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# Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NWRTPO)

## RTPO Joint Technical & Policy Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

10:00 am

Virtual Meeting – Microsoft Teams

## AGENDA

### ROUTINE ITEMS:

Item #	Item	Presenter
I.	Call to Order and Introductions	Dorothy Claw, Chairman
II.	Action: Agenda	Dorothy Claw, Chairman
III.	Action: Minutes – August 10, 2022 meeting	Dorothy Claw, Chairman

**ACTION ITEMS:** None this meeting

### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Item #	Item	Presenter
IV.	Review & Discuss: Staff to distribute annual member survey for FFY 2022 (Oct., 2021 – Sept., 2022)	Robert Kuipers
V.	Present: NWRTPO FFY2023-2024 Regional Work Program	Robert Kuipers
VI.	Present: NM118 mp 11 – 27 Improvements	Francine Pacheco – Horrocks Engineering
VII.	Present: UNM-LTAP Training	Robert Kuipers / UNM-LTAP Staff
VIII.	Review & Discuss: Upcoming Funding Opportunities and Timelines	Robert Kuipers

### REPORTS: (10-minute limit)

*Please submit Written Reports for inclusion in minutes*

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

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, October 12 – NWNM Council of Governments 106 W. Aztec Ave., Gallup, NM (unless otherwise determined or virtual via MTeams)

### ADJOURNMENT

**RTPO minutes - August 10 meeting**

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Mon 8/15/2022 2:20 PM

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 1 attachments (518 KB)

Minutes - 8.10.22 FINAL.pdf;

RTPO Members and DOT Colleagues:

Attached are the minutes from our August 10 meeting.

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**NWRTPO | Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization**

Joint Policy &amp; Technical Committee

**NWRTPO Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday August 10, 2022

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Virtual meeting executed via Microsoft Teams

Due to COVID-19 Pandemic

**ATTENDANCE:**

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

<b>New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT)</b>	
<b>Entity</b>	<b>Representative(s)</b>
RTPO Liaison	<b>Neala Krueger</b> ,
District 5	James Mexia, <b>Amanda Nino</b>
District 6	Bill Santiago, Michael Neely, <b>Clayton Garner</b>
Tribal Liaison	<b>Ron Shutiva</b>
DOT Central Regional Design Office	James Sanchez, Juan Archuletta
Other NMDOT Staff / Guests	<b>Charla Glendenning</b> – Wilson & Co., <b>Shannon Devine</b> , Luke Smith - NMDOT

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

**Tally Sheet – Attendance & Quorum**

<b>Total Full Attendance:</b>	<b>Member Entities:</b>	<b>NMDOT</b>	<b>RTPO</b>	<b>Guests (Transit)</b>	<b>Full Attendance Norm:</b>	
	<b>12</b>	<b>Normally 4-5: DOT Liaison, Tribal Liaison, District 5 &amp; 6 Representatives</b>		<b>varies</b>	<b>17 - 20</b>	
<b>Attendance – this meeting:</b>	<b>Member Attendance:</b>	<b>NMDOT Attendance:</b>	<b>Staff:</b>	<b>Guests:</b>	<b>Attendance % this meeting:</b>	<b>TOTAL:</b>
	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>15</b>

**ROUTINE ITEMS:**

Item #	Item
I.	<b>Call to Order and Introductions.</b> The meeting was called to order at <b>10:10</b> am, Bob Kuipers welcomed those in attendance, and Dorothy Claw proceeded with introductions and approval of agenda and minutes. The virtual meeting was conducted via Microsoft Teams, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
II.	<b>Agenda.</b> RTPO Staff provided an overview of the day's agenda topics and RTPO Staff Dorothy Claw called for a motion:  <b>ACTION:</b> EDWIN BEGAY - NDOT motioned; Linda Cook – Milan seconded adoption of the agenda. All in favor – motion carried.
III.	<b>Minutes (July 13, 2022).</b> RTPO Staff provided time for review of minutes and there were no revisions requested,  <b>ACTION:</b> Edwin Begay - NDOT motioned; Linda Cooke - Milan seconded adoption of the minutes. All in favor – motion carried.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Item #	Item	Presenter
IV.	<b>Action: Confirm new RTPO Chair and elect new Vice-Chair</b>	<b>Robert Kuipers, RTPO staff</b>
<b>BACKGROUND</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Why?</b> Current RTPO Chair Don Jaramillo is now the Manager for the City of Grants, which is a demanding enough position regarding his time and focus, that he has chosen to resign from chairing the NWRTPO.</li> <li>• <b>Purpose.</b> Dorothy Claw our current Vice-Chair has agreed to assume the RTPO Chair position, which is our standard process, leaving a vacancy to fill for the RTPO Vice-Chair</li> <li>• <b>Discussion/Finalization.</b> Members will confirm Dorothy Claw as our Chair, and vote to elect a new vice-chair for the NWRTPO.</li> </ul>		
<b>CURRENT WORK</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Based on interested candidates, the NWRTPO members will confirm Dorothy Claw as our Chair and vote to elect a new vice-chair for the NWRTPO.</li> </ul>		
<b>ANTICIPATED WORK</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Vice Chair helps RTPO staff run meetings at times when the RTPO Chair is not available for the meeting.</li> </ul>		
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated NWRTPO Membership List</li> <li>• Vice Chair opportunity announcement</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>• RTPO members will vote to elect a new RTPO Vice-Chair</li> </ul>		

**Discussion:**

- Robert Kuipers reminded RTPO members that it is a regular process for the NWRTPO to move the Vice Chair into the Chair position if the Chair resigns; therefore Dorothy Claw of Ramah Navajo, our previous Vice-Chair has accepted the Chair position.

- For the Vice-Chair, the only candidate who has expressed interest is Gaylord Siow of Pueblo of Acoma, so we are asking our members to vote to confirm his assignment to this position today
- **Members unanimously voted to support Dorothy Claw as NWRTPO Chair, and Gaylord Siow as NWRTPO Vice-Chair.**

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Item #	Item	Presenter
V.	<b><i>Present: Prewitt / Milan Transportation Master Plan</i></b>	<b>Charla Glendening- Wilson &amp; Co.</b>

BACKGROUND
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Why?</b> The recent closure of the Escalante Electric Generating plant at the Prewitt Park resulted in the loss of around 100 jobs. Improving road and rail access to these parks will hopefully reinvigorate opportunities to attract new manufacturing and industry job opportunities.</li><li>• <b>Purpose.</b> Support industry growth and job opportunities thru improved road and rail access.</li><li>• <b>Discussion/Finalization.</b> Present Plan recommendations for improved road and rail access.</li></ul>
CURRENT WORK
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Complete and finalize the PMTMP Road and Rail Access recommendations with Wilson &amp; Co.</li></ul>
ANTICIPATED WORK
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consider next steps to attract industry and reinvigorate the Prewitt, Milan and Cibola Industrial Parks based on improved road and rail access.</li></ul>
ATTACHMENTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PMTMP Presentation – Wilson &amp; Co.</li><li>• PMTMP Condensed Summary</li></ul>
BUDGET IMPACT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• None</li></ul>
ACTION ITEM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• N/A</li></ul>

#### Discussion:

- Charla Glendening of Wilson & Co. provided a summary presentation of the work accomplished to improve roadway and rail access to our region's industrial parks, primarily focused on the Prewitt and Milan parks, but including the Milan Golf Course site (potential but undeveloped) and Cibola Industrial Park as well.
- There was some considerable discussion with RTPO members – particularly from this region on jurisdictional issues and potential for these parks.
- Gaylord Siow recommended developing a regional committee to help pursue more funding for future development of these parks.

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VI.	<b>Present: Safe Streets &amp; Roads for All Funding</b>	Robert Kuipers – RTPO Staff
<b>BACKGROUND</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Why?</b> Another forthcoming funding opportunity – Sept. 15 deadline</li> <li>• <b>Purpose.</b> Keep RTPO members aware of this and a multitude of other funding opportunities over the next five years.</li> <li>• <b>Discussion/Finalization.</b> Present this and other funding opportunities, forthcoming over the next five years</li> </ul>		
<b>CURRENT WORK</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members are encouraged to consider applying for this funding, to improve safety in high-incidence accident areas for both vehicles and pedestrians</li> </ul>		
<b>ANTICIPATED WORK</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members to consider applying for this funding</li> </ul>		
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SS4A guidance documentation</li> </ul>		
<b>BUDGET IMPACT</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>		
<b>ACTION ITEM</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>		

**Discussion:**

- Robert Kuipers provided a condensed overview of this funding opportunity, and the information required for a competitive grant application, along with additional information links – including guidance for the Grants.gov requirements (Unique Entity Identifier).
- In the meeting package there is also guidance from Becky Crowe – FHWA Office of Safety, and Paul Teicher – USDOT Office of the Secretary; as well as guidance from an April 28 webinar for Tribal Governments.

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VII.	<b>Review &amp; Discuss: RTPO Members Training Interests</b>	Robert Kuipers – RTPO Staff
<b>BACKGROUND</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Why?</b> With consideration toward COVID restrictions and safety for our members, staff have engaged UNM-LTAP to provide 30 minute to one hour trainings at our monthly virtual meetings</li> <li>• <b>Purpose.</b> While these may extend our meetings by a little bit, this is a safe way to engage training opportunities to increase the value of our meetings for our members.</li> <li>• <b>Discussion/Finalization.</b> Staff will engage our members to discuss potential training priorities for which we could engage UNM-LTAP at our meetings.</li> </ul>		
<b>CURRENT WORK</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff have engaged UNM-LTAP staff for 30 minute to one hour trainings at our monthly virtual meetings to provide a safe training opportunity during this pandemic. Staff are recommending maybe 2 – 3 trainings over a period of 12 months, based on member priorities.</li> <li>• Members will identify their training priorities, so staff can appropriately engage UNM-LTAP.</li> </ul>		
<b>ANTICIPATED WORK</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNM-LTAP to provide 2 – 3 trainings over the next 9 – 12 months.</li> </ul>		
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>		
<b>BUDGET IMPACT</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If some trainings include costs, staff will consider paying through our RTPO budget.</li> </ul>		
<b>ACTION ITEM</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A.</li> </ul>		

**Discussion:**

- Robert Kuipers covered the past training preferences offered from RTPO members, and covered the various courses offered from UNM-LTAP, including eight (8) categories of fifty two (52) transportation development courses; and six (6) categories of twenty one (21) Leadership Development courses.
- Some of these trainings require payment, some are offered free of charge.
- Member discussion emphasized a need for grant writing training for our members – especially with the increasing requirement for data support.
- Staff indicated that we are requesting two to three trainings per twelve month period, at a length of 30 minutes to one hour in our monthly meetings, and that some of the longer trainings, may take several meetings to complete.
- Staff indicated that we may commence this training at our September 14 meeting.

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VIII.	<b>Review &amp; Discuss: Reports, Updates and Announcements</b>	Robert Kuipers – RTPO Staff
<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 Reports</li> <li>• RTPO Monthly Report</li> <li>• Member Reports</li> </ul>		
<b>Member Special Reports:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None this meeting</li> </ul>		
<b>NMDOT Reports:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• G to G Liaison: Neala Krueger</li> <li>• Tribal Liaison: Ron Shutiva</li> <li>• District 6: Bill Santiago &amp; staff; District 5: James Mexia,</li> </ul>		
<b>News, Training &amp; Funding Opportunities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>FHWA Planning, Environment &amp; Realty Reports</u>: none for the past month</li> <li>• <u>NMDOT Govt. to Govt. Update</u>: 7/15/22</li> <li>• <u>AASHTO Publications</u>: none</li> <li>• <u>NMDOT / UNM-LTAP</u>: Provides a very robust collection of training opportunities – staff forward news to members as it comes out from this source – reference at <a href="http://ltap.unm.edu">ltap.unm.edu</a> – <b>Online courses notice</b> forwarded to members as LTAP emails come in.</li> <li>• <u>Title VI Training</u> is available to MPO's and RTPO's from Lisa Neie – Civil Rights Manager for FHWA New Mexico. These trainings can be customized to address member concerns and issues for their regions, if provided to her in advance.</li> <li>• <u>PMTMP Draft Final Report</u>: 7/01/22 – not in this package – too large</li> <li>• <u>Railroad Crossing Elimination Program grant opportunity</u>: 7/13/22</li> <li>• <u>Reconnecting Communities Grant webinar</u>: 7/14/22</li> <li>• <u>Human Environment Digest</u>: 7/14/22</li> <li>• <u>Air Quality and Sustainable Highlights</u>: 7/25/22</li> <li>• <u>Land and Water Conservation Fund grant opportunity</u>: 7/25/22</li> <li>• <u>National Center for Rural Roadway Safety – Complete Streets for Rural Areas webinar</u>: 7/26/22</li> <li>• <u>North American Transborder Freight Report</u>: 7/27/22</li> <li>• <u>Rural Road Safety Center Training Announcements</u>: 7/28/22</li> <li>• <u>National Transportation in Indian Country Conference</u>: Aug. 22-26, 2022 – Louisville, Kentucky</li> </ul>		

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

**RTPO Reports:**

- Robert Kuipers provided the July Staff Hours report, the Q-3 April – June Financial Report, and the Monthly Report for July, 2022; and provided in the meeting package a report from the National Regional Transportation Conference (July 19 – 21) in Kansas City, Missouri.



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

**Pueblo of Acoma**

- **The Mesa Hill Bridge project remains unfunded and ongoing as the #1 bridge project, but is fully designed and construction ready with support from NMDOT. The issue is just obtaining significant funding (around \$30 million) from USDOT with every round of major funding they provide. The RAISE grant may be the next opportunity. The Pueblo is updating the NEPA and again getting permission from land owners. Pueblo is working on the SP36 and SP30 connector roads to this bridge, along with a right of way map for the bridge. Pueblo is pursuing funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and other funding sources.**
- Pueblo of Acoma has hired a Civil Engineer – Dennis Felipe Jr. who will be the alternate rep. to the NWRTPO.
- The Pueblo's TTIP (Tribal Transportation Improvement Program) is in process with Federal Highway Admin.
- **Gaylord Siow is now the new Project Manager for the Pueblo of Acoma.**
- CMGC2 – 4 Projects are now complete.
- **Acoma Business Park is commencing design which is now at 60%. The Pueblo is also developing parking lots for some of their outdoor parks. The Pueblo has received \$1.5 million from Senator Heinrich for the Acoma Business Park.**
- **NM124 Extension to NM117 has been partially funded thru the Transportation Project Fund which is our current #1 roadway priority. The Pueblo will collaborate with NMDOT Dist. 6 and has submitted an agreement and resolution for approval. The Pueblo is now waiting on an agreement to proceed from NMDOT Secretary Sandoval. It appears that unlike DOT Dist. 6 advice, the Pueblo will first have to execute design (funded at \$1 million) and cannot go directly to construction. The Pueblo is now executing a contract for design.**
- **Haaku Road – SP38 is a new priority for the Pueblo for design and reconstruction to improve the corridor to the Sky City Pueblo and Pueblo Museum and Visitor Center – hope to undertake design in 2022. The Pueblo has submitted a TPF request for \$2,900,000 for design of road improvements for the FFY2023 round of this funding. The Pueblo has submitted a grant application to the Federal RAISE grant opportunity; and seeking support from Senators Heinrich and Lujan.**
- **Pueblo is seeking funding for full reconstruction of SP30 – Pueblo Road (10.6 miles).**
- **The Pueblo is working with DOT Dist. 6 to address drainage issues for the San Lorenzo Road (SP35) and requesting to take over responsibility for this road from NMDOT.**
- **Pueblo is looking to replace two bridges (m124, m123) on SP34 Fatima Hill Road.**
- **The Pueblo continues attention toward the Pinsbaari Road bike and pedestrian trail.**
- FEMA 4352 Large Projects All FEMA Large projects have been completed (104 projects!) - \$13 million a year ahead of time; the Pueblo is now addressing finishing the small projects and only has one to go.
- **The Pueblo has completed their update to their Long-Range Transportation Plan; WH Pacific will do traffic analysis counts to contribute to the Pueblo's LRTP. To mitigate COVID 19 delays, the Pueblo has developed a survey for public input which is also available on Survey Monkey. A supporting resolution is ready for submission to FHWA.**
- **The Pueblo is also updating their Transportation Safety Plan at this time. Public involvement meetings are postponed due to COVID-19, which will delay completion dates for these plans; however, thru distributing a survey at the local Food Pantry, the Pueblo has achieved a 41% response rate from the public for both transportation plans!**
- **FEMA 4352: Small Projects: Recovery work has begun; the POA Public Works / Utility Authority was awarded the small projects (65) at \$2.2 million capital investment. 45 projects have been completed; 22 projects remain. All projects have been completed at this time.**
- **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 working on drainage improvements along the NM53 corridor mp 15.5 to 19.5 – creating culverts and ponds.**
- **The Pueblo's Veterans Memorial Park will have a grand opening on June10.**
- **Major work around Monsoon flooding – hauling sand and sand bagging, clearing debris from drainage infrastructure, some Zuni homes have flood damage, some roads washed out; major road maintenance with heavy equipment.**

- **NMDOT Contract #CN6101091 – Meridian Contracting working on drainage issues and retention ponds; this includes installing concrete box culverts. Asphalt paving will continue when weather permits.**
- **Have received FHWA Tribal Transportation Program funding for FFY22. – Prepping for construction in FY23.**
- **Asphalt crack sealing work is ongoing along with mowing tall weeds.**
- **Will be seeking quotes for highway traffic striping.**
- The Pueblo is under lock down with little administrative activity due to COVID-19 pandemic; the Pueblo has extended re-opening until sometime in the future, depending on how long COVID-19 persists.
- Bid packages for Shiwi Ts'ana Elementary School access and Z301 / NM53 intersection improvements were opened July 12 – with one bid submitted. Notice of award offered to Albuquerque Sparling Construction company for both projects combined.
- Zuni purchased a dump truck with FHWA Coronavirus funds.
- The Pueblo is looking to purchase a backup generator for the Andrew Othole Memorial Airport.
- **Zuni Transportation Dept. submitted documents to the Governors Office to fund two historical and cultural sites of significance with related road improvement projects.**
- US Dept. of Treasury set aside \$20 billion for Native American Tribes under American Rescue Plan. Zuni received it's first distribution – Road Dept. will submit road improvement project that leads to significant historical site for tourism
- Road maintenance projects continue related to flooding around the Pueblo.
- Royce is now also the Airport Manager. Receipt of FAA grant agreement for developing an Airport Master Plan for the Andrew Othole Memorial (AOM) Airport. The master plan will be developed by the Pueblo's airport consultant – Armstrong Consultant's, Inc.
- Erin Kenley, TTP Director and Brian Allen, TTP Fields Operation Manager – both from the Office of Tribal Transportation visited Zuni on August 10 and met with the Governor and Tribal Council on a number of issues. Discussed the tribal self-governance program within the US DOT and FHWA.
- The Pueblo continues to update its long-range transportation plan. The plan is now in final draft form and being put out on the Pueblo website and Facebook for public comment. The draft plan is awaiting recommendations for next steps on how to present to the public.
- The pedestrian trail project plan is now 100% complete – will move forward for FHWA approval.
- On-call A/E consultants are working on designs for Ruins Road, North/South Sandy Springs Road, Harker Circle, the intersection of Ojo Caliente/Pia Mesa and pedestrian trails. Ruins Road is now at 95% completion.
- Ongoing road maintenance around the Pueblo. This includes crews addressing mowing, culvert repairs, blading gravel or dirt roads, asphalt pothole repairs and vegetation control.
- Virtual Presentation meeting with NMDOT and WHPacific on the NM53 Drainage project being designed by by WHPacific to make improvements from MP15.5 to 19, due to undersized culvert pipes and overtopping of flood waters on NM53 (also Zuni Mainstreet). First meeting was held on October 7.
- There are demolition projects in the Pueblo for the Lemon Tree/Zuni Laundromat building and the old Zuni Water Dept. building.
- The Pueblo is undertaking construction of an RV Park.
- The Pueblo has worked with Ashiwi Transit and Gallup Express to extend transit service to the Ramah Navajo area.
- The Pueblo has engaged contractual on call engineering services for future transportation development.
- The Ashiwi transit system received a national award at the 2019 National RTAP (*Rural Transportation Assistance Program*) conference. **Ashiwi Transit received another award plaque for their service during the COVID pandemic.**
- Ashiwi Transit will resume when all safety precautionary measures have been installed on the transit vehicles. Local and Gallup services will resume on a limited basis, but only on demand or appointments. Extension to Ramah / Pinehill is temporarily on hold until further notice around COVID-19 concerns. Ashiwi Transit is now back in service.

#### McKinley County

- **Pending projects for the County include CR-19 improvements. CR19 – 18.6 miles of chip-sealing is now moving toward completion.**
- **The County's Local Government Road Fund projects for FFY2021 are now complete; working on certifications for 2022 projects at this time.**
- The County had their ribbon cutting ceremony for Manuelito Canyon bridge replacement on September 10, 2021 – the event was well attended by State and regional legislative leaders along with President Jonathon Nez of the Navajo Nation.

- The County will benefit with \$23 million for improvements to the Carbon Coal Road intersection in Gamerco with US491, which leads to the developing Energy Logistics Park (and potential Inland Port).
- The County has finished chip sealing Pine Haven road; will use remaining funds to finish improvements on Allison road.
- **Cousins Road and CR-1 will move into phase 2 repairs. Superman Canyon Road (CR43) and Old Church Rock Mine Bridge (CR15) are next projects on the list. Church Rock Mine Bridge is getting started at this time.**
- **Funded FFY2022 projects will commence this summer**
- Ongoing county-wide maintenance including blading, patching potholes, cleaning culverts, repairing bridges / guardrails, etc. The County has completed the ZMTP Milk Ranch Trail Head.

#### Gallup

- **Gallup Mainstreet Project** – Ground breaking May 13; construction commenced July 1. **Coal Avenue Commons** both MAP and Legislative Agreements have been executed by the State. The City is working with Wilson & Co. and NMDOT District 6 on the final PS&E. City Council approved Wilson & Co.'s professional engineering proposal for construction management. The Mainstreet grant resolution was approved by City Council for this project. Between MAP, State Legislative, Economic and City funding the Coal Avenue Commons project phase 1 is now complete with final walk thru executed 7/20/21. **The City has been funded for phase 2 from the NM Transportation Project Fund – and has been awarded \$3,500,000 from this fund to complete this project. The city commenced construction on May 2, starting with alley improvements. Intersection of Coal Ave. and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street has been completed**
- **East Nizhoni and West Aztec improvements are currently in design phase – East Nizhoni received news from NMDOT Dist. 6 that the City was awarded MAP funding for East Nizhoni Ave - \$900,000. Phase 2 Nizhoni Blvd. and College Drive intersection out to BID soon. West Aztec – meeting with property owner has been executed and now moving forward to complete design. East Nizhoni Phase 2 construction was awarded by the City Council. Working on a West Aztec utility easement agreement.**
- **West Aztec drainage** legislative grant has been executed and engineering services have been awarded to begin design; notice of obligation has been submitted and approved by the state. **Property owner has submitted proposal to City for utility easement – now completed and moving to complete design.**
- **Local Govt. Road Fund funded projects have completed mill and overlay for planned roads; received word from NMDOT Dist. 6 that the City was awarded funds for our next project. Work is in progress.**
- The City has submitted a Letter of Intent for Coop funding.
- **2nd and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street pedestrian safety improvements RFP for design was awarded, along with 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Quiet Zone awarded for design.**
- **CDBG RFP was awarded – working on paperwork for DFA approval.**
- **Federal Aviation Admin. application for \$5 million has been submitted for our airport taxi-way and connectors. The City has been awarded and construction began on April 11, 2022. Construction is now at 90%.**

#### Milan

- Linda Cooke reported on work to improve Airport Road which will commence on August 22.
- There has been some flooding but no major problems.
- Working toward street improvements for Willow Drive, Elkins Road, Motel Drive and Tiejien Street
- Various ongoing lighting projects
- Need to address repair for NM605 bridge
- Need to address a Mill Road and Rail crossing

#### Ramah

- Ramah is dealing with a lot of monsoon rain and flood road repairs as an increasing priority.
- Ramah is looking to draft an agreement with Cibola County for road maintenance.
- Condolences to the community for the loss of Shane Lewis, who accomplished significant transportation development on behalf of the Ramah Navajo community.
- Ramah Navajo has filled two positions after the departure of Shane Lewis with Dorothy Claw as primary transportation developer and Tom Martine as transportation assistant – these individuals are also the primary and alternative representatives to the NWRTPO.

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

#### Cibola County

- Cibola County has hired a new Road Superintendent by the name of Ed Salazar.
- The County is doing "blade and shape" maintenance on 84.7 miles of 14 County Roads; and a variety of other maintenance (cattle guards / culverts / sign repair / tree trimming & weed control / mowing / pot-hole patching / and minor road repairs) for 24 county roads.
- **The County has completed an emergency bypass at this time for the CR-5 Moquino bridge, and is awaiting TPF 2023 funding to repair the bridge in the future.**
- ZMTP RTP trail project is funded for FFY2020 construction – working with McKinley County for trails development beginning with the Quartz Hill Trail Head. Construction will likely not proceed until FFY2021 Spring & Summer for the Cibola portion of the Zuni Mountain Recreational Trails. **Cibola County has now been cleared to be the fiscal agent for this project and will no longer need McKinley County's assistance; trail development and construction is commencing.** Cibola, COG and NMDOT staff had a virtual internal planning meeting on Jan. 19 at 9am with Arnold from the Forest Service to discuss updated scope of work for this project. **The County has commenced work on the Trail Head project and has submitted an extension request to JoAnn Garcia at NMDOT.**

- Cibola County has submitted an RFP due March 23 for a new public safety building, and will conduct a pre-proposal meeting; six (6) construction firms have responded thus far.
- CR-18B and CR1 road / bridge projects are current priorities. CR-18B awarded LGTPF funding – LGTPF contract is complete and submitted. CR18-B – RFP closed Friday – 12/4 and are currently reviewing applications – much appreciation to JoAnn Garcia from NMDOT District 6. Two firms responded to the RFP and the Cibola Commission determined the award at their January 14 meeting. **CR18-B has commenced ROW work; drainage work is ongoing and construction for CR18-B bridge to commence in August or Sept. ; CR-1 has issued an RFP to Engineering Firms.**
- **CR-57 A is having a culvert replaced, and the County is starting on cattle guard replacements, as well as removing sand on various roads related to wind conditions.**
- Coop projects will begin soon.
- Ongoing County wide maintenance for County and Forest Roads.

#### Grants

- The City recently had a ribbon cutting ceremony for the pedestrian bridge on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. **The bridge and channel are almost completed. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Shared Path Loop has been awarded \$1.1 million in TAP funding.**
- Riverwalk trail: Design at 100% from WHPacific, Project is on hold for the time being.
- First Street phase 2 – Adams to Roosevelt: design at 100%; added a pond and lift station on Geis Street for drainage; allotted \$1.8 million from 2019 state legislature for **final phase 3 from Washington to Roosevelt which was recently awarded is now complete.** Final PS&E was scheduled for this August and project letting is scheduled for September. Total project stands at \$6.2 million. **Striping is now complete; anticipated completion coming soon.**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> street bridge out to bid for construction to commence in July – **2<sup>nd</sup> Street Channel project is now complete for Jefferson Ave. to the Rio San Jose.**
- Washington bridge replacement over 2<sup>nd</sup> Street through LGTPF funding will include a walking opportunity for High School students; project construction is underway – commenced in June. **Funding was awarded at \$750,000 for the Anderman to Sage St. portion from NM CDBG funds.**
- Lobo Canyon and Roosevelt intersection improvements are underway and ongoing. **Roosevelt Bridge is at 60% design.**

#### Pueblo of Laguna

- **Gaylord Siow has moved from Laguna to Acoma, so Elroy Keetso is now the primary representative for Laguna.**
- **The Pueblo remains under COVID restrictions, and is looking for a transportation specialist – no other major news now.**
- **The Pueblo remains closed to the public, and administration is closed until the COVID-19 Pandemic resides. For I-40 MP 111 – 117 exists are closed to the Pueblo. Access NM124 via I-40 MP108 and 117 exits.**
- Gaylord informed COG RTPO staff that the Pueblo has six official villages – not seven – staff will execute this correction going forward.
- **The Pueblo is consulting with the MRRTPO for Laguna Pueblo lands within their jurisdiction.**
- The Pueblo is pursuing an FHWA grant to develop a Pueblo-wide (all Villages / roads) Safety Plan and will be seeking data sources identifying various crash incidents, and high crash incident locations; may need assistance from the RTPO or DOT with analyzing crash data. The Pueblo has a number of State Routes, where high speeds impact upon more fatal crashes.
- NM124 Bike and Pedestrian Trail – Paraje to the Kawaika Center project is complete – working with NMDOT for close out.
- NM124 Bike and Pedestrian Trail Encinal Road to State Road 279 is complete and in close out.
- **NM124 Rio San Jose to Roundabout bike & ped path:** Design is complete. PS&E checklist is complete – project planned to be let February – March, 2021. **NM 124 design is complete, anticipating construction in Spring of 2022.**
- **L26 Rainfall Road from Cubero Wash to Seama bridge M108: Construction has been completed, including a bike & ped. trail. Final audits in progress and project is in close-out.**
- **M137 bridge at Laguna Subdivision: Construction complete and project in close out with BIA.**
- **Mill, Overlay, Striping & Enhancement Projects:** Construction is complete for L503 – Veterans Memorial Road, L200 Postal Postal Road and L245 Raindrop Road. **The Pueblo is developing the next phase on four BIA routes: LGRF/BIA Road Maintenance Striping Projects – phase 2 & 3: Phase 2 – L500 Mountain Ash Loop and L500 Central Park Road;**

**Phase 3 – L540 Veterans Memorial Road and L200 Elizabeth Bender Road. No bids were received so the Pueblo is working with NMDOT to sole-source these projects.**

- **LGRF / BIA Road Maintenance Mill, Overlay & Striping Projects:** Phase 2 & 3: Phase 2 – the Pueblo is working on the next phase for four BIA routes: phase 2 for L500 Mountain Ash Loop and Central Park roads. Phase 3 for L540 – Veterans Memorial Road and L200 Elizabeth Bender Road. **Contract amendments submitted and received. Local Govt. Road Fund and trail projects to commence soon.**
- **NM 124 Roundabout:** The repairs to the roundabout are being coordinated by NMDOT, no start date has been determined. **NM124 Road Diet has received an extension and is in final design.**
- **L24 Rainfall Road:** design changed to two phases, **Ph-1 Road & Trail at final 100% design, and in ROW review. The Concrete Box Underpass is now eliminated, and DOT Dist. 6 proposes to build an I-40 bridge over L24 road.** Construction funded for \$1.9 million from the LGTPF fund!
- **L26 Deer Dancer Road:** at **100% design, working on ROW amendments and E.A.**
- **L243 Acorn Road design:** completed 100% design and PS&E review from the BIA. Construction pending funding.
- **M154 Paguete Wash Bridge:** **PER is complete – design phase will commence later this year.**
- **M108 San Jose River Bridge-Seama:** **PS&E, and ROW complete; EA, FONSI and NOI are in progress. Bridge is now at 100% design.**
- **L248 Bluejay Road and L248 Blue Star Loop:** Design is in progress now at 30%. PER report is now in progress to include ROW review.
- **Pueblo's Safety Plan:** Plan is now complete – close out letter sent to BIA.
- **NMDOT I-40 Safety Project:** The Pueblo met with NMDOT on March 3. Design is at 100%; Construction by MSCI is on-going on the east bound lanes from MM112 – 116..
- The Pueblo has completed L26 Rainfall Road along with two trail projects.

#### Navajo Nation – Northern Agency

- **Navajo DOT is updating their Long Range Transportation Plan at this time.**
- **Local Govt. Road Fund projects will commence implementation soon for both Eastern and Northern Navajo.** Priscilla Lee – NDOT is working on extensions for FFY2019 projects. 2018 projects are complete at this time.
- **2021 LGRF projects include a) Two Grey Hills N-192 repairs – project is finalizing scope of work; b) preliminary engineering for Crown Point Chapter cemetery road.**
- **Larry has put in a PFF for improving with chip seal the Shiprock Farm Road, along with a Transportation Project Fund application to the state for the same project. This project has been approved by DOT District 5, and has been awarded funding from the DOT Transportation Project Fund at \$1,200,000.**
- **Two Grey Hills Chapter was awarded LGRF 2021 funding for N192 roadway and culvert improvements.**
- Navajo DOT continues development for their Long Range Transportation Plan for 2021.
- Two Grey Hills road is getting drainage improvements.
- Navajo DOT has appointed Marco Sells to fill an administrative position for Eastern Navajo finally bringing Larry Joe some relief! Marco will have his hands full, as he is also the Chinle, AZ Transportation Planner.
- Karen Bedonie has been re-assigned and a new Planning Director by the name of Leanne Roy is on board for NDOT.
- NDOT is working with Sandoval County on inventory to transfer County Roads to the Navajo Nation going forward.
- Shiprock High School Safety corridor project is earmarked for **2023 NMDOT STIP** for three lane road widening construction. Will remain on RTIP.
- **TseDaaKaan Chapter (Hogback) N5031/Hwy 64 Safety intersection improvement is earmarked for 2021 NMDOT STIP for construction.**
- **N36/Hwy 371 intersection improvement (Upperfruitland Chapter)-** This project was funded through NM State Capital Outlay. The project is led by San Juan County, NM. The Design layout of the intersection was completed by Wilson & Company. **NMDOT and Navajo Nation finalizing the MOU, which will allow for the State beginning working on construction of the project. Project needs additional funding to be completed.**
- **Newcomb Chapter-** working on **N5007 Low Water Crossing** using the State, and Tribal match fund to complete this low water crossing project. Project Manager, Donald Jackson, worked on the design and it is determined it would need realignment of the road. Therefore, the realignment of the road was submitted to BIA for review and approval. Pending for final review and approval.

- **Beclabito Chapter- was awarded of NM Capital Outlay for Helipad for aircraft landing facility.** Land withdrawal is in the works with Project Manager assigned. Will need to complete the preliminary studies and design before the construction of the project.
- **US 64 Study Improvement Plan-** NMDOT officials recently met with local chapters (Beclabito, Gadiahii, Tsedaakaan, Shiprock) on the review and conditions of the highway and improvement plan process is for this 20 plus miles Hogback to AZ Stateline. **Project still Planning stage but improvements anticipated in the near future – executed by NMDOT District 5.** It will need to remain on the RTIP List for future road improvement, which includes road reconstruction, and bridges replacements.
- **Bahali Chapter 2019 LGTPF project is now complete.**
- **Priscilla Lee is working to complete 2019 LGTPF RSA's for Mexican Springs, Twin Lakes and Tohatchi Chapters in Ft. Defiance Agency by the June 30, 2022 deadline.**
- **LGRF projects for Gadiahi, Beclabito and Iyanbito Chapters are now complete.**
- **Hwy 64 Shiprock Bridge Replacement-** public hearing took place November 14, 2019 at Shiprock Chapter. Design plans has started on this project with NMDOT, it will remain the RTIP.
- **San Juan-Hogback Bridge** has completed the feasibility studies for a new bridge. Road alignment is still pending, and it would full preliminary studies and design of the project. San Juan Chapter is seeking additional funding for this project. Project will remain on the RTIP.
- **Shiprock Chapter- is seeking Road Safety Audit on Hwy 491, milepost 89-90.** Navajo DOT staff is working on this project using the Navajo Sihasin Fund for RSA. Updates- NMDOT contracted to complete the survey and assessment of the US Highway 491 North of Shiprock. Project will remain on the RTIP for future improvement planning, designing, and construction.
- **Burnham Chapter-** is seeking funding for RSA and N5/Hwy intersection improvement. Chapter is submitting a Letter of Intent through Local Government Road Fund on March 15, 2020. Project did not any funding but it will remain the RTIP for road studies, design and construction.
- **Beclabito Chapter/Hwy 64 Improvement Plan-** is continuing seeking funding for street lighting along Hwy 64 store, NHA Housing, Chapter house within the corridor. This project is added to NMDOT planning and design with when construction fund becomes available.. Project will remain on the RTIP for future funding.
- **Newcomb Chapter- is seeking funding for Street Lighting along Hwy 491 & N5001,** RSA was completed 2017 when the chapter contracted with a company that completed the studies. Project will remain on the RTIP.
- **Sanostee Chapter – is seeking funding to construct new drainage structure at the intersection of Hwy 491 & N34.** Recommending for Transportation Project Fund 2021 list. A studies was completed 2018 by Dibble Engineering. Project will remain on the RTIP List.
- **Sanostee Chapter- is seeking funding for School Zone safety RSA and maintenance on route N34 on pavement road.** Chapter is working on submitting to District 5 for studies and safety improvement at the school zone. Project will remain on the RTIP List.
- **A Road Safety Audit was conducted by Lee Engineering on US491 for Newcomb, Naschitti and Sheep Springs intersections in 2019 – NDOT will be considering recommendations for these intersections based on this RSA.**

#### Navajo Nation – Eastern Navajo

- **Edwin Begay the new manager for Eastern Navajo indicated that NDOT is now updating Chapter routes and will follow up with Chapters for resolutions and inventory training.**
- **Emergency repair work is ongoing for road repairs related to heavy Monsoon rainfall.**
- **Recently Arlando Teller – USDOT met with Anthony Dimas and Billy Moore to discuss Navajo roads.**
- **Working on TTIP projects across the Navajo Nation.**
- **NDOT dealing with multiple funding deadlines.**
- **Held a grand opening for N2007 Bridge.**
- **There will be an August 29 meeting with Priscilla Lee to cover LGRF, TPF and Capital Outlay training for District 5 and 6 Navajo Chapters.**
- **NDOT is also gearing up for school bus route improvements and asking route maps from the various Navajo Nation schools. NDOT is completing School Bus Route mapping at this time. There is currently much concern around school bus routes and bridges which buses cannot cross.**

- Lary Joe indicated that Sandoval County will be transitioning many of rural their roads to Navajo DOT oversight and ownership
- Transportation Project Fund project application was approved by DOT for the west Tsayatoh Road in Eastern Navajo at \$2,450,000.
- NDOT is meeting with Chapters around regional priorities and funding; Iyanbito bridge request remains a priority around significant rail crossing delays (especially around emergency response concerns).
- NDOT is working to complete road assessments within the Navajo Agency areas
- Crownpoint Chapter has awarded LGRF 2021 funding for their cemetery access road.
- Rock Springs Chapter- CR-9 road improvement. Will be added to RTIP for future road improvement
- Nahodishgish Chapter- N53 & 98 road improvement. Will be added to RTIP for road improvement.
- Manuelito Chapter- Sunset Valley road Chip Sealing. Will be added to RTIP
- Manuelito Chapter- Tse De Tah Spring road improvement Chip Sealing. Will be addit to RTIP
- Rock Springs Chapter- Chee Dodge Elementary School Access Improvement – Improving turning lanes and street lighting. Will be added to RTIP.
- Church Rock Chapter- NM Highway 118 Improve – Street lighting for safety corridor. Project will be completed with NM Capital Out funds.
- Crownpoint Chapter- street lighting project in progress to complete soon.
- Baahaali Chapter- transfer access road improvement- Project completed in 2020 with 2019 Transportation Project Fund award.
- Mexican Chapter- Road Safety Audit, project in progress on contracting out to complete the RSA studies. Will be added to RTIP for construction project.
- Twin Lakes Chapter- Road Safety Audit, project in progress on contracting out to complete the RSA studies. Will be added to RTIP for construction project.
- Tohatchi Chapter- Road Safety Audit, project progress on contracting out to complete the RSA studies. Will be added to RTIP for construction project.
- Iyanbito Chapter- Received Local Government Road Fund, it would need more funding to complete the road improvements. Will be added to RTIP for road improvement Chip Sealing.
- Iyanbito Chapter- I-40 -Project is seeking funding for drainage improvement and overpass studies, design and construction to provide safe entering and existing I-40. Will be added to RTIP.
- Mariano Lake Chapter- Red Willow road in progress to complete the road improvement.
- **There are concerns with overgrazing, along with dust storms and sand on roadways – NDOT will present to NM Indian Affairs on these concerns.**

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

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



<b>(significant news only)</b>	Tribal Liaison (Ron Shutiva) District 5 (James Mexia, Stephanie Medina) District 6 (JoAnn Garcia; Bill Santiago)
Multimodal Planning & Programs Bureau – Neala Krueger	

- **No report for this meeting.**
- The NMDOT website has been updated, and a NMDOT Freight Plan update is underway.
- FFY 2023 – 2024 Regional Work Program updates are due July 1 – approved as an action item in our June meeting.
- **State Planning and Research Funds have been awarded to Grants and Milan for a transportation Safety Plan and to McKinley County for a Transportation Master Plan, as well as NWNMCOG / NWRTPO to update our TOA Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan in 2024.**
- The New Mexico LTAP center provides technical assistance and trainings to support workforce development with the aim of helping local governments and municipalities across New Mexico meet their transportation needs.  
<https://ltap.unm.edu/>
- A new Functional Classification Guide update has been completed – now available on the DOT website.
- Rosa Kozub is now the Multimodal Planning & Programs Bureau Chief; Jessica Griffin is the Planning Division Chief; Joseph Moriority is the new Freight & Tech. Planning Supervisor, JoAnn Garcia is the new Multi-modal TAP/RTD Coordinator.

#### NMDOT Tribal Liaison – Ron Shutiva

- **Encouraged RTPO members to participate in the Build America Bureau meeting today.**
- **A corridor study is under consideration for I-40 from Arizona to Albuquerque – this will include consideration toward developing three lanes for this highway in each direction, given the truck freight traffic.**
- **Ron continues to work on engaging tribes around state corridors and is seeking help from regional media.**
- **Justin Reese is the new Cabinet Secretary for NMDOT.**
- NM 118 drainage study request from Mark Freeland – Navajo Tribal Council.
- **Iyanbito Chapter is requesting a bridge over the BNSF Rail Line. (Another consideration would be extending a paved road west to the Church Rock bridge – might cost less).**
- **Ron is considering setting up quarterly tribal meetings with the DOT Districts, with consideration toward priority tribal projects.**
- Ron indicated that the 2021 Transportation Project Fund awarded a total of \$41 million to tribal entities statewide. Ron reminded members to pay attention to the “Buy America” guidelines. Our region did well for this round of TPF funds.
- Ron reminded members to stay on top of funding opportunities – with \$ billions forthcoming – remember to prepare for environmental requirements (which are time consuming) for this funding.
- Ron asked how the Navajo RSA’s are coming along with the 2018 LGTPF deadline of June 30, 2022 coming up – for Twin Lakes, Mexican Springs, and Tohatchi Chapters. Mike Neely and Priscilla Lee are seeking additional funding to commence.
- **Ron is now on the LTAP Board.**
- **There’s a new Indian Highway Safety Grant out from the BIA.**
- Reminding members to keep on top of deadlines for ICIP, TIF, and LGRF.
- **Transportation Project Fund: better to phase then have a shortfall on funding for proposed projects.**
- A national broadband project is establishing a broadband corridor along I-40, and will involve tribal discussion with Pueblos of Laguna and Acoma and Navajo Nation.
- **Ron is encouraging tribal members to pursue bridge funding.**
- **Ron reminds tribal members to pursue support and related letters of support from state and national legislators.**
- NM118 drainage analysis project is finally in progress as the Navajo Council is working on agreements with the local governments in the region of the study between Churchrock and Iyanbito; **need coordination with NDOT.**
- Ron reported on the NM118 drainage analysis that took place between the Iyanbito and Ft. Wingate I-40 intersections at previous meetings. Ron indicated he feels that NM118 drainage issues remain unresolved to this day (in spite of two studies!) and the Navajo Nation DOT remains non-responsive!

**NMDOT District 5 – James Mexia**

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

**NMDOT District 6 – Bill Santiago, Michael Neely, Clayton Garner**

- **With a lot of local govt. turnover including RTPO members, staff training may be needed to bring new staff with transportation focus up to speed.**
- **Local Govt. Road Fund** – as Stephanie from District 5 mentioned, the 5 certifications are also required before LGRF projects are considered construction ready. **Keep District 6 informed on progress – the time is now critical to request an extension amendment as previously funded LGRF cycle is in close out!**
- **Get signed agreements to DOT Dist. 6 soon, including supporting resolutions.**
- **CPMS – Capital Outlay Reports are due August 15. Need Capital Outlay agreements as well.**
- **Keep DOT District 6 staff informed on progress for the Transportation Project Fund. 5 certifications takes time – try to get these executed during this Winter season so you are construction ready in the Spring!! TPF projects from 2019 are due for completion by June 30, 2022 – time to request an extension if this does not look possible!!!**
- Bill reminded RTPO members that the MAP funding deadline is June 30, 2022.
- Mike Neely is on board with NMDOT District 6 to assist the RTPO's participating in the District 6 region – include Mr. Neely on all communication. Mike reminded that for TPF funds, projects must have design before they can move to construction
- Mike Neely reminded that the NMDOT fiscal year is almost over – **Have until June 17 to encumber funding!** Mike also reminded that the deadline for reimbursements is coming soon, and Capital Outlay reports are due soon!
- Mr. Clayton Garner will fill JoAnn Garcia's former position at the District. Reminding members to remind others that traffic safety is important in construction areas.
- Lisa Vega is now the Director for DOT District 6, as Larry Maynard has retired.
- For Local Government Road Fund projects – the District needs certifications for all projects – many RTPO members are not following LGRF guidance for project development and are trying to close out projects without having reported progress to the DOT or following what the program requires – this could jeopardize funding, 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!

**Luke Smith – NMDOT Central Regional Design: Congratulations to City of Grants on TAP award; Laguna Pueblo will receive more time for NM124 construction.**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEXT MEETING: No announcements – next meeting July 13, 2022 – virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams**

**ADJOURNMENT (11:50 am) Edwin Begay – Navajo DOT motioned; and Gaylord Siow – Pueblo of Acoma seconded for adjournment Motion carried by acclamation.**

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## MEETING ACTIONS:

### Staff:

- **Website:** update all important documents page and update Meeting schedule on Meetings page - **complete**
- **Program Guides:** post to website and circulate - **complete**
- **Transportation Project Fund Internal Deadlines:** Implementation – **complete** – **all proposed projects have been approved and are now authorized to move forward. A new TPF Call for Projects has been issued for FFY2023. RTPO members have completed 2023 TPF application packages and staff have submitted to NMDOT.**

### MEMBERS:

- **Members are encouraged to review your respective sections in these minutes and report to RTPO staff on which portions / bullet sentences can be eliminated as no longer pertinent or completed, as these sections make the minutes incredibly lengthy!!**
- **Annual RTPO Member Survey:** sent to members 9/14/21; Survey Monkey Link sent to members 9/29/21 – asking members to complete these for review at our November or December meeting. **Only 7 members responded!**
- **Statewide Transportation Plan 2045** update – members encouraged to review

**NMDOT:** Remind Staff and RTPO Members of impending deadlines for various projects and deliverables.



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

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

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

**Prepared for:** September 14, 2022 RTPO meeting

**Date:** July 29, 2022

**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

**CURRENT WORK**

- Provide survey options so members can complete and submit

**ANTICIPATED WORK**

- Staff will summarize survey results and report back to members and DOT staff in October or November

**ATTACHMENTS**

- FFY2021 Member Survey Form

**BUDGET IMPACT**

- None.

**ACTION ITEM**

- N/A. Based on member feedback, staff will consider and develop recommendations for FFY2022

**Annual NWRTPO Member Survey**  
**FFY – 2022: October, 2021 – September, 2022**

**1) Please enter the number of training events you attended during FFY 2021:**

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 FFY2021?**

Local Government:	Orientation Completed:	Local Government:	Orientation Completed:
San Juan County		Northern Navajo	Aug. – Sept. 2021
McKinley County	8/17/21	Eastern Navajo	Aug – Sept., 2021
Cibola County	9/23/21	Pueblo of Acoma	9/16/21
Gallup	9/28/21	Pueblo of Laguna	8/27/21
Grants	9/7/21	Pueblo of Zuni	9/7/21
Milan	8/19/21	Ramah Navajo	9/2/21

**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 FFY2022 term (Oct. 2021 – Sept. 2022):**

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) Operational Capacity (*Operate with Transparency and Accountability*)
- 2) Safety (*Improve Safety and Health for all System Users*)
- 3) Asset Management (*Maintain Transportation Assets for the Long Term*)
- 4) Mobility and Accessibility (*Provide Multimodal Connectivity and Access*)
- 5) Program Delivery (*Respect NM Cultures, Environment, History, Health 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?

**8) Any additional recommendations from your jurisdiction for the NWRTPPO?**



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

**Agenda Item #V: FFY2023-2024 Regional Work Program**

**Subject:** Present FY23-24 RWP and Budget

**Prepared for:** RTPO members awareness of forthcoming COG RTPO staff time and financial investments for transportation development

**Date:** 8/4/22

**BACKGROUND**

- **Why?** Keep RTPO members informed on NWNMCOG / NWRTPO time and financial investments for the next two years around transportation development.
- **Purpose.** Transparent representation to RTPO members, and engaging their participation in transportation development priorities for our region.
- **Discussion/Finalization.** Information will be presented at our September 14 meeting.

**CURRENT WORK**

- None – FFY2023-2024 Regional Work Program has been submitted for NMDOT approval.

**ANTICIPATED WORK**

- Ongoing leadership for the NWRTPO, supporting our County, Municipal and Tribal members for training and financial support for multimodal transportation development.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- FFY2023 – 2024 Regional Work Program and Budget

**BUDGET IMPACT**

- None

**ACTION ITEM**

- N/A



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## **NORTHWEST REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (NWRTPO)**

FFY 2023-2024 REGIONAL WORK PROGRAM

**October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2024**

### **Introduction and Purpose**

The Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NWRTPO) serves the Northwest New Mexico region consisting of San Juan, McKinley, and Cibola counties including all municipal, rural, and tribal communities except for the area served by the Farmington MPO. NWRTPO is a voluntary association of local governments and the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) that provides a forum for members to meet, plan and work together on issues related to transportation in the Northwest NM region. NWRTPO serves as a regional forum for cooperative decision making about transportation issues and to serve as a liaison between local governments and NMDOT.

The Regional Work Program (RWP) sets forth activities for which the Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) Program Manager will carry out on behalf of the NWRTPO in alignment with NM Department of Transportation's (NMDOT) Planning Procedures Manual that outlines the duties of both Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPOs).

The RWP includes tasks and activities that are both driven by NMDOT and the RTPO Joint Technical/Policy Committee members. The RWP is aimed at moving the Northwest RTPO region forward in terms of transportation planning, project development and prioritization, and providing a venue for community involvement and local public official engagement.

The following are functions and task orders that the Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments (COG) will complete in fulfillment of the contract for management of the Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) for Federal Fiscal Years (FFY2023 – FFY2024) October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2024.

### **Function 1. Long-Range Planning and Implementation**

Task 1.1 Initiate and coordinate long-range regional transportation planning with other local, regional and statewide planning initiatives. Collaborate with NMDOT and other partners to identify and document current and future transportation needs, plans, and projects for inclusion in the RTPO Long-Range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

1.1.1 Review and update the RTP, including tasks and goals, at least once every five years in coordination with the NMDOT Long Range Statewide Transportation Plan (LRSTP) update.



- 1.1.2 Conduct and/or participate in corridor studies, transportation-related subarea plans, and regional and local multi-modal and intermodal planning activities, including bicycle master plans, comprehensive plans, transportation plans, safety plans, and road safety audits – etc.

Management of planning projects include but are not limited to:

- a) Management support for the McKinley County Transportation Master Plan,
- b) Management support for the Grants / Milan Comprehensive Transportation Safety Action Plan.
- c) Management support for the Trail of the Ancients National Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan.

Implementation of planning projects include but are not limited to:

- a) Implementation support for projects, programs, and initiatives identified within the Four Corners Intermodal Transloading Equinox (4CITE) Master Plan.
- b) Implementation support for projects, programs, and initiatives identified within the Prewitt / Milan Transportation Master Plan (PMTMP).

- 1.1.3 Support and coordinate long-range regional transportation planning with other local, regional, and statewide planning initiatives, such as Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plans (ICIP), the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs), and legislative capital outlay priorities.

Task 1.2 Create and implement a strategic plan and tracking instrument for implementation of the action items identified by RTPO members and stakeholders as part of the RTP development process.

Function 1	Budgeted Hours ('23)	Actual Hours	Other Specific Costs	Budgeted Hours ('24)	Actual Hours	Other Specific Costs
FFY 2023/2024 Budget	325	N/A		300	N/A	
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter						
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter						
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter						
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter						
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Function 1 Activity Tracking – 2023

1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Report	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report	
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Report	

## **Function 2. Technical Support and Data Management**

Task 2.1 Collect / manage data, perform technical planning and plan development, coordinated with goals, trends and needs developed and identified in the RTP.

2.1.1 Collect and evaluate new population, economic development, travel demand and forecast data, projects and trends to inform regional planning efforts, and distribute this information with local counties and communities. Data to be collected and maintained by the RTPPO may include land use data, demographic and population data, freight data, traffic count and crash data, and any other data that supports the goals and actions outlined in the RTP.

2.1.2 Assist project applicants with analysis, data collection and other technical support for transportation planning, project identification, and project development. In the immediate future this includes

Task 2.2 Assist RTPPO members and work with NMDOT staff on roadway and corridor-level classification and analysis, in accordance with the currently adopted rules, guidelines, and procedures. Keep members informed about criteria, timelines, and requirements for submittal of proposals to modify classifications.

2.2.1 Assist RTPPO members and work with NMDOT staff on post-Census Urban Area Boundary Smoothing, as appropriate. Keep members informed about criteria, timelines, and requirements for submittal of proposals to modify Urban Area and Small Urban Area designations, based on FHWA Area Definitions.

Function 2	Budgeted Hours ('23)	Actual Hours	Other Specific Costs	Budgeted Hours ('24)	Actual Hours	Other Specific Costs
FFY 2023/2024 Budget	75	N/A		75	N/A	
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter						
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter						
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter						
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter						
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#### Function 2 Activity Tracking – 2023

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### **Function 3. Project Development and Monitoring**

Task 3.1 Assist project applicants in developing projects.

3.1.1 Provide information to potential applicants about funding opportunities.

3.1.2 Assist project applicants to identify projects that may be eligible for transportation funding from federal, state or other sources, based upon appropriate local, regional and state-wide plans and applicable data

3.1.3 Assist project applicants with applications for NMDOT federal and state transportation funding programs. Follow current adopted New Mexico

Administrative Code (NMAC) and/or program guides provided by NMDOT for project eligibility, program guidelines, and application timelines. Submit all complete applications to the designated NMDOT coordinator in accordance with the schedule outlined in the applicable NMAC and/or guide(s).

3.1.4 Assist project applicants with identification of safety issues that warrant Road Safety Assessments, Safety Plans and/or qualify for Highway Safety Improvement Program funding.

3.1.5 Assist T/LPA's with implementation of their approved and authorized (for funding) NMDOT Transportation Project Fund (TPF) awarded projects, to assure these are properly executed within specified timelines, engaging NMDOT guidance and assistance as needed. Furthermore, assist with the TPF application and review process, including prioritization, DOT District coordination, and serve as a liaison between T/LPA's and NMDOT during project administration.

Task 3.2 Manage preliminary project review process. *See NWRTPO's Call for Projects guidance on our program website for current process and timelines.*

3.2.1 Establish and implement a process for RTPO members to prepare and submit Project Feasibility Forms (PFFs) and Project Prospectus Forms (PPFs), through coordination with NMDOT District(s).

3.2.2 Assist project applicants with development of PFFs and PPFs; ensure that all members are fully informed of the process and timelines, and support entities in accessing all forms and data required by project applicants to complete the forms. Ensure members are informed of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Title VI plan requirements for all recipients of federal funds.

3.2.3 Work with RTPO members to establish scoring criteria for project prioritization, based on goals and action items included in the RTP, the current NMDOT LRSTP, the Active Transportation and Recreational Programs Guide, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program Guide and other guidance from NMDOT.

3.2.4 Develop and maintain a prioritized list of projects based on the regional goals articulated in the RTP, and the statewide goals in the NMDOT LRSTP, as well as Technical and Policy Committee review and input. This list will serve as the Regional Transportation Improvement Program Recommendations (RTIPR) list and be submitted to the NMDOT District for potential federal and state funding opportunities on an every-other-year basis (at a minimum). *RTIPR development will occur based on this schedule published in NWRTPO's Call for Projects guidance on our program website for current process and timelines.*

Task 3.3 Provide assistance to local governments interested in pursuing transportation system development and coordination activities.

- 3.3.1 Facilitate prioritization of Public Transit Program applications for the RTPo area in response to the state-wide prioritization schedule established by NMDOT Transit and Rail Section staff. Submit the results to the NMDOT Transit Bureau in accordance with that schedule. Include the results in the RTPo RTIPR.
- 3.3.2 Support efforts on regional transportation system development, through coordination with local entities and NMDOT Transit & Rail Division.
- 3.3.3 Support NMDOT Transit & Rail Division in special projects and initiatives, e.g. Regional Transit Transfer Station including facilitation of transit providers and governmental entities and support locational analysis and transit oriented planning and connectivity.
- Task 3.4 During the month of March, coordinate and co-facilitate RTIPR "zipper" meetings with NMDOT Government to Government Unit (GTG) liaison, the appropriate District staff, and applicable RTPOs, if necessary. Notify NMDOT GTG liaison and District staff of the dates, times, and locations for these "zipper" meetings. Submit the combined, prioritized RTIPR to GTG liaison, the District Engineers and all relevant RTPOs within ten days of the prioritization meeting.
- Task 3.5 Track the progress of Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) projects within the RTPo region and ensure regular communication between the project sponsors, NMDOT staff and others, ensuring projects are meeting deadlines outlined in the Tribal/Local Public Agency (T/LPA) Handbook. Inform applicants on project status, including review of regional STIP project lists at meetings, and assist RTPo members with issues that may arise.

Function 3	Budgeted Hours ('23)	Actual Hours	Other Specific Costs	Budgeted Hours ('24)	Actual Hours	Other Specific Costs
FFY 2023/2024 Budget	600	N/A		675	N/A	
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter						
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter						
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter						
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter						
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#### Function 3 Activity Tracking – 2023

1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Report	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report	
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Report	

#### **Function 4. Other Activities and Projects**

- Task 4.1 Coordinate and participate with NMDOT staff on special studies or projects specified in the NMDOT Planning Work Program. Provide periodic updates to RTPO members on the status of the studies/projects and involve the members in this effort as appropriate.
- Task 4.2 Coordinate and participate with the Councils of Governments (COGs) and applicable New Mexico State agency staff on legislative studies related to state-wide or RTPO-specific transportation issues, as appropriate.
- Task 4.3 Monitor development of federal and state laws affecting the transportation system and provide information about the contents and status to RTPO members.
- Task 4.4 Attend RTPO Roundtable and special meetings.
- Task 4.5 Attend in-state and out-of-state conferences, training sessions or special meetings for staff and professional development opportunities. This task includes the purchase of any supporting materials that may be needed to coordinate, conduct or attend the conferences, training sessions or meetings. RTPO staff may attend these out-of-state trainings during this RWP, as outlined in our Training & Professional Development Plan available on our program website. Out-of-State trainings and conferences may include but not be limited to NADO National Transportation Conferences known as RPO America, Tribal Transportation Conferences, etc.
- Task 4.6 Participate in miscellaneous transportation-related programs and special projects in the RTPO region, examples may include:
- Support of trails planning, design, development, and maintenance including Zuni Mountains Trail System.
  - Support of Route 66 National Scenic Byway and the Trail of the Ancients Scenic Byway including corridor management planning, byway council support, and other technical assistance to improve transportation, exposure, and visitor experience.
  - Support of the feasibility study and planning of a transit transfer station for Navajo Transit, Ashiwi Transit and Gallup Express.

Function 4	Budgeted Hours ('23)	Actual Hours	Other Specific Costs	Budgeted Hours ('24)	Actual Hours	Other Specific Costs
FFY 2023/2024 Budget	300	N/A		250	N/A	
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter						
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter						
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter						
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter						
Balance						

#### Function 4 Activity Tracking – 2023

RTPO RWP Boilerplate  
Updated: June 1, 2022

1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Report	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report	
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Report	

## **Function 5. General RTPO Support**

Task 5.1 Organize and facilitate all meetings of the RTPO in accordance with the Public Participation Plan.

5.1.1 Document the RTPOs public participation process including but not limited to, procedures the RTPO uses to comply with the *New Mexico Open Meetings Act* [NMSA 1978, Sections 10-51-1, *et. seq.*] and 23 CFR 450.

5.1.2 Per the *New Mexico Open Meetings Act* (NMSA, 1978, Section 10-15-1(D) and 23 CFR 450.210, provide compliant public notice for all RTPO Committee meetings.

5.1.3 Provide RTPO Committee members, the appropriate NMDOT District staff, and GTG with meeting agendas and information packets preferably 7 calendar days in advance, and no later than seventy-two (72) hours in advance of RTPO Committee meetings.

5.1.4 On an annual basis, provide all eligible T/LPAs with the opportunity to appoint or confirm a representative and alternates to the RTPO Committee.

Task 5.2 Maintain bylaws that clarify and document member entities, responsibilities and roles, including voting protocols.

5.2.1 Maintain a list of RTPO Committee members with contact information and provide a copy of the list to appropriate NMDOT District staff, GTG, member entities, and other regular participants.

Task 5.3 Conduct Outreach Activities.

5.3.1 Engage in and document outreach activities and provide citizens and other transportation stakeholders with reasonable opportunities to participate in RTPO processes per 23 CFR 450.

5.3.2 Coordinate with RTPO members to maintain a list of entities including newly elected officials and potential members, who will be educated on the RTPO process. Document this outreach and presentations and share any questions or concerns in quarterly reports and with appropriate NMDOT staff.

Task 5.4 Maintain a website that includes current meeting information and planning documents, as referenced in the Quality Assurance Review (QAR) guidelines. Post a list of current Technical and Policy Committee members and keep this information updated.

Task 5.5 Coordinate training and professional development opportunities for RTPO members, including developing and maintaining training plans. Assist RTPO members to identify technical training needs and work with NMDOT, LTAP, and other entities to meet those needs. Informing member entities of training opportunities and encouraging participation

Function 5	Budgeted Hours ('23)	Actual Hours	Other Specific Costs	Budgeted Hours ('24)	Actual Hours	Other Specific Costs
FFY 2023/2024 Budget	425	N/A		425	N/A	
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter						
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter						
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter						
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter						
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#### Function 5 Activity Tracking – 2023

1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Report	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report	
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Report	

### **Function 6. RTPO Administration**

Task 6.1 Produce work products that meet all quarterly work requirements and deadlines per the Planning Procedures Manual (PPM) and submit a summary of activities completed per quarter.

6.1.1 Implement and monitor program expenditures in relation to the annual budget, per the PPM. Ensure documentation on program expenditures and activities are available to the public online and retained as physical copies, which will be reviewed during the annual Quality Assurance Review (QAR).

6.1.2 Submit quarterly Reimbursement Packets per the PPM. Include this report as an informational item on the following RTPO Committee agenda and should reflect all costs outlined in the Invoice.

6.1.3 Submit an Annual Performance and Expenditure Report (APER) each year, per the timeline and procedures documented in the PPM. The APER will be derived from the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter Quarterly Report, but will include additional descriptions to summarize the activities performed in the past year.

Task 6.2 Solicit and utilize input from RTPO board members to develop the two-year (FFY 2023- FFY 2024) Regional Work Program (RWP) for submittal to the NMDOT by deadlines outlined in the PPM.

6.2.1 Coordinate the RTPO's planning program with other RTPOs and any Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) or other agencies impacted by and/or associated with activities contained in the RWP.

Task 6.3 Develop an annual budget based on the tasks outlined in the RWP, and include cost-sharing methodologies and calculations for costs that are shared between various Northwest NM Council of Government's programs, in accordance with 2 CFR 200 and the PPM. Apply and illustrate cost-sharing methodologies consistently when submitting quarterly Reimbursement Packets.

Task 6.4 Maintain a Public Participation Plan (PPP) that addresses Title VI and Environmental Justice procedures. Ensure a specific contact person and contact information is listed. Update the PPP in accordance with the PPM schedule or as determined appropriate by RTPO members or staff.

Task 6.5 Submit the NWNM Council of Governments Financial Audit for each State Fiscal Year to the NMDOT GTG Liaison, within 30 days of when the audit is released by the State Auditor's Office.

Function 6	Budgeted Hours ('23)	Actual Hours	Other Specific Costs	Budgeted Hours ('24)	Actual Hours	Other Specific Costs
FFY 2023/2024 Budget	375	N/A		375	N/A	
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter						
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter						
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter						
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter						
Balance						

#### Function 6 Activity Tracking – 2023

1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Report	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report	
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Report	



Northwest RTPO Hours Budget	FFY2023	FFY2024
Function 1: Long-Range Planning and Implementation	325	300
Function 2: Technical Support and Data Management	75	75
Function 3: Project Development and Monitoring	600	675
Function 4: Other Activities and Projects	300	250
Function 5: General RTPO Support	425	425
Function 6: RTPO Administration	375	375
<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>	<b>2,100</b>	<b>2,100</b>

Northwest RTPO Budget	FFY2023	FFY2024
a. Personnel	\$58,758.00	\$58,758.00
b. Fringe Benefits	\$15,150.00	\$15,150.00
c. Travel & Training	\$5,023.00	\$5,023.00
d. Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00
e. Supplies	\$4,591.00	\$4,591.00
f. Contractual	\$14,878.00	\$14,878.00
g. Construction	\$0.00	\$0.00
h. Other	\$14,100.00	\$14,100.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$112,500.00</b>	<b>\$112,500.00</b>
<b>Local Match (20%)</b>	<b>\$22,500.00</b>	<b>\$22,500.00</b>
<b>Federal Share (80%)</b>	<b>\$90,000.00</b>	<b>\$90,000.00</b>



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

**Agenda Item #VI: NM118 MP 11 – 27 improvements**

**Subject:** Discussion on potential improvements to the NM118 (old Rt. 66) corridor for MP 11 (west of Gallup) to MP 27 (Rehoboth)

**Prepared for:** Sept. 14 meeting

**Date:** 8/26/22

**BACKGROUND**

- **Why?** Francine Pacheco of Horrocks Engineering (Albuquerque) will inform on a planning study funded by NMDOT for multi-modal safety, mobility and other corridor improvements to the NM118 (old Rt. 66) corridor from mp11 – Defiance Draw west of Gallup to mp27 - Rehoboth Drive east of Gallup. The study commenced in Spring of 2022 and will be completed in Spring of 2023.
- **Purpose.** Inform our NWRTPO members on plans to engineer NM118 improvements
- **Discussion/Finalization.** Presentation will take place at our Sept. 14 meeting.

**CURRENT WORK**

- Forthcoming presentation at Sept. 14 meeting

**ANTICIPATED WORK**

- Potential corridor improvements; to learn more visit the study website at [route66improved.com](http://route66improved.com)

**ATTACHMENTS**

- None

**BUDGET IMPACT**

- None

**ACTION ITEM**

- N/A



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

### **Agenda Item #VII: UNM LTAP Training – Intro. to Grant Writing**

**Subject:** UNM-LTAP will provide an Introduction to Grant Writing Training at this meeting – which will be completed at future meetings. We can also have discussion on RTPO members top training interests.

**Prepared for:** Presentation at Sept. 14 meeting, followed by discussion on training interests

**Date:** August 16, 2022

#### **BACKGROUND**

- **Why?** With consideration toward COVID restrictions and safety for our members, staff have engaged UNM-LTAP to provide 30 minute to one hour trainings at our monthly virtual meetings
- **Purpose.** While these may extend our meetings by a little bit, this is a safe way to engage training opportunities to increase the value of our meetings for our members.
- **Discussion/Finalization.** Staff will engage our members to discuss potential training priorities for which we could engage UNM-LTAP at our meetings.

#### **CURRENT WORK**

- UNM-LTAP staff will initiate a 45 minute training on grant writing at this virtual meeting and include some discussion for our members training priorities. Staff are recommending maybe 2 – 3 trainings over a period of 12 months, based on member priorities.
- Members will identify their training priorities, so staff can appropriately engage UNM-LTAP.

#### **ANTICIPATED WORK**

- UNM-LTAP to provide 2 – 3 trainings over the next 9 – 12 months.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

- Training Options Index – staff sent the entire UNM-LTAP Training Catalogue to members via “cloud storage” (providing greater detail for each course)

#### **BUDGET IMPACT**

- If some trainings include costs, staff will consider paying through our RTPO budget.

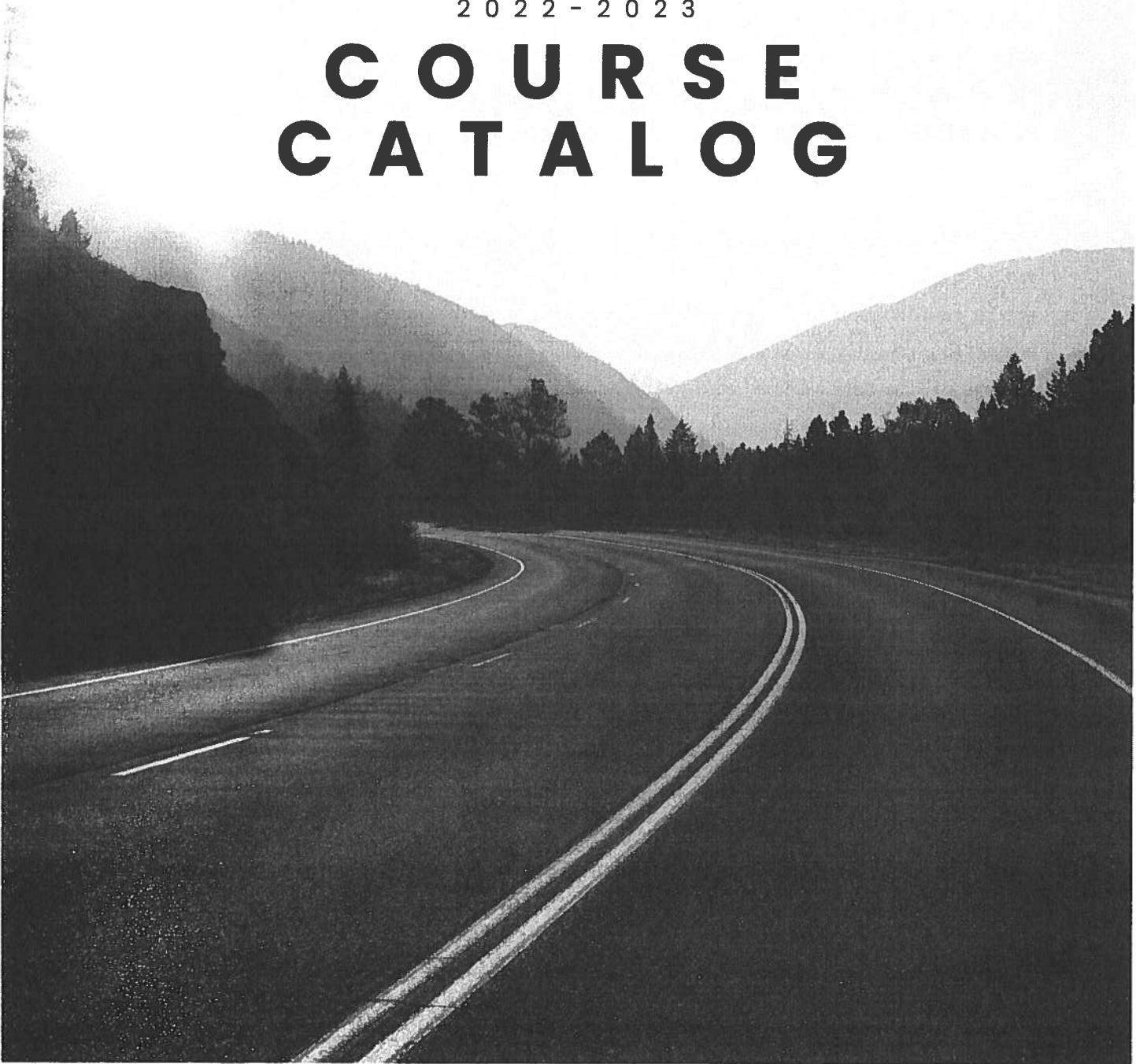
#### **ACTION ITEM**

- N/A.

# **New Mexico Local Technical Assistance Program**

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## Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NWRTPO)

### Agenda Item #VIII: Upcoming Funding Opportunities

**Subject:** Cover unprecedented funding opportunities and timelines

**Prepared for:** September 14, 2022 meeting

**Date:** 8/12/22

#### BACKGROUND

- **Why?** The USDOT and FHWA is offering an unprecedented amount of funding for transportation development in the billions of dollars over the next five years.
- **Purpose.** Staff want to keep RTPO members aware of these opportunities and deadlines for transportation funding applications.
- **Discussion/Finalization.** Presentation today will cover a variety of funding opportunities for multimodal transportation development from FFY2022 – 2026.

#### CURRENT WORK

- Inform RTPO members on all the forthcoming funding opportunities along with application deadlines as they are provided from USDOT and FHWA.

#### ANTICIPATED WORK

- Continue to inform and ask our RTPO members to take advantage of this funding, available thru 2026 for their multimodal priority projects.

#### ATTACHMENTS

- Various guidance on forthcoming multi-modal transportation funding opportunities

#### BUDGET IMPACT

- Huge funding opportunities for our local governments around transportation development. No impact on COG RTPO funding.

#### ACTION ITEM

- N/A.



## **Forthcoming Funding Analysis**

**For all of these funding sources you can find more detailed information on the internet**

### **1) Bipartisan Infrastructure Law:**

- Address safety, climate, equity, economic strength and transformation
- Eliminate lead pipes, and deliver clean water to all American families
- Provide reliable high speed internet
- Repair / rebuild roads and bridges (*climate change mitigation, resilience, equity & safety*)
- Improve transportation options and reduce greenhouse emissions
- Upgrade our nation's airports and shipping ports, and strengthen supply chains
- Invest in passenger rail
- National network of electric vehicle charge stations
- Upgrade power infrastructure and move toward zero emissions
- Make our infrastructure resilient against climate change, cyber-attacks and extreme weather
- Address pollution and clean up superfund and brownfield sites, reclaim abandoned mines and cap orphaned oil and gas wells.
- **Program Funding & application deadlines:**
  - Transit-Oriented Development Pilot Program – 7/25/22
  - Bridge Investment Program – 7/25/22
  - Natural Gas Distribution Safety & Modernization Prgm – 8/8/22
  - University Transportation Centers program – 8/25/22
  - Safe Streets and Roads for All – 9/15/22
  - All Stations Accessibility Program – 9/30/22
  - Railroad Crossing Elimination Program – 10/4/22
  - Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program – 10/13/22
  - Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Project Program – commencing August, 2022
  - Consolidated Rail Infrastructure & Safety Improvements grant program – commencing August, 2022
  - Strengthening Mobility And Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) grant program – commencing September, 2022
  - FHWA Climate Change
  - EV funding

**2) Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act:** This federal funding source will provide \$1.2 trillion over the next five years for a variety of infrastructure – some of which will include transportation.

### **3) Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant Program:**

- Application deadline: September 15, 2022 – 3pm our time
- Eligible Applicants: MPO's, Counties, Cities, Towns, Transit Agencies, Special Districts, Tribes (and multi-jurisdictional groups comprised of the forementioned entities).
- Eligible activities:

- 1) Action Plan Grants:
  - Develop or update a comprehensive Safety Action Plan
  - Conduct planning, design and development activities in support of an action plan
- 2) Implementation Grants:
  - Carry out projects and strategies identified in the action plan – these **construction projects are only available if the local govt. already has a safety action plan.**
- \$ 5 billion for FFY2022 – 2026; \$1 billion available for FFY 2022
- More information: <https://www.transportation.gov/SS4A>
- For planning grants advisable to develop a committee or task force with targeted participants based on expertise for plan development, implementation and monitoring
- **Data support is critical for any funding from state or federal sources.** Data sources: US Census, NHTSA – Roadway Fatalities 2016 – 2020, DOT Underserved Communities List
- Apply thru Grants.gov – **must register with Grants.gov and gain a “Unique Entity Identifier”**
- <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A/resources> provides and application template and additional NOFO information
- Must indicate annual rate of injuries and deaths for project area of funding
- Narrative has 300 word limit. Looking for low cost, high impact strategies
- Include map
- Budget: **SF424A**- Federal – 80% local – 20% - expenditures previous to authorization don't qualify. Match funding can not come from other federal sources. Federal compensation will be by reimbursement after local expenditure.

#### 4) Bridge Investment Program:

- \$2,500,000 minimum application; \$2.36 billion available in 2022
- Construction project applications due via Grants.gov by Sept. 8, 2022 – 9:59 our time.
- “Bridge Infrastructure Grant Program has 12.5 billion available 2022 – 2026 but can't find information on the internet
- NM to receive \$225 million over the next five years for bridges

#### 5) Federal Highway Funding:

- FHWA is providing \$52.5 billion in funding for highway improvements available to all 50 states in FFY2022 – this funding is available under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)
- Highway Safety funding is supposed to be available and \$15.6 billion, but I can't find this information on the internet.

#### 6) RAISE (*Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity*) Funding:

- \$2.2 billion available this year for transportation development and maintenance. April 14 deadline for this year so this opportunity is already over.
- \$7.5 billion available over the next five years

- Projects are evaluated based on safety, environmental sustainability, quality of life impacts, economic competitiveness and opportunity, partnership & collaboration, innovation, state of good repair, mobility and community connectivity.

**7) 2022 Omnibus Bill Funding – US Dept. of Transportation:**

- \$100 billion available nationally for FY 2022; this includes \$61 billion for federal highways, \$16.3 billion for public transit, and \$3.4 billion for passenger and freight rail.

**8) NM Transit:**

- In the US Infrastructure bill, transit will receive \$109 billion nationally over the next five years.
- NM Transit will receive \$379 million over the next five years.

**9) Capital Investment Grants:**

- Capital investment grants are available at \$23 billion over the next five year for transit and rail development
- Information is not very clear for this program.

**10) Railroad At-grade Crossing Elimination Program:**

- \$5.5 billion available nationally for the next five years
- Funding authorized at \$500 million a year for FFY2022 – 2026
- This funding could help execute a bridge over the BNSF rail line for the Milan Industrial Park.
- National Rail gets \$102 billion over the next five years for Amtrack

**11) Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program:**

- Applications are due October 13, 2022 by 9:59 pm our time; and must be submitted thru grants.gov (and again – must have a “Unique Entity Identifier” – see page 2)
- This program helps communities have better connectivity around transportation barriers – by removing, retrofitting or mitigating highway or rail barriers.
- Applications are complicated and demanding – be sure to check the internet under “Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program NOFO FY2022” to review guidance.

**12) All Stations Accessibility Program:**

- \$350 million a year nationally FFY2022 – 2026 for transit station improvements – especially related to passengers with disabilities

**13) Electric Vehicle Charging Formula Grants:**

- \$2.5 billion nationally; NM gets \$38 million over the next five years

**14) MEGA, INFRA, and RURAL Funding Opportunities:**

- MEGA at \$5 billion, INFRA at \$8 billion and RURAL at \$2 billion over the next five years

**A) MEGA:**

- \$5 billion available FY 22 – 26
- \$1 billion available in FFY 2022 – 80% federal grant share / 20% local match
- Eligible projects for large funding include: bridge, freight, rail, public transit and highway funding
- Eligible applicants include states, metropolitan governments (not sure on tribes?)
- Must have regional economic, mobility and/or safety benefits
- Applicant government must be able to maintain the infrastructure the funding provides

**B) INFRA:**

- \$8 billion available FY 22 – 26
- \$1.55 billion available FY 2022 for large projects
- 15% available for smaller projects
- 25% available to rural areas
- Minimum of \$5 million for “small” projects; minimum of \$25 million for large projects
- Eligible entities include state, community, county and tribes
- Eligible projects include: freight, bridges, rail, roadway, wildlife crossings
- Requirements: regional benefit, cost effective, meets one or more national goals, based on solid preliminary engineering
- Local govts. must show ability to cover unanticipated costs
- Projects should be completed in 18 months

**C) Rural Program:**

- \$1.5 billion available FFY 22 – 26
- Minimum awards at \$25 million
- 80% federal grant, 20% match
- Eligible projects: highway, bridges, freight, safety, transit, benefits to regional economy
- Projects should provide mobility and safety benefits
- Sept. 30, 2025 deadline for PER and construction
- Desired project outcomes:
  - Safety
  - State of good repair
  - Economic benefits, freight movement, jobs
  - Address climate change, resiliency, environment
  - Equity, multimodal, quality of life
  - Innovation
  - Benefit cost analysis
  - Project readiness: technical assessment, financial completeness, environmental risk
- More info:
  - [https://www.transportation.gov/grants/mpdg\\_announcement](https://www.transportation.gov/grants/mpdg_announcement)
  - questions to: [Engage@dot.gov](mailto:Engage@dot.gov)

**Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act**  
**Funding Presentation Webinar**

**1) Introduction: Senator Heinrich and Senator Lujan:** Both Senators introduced the project and opportunities via this funding, for a variety of transportation development including transit, electric vehicles and statewide transportation infrastructure repairs and development.

**2) USDOT Presentation from Charles Small: ([Charles.small@dot.gov](mailto:Charles.small@dot.gov))**

- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) is providing \$660 billion nationally; following is the funding summary in billions of dollars:
  - FHWA - \$365 billion
  - FTA - \$107 billion (transit)
  - FRA - \$102 billion (rail)
  - FAA - \$25 billion
  - NHTSA - \$8 billion
  - FMCSA - \$5 billion
  - MARAD - \$2.25 billion
  - OST - \$120 billion
  - Build America Bureau - \$100 billion
  - USDOT - \$140 billion
- USDOT Bipartisan Infrastructure Law: (five areas of emphasis)
  - Safety
  - Climate
  - Equity (fair distribution)
  - Economic Strength
  - Transformation
- Funding breakdown (Roads, Bridges, Sidewalks, Potholes):
- \$250 million for safety (highways)
- Safe Streets - \$6 billion for local govts
- \$40 billion for bridges – NM to receive \$225 million over 5 years
- Bridge Infrastructure Grant Program - \$12.5 billion
- Highways - \$57.5 billion – NM to receive \$2.5 billion over the next 5 years
- Highway Safety - \$15.6 billion
- RAISE Grants: \$2.275 billion (April 14 deadline) – local match can be waived for rural
- Congress Omnibus Bill with no timeline restrictions - \$775 million (up to \$45 million per application) – TAP and CMAQ \$ can qualify of local match
- N.M. Transit will receive \$379 million in the next five years, with a total of \$107 billion available nationally
- Capital Investment Grant available at \$23 billion for national rail and transit
- Clean energy buses at \$5.6 billion and Bus Facilities at \$2 billion available – applications due May 31
- Railroad at-grade crossing elimination funding available at \$5.5 billion
- MEGA (?), INFRA, and Rural funding NOFO: MEGA at \$5 billion, INFRA at \$8 billion, and Rural at \$2 billion
- E.V. Charging formula grants - \$2.5 billion nationally; NM gets \$38 million over the next 5 years
- National Rail gets \$102 billion for Amtrack
- Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program - \$1 billion
- All Stations accessibility Program - \$1.75 billion

- More information available at:
  - <https://www.grants.gov>
  - <https://www.transportation.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law>
  - <https://www.transportation.gov/rural/funding-opportunities>

### **3) Mayor Martin Chavez – Albuquerque:**

- Much appreciation from New Mexico for this federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)
- \$1 billion is available for broadband development in New Mexico

### **4) NMDOT – David Quintana – Lead Engineer:**

- The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will provide NM \$486,535,021 for the next 5 years
- Projects get programmed at NMDOT thru the 5 year STIP
- Looking forward we will have \$45,000,000 per year for bridges for the next 5 years (total: 225 million)
- This includes \$6.5 million per year (15%) for rural areas – 5 year total: \$32.5 million

## **Build America Bureau Funding**

- This is US-DOT's "Go To Shop" for federal transportation financing and technical assistance
- Low interest, long term loans for transportation infrastructure development.
- Can assist with training and project diversity
- Comes from the Office of the US DOT Secretary
- Build America Bureau provides: outreach, technical assistance, project development, risk management, underwriting and portfolio management
- Lending capacity:
  - TIFIA (*Transportation Infrastructure Finance & Innovation Act of 1998*): \$70 billion
    - ✓ Surface transportation and public infrastructure
    - ✓ Finance up to 33% of eligible project costs
    - ✓ Long term repayment – up to 35 years
  - RRIF (*Railroad Rehabilitation & Improvement Financing*): \$30 billion
    - ✓ Passenger, freight and commuter rail and transit oriented development
    - ✓ Finance up to 100% of eligible project costs
    - ✓ Highly customizable to meet borrower needs
    - ✓ Also offer loan guarantees and line of credit
  - PAB's (*Private Activity Bonds*): \$15 billion
    - ✓ State / local govt.s issue tax-exempt bonds
    - ✓ Private entity responsible for debt service
    - ✓ Can be used alone or in combination with TIFIA and/or RRIF
  - **Low interest rate at 2.93% for a 35 year loan**
  - Includes projects for roads, rail and air
- TIFIA – Rural:
  - Outside urban area – population at 150k or less
  - Project costs between \$10 and 100 million
  - TIFIA can finance up to 49 % of project costs
  - Fixed rate at one-half of treasury rate – 1.47%
  - Most of New Mexico qualifies for rural assistance
- Can choose between grants and loans
- Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program – \$10 million, 5 year pilot program providing rural state, local and tribal governments with:
  - Technical, legal and financial advisory assistance
  - Project evaluation
  - Cover early development – feasibility, PER, Environmental – etc.
- Technical Assistance Grants for Asset Concession Projects: \$100 million, 5 year program to provide state and local governments with technical, financial and legal advisory services for project delivery. Covers pre-implementation costs incl. ID assets or projects for concessions, developing / issuing requests for proposals, risk analysis
- Regional Infrastructure Accelerators:
  - \$10 million in grants

- Funds pre-planning resources and capacity
- Expedites regional transportation projects
- Improves access to \$ billions in Bureau financing
- The Build America Center collaborates with FHWA, Build America Bureau, and five prominent universities
- Includes a “Thriving Communities Program” for disadvantaged communities
- Contacts: [BuildAmerica@dot.gov](mailto:BuildAmerica@dot.gov) / <https://www.transportation.gov/BuildAmerica>
- (Sometimes clear and easy to hear; sometimes garbled, echo, too soft to adequately hear)
- **Post presentation consultation:**
- Rosa Kozub: “Is there a call line we can use for questions?” answer: “Working on this opportunity for collaboration – anticipate forthcoming in September.
- Tribal communities may require a different process – working on this – still in progress
- Want to be sensitive to local governments
- **Can offer comments thru August 26** Rosa Kozub encourages NM rural communities to communicate needs / concerns by / before August 26
- A few more presentations will be forthcoming, including a tribal technical assistance program



## **Reconnecting Communities Grant Program**

### **Interested in Applying Webinar**

- Lengthy introduction – including examples of past projects in Alabama, Florida, Ohio and Tennessee
- NOFO now open: DOT-RCP-FY22-01 – submit on [grants.gov](https://grants.gov)
- [www.transportation.gov/reconnectingcommunities](https://www.transportation.gov/reconnectingcommunities)
- \$1 billion over 5 years – improve access (*especially for disadvantaged communities*)
- Planning Grants at \$50 million per year - \$2 million maximum request allowable
- Capital (construction) Grants at \$145 to 150 million per year - \$5 million maximum request allowable
- Local and Tribal governments and transit agencies can apply
- Allison corridor BNSF and I-40 bridge should qualify as on weekends and at 8am / 5pm week days traffic gets congested on the only 2 north/south bridges in Gallup
- Planning Grants: public engagement, traffic patterns, network capacity, road design and mobility impact, access and mobility barriers
- Construction Grants: PER / design / NEPA must be complete, all feasibility and planning must be complete, improve or replace existing facility, if project is in TTIP, STIP, or Long Range Plan – more competitive (*seems more designed for metropolitan rather than rural*)
- 80% grant / 20% local match
- Covered alternate match sources too fast
- Evaluation and selection:
  - Equity, Environmental Justice, Community Engagement
  - Mobility and Connectivity
  - Community Stewardship, Management, Partnerships
  - Equitable Development / Shared Prosperity
- **How to Apply:**
- Applications are due October 13 11:59pm
- Complete Grants.gov registration process ASAP
- Must have Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) thru SAM.gov
- Planning Grants: SF424A, SF424B / Key Info. Table / Narrative (incl. Merit Criteria) / Budget
- Construction Grants: SF424C, SF424D / Key Info. Table / Narrative (incl. Merit Criteria) / Budget / must also address Environmental Risk and Benefit Cost Analysis
- Narrative: Overview, Location & Map, Response to Merit Criteria; Construction applications must also address Environmental Risk and Benefit Cost Analysis
- Planning – 10 page limit / Construction – 20 page limit
- Project Readiness for construction grant: must have completed NEPA, Environmental Approvals and permits, public involvement, ROW, and risk mitigation strategies
- Benefit Cost Analysis: explain benefits, summarize BCA
- Provided “Key Info. Table and Tech. Assistance Contacts – but went too fast!



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## Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NWRTPO)

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

**Subject:** Discussion / Presentation Items

**Prepared by:** Robert Kuipers, NWRTPO

**Date:** 9/6/22

#### 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 Reports
- RTPO Monthly Report
- Transportation Project Fund Checklist; report from National Transportation Conf. – Kansas City, Mo. 7/19-21/22
- Member Reports

##### Member Special Reports:

- None this meeting

##### NMDOT Reports:

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

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

- FHWA Planning, Environment & Realty Reports: 8/11/22
- NMDOT Govt. to Govt. Update: 8/1/22, 8/15/22, 8/29/22
- AASHTO Publications: none
- NMDOT / UNM-LTAP: Provides a very robust collection of training opportunities – staff forward news to members as it comes out from this source – reference at [ltap.unm.edu](http://ltap.unm.edu) – Online courses notice forwarded to members as LTAP emails come in.
- Title VI Training is available to MPO's and RTPO's from Lisa Neie – Civil Rights Manager for FHWA New Mexico. These trainings can be customized to address member concerns and issues for their regions, if provided to her in advance.
- National Regional Transportation Conference Report – July 19 – 21, 2022: Kansas City Country Club Plaza, KC, Missouri
- Quality Assurance for Highway Construction Projects: 8/2/22
- Wildlife Corridors Action Plan: 8/15/22
- FHWA 141054 Course – Practical Applications in Federal-Aid Highway Program Appraisals: 8/16/22
- Small Community and Tribal Govt. Webinars: 8/16/22
- NMDOT Fast EV Charging Station grant program: 8/17/22
- Wildlife Corridors Action Plan: 8/18/22
- Maintaining Minimum Pavement Marking Retro-reflectivity: 8/23/22
- Summer Research Review 2022: 8/25/22
- NM – FTA Tribal Transit Outreach Session: 8/26/22
- SS4A and RR Xing Guidance: 8/26/22
- Reconnecting Communities Capital Construction Webinar Recording: 8/31/22
- LGRF, TPF and other deadline reminders: 8/31/22
- More funding and transportation news: 9/6/22

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



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## NWRTPO | Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization

### Monthly Report – August 2022

- A. 2022 NWRTPO RTIPR Update:** This year (FFY2021 – 2022) the NWRTPO executed a full Call for Projects which extended from April, 2021 thru March 2022. RTPO members submitted 53 project PFF's and PPF's for our 2021 – 2022 RTIPR update, 49 of which were presented and reviewed by DOT District 6 staff on June 29-30; 4 projects for Northern Navajo were reviewed by DOT District 5. Roadway projects were prioritized in our new RTIPR at our January 12 meeting for 7 of our member governments who submitted qualified projects – per functional classification. RTIPR was approved, finalized and authorized at our February 9, 2022 meeting; DOT District 6 Zipper will took place at our March 9 meeting. During the course of Feb. – March, 2022 a new 2023 Transportation Project Fund from the State of New Mexico was announced, so staff have asked members to submit PFF's to include these projects proposed for next year, in this year's RTIPR to make them more competitive for funding in our current RTIPR; these were completed prior to our March 9 DOT Dist. 6 RTIP (Zipper) meeting.
- B. NMDOT Transportation Project Fund:** The State of New Mexico initiated a new LGTPF fund to support transportation needs across New Mexico, complimenting the ongoing Local Govt. Road Fund in 2019. This fund provided \$50 million statewide in FFY2019. Eleven member governments of the NWRTPO and Farmington MPO were funded for 14 projects for just over \$12 million. In FFY2021 NMDOT had \$120 million available and has been officially renamed to the Transportation Project Fund (TPF) and now officially includes Tribal communities. NMDOT Districts 5 & 6 reviewed and approved 13 projects from 10 of our member governments at a total of just under \$20 million to move forward. When including the Farmington MPO, the total 2021 award is at \$22,415,160.00 for our region. A new 2023 TPF call for projects was issued with a deadline of May 31, 2022 for project submissions, staff have cited eight (8) projects proposed from seven (7) of our member governments in our 2022 RTIPR. On August 18, 2022 the NM Transportation Commission awarded seven (7) proposed projects from the NWRTPO, and three (3) projects from the Farmington MPO at a total of \$19,747,334 for our three county region.
- C. GIS Data Gathering, Trails Development, Mapping and Compiling Work:** COG staff Carrie House continues to provide technical assistance and GIS mapping for development of 200 new miles of recreational trails in the Zuni Mountains in McKinley and Cibola Counties during FFY18 – FFY22; and continues contributing GIS mapping for regional transportation infrastructure. The NWCOG was the only New Mexico recipient of a NADO Impact Award for the ongoing development of 200 miles of recreational trails in the Zuni Mountains of McKinley and Cibola Counties. The Navajo Nation will soon be developing 80 miles of recreational trails in the Chuska Mountain range, complimenting the rec. trails being developed in the Zuni Mtns. The Pueblo of Laguna is developing bike and pedestrian trails connecting all six of their Pueblo Villages.
- D. Trail of the Ancients Scenic Byway is Nationally Designated:** President Trump signed the "Reviving America's Scenic Byways Act of 2019" into law re-establishing the Scenic Byway Program. This provided the NWRTPO the opportunity to undertake a demanding process to pursue national designation for parts of our New Mexico TOA byway portion. RTPO and COG staff submitted the 2020 application for national designation for portions of our New Mexico Trail of the Ancients Scenic Byway. The entire TOA byway corridor is shared by Counties in the 4-Corners region of Utah, Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado; the Utah and Colorado corridors are already nationally designated. **We received news that major portions of our New Mexico corridor are now designated as a National Byway corridor!** With the return of the federal Scenic Byway Program after a multi-year period when the program went away, we are reconstructing the TOA Byway Council for New Mexico, and undertaking the challenging responsibility shared by participating counties to monitor and improve the national corridor, along with stronger participation in funding the byway, in collaboration with NMDOT staff. Staff submitted an application to update our Corridor Management Plan as the first rendition was done in November, 2008. This was recently awarded for funding in 2024.
- E. Major Funding from Federal Sources:** The Federal Govt. and USDOT is providing funding for transportation development in billions of dollars – far beyond anything we've seen before, in some cases with short application timeframes. Members are encouraged to become familiar with these opportunities and take advantage of them.
- F. News, Training and Funding Opportunities:** The following training and funding opportunities have recently emerged:
- FHWA Planning, Environment & Realty Reports: 8/11/22
  - NMDOT Govt. to Govt. Update: 8/1/22, 8/15/22, 8/29/22
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  - FHWA 141054 Course – Practical Applications in Federal-Aid Highway Program Appraisals: 8/16/22
  - Small Community and Tribal Govt. Webinars: 8/16/22
  - NMDOT Fast EV Charging Station grant program: 8/17/22
  - Wildlife Corridors Action Plan: 8/18/22
  - Maintaining Minimum Pavement Marking Retro-reflectivity: 8/23/22
  - Summer Research Review 2022: 8/25/22
  - NM – FTA Tribal Transit Outreach Session: 8/26/22
  - SS4A and RR Xing Guidance: 8/26/22
  - Reconnecting Communities Capital Construction Webinar Recording: 8/31/22
  - LGRF, TPF and other deadline reminders: 8/31/22
  - More funding and transportation news: 9/6/22

August Monthly Report											
Function	Budgeted Hours	Q1	Q2	Q3	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sept.-22	Q4	Total Actual hours	Balance	Percentage budgeted differs from actuals*
1	200	26.50	77.50	47.50	3.50	14.50	0.00	18.00	169.50	30.50	-15.25%
2	200	5.00	31.50	4.50	10.00	49.50	0.00	59.50	100.50	99.50	-49.75%
3	450	159.00	130.50	180.00	2.75	3.50	0.00	6.25	475.75	-25.75	5.72%
4	350	12.50	81.00	68.00	68.50	50.50	0.00	119.00	280.50	69.50	-19.86%
5	450	119.50	143.00	76.50	31.25	35.00	0.00	66.25	405.25	44.75	-9.94%
6	450	115.00	80.50	88.50	22.50	19.50	0.00	42.00	326.00	124.00	-27.56%
TOTAL	2100	437.50	544.00	465.00	138.50	172.50	0.00	311.00	1757.50	342.50	-16.31%
*if budgeted hours differ from actual hours by more than 20% in any function, provide a narrative explanation below											

## Quarterly Expenditure Summary

NWRTPO FFY2022 Q1 Budget Detail*	Q1 Request	Q2 Request	Q3 Request	Jul-22	Q4 Request	Total Budgeted Amount	Requests YTD (incl. current request)	Balance
a. Personnel	\$ 16,325.56	\$ 18,085.44	\$ 14,713.51	\$ 4,142.21	\$ 4,142.21	\$54,070.00	\$ 53,266.72	\$ 803.28
b. Fringe Benefits	\$ 3,837.70	\$ 4,147.47	\$ 3,208.35	\$ 1,272.50	\$ 1,272.50	\$13,588.00	\$ 12,466.02	\$ 1,121.98
c. Travel & Training	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 693.15	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,023.00	\$ 693.15	\$ 4,329.85
d. Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
e. Supplies	\$ 365.79	\$ 174.36	\$ 117.90	\$ 338.70	\$ 338.70	\$ 4,591.00	\$ 996.75	\$ 3,594.25
f. Contractual	\$ 3,250.14	\$ 2,767.01	\$ 2,184.48	\$ 728.16	\$ 728.16	\$ 14,878.00	\$ 8,929.79	\$ 5,948.21
g. Construction	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
h. Other	\$ 2,409.94	\$ 2,229.91	\$ 1,973.00	\$ 1,198.49	\$ 1,198.49	\$ 14,100.00	\$ 7,811.34	\$ 6,288.66
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 26,189.13</b>	<b>\$ 27,404.19</b>	<b>\$ 22,890.39</b>	<b>\$ 7,680.06</b>	<b>\$ 7,680.06</b>	<b>\$ 106,250.00</b>	<b>\$ 84,163.77</b>	<b>\$ 22,086.23</b>
Local Match (20%)	\$ 5,237.83	\$ 5,480.84	\$ 4,578.08	\$ 1,536.01	\$ 1,536.01	\$ 21,250.00	\$ 16,832.75	\$ 4,417.25
Federal Share (80%)	\$ 20,951.30	\$ 21,923.35	\$ 18,312.31	\$ 6,144.05	\$ 6,144.05	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 67,331.02	\$ 17,668.98

Control Number:	Invoice #	TOTAL	Local Match (20%)	Federal Share (80%)
Work Authorization (09/30/2020)		\$ 106,250.00	\$ 21,250.00	\$ 85,000.00
Quarter				
Q1 ending 12/31		\$ 26,189.13	\$ 5,237.83	\$ 20,951.30
Q2 ending 3/31		\$ 27,404.19	\$ 5,480.84	\$ 21,923.35
Q3 ending 6/30		\$ 22,890.39	\$ (4,578.08)	\$ 18,312.31
Q4 ending 9/30		\$ 7,680.06	\$ 1,536.01	\$ 6,144.05
<b>BALANCE</b>		<b>\$ 22,086.23</b>	<b>\$ 13,573.40</b>	<b>\$ 17,668.98</b>

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