges faced by State departments of transportation, metropolitan planning organizations, and transit operators in implementing Federal TPM and PBPP requirements. The series covered a wide range of performance management topics, including: target setting; coordination and collaboration practices among the various agency types; integrating PBPP into long-range State transportation plans, metropolitan transportation plans, statewide transportation improvement plans, and transportation improvement plans; performance monitoring and reporting; system performance reporting; and techniques for communicating the requirements and benefits of TPM and PBPP to the public, elected officials, and other stakeholders. For more information on the report, please contact James Garland (FHWA Office of Planning) at [James.Garland@dot.gov](mailto:James.Garland@dot.gov) or Harlan Miller (FHWA Office of Planning) at [Harlan.Miller@dot.gov](mailto:Harlan.Miller@dot.gov).

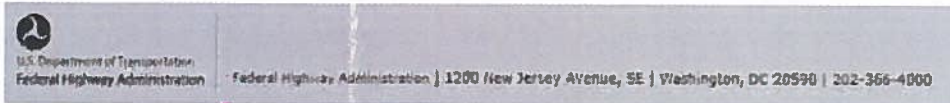
#### **Research Discusses Data-Driven Safety Measure Target Setting in Virginia**

The *Transportation Research Record: Journal of the Transportation Research Board* published a [research article](#) discussing the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT's) process for developing robust, data-driven safety targets in order to enhance performance measures and better assess fatalities on public roadways in Virginia. VDOT's safety target setting aligns with the *Federal Highway Administration's* [Safety Performance Management Final Rule](#), in support of the [Highway Safety Improvement Program](#), which requires States to establish and report annual safety targets. VDOT refined its target setting procedures by developing prediction models for estimating fatalities and serious injuries—including nonmotorized fatalities and serious injuries—then

validating the models with the most recent data.

#### **TRB Centennial Paper Discusses Pedestrian Research Needs**

The *Transportation Research Board's Standing Technical Committee on Pedestrians* released a [centennial paper](#) highlighting key pedestrian-related research efforts and priorities, including how pedestrian research topics have evolved over the last 50 years. The paper discusses research needs related to pedestrian safety studies, walkability and roadway design studies, pedestrian travel and the built environment, and pedestrian transportation guidebooks. In addition, it notes the importance of studying pedestrian interactions with emerging technologies such as automated vehicles and powered micromobility devices.



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Information on Alternative Fuel Corridors from FHWA Planning, Environment & Realty.

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## Alternative Fuel Corridors Round 4 Designations Update and New Convening Summary Report

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

To date, FHWA's Alternative Fuel Corridors Program has included:

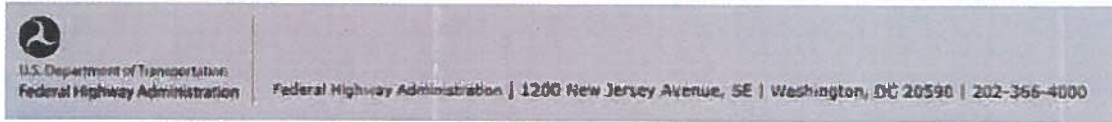
- **100 Nominations** submitted from state and local officials;
- Designations on segments or entire lengths of **100 Interstate corridors** (including Hawaii and Alaska), along with **76 US highways/state roads**;
- **49 states** (plus the District of Columbia) designated as corridor-ready or corridor-pending for one or more alternative fuel types; and,
- **Applied research funding opportunity** for the [deployment](#) of alternative vehicle fueling and charging facilities.

In addition, FHWA has released a [summary report](#) of the five regional Alternative Fuel Corridors Convenings held in 2018 and 2019. The report contains information and perspectives from across the country on the installation of alternative fuel infrastructure along highway corridors.

Visit the [Alternative Fuel Corridors website](#) to learn about the new designations, view the updated corridor maps and information, and the new report.

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**Monarch Butterfly**  
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This quarter the newsletter previews the National Cooperative Highway Research Program's (NCHRP) projects for 2021, regional Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) projects, a new GIS Guidebook and saving the Monarch butterflies.

FHWA sponsored and assisted a large group of stakeholders to complete a programmatic agreement for the monarch butterfly covering the conterminous 48 states: The Nationwide Candidate Conservation Agreement (CCAA) for Monarch Butterfly on Energy and Transportation Lands. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) signed the CCAA on April 7, 2020. The Monarch CCAA as intended will allow many maintenance



and modernization activities on enrolled lands in exchange for conservation measures that provide a net benefit to the monarch. State Departments of Transportation (SDOTs) that enroll lands will not be required to implement additional conservation measures beyond those in the CCAA if the monarch is listed.

The CCAA is for non-federal partners that enroll in the CCAA while the monarch is still a "candidate for listing." The USFWS must finalize the monarch listing decision in December 2020.



**Dan Buford**  
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The University of Illinois at Chicago Energy Resources Center led the development and will administer the Monarch CCAA with the goal of implementing conservation measures on 26 million acres of energy and transportation lands over the coming decade. Lands enrolled before May 31 will be considered in a special analysis that could help preclude the need to list the monarch or enable a less restrictive "threatened" status instead of the more restrictive "endangered" status. Lands enrolled between May 31 and December's listing will still be factored into the listing determination.

The development of the Monarch CCAA embodied an all-hands-on-deck approach that utilized expertise, experiences, and goals of SDOTs, FHWA, energy companies and consultants. A similar network of expertise and cooperation will be on hand to implement the Monarch CCAA, provide technical assistance, and share information with enrolled partners.

For more information about implementing the CCAA at your organization, go to the [Nationwide Monarch CCAA](#) webpage, at the bottom of the page [log-in](#) and navigate to the Monarch CCAA Toolkit under Working Group Access.

The CCAA is one example of the many cooperative research projects led by FHWA and HEP experts. We encourage you to explore the resources highlighted in this newsletter, consider contributing to them, and help identify future research needs.

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## National Cooperative Highway Research Program 2021

Each year, HEP supports several research projects funded through the Transportation Research Board's (TRB) NCHRP program. The projects, which will be funded in FY2021, were recently announced, and cover exciting project topics across HEP's areas of research. With over \$1.5 million in funding, these projects are invaluable investments towards research that will improve transportation planning, environmental decision making, and real estate management.

### Evaluating and Improving Current Practices for Temporarily Deterring Bat Use of Bridges and Similar Structures

This project will focus on strategies and practices for temporarily deterring and excluding bats from bridges to facilitate construction and maintenance activities. The objectives of this project include: gathering existing information; surveying SDOTs to learn about the costs and success rates for different exclusionary techniques; field testing measures in different regions of the US; and developing a summary of best practices for use by SDOTs in planning work on bridges with bats. **Staff Contact:** [Daniel.Buford@dot.gov](mailto:Daniel.Buford@dot.gov), 202-366-8168

### Resources for SDOTs to Consider Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate Change in NEPA Documents

This project will develop a guidebook with templates that SDOTs can use to efficiently and cost-effectively address climate change and Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) in NEPA documents. This research would cover two distinct elements: characterizing the GHG emissions from project construction, operation, and maintenance as a surrogate for project effects on climate change; and characterizing the effects of the changing climate on the project, for example, increased precipitation or rising sea levels. **Staff Contact:** [Rebecca.Lupes@dot.gov](mailto:Rebecca.Lupes@dot.gov), 202-366-7808

### Design Guidance and Standards for Resilience

The research, coordinated with the Office of Infrastructure will identify state and national regulations, design standards, and guidance that are most at risk from extreme weather and climate change. The research will also develop tools and guidance to help state DOTs evaluate and balance the potential costs and benefits of

incorporating updated guidance/standard that account for climate change into their project development process. Staff Contact: [Robert.Kafalenos@dot.gov](mailto:Robert.Kafalenos@dot.gov), 202-366-2079

#### Best Practices for Using Online Tools in Public Involvement Processes

This research project would compile best practices for selecting, implementing, and addressing input received using online public involvement tools. The research product would be a best practice guide with lessons learned and recommendations for: selecting, creating, and using online public involvement tools; integrating online and in-person public involvement; and priorities for online public involvement with specific population segments. Staff Contact: [Carolyn Nelson](mailto:Carolyn.Nelson@dot.gov), 202-860-6173

### Boston and Seattle – Improving Air Quality and Congestion through Transportation Projects

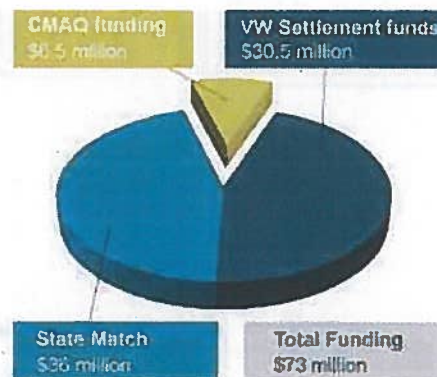
The [CMAQ](#) Program was implemented to support surface transportation projects and other related efforts that contribute air quality improvements and provide congestion relief. The CMAQ Program provides funding to areas in nonattainment or maintenance for ozone, carbon monoxide, and/or particulate matter. Two recent CMAQ funded projects demonstrate how the program is working for two different public transportation systems.

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) began construction in 2019 for the new [Green Line Extension \(GLX\)](#). The GLX Project extends the Green Line northwest approximately 4.7 miles and creates a one-seat ride to downtown Boston, eliminating the need for bus and rail transfers. CMAQ is funding \$72.6 million of this project. Seven new stations are being constructed as part of the project as well as a new vehicle storage and maintenance facility in Somerville, MA. The completed GLX is expected to: improve travel times within the corridor, reduce regional daily vehicle miles traveled by 25,728 miles, improve air quality, reduce traffic congestion, and service approximately 45,000 daily riders by 2030. Additional project benefits include: universal access, with new stations that will meet or exceed the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, operate in existing railroad rights-of-way, reduce the need to purchase local property, minimize construction impacts, and apply mitigation measures that will reduce existing noise and vibration impacts from area railroads. The projected emissions reductions per day: VOC - 2.24 kg, NOx - 1.73 kg, CO - 88.11 kg.



MBTA Green Line  
Source: MBTA

The Washington State Ferry [Hybrid Electric Ferry Conversion Project](#) is part of a three-phase Washington State Department of Transportation program to transition to a zero-carbon emissions ferry fleet. CMAQ is funding \$6.5 million of this project which includes purchase of equipment needed for the conversion of two Jumbo Mark II Class vessels to hybrid-electric propulsion and integration of battery storage technology into the existing diesel-electric propulsion systems. Ultimately, terminal-based recharging infrastructure will allow for shore-side charging and full-electric propulsion. Selecting two of the largest ferries in the fleet for conversion will also reduce fuel consumption, currently five million gallons per year for the entire fleet. Savings in operating costs estimated at \$14 million and 25 percent carbon emissions reduction rounds out the project benefits. Upgrades will cause minimal impact on service and less impact on orca whales and other marine life because of reduced engine noise and vibration. The projected emissions reductions per day: CO - 436 kg, NOx - 854 kg, PM2.5 - 44 kg.



### New Guidebook Assists States Managing GIS Data

The [Applications of Enterprise GIS for Transportation \(AEGIST\) Guidebook](#) is the latest in a series of publications designed to help the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and SDOTs migrate to the enterprise level for creating, maintaining, and governing data related to roadways and their characteristics, elements, and events. The Guidebook's main objective is to document guidance on how spatial and linear referenced data should be managed by States. Developed by FHWA starting in 2018 and released late in 2019, under Phase I of a pooled fund study, the Guidebook's goals are to facilitate deployment of enterprise data governance, develop a national specification for roadway data structure, advance State capabilities for safety analysis, and provide general instruction on data organization. The AEGIST project will help break down traditional management silos and answer enterprise questions such as: how can autonomous vehicles be accommodated, how can agencies compile and use federally required Model Inventory of Roadway Elements data on highway safety, to what extent are mobile devices with real-time traffic feeds altering traffic patterns, is there a better way to respond to traffic congestion than by increasing roadway capacity on

key routes, and how can agencies respond to increasing citizen data requests. Phase II of the pooled fund study began in 2019 and spans five years until 2024.

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## Webinar of Interest

### FHWA Highway Traffic Noise Model 3.0

The FHWA held two webinars to release the newest Traffic Noise Model (TNM 3.0) as part of the model's users training. The [first webinar](#) held in March, highlighted the main features and enhancements in the new Traffic Noise Model version 3.0 (TNM 3.0). The session summarized the new and improved capabilities in TNM 3.0 with a live software demonstration. The [second webinar](#) held in April, used a live demonstration and modeling software to show the TNM 2.5 to TNM 3.0 Export/Import tool and the Barrier Design and Contours functionalities in TNM 3.0. **Staff Contact:** [Aileen Varela-Margolles](#), 305-978-7780

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## Research Highlights

### Planning

#### PlanWorks: Updated Training

A recent update to the PlanWorks website now provides videos and interactive training modules related to the purpose of PlanWorks and how to use specific PlanWorks Applications. These resources help identify how PlanWorks can be used to effectively collaborate with partners and stakeholders at Key Decisions in long-range planning, programming, corridor planning, and environmental review. View the website at: <https://fhwaapps.fhwa.dot.gov/planworks/Home>. **Staff Contact:** [Reena Mathews](#), 202-366-2076

### Environment

#### Alternative Fuel Corridors Program

The FAST Act directed the DOT to designate corridors for electric vehicle charging, hydrogen, propane and natural gas fueling infrastructure at strategic locations along major national highways to improve the mobility of passenger and commercial vehicles that use alternative fuels. To date, FHWA has designated segments of 100 Interstates along with 76 US highways/State roads covering 46 States plus the District of Columbia in its [Alternative Fuel Corridors](#) Program. **Staff Contact:** [Diane Turchetta](#), 202-493-0158

#### ♦ FREE ♦ New Bicycle Facility Design Online Training Course

The new National Highway Institute [Bicycle Facility Design](#) web-based training course is available for anyone seeking to learn more about planning and designing bicycling facilities. This course covers principles of bicyclist safety, comfort, and connectivity, selection of bikeway type and associated design considerations at an intermediate level, and covers a range of contemporary bicycle planning and design resources. The course length is about 8 hours over 10 modules (that can be completed at your own pace), and is appropriate for planners, engineers, and others interested in the planning and design of bicycling facilities. The course is approved for American Institute for Certified Planners (AICP) continuing maintenance credit. **Staff Contact:** [Darren Buck](#), 202-366-1362

### Real Estate

#### State of the Practice— Use of The Waiver Valuation Provision; 49 CFR24.102(c)(2)

Use of a waiver valuation allows an agency to streamline its appraisal process and to use its appraisal resources more effectively. The Office of Real Estate Services (HEPR) has identified the "waiver valuation" as a key component of the "Right-of-Way Flexibilities" in the Realty Program's Every Day Counts (EDC) initiative. HEPR is sponsoring this "state-of-the-practice" research project to document the waiver valuation's current use among acquiring agencies in the Federal and Federal-aid Realty Programs and identify potential regulatory revisions that might result in greater efficiencies. **Staff Contact:** [Kevin O'Grady](#), 202-366-2030

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## Upcoming Events – Due to Covid-19, events may be postponed, cancelled or held virtually.

- July 16 – 17

[Micromobility America](#), Richmond, CA

This conference features a mix of panels and presentations with thought-leaders, exhibitions from leading startups, test rides featuring the most cutting-edge new vehicles, networking opportunities, and more.

- August 4 – 7

[Walk Bike Places](#), Indianapolis, IN

Walk/Bike/Places is a bi-annual conference for walking, bicycling and placemaking professionals from the public and private sectors. A unique conference experience that combines experiential learning from walking and biking the streets of the host city, and learning from its most vibrant places, with nearly 100 expert-led breakout sessions and locally-led workshops.



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- August 26 – 28

[TRB Tools of the Trade Conference](#), Boise, ID

Tools of the Trade is a national conference providing practical techniques for transportation professionals in small (under 50,000 residents) and medium-sized (50,000 to 250,000 residents) communities. This year's focus is also on interactions between communities and federal/state public lands. All practitioners, researchers, academics and others involved in the transportation community are encouraged attend. The conference is sponsored by the Transportation Research Board Committees ADA30 and ADA40, the Federal Highway Administration, and the Community Planning Association of Southeast Idaho (COMPASS).

- August 24 – 28

[Transportation Research and Education Center's Initiative for Bicycle and Pedestrian Innovation Workshop: Comprehensive Bikeway Design](#), Portland, OR

Instructors draw from their years of experience, along with project examples, to highlight practical applications of the principles and techniques covered. The pioneers and leading practitioners in the field will teach the fundamentals of bikeway planning and design through an intensive week of classroom sessions and tours. The instruction and interaction with other participants will bring you up to speed on innovative practice and research and teach you the skills and techniques you need to get started on your next project.

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EVENTS





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## Safety

### U.S. DOT Hosting Virtual Summit on Pedestrian Safety

The U.S. Department of Transportation is hosting a [virtual summit on pedestrian safety](#) through a series of webinars during the month of July. The summit will provide a platform to engage in and learn about pedestrian safety issues and priorities, including related initiatives, resources, and actions. It will also include remarks from *Federal Highway Administration* Administrator Nicole R. Nason and *National Highway Traffic Administration* Deputy Administrator James C. Owens, in addition to other guest speakers from leading transportation safety organizations. The webinar series is free and will include three parts. [Registration is now open](#) and attendees must register for each webinar separately.

### TRB Publishes Guide to Improve Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety at Intersections

The *Transportation Research Board National Cooperative Highway Research Program* published a [guide](#) discussing countermeasures that improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety at intersections. It also highlights the importance of following a proactive, systemic approach to identify attributes that lead to a higher risk of crashes at intersections, such as land use, traffic volume and speed, street lighting, and more. The guide outlines a process for countermeasure selection, helping practitioners to identify safety issues, evaluate priorities, and choose appropriate countermeasures to meet safety goals.

### ITE Article Discusses Road to Zero Coalition and Importance of Safe System Approach

The *Institute of Transportation Engineers Journal* released an [article](#) discussing the [Road to Zero Coalition](#), as well as the safe system framework to reach zero roadway deaths in the country by 2050. The article explains that the safe system approach prioritizes improvements to roadway design and operations, shared responsibility for transportation safety, and roadway protection for users of all abilities. It analyzes approaches to reducing human error during crash events such as installing separated bicycle lanes, and notes the importance of planning and designing infrastructure systems to reduce crashes and the severity of injuries.

### Fact Sheets Highlight Policies and Data Needs to Support Safe Routes to Parks

A national transportation advocacy group published two fact sheets outlining opportunities to enhance safe routes to parks, including [data sources and methods](#) needed to identify community priorities, as well as [policies to support safe routes to parks](#) through walking, bicycling, and access to public transportation. The fact sheets outline approaches to accessing, collecting, and sharing data in order to identify action items and needed improvements. They also provide example initiatives that improve access to parks, such as establishing ordinances for safe park zones or installing lower speed limit signs around a park.

**August 3-5, 2020:** Association for Commuter Transportation's Virtual International Conference. (There is a fee)

**August 4-7, 2020:** Walk/Bike/Places Conference. Virtual Event.

**August 4-20, 2020:** ITE 2020 Virtual Annual Meeting and Exhibition. (There is a fee)

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

**September 14-17, 2020:** NACTO's Designing Cities 2020. Boston, MA. (In-person event postponed to September 7-10, 2022, virtual event in fall 2020)

**September 21-27, 2020:** National Bike to Work Week.

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

**September 30-October 1, 2020:** North American Bikeshare Association's Together, We Keep Moving Virtual Conference. (There is a fee)

**October 1-2, 2020:** Micromobility America Conference. Bay Area, CA. (There is a fee)

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

## WEBINARS

**June 25, 1:00-2:30 PM ET:** American Trails' The Greenway Imperative: A Call to Action. (There is a fee for some)

**June 25, 1:00-2:30 PM ET:** Lifesavers Conference 2020 Webinar Series: Understanding the Science of Distracted Driving.

**June 26, 1:00-2:30 PM ET:** Lifesavers Conference 2020 Webinar Series: Designing for Safety to Prevent Bicyclist & Pedestrian Injuries.

**June 29, 2:00-3:00 PM ET:** TRB's A Research Roadmap for Transportation and Public Health. (There is a fee)



## Infrastructure

### Research Examines Effects of Bicycle Traffic on Motorized Traffic Speed Along Roadways without Bicycle Lanes

[June 30, 1:00-2:00 PM ET:](#)  
American Trails' Sustainable Advantage: Outdoor Recreation and Rural Community Development in California.

[June 30, 3:00-4:00 PM ET:](#)  
Shared-Use Mobility Center's Lessons Learned from the MOD On-Ramp Program: MOD for First Last Mile Solutions.

[July 7, 3:00-4:30 PM ET:](#) PBIC's Evaluating Road Diets: Recent Research and Case Studies.

[July 8, 12:00-1:00 PM ET:](#)  
Southern Transportation Research, Innovation, Development, and Education Center's Understanding Relationships Between the Built Environment, Physical Activity, Public Health, Urban Mobility, and Traffic Congestion: Graduate Curriculum Development.

[July 8, 1:00-2:30 PM ET:](#) U.S. DOT's Summit on Pedestrian Safety, Taking Action on Pedestrian Safety – Part 1: Introduction and Safe System Approach.

[July 8, 2:00-3:00 PM ET:](#) America Walks' Walking as a Practice: What Does It Mean to You?

[July 9, 1:00-2:30 PM ET:](#) American Trails' How to Create an Instant Urban Trail.

[July 10, 2:00-4:00 PM ET:](#)  
AASHTO's Environmental Justice Virtual Peer Exchange.

[July 15, 1:00-2:30 PM ET:](#) U.S. DOT's Summit on Pedestrian Safety, Taking Action on Pedestrian Safety – Part 2: Consider Risk: When, Where, Who, How?

[July 15, 3:00-4:00 PM ET:](#)  
Association of Pedestrian & Bicycle Professionals' Victim Blaming in Crash Reporting: What Is It and How To Stop It. (There is a fee)

[July 16, 1:00-2:30 PM ET:](#)  
American Trails' Expanding and Strengthening Partnerships and Engagement Opportunities Through Mountain Biking.

[July 21, 1:00-2:30 PM ET:](#)  
American Trails' Advancing Trails Through Maps, Apps, and Analysis Tools.

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

The *Transportation Research Record: Journal of the Transportation Research Board* published a [research article](#) analyzing whether the presence of bicyclists on roadways without bicycle lanes slows down motorized vehicle speeds. The study explains that motorized vehicles may be forced to reduce their speed when approaching bicyclists from behind to avoid crashes, which may contribute to congestion. Researchers conducted a comparative analysis of travel speeds of passenger vehicles along urban roads without bicycle lanes in Portland, Oregon, and assessed the interactions between vehicles and bicyclists to determine impacts on traffic flow. The findings indicate that bicyclists reduce passenger car speeds up to 1 mile per hour at most locations and do not negatively impact traffic flow, supporting the concept of shared-use roads within bicycle networks.



**Innovation**

### **U.S. DOT Releases the Complete Trip – ITS4US Deployment Program Broad Agency Announcement**

The U.S. Department of Transportation has posted the [Broad Agency Announcement](#) for the [Complete Trip - ITS4US Deployment Program](#) funding opportunity, which aims to solve mobility challenges for all travelers accessing employment, education, healthcare, and other activities, regardless of location, income, or disability. Supported by the *Office of the Secretary of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration, and Federal Highway Administration*, the program will make up to \$40 million available for large scale, replicable, real-world deployments of integrated innovative technologies that address the challenges of planning and executing complete trips. The program website includes [past webinar recordings](#), a [program overview fact sheet](#), and [Complete Trip - ITS4US frequently asked questions](#). Proposals are due on August 3, 2020.

### **Research Examines Impact of Emerging Mobility Pilot Projects on Transportation System**

The *Urbanism Next Center* at the *University of Oregon* published a [study](#) examining pilot projects in the United States and Canada that involve new mobility services in order to better understand how emerging mobility and e-commerce services impact the transportation system. Researchers analyzed a series of new mobility pilot projects by mode, including the mobility of people through micromobility services such as shared bicycles and electric scooters, transportation network companies, microtransit, and automated vehicles. The study outlines key findings and lessons learned from the various pilot projects related to project development, implementation, and evaluation. Also highlighted is the potential for new mobility and urban delivery services to transform transportation behaviors and the related effects on equity, health, safety, environment, and the economy.

### **Research Analyzes Effects of Emerging Mobility on Local Governments**

The *National Institute for Transportation and Communities* at the *University of Oregon* published a [study](#) analyzing the effects of emerging mobility services on local governments. The research examines how innovative transportation technologies, such as electric scooters and bicycle share, influence urban form and development, land use, street design, parking, housing, equity, and municipal finance. It also outlines tools and best practices to assist

#### [Exchange Series Information](#)

[July 23, 2:00-3:00 PM ET:](#)  
Association for Commuter  
Transportation's Contact Tracing:  
Driving Participation, Scale &  
Innovation From a Mobility  
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[July 28, 1:00-2:30 PM ET:](#) U.S.  
DOT's Summit on Pedestrian  
Safety, Taking Action on  
Pedestrian Safety – Part 3: Next  
Steps.

[July 29, 1:00-2:30 PM ET:](#) PBIC's  
MPO and DOT Partnership for  
Complete Streets Projects.

[July 29, 2:00-3:30 PM ET:](#) TRB's  
Human Trafficking and Mobility of  
Missing and Murdered Indigenous  
Women.

[August 6, 1:00-2:30 PM ET:](#)  
American Trails' Trail Analytics and  
Data Storytelling.

[August 12, 12:00-1:00 PM ET:](#)  
Southern Transportation Research,  
Innovation, Development, and  
Education Center's Planning for  
Urban Freight Delivery: How Do  
City Codes Accommodate Freight.

[August 19, 12:00-1:00 PM ET:](#)  
Southern Transportation Research,  
Innovation, Development, and  
Education Center's Discovering  
Potential Market for the Integration  
of Public Transportation and  
Emerging Shared Mobility  
Services.

[August 19, 3:00-4:00 PM ET:](#)  
Association of Pedestrian &  
Bicycle Professionals' Transit  
Station Connectivity: How to Get it  
Done. (There is a fee)

[August 20, 1:00-3:00 PM ET:](#)  
FHWA's Value Capture Virtual Peer  
Exchange Series: Value Capture  
Strategies-Advertising, Naming  
Rights, and Sponsorships. ([Virtual  
Peer Exchange Series Information](#))

[August 27, 1:00-2:30 PM ET:](#)  
American Trails' The Catalytic  
Impact of Trails on Communities.

[September 10, 1:00-2:30 PM ET:](#)  
American Trails' Effective  
Wayfinding Signage: Trail System,  
Planning, Design, and  
Implementation.

[September 24, 1:00-3:00 PM ET:](#)  
FHWA's Value Capture Virtual Peer  
Exchange Series: Tax Incremental  
Finance Districts and  
Transportation Reinvestment  
Zones. ([Virtual Peer Exchange  
Series Information](#))

#### **FHWA RELATED LINKS**

local governments with managing the deployment or emerging mobility in the built environment, as well as recommendations to support local policy.



## **Accountability**

### **FHWA Offers Web-Based Training Course on Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Programming**

The *Federal Highway Administration* (FHWA) is offering a free [Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Programming web-based training course](#) through the *National Highway Institute*. This three-hour introductory-level training helps transportation practitioners learn about processes and requirements for developing and implementing metropolitan transportation improvement programs (TIPs) and Statewide transportation improvement programs (STIPs). It also highlights FHWA's and the Federal Transit Administration's requirements for Statewide, non-metropolitan, and metropolitan transportation planning and programming processes. The course covers elements of the decision-making process related to TIPs and STIPs, including public involvement, financial planning, performance-based planning, and connections between long-range transportation planning and project prioritization.

### **AASHTO Hosting Environmental Justice Peer Exchange**

The *American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials* (AASHTO) is hosting an [Environmental Justice Virtual Peer Exchange](#) on July 10. Offered by the Center for Environmental Excellence at AASHTO and in partnership with the *Federal Highway Administration* and *Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations*, the peer exchange will provide an opportunity for transportation practitioners to learn about Federal, State, and regional resources on environmental justice, planning and environment linkages (PEL), and health in transportation. The two-hour virtual meeting will be broken up into two panel discussions, including one focused on the connection between health and transportation and the other on PEL. [Registration is now open.](#)

### **Report Highlights Quality of Life Priorities**

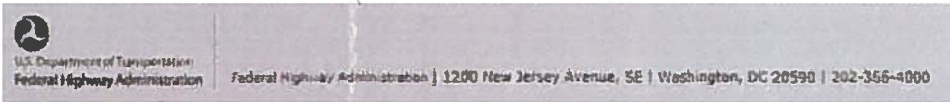
A national foundation and research organization recently released a [report](#) and [interactive website](#) highlighting quality of life priorities that attach people to where they live. Researchers surveyed over 11,000 people in urbanized and metropolitan areas across the country to better understand the amenity types that people find the most important to their quality of life. The findings indicate that access to recreational areas and safe places to work and play are critical to residential livelihood, including roadway infrastructure, access to public transportation, and availability of alternative transportation modes.

### **Webinar Discusses Relationship Between Walkability and Public Health**

A national transportation advocacy group hosted a webinar on the connections between walkability and public health. It outlines a series of street design tools and techniques to help improve built environment conditions, such as community walk audits. The webinar also discusses concepts that support active transportation including mixed land use, network connectivity, functional site design, and safety and access for all users. The webinar recording is [now available.](#)

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Hi All—Please see the information below for the latest updates on NMDOT information relevant to the MPOs and RTPOs. Please pass along anything to you member entities that they may find useful.

**Ideal Bicycle Network data request (Shannon Glendenning)**



High Street Consulting is supporting the next phase of NMDOT's [Prioritized Statewide Bicycle Network Plan](#) implementation by identifying roads and locations where the plan calls for bicycle-related infrastructure and/or signage beyond what exists on state highways today, and by estimating cost ranges associated with filling these gaps in the bicycle network. This effort will also support the [New Mexico 2045 Transportation Plan](#). Someone from High Street will reach out to each MPO over the next few days to request spatial data related to existing bicycle infrastructure in their metropolitan area. If you have any questions, please contact Shannon Glendenning, Active Transportation Programs Supervisor, at [Shannon.Glendenning@state.nm.us](mailto:Shannon.Glendenning@state.nm.us) or 505-231-4300.

#### **Recreational Trails Advisory Board Meeting (Maggie Moore)**

Save the Date! Recreational Trails Advisory Board Annual Meeting (Virtual) July 22, 2020 10:00 AM. Please contact Maggie Moore at [maggie.moore@state.nm.us](mailto:maggie.moore@state.nm.us) or 505-470-4705. Agenda and invitation to follow.

#### **APA-NM Call for Conference Proposals**

The APA-NM Board is currently accepting proposals for the 2020 APA-NM Conference (virtual or in Roswell—TBD). Please see the attached Call for Session Proposals 2020 and the 2020 APA-NM Session Proposal Template. Proposals are due June 15 by 5pm, to Merideth Hildreth at [m.hildreth@roswell-nm.gov](mailto:m.hildreth@roswell-nm.gov).

#### **Upcoming Meetings, Trainings, Webinars**

- Available 24/7: new, free [National Highway Institute \(NHI\) web-based training on Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Programming](#) (STIP/TIP Development). More information available [here](#).
- Available 24/7: FHWA Every Day Counts Value Capture peer exchange workshop recording on [Transportation Utility Fee \(TUF\)](#), which some local gov'ts are using as an alternative to gas taxes. Recording available [here](#).
- June 16, 11am-1pm, webinar: Rural Road Safety Center "[Systems Approach – Risk Factors for RdW](#)"; more information and registration available [here](#).
- June 29, noon-1:30pm, webinar: Rural Road Safety Center "[Implementing a Local Road Safety Plan](#)"; more information and registration available [here](#).
- July 22, 10am, virtual: [Recreational Trails Advisory Board Meeting](#); contact Maggie Moore for more information ([maggie.moore@state.nm.us](mailto:maggie.moore@state.nm.us)).
- September 15, time TBD, Santa Fe MPO (with virtual option): [MPO Quarterly](#) meeting; please contact Erick Aune, SFMPO Officer, at [ejane@santafenm.gov](mailto:ejane@santafenm.gov) with any questions or agenda items.
- October 1-2, Farmington: 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual New Mexico [Outdoor Economics Conference](#); more information, including registration, available here: <https://outdooreconomicsnm.com/>
- October 14-16, Roswell (or virtual): Save the date! American Planning Association-New Mexico Chapter (APA-NM) [annual conference](#); keep an eye on the website for updates on the conference; <http://apa-nm.org/conferences/2020-conference/>.
- [Open Meetings Act/Inspection of Public Records Act Training](#). Currently the NM Attorney General's Office has no scheduled trainings for 2020, due to COVID-19 restrictions. When trainings are scheduled, they are announced on the NM AG's [website](#).

Thanks and hope everyone continues to be safe and healthy!

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- Specialty Bridge Design
- Bridge Construction
- Structural Inspection and Evaluation
- Other Structural Design
- Standard Specifications
- AASHTO—NSBA Steel Bridge Collaboration

Below, you'll be able to—

- Read about some of **our most popular Bridges and Structures publications;**
- Download our **Bridges and Structures Publications Catalog;** and
- Check out our list of **bridge-related publications in the pipeline.**

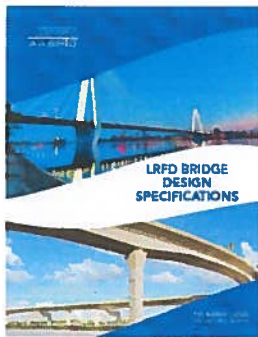
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## Our Most Popular Bridges and Structures Publications!

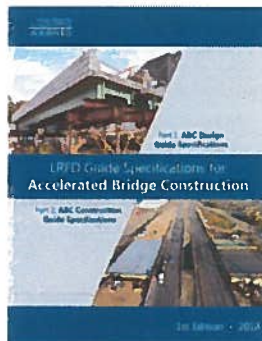
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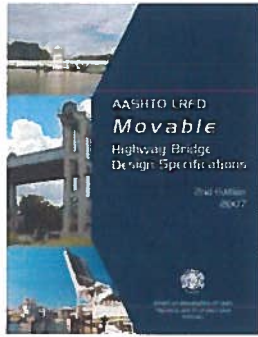
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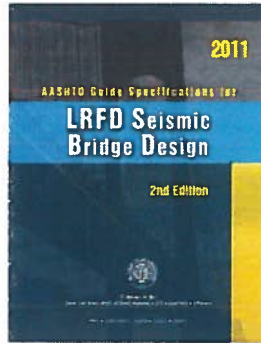
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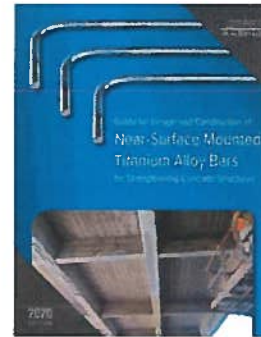
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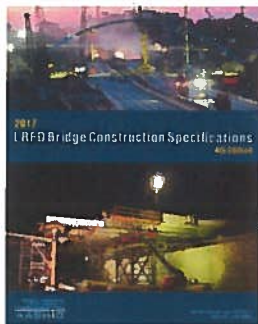
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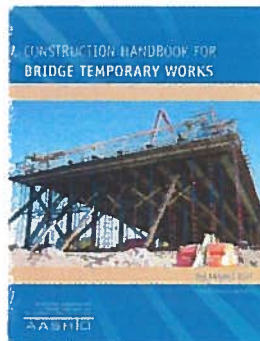
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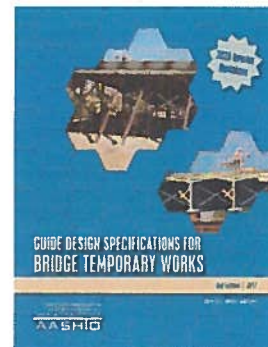
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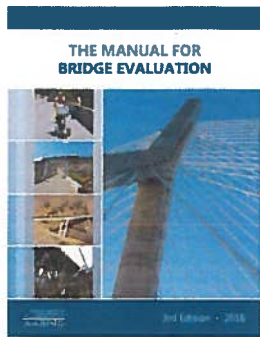


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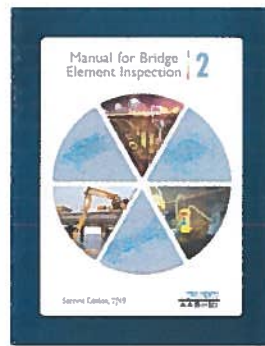
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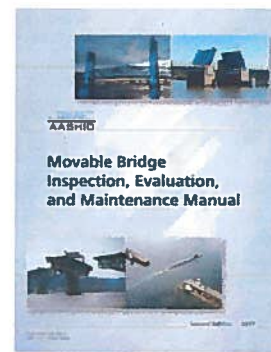
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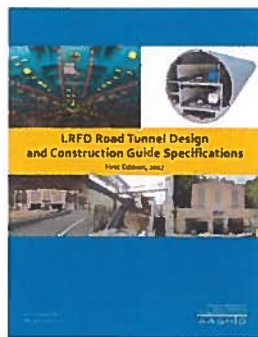
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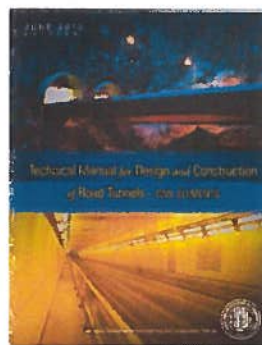
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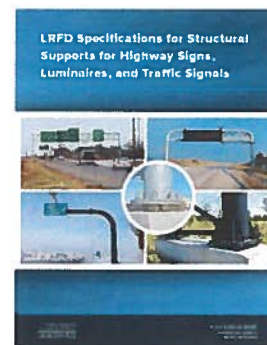
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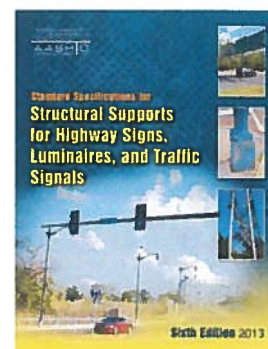
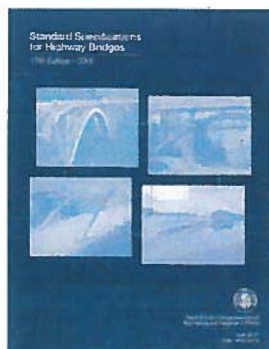
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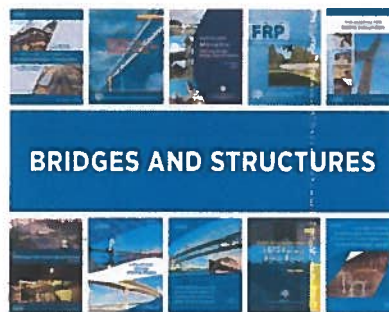
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(Item Code: BPA-1)

Guide Specification for Service Life Design of Highway Bridges, 1st Edition

(Item Code: HBSLD-1)

2020 Interim Revisions to the Manual for Bridge Evaluation, 3rd Edition  
(Item Code: MBE-3-12)

Culvert and Storm Drain System Inspection Guide, 1st Edition  
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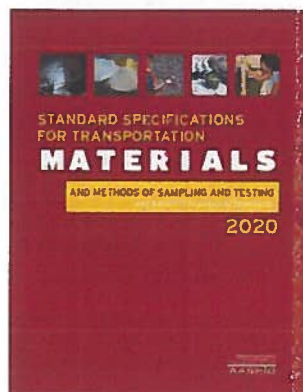
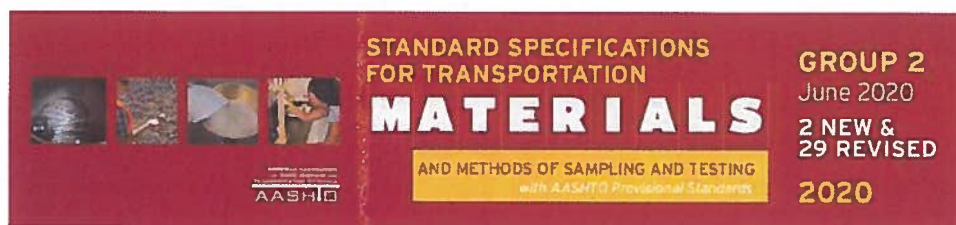
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**New Update  
to the 2020  
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AASHTO has released the second of three 2020 updates to the **Materials Standards** (formally titled, *Standard Specifications for Transportation Materials and Methods of Sampling and Testing*, and *AASHTO Provisional Standards*, 40<sup>th</sup> Edition)

Keep reading for all the information about the Materials Standards, including—

- Details about the **June Update**;
- Descriptions of the **paperback and PDF download formats**;
- Information on the various **purchasing options**;
- A **revised informational flyer** with all the details about the Materials Standards consolidated for easy reference; and
- A link to **our new Materials, Testing and Pavement Publications Catalog** with information about related AASHTO publications!

## About the June 2020 Update

The AASHTO Materials Standards are updated three times per year—in April, June, and July—with updates grouped by subject areas.

The **June Update** includes **2 new and 29 revised standards**, and updates the standards on General Manufactured Materials, including Concrete Drainage Structures, Flexible and Metallic Pipe, Markings and Coatings, and Safety Devices.

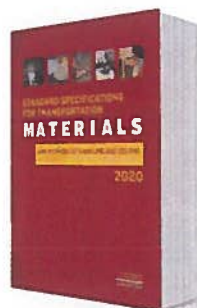
The April Update included **8 new and 18 revised standards**, and revised the sections on Hydraulic Cement and Lime; Fresh Concrete; Hardened Concrete; Pavement Measurement; Bridge and Pavement Preservation; and Quality Assurance and Environmental.

The **July Update** will revise the sections on Geotechnical, and Bituminous Materials and Mixtures.

## Available Formats

The 2020 AASHTO Materials Standards are available to purchase in paperback, and as an enhanced PDF Download.

Following is a description about each format.



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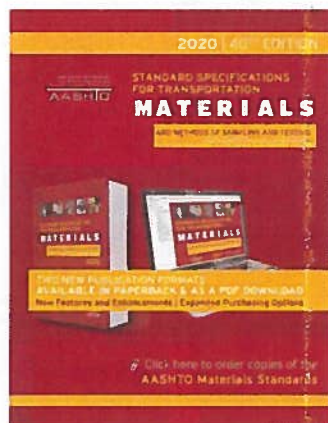
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Good morning RTPO members and DOT colleagues:

Here's the latest report from AASHTO - one of the best resources for transportation infrastructure development that I'm aware of.

With the spring winds extending into summer; lets please remind our citizens and neighbors to be careful around the 4th of July with fire-works. Right now there are serious fires on the Navajo nation, which thankfully started from lightning - not irresponsible humans! Have a great holiday weekend.

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# AASHTO Publications Update!

## IN THIS ISSUE

Welcome to the June 2020 issue of the *AASHTO Publications Update*!

Here's the latest news that you'll be reading about in this edition:

### NEW UPDATE TO THE AASHTO MATERIALS STANDARDS

During the month, we released the second of three 2020 updates to our Materials Standards. Check out all the details below about the update, and find out how you can order your copy, now available both in paperback, or as an enhanced PDF Download publication.

### AASHTO MATERIALS, TESTING AND PAVEMENT PUBLICATIONS

Want more information about other AASHTO publications related to materials, testing and pavement? No problem! Below, you'll be able to download a copy of our new Materials, Testing and Pavement Publications Catalog.

### 2020 PUBLICATION RELEASES

Also, be sure to check out below the complete list of the publications we've released, to date, in 2020.

### PUBLICATIONS IN THE PIPELINE

Finally, as usual, we've included the list of the publications that we're currently working on, so that you can be on the lookout for their release.

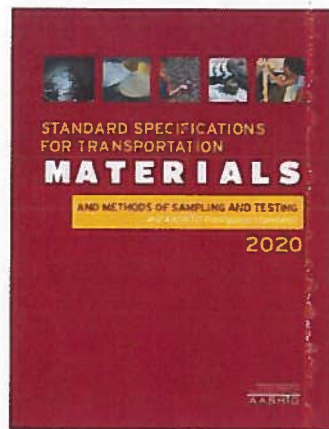
As always, we hope you enjoy this issue of the AASHTO Publications Update! And, do feel free to contact us if you have a question or need any additional information about our publications.

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## JUNE PUBLICATION RELEASE

Earlier this month, we released the second of three 2020 updates to the AASHTO Materials Standards. Here's all the details!



### *June 2020 Update to the AASHTO Materials Standards*

#### ABOUT THE JUNE 2020 UPDATE

The AASHTO Materials Standards are updated three times per year—in April, June, and July—with updates grouped by subject areas.

The June Update includes 2 new and 29 revised standards, and updates the standards on General Manufactured Materials, including Concrete Drainage Structures, Flexible and Metallic Pipe, Markings and Coatings, and Safety Devices. The April Update included 8 new and 18 revised standards, and revised the sections on Hydraulic Cement and Lime; Fresh Concrete; Hardened Concrete; Pavement Measurement; Bridge and Pavement Preservation; and Quality Assurance and Environmental.

The July Update will revise the sections on Geotechnical, and Bituminous Materials and Mixtures.

#### AVAILABLE FORMATS

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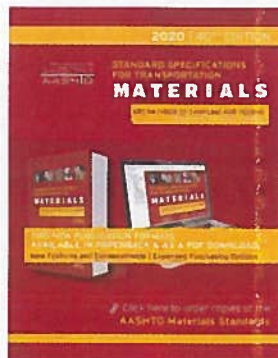
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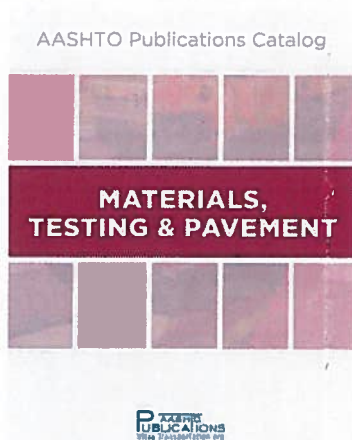
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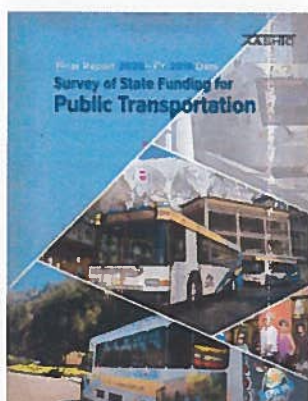
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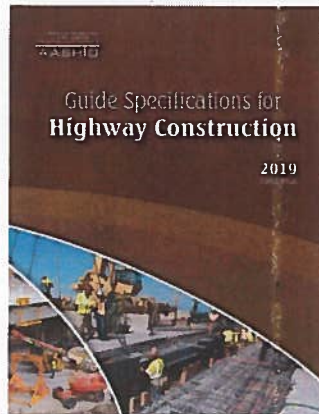
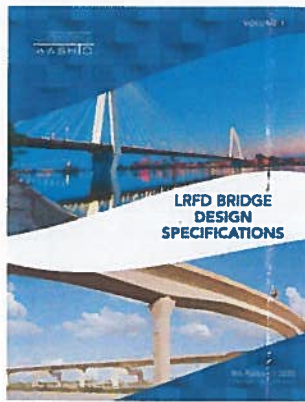


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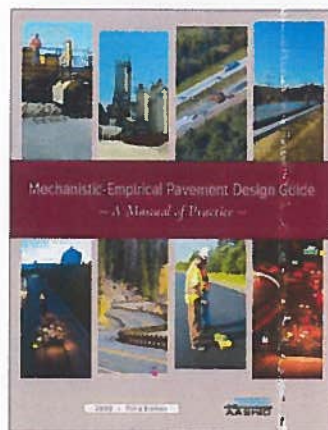
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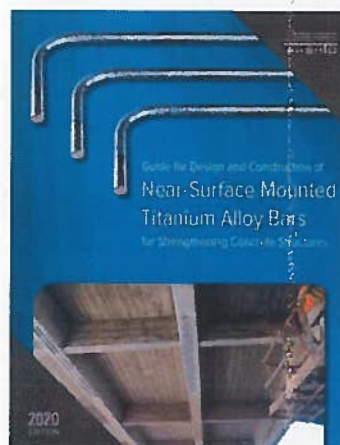
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Guide Specification for Service Life Design of Highway Bridges, 1st Edition	Bridges & Structures	PDF Document	June 2020
2020 Interim Revisions to the Manual for Bridge Evaluation, 3rd Edition	Bridges & Structures	PDF Document	June 2020
Culvert and Storm Drain System Inspection Guide, 1st Edition	Bridges & Structures	PDF Document	June 2020
July 2020 Update to the Materials Standards	Materials, Testing, and Pavement	PDF Document	July 2020

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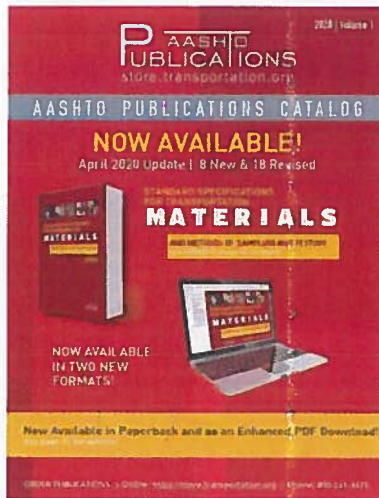
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RTPO members and DOT colleagues:

I've never seen so many training options, and in this case around rural issues.

While we don't get to travel as much or hang out at a pub and grill, it makes me

wonder if this pandemic "is actually benefiting training opportunities - gone virtual"!

Lot's of options with good information for us to sort through.

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## Training Announcements

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Hello Robert,

In this issue, you will find upcoming trainings on traffic management, work zone safety, and distracted walking. **Join the Safety Center on July 22nd for [The Human Trafficking Tie to Transportation](#) webinar.** This webinar will feature research-based data, survivor-informed messaging, practical ways that you can identify potential incidents of human trafficking, what to safely do with what you observe and how you can encourage others to join you in the fight to end modern day slavery.

If you know of relevant trainings or events which are not included in our emails, please let us know so that we can add them. Also, if you know of sites, newsletters or other sources that we should monitor for upcoming trainings and events, please pass those along to us, as well.

Sincerely,

Jaime Sullivan  
Center Director  
National Center for Rural Road Safety

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## Traffic Safety Weeks

### **Event: National Child Heatstroke Prevention**

**Date: July 1, 2020**

**Organization: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)**

Heatstroke is one of the leading causes of vehicular not-in-traffic non-crash-related deaths for children under 14. In fact, each year, an average of 39 children have died from heatstroke since 1998.

For more information about this training, click [here](#).

Link: <https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/child-safety/heatstroke-prevention>

### **Event: 4th of July Impaired Driving Prevention**

**Date: July 4, 2020**

**Organization: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)**

We love to celebrate the 4th of July with family, friends, food, and fireworks, but all too often the festivities turn tragic on the nation's roads. The fact is, this iconic American holiday is also one of the deadliest holidays of the year due to impaired-driving crashes.

For more information about this training, click [here](#).

Link: <https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/drunken-driving/drive-sober-or-get-pulled-over-4th-july/4th-july-drive-sober>

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## Webinars

### **New**

#### **Webinar: Restoring and Re-imagining Transit Service in a Pandemic Transformed World**

**Date: June 18, 2020**

**Time: 1:00 pm to 2:15 pm MT/3:00 pm to 4:15 pm ET**

**Cost: Free**

**Organization: American Public Transportation Association (APTA)**

History has shown us that the public transportation community can use challenging times (terrorism, hurricanes, earthquakes, technological change) as an opportunity to adjust and build-back-better. A high-energy, interactive discussion will cover questions such as long-term psychological aspects of COVID-19, funding and financial options for public transportation, new opportunities available through innovation, and preparing an environment to endure the next pandemic. Throughout, we will consider the overarching importance of social equity as America pursues strategies to ramp-up its economy and restore mobility in our communities. We invite you to take part in a conversation on how public transportation will be part of these and other transformational trends to build-back-better a healthy and mobile society.

For more information about this training, click [here](#).

Link: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/9115845704258964494>

#### **Webinar: Cities Managing Speed for Safety: Learning from Seattle & Minneapolis**

**Date: June 18, 2020**

**Time: 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm MT/2:00 pm to 3:00 pm ET**

**Cost: Free**

**Organization: Vision Zero Network**

Reducing speed to save lives and prevent serious injuries is a cornerstone of Vision Zero. Safe speeds are especially important to help protect the most vulnerable on the road, and the difference of just 5 miles an hour can literally mean life or death in a crash. Cities around the globe are increasingly recognizing both the urgency of managing speeds and the capability of doing so. Strategies that seemed daunting for too long are becoming more commonplace in U.S. cities. Join us to learn what's happening most recently in two Vision Zero communities - Seattle & Minneapolis - who are centering speed management in their safety work.

For more information about this training, click [here](#).

Link: <https://visionzeronetwork.org/event/cities-managing-speed-for-safety-learning-from-seattle-minneapolis/>

### **New**

#### **Webinar: Mobility Innovations: Rethinking Transit During and After COVID-19**

**Date: June 23, 2020**

**Time: 12:00 pm to 12:30 pm MT/2:00 pm to 2:30 pm ET**

**Cost: Free**

**Organization: Eno Center for Transportation**

In just a few months, the paradigm for transit has been upended. Agencies and the organizations that support them are adopting radically different operational models to meet essential needs balanced with requirements for physical distancing, sanitation, and tighter budgets. In this webinar, leaders at Los Angeles County Metro and Via will discuss how their organizations are proactively responding to the crisis and setting the stage for the future of transit.

For more information about this training, click [here](#).

Link: <https://www.enotrans.org/event/webinar-mobility-innovations-rethinking-transit-during-and-after-covid-19/>

**Webinar: Tribal Transportation Planning and Pedestrian Safety**

**Date: June 23, 2020**

**Time: 1:00 pm to 2:15 pm MT/3:00 pm to 4:15 pm ET**

**Cost: Free**

**Organization: America Walks**

Join America Walks and our partners from the tribal community planning world on Tuesday, June 23rd for Part 1 in our *Walking Towards Justice in Indian Country* series.

Titled *Tribal Transportation Planning and Pedestrian Safety*, this first webinar will ask why pedestrian fatalities are so prevalent in tribal communities. American Indians and Alaska Natives are much more likely to be killed while walking than any other racial or ethnic group with a recorded pedestrian death rate almost five times the national average. And these shocking statistics probably understate the true disparity because of a fragmented reporting system.

Webinar panelists representing government agencies, research organizations, and the communities of Pueblo of Laguna and Yakama Nation will provide an overview of the pedestrian fatality/injury data and explore potential solutions to this problem. Participants will learn how cultural heritage, communication challenges, and jurisdictional issues involving tribal, state, and federal governments have contributed to pedestrian fatalities, and presenters will discuss case studies in which collaboration, a unified advocacy voice, and safety campaigns are starting to improve outcomes.

This webinar will also provide important background information for the second webinar in the *Walking Towards Justice in Indian Country* series on *Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls*, which is scheduled for August.

For more information about this training, click [here](#).

Link: <https://americawalks.org/new-webinar-tribal-transportation-planning-and-pedestrian-safety/>

**New**

**Webinar: Next Generation Traffic Management & Analytics**

**Date: June 24, 2020**

**Time: 9:00 am to 10:30 am MT/11:00 am to 12:30 pm ET**

**Cost: Free**

**Organization: International Road Federation**

Mobility services are undergoing spectacular changes with the introduction and widespread use of cloud communication and connected vehicle technology. Incremental interventions on the physical and digital road networks are required to allow traffic control systems to cope with mixed vehicular traffic and optimize traffic guidance functions. This webinar will present the current state of the art in responsive and fully adaptive traffic management solutions, as well as opportunities to leverage the vast amounts of data captured by sophisticated traffic management systems to deliver safer road mobility.

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Link: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4404594509905197837>

**New**

**Webinar: Introduction to the New Highway-Rail Grade Crossing Handbook, 3rd Edition**

**Date: June 24, 2020**

**Time: 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm MT/2:00 pm to 3:30 pm ET**

**Cost: Free**

**Organization: Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE)**

This webinar provides an overview of the content of the recently released Highway-Rail Crossing Handbook, 3rd Edition. The Handbook was developed by ITE under contract to the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and covers all aspects of highway-rail crossing planning and design including the appropriate use of traffic control devices.

The webinar will provide a brief overview of the key content of the Handbook including characteristics of the crossing environment and users and physical



and operational changes that can be made at crossings to enhance the safety and operation of both highway and rail traffic. The following Handbook chapters will be discussed: Introduction & Glossary; Engineered Treatments; Treatment Selection Guidance; Project Implementation; Maintenance, Management, & Operations; and Special Topics. The Webinar will also include a synopsis of the ITE Recommended Practice Preemption of Traffic Signals Near Railroad Crossings that is currently under development and has been incorporated in part into the Handbook.

For more information about this training, click [here](#).

Link: <https://www.ite.org/events-meetings/ite-calendar/introduction-to-the-new-highway-rail-grade-crossing-handbook-3rd-edition/>

**Webinar: A Discussion of the NTSB Bicycle Safety Report**

**Date:** June 24, 2020

**Time:** 1:00 pm to 1:45 pm MT/3:00 pm to 3:45 pm ET

**Cost:** Free

**Organization:** Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP)

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) released its full report on bicyclist safety in December 2019: Bicyclist Safety on US Roadways: Crash Risks and Countermeasures, the agency's first report on bicyclist safety in 47 years. Most of the report focuses on what federal agencies can do to improve the safety of people who bike. Join APBP and NTSB for this free webinar where NTSB's Member Homendy will discuss the full report. Moderated by APBP Board member and Policy Committee Chair, Conor Semler.

For more information about this training, click [here](#).

Link: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8424392528229452304>

**Webinar: Understanding the Science of Distracted Driving**

**Date:** June 25, 2020

**Time:** 11:00 am to 12:00 pm MT/1:00 pm to 2:00 pm ET

**Cost:** Free

**Organization:** Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities

There's an abundance of research on the effects of distraction on highway safety, making it challenging to maintain proper context with past findings. And new work is broadening our understanding of distraction by examining questions such as why drivers feel so compelled to engage in distracting activities behind the wheel and how the effects of distraction vary by age and other factors. Experts will help you understand how to accurately interpret research results and explore the latest science of distracted driving.

For more information about this training, click [here](#).

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**New**

**Webinar: Accommodating Bicyclists and Pedestrians in Construction Areas: Making Work Zones Work for Everyone**

**Date:** June 25, 2020

**Time:** 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm MT/2:00 pm to 3:00 pm ET

**Cost:** \$49 members/\$99 non-members

**Organization:** Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE)

While detailed standards and guidelines have long existed for how to handle vehicle traffic through work zones, bicyclists and pedestrians are frequently left to fend for themselves when sidewalks are closed or bike lanes disappear during construction. To maintain vehicle capacity, bicycle facilities are often the first thing to go when the adjacent lot is under construction. However, many agencies are no longer accepting "Share the Road" signs and long, inaccessible pedestrian detours around the block as acceptable treatment for the more vulnerable roadway users.

This webinar will dive into the practices that some agencies are implementing to ensure access and connectivity is maintained for all. This includes minimizing detours, trading off vehicle lanes for pedestrian and bicycle space, and using creative staging to maintain an accessible path of travel. Our presenters will give first hand accounts of how they are prioritizing bicyclist and pedestrian access and safety in work zones through policies, plans, and on-the ground implementation.

For more information about this training, click [here](#).

Link: <https://www.ite.org/events-meetings/ite-calendar/accommodating-bicyclists-and-pedestrians-in-construction-areas-making-work-zones-work-for-everyone/>

**New**

**Webinar: Designing for Safety to Prevent Bicyclist & Pedestrian Injuries**

**Date:** June 26, 2020

**Time:** 11:00 am to 12:00 pm MT/1:00 pm to 2:00 pm ET

**Cost:** Free

**Organization:** Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities

Is it possible to design for safety? The answer is YES! Learn how using a systems approach can lead to better protection for pedestrians and bicyclists of all ages. Innovative technology and design techniques will be discussed, as will the myths of speed vs. speeding and how going over the speed limit has become socially acceptable, yet in reality saves very little time.

For more information about this training, click [here](#).

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**New**

**Webinar: A Research Roadmap for Transportation and Public Health**

**Date:** June 29, 2020

**Time:** 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm MT/2:00 pm to 3:00 pm ET

**Cost:** Free

**Organization:** Transportation Research Board (TRB)

States and localities are beginning to recognize and act on the connection between health and transportation. TRB is hosting a webinar on Monday, June 29, 2020 from 2:00 to 3:00 PM Eastern that will discuss how to leverage transportation projects to support positive health outcomes. New opportunities are developing within transportation agencies to better integrate public health concepts into transportation processes. Presenter will discuss how these opportunities align with research, data, and decision-making tools to further connect active transportation goals with improved health outcomes.

For more information about this training, click [here](#).

Link: <https://www.nationalacademies.org/event/06-29-2020/trb-webinar-a-research-roadmap-for-transportation-and-public-health>

**Webinar: Implementing a Local Road Safety Plan**

**Date:** June 29, 2020

**Time:** 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm MT/2:00 pm to 3:30 pm ET

**Cost:** Free

**Organization:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

A LRSP cannot reach the goal of reducing traffic related fatalities and serious injuries if it is not implemented. Recognizing the challenges State, local, Tribal and regional agencies face, this report, Implementing a Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP) provides guidance and examples of how to successfully address and accomplish LRSP implementation.

This report developed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) details steps to successfully implement a plan. A large number of States and local agencies have developed the plan, but find it difficult to go from development to implementation.

The report provides the strategies several states and local agencies have used to address these challenges and overcome barriers to successfully implement their plan and achieve positive reductions in traffic related fatalities and serious injuries.

For more information about this training, click [here](#).

Link: <https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/5612941/FHWA-LRSP-Registration>

**New**

**Webinar: Connected Vehicle Projects: Systems Engineering Lessons Learned**

**Date:** June 30, 2020

**Time:** 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm MT/2:00 pm to 3:00 pm ET

**Cost:** \$49 members/\$99 non-members

**Organization:** Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE)

This webinar will discuss three connected vehicle deployments in Michigan and the systems engineering lessons that were learned from these deployments. The three projects to be discussed are the M-1 transit signal priority, the I-96 ATDM with smart work zones, and the I-75 major project (queue detection and curve warning).

Additionally several programmatic changes to Michigan's ITS program will also be discussed which are indirectly related to connected vehicle deployments. These include the update of the systems engineering form, bringing signals under ITS and post construction reviews for ITS projects.

For more information about this training, click [here](#).

Link: <https://www.ite.org/events-meetings/ite-calendar/connected-vehicle-projects-systems-engineering-lessons-learned/>

**New**

**Webinar: Don't be Distracted by Distracted Walking**

**Date:** June 30, 2020

**Time:** 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm MT/2:00 pm to 3:00 pm ET

**Cost:** Free

**Organization:** Vision Zero Network



Pedestrian deaths and the use of smartphones rose in tandem over the past few years. Surely these trends are linked, right? Not so fast, argues Dr. Kelcie Ralph. In a careful review, she finds that while many people walk distracted, it does not appear to be as risky as many people assume. Other factors - such as increased use of SUVs and distracted driving - help explain the rise in pedestrian deaths. The Takeaway: We should be wary of the "distracted walking" narrative because it tends to shift our policies away from systematic solutions (such as lower speeds and improved street design) toward individual-level solutions (such as education campaigns and bans on distracted walking), which are less effective, subject to police bias, and inconsistent with Vision Zero principles.

For more information about this training, click [here](#).

Link: <https://visionzeronet.org/event/dont-be-distracted-by-distracted-walking/>

#### **New**

**Webinar: Innovative Campaigns that Get Results**

**Date: July 1, 2020**

**Time: 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm MT/3:30 pm to 4:30 pm ET**

**Cost: Free**

**Organization: Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities**

From disruptive marketing in South Dakota to an innovative, research-driven campaign in Oklahoma, these approaches have one thing in common - to get results. Contrasting campaigns from Iowa and Missouri will help you decide what type of campaign is right for your state. Also explore active forms of engaging the public in the field to help kick start your PR program. Don't miss this fast-paced workshop loaded with ideas for traffic safety campaigns of all sizes.

For more information about this training, click [here](#).

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#### **New**

**Webinar: Surveying Communities for Alcohol Problem Identification**

**Date: July 2, 2020**

**Time: 9:00 am to 10:00 am MT/11:00 am to 12:00 pm ET**

**Cost: Free**

**Organization: Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities**

Whether you're a seasoned program manager seeking a refresher on alcohol problem identification or a staff member who is new to impaired driving, this session will address the basic epidemiology of alcohol-impaired crashes. It will also highlight variations in drinking and driving patterns that may be the result of local conditions, such as college town or urban and rural locations. Information on epidemiology and variations would be accompanied by discussion of the need to align alcohol impaired driving interventions with the specific local problem.

For more information about this training, click [here](#).

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#### **New**

**Webinar: Warning Signs - What, Where, Why, When and Liability Concerns**

**Date: July 2, 2020**

**Time: 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm MT/2:00 pm to 3:00 pm ET**

**Cost: Free members/\$99 non-members**

**Organization: Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE)**

Warning signs are used to draw attention to unexpected conditions, changes in traffic control, speed limits and roadway geometry, as well as inform about the presence of vulnerable road users and wildlife. With such a wide variety of applications, warning signs are a critical tool in informing the road users to safely navigate the transportation system.

This webinar will cover the need, categories, design and application of the warning signs including a brief history and potential changes being considered by the National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (NCUTCD) to be incorporated in the future edition of the MUTCD.

The webinar will also provide examples of unique applications (children at play, wildlife crossing, deaf child, smoke/fog, icy roads, runaway truck ramp, etc.) as well as unnecessary use of warning signs leading to sign clutter and disrespect for all signs.

Finally, this webinar will cover the need and application of warning signs from a liability perspective using real-world examples by an expert witness.

For more information about this training, click [here](#).

Link: <https://www.ite.org/events-meetings/ite-calendar/warning-signs-what-where-why-when-and-liability-concerns/>

#### **New**

**Webinar: Getting Them to Buckle Up in the Rear Seat**

**Date:** July 8, 2020

**Time:** 9:00 am to 10:00 am MT/11:00 am to 12:00 pm ET

**Cost:** Free

**Organization:** Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities

Overcoming the perception that people are safer in the rear seat and don't need to buckle up is critical for preventing serious injuries and fatalities. And recognizing the gains states have made in front seat belt use, this is a winnable safety issue. Learn who isn't buckling up in the rear seat and hear about several approaches to encourage belt use in the back seat of passenger vehicles including ride-share partnerships publicizing the dangers of riding unrestrained.

For more information about this training, click [here](#).

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**Webinar: The Human Trafficking Tie to Transportation**

**Date:** July 22, 2020

**Time:** 11:00 am to 12:30 pm MT/1:00 pm to 2:30 pm ET

**Cost:** Free

**Organization:** National Center for Rural Road Safety

Human traffickers exploit legitimate systems within multiple business sectors for their profits. Traffickers are using resources within the transportation sector to move their victims. Transportation is also a way out for survivors. This webinar will feature research-based data, survivor-informed messaging, practical ways that you can identify potential incidents of human trafficking, what to safely do with what you observe and how you can encourage others to join you in the fight to end modern day slavery.

For more information about this training, click [here](#).

Link: <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07eh3uqaay7608b966&llr=ngyyawuab>

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**Instructor-Led Trainings**

**Training: Roadside Safety and Maintenance**

**Date:** July 29, 2020

**Location:** Danville, VA

**Organization:** University of Virginia Transportation Training Academy

The Roadside Maintenance Safety workshop is designed to cover all of the key safety guidelines and procedures related to the most common activities workers perform while on or near the roadway. We aim to teach workers and their supervisors how to keep themselves and their co-workers safe while working in often very hazardous situations. From temporary traffic control and flagging operations to working with heavy equipment, mowing & maintenance of rights of way and roadside excavating and trench safety - we cover it all. In this very comprehensive workshop - we work to identify all the things that can (and often do) go wrong while performing roadside maintenance and provide guidance how to avoid worker accidents, injuries and fatalities.

For more information about this training, click [here](#).

Link: <http://uva-tta.net/workshop/roadside-safety-and-maintenance-07-29-2020/>

**Training: Building Climate Resilience into Roads & Transport Infrastructure**

**Date:** August 24-28, 2020

**Location:** Alexandria, VA

**Organization:** International Road Federation

Climate change is putting at risk the lives of millions of people worldwide, and trillions of dollars of investment in transport infrastructure and services. Access to all-weather roads and transport services has become so woven into the fabric of communities and economic development that service disruptions can have far-reaching implications for entire communities, especially in the developing world. A transport system that cannot withstand the emerging impacts of climate change will prove an increasing burden.

This certified training course is designed to provide a methodical overview of climate change mitigation strategies and emergency response management. Participants will be guided through various processes aimed at conducting thorough risk preparedness assessments and the associated remedial measures. Throughout the course, the issue of successful engagement with impacted residents will be addressed.

Rural roads, frequently a vulnerable link in the transport chain, will be addressed through dedicated modules presenting design and maintenance features for weather-resilient low volume / rural roads.

For more information about this training, click [here](#).

Link: <https://www.irf.global/event/crr20-ws-was/>

**Training: Safe Roads By Design: Making Roads Safe for all Users**

**Date:** December 7-11, 2020

**Location:** Alexandria, VA

**Organization:** International Road Federation

The Safe Roads by Design™: Making Roads Safe for all Users certified training program is one of the most comprehensive road safety training programs in the world. Experts in the field will present best practices and state of the art technologies in Roadside Safety, Work Zone Safety, Vulnerable User Safety, Traffic Management and Road Safety Audits over a five-day period. The purpose of this training program is to help participants to understand what can be done to reduce fatalities and serious injuries from road crashes.

For more information about this training, click [here](#).

Link: <https://www.irf.global/event/srd20-es-was/>

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**Conferences**

**Conference: 2020 Virtual ITE Annual Meeting - Joint Western and Mountain Districts**

**Date:** June 28 - July 1, 2020

**Location:** Online

**Organization:** Institute of Transportation Engineers, Western District, Mountain District

The Joint Western & Mountain Districts Annual Meeting has now transitioned to a virtual meeting on June 28-July 1, 2020. The plan includes one-hour, topic-driven sessions between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM (PST).

For more information about this conference, click [here](#).

Link: <https://www.westernite.org/annualmeeting/>

**Now Going Virtual**

**Conference: 2020 National Regional Transportation Conference**

**Date:** July, 2020

**Location:** Online

**Organization:** National Association of Development Organizations (NADO)

Plan to join peers from across the U.S. for networking sessions, panel presentations, and training workshops on current projects and trending topics in rural and small urban transportation.

The conference welcomes regional transportation planners, mobility professionals, state DOT representatives, and local and private sector partners. The National Regional Transportation Conference agenda will feature a variety of sessions applicable to individuals with years of experience and those who are just beginning their transportation careers.

For more information about this conference, click [here](#).

Link: <https://www.nado.org/events/rpo2020/>

**New Date/Now Going Virtual**

**Conference: Joint ITE International and Southern District Annual Meeting and Exhibition**

**Dates:** August 4-6, 2020, August 11-13, 2020, August 18-20, 2020

**Location:** Online

**Organization:** Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE)

Join ITE this August for a highly educational online experience featuring access to [more than 30 technical sessions](#), thought leader perspectives on key topics such as equity in transportation and the utilization of big data/data analytics, [more than 65 exhibitors showcasing products and services](#) that help you serve your communities better. In addition, you will be able to share insights with more than 40 poster presenters and take a deeper looker at transportation topics through eight two-hour workshops.

The program for the National Rural ITS Annual Conference will be integrated into this meeting with a track focusing specifically on topics relating to rural intelligent transportation systems.

Tuesday, August 4 - Thursday, August 6  
Plenary and Technical Sessions, Poster Presentations

Tuesday, August 11 - Thursday, August 13  
Plenary and Technical Sessions, Poster Presentations, and Workshops

Tuesday, August 18 - Thursday, August 20  
ITE Council and Committee Meetings

For more information about this conference, click [here](#).

Link: <https://www.ite.org/events-meetings/ite-virtual-annual-meeting-and-exhibition/>

**Conference: 17th National Tools of the Trade Conference**

**Date: August 26-28, 2020**

**Location: Boise, ID**

**Organization: Transportation Research Board (TRB)**

Tools of the Trade is a national conference providing practical techniques for transportation professionals in small (under 50,000 residents) and medium-sized (50,000 to 250,000 residents) communities. This year we are also focused on interactions between communities and federal / state public lands! All practitioners, researchers, academics and others involved in the transportation community are encouraged attend. The conference is sponsored by the Transportation Research Board Committees ADA30 and ADA40, the Federal Highway Administration, and the Community Planning Association of Southeast Idaho (COMPASS).

For more information about this conference, click [here](#).

Link: <http://www.trbtoolsofthetrade.org/upcoming-conference.html>

**Conference: 2020 International Road Weather and Winter Maintenance Conference & Peer Exchange**

**Date: September 21-23, 2020**

**Location: Atlanta, GA**

**Organization: Transportation Research Board (TRB)**

The objectives of the 2020 International Road weather and Winter Maintenance Conference & Peer Exchange provide a forum for the exchange of information on the state-of-the-art and state-of-the-practice in research and technology applications to Road Weather and Winter Maintenance Operations. The event will highlight National and international best practices. Conference attendees include winter maintenance and road weather practitioners, managers, planners, analysts, researchers, and those engaged in developing or supplying products and services to those industries. State DOT practitioners from all 50 states will be invited to showcase their approach to many different winter maintenance and road weather challenges. The conference themes include the Application of Emerging Technologies to Winter Maintenance and Road Weather, Performance Improvement of Winter Maintenance Organizations, and Resiliency to Extreme Weather Events and Weather Related Emergency Operations.

For more information about this conference, click [here](#).

Link: <http://www.cvent.com/events/2020-international-road-weather-and-winter-maintenance-conference-peer-exchange/event-summary-4d7bca847abe4cfa95419df362f5e573.aspx>

**Conference: ITS World Congress 2020 - The New Age of Mobility**

**Date: October 4-8, 2020**

**Location: Los Angeles, CA**

**Organization: ITS America**

The 27th ITS World Congress in Los Angeles, CA, October 4-8, 2020 will explore The New Age of Mobility. The recent explosion of new technologies and new forms of mobility are transforming the future of transportation. At a time in which we are focused on moving people, data and freight, how will we prepare for a future that is increasingly more connected, autonomous, shared and electric? The technologies that make our roads safer will also reduce congestion and greenhouse gas emissions, and move us closer to a future of seamless mobility - one that is safer, greener and smarter.

For more information about this conference, click [here](#).

Link: <https://itsworldcongress2020.com/>

**Conference: APTA TRANSform Conference and Expo**

**Date: October 11-14, 2020**

**Location: Anaheim, CA**

**Organization: American Public Transportation Association (APTA)**

Held once every three years, APTA's TRANSform Conference & EXPO is public transit's premier showcase of technology, products, and services.

With attendees and exhibitors from around the globe, APTA's TRANSform Conference & EXPO plays a pivotal role in connecting the industry to what's now and what's next in public transportation.

For more information about this conference, click [here](#).

Link: <https://www.aptaexpo.com/apta2020/public/enter.aspx>

**Conference: National Conference on Rural Public and Intercity Bus Transportation**

**Date: October 18-21, 2020**



**Location: Charleston, SC**  
**Organization: Transportation Research Board (TRB)**

The Conference Planning Committee for the 24th National Conference on Rural Public and Intercity Bus Transportation (to be held October 17-21, 2020 in Charleston, SC) seeks proposals for presentations to be included in one of the 25 breakout conference sessions. Conference workshops and panels are organized around five routes:

- Planning, Design and Research
- Policy, Funding and Finance
- Special Topics on Rural Mobility
- Rural and Tribal Transportation in Today's Operating Environment
- Better Mobility through Technology

For more information about this conference, click [here](#).

Link: <https://trb.secure-platform.com/a/page/Rural-Intercity-Bus-2020>

**Conference: ASCE Convention 2020**  
**Date: October 28-31, 2020**  
**Location: Anaheim, CA**  
**Organization: American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)**

The American Society of Civil Engineers' (ASCE) Convention is the Society's premiere membership event. It is the single annual opportunity where the entire Society joins together reflecting the diversity that ASCE encompasses. The Convention program is designed to have integrated, multi-disciplinary, technical, and educational components to meet the needs of the profession.

For more information about this conference, click [here](#).

Link: [https://www.asceconvention.org/?\\_ga=2.140730289.2015344412.1586367620-788565528.1524677302](https://www.asceconvention.org/?_ga=2.140730289.2015344412.1586367620-788565528.1524677302)

**Conference: International Road Federation Roads to Tomorrow (R2T) Annual Conference and Exhibition**  
**Date: November 10-13, 2020**  
**Location: Houston, TX**  
**Organization: International Road Federation (IRF)**

The IRF Global Roads2Tomorrow (R2T) Annual Conference & Exhibition has quickly established itself as a top destination for global innovators and decision makers in the roads and mobility sector. For road and transport authorities the IRF R2T Conference is the ideal place to learn and share best practice about the latest technologies and solutions. For researchers, it is an ideal platform to share their research with their peers and the sector as a whole. For the private sector, it is an opportunity to make the right business contacts and to showcase their services. For everyone in the sector it is a place to learn and network with professionals and decision makers from over 50 countries.

With an expected 200 internationally recognized speakers sharing their engineering and business insights, the IRF Global R2T Conference & Exhibition is uniquely positioned to usher in an era of automated, connected, safe & intelligent transportation services.

For more information about this conference, click [here](#).

Link: <https://www.irf.global/event/r2t20-houston/>

**Conference: Safer Roads 2020 International Conference**  
**Date: November 2020**  
**Location: Richmond, VA**  
**Organization: American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO)**

The Safer Roads 2020 International Conference is a triennial event for roadway safety professionals and transportation officials from around the world. The conference brings together industry leaders, government officials, corporate roadway department personnel, and others in the roadway safety industry, with a focus on working better together.

Every three years, our international community gathers to learn, network, and discover the latest industry best practices to improve roadway safety. This global conference is designed to facilitate communications and the sharing of ideas to stimulate creative problem solving.

This year's conference will be held in conjunction with the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' (AASHTO) Committee on Safety. The AASHTO group includes both policy and technical level within the state department of transportation (DOT), and represents the multidisciplinary approach to safety performance, including experience in engineering, enforcement, education, emergency medical service or incident response, and the use of data-driven safety evaluation, analysis, and diagnosis to identify and address the need to reduce crashes.

For more information about this conference, click [here](#).

Link: <http://saferroads2020.atssa.com/>



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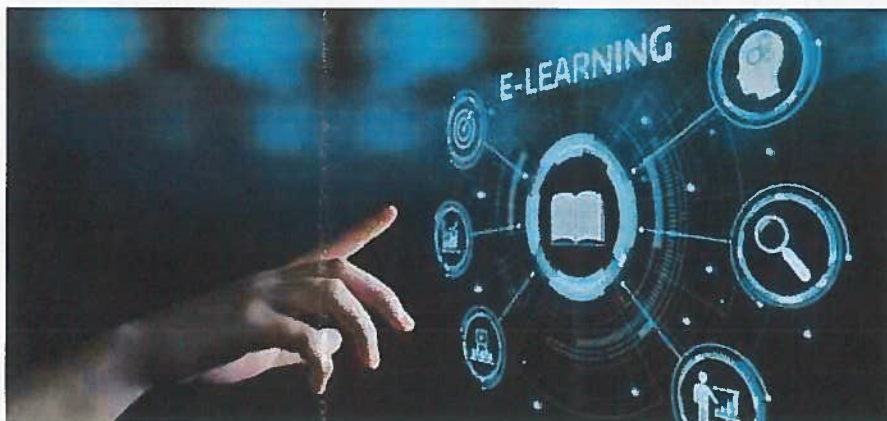


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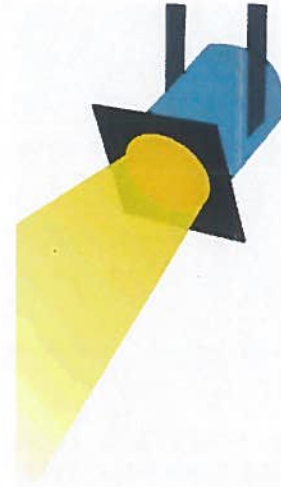
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