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NORTHWEST NEW MEXICO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NWRTPO)

RTPO Joint Technical & Policy Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

10:00 am

Virtual Meeting – Microsoft Teams

A G E N D A

ROUTINE ITEMS:

Item #	Item	Presenter
I.	Call to Order and Introductions	Dorothy Claw, Chairman
II.	Action: Agenda	Dorothy Claw
III.	Action: Minutes – July 12, 2023 meeting	Dorothy Claw

ACTION ITEMS:

Item #	Item	Presenter
IV.	Action: Approve Work Program Amendment to add hours to Function 2:	Robert Kuipers

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Item #	Item	Presenter
V.	Review & Discuss: Progress with PPF's – due Aug. 31	Robert Kuipers
VI.	Present: Reports, Updates & Announcements	Robert Kuipers

REPORTS: (10-minute limit)

Please submit Written Reports for inclusion in minutes

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, September 13, 2023 – Cibola County Management Office, 700 E. Roosevelt Ave., Grants, NM - (unless otherwise determined or virtual via MSTeams)

ADJOURNMENT

NORTHWEST NEW MEXICO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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

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

ATTENDANCE:

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

New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT)	
Entity	Representative(s)
RTPO Liaison	Neala Krueger
District 5	James Mexia, Amanda Nino
District 6	Bill Santiago , Michael Neely
Tribal Liaison	Ron Shutiva
DOT Central Regional Design Office	James Sanchez, Juan Archuleta,
Other NMDOT Staff / Guests	Ken Cooper – UNM-LTAP, Gabrielle Chavez – NMDOT Transit & Rail, NMDOT: Miguel Archuleta, Kyle Slim, Angelica Trujillo

Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization	
Northwest NM Council of Governments	Robert Kuipers

Tally Sheet – Attendance & Quorum

Total Full Attendance:	Member Entities:	NMDOT	RTPO	Guests (Transit)	Full Attendance Norm:	
	12	Normally 4-5: DOT Liaison, Tribal Liaison, District 5 & 6 Representatives		varies	17 - 20	
Attendance – this meeting:	Member Attendance:	NMDOT Attendance:	Staff:	Guests:	Attendance % this meeting:	TOTAL:
	8	7	1	2	100%	18

ROUTINE ITEMS:

Item #	Item
I.	Call to Order and Introductions. The meeting was called to order at 10:17 am , Dorothy Claw welcomed those in attendance, and proceeded with introductions approval of agenda and minutes. The virtual meeting was conducted via Microsoft Teams, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
II.	Agenda. RTPO Staff provided an overview of the day's agenda topics and Dorothy Claw – Chair called for a motion: ACTION: Linda Cooke – Village of Milan motioned; Alicia Santiago – Gallup seconded adoption of the agenda; all in favor – motion carried.
III.	Minutes (April 12, 2023). RTPO Staff provided time for review of minutes and there were no revisions requested, Dorothy Claw – Chair called for a motion. ACTION: Linda Cooke – Village of Milan motioned; Royce Gchachu – Pueblo of Zuni seconded adoption of the minutes. All in favor – motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS: None

Discussion Items:

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IV.	Review & Discuss: Progress with PPF's – 2024 RTIPR	Robert Kuipers, NWRTPO
BACKGROUND		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why? RTPO members must complete Project Prospectus Forms for all Project Feasibility Forms approved to move forward. Purpose. PPF's provide more detailed information for project costs and execution details Discussion/Finalization. RTPO members will discuss progress with PPF's along with discussion on any questions or further guidance needed. 		
URRENT WORK		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue completing Project Prospectus Forms against August 31 deadline 		
ANTICIPATED WORK		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete all PPF's according to FFY 2023-2024 Call for Projects Guidance. 		
ATTACHMENTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FFY 2023-2024 RTIPR Schedule NWRTPO Call for Projects Guide NMDOT 2021 PPF Enabled 		
BUDGET IMPACT		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 		
ACTION ITEM		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 		

Discussion: Not much discussion, RTPO members and staff are concerned about PPF approval delays within DOT District 6. DOT District 6 staff indicated that most of them have been approved, but RTPO staff have not received these. More discussion on this will occur tomorrow when RTPO and COG staff conduct a meeting with DOT District 6 staff.

Item #	Item	Presenter
V.	Present: UNM-LTAP Training: ADAAG / PROWAG	Ken Cooper – UNM-LTAP
BACKGROUND		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why? ADAAG – “Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines” and PROWAG – “Public Right Of Way Accessibility Guidelines” covers ADA compliance. • Purpose. Ken Cooper of UNM-LTAP will provide a brief summary of ADA compliance to support equal access for elderly and disabled citizens. • Discussion/Finalization. This training will help our RTPPO members be more aware of ADA accommodations for elderly and disabled citizens. 		
CURRENT WORK		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gain a stronger understanding of ADA compliant infrastructure to support equal access for elderly and disabled citizens. 		
ANTICIPATED WORK		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen our RTPPO members understanding of ADA compliant multi-modal infrastructure supporting equal access for our elderly and disabled citizens. 		
ATTACHMENTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNM-LTAP ADAAG/PROWAG guidance as available. 		
BUDGET IMPACT		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 		
ACTION ITEM		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No current action – but RTPPO members are encouraged to keep ADA compliant infrastructure in mind, to provide equal access to elderly and disabled citizens. 		

Discussion:

- Ken Cooper explained the meaning of ADAAG and PROWAG
- The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to promote equal access commenced in 1990.
- Pedestrian access requires sidewalks with a minimum 4 feet width; and every 200 feet, a wider sidewalk should be available so wheel chairs going in opposite directions can adequately pass eachother.
- Pedestrian infrastructure must be stable and slip-resistant.
- 5% is the maximum slope angle recommended for wheel chairs.
- There are a variety of road crossing slopes for ADA compliant pedestrian crossings.
- All ADA crossings must be firm, stable and slip resistant.
- Only ¼ of an inch is allowed between surface levels or drainage infrastructure for ADA compliance.
- Curb Ramp Width: 48 inches minimum – recommend wide enough for wheel chairs in both directions.

Item #	Item	Presenter
VI.	Present: I-40 Coordinated Public Transit Human Transportation Services	Gabrielle Chavez – NMDOT Transit & Rail Division
BACKGROUND		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why? NMDOT Transit and Rail Division wishes to inform citizens including senior citizens on their human services transit planning updates. • Purpose. Wish to present at our July 12 meeting • Discussion/Finalization. Staff have included this on our agenda, but timing may change as the Farmington MPO meets on the same day and time (July 12, 10am) 		
CURRENT WORK		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation included on our agenda 		
ANTICIPATED WORK		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anticipate that some form of presentation or guidance may be provided 		
ATTACHMENTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None - yet 		
BUDGET IMPACT		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 		
ACTION ITEM		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A 		

Discussion: Ms. Chavez went thru the presentation pretty much according to the document she provided to the RTPPO and it's members (and DOT colleagues) prior to today's meeting.

- She covered the Plan update process, schedule and structure.
- This includes assessment of current services, needs assessment, and strategies to address unmet needs.
- She covered existing strategies to support public transit and keep moving it forward
- She concluded by answering any questions or comments.

Item #	Item	Presenter
VII.	Reports, Updates, Announcements	Robert Kuipers
BACKGROUND		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why? Update RTPO members on news, training, funding, and other items of special interest • Purpose. Keep RTPO members up to date on critical information from NWRTPO and NMDOT sources 		
Informational Items		
Regional News & Updates		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RTPO Monthly Report, June Staff hours summary • Member Reports 		
Member Special Reports:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None this meeting 		
NMDOT Reports:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G to G Liaison: Neala Krueger • Tribal Liaison: Ron Shutiva • District 6: Bill Santiago & staff; District 5: James Mexia & Amanda Nino 		
News, Training & Funding Opportunities:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>FHWA Planning, Environment & Realty Reports: 5/11/23</u> • <u>NMDOT Govt. to Govt. Update: 5/05/23, 5/31/23</u> • <u>AASHTO Publications: none</u> • <u>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 – Online courses notice forwarded to members as LTAP emails come in.</u> • <u>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.</u> • <u>Email Change Notice from NMDOT: All NMDOT staff emails have changed from @state.nm.us to @dot.nm.gov</u> • <u>NMDOT Carbon Reduction Strategy Coordination Mtng. #2: 6/9/23</u> • <u>USDOT Equity Action Plan Update: 6/9/23</u> • <u>Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Funding: 6/15/23</u> • <u>Rural & Tribal Assistance Pilot Program: 6/15/23</u> • <u>USDOT Funding and Technical Assistance: 6/22/23</u> • <u>Forthcoming Mega, INFRA, and Rural funding: 6/27/23</u> • <u>Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A) funding – applications due July 10: 6/29/23</u> • <u>National Transportation in Indian Country Conference: 7/3/23</u> 		

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.

Discussion:

- Robert Kuipers provided his monthly report for June, and his staff hours report thru June.
- Members are reminded to stay on top of forthcoming funding opportunities; staff will do their best to keep members informed on opportunities along with submission deadlines.

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

Pueblo of Acoma

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

Pueblo of Zuni

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

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

McKinley County

- **CR-19 improvements. CR19 – 18.6 miles of chip-sealing is now complete and striping is finished making this project almost complete; just 7 miles of fencing to go.**
- **The County's Local Government Road Fund projects for FFY2021 are now complete; working on certifications for 2022 projects at this time. LGRF Manuelito Canyon road alignment is now complete.**
- **The County Road Dept. has issued Purchase orders for a bridge on CR15 and a bridge on CR43; these bridges are now at 60% to completion.**
- **CR27 and CR61 – chipseal is ongoing.**
- The County had their ribbon cutting ceremony for Manuelito Canyon bridge replacement on September 10, 2021 – the event was well attended by State and regional legislative leaders along with President Jonathon Nez of the Navajo Nation.

- The County will benefit with \$23 million for improvements to the Carbon Coal Road intersection in Gamerco with US491, which leads to the developing Energy Logistics Park (and potential Inland Port). **This project is now complete!**
- The County has finished chip sealing Pine Haven road; will use remaining funds to finish improvements on Allison road.
- Cousins Road and CR-1 will move into phase 2 repairs; Cousins road will get 4 miles of chip seal. CR-1 has completed 3 miles of chip-seal. Superman Canyon Road (CR43) and Old Church Rock Mine Bridge (CR15) are next projects on the list. The County Road Dept. has issued purchase orders for a bridge on CR15 and a bridge on CR43. Church Rock Mine Bridge is getting started at this time. The 2023 Transportation Project Fund has funded another Superman Canyon road – CR43 bridge at \$2,716,334.00.
- The County is realigning CR5 – Manuelito Canyon road – LGRF funds; has applied 4 miles of chip seal on CR-6. The alignment for this road is now complete.
- Ongoing county-wide maintenance including blading, patching potholes, cleaning culverts, repairing bridges / guardrails, etc. The County has completed the ZMTP Milk Ranch Trail Head.

Gallup

- **Gallup Mainstreet Project – Coal Avenue Commons:** The City has been funded for phase 2 from the NM Transportation Project Fund – and has been awarded \$3,500,000 from this fund to complete this project. The city commenced construction on May 2, starting with alley improvements. Intersection of Coal Ave. and 2nd Street is now complete with additional drainage structure. Phase 2 construction is now complete and working on close out paperwork. First to Second street is now complete, working on 1st Street to Coal Avenue next.
- East Nizhoni and West Aztec improvements are currently in design phase – East Nizhoni received news from NMDOT Dist. 6 that the City was awarded MAP funding for East Nizhoni Ave - \$900,000. Phase 2 Nizhoni Blvd. and College Drive intersection construction began on 10/17/22 and is now complete and in close-out. East Nizhoni was also awarded \$350,000 from the NM FFY2023 Transportation Project Fund. East Nizhoni phase 3 construction is ongoing. A Transportation Project Fund from NMDOT application for phase 4 was submitted on May 31, 2023. West Aztec – meeting with property owner has been executed and now moving forward to complete design which is ongoing.
- West Aztec drainage legislative grant has been executed and engineering services have been awarded to begin design; notice of obligation has been submitted and approved by the state. Property owner has submitted proposal to City for utility easement – now completed and moving to complete design. West Aztec Ave. is ongoing at this time.
- Local Govt. Road Fund funded projects have completed mill and overlay for planned roads; received word from NMDOT Dist. 6 that the City was awarded funds for our next project. Working on close out paperwork and completed Coop letter of intent for 2023. Public Works is now working on the Coop mill and overlay project.
- The City has submitted a Letter of Intent for Coop funding.
- West Logan street repairs are being advertised
- 2nd and 3rd Street pedestrian safety improvements RFP for design was awarded, along with 2nd and 3rd Street Quiet Zone awarded for design – this project is ongoing.
- CDBG RFP was awarded – working on paperwork for DFA approval. An Extension Request was sent to DFA; construction commenced on May 1, 2023 and is ongoing.
- Federal Aviation Admin. application for \$5 million has been submitted for our airport taxi-way and connectors. The City has been awarded and construction began on April 11, 2022. Construction is now complete and project in close out.

Milan

- The Village had a ribbon cutting ceremony for a new soccer complex and is improving a baseball field.
- Airport road is moving forward to phase 2 and 3 for bridge replacement and road repairs in April. Airport Road phase 1 is complete and can be traveled on now.
- There has been some flooding but no major problems. Sewer system improvements are in design including a lift station. Swimming pool and water system improvements are ongoing, as well as the baseball field.
- Cottonwood road is in design.
- Working toward street improvements for Willow Drive, Elkins Road, Motel Drive and Tiejen Street

- Various ongoing lighting projects
- Need to address repair for NM605 bridge
- Need to address a Mill Road and Rail crossing

Ramah

- Dorothy Claw attended the Tribal Summit on June 7 in Albuquerque.
- Ramah is looking to draft an agreement with Cibola County for road maintenance.
- Ramah has submitted applications to repair / replace two bridges.
- Ramah continues work on road maintenance, cattle guards, blading dirt roads, potholes, fencing and areas needing re-construction.
- Ramah Navajo received **\$21,424,232 (!)** to improve 6.5 miles of BIA Rt. 125, including bike and ped infrastructure!
- 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.
- Ramah Navajo is updating their Long Range Transportation Plan at this time, and in the process of prioritizing projects. Public meeting took place January 3 . Ramah is also working on Administrative Policies and Procedures.
- BIA 175 is the next new project for Ramah Navajo – seeking funding at this time.
- Working on signage for BIA 125 and 122.
- Ramah has applied to the MEGA grant for improvements to BIA 125 mp. 18 – 26
- Ramah received a safety grant for \$300,000 which will help supply new guard rails.
- Looking to reconstruct BIA 145 and BIA 195
- Completed PFF's for NM53 & BIA 125 intersection and Pine Hill school pedestrian ADA improvements.
- Some weather related road maintenance and repair going on at this time.
- Ramah is developing RSA's for ten (10) intersections for NM53 and other tribal roads.
- Dorothy and Tom are acclimating with ongoing Ramah transportation projects at this time and updating the Ramah Long Range Transportation Plan, completing an annual report, and looking for training opportunities.
- Acting executive director for Ramah Navajo Chapter's 638 Grants & Contract Programs issued a memorandum for employees to return back to work and follow CDC guidelines within each Chapter program RNDOT is back in operation and continues to maintain roadways.
- BIA Projects Update:
 - BIA 125 mp 18 – 24.6 – received approved design exception report for this project from FHWA and will move to finalize the project. BIA 125 MP 0 – 4.4 received approval from NNHPO on the updated Cultural Report document and Categorical Exclusion. Awaiting ROW documents for BIA 195 in Ramah Band Land to RN Realty Office. BIA 113 and 145 received final report and will review final documents with tribal officials
 - BIA 195: submitted ROW documents to RN Realty Office; **more focus on this road going forward.**
 - BIA 145 and BIA 113: Received draft report for BIA 145 and BIA 113. **More focus on BIA 145 going forward.**
- RNDOT Transportation Technician is vacant and will advertise for the position.
- Submitted grant applications for the NOFO on Tribal Transportation Program Safety Funds.
- BIA 125 striping project is complete; **BIA 125 mp 0-4 and mp12 – 24.6 are now construction ready.**
- NMDOT LGRF received all certifications and submitted a letter of disbursement. Awaiting on contractor to return signed Notice of Award for BIA 125 striping project.
- Cancelled Transportation Committee Meetings until COVID-19 Restrictions are lifted.
- Submitted road signs replacement maintenance project for 2021 LGRF cycle.
- NMDOT LGRF received some certifications and will coordinate with Utility providers. Received ROW certification and submitted letter requesting disbursement.
- Assisting with RN Community Development Department for the Navajo Nation Rural Addressing Project.
- Ongoing general maintenance for area roads, cattle guards and signage, blading and shaping, potholes and base course patching (incl. school bus routes). Cleaning and replacing roadway signs. Field fence repairs, post replacements and gate repairs.
- Ramah Navajo has submitted a BUILD Grant application.

Cibola County

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

Grants

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

Pueblo of Laguna

- **Leonard Ludi is now the primary representative for Laguna; as Elroy Keetso has taken a job at NM Indian Affairs.**
- **The Pueblo remains under COVID restrictions, and is looking for a transportation specialist – no other major news now.**
- **The Pueblo remains closed to the public, and administration is closed until the COVID-19 Pandemic resides. For I-40 MP 111 – 117 exists are closed to the Pueblo. Access NM124 via I-40 MP108 and 117 exits.**

- Gaylord informed COG RTPO staff that the Pueblo has six official villages – not seven – staff will execute this correction going forward.
- **The Pueblo is consulting with the MRRTPO for Laguna Pueblo lands within their jurisdiction.**
- The Pueblo is pursuing an FHWA grant to develop a Pueblo-wide (all Villages / roads) Safety Plan and will be seeking data sources identifying various crash incidents, and high crash incident locations; may need assistance from the RTPO or DOT with analyzing crash data. The Pueblo has a number of State Routes, where high speeds impact upon more fatal crashes.
- NM124 Bike and Pedestrian Trail – Paraje to the Kawaika Center project is complete – working with NMDOT for close out.
- NM124 Bike and Pedestrian Trail Encinal Road to State Road 279 is complete and in close out.
- NM124 Rio San Jose to Roundabout bike & ped path: Design is complete. PS&E checklist is complete – project planned to be let February – March, 2021. **NM 124 design is complete, anticipating construction in Spring of 2022.**
- L26 Rainfall Road from Cubero Wash to Seama bridge M108: **Construction has been completed**, including a bike & ped. trail. Final audits in progress **and project is in close-out.**
- M137 bridge at Laguna Subdivision: **Construction complete and project in close out with BIA.**
- Mill, Overlay, Striping & Enhancement Projects: Construction is complete for L503 – Veterans Memorial Road, L200 Postal Road and L245 Raindrop Road. **The Pueblo is developing the next phase on four BIA routes: LGRF/BIA Road Maintenance Striping Projects – phase 2 & 3: Phase 2 – L500 Mountain Ash Loop and L500 Central Park Road; Phase 3 – L540 Veterans Memorial Road and L200 Elizabeth Bender Road. No bids were received so the Pueblo is working with NMDOT to sole-source these projects.**
- **Local Govt. Road Fund**: projects will go out for construction bids soon.
- LGRF / BIA Road Maintenance Mill, Overlay & Striping Projects: Phase 2 & 3: Phase 2 – the Pueblo is working on the next phase for four BIA routes: phase 2 for L500 Mountain Ash Loop and Central Park roads. Phase 3 for L540 – Veterans Memorial Road and L200 Elizabeth Bender Road. **Contract amendments submitted and received. Local Govt. Road Fund and trail projects to commence soon.**
- NM 124 Roundabout: The repairs to the roundabout are being coordinated by NMDOT, no start date has been determined. **NM124 Road Diet has received an extension and is in final design for Rio San Jose to the Roundabout (6100764 project control no.) – this includes a bike and pedestrian addition.**
- L24 Rainfall Road: design changed to two phases, **Ph-1 Road & Trail at final 100% design, and in ROW review. The Concrete Box Underpass is now eliminated, and DOT Dist. 6 proposes to build an I-40 bridge over L24 road.** Construction funded for \$1.9 million from the LGTPF fund!
- L26 Deer Dancer Road: **at 100% design, working on ROW amendments and E.A.**
- L243 Acorn Road design: completed 100% design and PS&E review from the BIA. **Construction to begin in the Spring.**
- M154 Paguete Wash Bridge: **PER is complete – design phase will commence later this year.**
- M108 San Jose River Bridge-Seama: **PS&E, and ROW complete; EA, FONSI and NOI are in progress. Bridge is now at 100% design.**
- L248 Bluejay Road and L248 Blue Star Loop: **Design is in progress now at 30%. PER report is now in progress to include ROW review.**
- Pueblo's Safety Plan: **Plan is now complete – close out letter sent to BIA.**
- NMDOT I-40 Safety Project: The Pueblo met with NMDOT on March 3. **Design is at 100%; Construction by MSCl is on-going on the east bound lanes from MM112 – 116..**
- The Pueblo has completed L26 Rainfall Road along with two trail projects.

Navajo Nation – Northern Agency

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

Navajo Nation – Eastern Navajo

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

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

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

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

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

Multimodal Planning & Programs Bureau – Neala Krueger

- **Quality Assurance Reviews:** were forthcoming against a May 31 deadline – QAR is complete for the NWRTPO.
- **Upcoming news & funding:** FHWA Urban Area Boundaries, and USDOT Safe Streets for All funding is forthcoming
- **DOT Construction & Civil Rights Bureau reminds that ADA Transition Plans and Title VI Plans are due Sept., 15, 2023.**
- **NMDOT has interviewed for Planning Liaisons for southern NM and Northern – mid region NM – Neala looking forward to their assistance.**
- **New Cradle to Grave training will be required for local governments to receive federal funding!!**
- **Angelica Trujillo reported at this meeting for Neala Krueger who is not available today: (as follows):**
- **More NOFO's are coming out – check the USDOT Navigator**
- **ADA Compliance – local entities should be submitting reports**
- **According to Neala – new staff are coming by August 21**
- **The TLPA certification process information is forthcoming**

NMDOT Tribal Liaison – Ron Shutiva

- **Ron is trying to meet with new tribal legislators and engage with DOT District staff.**
- **Ron encourages RTPO members to apply for NMDOT Transportation Project Funding.**
- **Ron reminds that the annual Tribal Summit will take place July 5-6 at the Inn of the Mountain Gods at Mescalero Apache.**
- **Reference Neala's announcement around Cradle to Grave training (above).**
- **There is concern around litter and trash along I-40 intersection within the Pueblo of Laguna area.**
- **A corridor study is under consideration for I-40 from Arizona to Albuquerque – this will include consideration toward developing three lanes for this highway in each direction, given the truck freight traffic. Virtual Public meeting took place April 25 at 6:00 pm. Ron will be following up with Tribal entities for recommendations.**
- **Ron continues to work on engaging tribes around state corridors and is seeking help from regional media.**
- **Justin Reese is the new Cabinet Secretary for NMDOT.**
- **There will be a session on I-40 improvements with NDOT.**
- **Ron recommends phasing projects due to increasing costs**
- **House Memorial 13 is executed for a study on the Ramah area Wolf Sanctuary Road for improvements.**
- **NM 118 drainage study request from Mark Freeland – Navajo Tribal Council.**
- **Iyanbito Chapter is requesting a bridge over the BNSF Rail Line. (Another consideration would be extending a paved road west to the Church Rock bridge – might cost less).**
- **Ron is considering setting up quarterly tribal meetings with the DOT Districts, with consideration toward priority tribal projects.**
- **Ron reminds members to submit monthly reports for their Capital Outlay and Tribal Infrastructure projects.**
- **There are drainage concerns for Rt. 66 – adjacent to I-40 at the Ft. Wingate bridge.**
- **Ron reminded members to pay attention to the "Buy America" guidelines. Our region did well for this round of TPF funds.**
- **Ron reminded members to stay on top of funding opportunities – with \$ billions forthcoming – remember to prepare for environmental requirements (which are time consuming) for this funding.**
- **Shiprock Bridge replacement is being sought by Rep. Charles-Newton and under consideration with the Feds and Daryl Bradley from NDOT. Shiprock Chapter supports this project (but not critical at this time).**
- **Ron is now on the LTAP Board.**
- **Hoping to push for NM64 projects and NM491 north of Shiprock projects; along with the Hogback rockslide mitigation on US491.**
- **An NM264 Corridor session is forthcoming for Yatahey to Window Rock.**
- **A statewide Tribal Summit will take place at Mescalero Apache July 5-6.**
- **Concern that the NDOT is not involved with the NM I-40 studies.**
- **There's a new Indian Highway Safety Grant out from the BIA.**
- **Reminding members to keep on top of deadlines for ICIP, TIF, and LGRF.**
- **Transportation Project Fund: better to phase then have a shortfall on funding for proposed projects.**

- A national broadband project is establishing a broadband corridor along I-40, and will involve tribal discussion with Pueblos of Laguna and Acoma and Navajo Nation.
- **Ron is encouraging tribal members to pursue bridge funding.**
- **Ron reminds tribal members to pursue support and related letters of support from state and national legislators.**
- NM118 drainage analysis project is finally in progress as the Navajo Council is working on agreements with the local governments in the region of the study between Churchrock and Iyanbito; **need coordination with NDOT.**
- Ron reported on the NM118 drainage analysis that took place between the Iyanbito and Ft. Wingate I-40 intersections at previous meetings. Ron indicated he feels that NM118 drainage issues remain unresolved to this day (in spite of two studies!) and the Navajo Nation DOT remains non-responsive!

NMDOT District 5 – James Mexia, Amanda Nino

- WHPacific is being contracted for a study on needed road and intersection improvements on US 64 – MP 0 – 20 (which includes the Shiprock School Zone). This project will be divided into two phases funded separately and referencing the District 5 HSIP plan for 2021 including a) primary / major Chapter or community intersections from Shiprock to the Arizona border and b) the Shiprock School Zone.
- The NM371 and N36 intersection near Northern Edge Casino is at 60% design; need ROW clearance / easement from NDOT.
- D-5 staff are managing project proposals for the 2021 Local Government Road Fund, and have received awards from the DOT General Office in Santa Fe for the next fiscal year.
- **Work is pending for NDOT Capital Outlay and N.O.O. – Please contact DOT District 5 SOON!!! Remember that Capital Outlay requires monthly report updates. Amanda encouraged RTPO members to provide Capital Outlay (CPMS) updates or the funding can be reverted.**
- **Watch out for funding deadlines! – Local Govt Road Fund agreements are due June 30 – close out previous projects by June 30, 2023. Get your Transportation Project Fund agreements in!**

NMDOT District 6 – Bill Santiago, Michael Neely

- DOT District 6 staff are working to complete approval of NWRTPO PFF's.
- With a lot of local govt. turnover including RTPO members, staff training may be needed to bring new staff with transportation focus up to speed.
- Michael Neely indicated that Clayton Garner's departure is now replaced with Mr. Kyle Slim.
- Bill reminded RTPO members that all NMDOT staff have new emails as: dot.nm.gov
- Bill reminded that MAP and LGRF agreements are due – amendments are due 60 days in advance! LGRF new agreements were sent out; **match waiver requests are due by July 31** – packets must include supporting resolution.
- Interviews are underway to replace Clayton Garner who has left DOT Dist. 6.
- **Local Govt. Road Fund** – as Stephanie from District 5 mentioned, the 5 certifications are also required before LGRF projects are considered construction ready. Keep District 6 informed on progress – the time is now critical to request an extension amendment as previously funded LGRF cycle is in close out! Extension requests are due by October 31 (including a resolution)! **The new LGRF call for projects has a March 15 deadline.**
- **Bill Santiago encourages RTPO members to pay attention to application deadlines around forthcoming funding. Also, be aware of staff changes at NDOT, NMDOT, and local governments.**
- The **FY2023 Transportation Project Fund applications must include a supporting resolution.** DOT District 6 has provided a template. Request a match waiver ASAP – due end of September.
- **Get signed agreements to DOT Dist. 6 soon, including supporting resolutions.**
- **Keep DOT District 6 staff informed on progress for the Transportation Project Fund. 5 certifications takes time – try to get these executed during this Winter season so you are construction ready in the Spring!!**
- **Bill reminded RTPO members that the MAP funding proposals will be due soon.**
- Mike Neely is on board with NMDOT District 6 to assist the RTPO's participating in the District 6 region – include Mr. Neely on all communication.
- Mr. Clayton Garner will fill JoAnn Garcia's former position at the District. Reminding members to remind others that traffic safety is important in construction areas.
- Lisa Vega is now the Director for DOT District 6, as Larry Maynard has retired.

- For Local Government Road Fund projects – the District needs certifications for all projects – many RTPO members are not following LGRF guidance for project development and are trying to close out projects without having reported progress to the DOT or following what the program requires – this could jeopardize funding.

Reminder: NMDOT will have a new email: staff_member@dot.nm.gov.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEXT MEETING: No announcements – next meeting July 12, 2023 – virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams

ADJOURNMENT (Dorothy Claw called for adjournment at 11:50 am) **Dennis Felipe – Pueblo of Acoma** motioned; and **Lynda Cooke - Village of Milan** seconded for adjournment - motion carried by acclamation.

MEETING ACTIONS:

Staff:

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

MEMBERS:

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



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Prepared for: August 9 meeting

Date: July 27, 2023

BACKGROUND

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- **Purpose.** This will correct the hours spent in function 2, with no more available for our 4th quarter, and borrowing 32 hours from function 3, reducing it's hours to 180.5 for 4th Quarter.
- **Discussion/Finalization.** Members will be asked to vote to approve this formal amendment.

CURRENT WORK

- Approve this amendment for RTPO Work Program hours.

ANTICIPATED WORK

- No more time available in Function 2 – Technical Support & Data Management.

ATTACHMENTS

- Formal amendment request

BUDGET IMPACT

- None

ACTION ITEM

- Action to approve this amendment to RTPO program hours.



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- Approve this amendment for RTPPO Work Program hours.

ANTICIPATED WORK

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ATTACHMENTS

- Formal amendment request

BUDGET IMPACT

- None

ACTION ITEM

- Action to approve this amendment to RTPPO program hours.



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.

Date:	August 9, 2023		
Entity:	North West Regional Transportation Planning Organization		
Contact Name:	Robert Kuipers – NWNM Council of Governments		
UPWP/RWP Amendment #:	1	FHWA funded, Control #:	P523050
		FTA funded, Federal Award ID #:	

Staff Hours or Budget Line Items being changed (indicate Task # or Budget Category. Add rows as needed)	Current Budgeted Amount	Revised Amount	Percent Change	Brief Description of Change
Function 2 staff hours – Tech. Support & Data Mgmt.	75	107	-42.67	A formal amendment for these hours will be approved at our August 9 RTPO meeting.
Function 3 & 1 staff hours: 1-Long Range Planning 3-Project Dev. & Monitor				This amendment will request to move 32 (or more) hours from function 1 – and function 3 to function 2 – Tech. Support & Data Management, leaving ?? hours in function 1 and ?? hours in function 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
Formal Amendment	Approved and authorized at our August 9 NWRTPPO meeting.

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

Review Committee/Board	Date of Anticipated Approval (for proposed) or Date Approved (for board approved)
Technical Committee/Board:	August 9, 2023
Policy Committee/Board:	August 9, 2023

For NMDOT use only.

Received by Planning Liaison (name):	
Date:	
Recommendation of Planning Liaison:	
Transit Bureau Recommendation, if applicable:	
For Formal Amendments Only:	
Received by MPPB Chief on date:	
Action (Amend #):	



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**Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization
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Agenda Item #V: Progress with PPF's – 2024 RTIPR

Subject: Progress with PPF's due August 31

Prepared for: Discussion at our August 9 RTPO meeting

Date: July 27, 2023

BACKGROUND

- **Why?** RTPO members must complete Project Prospectus Forms for all Project Feasibility Forms approved to move forward.
- **Purpose.** PPF's provide more detailed information for project costs and execution details
- **Discussion/Finalization.** RTPO members will discuss progress with PPF's along with discussion on any questions or further guidance needed.

CURRENT WORK

- Continue completing Project Prospectus Forms against August 31 deadline

ANTICIPATED WORK

- Complete all PPF's according to FFY 2023-2024 Call for Projects Guidance.

ATTACHMENTS

- FFY 2023-2024 RTIPR Schedule
- NWRTPO Call for Projects Guide
- NMDOT 2021 PPF Enabled

BUDGET IMPACT

- None

ACTION ITEM

- N/A

Call for Transportation Projects

February 2023 - March 2024:

Task	Timeframe/Due Date	Responsible Party
NWNM RTPO approves and releases Call for Projects Guide	February 8, 2023	NWRTPO
Announcement of NMDOT FFY2024 Transportation Project Fund Call for Projects	February, 2023	NWRTPO
Technical Assistance, Contact the NWRTPO to set up a time and place with District staff.	Feb. 8 – April 14 2023	NWRTPO and DOT Staff
Project Feasibility Forms (PPF) Due on or before: (Must be submitted by appropriate RTPO Member)	April 14, 2023	NWRTPO Members
PPF Review and set up Consultations:	April 17 - 28	
Mandatory Project Consultation Meetings between RTPO Member, Local Entity Representative/Official, RTPO staff, DOT Liaison, and District Staff. Meeting Report due 5 working days after.	May 1 – May 5	All agencies
Based on decision and recommendation by District staff, RTPO Member will be directed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare and submit a Project Prospectus Form (PPF) for inclusion and prioritization in the Regional Transportation Improvement Program Recommendations (RTIPR), or Detail other options for projects and/or funding 	May 5 forward	District and RTPO Staff
Technical Assistance and TPF Application Review – contact RTPO for TPF assistance (505-722-4327)	May 8 - 31	RTPO staff and members
Transportation Project Fund application deadline RTPO staff to submit TPF applications to NMDOT FTP website (earlier the better!)	May 31	NWRTPO & District Staff
Technical Assistance and PPF review: Contact the NWRTPO for application assistance	June - August	RTPO staff and members
Project Prospectus Forms (PPF) due to RTPO	August 31, 2023	RTPO Members
Project prioritization for RTIPR sections based on RTPO members consensus (<i>primarily roadway, safety, and TPF top priority projects</i>)	Sept. 13, 2023	
Draft RTIPR	Nov. - Dec., 2023	NWRTPO Staff
Final RTIPR is approved by NWRTPO Committee	January, 2024	NWRTPO Members
District 6 RTIPR (“zipper”) Meeting to finalize recommendations and priorities for inclusion into the NMDOT STIP - NMDOT Dist. 6 – 1919 Pinon Drive, Milan (including Catron and Sandoval Counties)	March 10 @ 10AM	District Staff, NWRTPO Members



T/LPA PROJECT PROSPECTUS FORM (PPF)

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

1. **Date of Submittal:** 9/10/21
 2. **Is this project phased?** No. **If phased:** Enter phase number and total # of phases
 3. **T/LPA Responsible Charge:** City of Grants
 4. **Project Name:** Roosevelt Ave. Bridge Replacement
 5. **Is the project on the ICIP?** No. **If yes, year and priority #:** Year, priority # (if available)
 6. **Is the project in or consistent with any T/LPA planning documents?** Yes.
If yes, list documents (ICIP/Community/Bike/Ped Plan/etc.): Enter document name and year
 7. **Is a related project in the STIP?** Yes / No **If yes, year(s):** Enter year(s) **Control #:** Enter CN
 8. **Is a related project on the MPO TIP/RTPO RTIPR?** Yes. **If yes, which year(s):** 2021
Notes: Please contact your MPO/RTPO planner if this project is not in any local planning documents; if it is, please include the plan's cover page and the page on which the project is listed for any relevant documents.
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9. **T/LPA Person in Responsible Charge:** Don Jaramillo
 10. **Address:** Enter street address, city, state, and zip code
 11. **County:** Cibola
 12. **Phone:** 505-285-3981
 13. **E-mail:** projects@grantsnm.gov
 14. **MPO or RTPO:** Northwest RTPO
 15. **NMDOT District #:** 6
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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

Roosevelt Ave. Bridge replacement will improve the regional freight network, strengthen the ability for City of Grants to access national and international trade markets via NM 547 onto I-40, and support regional economic development. Roosevelt Ave. Bridge is in poor condition rating and the reconstruction will support the City's transportation infrastructure to remain in a state of good repair. Finally, the addition of sidewalks across the bridge and a related trail will support vehicular reductions, improving air quality thru multi-modal alternatives, thus resulting in a reduction of carbon emissions. The total project cost is \$3,000,000 for engineering, construction, and construction management, with \$2,563,200 from NMDOT and \$436,800 in local match.

17. **Select the main project type:** 10 Bridge Replacement, Added Capacity
List additional project types here: enter additional project types here.

Project Details (fill out where applicable)

18. **Project Scope** (not the same as Purpose and Need): The bridge replacement will include a trail on one side to allow for multi-modal transportation alternatives, including walking, biking, and running. This will connect to the Grants Arroyo Trail and to the future Bio-Park and Future Foundations Community Center.

19. **Route # (or Street) Name:** Roosevelt Avenue 20. **Length (mi.):** .1

21. **Begin mile post/intersection:** N/A 22. **End mile post/intersect.:** N/A

23. **Attach a map of project area:** Enter shortened URL [goo.gl/maps/xxxx].

24. **Roadway FHWA Functional Classification(s):** Major Collector

FUNDING INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Project Readiness

List any certifications, clearances and other processes that have been obtained for this project.

Required certifications for federally-funded and state-funded projects include: Right of Way, Environmental*, Utilities, Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) and Railroad. Please include the **date**

that the certification or clearance was received **OR** if a certification/clearance is underway. **In most cases, a project will not have these certs or clearances yet.**

31. Clearances and/or Certifications: This is an existing bridge on a major local municipal corridor – all clearances and certifications have been obtained.

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

Planning Factors

National Planning Factors

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

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

33. ☐ **Support Economic Vitality:** Expands multimodal access on a primary economic corridor

34. ☐ **Increase Safety for Motorized and Non-motorized Users:** expansion for bike and pedestrian accommodation increases safety for using this bridge

35. ☐ **Increase Security for Motorized and Non-motorized Users:** generating a separated bike/pedestrian accommodation on this bridge will improve security for all users.

36. ☐ **Increase Accessibility and Mobility of People and Freight:** Expanding this bridge with bike and pedestrian accommodation increases multimodal access and mobility.

37. ☐ **Protect and Enhance Environment, Energy Conservation, Quality of Life:** Type explanation.

38. ☐ **Enhance Integration and Connectivity:** This bridge will now also provide bike and pedestrian access.

39. ☐ **Promote System Management and Operation:** Replacing and expanding bike and ped capacity for this bridge will improve system operation.

40. ☐ **Emphasize System Preservation:** Replacing this bridge will improve it's longevity.

41. ☐ **Improve System Resiliency and Reliability and Reduce or Mitigate Stormwater Impacts**

: Type explanation.

42. ☐ **Enhance Travel and Tourism:** Type explanation.

New Mexico Climate Change Goals

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

NOTE: this section is required for all applications.

- 43. ☐ **Reduction in Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions:** improved bike and pedestrian mobility
- 44. ☐ **Reduction in Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT):** Type explanation.
- 45. ☐ **Increase Adoption of Cleaner Vehicles:** Type explanation.

REQUIRED DISTRIBUTION

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

GLOSSARY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NORTHWEST REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (NWRTPO)



Northwest New Mexico Call for Transportation Projects Guide

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Items Included:

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

Description and Overview.

City of East Dallas
Boundary
City of Dallas
City of Irving
City of Garland
City of Mesquite

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

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

Role of the Prioritization Process:

Based upon the regional goals articulated in the NMDOT RTP, and the statewide goals in the 2045 Plan, each RTPO will create a project prioritization process. This is the process that will be used to rate and rank the projects in each RTPO's RTIPR.

The standardized project prioritization process to score and rank projects included in the applicable RTIPR must be consistent with the NMDOT 2045 Long Range Multimodal Transportation Plan and each RTPO's RTP. Examples for creating a prioritization process can be found in the Active Transportation and Recreational Programs Guide (see sections on "application scoring factors" and "application scoring matrix") and the Project Prioritization Process for Small Urban Areas developed and used by the Mid Region Metropolitan Planning Organization.

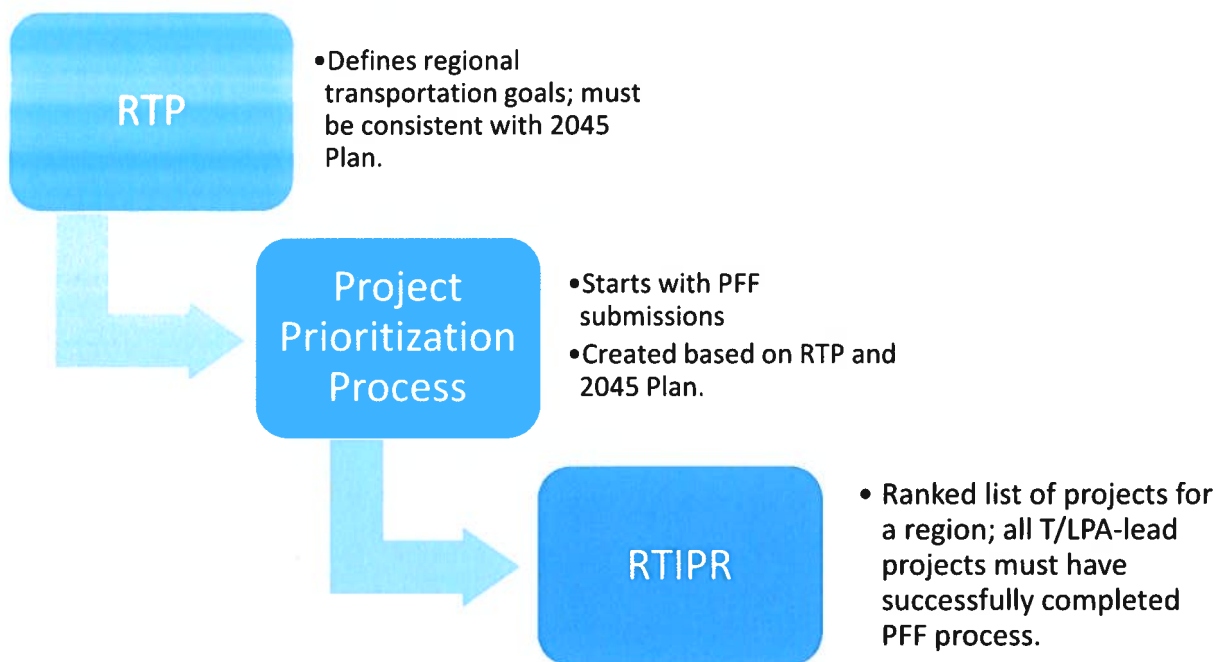
Role of the RTIPR:

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

The RTPOs will issue a call for projects according to their individual application cycles. Following submittal of all T/LPA projects (with an approved PFF) to the RTPO planner, the RTPO planner will coordinate a rating and ranking process with the RTPO board. The RTPO board will utilize the adopted criteria to rate and rank projects based on project characteristics and the extent to which they meet the articulated goals of the RTP and 2045 Plan. The resulting ranked list of projects is considered the RTIPR. The RTIPR is then submitted to the District and used for consideration by the state in developing the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). For the NWRTPO not all sections of the RTIPR are prioritized; in most cases for the biennial development of the RTIPR the only sections that are prioritized for each member government's top priority projects are the following sections: Roadway, Transportation Alternative Program (TAP), Recreational Trails Program (RTP), Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), and N.M. Transportation Project Fund (TPF).

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

Simple Process Flowchart:



Northwest RTPO Prioritization Process:

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

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

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

N.M. Transportation Project Fund: The State of New Mexico has generated its own "Transportation Project Fund" in order to support rural areas and smaller towns in our state for local and regional transportation priorities which due to functional classification do not qualify for federal funding. This fund supports small towns and rural areas for transportation infrastructure which while not qualified for federal funding, represent local or regional priorities for mobility and strategic economic or community development. These projects are now also prioritized within the NWRTPO – RTIPR.

STEP 1: Project Feasibility Form. Projects will be submitted in response to this “Call for Transportation Projects” guidance and begin as Project Feasibility Forms (PFFs). PFF will be submitted as per the timeline established in this Call for Transportation Projects guidance, and thence distributed to NMDOT, District staff, Regional Design staff, and RTPO staff for review. A mandatory PFF consultation meeting will be held with the RTPO local entities and NMDOT Districts 5 and 6 to discuss proposed projects, and come to a go- or no-go decision by the District Engineer or his/her designee for retention in the RTIPR. RTPO staff will provide a PFF Consultation Report back to the entities outlining information including suggestions on alternative funding sources and technical assistance providers.

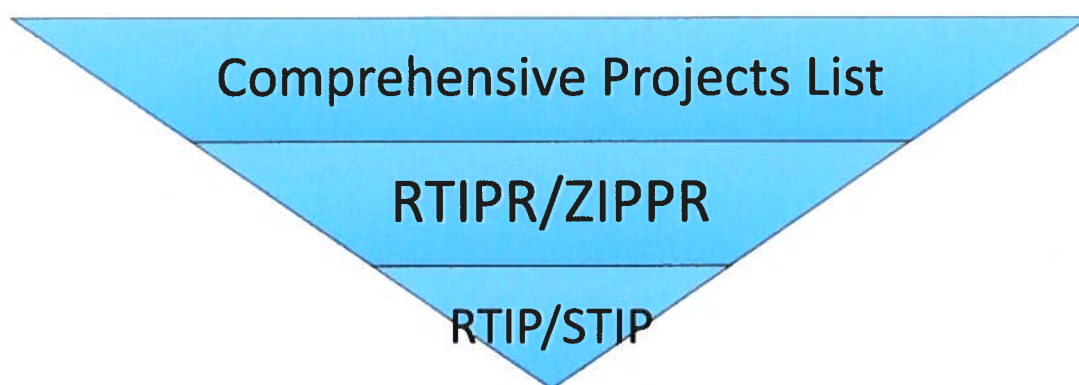
STEP 2: Project Prospectus Form. Projects that are approved to move forward will then need to submit a Project Prospectus Form (PPF) and other application documents depending on the funding program. These documents are again distributed to NMDOT, District staff, Regional Design staff, and RTPO staff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







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








STEP 4: RTIPR Approval Process. RTPO will collect and compile each member scoring criteria form, and this will be the basis for the draft RTIPR presented to the RTPO Policy & Technical Committee in *January*. RTPO members can discuss prioritization of projects, especially those that receive similar scores, and based on consensus members may make modifications to the scoring, findings and project ranking. Their discussion will be brought back in the form of a recommendation to the RTPO Policy & Technical Committee in *February 2023*, which will further review the project ranking and vote to establish the RTIPR.

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

STEP 6: Regional Transportation Improvement Program Recommendations (RTIPR). Ultimately, the Regional Transportation Improvement Program list is finalized and submitted by the District office; these are fiscally constrained projects that are seeking funding and get incorporated into the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) as available funding permits, based on regional priorities as indicated in the RTIPR.



PROGRAM	DESCRIPTION	EXAMPLES OF ELIGIBLE OPPORTUNITIES
Bicycle, Pedestrian, Equestrian Program (BPE)	Provides development of bicycle, walking, and horse trails – often alongside traffic corridors	Bicycle lanes, multi-use trails, “share the road” roadway designations, bicycle facilities, etc. 
Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP)	Formerly known as Public Lands Highway, this program provides funding for projects that focus on access, mobility, safety, connectivity, economic development, and natural resource protection in Federal lands http://flh.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/flap/	Projects that mitigate a known safety issue; parking or rest areas; provision for pedestrians and bicycles; provides facilities for alternative modes; connects to additional routes serving Federal lands; operation and maintenance of transit facilities; or improves roadway surface and/or bridge condition(s). 
Federal Lands Transportation Program (FLTP)	The FLTP complements the Federal Lands Access Program. Where the Access Program provides funds for State and local roads that access the Federal estate, the FLTP focuses on the transportation infrastructure owned and maintained by Federal lands management agencies. http://flh.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/fltp/	
Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)	Assists agencies with studying hazardous traffic conditions and funding stand-alone engineering type safety improvements to transportation facilities or non-construction traffic safety enforcement, education, or emergency medical services related programs to reduce risks of future severe crashes http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/hsip/	Proposed road safety audits, site-specific safety projects, multi-location system wide safety projects, and/or transportation safety programs on state highways and bridges 
Long-Range, Federal Lands, and/or Tribal Transportation Planning & Studies	Provides funding for planning-related projects that emphasize long-range time frames	Long-range transportation planning, bicycle-pedestrian plans, corridor plans, or “complete streets” studies 
Transportation Alternative Program (TAP)	Formerly known as Transportation Enhancements, this program combines several funding programs and seeks projects that expand travel choices and improve the transportation experience for all users by integrating modes and improving the cultural, historic and environmental aspects of our transportation infrastructure http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21/guidance/guidetap.cfm	Planning, design, and construction of on-road and off-road trail facilities, construction of turnouts, overlooks, and viewing areas, historic preservation of transportation facilities, removal of outdoor advertising, recreation trail program projects, scenic byway program projects, and safe routes to school program projects, etc. 
Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) Program	This program provides \$2.5 billion or more per year thru 2026 to reduce vehicle carbon emissions thru reduced traffic congestion, alternate vehicle propulsion, or transit	This program primarily relates to metropolitan areas.

PROGRAM	DESCRIPTION	EXAMPLES OF ELIGIBLE OPPORTUNITIES
Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS)	SRTS funding supports infrastructure development to create or improve safety features for school related traffic or pedestrians. <u>Now funded from TAP pool of funding.</u>	<p>Sidewalk improvements, traffic calming and speed reduction improvements, pedestrian and bicycle crossing improvements, on-street and off-street bicycle facilities, traffic diversion improvements, public awareness campaigns, traffic education and enforcement, student sessions on bicycle and pedestrian safety, and funding for training, volunteers, and managers of SRTS programs</p> 
Recreational Trails Program	Provides funding for motorized and non-motorized trails and supporting infrastructure. Currently, there is a separate program other than the TAP pool.	<p>Motorized vehicle parks and facilities, hiking trails, urban trails, joint use trails and facilities.</p> 
Federal Transit Administration Section 5310	Provides Federal funding for seniors and individuals to serve the transportation needs of elderly persons and persons with disabilities who reside in "small urban areas"	<p>Para-transit services, or flexible route bus services in small urban areas</p> 
Federal Transit Administration Section 5311	The rural program that is formula based and provides funding to states for the purpose of supporting public transportation in rural areas, with population of less than 50,000. Funding for capital, operating, and administrative expenses for public transportation projects that meet the needs of rural communities.	<p>Examples of eligible activities include: capital projects; operating costs of equipment and facilities for use in public transportation; and the acquisition of public transportation services, including service agreements with private providers of public transportation services.</p> 
Special Studies	Additional studies not mentioned in other programs, such as special traffic studies	<p>Traffic studies, corridor studies, bicycle/pedestrian count studies, etc.</p> 
Roadways & Bridges	Projects that are determined to be functional classified can be prioritized through the STIP and receive funding	<p>Roadway improvements, lane expansion, widening, interchange development and bridge replacement</p> 
Federal Aviation Admin. Airport Improvement Program	Provides grants to public agencies — and, in some cases, to private owners and entities -- for the planning and development of public-use airports that are included in the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS). http://www.faa.gov/airports/aip/	
N.M. Transportation Project Fund	This fund from the State of New Mexico supports the state's rural areas / small towns for transportation projects which don't qualify for federal funding, but represent priorities for economic / community growth.	<p>This fund from the state supports local / regional transportation priorities for rural / small town areas.</p>
BIL PROGAMS	Following are Programs funded thru the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law	
RAISE Grant (Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity)	This federal funding source provides larger multi-million \$ amounts for big projects that have local and regional impact – a total of \$1.5 billion is available for 2023	<p>Half of this funding goes to urban areas and half goes to rural areas; including \$15 million to areas of persistent poverty or historically disadvantage communities.</p>

Reconnecting Communities Program	This federal program is designed to mitigate transportation infrastructure that creates barriers to access, mobility or economic development due to grade separations, design factors or high speeds – etc.	This program provides technical assistance to address community transportation barriers with \$198 million available for planning or construction in 2023.
Railroad Crossing Elimination Program	This program provides \$500 million per year to eliminate at grade rail crossings thru the use of a bridge or underpass – or providing other roadway options.	This program seeks to improve safety and mobility for the transport of people or products around rail road crossings. Eligible entities include states, tribes, communities, and MPO's.
Carbon Reduction Program	This program supports projects that reduce carbon emissions from transportation infrastructure or traffic alternatives, with \$1.258 billion available in 2023	The objective of this program is to reduce transportation emissions.
Bridge Formula Program	This program provides funding to replace, rehabilitate, preserve, protect and construct highway bridges	This program provides \$5.5 billion per year thru 2026
Bridge Investment Program	This program provides \$12.5 billion to improve bridge and culvert condition, safety, efficiency and reliability	
Buses and Bus Facilities Program	This program provides over \$600 million a year to replace, rehabilitate or purchase new buses of public transit facilities.	
National Electric Vehicle Program	Appears this program provides up to \$1 billion a year thru 2026 to establish electric vehicle charging stations and provision of electric vehicle network infrastructure	
Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)	\$1 billion a year thru 2026 for roadway safety improvement projects, or developing a comprehensive safety action plan – to reduce death and serious injury.	
Surface Transportation Block Grant	Provides \$14+ billion a year thru 2026 for multimodal transportation development primarily in urban areas	
Tribal Transportation Program	Provides up to almost \$3 billion for tribal transportation projects	

NWRTPO Timeline

Call for Transportation Projects

February 2023 - March 2024:

Task	Timeframe/Due Date	Responsible Party
NWNM RTPO approves and releases Call for Projects Guide	February 8, 2023	NWRTPO
Announcement of NMDOT FFY2024 Transportation Project Fund Call for Projects	February, 2023	NWRTPO
Technical Assistance, Contact the NWRTPO to set up a time and place with District staff.	Feb. 8 – April 14 2023	NWRTPO and DOT Staff
Project Feasibility Forms (PFF) Due on or before: (Must be submitted by appropriate RTPO Member)	April 14, 2023	NWRTPO Members
PFF Review and set up Consultations:	April 17 - 28	
Mandatory Project Consultation Meetings between RTPO Member, Local Entity Representative/Official, RTPO staff, DOT Liaison, and District Staff. Meeting Report due 5 working days after.	May 1 – May 5	All agencies
Based on decision and recommendation by District staff, RTPO Member will be directed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare and submit a Project Prospectus Form (PPF) for inclusion and prioritization in the Regional Transportation Improvement Program Recommendations (RTIPR), or • Detail other options for projects and/or funding 	May 5 forward	District and RTPO Staff
Technical Assistance and TPF Application Review – contact RTPO for TPF assistance (505-722-4327)	May 8 - 31	RTPO staff and members
Transportation Project Fund application deadline RTPO staff to submit TPF applications to NMDOT FTP website (earlier the better!)	May 31	NWRTPO & District Staff
Technical Assistance and PPF review: Contact the NWRTPO for application assistance	June - August	RTPO staff and members
Project Prospectus Forms (PPF) due to RTPO	August 31, 2023	RTPO Members
Project prioritization for RTIPR sections based on RTPO members consensus (<i>primarily roadway, safety, and TPF top priority projects</i>)	Sept. 13, 2023	
Draft RTIPR	Nov. - Dec., 2023	NWRTPO Staff
Final RTIPR is approved by NWRTPO Committee	January, 2024	NWRTPO Members
District 6 RTIPR (“zipper”) Meeting to finalize recommendations and priorities for inclusion into the NMDOT STIP - NMDOT Dist. 6 – 1919 Pinon Drive, Milan (including Catron and Sandoval Counties)	March 10 @ 10AM	District Staff, NWRTPO Members

Eligible Entities for Transportation Funds

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

Ineligible Entities

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

For municipal, County, and tribal government entities interested in applying for a project, please inform, coordinate, and involve the following Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NWRTPO) representatives for your respective jurisdiction. Other entities or individuals are encouraged to do the same. Below are the jurisdictions that the NWRTPO will be considering applications from for this "Call for Projects". For more information, feel free to contact Robert Kuipers, RTPO Program Manager (505) 905-4384; rkuipers@nwnmcog.org

NWRTPO Members	
Cibola County	Edward Salazar, Judy Horacek – County Administration; Edward.Salazar@co.cibola.nm.us 505-285-2573 jphoracek@co.cibola.nm.us 505-285-2557 / Road Dept. 285-2570
McKinley County	Rodney Skersick – Road Maintenance Supervisor 505-722-2303; Rodney.Skersick@co.mckinley.nm.us
San Juan County (Non-MPO)	Nick Porell – 505-334-4530 nporell@sjcounty.net
Gallup	Clyde Strain, Public Works Director; Alicia Santiago 505-863-1290 cstrain@gallupnm.gov / asantiago@gallupnm.gov
Grants	Don Jaramillo, City Manager - 505-287-7927 manager@grantsnm.gov projects@grantsnm.gov Shannon Devine - 505-290-3722 specialprojects@grantsnm.gov
Milan	Linda Cooke, Village Manager - 505-285-6694; manager@villageofmilan.com / Denise Baca – Village Clerk – milanclerk@villageofmilan.com
Navajo Nation – Northern Agency	Edwin Begay, Senior Planner – (need phone contact), Margie Begay – 505-371-8312 ebegay@navajodot.org / mbegay@navajodot.org
Navajo Nation – Eastern Agency	Edwin Begay, Senior Planner, Margie Begay – same as above
Ramah Navajo	Dorothy Claw – RTPO Chair DorothyClaw@ramahnavajo.org
Pueblo of Acoma	Dennis Felipe Jr. – RTPO Vice-Chair 505-552-5139 (need email)
Pueblo of Laguna	Leonard Ludi – lludi@pol-nsn.gov 505-552-1201 Public Works
Pueblo of Zuni	Royce Gchachu, Transportation Program Manager 505-782-7116; royce.gchachu@ashiwi.org / Roxann Hughte Roxann.Hughte@ashiwi.org

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



T/LPA PROJECT FEASIBILITY FORM (PFF)

For assistance, contact Robert Kuipers, RTPO/MPO Planner, at (505) 722-4327 or kuipers@nwnmcoq.org

GENERAL INFORMATION

Preparation Date: _____

Project Title: _____

Requesting T/LPA: _____

Governing Body Approval:
YES ___ NO ___ PENDING ___

Person in Responsible Charge: _____

Phone: _____

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project Type (Circle/boldface/underline all that apply):

ROADWAY **TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE** **BRIDGE** **SAFETY** **OTHER**

If you chose "OTHER" please clarify here:

Route Number and/or Street Name: _____

Project Termini: _____ Beginning Mile point ____ Ending Mile point ____

Total length of proposed project: _____

Project Phases to be included in request (Circle/boldface/underline all that apply):

PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING **CONSTRUCTION** **CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT & TESTING**

PLANNING FACTORS

National Planning Factors

Goals to be addressed (circle/boldface/underline all that apply):

*Support Economic Vitality | Increase Safety for Motorized and Non-Motorized Users |
Increase Security for Motorized and Non-Motorized Users | Increase Accessibility and Mobility for People and
Freight | Protect and Enhance Environment, Energy Conservation, Quality of Life |
Enhance Integration and Connectivity | Promote System Management and Operation |
Emphasize System Preservation | Enhance Travel and Tourism |
Improve System Resiliency, Reliability and Reduce or Mitigate Stormwater Impacts*

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

Begin typing here. Box will expand as needed.

New Mexico Climate Change Goals

Goals to be addressed (circle/boldface/underline all that apply):

*Reduction in Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions | Reduction in Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) |
Increased Adoption of Cleaner Vehicles*

Please describe how this project addresses the goals selected above (use additional pages if necessary):

Begin typing here. Box will expand as needed.

PROJECT COSTS

Column A			Column B	
<div style="text-align: center;">If project is <u>not</u> phased, complete column A only.</div> <div style="text-align: center;">If project is phased, list the amount of funding being currently requested in Column A and complete Column B.</div>			Total Phases No. (1, 2, 3, I, II, III, etc.):	
			The amount below represents the cost of the entire project and will be greater than Column A.	
Project Cost: \$			Total Project Cost: \$	
Percentage Estimates:			Phased projects are usually large and divided into parts or phases. If you wish to supply any additional information, list comments here:	
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Total Federal Share	%	\$		
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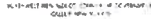
DISTRICT REVIEW:				
By:	Date:	Recommended:	Yes	No
T/LPA REVIEW:				
By:	Date:	Recommended:	Yes	No

Type district comments here. Box will expand as needed.

Topics to discuss during PFF meetings:

- Is the Tribal/Local Public Agency (T/LPA) familiar with the NMDOT T/LPA Handbook? Has the person in responsible charge attended one of the T/LPA Handbook trainings?
- The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 requires public agencies with more than 50 employees to create a transition plan to achieve program accessibility requirements. (Except tribal entities)
 - Does the LPA have an approved plan on file with the NMDOT?
 - If the LPA has fewer than 50 employees, has NMDOT received an official letter listing employee names and positions (to include part time employees but not elected officials)?
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- LPAs with fewer than 50 employees still need an ADA policy. Does the LPA have an ADA policy?
- Does the LPA have an approved Title VI plan on file with the NMDOT? (Tribal entities are not required to have a Title VI plan).
- Is this project included in any other planning documents? (Comprehensive Plan, ICIP, etc.)
- Is the project within NMDOT ROW? If so, does the district support the project?
 - Are agreements necessary for maintenance and operations? (Lighting agreements, landscaping, etc.)
- Is there a need for proprietary items or brand-specific items on this project? If so, Public Interest Finding/certification is required and should be discussed.
- Does the T/LPA have the minimum match required for the project? Is the T/LPA using in kind match: entity furnished items/labor/materials/equipment? This needs to be approved up front and written into the agreement.
- The T/LPA needs to understand the reimbursement process and be prepared to pay all costs up front. The T/LPA must follow district instructions for submitting invoices for reimbursement.
 - Does the T/LPA have the capability to pay all costs up front?
 - Does the T/LPA have the capability to adhere to 90 day project closeout process?
- Certified testing is required during construction and is eligible for reimbursement.
 - Has the T/LPA included funding for testing in the consultant management estimate above or does the T/LPA have certified employees that can provide materials testing?
- Does the T/LPA know the Buy America requirements for steel and iron?
 - **NOT the same as Buy American, this is not reimbursable or allowed on federal projects**
- The T/LPA must follow the NMDOT specifications as outlined in the "Specs for Highway and Bridge Construction" unless the appropriate NMDOT Design Center grants permission prior to design for the T/LPA to use other specs.
- Does the T/LPA have maintenance and operations costs accounted for?
- Does the T/LPA have a good track record for responsible use/tracking of federal funds? Have they met closeout deadlines? Have they successfully completed other federally funded projects in a timely manner?
- Has the T/LPA had any issues with design/construction in the past?
- Does the T/LPA have major audit findings that would prevent them from being a responsible fiscal agent?



NORTHWEST NEW MEXICO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Date: 7/31/23

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



NWRTPO | Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization

Monthly Report – July 2023

- A. **2023-2024 NWRTPO RTIPR Update:** The 2022 RTIPR has a total of \$175,686,550.00 for Roadway, Bridge, Planning, TAP, RTP, FLAP, HSIP, TPF and Transit projects. The 2023 NWRTPO RTIPR Call for Projects Update commenced in February, 2023 to give our members a head-start; we are encouraging our members to consider and commence developing their priorities for the 2024 round of Transportation Project Fund (TPF) opportunity – full applications due May 31; **the 2023-2024 Call for Projects will be completed in March of 2024, with the DOT Dist. 5 & 6 RTIP's. Project Feasibility Forms were reviewed by DOT District 5 and 6 on May 2 at the DOT District 6 Office in Milan; and the NWRTPO is still waiting on DOT District 6 to complete review and authorization of submitted PPF's. Staff are encouraging members to complete PPF's (Project Prospectus Forms) **due August 31** for all submitted projects, regardless of DOT District 6 delays around PPF's – (also a responsibility of our affected members).**
- B. **NMDOT Transportation Project Fund:** A new 2024 TPF call for projects was issued with a deadline of May 31, 2023 for project submissions; staff reminded RTPO members to submit their full applications via the FTP website by/before this deadline. This year only three (3) member govt.'s submitted including Navajo – Burnham Chapter, Acoma – SP30 Pueblo Road, and Ramah Navajo – NM53 / Rt. 125 intersection – for a total of \$3,368,414.
- C. **MAP funding:** City of Grants is executing their turn to pursue 2024 Municipal Arterial Funding, and submitted their application by the March 15, 2023 deadline.
- D. **GIS Data Gathering, Trails Development, Mapping and Compiling Work:** COG staff Carrie House continues to provide technical assistance and GIS mapping for development of 200 new miles of recreational trails in the Zuni Mountains in McKinley and Cibola Counties during FFY18 – FFY22; and continues contributing GIS mapping for regional transportation infrastructure. The NWCOG was the only New Mexico recipient of a NADO Impact Award for the ongoing development of 200 miles of recreational trails in the Zuni Mountains of McKinley and Cibola Counties. The Navajo Nation will soon be developing 80 miles of recreational trails in the Chuska Mountain range, complimenting the rec. trails being developed in the Zuni Mtns. The Pueblo of Laguna is developing bike and pedestrian trails connecting all six of their Pueblo Villages.
- E. **Trail of the Ancients Scenic Byway is Nationally Designated:** President Trump signed the “Reviving America’s Scenic Byways Act of 2019” into law re-establishing the Scenic Byway Program. This provided the NWRTPO the opportunity to undertake a demanding process to pursue national designation for parts of our New Mexico TOA byway portion. RTPO and COG staff submitted the 2020 application for national designation for portions of our New Mexico Trail of the Ancients Scenic Byway. The entire TOA byway corridor is shared by Counties in the 4-Corners region of Utah, Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado; the Utah and Colorado corridors are already nationally designated. **We received news that major portions of our New Mexico corridor are now designated as a National Byway corridor!** With the return of the federal Scenic Byway Program after a multi-year period when the program went away, **we are reconstructing the TOA Byway Council for New Mexico, and undertaking the challenging responsibility shared by participating counties to monitor and improve the national corridor, along with stronger participation in funding the byway, in collaboration with NMDOT staff. Staff submitted an application to update our Corridor Management Plan as the first rendition was done in November, 2008. This was recently awarded for funding in 2024.**
- F. **Major Funding from Federal Sources:** The Federal Govt. and USDOT is providing funding for transportation development in billions of dollars – far beyond anything we’ve ever seen before, in some cases with short application timeframes. Members are encouraged to become familiar with these opportunities and take advantage of them which will be available thru 2026.
- G. **Mandatory T/LPA Certification Training:** NMDOT is requiring mandatory T/LPA Certification Training; the first opportunity in Farmington is already past; the **next opportunity in Gallup is August 16 – 17 at the Down Town Conference Center – 204 W. Coal Ave. If RTPO members do not take this training, your govt. will be ineligible to receive federal funding for transportation projects.**
- H. **News, Training and Funding Opportunities:** The following training and funding opportunities have recently emerged:
 - **FHWA Planning, Environment & Realty Reports:** 7/13/23, 7/18/23
 - **NMDOT Govt. to Govt. Update:** 7/11/23, 7/26/23
 - **AASHTO Publications:** none
 - **NMDOT / UNM-LTAP:** Provides a very robust collection of training opportunities – staff forward news to members as it comes out from this source – reference at ltap.unm.edu – Staff forward to members as LTAP emails come in.
 - **Title VI Training** is available to MPO's and RTPO's from Lisa Neie – Civil Rights Manager for FHWA New Mexico. These trainings can be customized to address member concerns and issues for their regions, if provided to her in advance.
 - **Email Change Notice from NMDOT:** All NMDOT staff emails have changed from @state.nm.us to @dot.nm.gov
 - **Mandatory TLPA Certification Training:** reference the guidance above in section G.- 7/13/23; 7/19/23
 - **USDOT Training, Funding & Other News:** 7/24/23
 - **USDOT Training & Funding News:** 7/25/23
 - **Forthcoming Funding News:** 7/26/23
 - **Data Users Conference – Nov. 15 at CNM Workforce Training Center:** 7/26/23

**RTPO APER Budgeted Staff Hours Summary
FFY2023**

July-2023 / Q-4 Monthly Report											
Function	Budgeted Hours	Q1	Q2	Q3	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Q4	Total Actual hours	Balance	Percentage budgeted differs from actuals*
1	325	75.00	47.50	88.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	5.00	215.50	109.50	33.69%
2	75	1.50	16.50	89.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	107.00	-32.00	-42.67%
3	600	82.00	154.00	151.50	22.00	0.00	0.00	22.00	409.50	190.50	31.75%
4	300	24.00	62.50	125.50	1.25	0.00	0.00	1.25	213.25	86.75	28.92%
5	425	89.00	130.00	80.00	30.00	0.00	0.00	30.00	329.00	96.00	22.59%
6	375	102.00	108.00	99.50	82.50	0.00	0.00	82.50	392.00	-17.00	-4.53%
TOTAL	2100	373.50	518.50	633.50	140.75	0.00	0.00	140.75	1666.25	433.75	20.65%
*if budgeted hours differ from actual hours by more than 20% in any function, provide a narrative explanation below:											

* unhide June and add the numbers into the cells

Robert Kuipers

From: Robert Kuipers
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2023 11:26 AM
To: Joseph Baca; Kaci Bustos; Rodney Skersick; Nick Porell; Strain, Clyde; Laura Jaramillo; Donald Jaramillo; manager@villageofmilan.com; Margie Begay; Dennis Felipe Jr.; Leonard Ludi; Royce.Gchachu@ashiwi.org; Dorothy Claw
Cc: jphoracek; Alicia Santiago; Robert Hamblen; Shannon DeVine; milanclerk@villageofmilan.com; Felix Gonzales; Roxann Hughte; Krueger, Neala, NMDOT; Shutiva, Ron, NMDOT
Subject: One more reminder - T/LPA Certification Training - August 16-17 in Gallup
Attachments: DOC032.pdf
Importance: High

RTPO members:

One last reminder:

If you do not attend any of these training events, you will not be able to pursue funding from NMDOT or FHWA for project development (RTIPR). The only projects you will be able to pursue are LGRF or NMDOT Transportation Project Fund.

The Farmington training is already over; the **Gallup Training is coming on August 16 – 17**; thereafter you will have to travel a long distance and stay in a motel in order to execute this training.

You can register for the training in Farmington by contacting Frank Lozano: FLozano@bhinc.com.
Reference the attached document.

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Tribal and Local Public Agency (T/LPA) Certification Training

The NMDOT is initiating a new certification program that requires the "Person In Responsible Charge" for Federally Funded T/LPAs Projects to become certified on the T/LPA process prior to entering into agreements with NMDOT and obtaining Federal funds.

This program will be voluntary until January 1, 2024, at which point it will become mandatory. Training on the T/LPA Handbook will be offered throughout the State over the next six (6) months, allowing multiple opportunities to receive training and become certified prior to January 2024.

Area	Date	Location
Farmington	July 24-25th	Farmington Civic Center 200 W Arrington, Farmington
Gallup	Aug 16-17 th	Gallup Down Town Conference Center 204 W Coal Ave, Gallup
Albuquerque	Aug 22-23 rd	Bernalillo County at Alvarado Square 415 Silver Ave. SW Albuquerque
Las Vegas	Sept 5 – 6th	Highlands University Student Union Building (Ballroom) 800 National Avenue, Las Vegas
Roswell	Sept 26 - 27th	NMDOT Training Academy 132 E Earl Cummings Loop, Roswell
Hobbs	Sept 20-21	Lea County Event Center 5101 N Lovington Hwy, Hobbs, NM
Las Cruces	October 11-12 th	Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum 4100 Dripping Springs Road, Las Cruces
Albuquerque	Nov 1 – 2 nd	NMDOT D3 Auditorium 7500 Pan American Frwy NE, ABQ
Clovis	Nov 14 – 15 th	Clovis Carver Library – Ingram Room 701 N Main Street, Clovis
Silver City	Dec 6 - 7th	The Grant County Veterans Memorial Business & Conference Center 3031 Highway 180 East, Silver City

All trainings are free and will be held from 8:30 am – 4 pm on both days. Please make sure to review your T/LPA Handbook prior to the training and bring a copy of the Handbook with you as you will be able to use it as a resource during the exam portion of the training. **Handbooks will NOT be provided.** If you require a Handbook, it can be downloaded from the following link: <https://www.dot.nm.gov/business-support/project-oversight-division/t-lpa-documents-and-information>

Training is open to T/LPA staff that deal with the Federally Funded T/LPA Projects, consultants, NMDOT staff and others that may be listed as the Person in Responsible Charge for the T/LPA project.

Please contact Frank Lozano, at FLozano@bhinc.com to reserve a seat at one of the trainings. We do expect a wait list for some of the areas, so if you are unable to attend, please let Frank know.