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

## **AGENDA PACKET**

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

**Wednesday, August 11, 2021**

**10:00AM – 2:00PM**

**Virtual Meeting via MS Teams**





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### RTPO Joint Technical & Policy Committee Meeting

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10:00 am

Virtual Meeting – Microsoft Teams

## AGENDA

### ROUTINE ITEMS:

Item #	Item	Presenter
I.	Call to Order and Introductions	Dave Deutsawe, Chairman
II.	Action: Agenda	Dave Deutsawe
III.	Action: Minutes – July 14 meeting	Dave Deutsawe

### ACTION ITEMS:

IV.	Formal Amendments to RTPO Budget and Staff Hours	Robert Kuipers, NWRTPO Staff
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### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Item #	Item	Presenter
V.	NMDOT Highway Safety Improvement Program Presentation	Jason Coffey, NMDOT HSIP Planner
VI.	Update: Report on updates to the NWRTPO Regional Transportation Plan to date	Robert Kuipers
VII.	Update: Members report on Local Leader RTPO Orientations (completed or planned for the near future)	Robert Kuipers

### VIII. REPORTS: (10-minute limit)

*inclusion in minutes*

*Please submit Written Reports for*

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

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2021 – Pueblo of Acoma Tribal Auditorium (unless otherwise determined or virtual via MSTEams)

### ADJOURNMENT

**NWRTPO | Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization**

Joint Policy &amp; Technical Committee

**NWRTPO Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday July 14, 2021

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Virtual meeting executed via Microsoft Teams

Due to COVID-19 Pandemic

**ATTENDANCE:**

<b>Local &amp; Tribal Governments</b>	
<b>Entity</b>	<b>Representative(s)</b>
Pueblo of Acoma	<b>Dave Deutsawe</b> (Chair)
Pueblo of Laguna	<b>Elroy Keetso</b> , Sharon Hausam
Pueblo of Zuni	<b>Royce Gchachu</b> , Roxanne Hughte
Navajo Nation	<b>Larry Joe</b> , <b>Marco Sells</b> , Leanne Roy
Ramah Navajo	<b>Dorothy Claw</b> , Tom Martine
City of Grants	Don Jaramillo, Mark Teshima
City of Gallup	<b>Clyde Strain</b> , Alicia Santiago
Village of Milan	<b>Denise Baca</b> , Felix Gonzales
Cibola County	Judy Horacek, <b>Edward Salazar</b>
McKinley County	<b>Rodney Skersick</b> , Donna Fambrough
San Juan County	Absent (Nick Porell)
Farmington Metropolitan Planning Organization - Ex-officio	Not in attendance

<b>New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT)</b>	
<b>Entity</b>	<b>Representative(s)</b>
RTPO Liaison	<b>Neala Krueger</b>
District 5	<b>Stephanie Medina</b> , James Mexia
District 6	JoAnn Garcia, <b>Bill Santiago</b>
Tribal Liaison	<b>Ron Shutiva</b>
DOT Central Regional Design Office	<b>James Sanchez</b>
Other NMDOT Staff / Guests	<b>Jeanette Bachand</b> , NMDOT, <b>Joe Baca</b> – Cibola County

<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>Total Full Attendance:</b>	<b>Member Entities:</b>	<b>NMDOT</b>	<b>RTPO</b>	<b>Guests</b>	<b>Full Attendance Norm:</b>	
	9	Normally 4-5: DOT Liaison, Tribal Liaison, District 5 & 6 Representatives	1	varies	17 - 20	
<b>Attendance – this meeting:</b>	<b>Member Attendance:</b>	<b>NMDOT Attendance:</b>	<b>Staff:</b>	<b>Guests:</b>	<b>Attendance % this meeting:</b>	<b>TOTAL:</b>
	10	6	1	2	100%	19

## ROUTINE ITEMS:

Item #	Item
I.	<b>Call to Order and Introductions.</b> The meeting was called to order at 10:15 am, Bob Kuipers welcomed those in attendance, and Dave Deutsawe proceeded with introductions and approval of agenda and minutes. The virtual meeting was conducted via Microsoft Teams, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
II.	<b>Agenda.</b> RTPO Program Manager provided an overview of the day's agenda topics and RTPO Chair called for a motion:  <b>ACTION:</b> Elroy Keeto Pueblo of Laguna - motioned; Denise Baca Village of Milan - seconded adoption of the agenda. All in favor – motion carried.
III.	<b>Minutes (June 9, 2021).</b> Chairman provided time for review of minutes and there were no revisions requested.  <b>ACTION:</b> Elroy Keeto – Pueblo of Laguna motioned; Denise Baca – Village of Milan seconded adoption of the minutes. All in favor – motion carried.

**Discussion:** No discussion

**ACTION ITEMS:** none this meeting

## DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Item #	Item	Presenter
IV.	Update: Report on Project Feasibility Forms	Robert Kuipers – NWRTPO, DOT District 6 staff

- **Why?** Every two years the NWRTPO develops a new RTIPR which entails revisiting existing projects and proposing further development, or proposing new projects for multi-modal development within our region.
- **Purpose.** The RTIPR (*Regional Transportation Improvement Program Recommendations*) provides a list of transportation projects seeking funding thru a variety of state or federal sources for our region.
- **Discussion/Finalization.** RTPO members will discuss moving projects forward for the FFY2021 – 2022 RTIPR with NMDOT staff.

### CURRENT WORK

- Discussion with NMDOT District 6 staff on development of transportation projects for the NWRTPO - RTIPR.

### ANTICIPATED WORK

- Modification of projects as needed or advised by NMDOT, and moving these forward with Project Prospectus Forms (PPF's) toward inclusion in our new RTIPR.

### ATTACHMENTS

- List of proposed projects for the FFY2021 – 2022 RTIPR

### BUDGET IMPACT

- None

### ACTION ITEM

- No action this meeting NMDOT District 6 staff will consult with RTPO staff and members to approve or deny moving projects forward in the RTIPR.

## Discussion:

- Staff are still waiting on DOT District 5 to set a date for discussion of Northern Navajo Projects.
- Staff informed RTPO members on PFF submissions totaling 52 projects from 9 of our member governments. Two of our member governments did not submit any projects.
- There are several members who will be asked to clarify or add a little more information to their PFF's.
- RTPO staff summarized Transportation Project Fund submissions: 11 projects from 9 member governments submitted for \$19,485,577; with \$120 million available statewide. In the first round of TPF funding our region received by far the largest amount of funding – hoping to do this again.

Item #	Item	Presenter
V.	Update: NMDOT Functional Classification Updates	Jeanette Bachand - NMDOT

BACKGROUND	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Why?</b> RTPO members need to be familiar with roadway functional classification, as it impacts project funding. Major Collectors or higher classifications qualify for federal funding, minor collectors and local roads must draw from other local or state sources.</li> <li>• <b>Purpose.</b> Inform NWRTPO members on the NMDOT 2021 Functional Classification Update.</li> <li>• <b>Discussion/Finalization.</b> Jeanette Bachand will inform RTPO members on the NMDOT 2021 update to functional classification guidance.</li> </ul>	
CURRENT WORK	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation from Ms. Bachand</li> </ul>	
ANTICIPATED WORK	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members to be aware of functional classification for roadways as they propose projects for funding.</li> </ul>	
ATTACHMENTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NMDOT 2021 Functional Classification System Guide</li> <li>• One Page Guide to Functional Classification</li> <li>• NMDOT Functional Classification Change Request Form</li> </ul>	
BUDGET IMPACT	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>	
ACTION ITEM	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>	

### **Discussion:**

Jeanette Bachand from NMDOT provided a report on recent functional classification guidance updates from NMDOT as follows:

- The F.C. guidance was recently updated by NMDOT.
- The guidance formerly was 40+ pages – now condensed down to 11 pages.
- The process for functional classification upgrades has not changed.
- The guidance is now available on the NMDOT website in the Planning section (below Freight Planning) as a digital form
- Ms. Bachand indicated the functional classification guidance is available on the NMDOT website below the Freight Plan – but I couldn't find it there?
- There is a new functional classification change request form – only minor changes.
- Some discussion on the difference between state and tribal transportation program functional classification – indicating that some roads of significance in tribal communities don't qualify for the same categories in the federal / state systems.
- This was followed by additional discussion on urban vs. rural classifications related to funding, and noted that functional classification is often population driven (ie – how many people are driving vehicles on a roadway).
- Ms. Bachand also referred to the functional classification change form thru which local governments can request F.C. upgrades.

Item #	Item	Presenter
VI.	Update: Members report on Local Leader Orientations	Robert Kuipers - NWRTPO
<b>BACKGROUND</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Why?</b> Every two to three years, related to elections of local municipal, county and tribal leaders the NWRTPO provides an orientation to its function and service to our respective local governments for development and maintenance of transportation infrastructure.</li> <li>• <b>Purpose.</b> To keep our regional leaders informed on the RTPPO process and service for maintaining and generating new transportation infrastructure and services.</li> <li>• <b>Discussion/Finalization.</b> Analyze and track local leader orientations to the NWRTPO function and service to our respective municipal, tribal and county governments for development and maintenance of transportation infrastructure and services.</li> </ul>		
<b>CURRENT WORK</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluate and track the provision of RTPPO orientation presentations to regional local leaders.</li> </ul>		
<b>ANTICIPATED WORK</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remind RTPPO members who have not yet provided the virtual orientation presentation for the NWRTPO, to complete this in the near future for their respective government leaders, and report back to the NWRTPO manager on completion of this task.</li> </ul>		
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NWRTPO current Virtual Member Government Orientation to the NWRTPO, and the Virtual Orientation Guide; along with the local leader RTPPO Orientation Tracking Instrument.</li> </ul>		
<b>BUDGET IMPACT</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None.</li> </ul>		
<b>ACTION ITEM</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request that RTPPO members provide this virtual orientation to their local leaders at their earliest convenience – most of our presentations for this orientation are past due!</li> </ul>		

**Discussion:**

- Mr. Kuipers indicated that a virtual presentation option is available on the COG RTPPO website if you simply click on the Transportation icon – (without selecting the three “meetings” / “documents” / “4-Cite” options on the right), you can scroll down to the virtual orientation presentation. This presentation takes about 20 to 30 minutes, but can be reviewed by local leaders at their leisure as opposed to at their meeting. Then you simply follow up to find out which of them have reviewed the presentation and if they have any questions or comments.
- The other option is for Mr. Kuipers to actually present the Orientation directly at the local government monthly (or bi-weekly) meeting, which can generally be covered with hard copies for the leaders in around 15 minutes.
- We would like to complete these orientations between August and September – whether virtual or in person, so requesting our members to pay attention to this so we can “catch up to where we should be with these presentations”!
- The virtual opportunity provides an option for leaders to review the orientation on their own - at their leisure as opposed to taking up 15-20 minutes (in person) or 20 – 30 minutes (virtual) at their monthly or bi-monthly meetings.
- **RTPPO staff request that our members pay attention to completing the RTPPO orientation by the end of September if possible!**

Item #	Topic	Presenter
VII.	RTPO Staff, Member and DOT Reports	Robert Kuipers - NWRTPO
<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: staff provided the staff hours summary and expenditure summary reports for June, 2021.</li> <li>• RTPO Report; staff provided the June monthly report in the meeting package.</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: James Mexia, Stephanie Medina</li> </ul>		
<b>News, Training &amp; Funding Opportunities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>FHWA Planning, Environment &amp; Realty Reports</u>: none</li> <li>• <u>NMDOT Govt. to Govt. Update</u>: 7/2/21,</li> <li>• <u>AASHTO Publications</u>: none</li> <li>• <u>NMDOT / UNM-LTAP</u>: Provides a very robust collection of training opportunities – staff forward news to members as it comes out from this source – reference at <a href="http://ltap.unm.edu">ltap.unm.edu</a> – <u>Online courses notice</u> forwarded to members as LTAP emails come in.</li> <li>• <u>Title VI Training</u> is available to MPO's and RTPO's from Lisa Neie – Civil Rights Manager for FHWA New Mexico. These trainings can be customized to address member concerns and issues for their regions, if provided to her in advance. Based on training length, we could provide it at one of our meetings.</li> <li>• <u>UNM LTAP Courses Announcement</u>: 6/3/21</li> <li>• <u>Every Day Counts News</u>: 6/3, 6/17, 6/23, 7/2/21-(x2)</li> <li>• <u>Outdoor Equity Fund Grant Opportunity</u>: (trails) 6/3/21</li> <li>• <u>Tribal Communities, Organizations and Grant Writing</u>: (guidance) 6/16/21</li> <li>• <u>Trends in NM Crash Data</u>: 6/17</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> </ul>		

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

#### RTPO Staff Reports:

RTPO staff provided the staff hours and budget expenditure reports for June, and the June monthly report. Of significance in the June monthly report (primarily on May news and activities) are the following:

- The NWRTPO is now executing a full call for projects which extends from April / May of 2021 thru March of 2022.
- The Trail of the Ancients Scenic Byway – portions thru all three counties have now been designated as a National Scenic Byway – anticipated to have significant impacts on tourism to our region!!
- The Navajo Nation is commencing development of 80 miles of recreational trails in the Chuska Mountains, which will complement the 200 miles of rec. trails being developed in the Zuni Mountain Range, along with Pueblo of Laguna's development of bike / ped trails between all 7 Pueblo Villages. COG staff will continue developing recreational trails this Spring thru Fall in the Zuni Mountains, adding Cibola County trails to those already developed in McKinley County – total of 200+ miles of rec. trails!



- The NMDOT Transportation Project Fund has \$120 million available this year, so members worked hard and fast to meet the June 15 deadline for submitting complete application packages for a total of \$19,485,577 for 11 projects on behalf of 9 of our local governments.

**Additional Requests to RTPO Members:**

- Members are asked to update their appointment forms for the NWRTPPO – so far only Cibola County has responded; staff still need new member appointment forms from: **McKinley County** (Rodney Skersick Primary, Donna Fambrough – Alternate) and **Northern and Eastern Navajo** (Northern – Larry Joe Primary, Leanne Roy Alternate) Eastern – Marco Sells Primary, Leanne Roy Alternate).
- **Members are asked to either a) complete the virtual RTPO Orientation with their respective local leaders – available on the COG RTPO website, or b) invite Mr. Kuipers to present the orientation at their respective local government meetings. We would like to complete these in August thru September if possible as we are now considerably past due!**

Local Member Reports ( <i>significant news only</i> )	By Entity
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**New news in bold**

**Pueblo of Acoma**

- **Road construction in general will commence again in May.**
- CMGC2 – 1: Construction of new office for Transportation and other Departments is underway – anticipated completion has been delayed by COVID-19. **At this time building construction is 99% complete**
- 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. **Baseball Fields improvement is now in progress – at 65% completion.**
- CMGC2 – 4 Projects: (*request for proposals for this new bundle of projects was published 2/10/19*)
- The Pueblo is now doing construction to increase its water irrigation system.
- FEMA 4352 Large Projects All FEMA Large projects have been completed (104 projects!) - \$13 million a year ahead of time; the Pueblo is now addressing finishing the small projects and only has one to go.
- **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. To mitigate COVID 19 delays, the Pueblo has developed a survey for public input which is also available on Survey Monkey. The completion date has now been moved to March, 2021. 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; however, thru distributing a survey at the local Food Pantry, the Pueblo has achieved a 41% response rate from the public for both transportation 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; 22 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.
- Arrowhead Drive is in design for new construction.
- 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. Preparing amendments to conduct engineering studies, land surveys, geotechnical studies, drainage analysis, right of way surveys and proforma.

**Pueblo of Zuni**

- The Pueblo is under lock down with little administrative activity due to COVID-19 pandemic; the Pueblo has extended re-opening until sometime in the future, depending on how long COVID-19 persists. The Zuni Tribe partially opened on Oct. 13, 2020 at 50% capacity. Still exercising the CDC safety requirements in the workplace. Visitations only thru appointments.
- **Bid packages for Shiwi Ts'ana Elementary School access and Z301 / NM53 intersection improvements were opened July 12 – with one bid submitted. Notice of award offered to Albuquerque company for both projects combined.**
- **Zuni CARES funds should be funding a dump truck and backup generator for the Andrew Othole Memorial Airport.**
- **FHWA Coronavirus funds helped Zuni purchase another truck and equipment.**
- **US Dept. of Treasury set aside \$20 billion for Native American Tribes under American Rescue Plan. Zuni received it's first distribution – Road Dept. will submit road improvement project that leads to significant historical site for tourism**
- **Road maintenance projects continue.**



- Royce is now also the Airport Manager. Receipt of FAA grant agreement for developing an Airport Master Plan for the Andrew Othole Memorial (AOM) Airport. The master plan will be developed by the Pueblo's airport consultant – Armstrong Consultant's, Inc.
- The Pueblo continues to update its long-range transportation plan. The plan is now in final draft form and being put out on the Pueblo website and Facebook for public comment. The draft plan is awaiting recommendations for next steps on how to present to the public.
- The pedestrian trail project plan is now 100% complete – will move forward for FHWA approval.
- On-call A/E consultants are working on designs for Ruins Road, North/South Sandy Springs Road, Harker Circle, the intersection of Ojo Caliente/Pia Mesa and pedestrian trails. **Ruins Road is now at 95% completion.**
- Ongoing road maintenance around the Pueblo. This includes crews addressing mowing, culvert repairs, blading gravel or dirt roads, asphalt pothole repairs and vegetation control.
- Virtual Presentation meeting with NMDOT and WHPacific on the NM53 Drainage project being designed by WHPacific to make improvements from MP15.5 to 19, due to undersized culvert pipes and overtopping of flood waters on NM53 (also Zuni Mainstreet). First meeting was held on October 7.
- There are demolition projects in the Pueblo for the Lemon Tree/Zuni Laundromat building and the old Zuni Water Dept. building.
- The Pueblo is undertaking construction of an RV Park.
- The Pueblo has worked with Ashiwi Transit and Gallup Express to extend transit service to the Ramah Navajo area.
- The Pueblo has engaged contractual on call engineering services for future transportation development.
- The Ashiwi transit system received a national award at the 2019 National RTAP (*Rural Transportation Assistance Program*) conference.
- Ashiwi Transit will resume when all safety precautionary measures have been installed on the transit vehicles. Local and Gallup services will resume on a limited basis, but only on demand or appointments. Extension to Ramah / Pinehill is temporarily on hold until further notice around COVID-19 concerns. **Transit service is temporarily unavailable, until the Pueblo determines COVID-19 concerns have been adequately addressed.**

#### McKinley County

- The County has completed their funded projects for 2019 and has only one project to complete funded for 2020.
- Pending projects for the County include CR-19 and Deer Springs Road, along with **Woodview Road (chip seal)** in Prewitt to spend down FFY 2020 funds. Deer Springs and CR19 improvements are ongoing.
- 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. Brasier Asphalt Co. has completed contract work on Thoreau Townsite roads. The County is waiting to complete this project by fog sealing the roads with the last of this funding.
- Brasier Asphalt Co. has completed contract work on CR1 – Mentmore.
- The County has almost completed chip-sealing CR-1 – Defiance Draw – will complete with fog-sealing remaining.
- Purchase orders for chips (sealing) for Pillowcrest Road have been obtained. Working on getting a list of culverts needed for Bowman Road. Work to progress as weather permits.
- 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 bridge is now complete and in close-out.**
- The County will benefit with \$23 million for improvements to the Carbon Coal Road intersection in Gamerco with US491, which leads to the developing Energy Logistics Park (and potential Inland Port).
- The County has finished chip sealing Pine Haven road; will use remaining funds to finish improvements on Allison road.
- **Coal Basin Road was completed by the end of June.**
- **County Road 6 – Cousins Road to commence repairs in August.**

- Ongoing county-wide maintenance including blading, patching potholes, cleaning culverts, repairing bridges / guardrails, etc. **The County is also working on completing the ZMTP Milk Ranch Trail Head**

#### Gallup

- **Gallup Mainstreet Project** – Ground breaking May 13; construction commenced July 1. Coal Avenue Commons both MAP and Legislative Agreements have been executed by the State. The City is working with Wilson & Co. and NMDOT District 6 on the final PS&E. City Council approved Wilson & Co.'s professional engineering proposal for construction management. The Mainstreet grant resolution was approved by City Council for this project. **Between MAP, State Legislative, Economic and City funding the Coal Avenue Commons project phase 1 is now complete with final walk thru scheduled for 7/20. The City is now seeking funding for phase 2 and has submitted an application for the NM Transportation Project Fund.**
- **East Nizhoni and West Aztec improvements are currently in design phase – Nizhoni design at 75%; West Aztec is at 60% design - received news from NMDOT Dist. 6 that the City was awarded MAP funding for East Nizhoni Ave - \$900,000.**
- 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. **This project is now in ongoing construction**
- 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.**
- **Local Govt. Road Fund funded projects have commenced mill and overlay for planned roads this week; received word from NMDOT Dist. 6 that the City was awarded funds for our next project.**
- The City has submitted a Letter of Intent for Coop funding.
- **Federal Aviation Admin. application for \$5 million has been submitted for our airport taxi-way and connectors.**

#### Milan

No report yet for this meeting – as the new village manager just quit.

#### Ramah

- Condolences to the community for the loss of Shane Lewis, who accomplished significant transportation development on behalf of the Ramah Navajo community.
- Ramah Navajo has filled two positions after the departure of Shane Lewis with Dorothy Claw as primary transportation developer and Tom Martine as transportation assistant – these individuals are also the primary and alternative representatives to the NWRTPO.
- **BIA 175 is the next new project for Ramah Navajo – seeking funding at this time.**
- **Working on signage for BIA 125 and 122.**
- Dorothy and Tom are acclimating with ongoing Ramah transportation projects at this time and updating the Ramah Long Range Transportation Plan, completing an annual report, and looking for training opportunities.
- Acting executive director for Ramah Navajo Chapter's 638 Grants & Contract Programs issued a memorandum for employees to return back to work and follow CDC guidelines within each Chapter program RNDOT is back in operation and continues to maintain roadways.
- BIA Projects Update:
  - BIA 125 mp 18 – 24.6 – received approved design exception report for this project from FHWA and will move to finalize the project. BIA 125 MP 0 – 4.4 received approval from NNHPO on the updated Cultural Report document and Categorical Exclusion. Awaiting ROW documents for BIA 195 in Ramah Band Land to RN Realty Office. BIA 113 and 145 received final report and will review final documents with tribal officials
  - BIA 195: submitted ROW documents to RN Realty Office; **more focus on this road going forward.**
  - BIA 145 and BIA 113: Received draft report for BIA 145 and BIA 113. **More focus on BIA 145 going forward.**
- RNDOT Transportation Technician is vacant and will advertise for the position.
- Submitted grant applications for the NOFO on Tribal Transportation Program Safety Funds.
- BIA 125 striping project is complete; **BIA 125 mp 0-4 and mp12 – 24.6 are now construction ready.**
- NMDOT LGRF received all certifications and submitted a letter of disbursement. Awaiting on contractor to return signed Notice of Award for BIA 125 striping project.

- Cancelled Transportation Committee Meetings until COVID-19 Restrictions are lifted.
- Submitted road signs replacement maintenance project for 2021 LGRF cycle.
- NMDOT LGRF received some certifications and will coordinate with Utility providers. Received ROW certification and submitted letter requesting disbursement.
- Assisting with RN Community Development Department for the Navajo Nation Rural Addressing Project.
- Ongoing general maintenance for area roads, cattle guards and signage, blading and shaping, potholes and base course patching (incl. school bus routes). Cleaning and replacing roadway signs. Field fence repairs, post replacements and gate repairs.
- **Ramah Navajo has submitted a BUILD Grant application.**

#### Cibola County

- **Cibola County has hired a new Road Superintendent by the name of Ed Salazar.**
- The County is doing “blade and shape” maintenance on 84.7 miles of 14 County Roads; and a variety of other maintenance (cattle guards / culverts / sign repair / tree trimming & weed control / mowing / pot-hole patching / and minor road repairs) for 24 county roads.
- ZMTP RTP trail project is funded for FFY2020 construction – working with McKinley County for trails development beginning with the Quartz Hill Trail Head. Construction will likely not proceed until FFY2021 Spring & Summer for the Cibola portion of the Zuni Mountain Recreational Trails. **Cibola County has now been cleared to be the fiscal agent for this project and will no longer need McKinley County’s assistance; trail development and construction is commencing. Cibola, COG and NMDOT staff had a virtual internal planning meeting on Jan. 19 at 9am with Arnold from the Forest Service to discuss updated scope of work for this project.**
- CR-18B and CR1 road / bridge projects are current priorities. CR-18B awarded LGTPF funding – LGTPF contract is complete and submitted. CR18-B – RFP closed Friday – 12/4 and are currently reviewing applications – much appreciation to JoAnn Garcia from NMDOT District 6. Two firms responded to the RFP and the Cibola Commission will determine the award at their January 14 meeting.
- Coop projects will begin soon.
- Ongoing County wide maintenance for County and Forest Roads.

#### Grants

- **No new news.**
- The City recently had a ribbon cutting ceremony for the pedestrian bridge on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.
- Riverwalk trail: Design at 100% from WHPacific, Project is on hold for the time being.
- First Street phase 2 – Adams to Roosevelt: design at 100%; added a pond and lift station on Geis Street for drainage; allotted \$1.8 million from 2019 state legislature for **final phase 3 from Washington to Roosevelt which was recently awarded.** Final PS&E is scheduled for this August and project letting is scheduled for September. Total project stands at \$6.2 million.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> street bridge out to bid for construction to commence in July – delay due to COVID-19 pandemic.
- Washington bridge replacement over 2<sup>nd</sup> Street through LGTPF funding will include a walking opportunity for High School students; project construction is underway – commenced in June.
- Lobo Canyon and Roosevelt intersection improvements are underway

#### Pueblo of Laguna

- **The Pueblo remains closed to the public, and administration is closed until the COVID-19 Pandemic resides.**
- **Gaylord Siow has returned to help manage Transportation Development for the Pueblo – giving Sharon Hausam a break. Gaylord will now be the primary RTPPO representative and Elroy Keetso will be the alternate.**
- 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 now complete. Desert Fox Paving is working on close out documents to be completed by March, 2021 and as-builts.
- NM124 Rio San Jose to Roundabout bike & ped path: Design is complete. PS&E checklist is complete – project planned to be let February – March, 2021
- L26 Rainfall Road from Cubero Wash to Seama bridge M108: Construction has been completed, including a bike & ped. trail. Final audits in progress and project is in close-out.
- M137 bridge at Laguna Subdivision: Construction complete and project in close out with BIA.
- Mill, Overlay, Striping & Enhancement Projects: Construction is complete for L503 – Veterans Memorial Road, L200 Postal Road and L245 Raindrop Road. **The Pueblo is developing the next phase on four BIA routes: LGRF/BIA Road Maintenance Striping Projects – phase 2 & 3: Phase 2 – L500 Mountain Ash Loop and L500 Central Park Road; Phase 3 – L540 Veterans Memorial Road and L200 Elizabeth Bender Road. Projects at 90% design, construction anticipated in March.**
- LGRF / BIA Road Maintenance Mill, Overlay & Striping Projects: Phase 2 & 3: Phase 2 – the Pueblo is working on the next phase for four BIA routes: phase 2 for L500 Mountain Ash Loop and Central Park roads. Phase 3 for L540 – Veterans Memorial Road and L200 Elizabeth Bender Road. **Contract amendments submitted and received. Local Govt. Road Fund and trail projects to commence soon.**
- NM 124 Roundabout: The repairs to the roundabout are being coordinated by NMDOT, no start date has been determined. **NM124 Road Diet has received an extension and is in final design.**
- L24 Rainfall Road: design changed to two phases, **Ph-1 Road & Trail at 60% design, and Ph-2 Conc Box Underpass at 30% design.** Construction funded for \$1.9 million from the LGTPF fund!
- L26 Deer Dancer Road: at 95% design, working on ROW amendments and E.A. **ROW and design modifications are underway.**
- L243 Acorn Road design: completed 100% design and PS&E review from the BIA. Construction pending funding.
- M154 Paguete Wash Bridge: **PER is complete** – draft report has been submitted to the Pueblo and BIA.
- M108 San Jose River Bridge-Seama: **PS&E, EA, FONSI and NOI are in progress. Bridge is now at 100% design.**
- L248 Bluejay Road and L248 Blue Star Loop: **Design is in progress now at 90%. PER is expected by end of January 2021.**
- Pueblo's Safety Plan: **Phase 1 is complete and the Pueblo is intending to apply for upcoming FY Safety Planning Funds.**
- NMDOT I-40 Safety Project: The Pueblo met with NMDOT on March 3. **Design is at 100%; NMDOT hopes to let the project the summer of 2021.**
- The Pueblo has completed L26 Rainfall Road along with two trail projects.
- **The Pueblo is undertaking a lot of striping projects right now.**
- **Working on 2021 LGRF project submission.**

#### Navajo Nation – Northern Agency

- **Local Govt. Road Fund projects will commence implementation soon for both Eastern and Northern Navajo.**
- Larry Joe requests COG RTPO Manager to help him include US491 RSA recommendations Naschitti to Newcomb as proposed projects in our 2020 RTIPR revision.
- **Navajo DOT continues development for their Long Range Transportation Plan for 2021**
- **Crownpoint Cemetery Road is being reconstructed.**
- **Two Grey Hills road is getting drainage improvements.**
- **Larry has submitted a TPF application for the Shiprock Farm Road**
- Navajo DOT has appointed Marco Sells to fill an administrative position for Eastern Navajo finally bringing Larry Joe some relief! Marco will have his hands full, as he is also the Chinle, AZ Transportation Planner.
- Karen Bedonie has been re-assigned and a new Planning Director by the name of Leanne Roy is on board for NDOT.
- NDOT is working with Sandoval County on inventory to transfer County Roads to the Navajo Nation going forward.
- Shiprock High School Safety corridor project is earmarked for **2023 NMDOT STIP** for three land road widening construction. Will remain on RTIP.

- TseDaaKaan Chapter (Hogback) N5031/Hwy 64 Safety intersection improvement is earmarked for 2021 NMDOT STIP for construction. Final review with local residents. Take off the list, when project is completed.
- **N36/Hwy 371 intersection improvement(Upperfruitland Chapter)-** This project was funded through NM State Capital Outlay. The project is led by San Juan County, NM. The Design layout of the intersection was completed by Wilson & Company. . NMDOT and Navajo Nation finalizing the MOU, which will allow for the State beginning working on construction of the project. Project need of additional funding to complete the project. Project will on RTIP.
- **Newcomb Chapter-** working on **N5007 Low Water Crossing** using the State, and Tribal match fund to complete this low water crossing project. Project Manager, Donald Jackson, worked on the design and it is determined it would need realignment of the road. Therefore, the realignment of the road was submitted to BIA for review and approval. Pending for final review and approval.
- Beclabito Chapter- was awarded of NM Capital Outlay for Helipad for aircraft landing facility. Land withdrawal is in the works with Project Manager assigned. Will need to complete the preliminary studies and design before the construction of the project.
- **US 64 Study Improvement Plan-** NMDOT officials recently met with local chapters (Beclabito, Gadiahii, Tsedaakaan, Shiprock) on the review and conditions of the highway and improvement plan process is for this 20 plus miles Hogback to AZ Stateline. Project still Planning stage. It will need to remain on the RTIP List for future road improvement, which includes road reconstruction, and bridges replacements.
- Hwy 64 Shiprock Bridge Replacement- public hearing is set for November 14, 2019 at Shiprock Chapter. Design plans has started on this project with NMDOT, it will remain the RTIP.
- San Juan-Hogback Bridge has completed the feasibility studies for a new bridge. Road alignment is still pending, and it would full preliminary studies and design of the project. San Juan Chapter is seeking additional funding for this project. Project will remain on the RTIP.
- Shiprock Chapter- is seeking Road Safety Audit on Hwy 491, milepost 89-90. Navajo DOT staff is working on this project using the Navajo Sihasin Fund for RSA. Updates- NMDOT contracted to complete the survey and assessment of the US Highway 491 North of Shiprock. Project will remain on the RTIP for future improvement planning, designing, and construction.
- Burnham Chapter- is seeking funding for RSA and N5/Hwy intersection improvement. Chapter is submitting a Letter of Intent through Local Government Road Fund on March 15, 2020. Project did not any funding but it will remain the RTIP for road studies, design and construction.
- Beclabito Chapter/Hwy 64 Improvement Plan- is continuing seeking funding for street lighting along Hwy 64 store, NHA Housing, Chapter house within the corridor. This project is added to NMDOT planning and design with when construction fund becomes available.. Project will remain on the RTIP for future funding.
- Newcomb Chapter- is seeking funding for Street Lighting along Hwy 491 & N5001, RSA was completed 2017 when the chapter contracted with a company that completed the studies. Project will remain on the RTIP.
- Sanostee Chapter – is seeking funding to construct new drainage structure at the intersection of Hwy 491 & N34. Recommending for Transportation Project Fund 2021 list. A studies was completed 2018 by Dibble Engineering. Project will remain on the RTIP List.
- Sanostee Chapter- is seeking funding for School Zone safety RSA and maintenance on route N34 on pavement road. Chapter is working on submitting to District 5 for studies and safety improvement at the school zone. Project will remain on the RTIP List.

#### Navajo Nation – Eastern Navajo

- **Marco Sells the new manager for Eastern Navajo indicated that a Virtual Navajo Nation Transportation Summit is in development to be announced sometime in the near future.**
- **Lary Joe indicated that Sandoval County will be transitioning many of rural their roads to Navajo DOT oversight and ownership**
- **Larry is supporting Priscilla Lee of NDOT for the Tsayatoh Road project for the NM TPF fund.**
- Rock Springs Chapter- CR-9 road improvement. Will be added to RTIP for future road improvement
- Nahodishgish Chapter- N53 & 98 road improvement. Will be added to RTIP for road improvement.
- Manuelito Chapter- Sunset Valley road Chip Sealing. Will be added to RTIP
- Manuelito Chapter- Tse De Tah Spring road improvement Chip Sealing. Will be addit to RTIP
- Rock Springs Chapter- Chee Dodge Elementary School Access Improvement – Improving turning lanes and street lighting. Will be added to RTIP.

- Church Rock Chapter- NM Highway 118 Improve – Street lighting for safety corridor. Project will be completed with NM Capital Out funds.
- Crownpoint Chapter- street lighting project in progress to complete soon.
- Baahaali Chapter- transfer access road improvement- Project completed.
- Mexican Chapter- Road Safety Audit, project in progress on contracting out to complete the RSA studies. Will be added to RTIP for construction project.
- Twin Lakes Chapter- Road Safety Audit, project in progress on contracting out to complete the RSA studies. Will be added to RTIP for construction project.
- Tohatchi Chapter- Road Safety Audit, project progress on contracting out to complete the RSA studies. Will be added to RTIP for construction project.
- Iyanbito Chapter- Received Local Government Road Fund, it would need more funding to complete the road improvements. Will be added to RTIP for road improvement Chip Sealing.
- Iyanbito Chapter- I-40 -Project is seeking funding for drainage improvement and overpass studies, design and construction to provide safe entering and existing I-40. Will be added to RTIP.
- Mariano Lake Chapter- Red Willow road in progress to complete the road improvement.

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

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

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

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

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

- An RSA for the area around the I-40 / US491 intersection and west of this intersection in Gallup RSA is now complete. Numerous pedestrian injuries and fatalities have occurred in recent years. A virtual stakeholder meeting was held on January 28, 2021.
- The Recreational Trails Program (RTP), Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and Congestion Mitigation / Air Quality (CMAQ) Call for projects was issued on May 3, 2021.
- Keep an eye on Senate Bill 20 – Local Govt. Transportation Fund; SB20 is the legislation that would redirect a portion of the gas tax to the Transportation Project Fund. Looks like a good chance that this will get funded in this legislative session per Clarissa & Sean Sandoval. **Appears this took place, as the TPF fund for the upcoming cycle is at \$120 million (!!)** need to complete all required application documentation by June 15 deadline.
- The NWRTPO completed their annual Quality Assurance Review on April 28; final report due May 31.
- Pay attention to the May 5 Government to Government report from NMDOT.



- **The NMDOT 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan is available at this time for public review and comments with a 45 day deadline. The NMDOT Long Range Transportation Plan website/portal is available at <https://newmexico2045plan.com/>.**
- **Keep an eye on Govt. to Govt. updates – especially the one from May 5.**
- The New Mexico LTAP center provides technical assistance and trainings to support workforce development with the aim of helping local governments and municipalities across New Mexico meet their transportation needs.  
<https://ltap.unm.edu/>
- **The NMDOT Critical Freight Corridors plan has been approved**
- **The NMDOT Pedestrian Safety Plan is now available for review and comment until June 13.**
- **A new Functional Classification Guide update has been completed – coming on the DOT website soon.**

#### NMDOT Tribal Liaison – Ron Shutiva

- Ron is working on updating Tribal contact lists based on recent election related changes at this time – anything that RTPO members can do to help facilitate this will expediate completing these updates. Ron indicated that the tribal list is now complete.
- The Navajo Nation is having issues with development of and industrial park along the NM118 corridor between Rehoboth and Churchrock. The Navajo Economic Development Dept. is now working with NMDOT Dist. 6 toward an industrial park on NM118 between Rehoboth and Churchrock.
- **Ron is now on the LTAP Board.**
- **There's a new Indian Highway Safety Grant out from the BIA.**
- Reminding members to keep on top of deadlines for ICIP, TIF, and LGRF.
- **Due to Chapter turnover it might be good to consider an orientation to the NWRTPO for Navajo Chapters – including transportation funding opportunities – easiest would be at the Eastern, Northern and Ft. Defiance Agency meetings.**
- **A 30% review virtual meeting will be available on May 24 at 9:00 am for NM118 improvements – Rehoboth to Church Rock intersections.**
- **Tribal Entities – please apply for the Transportation Project Fund.**
- A national broadband project is establishing a broadband corridor along I-40, and will involve tribal discussion with Pueblos of Laguna and Acoma and Navajo Nation.
- NMDOT needs an update from Pueblo of Laguna for progress on Rainfall Road from the Local Govt. Road Fund.
- NM118 drainage analysis project is finally in progress as the Navajo Council is working on agreements with the local governments in the region of the study between Churchrock and Iyanbito; **need coordination with NDOT.**
- Ron indicated that the Laguna I-40 improvement project is moving forward from Exit 112 to 117.
- 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.
- I-40 Safety projects are coming to the Laguna Acoma area, including the exit 114 bridge.
- Ron reported on the NM118 drainage analysis that took place between the Iyanbito and Ft. Wingate I-40 intersections at previous meetings. Ron indicated he feels that NM118 drainage issues remain unresolved to this day (in spite of two studies!) and the Navajo Nation DOT remains non-responsive!
- NMDOT is working with area Chapters for improvements on the US491 corridor from Shiprock to Colorado border.

#### NMDOT District 5 – James Mexia, Stephanie Medina

- **Stephanie reminded of the five certifications required before projects are considered construction ready.**
- WHPacific is being contracted for a study on needed road and intersection improvements on US 64 – MP 0 – 20 (which includes the Shiprock School Zone). This project will be divided into two phases funded separately and referencing the District 5 HSIP plan for 2021 including a) primary / major Chapter or community intersections from Shiprock to the Arizona border and b) the Shiprock School Zone.
- The NM371 and N36 intersection near Northern Edge Casino is at 60% design; need ROW clearance / easement from NDOT.
- The District is looking at the need to replace the aging Shiprock San Juan River bridge.
- 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.

**NMDOT District 6 - JoAnn Garcia, Bill Santiago**

- **Local Govt. Road Fund** – as Stephanie from District 5 mentioned, the 5 certifications are also required before LGRF projects are considered construction ready.
- **There is a June 30 deadline for MAP project submissions**
- **For the Transportation Project Fund – DOT-6 is waiting for project reports from Cibola County.**
- JoAnn Garcia reminded members to check up on their Capital Outlay projects and update them in the CPMS (Capital Project Monitoring 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 RTPO members are not following LGRF guidance for project development and are trying to close out projects without having reported progress to the DOT or following what the program requires – this could jeopardize funding, and DOT 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!

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

- none

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEXT MEETING:** No announcements – next meeting August 11, 2021 – virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams

**ADJOURNMENT** (12:00 pm) name, member govt. moved and name, member govt. seconded for adjournment Motion carried by acclamation.

**MEETING ACTIONS:**

**Staff**

- **Orientations:** Schedule and conduct RTPO Orientations at Policy Board meetings, in order to stay in compliance with PPM
- **Website:** update all important documents page and update Meeting schedule on Meetings page
- **Program Guides:** post to website and circulate
- **Review Amendments** (especially Gallup for MAP/Coal Avenue Commons - June 30)
- **Flowchart:** develop a simple flowchart of the process described today and follow-up with Counties (EW)
- **Transportation Project Fund Internal Deadlines:** Implementation
  - Project Feasibility Form (PFF) (5/14)
  - Internal Review PFF's (5/17-21)
  - Present to NMDOT District 6 / Charles Lundstrom (5/25)
  - Prepare Application Requirements
    - Cover Letter
    - PFF
    - Resolution of Sponsorship or Supporting Letter with match verification
    - Map
    - Right of way documentation
    - Match Waiver (if applicable)
  - Applications (6/9)
  - Internal Review (6/9-11) & Corrections
  - Post to .ftp website (5/14)

**MEMBERS**

- **Orientations:** Assist in scheduling these either in-person or virtual at Policy Board meetings
- **Review Amendments** (especially Gallup for MAP/Coal Avenue Commons - June 30)

- **Statewide Transportation Plan** (comments due on and by June 21)
- **Apply for Transportation Project Fund applications by June 15**
  - Follow Internal Deadlines set by RTPO
  - Letter (to District Engineer)
  - Project Feasibility Form (due Friday, 5/14)

## **NMDOT**

- Statewide Plan Presentation (June) - Neala/Jessica
- Functional Classification Guide (July) - Neala/Janeette
- District Reviews of PFF/Applications
- Status Reports on Current Transportation Project Fund (TPF) projects from 2018-2019



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

### **Agenda Item #IV: Formal Amendments to RTPO Budget and Staff Hours**

**Subject:** RTPO requesting members to approve and authorize formal amendments to the RTPO Budget and Staff Hours

**Prepared for:** RTPO members approval at August 11 meeting

**Date:** 8/2/21

#### **BACKGROUND**

- **Why?** Between the Transportation Project Fund and our regular call for projects RTPO staff have exceeded hours in function 3 – Project Dev. & Monitoring – needing to add hours to this function; and staff have exceeded budget in the Personnel category, needing to borrow hours from Supplies and Travel & Training to carry staff hours and budget thru to the end of September for FFY2021.
- **Purpose.** Assure that staff hours and budget are adequate to complete this fiscal year
- **Discussion/Finalization.** Members will vote to approve these amendments

#### **CURRENT WORK**

- Members will vote to approve these amendments to carry our RTPO Work Program thru the end of FFY2021 which comes at the end of September

#### **ANTICIPATED WORK**

- Staff will carefully monitor time and budget expenditures through the end of FFY2021

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

- Amendment Request Forms, and documents showing staff hours and expenditures.

#### **BUDGET IMPACT**

- This action will stabilize the RTPO budget and staff hours to carry our work program thru the end of September.

#### **ACTION ITEM**

- **Members will vote to approve these amendments to carry the NWRTPO Regional Work Program thru the end of September for FFY2021.**



## MPO/RTPO Work Program Amendment Request Form

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

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

<b>Date:</b>	July 29, 2021		
<b>Entity:</b>	N.W. Regional Transportation Planning Organization		
<b>Contact Name:</b>	Robert Kuipers		
<b>UPWP/RWP Amendment #:</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>FHWA funded, Control #:</b>	P621010
		<b>FTA funded, Federal Award ID #:</b>	

Budget Line Items being changed (indicate Budget Category).	Current Budgeted Amount	Revised Amount	Percent Change	Brief Description of Change
Travel and Training	\$5,023.00	\$1,523.00	-69.68%	Regular Call for Projects and Transportation Project Fund took more staff time requiring need to supplement Personnel funding for 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter.
Supplies	\$4,591.00	\$1,091.00	-76.23%	Regular Call for Projects and Transportation Project Fund took more staff time requiring need to supplement Personnel funding for 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter.
Personnel	\$54,070.00	\$61,070.00	+13%	This increase will provide enough funding (\$14,827.48) to carry Personnel line item thru the end of FFY2021 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter. We don't anticipate a significant need for Travel, Training or Supplies in this 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter.
Staff Hours being changed (indicate Task #)	Budgeted Hours	Revised Hours	Percent Change	Brief Description of Change
#2 Tech Support and Data Management	200	100	-50%	Reallocated hours to Task #3
#3 Project Development and monitoring	450	650	+44.44%	Reallocated hours from Tasks #2 and #4 to Task #3: Regular Call for Projects and Transportation Project Fund took more staff time requiring need to add hours to Task #3
#4 Other Activities and Projects	310	210	-32.26%	Reallocated hours to Task #3

Please indicate if amendment is administrative or formal (if formal, proposed or board-approved) and provide detailed justification based upon requirements in the PPM.

Amendment Type (1. Administrative, 2. Formal – proposed, or 3. Formal – board approved)	Justification
2 Formal – proposed	To be approved at August 11 NWRTPO meeting

Approval by MPO/RTPO Boards (only required for formal amendments):

Review Committee/Board	Date of <u>Anticipated Approval (for proposed)</u> or Date Approved (for board approved)
Technical Committee/Board:	August 11, 2021 (Approval from Joint Tech./Policy Committee anticipated)
Policy Committee/Board:	August 11, 2021

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Received by Planning Liaison (name):	Neala Krueger
Date:	8/2/2021
Recommendation of Planning Liaison:	Approve as formal amendment per PPM guidelines
Transit Bureau Recommendation, if applicable:	N/A
<i>For Formal Amendments Only:</i>	
Received by MPPB Chief on date:	
Action (Amend #):	



## RTPO APER Budgeted Staff Hours Summary

June / Q-3 Monthly Report											
Function	Budgeted Hours Amt. 1	Q1	Q2	Q3	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Q4	Total Actual hours	Balance	Percentage budgeted differs from actuals*
1	240	163.75	64.00	13.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	241.25	-1.25	0.52%
2	200	0.00	22.00	9.00	28.00	0.00	0.00	28.00	59.00	141.00	-70.50%
3	450	75.00	245.50	209.00	57.00	0.00	0.00	57.00	586.50	-136.50	30.33%
4	310	17.00	82.00	22.50	18.00	0.00	0.00	18.00	139.50	170.50	-55.00%
5	450	85.75	165.50	146.00	13.00	0.00	0.00	13.00	410.25	39.75	-8.83%
6	450	59.50	181.50	124.50	50.50	0.00	0.00	50.50	416.00	34.00	-7.56%
TOTAL	2100	401.00	760.50	524.50	166.50	0.00	0.00	166.50	1852.50	247.50	-11.79%
*if budgeted hours differ from actual hours by more than 20% in any function, provide a narrative explanation below											

June Q-3 Expenditure Summary  
FFY2021

	Q1 Request	Q2 Request	Q3 Request	Q4 Request	Total Budgeted Amount	Requests YTD (incl. current request)	Balance
a. Personnel	\$ 15,254.25	\$ 13,920.02	\$ 17,068.25	\$ -	\$54,070.00	\$ 46,242.52	\$ 7,827.48
b. Fringe Benefits	\$ 3,578.21	\$ 3,461.36	\$ 4,090.63	\$ -	\$13,588.00	\$ 11,130.20	\$ 2,457.80
c. Travel & Training	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 679.57	\$ -	\$ 5,023.00	\$ 679.57	\$ 4,343.43
d. Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
e. Supplies	\$ 114.97	\$ 85.61	\$ 256.50	\$ -	\$ 4,591.00	\$ 457.08	\$ 4,133.92
f. Contractual	\$ 4,619.07	\$ 2,521.98	\$ 3,587.64	\$ -	\$ 14,878.00	\$ 10,728.69	\$ 4,149.31
g. Construction	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
h. Other	\$ 3,446.70	\$ 3,883.98	\$ 4,673.41	\$ -	\$ 15,288.00	\$ 12,004.09	\$ 3,283.91
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 27,013.20</b>	<b>\$ 23,872.95</b>	<b>\$ 30,356.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 107,438.00</b>	<b>\$ 81,242.15</b>	<b>\$ 26,195.85</b>
Local Match (20%)	\$ 5,402.64	\$ 4,774.59	\$ 6,071.20	\$ -	\$ 21,487.60	\$ 16,248.43	\$ 5,239.17
Federal Share (80%)	\$ 21,610.56	\$ 19,098.36	\$ 24,284.80	\$ -	\$ 85,950.40	\$ 64,993.72	\$ 20,956.68

\* 7,000 = \$14,500  
- 3,500 = 843.43  
- 3,500 = 633.91

Control Number: P621010	Invoice # 476	TOTAL	Local Match (20%)	Federal Share (80%)
Work Authorization (09/30/2020)		\$ 106,250.00	\$ 21,250.00	\$ 85,000.00
Quarter				
Q1 ending 12/31	27,741.36	\$ 27,013.20	\$ 5,402.64	\$ 21,610.56
Q2 ending 3/31	23,872.95	\$ 23,872.95	\$ 4,774.59	\$ 19,098.36
Q3 ending 6/30		\$ 30,356.00	\$ (6,071.20)	\$ 24,284.80
Q4 ending 9/30		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>BALANCE</b>		\$ 25,007.85	\$ 17,143.97	\$ 20,006.28

Formal amendment

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



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

**Agenda Item #V: NMDOT Highway Safety Improvement  
Program (HSIP) – Jason Coffey**

**Subject:** Presentation on HSIP – program highlights and review of major  
accident areas within our northwest region.

**Prepared for:** NWRTPO August 11 Virtual meeting

**Date:** July 22, 2021

**BACKGROUND**

- **Why?** Jason – the new HSIP Planner for NMDOT will provide information on high incidence crash areas within our northwest region, along with any other updates for the NMDOT HSIP Program.
- **Purpose.** Keep our members informed on high incidence crash areas, and things we can do to prevent accidents and promote safety such as signage, attention to traffic - pedestrian and bicycle interface, consideration around safer intersections, rail crossings, and transportation infrastructure in general.
- **Discussion/Finalization.** Virtual presentation for our August 11 meeting

**CURRENT WORK**

- Mr. Coffey will work up a presentation on high incidence crash areas for our region, along with HSIP advice for promoting a safer multi-modal interface around traffic corridors.

**ANTICIPATED WORK**

- Members to consider promoting safer multi-modal interface options within their regions based on this presentation.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- Copy of presentation (if available?)

**BUDGET IMPACT**

- None

**ACTION ITEM**

- N/A

This document outlines the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2018 Safety Targets for New Mexico, as required by the 23 CFR 490, Final Rule on the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) published March 15, 2016 (effective April 14, 2017). The state is required to set annual targets for five performance measures:

1. Number of Fatalities
2. Rate of Fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles travelled (VMT)
3. Number of Serious Injuries
4. Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million VMT
5. Number of Non-motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries

The first three are common measures and must be identical to the targets established for the Highway Safety Program (HSP).

The NMDOT undertook a coordinated effort with the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and other stakeholders to set the targets.

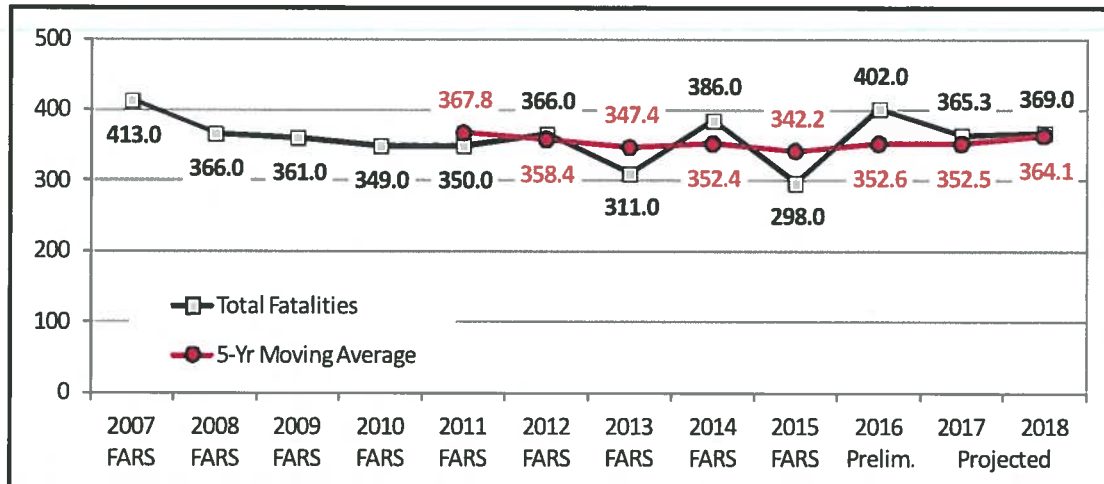
1. Numerous internal meetings took place in winter of 2016/2017 between the NMDOT Planning and Traffic Safety Bureaus to review and analyze crash data and trends. NMDOT contracts with the University of New Mexico (UNM) to maintain the state's crash database.
2. With assistance from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the NMDOT conducted a Safety Target Workshop with the MPOs on April 5, 2017. The attendees reviewed the crash data and trends as well as the federal requirements for target setting.
3. On April 6, 2017, the MPOs held a quarterly meeting at which the MPO planners agreed to following the state's safety targets, rather than setting their own targets. The MPOs agreed to follow up with their Policy Boards/Committees regarding resolutions adopting the state's targets, when final guidance is available from FHWA.
4. On May 16, 2017, the NMDOT Traffic Safety Bureau held a meeting to discuss and adopt the targets required in the HSP. NMDOT Planning Bureau staff and MPO representatives attended.
5. NMDOT Planning Bureau held a follow up meeting with the MPOs on June 30, 2017 to review the final targets.
6. NMDOT Planning Bureau also followed up with Rodolfo Monge-Oviedo of FHWA-NM regarding guidance on how the MPOs should adopt the NMDOT targets. The guidance from FHWA-NM is that the MPOs should amend their Metropolitan Transportation Plans to state that they will follow NMDOT targets and provide a separate document outlining the targets (or linking to the state targets), which is updated annually.
7. A draft of this summary was circulated to the MPOs for comments June 30 to July 27, 2017. As NMDOT received no comments, the summary is considered final.

In setting the FFY2018 safety performance targets, NMDOT and stakeholders did not rely solely on the data projections, but used the data in combination with their discussions regarding other relevant factors and their assessment of the potential safety impacts of various strategies and projects. NMDOT worked with UNM to determine methodologies and assumptions required to set the targets. These are as follows:

- NMDOT uses Excel to plot a linear best fit line based on 5-years of actual data to project for future years.
- Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT) - the Annual VMT estimate for 2016 uses the 2015 Daily VMT  $(75,165,529.8 \text{ Daily VMT} * 1.021 * 365) / 1,000,000 = \mathbf{28,012 \text{ annual Million VMT for 2016}}$  where 75,165,529.8 is the 2015 Daily VMT.

- 1.021 is the 2.1% increase estimate for 2016 (per FHWA - [https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/policyinformation/travel\\_monitoring/tvt.cfm](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/policyinformation/travel_monitoring/tvt.cfm))
- 365 is the number of days in a year
- 1,000,000 converts the units to millions
- Crash Data - 2015 is finalized, 2016 is preliminary.

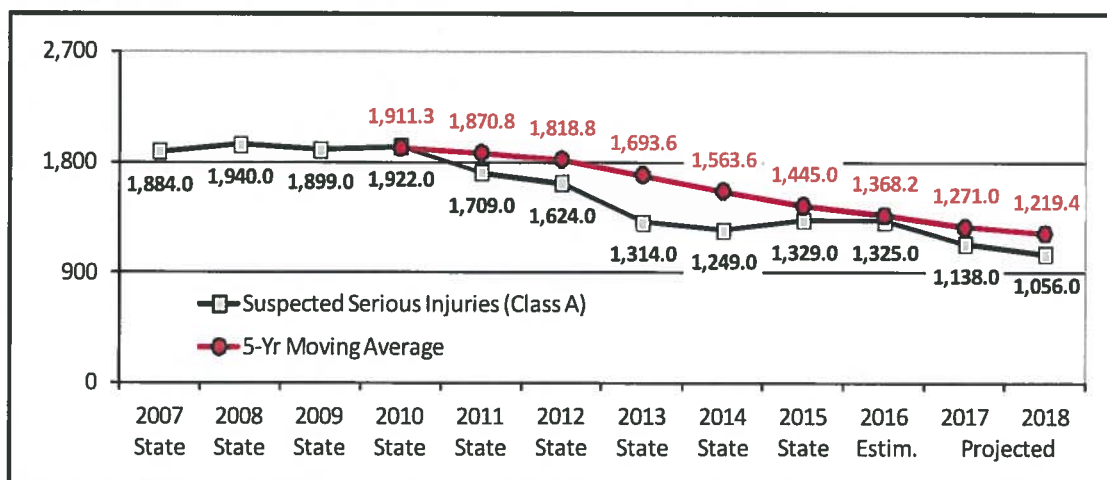
### C1: Total Traffic Fatalities



**NMDOT Target Statement:** Limit the increase in total fatalities to 6.4 percent from 342.2 in 2015 to 364.1 by December 31, 2018 (FARS; 5-year averages)

**NMDOT Justification:** Five-year average fatalities fell by 7 percent between 2011 and 2015, but are expected to rise in 2016 based on preliminary data. January through May 2017 data show a slight decline from the first 5 months of 2016, but the May 2017 data are very preliminary and are expected to rise. The 5-year trend line indicates an increase of 6.4 percent from 2015 to 2018, and the State has determined this to be an achievable target for 2018.

### C2: Total Serious Injuries

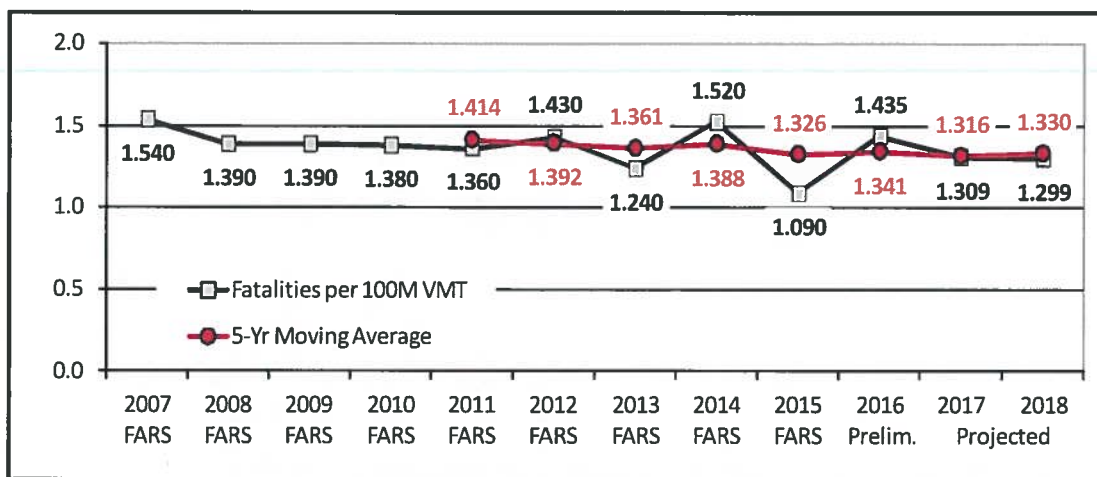


**NMDOT Target Statement:** Decrease the number of serious injuries by 15.6 percent from 1,445.0 in 2015 to 1,219.4 by December 31, 2018.



**NMDOT Justification:** Five-year average serious injuries fell by 22.8 percent between 2011 and 2015. The State anticipates a continued reduction in serious injuries and considers the projected reduction to 1,219.4 an achievable target for 2018.

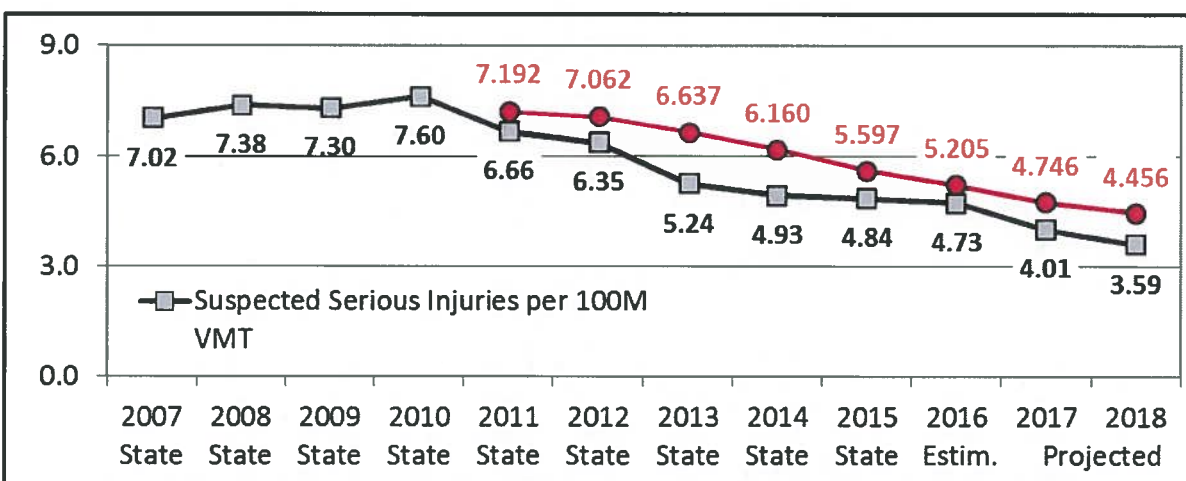
### C3: Fatalities per 100M VMT



**NMDOT Target Statement:** Limit the increase in the fatality rate to .31 percent from 1.326 in 2015 to 1.330 by December 31, 2018.

**NMDOT Justification:** Although fatalities are expected to increase in 2018 from 2015, the State determines that the projected 2018 5-year fatality rate is an achievable target. Five-year average 2018 projections for urban and rural fatality rates are determined to be achievable targets.

### C4: Rate of Serious Injuries

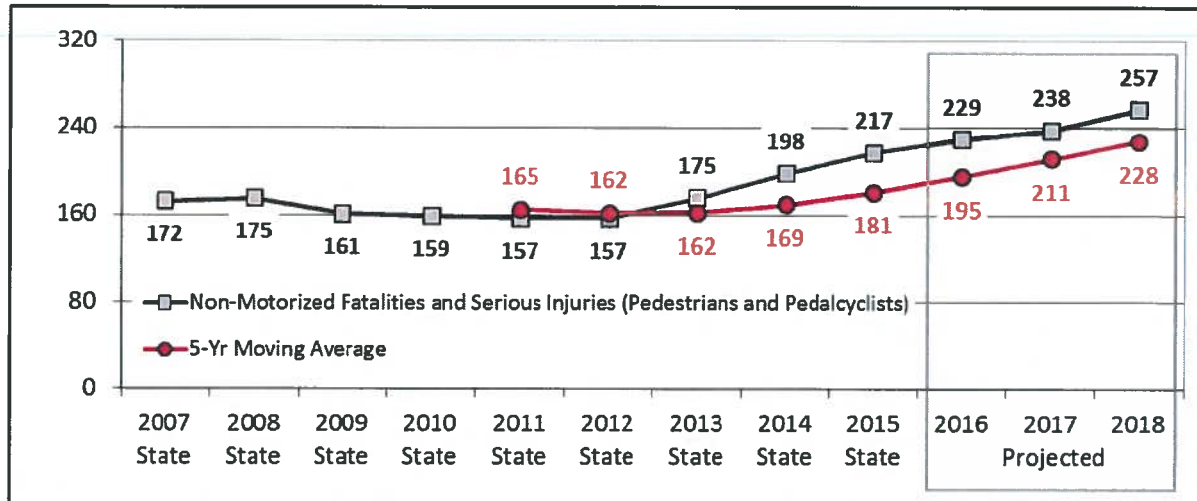


**NMDOT Target Statement:** Decrease the rate of serious injuries from 5.597 in 2015 to 4.456 by December 31, 2018.



**NMDOT Justification:** Five-year serious injuries fell by 27.3% between 2011 and 2015. The State anticipates a continued reduction in serious injuries and considered the projected reduction to 3.59 an achievable target by 2018.

**C5: Number of non-motorized fatalities and non-motorized serious injuries**



**NMDOT Target Statement:** Limit the increase in non-motorized fatalities and non-motorized serious injuries to 228 by December 31, 2018.

**NMDOT Justification:** Although fatalities are expected to increase in 2018 from 2015, the State determined that the projected number of 228 non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries in 2018 is an achievable target.



# Highway Safety Improvement Program

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Northwest RTPO

8/11/2021

Jason G. Coffey, HSIP Planner

# HSIP Program Background:

- Core Federal-aid program
- Purpose is to reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads
- “The HSIP requires a data-driven, strategic approach to improving highway safety on all public roads with a focus on performance.” (FHWA)



# HSIP Program Background:

- Transportation Performance Management was implemented by MAP-21
- Performance management is required for safety
- Five performance measures, targets must be set for each
  - Number of Fatalities
  - Rate of Fatalities
  - Number of Serious Injuries
  - Rate of Serious Injuries
  - Number of Non-motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries



## Current Status:

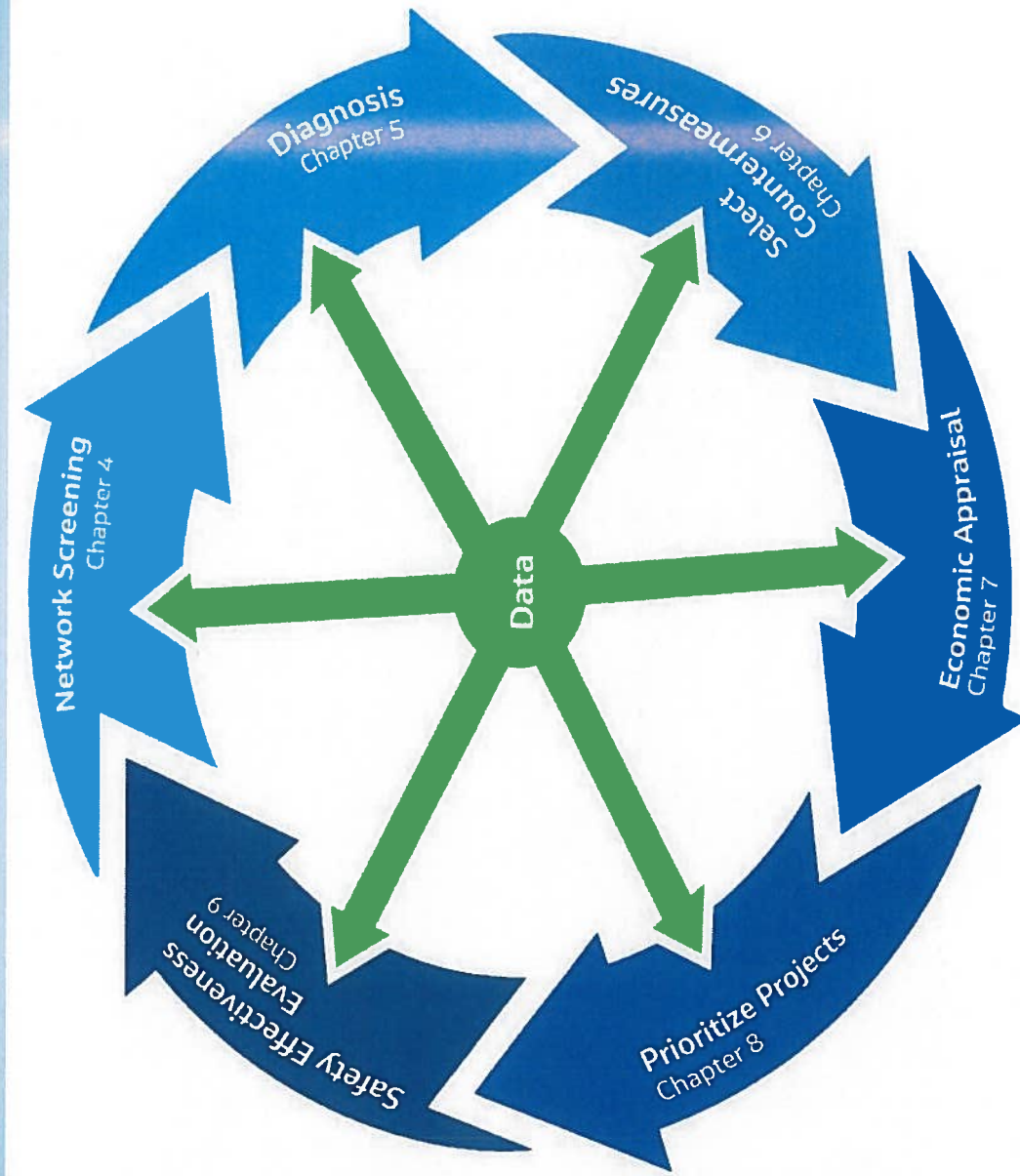
- No call for local projects
- Funding is fully programmed through FFY2022 with projects identified by previous Road Safety Audits (RSA) and Transportation Safety Plans
- Building program capacity using the High Safety Manual (HSM) Roadway Safety Management Process framework





# Highway Safety Manual

## Roadway Safety Management Process





# Network Screening:

- Network Screening for NMDOT maintained (non-interstate) roads is complete
- Network Screening (NS) for the Interstate will be complete in fall of 2021 (this year)
- We will release both NS at the same time
- Once the NS tool is available training will be provided
- The NS helps identify locations for further analysis and systemic counter measures



## Other Program Activities:

- An update to the data in the Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) is underway
- SHSP updates are required every five years
- Currently working on the Annual Report to FHWA
- The HSIP Implementation Plan was submitted last month to FHWA as required for not meeting the Safety Targets.



Questions?



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

**Agenda Item #VI: Regional Transportation Plan Updates**

**Subject:** Summary of major updates conducted for our NWRTPO  
Regional Transportation Plan in FFY2020

**Prepared for:** RTPO members awareness of new directions and priorities  
for our NWRTPO three county, four tribe, and multiple communities  
region.

**Date:** 7/23/21

**BACKGROUND**

- **Why?** The NWRTPO updates our Regional (long range) Transportation Plan (RTP) on an annual basis but every 4-5 years, in sync. with the NMDOT we make a more major update to many sections of our RTP, which we undertook during the course of FFY2020.
- **Purpose.** Point out and make our RTPO members aware of the major updates to our RTP that occurred during FFY2020.
- **Discussion/Finalization.** Based on discussion and information provided, our members will be more aware of our long range vision within our Regional Transportation Plan.

**CURRENT WORK**

- Review a power point that presents most of the major updates to the RTP for our region, along with any questions or discussion around the RTP vision for future development.

**ANTICIPATED WORK**

- The NWRTPO will continue annual updates to our RTP, especially as new information becomes available from state or federal sources.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- RTP FFY2020 update powerpoint, and an additional summary document on RTP updates.

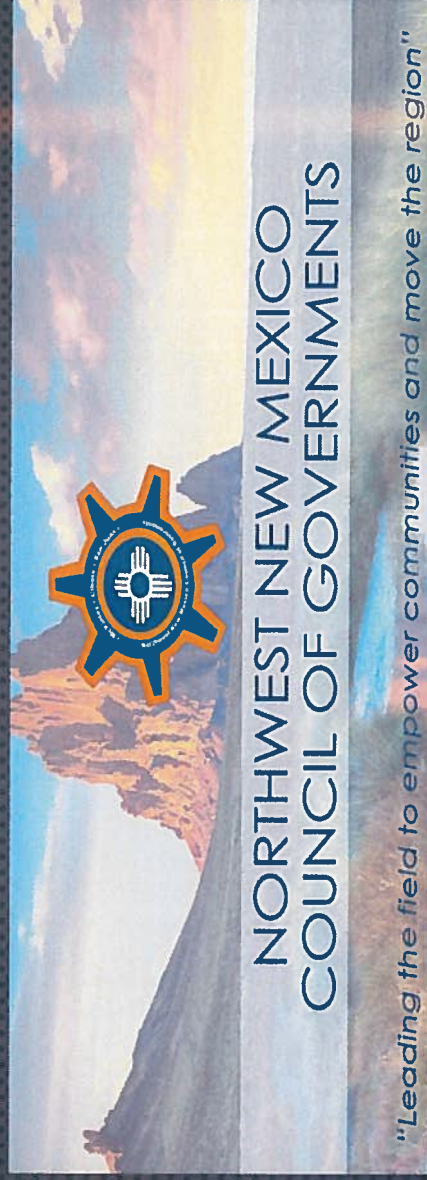
**BUDGET IMPACT**

- None

**ACTION ITEM**

- N/A





## 2020 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

NORTHWEST NEW MEXICO REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
(NWRTPO) – MEMBER GOVERNMENTS INCLUDE:

CIBOLA COUNTY, CITY OF GRANTS, VILLAGE OF MILAN, PUEBLO OF ACOMA, PUEBLO OF LAGUNA

MCKINLEY COUNTY, CITY OF GALLUP, PUEBLO OF ZUNI, NAVAJO NATION – EASTERN / FT. DEFIANCE AGENCIES, RAMAH NAVAJO

SAN JUAN COUNTY, NAVAJO NATION – NORTHERN / FT. DEFIANCE AGENCIES

(A TOTAL OF 12 MEMBER GOVERNMENTS AS FT. DEF. AGENCY IS REPRESENTED BY NORTHERN & EASTERN AGENCIES.)



# 2020 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN GOALS



Goal 1: Addresses principles for sharing data across participating jurisdictions; and standards for reporting on project development across all jurisdictions in our three county region. Assures **for our residents, businesses, and visitors, within our region for cross-jurisdictional and cross-organizational coordination and collaboration of transportation priorities for maintenance and new development.**

Goal 2: Addresses **cross-jurisdictional collaboration to provide safe transportation infrastructure and services for our region.** This includes **identifying high-potential accident areas and developing strategies to reduce them, along with regional safety plans that address or engage freight traffic, railroad crossings, multimodal interface (pedestrians and bikes), livestock and wildlife, law enforcement and emergency response, and transportation infrastructure accommodations.**

Goal 3: Develop an inventory and data base of our region's transportation assets including current conditions and related maintenance or **asset management plans engaging life cycle cost analysis.** Share information and responsibility across our region's jurisdictions. Consider an agreement with NMDOT for state-maintained roads that would allow local governments to make **efficient emergency repairs** with county or municipal crews **at critical places or for critical infrastructure**, until the NMDOT state crews are able to mitigate the problem to state and federal standards.

Goal 4: Consider planning for prioritizing repairs (roads / bridges) for school bus routes. Develop multi-modal access priorities and locations needing attention along with funding and ADA compliance strategies. Consider interpretive guidance materials and signage, as well as pull-out and rest area locations to benefit tourism and safety. Encourage **comprehensive community development planning that engages all sectors and perspectives including transportation when building out regional infrastructure and planning land-use**. This should include consideration toward main-street and recreational trail programs, collaboration with national or state parks and forests, economic organizations, schools, hospitals, libraries, senior centers, disability organizations and local elected leaders.

Goal 5: In all transportation development consider the environment, multi-modal access regardless of age or ability; cultural respect and guidance, and honoring all our regions municipal, county and tribal perspectives. Engage transportation **planning that protects sacred and environmentally sensitive areas along with historic or archaeological sites** with adequate signage, rules and penalties, fencing, enforcement and monitoring as well as parking, trails, and **amenities that invite respectful access for tourists, visitors and citizens**.



## MAJOR UPDATES FOR THE 2020 NORTHWEST REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

- IT TOOK STAFF SOME TIME TO UPDATE OUR THREE COUNTY STAKEHOLDER LIST FOR THIS RTP UPDATE DUE TO LEADERSHIP TURN-AROUND FOR 70 POSITIONS FROM 18 ORGANIZATIONAL STAKEHOLDER CATEGORIES.
- THE COAL AVENUE COMMONS PROJECT IS BUILDING A MORE INVITING AND RESILIENT DOWNTOWN ENVIRONMENT IN GALLUP, NEW MEXICO.
- THE NWRTPO WAS FUNDED \$120,000 TO HELP DEVELOP A PREWITT / MILAN AREA TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN FOR DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE PREWITT AND MILAN INDUSTRIAL PARKS ALONG WITH THE THOREAU TO MILAN REGION; DUE IN PART TO THE 2020 CLOSURE OF THE ESCALANTE ELECTRIC GENERATION PLANT.
- THE NEW MEXICO PORTION OF THE FOUR CORNERS STATES' TRAIL OF THE ANCIENTS SCENIC BYWAY HAS APPLIED FOR NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY DESIGNATION, WHICH COULD HAVE A SIGNIFICANT BENEFIT FOR TOURISM TO OUR REGION IF SO DESIGNATED.
- ONGOING DEVELOPMENT OF OVER 60 MILES OF RECREATIONAL TRAILS IN THE ZUNI MOUNTAINS OF MCKINLEY AND CIBOLA COUNTIES ALONG WITH THE GRANTS / MT. TAYLOR RANGE. THE PUEBLO OF LAGUNA IS ALSO DEVELOPING BIKE & PEDESTRIAN TRAILS CONNECTING ALL SEVEN VILLAGES.
- UPDATED REGIONAL ACCIDENT / CRASH STATISTICS TO 2018 DATA.
- ADDED OPPORTUNITY ZONES (POTENTIAL PROJECT FUNDING) FROM THE E.D.A., FOR OUR THREE COUNTY REGION AS THESE INVOLVE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE AS WELL.
- ADDED A SECTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS UPON DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE FOR TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE TO ADDRESS PLANNING FOR LONGER TERM RESILIENCE.
- LOCAL GOVT. TRANSPORTATION PROJECT FUND FROM THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO (2019 – 2020) PROVIDED \$12.2 MILLION FOR 14 PROJECTS ON BEHALF OF ELEVEN GOVERNMENTS IN OUR REGION.
- THERE ARE EMERGING FREIGHT OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR REGION INCLUDING TRUCKING AND RAIL AROUND INDUSTRIAL PARKS AND POTENTIAL TRANSLOADING FACILITIES, TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE EAST – WEST I-40 AND BNSF RAIL CORRIDORS, ALONG WITH THE NORTH NM371 CORRIDOR FROM THOREAU TO FARMINGTON THRU THE NAPI AGRICULTURAL FIELDS, AND THE NORTH – NOW FOUR-LANED US491 CORRIDOR FROM GALLUP TO SHIPROCK AND FARMINGTON.



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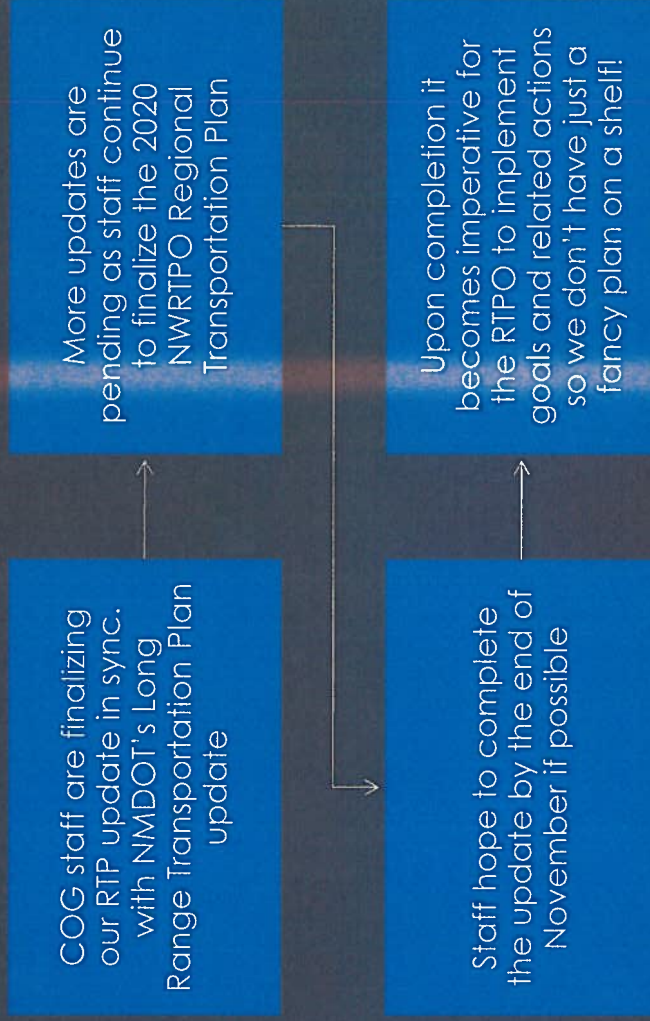
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**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN – WHY?** HAVING LONG RANGE PLANS FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT IS AN IMPORTANT FEATURE OF HUMAN LIFE FOR BOTH RURAL AND METROPOLITAN ENVIRONMENTS. THIS IS TRUE ACROSS ALL ASPECTS OF INFRASTRUCTURE, SERVICES, UTILITIES, AND THE USE OF LAND AND RESOURCES FOR HUMAN LIFE. AS WELL AS PROVIDING A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENTAL BALANCE FOR ALL LIFE ON OUR PLANET. PLANNING AHEAD HELPS US PREPARE FOR UNANTICIPATED EVENTS AND IMPACTS SUCH AS THE CURRENT COVID-19 PANDEMIC. IT ALSO MAXIMIZES THE USE AND LIFE OF THE RESOURCES WE GENERATE SO THEY SERVE US FOR LONGER PERIODS OF TIME, BENEFITING FUTURE GENERATIONS TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE. YOU MAY NOTICE ON THE LEFT THAT THE NWRTPO REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN IS MUCH MORE ROBUST THAN WHAT IS PROVIDED IN THIS PRESENTATION. THAT IS BECAUSE GOOD LEADERSHIP CONSIDERS ALL POSSIBILITIES FOR THE FUTURE WITH A BROAD RANGE OF CONSIDERATION TOWARD LIABILITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN ORDER TO MANAGE LIFE AND OUR FUTURE RESPONSIBLY. **WITH APPRECIATION TO THE NWRTPO BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AS YOU ALL KNOW – THAT IS WHAT GODS ARE ALL ABOUT, AND YOU ARE THE LEADERS PREPARING OUR REGION'S FUTURE FOR BETTER OPPORTUNITIES, AND STRENGTH IN DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES. MAY GOD BLESS ALL OF US, AS WE MOVE FORWARD AS STEWARDS OF HIS PLANET, AND ESPECIALLY THE BEAUTIFUL MULTI-CULTURAL REGION IN WHICH WE LIVE AND OFFER TO FUTURE GENERATIONS!**





# NEXT STEPS



How to participate? Request RTP Update Powerpoint from [rkulpers@nwnmcog.org](mailto:rkulpers@nwnmcog.org)  
Review RTP at: <http://www.nwnmcog.com> then: Programs / Transportation Planning / Important Documents / NWRTP 2020 Update

**Additional 2020 Regional Transportation Plan updates:**

- NM Tourism Dept. has launched the “Endeavor Program” to expand our state’s outdoor recreation economy. Our northwest region is leading this effort with development of over 200 miles of recreational trails in the Zuni Mountains. Bike and Pedestrian trails connecting all seven Pueblo of Laguna Villages, and Navajo Nation considering commencing development of 60 miles of recreational trails in the Chuska Mountains. In the Gallup area there is now a trail to the top of the Pyramid peak in Church Rock, along with other recreational trails within and/or in close proximity to the community.
- In recent years a website designed by National Geographic advertises our 4 Corners Region internationally with an average of 3-4 thousand visits a month.
- We have a number of Transit providers in our region including Farmington Red Apple Transit, Gallup Express, Milan Rockin-66 Transit, Navajo Transit, Laguna Shaa’skr’a Transit, and Zuni Ashiwi Transit.
- Cross jurisdictional collaboration for transportation infrastructure and services has improved significantly in recent years thru the NWRTPPO.
- Opportunity Zones in our region include the former Gamerco Mine area with an Energy Logistics Park in development and a potential inland port for rail and freight trucking exchange. Also the Prewitt and Milan Industrial Parks are currently funded to improve rail and roadway access, supported by Wilson & Co. Engineering and NWNMCOG / NWRTPPO staff, to improve the viability of these parks for new tenants.



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

### **Agenda Item #VII: NWRTPO Orientation Presentations to Local Elected Leaders**

**Subject: RTPO Members to report on completed RTPO Orientation  
Presentations provided to their respective local leaders**

**Prepared for: August 11, 2021 meeting**

**Date: 7/23/21**

#### **BACKGROUND**

- **Why?** Every two to three years, related to elections of local municipal, county and tribal leaders the NWRTPO provides an orientation to its function and service to our respective local governments for development and maintenance of transportation infrastructure.
- **Purpose.** To keep our regional leaders informed on the RTPO process and service for maintaining and generating new transportation infrastructure and services.
- **Discussion/Finalization.** Analyze and track local leader orientations to the NWRTPO function and service to our respective municipal, tribal and county governments for development and maintenance of transportation infrastructure and services.

#### **CURRENT WORK**

- Evaluate and track the provision of RTPO orientation presentations to regional local leaders.
- The NWRTPO has provided a virtual RTPO Orientation presentation available on the COG – RTPO website, which is an option our members can offer to their respective leaders

#### **ANTICIPATED WORK**

- Remind RTPO members who have not yet provided the virtual orientation presentation for the NWRTPO, to complete this in the near future, or request of COG staff an in-person presentation for their respective government leaders, and report back to the NWRTPO manager on completion of this task.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

- NWRTPO current Virtual Member Government Orientation to the NWRTPO, and the Virtual Orientation Guide; along with the local leader RTPO Orientation Tracking Instrument.

#### **BUDGET IMPACT**

- None.

#### **ACTION ITEM**

- Request that RTPO members provide this virtual orientation to their local leaders at their earliest convenience – most of our presentations for this orientation are past due!



## WHAT DOES IT TAKE?

Robert Kuipers <rkuipers@nwnmcog.org>

Tue 7/27/2021 3:55 PM

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### **RTPO Members:**

**I've sent out a number of reminder emails on getting orientations to the NWRTPO and it's function / service for transportation infrastructure and services development to our respective local government leaders periodically over the past few months.**

**To date I haven't heard back from anyone, except Cibola County! To make things easier during this pandemic, we've even posted a virtual orientation session where I present the orientation (at least a half a year ago!), which can be viewed at leisure by local elected leaders if our members just track which of them had a chance to view the orientation, and whether they have any comments or questions. This is on the COG RTPO website:**

**On a search engine type in:**

- 1) NWNMCOG**
- 2) Go to Programs and click on Transportation**
- 3) Then scroll down on the cover page and you will find the virtual orientation presentation.**

**I would presume the presentation takes about 20 - 30 minutes total.**

**This way we don't have to take up 15 - 20 minutes in a regular Council or Commission meeting where I make the presentation directly.**

**So here's the issue:**

**If I don't hear back from most of you in the next week or two, I'm just going to schedule myself in to your Tribal or City Council Meetings and/or County Commission meetings and present directly - while apologizing for taking up some time, when the virtual presentation has been available for months on end at this point. We are all behind at this point which will be an audit finding!**

**In the case of the Navajo Nation, Larry and Marco - it might work best if I present at an upcoming Agency meeting (Northern and Eastern) after which we can figure out how to approach the Ft. Defiance Agency Chapters in the New Mexico portion. Let me know when these are coming up so I can request to be part of the agenda.**

**Thanks to any and all who respond to this FINAL REQUEST, before I take things into my own hands! The virtual presentation is SO MUCH EASIER AND CONVENIENT FOR YOUR LEADERS, THAN TAKING UP TIME IN ONE OF THEIR MONTHLY OR QUARTERLY MEETINGS!**

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Robert Kuipers, RTPO Program Manager  
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## 2021 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 Representative for (local county / municipal / tribal govt.:) \_\_\_\_\_, I certify that our following local elected leaders have reviewed the 2020 NWRTPO Orientation virtual (You-tube) presentation and are now acquainted with the role and function of the NWRTPO for prioritized transportation infrastructure and services funding, development and maintenance within our region. Our elected leaders reviewed the presentation on this / these dates:

LINK: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g1KZSUxkLjU>

Name - Elected Official:	✓ Have viewed presentation	Questions or Comments:
County Manager / City Mayor or Manager / Tribal President or local govt. executive representative:		
County Commissioners / City Council Members / Tribal Council Members:		
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## **NWRTPO 2020 "Virtual Orientation" Guide**

### **Slide 1 - Introduction and Overview of the Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments:**

Hello, my name is Bob Kuipers, I work for the NWNM Council of Governments. The COG as it's better known is a regional planning and development agency, covering the counties of San Juan, McKinley and Cibola, and the communities therein. The COG manages a variety of programs that serve and generate resources for the region. Today, we're going to provide an introduction of the Regional Transportation Planning Organization.

### **Slide 2 - Cover:**

- Self-introduction: Bob Kuipers tasked as Program Manager
- Our current Chair is Dave Deutsawe – Pueblo of Acoma
- Our current Vice-Chair is Don Jaramillo – City of Grants



### **Slide 3 – NWRTPO Function:**

- The NWRTPO region includes San Juan, McKinley and Cibola Counties, Cities of Gallup, Grants and Village of Milan, Navajo Nation, Pueblos of Acoma, Laguna & Zuni. Farmington, Aztec and Bloomfield constitute the Farmington MPO.
- Each participating local government (T/LPA = Tribal & Local Public Agency) can assign a primary and alternate RTPO representative to the NWRTPO
- The NWRTPO meets on the second Wednesday of each month, and attending members collaborate and coordinate on multi-modal project development and maintenance.
- All primary and alternate members qualify to speak and/or vote on both technical and policy issues.
- All meetings are advertised and open to the public and stakeholders. Meetings are advertised (annually) in the Gallup Independent, and (monthly) in the Cibola Citizen.

### **Slide 4 - NWRTPO Member Governments:**

- The NWRTPO has representatives from the following local governments in our region:
  - Pueblo of Acoma
  - Pueblo of Laguna
  - Pueblo of Zuni
  - Eastern Navajo Agency
  - Northern Navajo Agency
  - Cibola County
  - McKinley County
  - San Juan County
  - City of Gallup
  - City of Grants
  - Village of Milan
  - Ramah Navajo

### **Slide 5 – NMDOT Participation & Oversight:**

- NMDOT Representatives who meet with or have responsibility for collaboration with MPO's and RTPO's include:
- Statewide oversight for all RTPO's and MPO's:
  - Jessica Griffin – NMDOT Multimodal Planning and Programs Bureau Chief
  - Rosa Kozub – Govt. to Govt. Unit Supervisor
  - Ron Shutiva – Tribal Liaison

- Examples of the representatives who serve or have served as NMDOT liaisons to our NWRTPO:
  - Neala Krueger – NWRTPO Liaison
  - Ron Shutiva – Tribal Liaison
  - JoAnn Garcia, Bill Santiago – NMDOT District 6 (Larry Maynard – Dist. 6 Lead Engineer)
  - James Mexia, Stephanie Medina – NMDOT District 5 (Paul Brasher – Dist. 5 Lead Engineer)

#### Slide 6 – NWRTPO “Elements”:

- **Projects:** NWRTPO Projects include multi-modal development of transportation infrastructure and services, with a biennial process for qualifying and listing projects in our **RTIPR** (*Regional Transportation Improvement Program Recommendations*). On an annual basis RTPO members review and rank our region’s public transportation funding applications.
- **Planning:** NWRTPO members and staff meet monthly to plan and report progress on development of transportation infrastructure and services within our region.
- **Resources:** The NWRTPO draws funding for transportation project development from a wide variety of state and federal sources, which may alternate from year to year (*new names / new sources*).

#### Slide 7 – NWRTPO / NMDOT Districts:

- The NMDOT Districts do not line up with RTPO regions. For example – in our region, San Juan County and Northern Navajo is in NMDOT District 5; McKinley and Cibola Counties and the communities and Pueblos therein along with Eastern and Ramah Navajo are in NMDOT District 6.

#### Slide 8 – NWRTPO Management:

- Staff develop a biennial (2-year) Regional Work Program and an annual budget.
- Staff organize and facilitate monthly RTPO meetings, assuring equal public access regardless of disabilities.
- Staff manage RTPO membership, develop - update and maintain **Bylaws** for RTPO function and process, maintain and update an RTPO website, and submit quarterly reports to NMDOT detailing work accomplished.
- Staff help report professional development and training opportunities to members, and plan their own professional development. Staff inform members on funding or project opportunities and deadlines, and act as a liaison between NMDOT and local governments to resolve project issues, with assistance from our NMDOT Liaison.

#### Slide 9 – NWRTPO Planning:

- The NMDOT produces a Regional Long-Range Transportation Plan every 5 years that sets goals, objectives, actions, and performance measures for our region and its transportation vision. It is updated periodically to keep it current.
- Our Regional Transportation Plan is incorporated and rolled-up into the State’s Transportation Plan that is also completed every 5 years.
- The NWRTPO Public Participation Plan are reviewed and typically approved every year at our January meeting.

- The NWRTPO updates their Regional Transportation Improvement Program Recommendations (RTIPR) on a biennial basis – projects or phases that have been completed are taken out and proposed next phases or new projects are incorporated into the RTIPR update. One pathway for projects on the RTIPR is to be prioritized by the District and NMDOT on the STIP or Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. The STIP is a multi-year plan that includes specific funding levels by year for project implementation. This plan is fiscally constrained so that project costs do not exceed estimated revenues. The STIP does have the ability to set projects in outyears as projects that can be moved in if other projects are not ready for implementation or if additional resources are available.
- The RTIPR looks at a variety of transportation projects, not just roads and bridges, including projects like planning, trails, Federal Lands projects, and many others.
- Available funding and pertinent RTIPR categories can fluctuate and change over time, as funding cycles and categories can alternate from federal sources, so the RTIPR remains a flexible document, responding to changing federal priorities or advancing transportation technology.

**Slide 10: - NWRTPO Planning continued:**

- The RTPO updates and approves Title VI Plan and an Open Meetings Act Resolution every year at our January meeting to ensure participation for all citizens regardless of race, color, national origin, age, or ability.
- Many times transportation projects can be the missing piece in economic development and another pathway to fund transportation projects not prioritized in the STIP are through Economic Development sources like the US Economic Development Administration (EDC).
- One example of how the NWNMCOG and NWRTPO can assist is the Zuni Mountains Trail Project that is attempting to plan, design, and build a large trail system that extends across the two counties of Cibola and McKinley counties. The COG helped many project partners in developing a Trails & Conservation Master Plan for this project.
- NWRTPO members participate in Corridor Studies with examples cited on this slide, as well as Road Safety Audits.

**Slide 11 – NWRTPO Projects:**

- RTPO staff and NMDOT colleagues (slide 4) can advise members for development of **Project Feasibility Forms (PFF's)** and **Project Prospectus Forms (PPF's)** for transportation project inclusion in the RTIPR; some of which can undergo prioritization ranking by the RTPO – based on which project types categorized in the RTIPR in which they will reside. The NWRTPO has worked with members to trim down the RTIPR in recent years to only include projects that qualify for federal funding through the NMDOT.
- PFF's provide an initial template for proposing a local project for funding – the information enables RTPO members and DOT staff to assess and discuss whether the project is ready to proceed to an initial or next phase of development, qualifies for federal funding, and appears ready for execution within timelines for the proposed development – whether planning, design, clearances or construction.
- PPF's for all local projects approved to move forward, provide more detailed information regarding the steps and outcomes the project will require and deliver, a more exact listing of

anticipated costs, who at the local level is in charge, is the project supported in other local plans (ICIP, LRTP, Bike/Ped or Mainstreet Plans), are proposed timelines realistic for project completion, and finally does the project:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve multimodal safety</li> <li>• Support economic vitality</li> <li>• Improve freight movement</li> <li>• Improve multi-modal access</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide environmental and quality of life benefits</li> <li>• Provide better system integration, management and long term preservation</li> </ul>
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- RTPO and DOT staff along with RTPO members can track the progress of transportation projects thru the RTIPR and STIP and can assist members with additional funding strategies. Typically, transportation projects can take a long-time to get to completion and have to cobble together funding sources from various pots.
- On an annual basis – usually at a winter meeting, RTPO members rate and rank Public Transportation funding applications for 5311 (public transit) and 5310 (elderly & handicapped) providers.

#### **Slide 12 – NWRTPO Project Process:**

- RTPO members can bring project ideas or problems to the RTPO for discussion and advisement from RTPO or DOT staff, along with other RTPO members with similar experience.
- Discussion usually results in decisions whether to a) enter the project into the RTIPR process for possible funding from the NMDOT STIP; or b) consider alternate funding strategies for projects which do not qualify for federal funding or need alternative sources.

#### **Slide 13 – NWRTPO Alternative Process – T/LPA driven process:**

- One of the ways the RTPO can help with local lead projects that do not qualify for Federal funding is develop alternative funding strategies through programs like State Capital Outlay, Economic Development programs, and many others.
- We are happy to sit down with any RTPO members to flesh out a plan and provide some insights that your entity can lead on.

#### **Slide 14 - NWRTPO Alternative Process continued – NMDOT driven process:**

- In this case, RTIPR projects that qualify for federal funding – once prioritized and programmed in the STIP, these projects are implemented by DOT and the District staff as long as estimated resources are available.

#### **Slide 15 – NM FUNDIT:**

- An economic development project that also requires transportation infrastructure improvements can apply funding toward transportation improvements as well as other infrastructure.
- For executing the transportation aspect of this funding, it is advisable to collaborate and coordinate with the NM Economic Development Dept., local and tribal Economic Development Organizations (incl. Navajo RBD), Council of Governments staff, and NMDOT District staff.



**Slide 16 – NWRTPO Project Development:**

- Many proposed projects may require the following steps:
  - Feasibility assessment, traffic impact analysis, or road safety audits
  - Preliminary engineering report
  - Design and clearances
  - Construction
  - Maintenance
- This slide provides a wide variety of potential government non-transportation sources of funding; and suggests pursuing private sector funding as well.

**Slide 17 – RTIPR Update Schedule:**

The typical biennial RTIPR update is around a lengthy process starting with the issuance of a "Call for Transportation Projects" that occurs in April. The schedule is outlined officially in our Call for Transportation Projects guide but typically has the following steps and time periods.

- July: Project Feasibility Forms due (PFF's)
- August: Project Consultation meetings, where RTPO, District, and NMDOT staff sit down and discuss project readiness.
- October: Project Prospectus Forms's (PPF's) due for all proposed projects qualifying for the RTIPR and its project type categories.
- November or December NWRTPO meeting: project presentations to the RTPO committee for prioritization or general support.
- January – NWRTPO meeting: Draft RTIPR presented for any final edits
- February NWRTPO meeting: Final RTIPR approved by RTPO members
- March: NMDOT District 6 "Zipper" meeting – including projects from other RTPO's within each District.

**Slide 18 – NWRTPO – COG office contact:**

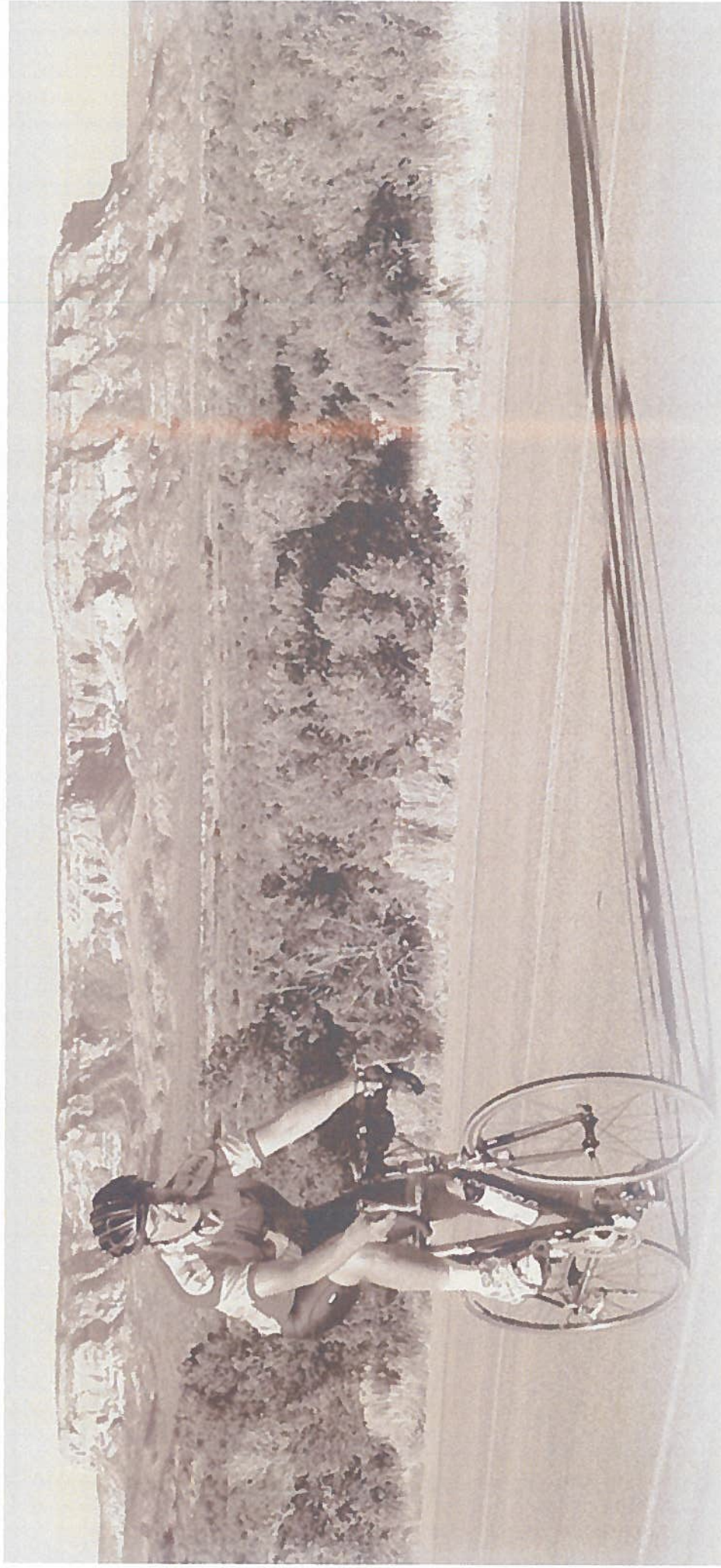
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# NWRTPO

Dave Deutsawe (Pueblo of Acoma) *Chair*

Don Jaramillo (City of Grants) *Vice-Chair*

Robert Kuipers *Planner / Program Manager*

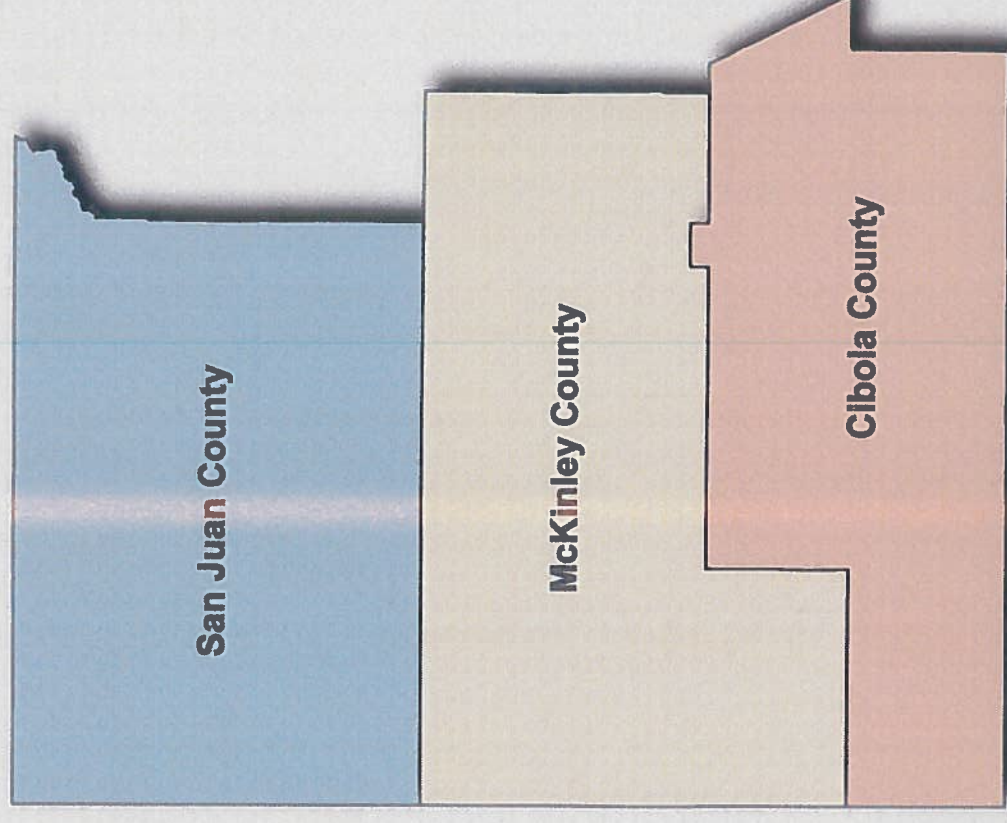
Evan Williams *Executive Director*

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# NWRTPO FUNCTION

- ★ Representatives from each T/LPA in the 3-county area
  - 1 Member & 1 Alternate
  - Counties, Municipalities, Tribes
  - Except Aztec, Bloomfield, Farmington (MPO)
- ★ Meet on a monthly basis at alternating locations
  - NMDOT District 5 & District 6 offices
  - Central NMDOT Administration
- ★ Policy & Technical Committees combined in 2011
- ★ Collaborate & coordinate on multi-modal projects
- ★ Development & maintenance of transportation infrastructure shared between various T/LPA
- ★ Meetings are open to public and multi-modal transportation providers and users



# NWRTPO MEMBERS

ENTITY	MEMBER
Acoma Pueblo	David Deutsawe, Chair
Laguna Pueblo	Gaylord Siow
Zuni Pueblo	Royce Gchachu
Navajo Nation	Marco Sells (Eastern) Larry Joe (Northern)
Cibola County	Edward Salazar
McKinley County	Rodney Skersick
San Juan County	Nick Porell
City of Gallup	Clyde Strain
City of Grants	Don Jaramillo, Vice-Chair
Village of Milan	Denise Baca
Ramah Navajo	Dorothy Claw

Governing Bodies can update your appointed representative any time.



# NWRTPO NMDOT LIAISON

## DIVISION

## LIAISON

NMDOT Multimodal Planning & Programs Bureau

Jessica Griffin – Bureau Chief

Government to Government Unit

Rosa Kosub – Govt. to Govt. Supervisor  
Neala Krueger – NWRTPO Liaison

Tribal Liaison

Ron Shutiva

District 6 Engineers

Larry Maynard, P.E. District Six Engineer  
Joann Garcia

District 5 Engineers

Paul Brasher, P.E. District Five Engineer  
James Mexia  
Stephanie Medina

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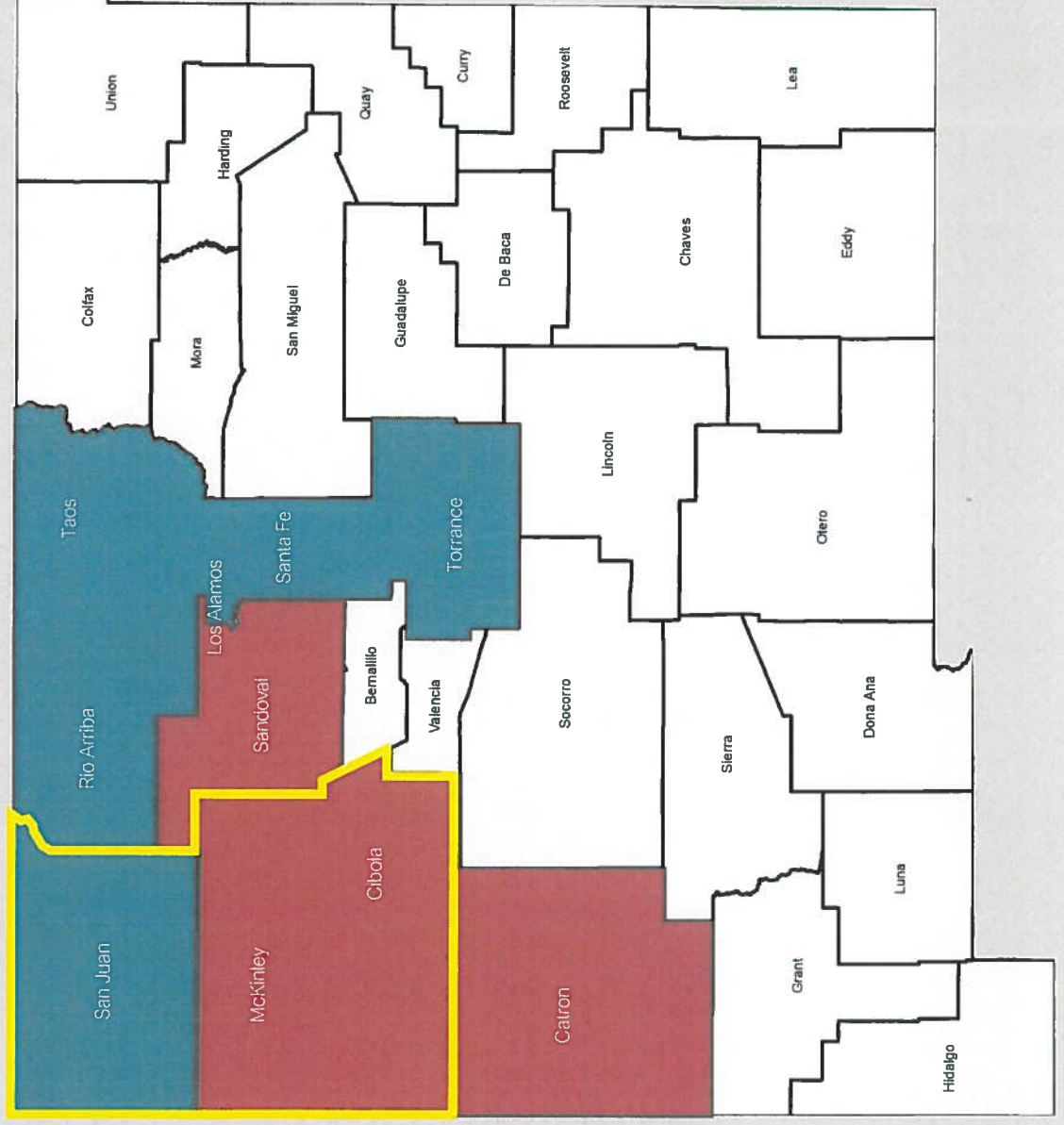
# NWRTPO ELEMENTS



# NWRTPO NMDOT DISTRICTS

District 6

District 5





# NWRTPO MANAGEMENT

## **WORK PROGRAM**

- ★ Develop a 2-year regional work program and an annual budget.

## **MANAGEMENT & REPORTING**

- ★ Organize and facilitate all RTPO meetings according to Public Participation Plan
- ★ Manage the RTPO membership
- ★ Develop and maintain Bylaws, Title VI Plan, and Open Meetings Act Resolution
- ★ Maintain RTPO website with updated information
- ★ Submit quarterly reports with detailed descriptions of work accomplished

## **TRAINING & INFORMATION**

- ★ Coordinate training & professional development opportunities
- ★ Provided information to members about funding opportunities and project deadlines.
- ★ Act as a liaison between NMDOT and T/LPA to resolve project issues.

# NWRTPO PLANNING

- ★ New Mexico Long Range Transportation Plan
- ★ Northwest New Mexico Regional Transportation Plan
- ★ NWRTPO Public Participation Plan
- ★ Project Feasibility Forms (PFF) and Project Prospectus Forms (PPF) in RTIPR cycles.
- ★ Regional Transportation Improvement Program Recommendations (RTIPR)

## □ Examples include

1) Roadway Projects	6) Federal Lands Access Program – FLAP
2) Planning & Studies	7) Public Transportation
3) TAP ( <i>Transportation Alternatives Program</i> )	8) Safety ( <i>HSIP: Highway Safety Improvement Program</i> )
4) RTP ( <i>Recreational Trails Program</i> )	9) CMAQ ( <i>Congestion Mitigation / Air Quality</i> )
5) Bridge Projects	10) Transportation Project Fund ( <i>formerly Local Government Transportation Project Fund</i> )



# NWRTPO PLANNING cont.

- ★ Zuni Mountains Master Trails & Conservation Master Plan
- ★ Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Funding source for transportation projects that support economic development.
- ★ Road Safety Audits (recommending safety improvements for the multi-modal interface of traffic, pedestrians, bicycles, intersections, school zones, and any concerns expressed thru the audit)
- ★ Conduct or participate in corridor studies
  - Farmington Rail Study
  - Navajo Nation Inland Port Feasibility Study
  - NM 371 Corridor Study
  - Four Corners Intermodal Transloading Equinox (4CITE) Master Plan

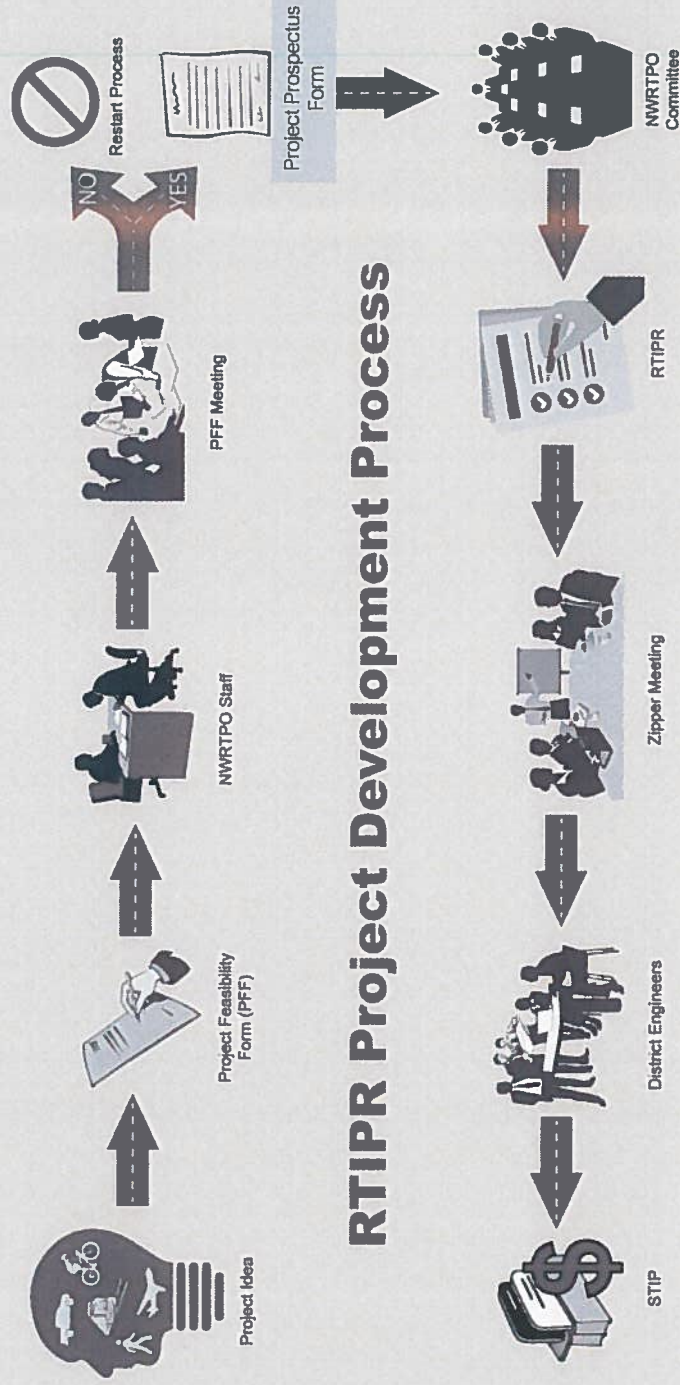
# NWRTPO PROJECTS

## PROJECTEERING

- ★ Assist members to develop PFFs and PFFs
- ★ Track the progress of transportation projects
- ★ Rank and rate projects into RTIPR
- ★ Assist members in financing strategies

## RTIPR

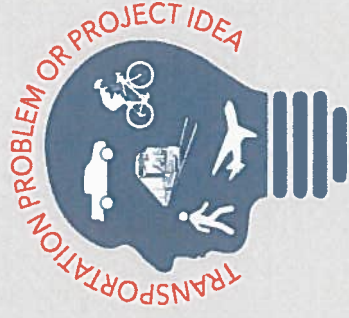
- ✚ Transit Applications Prioritization
- ✚ Regional Transportation Improvement Program Recommendations (RTIPR)



## RTIPR Project Development Process



# NWRTPO PROJECT PROCESS



Project idea or transportation problem brought to the RTPO Committee by an RTPO member



RTIPR Process



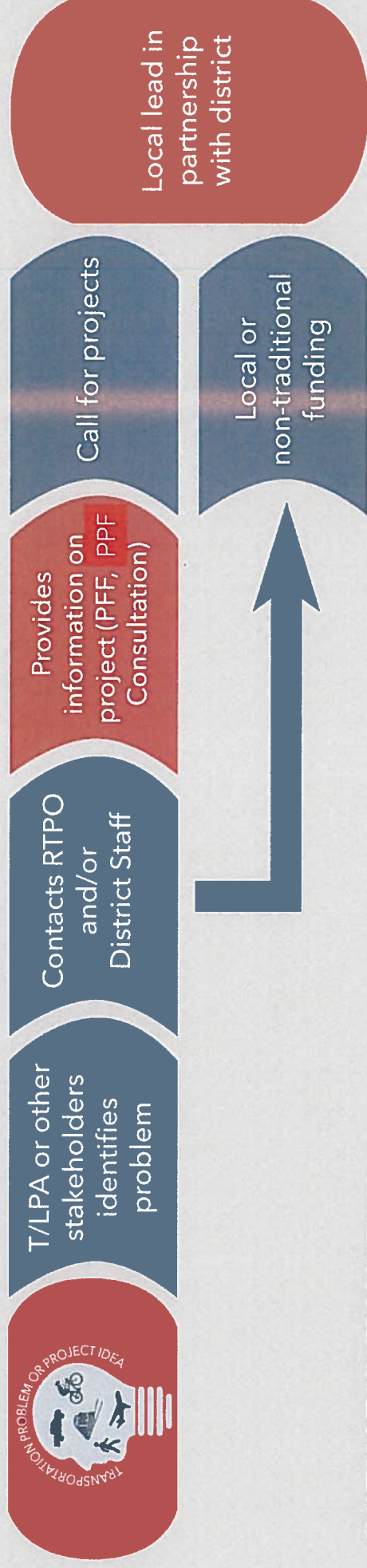
RTPO partners help refine, support and direct project for funding



Alternative Funding Strategies

# NWRTPO ALTERNATIVE PROCESS

## T/LPA DRIVEN PATHWAY



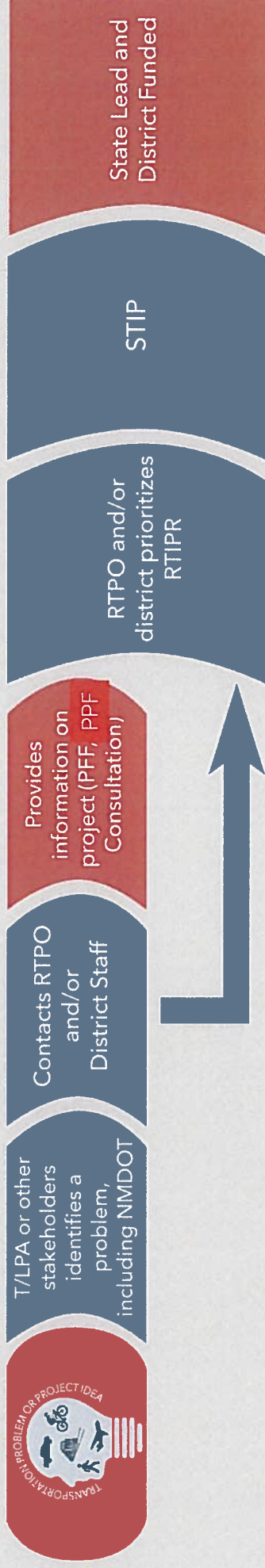
## SCENARIO EXAMPLE

1. Local businesses along a state highway: Provide funding for feasibility study/road safety audit.
2. T/LPA applies and is funded for Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) and State Capital Outlay to design and construction project.
3. Coordinate ROW, environmental, public outreach, design, and construction with District and Central Regional Design.
4. Maintenance will usually be pushed toward the T/LPA since it initiated the project.



# NWRTPO ALTERNATIVE PROCESS

## NMDOT OR DISTRICT DRIVEN PATHWAY



## SCENARIO EXAMPLE

1. NMDOT funds and provides a Road Safety Audit along a state highway due to concerns from the school district and NMDOT.
2. District prioritizes project in RTIPR and the STIP, funds identified within District budget.
3. District coordinates ROW, environmental, public outreach, design, and construction.
4. Maintenance will remain with NMDOT since it initiated the project.

# NWRTPO NM FUNDIT

**An Economic or Community Development Project That Needs Viable Transportation Improvements**

An economic or community development project identifies a transportation need (private, tribal, or local)

## **CONTACT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDERS:**

(To help create a customized Project Development & financing Plan)

- New Mexico Economic Development Department (Regional Representatives)
- Economic Development Organizations (EDO), including Navajo RBDO
- Council of Governments Staff (RTPO and EDD)
- New Mexico DOT District Staff

New Mexico  
FUNDIT



# NWRTPO PROJECT DEVELOPMENT



## Non-Transportation Sources of Funding – or apply at NM’s FUNDIT

- Private Sector Financing
- New Mexico Finance Authority Local Government Planning Fund (monthly)
- Local Government Division/DFA Community Development Block Grant (CDGB) Planning Grant (ongoing)
- New Mexico Capital Outlay (annual)
- USDA Socially-Disadvantaged Groups Grant
- DHHS-ACF: Dept. of Health & Human Services-Admin. For Children & Families, Administration for Native Americans, Social and Economic Development Strategies
- New Mexico Indian Affairs Department- Tribal Infrastructure Fund (annual)
- Navajo Nation: Business & Industrial Fund and 1% Set-Aside Business Activity Tax

- Private Sector Financing
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Economic Development Grant
- New Mexico Legislative Capital Outlay (annual)
- Economic Development Administration
- Local Economic Development Act (LEDA)
- New Mexico Indian Affairs Department- Tribal Infrastructure Fund (annual)
- Navajo Nation: Business & Industrial Fund and 1% Set Aside Business Activity Tax



# NWRTPO RTIPR UPDATE

## Biennial Scheduled Dates

## Requirements

July	Project Feasibility Form (PFF) due
August	Project Consultation Meetings
October	Project Prospectus Forms / Applications due
December	Presentations to RTPO Committee
January	Draft RTIPR presented
February	Final RTIPR approved
March	ZIPPER meeting

Biennial Call for Transportation Projects Issued – Subject to Change

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## Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NWRTPO)

### Agenda Item #VIII: Reports, Updates & Announcements

**Subject:** Discussion / Presentation Items

**Prepared by:** Robert Kuipers, NWRTPO

**Date:** 8/02/21

#### 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 Monthly Report
- Member Reports

##### Member Special Reports:

- Jason Coffey, NMDOT HSIP Planner – report provided under Item V) NMDOT HSIP Presentation

##### 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: none
- NMDOT Govt. to Govt. Update: 7/12/21,
- AASHTO Publications: none
- NMDOT / UNM-LTAP: Provides a very robust collection of training opportunities – staff forward news to members as it comes out from this source – reference at [ltap.unm.edu](http://ltap.unm.edu) – Online courses notice forwarded to members as LTAP emails come in.
- Title VI Training is available to MPO's and RTPO's from Lisa Neie – Civil Rights Manager for FHWA New Mexico. These trainings can be customized to address member concerns and issues for their regions, if provided to her in advance. Based on training length, we could provide it at one of our meetings.
- FHWA Summer 2021 E-Newsletter: 7/15/21
- Every Day Counts News: 7/15/21, 7/23/21
- Grant Opportunities: 7/15/21
- Functional Classification Guidance – Jeanette Bachand: guidance and links to functional classification from Ms. Bachand's presentation at our July 14 virtual meeting. 7/15/21
- Outdoor Recreational Trails – etc. Grant funding: 7/21/21
- Celebrating 31 Years of ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act): 7/27/21

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

## RTPO APER Budgeted Staff Hours Summary FFY2021

June / Q-3 Monthly Report											
Function	Budgeted Hours Amt. 1	Q1	Q2	Q3	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Q4	Total Actual hours	Balance	Percentage budgeted differs from actuals*
1	240	163.75	64.00	13.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	241.25	-1.25	0.52%
2	200	0.00	22.00	9.00	28.00	0.00	0.00	28.00	59.00	141.00	-70.50%
3	450	75.00	245.50	209.00	57.00	0.00	0.00	57.00	586.50	-136.50	30.33%
4	310	17.00	82.00	22.50	18.00	0.00	0.00	18.00	139.50	170.50	-55.00%
5	450	85.75	165.50	146.00	13.00	0.00	0.00	13.00	410.25	39.75	-8.83%
6	450	59.50	181.50	124.50	50.50	0.00	0.00	50.50	416.00	34.00	-7.56%
TOTAL	2100	401.00	760.50	524.50	166.50	0.00	0.00	166.50	1852.50	247.50	-11.79%
*if budgeted hours differ from actual hours by more than 20% in any function, provide a narrative explanation below											



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## NWRTPO | Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization

### Monthly Report – July, 2021

- A. 2021 NWRTPO RTIPR Update:** The NWRTPO conducted an “RTIPR Revision” last year rather than a full call for projects. This is due to the fact that not much funding is anticipated until at least 2021 or 2022. This year (FFY2021 – 2022) the NWRTPO is executing a full Call for Projects which will extend from April, 2021 thru March 2022, so members are invited to submit new project applications according to our Call For Projects schedule and guidance. At this point, RTPO members have submitted 53 project PFF’s for our 2021 – 2022 RTIPR update, 49 of which were presented and reviewed by DOT District 6 staff on June 29-30; 4 projects for Northern Navajo are under review from DOT District 5 at this time. Projects approved to move forward will now be developed into Project Prospectus Forms (PPF’s) by our respective submitting members and updated in our new FFY2021-22 RTIPR.
- B. FFY2021 NMDOT 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 provided \$50 million statewide in FFY2019 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 MRRTPO) – 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. In FFY2021 NMDOT has \$120 million available and has been officially renamed to the Transportation Project Fund (TPF) and now officially includes Tribal communities. With this in mind the NWRTPO commenced our call for the TPF fund early and pushed our members to complete all required application documents in advance of NMDOT deadlines – for which the final submission deadline was June 15, 2021. NMDOT District 6 reviewed and approved 10 projects from 8 of our member governments to move forward, and DOT District 5 approved one project from Northern Navajo for a total of just under \$20 million for our participating NWRTPO governments.
- C. GIS Data Gathering, Trails Development, 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. The NWCOG was the only New Mexico recipient of a NADO Impact Award for the ongoing development of 200 miles of recreational trails in the Zuni Mountains of McKinley and Cibola Counties. The Navajo Nation will soon be developing 80 miles of recreational trails in the Chuska Mountain range, complimenting the rec. trails being developed in the Zuni Mtns.
- D. NMDOT LRTP and NWRTPO Regional Transportation Plan:** RTPO staff have conducted major updates to our R.T.P. at this time, which was approved and authorized at our January 2021 meeting. The NMDOT (State plan) has come into the 4/5-year major update cycle so they too conducted a more major update in 2020 which continues in 2021. Our RTPO updates our plan on an annual basis; nonetheless, staff undertook a more comprehensive update with RTPO members June – December 2020, in sync. with the NMDOT LRTP update. More updates are anticipated in FFY2021.
- E. Trail of the Ancients Scenic Byway is Nationally Designated:** President Trump signed the “Reviving America’s Scenic Byways Act of 2019” into law re-establishing the Scenic Byway Program but presently without funding. Nonetheless this provided the NWRTPO the opportunity to undertake a demanding process to pursue national designation for parts of our New Mexico TOA byway portion. RTPO and COG staff submitted the 2020 application for national designation for portions of our New Mexico Trail of the Ancients Scenic Byway. The entire TOA byway corridor is shared by Counties in the 4-Corners region of Utah, Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado; the Utah and Colorado corridors are already nationally designated. We recently received news that major portions of our New Mexico corridor are now designated as a National Byway corridor! We can now support and work on the Arizona portion of the four state byway, which is primarily on Navajo Nation lands. 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 are reconstructing the TOA Byway Council for New Mexico, and undertaking the challenging responsibility shared by participating counties to monitor and improve the national corridor, along with stronger participation in funding the byway, in collaboration with NMDOT staff.
- F. News, Training and Funding Opportunities:** The following training and funding opportunities have recently emerged:
- FHWA Planning, Environment & Realty Reports: none
  - NMDOT Govt. to Govt. Update: 7/12/21,
  - AASHTO Publications: none
  - NMDOT / UNM-LTAP: Provides a very robust collection of training opportunities – staff forward news to members as it comes out from this source – reference at [ltap.unm.edu](http://ltap.unm.edu) – Online courses notice forwarded to members as LTAP emails come in.
  - Title VI Training is available to MPO’s and RTPO’s from Lisa Neie – Civil Rights Manager for FHWA New Mexico. These trainings can be customized to address member concerns and issues for their regions, if provided to her in advance. Based on training length, we could provide it at one of our meetings.
  - FHWA Summer 2021 E-Newsletter: 7/15/21
  - Every Day Counts News: 7/15/21, 7/23/21
  - Grant Opportunities: 7/15/21
  - Functional Classification Guidance – Jeanette Bachand: guidance and links to functional classification from Ms. Bachand’s presentation at our July 14 virtual meeting. 7/15/21
  - Outdoor Recreational Trails – etc. Grant funding: 7/21/21
  - Celebrating 31 Years of ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act): 7/27/21