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

## **AGENDA PACKET**

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

**Wednesday, September 9, 2020**

**10:00AM – 2:00PM**

**Virtual Meeting via Conf. Call**

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### RTPO Joint Technical & Policy Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 9, 2020

10:00 am

Pueblo of Acoma Tribal Auditorium

33 Pinsbaari Drive, Acoma

In the event of COVID-19 pandemic restriction extensions the meeting will revert to virtual

## AGENDA

### ROUTINE ITEMS:

Item #	Item	Presenter
I.	Call to Order and Introductions	Dave Deutsawe, Chairman
II.	Action: Agenda	Robert Kuipers, Program Manager
III.	Action: Minutes – August 12, 2020	Robert Kuipers

### ACTION ITEMS:

Item #	Item	Presenter
IV.	Action: If the NWRTPO Regional Transportation Plan is finalized – vote to approve and authorize for FFY2021 going forward – if not quite finalized – review, discuss, and staff to finalize for vote in October.	Robert Kuipers

### DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION ITEMS:

*Please Provide Presentations for inclusion in minutes*

Item #	Topic	Presenter
V.	Review & Discuss: Staff distribute and discuss Annual RTPO Member Survey for FFY2020 – due in October	Robert Kuipers
VI.	Review & Discuss: Progress with PFF's – due October 14	Robert Kuipers
VII.	Update: Staff to update RTP Implementation Tracker for FFY2020 – if complete – present at this meeting, if not – present in October	Robert Kuipers

### REPORTS: (10-minute limit)

*Please submit Written Reports for inclusion in minutes*

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

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, October 14, 2020 via Virtual Meeting

### ADJOURNMENT:

**NWRTPO | Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization**

Joint Policy &amp; Technical Committee

**NWRTPO Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday August 12, 2020

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Virtual meeting executed via conference call

Due to COVID-19 Pandemic

**ATTENDANCE:**

<b>Local &amp; Tribal Governments</b>	
<b>Entity</b>	<b>Representative(s)</b>
Pueblo of Acoma	Dave Deutsawe (Chair)
Pueblo of Laguna	absent
Pueblo of Zuni	Royce Gchachu
Navajo Nation	absent ( <i>Northern &amp; Eastern Agencies</i> )
Ramah Navajo	absent
City of Grants	Don Jaramillo
City of Gallup	Alicia Santiago
Village of Milan	absent
Cibola County	Judy Horacek
McKinley County	absent
San Juan County	absent
Farmington Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) – Ex-officio	Not in attendance

<b>New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT)</b>	
<b>Entity</b>	<b>Representative(s)</b>
RTPO Liaison	Neala Krueger
District 5	Stephanie Medina, James Mexia
District 6	JoAnn Garcia
Tribal Liaison	Ron Shutiva
Other NMDOT Staff	Jolene Herrera, Luke Smith

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

**Tally Sheet – Attendance & Quorum**

Total Full Attendance:	Member Entities:	NMDOT	RTPO	Guests	Full Attendance Norm:	
	12	Normally 4-5: DOT Liaison, Tribal Liaison, District 5 & 6 Representatives	1	varies	18	
Attendance – this meeting:	Member Attendance:	NMDOT Attendance:	Staff:	Guests:	Attendance % this meeting:	TOTAL:
	5	7	1	0	72%	13

## ROUTINE ITEMS:

Item #	Item
I.	<b>Call to Order and Introductions.</b> The meeting was called to order at 10:15 am, Dave Deutsawe and Bob Kuipers welcomed those in attendance, and proceeded with introductions and approval of agenda and minutes. The meeting was conducted via conference call, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
II.	<b>Agenda.</b> RTPO Program Manager provided an overview of the day's agenda topics.  <b>ACTION:</b> Don Jaramillo (Grants) motioned and Judy Horacek (Cibola) seconded adoption of the agenda. All in favor – motion carried.
III.	<b>Minutes (July 8, 2020).</b> Chairman provided time for review of minutes and no comments or revisions were made.  <b>ACTION:</b> Don Jaramillo (Grants) motioned and Alicia Santiago (Gallup) seconded adoption of the minutes. All in favor – motion carried.

## ACTION ITEMS:

Item #	Item	Presenter
	No action items this meeting.	Robert Kuipers, Program Manager

## DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION ITEMS:

Item #	Item	Presenter
IV.	Presentation: Functional Classification Change Opportunities	Robert Kuipers
<b>BACKGROUND</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Why?</b> Functional Classification (F.C.) Change requests are a long entailing process that can take up to two years to complete. Members who anticipate pursuing F.C. upgrades due to anticipated economic development or increased traffic along their corridors should understand the process and commence well in advance of anticipated traffic increases.</li> <li>• <b>Purpose.</b> In a rapidly changing world, rural areas such as ours need to “stay ahead of the game just to keep pace.” Anticipating opportunities and preparing in advance can make the difference between success and failure. RTPO members are encouraged to consider where in their regions functional classification upgrades may support current and future development trends.</li> <li>• <b>Discussion/Finalization.</b> Staff will share information from NMDOT, and available on their website that members are encouraged to explore as they consider where classification upgrade requests may be appropriate for anticipated future growth and development.</li> </ul>		
<b>CURRENT WORK</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Present Functional Classification information.</li> </ul>		
<b>ANTICIPATED WORK</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members may choose to pursue classification upgrades in consultation with their respective governments.</li> </ul>		
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Several documents informing on Functional Classification</li> </ul>		
<b>BUDGET IMPACT</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>		
<b>ACTION ITEM</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A at this time – potential action for future meetings</li> </ul>		

Robert Kuipers provided an overview of the current NMDOT Functional Classification Guidance Manual – developed or updated in 2013 and revised in 2014. In particular he covered section 4.2 (pp. 4-6 thru 4-11) which provides the procedural steps for determining functional classification (in the case of our region for any upgrades our members may be interested in). Staff covered the steps outlayed in this guidance, which includes identifying traffic generators, and achieving adequate traffic counts on corridors responding to generators such as casinos, truck terminals, and other forms of economic development opportunities for rural community scenarios. This section includes a functional classification guide, a functional classification change request form, general rules for requesting F.C. upgrades, and a process timeline (around 2 years) to achieve a corridor upgrade.

Item #	Topic	Presenter
V.	Presentation: T/LPA Handbook – 2019 Update ( <i>Tribal &amp; Local Public Agency Handbook</i> )	Jolene Herrera – NMDOT (with support from Robert Kuipers)
<b>BACKGROUND</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Why?</b> The TLPA Handbook helps guide the functions and activities of statewide MPO's and RTPO's for development and maintenance of transportation infrastructure and services</li> <li>• <b>Purpose.</b> Inform NWRTPO members on 2019 updates to the T/LPA Handbook</li> <li>• <b>Discussion/Finalization.</b> Members will become better acquainted with recent updates.</li> </ul>		
<b>CURRENT WORK</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• T/LPA Handbook went thru a more major update this year, providing guidance to MPO's and RTPO's for development and maintenance of transportation infrastructure and services.</li> </ul>		
<b>ANTICIPATED WORK</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members will be encouraged to go thru the manual available on the NWNMCOG – RTPO website or the NMDOT website.</li> </ul>		
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sections from the TLPA update, and the 2019 Update Power Point</li> </ul>		
<b>BUDGET IMPACT</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>		
<b>ACTION ITEM</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A – Members are encouraged to scan thru the updated TLPA Handbook available on the NWNMCOG – RTPO website or the NMDOT website.</li> </ul>		

**Robert Kuipers** introduced the Handbook presentation and indicated that included in the meeting package were primary update excerpts including Hazardous Materials, R.O.W. Reimbursement, and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program opportunities; along with the TLPA 2019 Update Power Point. Also the full 2019 updated TLPA Handbook was emailed to members on 8/10.

**Jolene Herrera – NMDOT:**

Ms. Herrera indicated where the TLPA Handbook update could be found on the NMDOT website – basically under the Business Icon, then navigate to the TLPA webpage under that section.

- Ms. Herrera covered some of the main additions which included: a) Hazardous Materials Investigation – PP.73 – 75; b) Reimbursement for Right Of Way Activities – pp. 91 – 92; and c) the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program – pp. 123 – 125. (*Robert Kuipers had provided these sections in this RTPO meeting package, along with the TLPA Handbook 2019 update Power-point presentation*)
- Ms. Herrera indicated that there will likely be additional updates in 2020 based on RTPO and MPO feedback, with a final revised TLPA Handbook anticipated around September or October, 2020.
- As updates are finalized in 2020 (in part based on feedback from RTPO's and MPO's) the Environmental and Hazardous Materials sections will become separate chapters.
- The environmental section will include a gateway section addressing economic/community opportunities posted with gateway signage on DOT corridors.



- The Right of Way chapter will include an updated reimbursement process
- The Rail Road chapter will include changes – mainly that the Railroad will charge fees for review of local plans that involve railroad infrastructure / crossings / bridges – etc.
- There will also be some ITS (*Intelligent Transportation Systems*) clarification

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VI - A.	NWRTPO 2020 Regional (long range) Transportation Plan Update	Robert Kuipers
<b>BACKGROUND</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why? The NWRTPO makes minor updates to its Regional Transportation Plan every year; but every 5 years the NWRTPO undertakes a more major update to its RTP in sync. with NMDOT's LRTP update.</li> <li>• Purpose. This year the NWRTPO will undertake a more significant update to our Regional Transportation Plan, and try to some extent to coordinate / synchronize our priorities with those represented within the NM-LRTP update that have appeal or utility within our region.</li> <li>• Discussion/Finalization. Members will be provided 1) a concise summary and 2) a more detailed summary outlining the process and schedule for our RTP update.</li> </ul>		
<b>CURRENT WORK</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members will be encouraged to familiarize with our Regional Transportation Plan on the NWNM Council of Governments website, and consider what interests their respective regional govt. jurisdiction may have for inclusion in our more significant RTP update this year.</li> </ul>		
<b>ANTICIPATED WORK</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members will be asked to consider and contribute toward updating our RTP this year to insure that their respective interests are represented in the final document – anticipating completion in September or October, 2020.</li> <li>• Members will be <b>particularly asked to update their govt. jurisdiction's priorities</b> for <u>Appendix 2 – Public Outreach Report</u>, which cites forthcoming priorities for both our region (p.85) and our respective NWRTPO Member Governments pp. 86 – 103. It will be important for our respective members to execute update recommendations for this section within specified timelines; those who do not respond will be left out. These new priorities can reflect both current RTIPR project priorities, as well as new prioritized directions or interests that participating member governments wish to pursue for multi-modal transportation maintenance or development.</li> </ul>		
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quick Summary – FFY2020 NWRTPO Regional Transportation Plan Update.</li> <li>• General Schedule for NWRTPO Regional Transportation Plan Update.</li> <li>• Information on E.D.A. Opportunity Zones that may be relevant for transportation participation and infrastructure.</li> </ul>		
<b>BUDGET IMPACT</b>		<b>ACTION ITEM</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>

Robert Kuipers covered two documents provided in the meeting package providing a timeframe summary regarding updates to the NWRTPO Regional (long range) Transportation Plan – being conducted in sync. with the NMDOT LRTP update. Most of our RTP will not require much updating, as the NWRTPO conducts updates on an annual basis. The documents provide page numbers for each section of the NWRTPO Regional Transportation Plan, to make it easier for members to navigate. A member survey has also been issued related to the NWRTPO RTP update, which will help staff gain information from the RTPO members. At this point the only major update staff anticipate is adding US Economic Development Administration "Opportunity Zones" to the plan, as these will require transportation infrastructure to execute opportunities within our region. Included in the meeting package also were data sources from NMDOT as well as a "Data Users Guide Overview" from the NMDOT for technical and freight planning. Members were encouraged to check out Appendix 2 – Public Outreach Report which cites our Member Governments long range project priorities to make sure their citations are updated (pp. 86-103). Member

governments currently cited in this section include: Navajo Nation – Northern & Eastern Agencies and NM Fort Defiance District, San Juan County, Cibola County, McKinley County, Village of Milan, City of Gallup, City of Grants, Pueblo of Acoma, and Pueblo of Laguna. **Member governments currently not cited in this section for their region's transportation priorities include Ramah Navajo and Pueblo of Zuni.** Staff are requesting all member governments to check this section and take out any transportation projects that have been completed, and for Ramah and Zuni to take this opportunity to incorporate their transportation infrastructure priorities into this NWRTPO RTP update.

Neala Krueger recommended that the NWRTPO align their RTP update with the NMDOT LRTP update so that to the greatest extent possible, we can align ours with state priorities. RK indicated that this is our intent, and is how we've executed in the past. Neala indicated better to take time and carefully update as there is no pressure to hurry.

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VI - B.	RTIPR Revision Process and Timeline	Robert Kuipers
<b>BACKGROUND</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Why?</b> Every two years (biennial basis) the NWRTPO engages a Call for Projects process to invite new projects into the NWRTPO RTIPR for our local municipal, tribal and county member governments. This process engages a series of document forms and meetings to assure that proposed new projects are both local / regional priorities and qualify for state and federal funding.</li> <li><b>Purpose.</b> To engage the NWRTPO members in discussion on progress with Project Feasibility Forms to qualify new projects for inclusion in the FFY2021 RTIPR Revision for the NWRTPO.</li> <li><b>Discussion/Finalization.</b> <b>There will not be a formal Call for Projects in FFY2020:</b> the NWRTPO will simply undertake an RTIPR Revision Update with PFF's for new projects or phases due at our October 14 meeting. This is due to the impact of COVID-19 on State Tax Revenues, which are anticipated to be significantly reduced due to related lengthy closures of small businesses. Bearing this in mind, available funding (from tax revenues) for transportation infrastructure is not anticipated until at least FFY2021 or even 2022 depending on how the COVID-19 restrictions continue to play out.</li> </ul>		
<b>CURRENT WORK</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RTPO members will discuss the <b>RTIPR revision process and timeline.</b> At this time members will simply discuss progress with updating the RTIPR by removing projects or project phases that have already been funded, and <b>adding new projects or phases via PFF's.</b> The NWRTPO will not undertake the entire process recommended in the Call for projects, and simply add projects to the RTIPR via PFF's – <b>since funding is not anticipated until FFY2021 or later.</b></li> </ul>		
<b>ANTICIPATED WORK</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RTPO members will discuss progress with eliminating funded projects or phases in the current RTIPR, and inserting new projects or phases via PFF's for the FFY2020 – FFY2021 NWRTPO RTIPR revision.</li> </ul>		
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RTIPR Revision Timeline</li> <li>PFF form - fillable</li> </ul>		
<b>BUDGET IMPACT</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None.</li> </ul>		
<b>ACTION ITEM</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No action needed other than getting started on a) reviewing the RTIPR and <b>recommending projects or phases that have been funded for removal,</b> and b) <b>submitting PFF's for new projects or phases.</b></li> </ul>		

Robert Kuipers covered the revision timeline and PFF form, which were part of this meeting package. PFF's are due by the October 14 meeting for new projects or new phases. Process is quite clear and members are aware of COVID-19 funding restraints, so there was not much discussion.

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VII.	<b>REPORTS:</b> (10 minute limit due to virtual meeting)	RTPO & DOT staff, RTPO members
<b>Significant news only due to virtual meeting</b>		
<b>RTPO Program Report (<i>significant news only</i>)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff did not provide reports for hours or funding invested for July, or an RTPO update report due to being spread thin this month, and the anticipation of a long meeting with a robust agenda package this time. Staff will resume these reports for next month's meeting.</li> <li>FHWA Planning, Environment and Realty Reports, NMDOT Planning Government to Government Reports, and AASHTO Publication Updates are regularly forwarded to members as they come out.</li> </ul>		Robert Kuipers
<b>BACKGROUND</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Why?</b> Update RTPO members on news, training, funding, and other items of special interest</li> <li><b>Purpose.</b> Keep RTPO members up to date on critical information from NWRTPO and NMDOT sources</li> </ul>		
<b>Informational Items</b>		
<b>Regional News &amp; Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional Work Program Status Report</li> <li>RTPO Report</li> <li>Member Reports</li> </ul>		
<b>Member Special Reports:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None submitted prior to the meeting</li> </ul>		
<b>NMDOT Reports:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>G to G Liaison: Neala Krueger</li> <li>Tribal Liaison: Ron Shutiva</li> <li>District 6: JoAnn Garcia &amp; staff; District 5: vacant at this time</li> </ul>		
<b>News, Training &amp; Funding Opportunities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>FHWA Planning, Environment &amp; Realty Reports</u>: 7/09 and 7/23</li> <li><u>NMDOT Govt. to Govt. Update</u>: none</li> <li><u>AASHTO Publications</u>: none</li> <li><u>NMDOT / UNM-LTAP</u>: Provides a very robust collection of training opportunities – staff forward news to members as it comes out from this source – reference at <a href="http://ltap.unm.edu">ltap.unm.edu</a> (current on-line courses sent to members)</li> <li><u>Notice of Updated NMDOT Policy &amp; Procedures Manual</u> (PPM) available on DOT website</li> <li><u>Gov. Lujan-Grisham approves \$178 million in CARES Act Funding</u>: for small business, tribal &amp; local Govts.</li> <li><u>NHI Training Opportunities</u>: Principles &amp; Practices for Maintenance Management Systems - sent to members 7/31</li> <li><u>Announcement that NEPA Public &amp; Training Meetings will be Virtual</u>: sent to members 7/31</li> <li><u>Federal Grants Advisory</u>: sent to members 7/31</li> <li><u>Federal TRAN-SET Virtual Conference – Sept. 1-2</u>: Announcement sent to members 7/31</li> <li><u>Innovation Exchange Webinars</u>: information emailed to members 7/28</li> <li><u>NM Recreational Trails Advisory Board</u>: request for Advisory Board members sent to members 7/28</li> <li><u>ROUTES –“Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success</u>: USDOT Secretary Elaine Chao announced this new funding source supporting rural transportation needs in America. This month a “Tool Kit” for ROUTES funding was sent to members 7/29</li> <li><u>US DOT announces \$321.4 million in “Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects”</u>: (NSFLTP) this funding will support maintenance repair or new construction for roads and bridges serving tribal or federal lands. <a href="https://www.transportation.gov/briefing-room/fhwa1519">https://www.transportation.gov/briefing-room/fhwa1519</a></li> <li><u>Title VI Training</u> is available to MPO's and RTPO's from Lisa Neie – Civil Rights Manager for FHWA New Mexico. These trainings can be customized to address member concerns and issues for their regions, if provided to her in advance. Based on training length, we could provide it at one of our meetings.</li> </ul>		



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

**Pueblo of Acoma**

- Pueblo concluded project development on March 17 related to the COVID-19 pandemic; resumed project development on May 17. Pueblo of Acoma remained closed thru June 2; contractors are now two months behind due to COVID-19 pandemic.
- **CMGC2 – 1: Construction of new office for Transportation and other Departments is underway – anticipate completion by August 28, 2020.**
- CMGC2-2 SP130 Veterans Blvd. – **Project is complete.**
- CMGC2- 3 Baseball Fields – Design is complete; waiting on prairie dog removal before Notice to Proceed is approved and issued. **Final guaranteed maximum price was received today – 8/12/20.**
- CMGC2 – 4 Projects: (*request for proposals for this new bundle of projects was published 2/10/19*)
- FEMA 4352 Large Projects (39) – 38 projects have been completed; work began in the southern regions of the Pueblo, just a few more to go.
- The Pueblo is continuing on the update to their Long-Range Transportation Plan; WH Pacific will do traffic analysis counts to contribute to the Pueblo's LRTP. **To mitigate COVID 19 delays, the Pueblo has developed a survey for public input; beyond this public involvement will be postponed till a later date. The completion date has now been moved to December, 2020.** The Pueblo is also updating their Transportation Safety Plan at this time. Public involvement meetings are postponed due to COVID-19, which will delay completion dates for these plans.
- FEMA 4352: Small Projects: Recovery work has begun; the POA Public Works / Utility Authority was awarded the small projects (65) at \$2.2 million capital investment. **45 projects have been completed; 22 projects remain. The work was scheduled for completion by March 2020 but due to COVID-19 the completion date is pending a re-start, at which time a new completion date will be established.**
- Capital Outlay: The Pueblo has proposed a restart date of May 18 to resume work.
- Mainstreet Project: The Pueblo will add several projects to the CMGC suite to include projects for housing and economic development. **Preparing amendments to conduct engineering studies, land surveys, geotechnical studies, drainage analysis, right of way surveys and proforma.**

**Pueblo of Zuni**

- **The Pueblo is under lock down with little administrative activity due to COVID-19 pandemic; the Pueblo has extended re-opening until August 31, 2020 – but this could be extended further if COVID-19 persists.**
- Royce is now also the Airport Manager. Receipt of FAA grant agreement for developing an Airport Master Plan for the Andrew Othole Memorial (AOM) Airport. The master plan will be developed by the Pueblo's airport consultant – Armstrong Consultant's, Inc.
- The Pueblo continues to update its long-range transportation plan. **The plan is now in final draft form and being put out on the Pueblo website and Facebook for public comment.**
- **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.**
- Ongoing road maintenance around the Pueblo. **This includes crews addressing mowing, culvert repairs, blading gravel or dirt roads, asphalt pothole repairs and vegetation control.**
- **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.

### McKinley County

- The County is finishing their Local Government Road Fund projects including the Thoreau Town Site project at \$776K for cold mix overlay, for which the County has rented a milling machine. Certifications are complete for all LGRF projects and the County is requesting an extension till Spring – 2020 to complete maintenance construction which will include paving for CR-1 in Mentmore.
- TIF: \$1.2 million awarded for 10 miles of Deer Springs Road improvement – project on hold until Spring of 2020 for Mexican Springs Chapter. NDOT is contributing Fuel Excise Tax funding. Funding will allow drainage improvements, five miles of gravel base improvement and three miles of chip-seal.
- TIF: \$1.3 million awarded for 18 miles of CR19 gravel and chip-seal road improvement – multiple Eastern Navajo Chapters; collaborating with NDOT for road repairs and renovation. NDOT is contributing Fuel Excise Tax funding. Project has commenced, but completion anticipated until this coming summer around weather issues.
- The County will contract out their LGTPF project for Manuelito Canyon bridge replacement and road improvements.
- The County will benefit with \$23 million for improvements to the Carbon Coal Road intersection in Gamerco with US491, which leads to the developing Energy Logistics Park (and potential Inland Port).
- The County has completed gravelling Allison road is currently providing base course and chipseal for the Pine Haven road.

### Gallup

- NOO's have been processed for the Gallup Mainstreet Project – construction anticipated to commence July 1. **Coal Avenue Commons** project will commence ground breaking on May 13 – there will be a related celebration on that day.
- Nizhoni and W. Aztec improvements are currently in design.
- Coal Avenue Commons both MAP and Legislative Agreements have been executed by the State. The City is working with Wilson & Co. and NMDOT District 6 on the final PS&E. City Council approved Wilson & Co.'s professional engineering proposal for construction management. The Mainstreet grant resolution was approved by City Council for this project.
- The East Nizhoni Blvd. Reconstruction project was awarded LGTPF funding – the contract with NMDOT was executed by the City and the State, with the electronic copy received; awaiting the original signature.
- W. Aztec drainage legislative grant has been executed and engineering services have been awarded to begin design; notice of obligation has been submitted and approved by the state. Design in progress at this time.

### Milan (not present this meeting)

No report submitted this month.

### Ramah (not present this meeting – previous report as follows:

- Acting executive director for Ramah Navajo Chapter's 638 Grants & Contract Programs issued extension shelter in place memorandum restricting travel, purchasing and reducing staff to essential employees.
- BIA Projects Update:
  - BIA 125 mp 18 – 24.6 – received 100% design plans – submitting concurrence letter to FHWA and received approval to move forward and finalize project.
  - BIA 125 MP O – 4.4 Received approval for updated cultural resources report to include a drainage pond and submitted a resolution for easement withdrawal; received approval from NNHPO on the updated cultural report and categorical exclusion.
  - BIA 195: submitted ROW documents to RN Realty Office
  - BIA 145 and BIA 113: Received draft report for BIA 145 and BIA 113.
- Submitted road signs replacement maintenance project for 2021 LGRF cycle.
- NMDOT LGRF received some certifications and will coordinate with Utility providers. Received ROW certification and submitted letter requesting disbursement.
- Assisting with RN Community Development Department for the Navajo Nation Rural Addressing Project.
- Ongoing general maintenance for area roads, cattle guards and signage, blading and shaping, potholes and base course patching (incl. school bus routes). Cleaning and replacing roadway signs. Field fence repairs, post replacements and gate repairs.

### Cibola County

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

### Grants

- Riverwalk trail: Design at 100% from WHPacific, Project is on hold for the time being.
- First Street phase 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. **Final PS&E is scheduled for this month and project letting is scheduled for September.** Total project stands at \$6.2 million.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> street bridge out to bid for construction to commence in July – delay due to COVID-19 pandemic.
- Washington bridge replacement over 2<sup>nd</sup> Street through LGTPF funding will include a walking opportunity for High School students; project construction is underway – commenced in June.
- Lobo Canyon and Roosevelt intersection improvements are underway

### Pueblo of Laguna

- **The Pueblo remains closed to the public, and administration is closed until the COVID-19 Pandemic resides.**
- The Pueblo is pursuing an FHWA grant to develop a Pueblo-wide (all Villages / roads) Safety Plan and will be seeking data sources identifying various crash incidents, and high crash incident locations; may need assistance from the RTPPO or DOT with analyzing crash data. The Pueblo has a number of State Routes, where high speeds impact upon more fatal crashes.
- NM 124 Trail- Encinal Road to St. Rd. 279, a bike/ped path: The Construction Management services firm selected is Bohannon Huston Inc. Construction NTP was issued in January. Construction is at 17% complete. Desert Fox Paving has cleared and grubbed the first half of the trail and working on subgrade. Completion date is set for September per approved construction schedule.
- L26 Rainfall Road from Cubero Wash to Seama bridge M108: Construction has been completed, including a bike & ped. trail.
- M137 bridge at Laguna Subdivision: Construction complete and project in close out with BIA.
- Mill, Overlay, Striping & Enhancement Projects: Construction is complete for L503 – Veterans Memorial Road, L200 Postal Postal Road and L245 Raindrop Road; Pueblo is closing out these projects at this time.
- LGRF / BIA Road Maintenance Striping Projects: Phase 2 & 3: Phase 2 – working on ITS certs. for L500 Mountain Ash Loop and Central Park roads. Phase 3 – working on NMDOT certs for L540 – Veterans Memorial Road and L200 Elizabeth Bender Road. Construction to commence this summer for both phases.
- NM 124 Roundabout: The repairs to the roundabout are being coordinated by NMDOT, no start date has been determined.
- L24 Rainfall Road: design changed to two phases, Ph-1 Road & Trail and Ph-2 Conc Box Underpass, design is in progress and construction funded for \$1.9 million from the LGTPF fund!
- L26 Deer Dancer Road: at 95% design, working on ROW amendments and E.A.
- L243 Acorn Road design: completed 100% design and PS&E review from the BIA. Construction pending funding.
- M154 Paguete Wash Bridge: PER In progress – draft report has been submitted to the Pueblo and BIA.
- M108 San Jose River Bridge-Seama: PS&E complete and ROW amendments approved; pending items include EA, FONSI and NOI.
- L248 Bluejay Road and L248 Blue Star Loop: RFP published, proposals received, reviewed and awarded. A kick off meeting will be held in March.
- Pueblo's Safety Plan: Phase 1 is complete and the Pueblo is intending to apply for additional planning funds to continue plan development.
- NMDOT I-40 Safety Project: The Pueblo met with NMDOT on March 3. Design is at 90%; NMDOT hopes to let the project this summer.

#### Navajo Nation – Northern Agency

- **Larry Joe requests COG RTPO Manager to help him include US491 RSA recommendations Naschitti to Newcomb as proposed projects in our 2020 RTIPR revision.**
- **NMDOT Safety Projects:**
  - Shiprock Chapter/Navajo DOT in coordination with NMDOT are working on a school zone safety project at Hwy 64 west of Hwy 491/64 intersection. Project on NM NWRTPO List – programmed for funding on NM STIP for construction in 2023. Beyond this, DOT District 5 is working for intersection safety improvements with Beclabito, Gadihii, Tsedaakaan and Shiprock chapters for US64 up to the Arizona state line.
  - Beclabito Chapter/NDOT on safety project on Hwy 64 at MP 3.0-3.5 for street lighting. In planning stage with NMDOT District 5. The Chapter was awarded NM Capital Outlay funding for a helipad landing facility.
  - TseDaaKaan Chapter/NDOT safety project to improve Hwy 64 & N5031 Intersection. Project on NM NWRTPO list. Application was updated and submitted for HSIP funding. Earmarked for construction in NM STIP 2021.
  - San Juan Chapter Bridge project connecting N36 to Hwy 64 near Hogback. The feasibility studies were completed by contractor, Wilson & Company. This project would involve coordination with NM DOT and NM State Representative, Anthony Allison and other State Legislatures to obtain additional funding for preliminary engineering studies and clearances and design.
  - Upper Fruitlan Chapter Safety Project at Hwy 371 & N36 Intersection for improvement. This Project was awarded through NM Capital Outlay fund to start on Design and Construction. Wilson & Company is assigned to complete the design which Navajo Nation will fund as match. Navajo Gaming assisted with advocacy of funding request. Assigned San Juan County, NM as lead agency to implement the project – construction to begin in summer - 2020.
  - Sheep Springs Chapter is working on safety project to improve intersection at Hwy 491/134, to reduce traffic crashes and pedestrian cross walks. Pending with NMDOT District 6.
  - Lee Engineering is providing a safety audit for Newcomb, Naschitti and Sheep Springs.
- Hwy 64 Shiprock Bridge replacement – a public hearing is set for Nov. 14 at the Shiprock Chapter
- Burnham Chapter is proposing for N5 hwy. intersection improvements.
- Newcomb Chapter is working on a low water crossing project funded through state and tribal funds – needing BIA approval for a road realignment; and pushing for street lighting along Hwy 491.
- Sanostee Chapter is also pushing for street lighting along US491.
- Road Safety Audit funding awarded to Twin Lakes, Mexican Springs and Tohatchi Chapters through the LGTPF funding opportunity from the State of New Mexico.
- San Juan – Hogback Bridge have completed feasibility studies for a new bridge.
- Shiprock Chapter is seeking a road safety audit for US491 mp. 89 – 90
- Burnham Chapter is seeking a road safety audit and N-5 / Chapter intersection improvement
- Newcomb Chapter is seeking funding for street lights along the US491 and N5001 intersection
- Sanostee Chapter is seeking funding to construct drainage infrastructure for the intersection of US491 and N-34, as well as a school zone RSA on N34
- Local Government Road Fund awards to Navajo Chapter Projects as follows:
  - Sheep Springs Chapter awarded \$50K for improvements to N5002
  - Gadihii-Tokoi Chapter awarded \$200K for chip-seal improvements to N571
  - Preliminary planning in progress for a number of school bus routes around Little Water Chapter awarded \$60K for improvements – including TR4925, TR5313, N5016, N5005, and N5092.

#### Navajo Nation – Eastern Navajo

- The Contract for L.G.T.P.F. RSA's is out to bid for the participating District 14 communities of Mexican Springs, Tohatchi and Twin Lakes Chapters.
- Bread Springs (Baahaali) Chapter awarded LGTPF funding at \$281.5 K to construct their waste transfer station access road.
- Twin Lakes, Tohatchi and Mexican Springs Chapters were awarded LGTPF funding for Road Safety Audits on US491 intersections serving these chapters.
- McKinley County has an MOU in place with the Navajo Nation (who contribute \$400,000 annually to the county for maintenance of primary Navajo Chapter roads.



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

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

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

**New news in bold**

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

- Lee Engineering emailed stakeholders the final US-491 Road Safety Audit Report and appendix on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. This RSA comprised Naschitti, Newcomb, and Sheep Springs communities and was funded via HSIP. Any further questions, response letters, or letters of support can be directed to Neala Krueger ([neala.krueger@state.nm.us](mailto:neala.krueger@state.nm.us)). Feedback from the Navajo Chapters is still pending.
- The NMDOT Long Range Transportation Plan website/portal is available at <https://newmexico2045plan.com/>. Please complete the survey. Also, share your feedback, thoughts, and ideas through the “Contact Us” form. In light of COVID-19, **stakeholder workshops were conducted in July through a virtual, webinar format. Neala will send the URL link for info. and reports on the State LRTP update and Robert K. will forward to members.**
- **NMDOT is seeking representatives for a statewide Recreational Trails Oversight Committee due by Aug. 14.**
- NMDOT Planning is undertaking a Pedestrian Safety Action Plan. A public survey and input map is available at: <https://nmpedplan.altaplanning.cloud/#/>

**NMDOT Tribal Liaison – Ron Shutiva**

- Ron is reminding all RTPO members to be sure to check that their Capital Outlay, T.I.F. and L.G.R.F. projects are active and on track, because if no action has been initiated for too long a time it is highly probable that the State will retract the funding – due to the significant reduction in tax revenues related to the significantly negative impact of COVID-19 on tax revenues from the private sector!
- Ron indicated that there will be another tribal stakeholder workshop for the NM 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan on July 22.
- Ron indicated that the Laguna I-40 improvement project is moving forward from Exit 112 to 117.
- A report will be forthcoming for the NM118 Iyanbito area drainage study on July 29.
- Ron is concerned about improvements needed for the US64 Shiprock School Zone corridor – NDOT is non-responsive, and support and input is needed from NDOT before the state moves forward with safety improvements.
- I-40 Safety projects are coming to the Laguna Acoma area, including the exit 114 bridge.

- Many tribes benefited from the recent LGTPF funding opportunity – which is now called the Transportation Project Fund from the State of New Mexico. New funding from this source not anticipated until FFY2021.
- The Pueblo Cultural Center in Albuquerque has a “Pueblo Relief Fund” available, and around \$300K has already been distributed. Go to [PuebloReliefFund.org](http://PuebloReliefFund.org).
- Ron reported on the NM118 drainage analysis that took place between the Iyanbito and Ft. Wingate I-40 intersections at previous meetings. Ron indicated he feels that **NM118 drainage issues remain unresolved to this day (in spite of two studies!) and the Navajo Nation DOT remains non-responsive!**
- Ron shared concern regarding the lack of an NDOT Eastern Navajo representative – they are putting a lot of pressure on Larry Joe!

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

- WHPacific is being contracted for a study on needed road and intersection improvements on US 64 – MP 0 – 20 (which includes the Shiprock School Zone). This project will be divided into two phases funded separately and in the District 5 HSIP plan for 2021 including a) primary / major Chapter or community intersections from Shiprock to the Arizona border and b) the Shiprock School Zone.
- The NM371 and N36 intersection near Northern Edge Casino is at 60% design; need ROW clearance / easement from NDOT.
- The District is looking at the need to replace the aging Shiprock San Juan River bridge.
- **D-5 staff are managing project proposals for the 2021 Local Government Road Fund, and have received awards from the DOT General Office in Santa Fe for the next fiscal year.**
- D-5 staff are reminding local governments that Coop Projects are due by December, 2020.

#### NMDOT District 6 - JoAnn Garcia participated in the early part of the meeting – no new news from DOT Dist. 6.

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

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

- Luke Smith – NMDOT Central Regional Design indicated that the McKinley Carbon Coal intersection with US491 project is at 60% design – 90% design anticipated by January, 2021.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, September meeting, 2020 to be held at the Laguna Public Works Dept. – I-40 Exit 114 to NM124 Roundabout, then east on old Rt. 66 to L55 Rodeo Road, then north to first parking lot on left; **in the event COVID-19 restrictions are not lifted, the meeting will revert to virtual via conference call.**

#### ADJOURNMENT (12:00 noon)

**ACTION:** *Dave Deutsawe* – (Pueblo of Acoma) moved and *Alicia Santiago* (Gallup) seconded for adjournment  
Motion carried by acclamation.

## MEETING ACTIONS:

### RTPO Members:

- *RTPO Meeting Schedule:* Review and confirm in advance if meetings cannot be held in person due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- Don Jaramillo and Mark Teshima to work with Luke Smith - NMDOT Central Regional Design, for First Street phase 3 (control # 6100700) to reduce six different project control numbers back into one project control number, as the City has the funding to complete the project. Luke does not understand what happened within NMDOT to divide the project into six different segments when the City has the funding to complete the entire (final phase) project. Luke will work with the Santa Fe STIP Coordinator and NMDOT District 6 to reduce the project back to one final phase with one control number for the entire project – since the City has the funding to complete the project.
- **Staff have recommended that members pursue recreational trails enthusiasts from their respective jurisdictions to be part of a statewide recreational trails oversight committee – applications due by August 24, 2020.**

### RTPO Staff:

- *RTPO Orientation Video:* Produce and distribute a video for members and governing bodies.
- **Staff to follow up with RTPO members to see which governments have had their respective leaders review the video to remain or become familiar with the RTPO function and service to local governments.**
- Staff have recommended that members pursue recreational trails enthusiasts from their respective jurisdictions to be part of a statewide recreational trails oversight committee – applications due by August 24, 2020.

### NMDOT Staff:

- *T/LPA Handbook Training:* Is it possible to have an abbreviated training at the next meeting or to video this training so that all NWRTPO members can access it. (Jolene Herrera) **This was accomplished at today's meeting.**
- *New Mexico Transportation Plan Update:* July 14 Virtual Stakeholder workshop was provided. *This meeting conducted in virtual conf. call mode due to COVID-19 restrictions.* **Neala Krueger emailed the latest information from the state on the LRTP update and Robert Kuipers will forward to RTPO members. Robert has already submitted the 2019 Plan Update along with the related Power Point Presentation to RTPO members in advance of this meeting.**



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

**Agenda Item #IV: NWRTPO 2020 Regional Transportation  
Plan Update**

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

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

**Date:** 9/02/20

**BACKGROUND**

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

**CURRENT WORK**

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

**ANTICIPATED WORK**

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

**ATTACHMENTS**

- Quick Summary – FFY2020 NWRTPO Regional Transportation Plan Update.
- General Schedule for NWRTPO Regional Transportation Plan Update.
- Introductory section of the current (2018) Regional Transportation Plan
- Member survey for the RTP update

**BUDGET IMPACT**

- None

**ACTION ITEM**

- N/A – finalize and vote in October mtng.



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

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

**2) June – July:**

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

**3) July – August:**

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

**4) September – October:**

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

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

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

## General Schedule for NWRTPO Regional Transportation Plan Update

### 1) June 10 NWRTPO Virtual Meeting:

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

### 2) June thru August or September:

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

### 3) Appendices:

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





# New Mexico Transportation Plan

## *Northwest Regional Transportation Plan*



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## Introduction

### What is a Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)?

The development of a long-range transportation plan provides an opportunity for elected officials, organizations, and individual citizens to determine how the transportation system in their area should be structured to better serve future needs effectively and efficiently. This Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for Northwest New Mexico is an integral part of the New Mexico Transportation Plan (NMTP), a federal requirement for the New Mexico Department of Transportation. The purpose of the RTP is to apply the State's vision, goals, objectives and strategies at the regional level. Under federal law, long-range transportation plans must look ahead at least 20 years, although the State of New Mexico chose to look ahead 25 years for its transportation planning. This Northwest New Mexico RTP provides a framework for thinking about the region's transportation system over the period of 2016 to 2040.

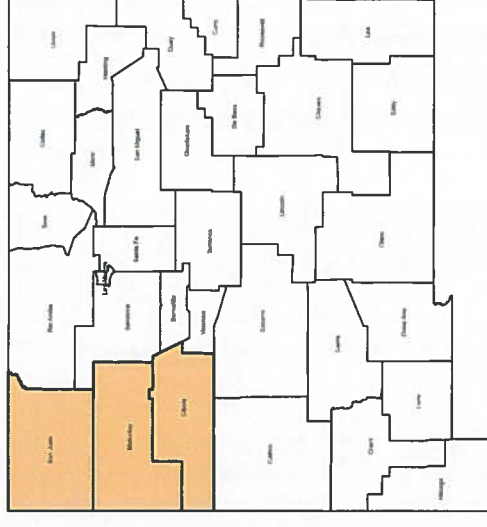
### About the Northwest RTPO

The Northwest New Mexico Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NWRTPO) is an interactive planning forum that was established in the early 1990s by the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) as a means to develop an ongoing and cooperative planning process and to ensure engagement by local officials in transportation decision-making. This process identifies current and future transportation needs, plans, and projects in the northwest region of New Mexico. NMDOT uses this forum to elicit informed recommendations for multi-modal transportation and enhancement projects. It strives to promote and implement an efficient and sustainable transportation network within the northwest counties of San Juan, McKinley, and Cibola County. Our region encompasses municipalities, counties, tribal nations, federal lands, and other state subdivisions in the rural parts of the region. The Northwest RTPO acts as the state-required Regional Transportation Planning Organization for the area. Members that form this organization include elected officials and their designated alternates. Federal and state agencies, with a responsibility for transportation planning and programs in the region, are also represented as an advisory, non-voting participant on the NWRTPO Committee.

### Title VI

The Northwest New Mexico Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) fully complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes and regulations in all programs and activities. For more information or to obtain a Title VI Complaint Form, please contact the NWRTPO Program Manager/Title VI Coordinator at (505) 722-4327, or visit our website at for more information.

**Map 1: Northwest RTPO Region**



## NWRTPO Member Survey

**1) Have you reviewed our Regional (long-range) Transportation Plan adopted in October 2015 and updated in 2018? Link: (NWNMCOG – PROGRAMS – Transportation Planning – Important Documents – Northwest Regional Transportation Plan | Updated August 2018)**

✓	YES:	
✓	NO:	

**2) For our NWRTPO Region and member governments what is your response to the following statements:**

✓ For each of the following rate your level of agreement:	1) Strongly Disagree	2	3) Indifferent – neither agree or disagree	4	5) Strongly Agree
The quality of transportation in our region is better than five (5) years ago:					
State and Regional Highway conditions have improved:					
NMDOT and our Counties are maintaining and operating our NWNM highway system well:					
NMDOT is planning future transportation investments well:					
I have good access to transportation options:					

**3) For our region's transportation infrastructure and service areas – rate your level of satisfaction:**

✓ Check the appropriate box	1) Very Dissatisfied	2	3) Neither agree or disagree	4	5) Very Satisfied
Pavement conditions:					
Highway congestion levels:					
Winter and general maintenance:					
Highway Safety:					
Multimodal bike and pedestrian options:					
Public transportation options and availability:					

**4) Which mode of transportation do you primarily use to work or school:**

	✓ frequently	✓ infrequently	✓ never
Personal vehicle:			
Car-pool:			
Public Transit:			
Bicycle or Walk:			

**5) How many miles a day is your average round trip to work or school:**

✓ Less than 10 miles:	
✓ Between 10 & 30 miles:	
✓ Between 30 & 60 miles:	
✓ Between 60 & 150 miles:	



**6) What do you see as appropriate investment areas for future transportation infrastructure or services?**

✓ Check the appropriate box:	1) Not important at all:	2	3) Neither agree or disagree:	4	5) Very Important:
Bicycle infrastructure, trails and facilities:					
Public transportation options:					
Reducing / addressing freight congestion:					
Transportation investments for economic development:					
Improving transportation system resiliency (reducing negative impacts to system infrastructure or services):					

**7) What is your opinion on the following financial investment areas in our region for transportation projects and programs:**

✓ For each of the following rate your level of agreement:	1) Strongly Disagree	2	3) Neither agree or disagree	4	5) Strongly Agree
Funding for highway facilities should be increased:					
Funding for non-highway facilities (e.g. local roads, trails & public transportation) should be increased:					
I support a gas tax increase for transportation investments:					
I support increased vehicle registration fees for transportation investments:					
I support local / regional sales tax increases to support transportation investments:					
The state should commit more general funds toward transportation:					
NMDOT should be able to issue more bonds to pay for transportation projects:					

**8) Does your community or county have an updated comprehensive plan, transportation plan, and/or special studies that might provide useful information for our LRTP update? If so, please email to Bob Kuipers at [rkuipers@nwnmcog.org](mailto:rkuipers@nwnmcog.org) or contact by phone at 505-722-4327.**

**9) Are there any other transportation priorities or projects that should be added to our Regional Transportation Plan?**

**10) Are you willing to participate as a steering committee member to help us review and fine-tune our Long Range Regional Transportation Plan update?**

**11) Do you have any additional questions regarding the NMDOT Long Range Transportation Plan update or our NWRTPO Regional Transportation Plan update – both of which are being undertaken at this time?**

**12) To help us better understand the results of this survey please provide the following information if you are willing:**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zipcode of residence:</li> <li>• County where you work:</li> <li>• Age:</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gender:</li> <li>• Number of licensed drivers in your household:</li> </ul>
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**Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization  
(NWRTPO)**

**Agenda Item #V: Annual Member Survey**

**Subject:** Annual RTPO member survey of program services and priorities

**Prepared for:** September 9, 2020 RTPO meeting with an October 14 deadline

**Date:** September 2, 2020

**BACKGROUND**

- **Why?** On an annual basis the NWRTPO conducts a survey to gauge the quality of program services and consider new priorities going forward
- **Purpose.** Staff seek to refine and improve RTPO management for local government transportation services and infrastructure development along with supporting cross-jurisdictional collaboration in the NWRTPO three county / four tribe region
- **Discussion/Finalization.** Members will be provided the survey via hard copy and email

**CURRENT WORK**

- Provide survey options so members can complete and submit no later than 10/14/20

**ANTICIPATED WORK**

- Staff will summarize survey results and provide feedback to members and DOT staff in October

**ATTACHMENTS**

- FFY2019 Member Survey Form

**BUDGET IMPACT**

- None.

**ACTION ITEM**

- N/A. Based on member feedback, staff will consider and develop recommendations for FFY2021

**Annual NWRTPO Member Survey**  
**FFY – 2020: October, 2019 – September, 2020**

**1) Please enter the number of training events you attended during FFY 2020:**

List (name) the trainings in the appropriate boxes so we can identify the types of trainings you've attended during this time period.

UNM-LTAP / TTAP: (Local Tech. Asst. Prgm. / Tribal Tech. Asst. Prgm.)	•
NHI National Hwy. Institute:	•
FHWA Fed. Hwy. Admin.:	•
Other:	•

**2) Which RTPO members have completed the NWRTPO orientation virtual presentation for your policy officials due in FFY2020 - 2021?**

Local Government:	In compliance until:	Local Government:	In compliance until:
San Juan County	5/29/20	Northern Navajo	1/15/21
McKinley County	5/08/20	Eastern Navajo	1/15/21
Cibola County	9/27/20	Pueblo of Acoma	4/27/20
Gallup	2/27/20	Pueblo of Laguna	6/09/20
Grants	3/05/20	Pueblo of Zuni	4/10/21
Milan	4/11/20	Ramah Navajo	3/26/20

**Response:** (Orientations can be provided at any time a local govt. feels they need another one based on elections and leadership turnover.)

**3) How would you rate the RTPO services over the FFY2020 term (Oct. 2019 – Sept. 2020):**

Rating	Comments:
✓ Excellent	
✓ Good	
✓ Fair	
✓ Needs Improvement	

**4) Please provide information on any presentations you are interested in having at an RTPO meeting:**

- A)
- B)
- C)
- D)

**5) Please provide any feedback on issues or ideas that would be helpful to improve the RTPO service to our local governments:**

- A)
- B)
- C)
- D)

**6) The RTPPO seeks opportunities to strengthen rural positioning for transportation resources, using data and performance measures. Do you have any new ideas or creative suggestions?**

- A)
- B)
- C)
- D)

**7) The Goals in our Regional Transportation Plan include:**

- 1) Operate with Transparency and Accountability
- 2) Improve safety and health for all system users
- 3) Maintain transportation assets for the long term
- 4) Provide multi-modal connectivity and access
- 5) Respect for NM cultures, environment, history and Quality of Life

Are there specific actions or strategies within these goals that you would like more focus toward on the part of NWRTPPO staff and members in the year ahead?





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## Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NWRTPO)

### Agenda Item #VI: RTIPR Revision Process and Timeline

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

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

**Date:** 9/2/20

#### BACKGROUND

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

#### CURRENT WORK

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

#### ANTICIPATED WORK

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

#### ATTACHMENTS

- RTIPR Revision Timeline
- PFF form - fillable

#### BUDGET IMPACT

- None.

#### ACTION ITEM

- No action needed other than getting started on a) reviewing the RTIPR and **recommending projects or phases that have been funded for removal**, and b) **submitting PFF's for new projects or phases.**

## NWRTPO Timeline

### RTIPR Revision

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#### June 2020 - March 2021:

Task	Timeframe/Due Date	Responsible Party
<b>Approval of RTIPR Revision Process &amp; Timeline</b>	May 13	NWRTPO
<b>Initial Announcement of RTIPR Revision to RTPO Members</b>	June 1, 2020	NWRTPO Staff
<b>Technical Assistance,</b> Contact the NWRTPO to set up a time and place with District staff.	July – September	NWRTPO & District Staff
<b>Project Feasibility Forms (PFF) Due</b> (Must be submitted by appropriate RTPO Member)	October 14	NWRTPO Members
<b>RTPO Staff review of PFFs for completeness</b>	October - November	NWRTPO Staff
<b>Draft RTIPR is presented to the NWRTPO Committee meeting</b> Cibola County Convention Room, 515 West High Street, Grants	January 13, 2021 @ 10AM	NWRTPO Members
<b>Final RTIPR is approved by NWRTPO Committee</b> McKinley Office of Emergency Mgmt., 2221 Boyd Ave., Gallup	February 10 @ 10AM	NWRTPO Members
<b>District 6 RTIPR (“zipper”) Meeting to finalize recommendations and priorities for inclusion into the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)</b> NMDOT District 6 Office, 1919 Pinon Drive, Milan	March 10 @ 10AM	District Staff, NWRTPO Members

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



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

For assistance, contact Robert Kuipers, RTPO Planner,  
at (505) 722-4327 or [rkuipers@nwnmcog.org](mailto:rkuipers@nwnmcog.org)

### GENERAL INFORMATION

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

Project Title: [Enter Project name](#)

Requesting Entity: [Enter Entity name](#)

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

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

Phone: [Enter phone #](#)

Email: [Enter email address](#)

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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

ROADWAY ☐

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

BRIDGE ☐

SAFETY ☐

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

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

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

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

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

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

STUDY/PLANNING ☐

PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING ☐

DESIGN ☐

CONSTRUCTION ☐

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT & TESTING ☐

## NATIONAL PERFORMANCE GOALS

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

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

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

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

Begin typing here. Box will expand as needed.

### PROJECT COSTS

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



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### DISTRICT 6 REVIEW:

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

By: Enter Name

Date: Click here to enter a date.

Recommended: Yes / No

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

Type District Comments here.

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## NORTHWEST NEW MEXICO RTPD

Recommends that:

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

## Topics to discuss during PFF consultation meetings:

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



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

**Agenda Item #VII: NWRTPO Regional Transportation  
Plan Implementation Tracker**

**Subject: Review of RTP Implementation Tracker for FFY2020**

**Prepared for: September 9, 2020 Virtual Meeting**

**Date: 9/02/2020**

**BACKGROUND**

- **Why?** On an annual basis RTPO staff complete an implementation tracker instrument that helps evaluate progress during the past fiscal year for implementing RTP recommendations.
- **Purpose.** Staff use this instrument to evaluate progress with RTP goals and implementation recommendations, along with any updates recommended for our Regional Transportation Plan.
- **Discussion/Finalization.** Staff will provide the current updated RTP tracker report to RTPO members.

**CURRENT WORK**

- RTP Implementation Tracker is updated to the greatest extent possible – based on regional analysis, and feedback from NMDOT staff

**ANTICIPATED WORK**

- None – update has been completed for this year, although staff are still waiting for information from several NMDOT Departments

**ATTACHMENTS**

- Updated RTP Implementation Tracker (thru 2018 and in some cases 2019)

**BUDGET IMPACT**

- None

**ACTION ITEM**

- N/A – provided for RTPO members information

## REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP)

### IMPLEMENTATION EVALUATION TRACKER

Last Updated: September 2019



#### Regional Transportation Planning Organization, Regional Transportation Plan: Action Item Responsibilities and Timeline

**Purpose:** This database compiles all of the Goals, Strategies, and Actions identified in the NWRTPO Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). It is designed to be a tool for the NWRTPO to assign responsibility for completing actions, set deadlines for completion, and track the progress towards meeting the goals outlined in the RTP. Each tab provides information for one of the goals in our RTP.





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## Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NWRTPO)

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

**Subject:** Discussion / Presentation Items

**Prepared by:** Robert Kuipers, NWRTPO

**Date:** 9/02/20

#### BACKGROUND

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

#### Informational Items

##### Regional News & Updates

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

##### Member Special Reports:

- None submitted prior to the meeting

##### NMDOT Reports:

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

##### News, Training & Funding Opportunities:

- FHWA Planning, Environment & Realty Reports: 8/6 and 8/20
- NMDOT Govt. to Govt. Update: 8/3 and 8/20
- AASHTO Publications: 8/11 and 8/26
- NMDOT / UNM-LTAP: Provides a very robust collection of training opportunities – staff forward news to members as it comes out from this source – reference at [ltap.unm.edu](http://ltap.unm.edu) – Online courses notice forwarded to members as LTAP emails come in
- Innovator News Letter: emailed to members 8/11
- Transet Conference: Sept. 1-2 emailed to members 8/11
- NMDOT Long Range Transportation Plan website: emailed to members 8/13
- National Transportation in Indian Country Conference: emailed to members 8/20
- Transportation GIS Tool Webinar: emailed to members 8/27
- Enhanced Maintenance Webinar: emailed to members 8/27
- Sept. 10 Innovation Exchange Webinar: emailed to members 8/27
- ROUTES – “Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success: USDOT Secretary Elaine Chao announced this new funding source supporting rural transportation needs in America.
- US DOT announces \$321.4 million in “Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects”: (NSFLTP) this funding will support maintenance repair or new construction for roads and bridges serving tribal or federal lands. <https://www.transportation.gov/briefing-room/fhwa1519>
- Title VI Training is available to MPO’s and RTPO’s from Lisa Neie – Civil Rights Manager for FHWA New Mexico. These trainings can be customized to address member concerns and issues for their regions, if provided to her in advance. Based on training length, we could provide it at one of our meetings.

**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.**



**August**  
**FFY2020**

August Monthly Report											
Function	Budgeted Hours Amendmt. #2	Q1	Q2	Q3	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Q4	Total Actual hours	Balance	Percentage budgeted differs from actuals*
1	200	26.75	40.50	57.00	45.50	60.00	0.00	105.50	229.75	-29.75	14.88%
2	200	33.75	13.00	209.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	256.75	-56.75	28.38%
3	300	58.75	51.50	18.00	7.50	6.00	0.00	13.50	141.75	158.25	-52.75%
4	350	25.50	134.75	123.00	1.00	2.00	0.00	3.00	286.25	63.75	-18.21%
5	600	129.00	145.25	202.50	76.00	45.50	0.00	121.50	598.25	1.75	-0.29%
6	450	130.00	79.75	157.00	50.50	11.50	0.00	62.00	428.75	21.25	-4.72%
TOTAL	2100	403.75	464.75	766.50	181.50	125.00	0.00	306.50	1941.50	158.50	-7.55%
* if budgeted hours differ from actual hours by more than 20% in any function, provide a narrative explanation below											



## RE: NMDOT Govt to Govt Update - Week of 08/03/20

Krueger, Neala, NMDOT <Neala.Krueger@state.nm.us>

Tue 8/11/2020 10:17 AM

To: Robert Kuipers <rkuipers@nwnmcog.org>

Thank you for spreading the word.

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**Subject:** [EXT] Fw: NMDOT Govt to Govt Update - Week of 08/03/20

**Importance:** High

RTPO members and DOT colleagues:

Just getting to this, as I was on vacation leave last week.

I would urge any of our members who are aware of recreational bike trail enthusiasts within your jurisdiction to encourage them to consider becoming part of the **NMDOT Recreational Trails Advisory Board**.

The reason is we are providing a lead role thru the NWNMCOG and NWRTPO for 200 miles of recreational trails development in the Zuni Mountains in McKinley and Cibola Counties. This has already resulted in **three national 24 hour mountain bike races** on the McKinley trails, each of which brought in around \$1.2 to \$1.3 million dollars into our region's economy! Some of the **participating bike enthusiasts indicated that they enjoyed our trails even more than the Moab Utah trails** - which is almost an international mecca for mountain biking! I believe that one of our Pueblos - either Laguna or Acoma, has an individual who has signed up to be on the advisory board - Dave, Raymond or Brandon - let me know who that individual is. None the less, it would be great if we had a couple more

bike trail enthusiasts on the RTAB advisory board, from our region, as we are investing \$ millions in grant funding to build out our region's trails - both in the Zuni Mountains and in the Mt. Taylor area - in both cases, avoiding sacred tribal sites and archaeological sites. Thanks to our members for consideration in this regard, and spreading the word!

Also please note the **Tribal / Local Public Agency (T/LPA) Handbook information below**, as we will be discussing this in our NWRTPO meeting tomorrow, with participation from Jolene Herrera who along with Jessica Hunter, took the lead role in the TLPA Handbook update.

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#### **Recreational Trails Advisory Board (RTAB) Open Seats (Maggie Moore)**

On behalf of Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham, the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) seeks applicants for the Recreational Trails Advisory Board (RTAB). All eligible applicants are encouraged to apply. The RTAB members serve an advisory role for the Recreational Trails Program administration, project development, scoring and selection of projects. Ideal applicants are enthusiastic supporters and users of recreational trails, representing a diverse range of perspectives and experiences from around the state. Please share this information with your networks. To be considered for a seat, applicants must complete the attached RTAB Application and submit it to Maggie Moore at [Maggie.moore@state.nm.us](mailto:Maggie.moore@state.nm.us), by August 14, 2020.

#### **Tribal/Local Public Agency (T/LPA) Program Website Update (Jolene Herrera)**

The NMDOT website was recently updated and the T/LPA webpage has a new location. The link is here: [https://dot.state.nm.us/content/nmdot/en/POD\\_Pubs.html](https://dot.state.nm.us/content/nmdot/en/POD_Pubs.html). To access it from the main NMDOT webpage, click on the “Business” icon, then on the right-hand side in the middle there is a direct link to “Tribal/Local Public Agency”. We’ve also added a new section titled “T/LPA Training Program” at the top of the page which has links to the Handbook, the PDF version of the PowerPoint Presentation, the chapter worksheets, and videos of the Handbook training (broken up by chapter) that Jessica Hunter and Jolene Herrera provided March/April of 2019. Please distribute to your T/LPAs.

#### **FFY21-22 Planning Work Program (Jessica Griffin)**

On 7/31, Jessica submitted the FFY21-22 Planning Work Program, which includes the MPOs’ UPWPs and RTPOs’ RWP, to FHWA-NM and FTA Region 6 for their review.

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

- August 4, 9am, virtual: Open Meetings Act/Inspection of Public Records Act Training; training is free, but registration is required via this [webpage](#). You may contact the NM Attorney General’s Office at [roadshows@nmag.gov%20]roadshows@nmag.gov with any questions. Currently the NM Attorney General’s Office has no scheduled in-person trainings for 2020, due to COVID-19 restrictions. When trainings are scheduled, they are announced on the NM AG’s [website](#).
- August 5, noon, webinar: USDOT’s Meaningful Engagement for Environmental Justice Without Public Meetings webinar. More info and registration at this [link](#).
- September 15, time TBD, Santa Fe MPO (with virtual option): MPO Quarterly meeting; please contact Erick Aune, SFMPO Officer, at [ejaune@santafenm.gov](mailto:ejaune@santafenm.gov) with any questions or agenda items.
- October 5-9, virtual: American Planning Association-New Mexico Chapter (APA-NM) annual conference; the conference will be held in conjunction with other APA state chapters (TX, OK, AR, KS and LA); more info available here: <http://apa-nm.org/conferences/2020-conference/>.

Thanks and hope everyone continues to be safe and healthy!

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NMDOT FFY2020\_PWP\_Amendment 10 Approval Letter.pdf; STIP Manual Concurrence Letter - August -2020 Final Signed.pdf; STIP Procedures Manual Final 8-3-2020.docx.pdf; 2020\_0722\_Letter to MPOs RE 2 year stip cycle REVISED - signed.pdf; 2020\_0812\_2021\_HSIP\_PM\_1\_TargetReport\_FINAL.pdf; COVID AMPO.Reg Relief.pdf; COVID AMPO.Reply.pdf; LTAP Trainings.pdf;

RTPO members and DOT colleagues:

The latest Govt. to Govt. update with appreciation to Rosa Kozub.

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**FFY19-20 Planning Work Program Amendment 10 (Jessica Griffin)**

FHWA-NM and FTA Region 6 approved amendment 10 to the FFY19-20 Planning Work Program. See attached letter. This amendment included several formal amendments to MPO UPWPs and RTPO RWP.

**STIP Procedures Manual (Jolene Herrera) and UPWP Amendments (GTG Liaisons)**

FHWA-NM and FTA Region 6 concurred with the recent update to the NMDOT STIP Procedures Manual (see attached letter, as well as the updated STIP Procedures Manual). The updated Manual will be uploaded to the NMDOT website shortly. The updated STIP Manual reflects NMDOT's policy decision to remain on a 2-year STIP cycle, and not change to the 4-year cycle, per Deputy Secretary Reese's July 22, 2020 letter to the MPOs (attached). MPOs will need to review their FFY21-22 UPWPs and assess 1) if an amendment is necessary to reflect the 2-year STIP and 2) if an amendment is needed to allocate staff time to meet the 2-year STIP procedures, as outlined in the STIP Manual. Please note that the UPWPs cannot be amended until we receive notification from FHWA-NM/FTA Region 6 regarding their review of the FFY21-22 PWP, including the UPWPs.

**Performance Measure (PM) 1 Safety Targets (Jessica Griffin)**

On Aug. 12 Jessica distributed the PM 1 Safety Target report to the MPOs (also attached). The MPOs have until Feb. 27, 2021 to formally adopt the NMDOT PM 1 targets or set their own quantifiable targets.

**FHWA/AMPO Correspondence re. COVID-19**

The Association of MPOs (AMPO) and FHWA corresponded on various MPO requirements in the time of COVID. Please see the attached letters, one from AMPO to FHWA and then FHWA's response letter. These letters do a good job of itemizing some of the challenges that MPOs are currently facing, as well as outlining the appropriate regulatory framework for addressing the challenges.

**Outdoor Recreation Division Special Project and Infrastructure Grant**

New Mexico's Outdoor Recreation Division announced September 14, 2020 as the deadline to apply to the Special Projects and Infrastructure Grant. They will hold an informational webinar on the program and application process.

**Webinar:** How to Apply for the Outdoor Recreation Division's Special Projects and Infrastructure Grant

**When:** August 18, 2020; 2-3PM

**Registration:** <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8361167312957975054>

**Deadline to Apply for Grant:** 5pm on September 14, 2020

For more information on the funding program visit [nmoutside.com/resources](http://nmoutside.com/resources)

**New Mexico Local Technical Assistance Program (NM LTAP)**

The NM LTAP Center at UNM continues to offer numerous virtual trainings, available to all across the state. Please see the attached LTAP Trainings document and consider sharing with your member entities. Also, please [sign up for their email list](#) in order to receive the updates directly. At the bottom of the attached, the LTAP program is asking for your (and your member entities') input via a survey. The results will help LTAP select trainings that are useful to your member entities.

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