NORTHWEST NEW MEXICO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

NWRTPO | Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization

Joint Policy & Technical Committee

NWRTPO Meeting Minutes

Wednesday November 9, 2022
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Virtual meeting executed via Microsoft Teams
Due to COVID-19 Pandemic

ATTENDANCE:

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

New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT)	
Entity	**Representative(s)**
RTPO Liaison	**Neala Krueger**
District 5	**James Mexia**, **Amanda Nino**
District 6	**Bill Santiago**, Michael Neely, **Clayton Garner**
Tribal Liaison	**Ron Shutiva**
DOT Central Regional Design Office	James Sanchez, Juan Archuletta
Other NMDOT Staff / Guests	**Emily Dossett** – NMDOT, **Callie French -**UNM-LTAP

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

Tally Sheet – Attendance & Quorum

Total Full Attendance:	**Member Entities:**	**NMDOT**	**RTPO**	**Guests (Transit)**	**Full Attendance Norm:**	
	12	**Normally 4-5: DOT Liaison, Tribal Liaison, District 5 & 6 Representatives**		**varies**	**17 - 20**	
Attendance – this meeting:	**Member Attendance:**	**NMDOT Attendance:**	**Staff:**	**Guests:**	**Attendance % this meeting:**	**TOTAL:**
	4	**7**	**1**	**1**	**60%**	**13**

ROUTINE ITEMS:

Item #	Item
I.	**Call to Order and Introductions.** The meeting was called to order at **10:15** am, Bob Kuipers welcomed those in attendance, and **Gaylord Siow** proceeded with introductions and approval of agenda and minutes. The virtual meeting was conducted via Microsoft Teams, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
II.	**Agenda.** RTPO Staff provided an overview of the day's agenda topics and **Gaylord Siow – Vice Chair** called for a motion: **ACTION:** **Edwin Begay – Navajo DOT** motioned; – **Royce Gchachu – Pueblo of Zuni** seconded adoption of the agenda. All in favor – motion carried.
III.	**Minutes (July 13, 2022).** RTPO Staff provided time for review of minutes and there were no revisions requested, **Gaylord Siow – RTPO Vice Chair** called for a motion. **ACTION:** **Royce Gchachu – Pueblo of Zuni** motioned; **Alicia Santiago – City of Gallup** - seconded adoption of the minutes. All in favor – motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS: none this meeting

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Item #	Item	Presenter
IV.	***Review & Discuss:*** **Annual Member Survey Progress – FFY2022 (Oct. 2021 - Sept. 2022)**	**Robert Kuipers – RTPO Staff**

BACKGROUND

- **Why?** On an annual basis the NWRTPO conducts a member survey to examine members' a) training, b) local leader orientations, c) member rating of RTPO services, d) presentations of interest, e) ideas to improve RTPO service to our member govt.s, f) ideas for engaging transportation resources (funding, cross-jurisdictional support, state / federal engagement – etc.) and g) Ideas for engaging NWRTPO regional goals going forward.
- **Purpose.** Report back to RTPO members on Survey responses, and engage NMDOT support.
- **Discussion/Finalization.** Staff will present at this meeting.

CURRENT WORK

- Staff to review and summarize survey response results.

ANTICIPATED WORK

- Based on 11/9/22 meeting discussion, staff to engage member recommendations going forward.

ATTACHMENTS

- FFY2022 Member Survey
- Initial RTPO member survey responses summary

BUDGET IMPACT

- None

ACTION ITEM

- N/A

Discussion: Staff expressed **disappointment in only five (5) RTPO member survey responses**, and requested those RTPO members who did not respond to undertake and submit the survey.

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V.	***Present*: Forthcoming 2023 Call for TAP, RTP and CRP (*Carbon Reduction Program*) Projects**	**Robert Kuipers**
BACKGROUND		
• **Why?** NMDOT is issuing a new call for projects for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), Recreational Trails Program (RTP), and Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) commencing this month. • **Purpose.** Inform RTPO members and invite NMDOT guidance for this funding • **Discussion/Finalization.** Introductory presentation this meeting, to commence an application process that continues thru June of 2023		
CURRENT WORK		
• Members to review TAP, RTP, CRP funding cycle and consider projects for submission		
ANTICIPATED WORK		
• Develop complete application packages for submission thru the NWRTPO to NMDOT • Complete application packages due to NMDOT March 10, 2023		
ATTACHMENTS		
• TAP / RTP and CRP Funding Cycle Timelines		
BUDGET IMPACT		
• None.		
ACTION ITEM		
• N/A.		

Discussion:

- In our previous October 12 RTPO meeting, JoAnn Garcia and Beth Forman made an extensive presentation on the forthcoming 2024 TAP, RTP and CRP funding call for projects. Members are encouraged to review the Oct. 12 minutes for the extensive guidance provided around competitive applications.
- While the application guidance is being finalized in NMDOT to be released sometime this month, COG RTPO staff simply presented the projects' time schedule for the complete forthcoming application cycle, indicating that **complete application packages will be due on March 10, 2023** for all three funding sources.
- Our region has historically done well with TAP and RTP funding, and exceptionally well with NMDOT Transportation Project Fund project funding, so staff are encouraging our members to gear up for these funding opportunities, and continue to take advantage of these sources that support multi-modal and recreational transportation development. While Carbon Reduction may not seem a major concern for our rural region, in recent years, coal powered electric generating plants are closing down, and our McKinley and Cibola counties are on one of the busiest interstates in the nation, along with the BNSF Rail Line.

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VI.	***Present*: UNM-LTAP Training – Intro. to Grant Writing part 2**	**Callie Thomason French – UNM LTAP**

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 continue a 30 - 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 strorage" (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.

Discussion:

- Callie Thomason French from UNM-LTAP continued grant writing training with more focus on federal funding sources and grant requirements.
- Starting with FHWA – National Highway Institute – 151056:
- Covered federal grant requirements including grants, sub-grants and contracts
- ID funding sources and regulations including
  - US Constitution (*provides oversight power to states*)
  - Federal statutes (*provides additional regulation*)
  - Govt. Directives (*provides rules for grant applications*)
  - Program Regulation (*provides guidelines for grants*)
  - Grant Agreements
- Delegation of Requirements:
  - Flow of Rules – Federal to State to Local
  - Grants: provide funds for property or services to support public service
  - Contracts: help acquire property or services
- Federal Aid Highway Program:
  - Provides federal $ to states
  - Match requirements
  - Reimbursement after project completion

- Grant Steps:
  - 1) Authorization
  - 2) Appropriations – Legislative Body provides funding
  - 3) Award - $ award to public body or eligible agency
  - 4) Grant Application – legal agreement for $
  - 5) Expenditure – reimbursement for execution
  - 6) Completion – official closeout
  - 7) Payment - $ upon completion
  - 8) Single Audit – ensure proper execution
  - 9 Close Out
- Funding Sources:
  - National Highway System
  - MPO $
  - Equity Bonus System
  - Surface Transportation Program
  - State Planning & Research Funds
- Regulations: a) 23-CFR Part 420; b) 23-CFR Part 450; c) 23-CFR Part 18; d) 23-CFR Part 19
- **Upcoming from LTAP:**
- T/LPA bundle training
- Heavy Equipment training
- Explanation of forthcoming training coming in a couple of weeks

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VII.	***Reports, Updates, Announcements***	Robert Kuipers

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
- 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: 10/13/22
- NMDOT Govt. to Govt. Update: 10/11/22
- 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 – **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.
- Email Change Notice from NMDOT: All NMDOT staff emails will change from @state.nm.us to @dot.nm.gov in October 9/28/22
- USDOT Thriving Communities Program: A $30 million funding opportunity between USDOT and USHUD for infrastructure projects – 10/13/22
- Human Environment Digest: Transportation funding and project news – from FHWA Plng. Environ. & Realty – 10/13/22
- UNM Grant Writing Training Workshop: 10/17/22
- TAP, RTP, CRP Program Guides: 10/19/22
- NMDFA Cibola County Funding Presentation: sent to RTPO members 11/1/22

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.

- Robert Kuipers provided a) the monthly RTPO report, b) the monthly staff hours for October, c) the monthly expenditures for October were not available yet.

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

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 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. This project is under environmental review at this time. SP30 – Pueblo Road LGRF Cooperative Agreement and Tribal Resolution have been signed by Pueblo leadership and sent to Bill Santiago at DOT District 6.**
- **The Pueblo has submitted applications to repair / replace San Fidel Creek bridge – M-123, and Acomita Lake bridge – M-124, on SP34 – Fatima Hill Road.**
- **Tribal Admin. met with the Federal Highway Administration along with Ron Shutiva, providing information on TTP and FHWA; a powerpoint on challenges and opportunities with CMGC (***Construction Management / General Contractor***) funding, and discussion on ICIP training.**
- **Forthcoming Tribal Summit on Transportation – including BIL funding.**
- The Pueblo's TTIP (Tribal Transportation Improvement Program) is in process with Federal Highway Admin.
- CMGC2 – 4 Projects are now complete.
- Dennis Felipe is working toward a TTP Safety Project**.**
- **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.**
- **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**. The Pueblo submitted a request and was funded for $2,900,000 for planning and design of Haaku road improvements from the FFY2023 NM Transportation Project Fund. SP38 TPF Cooperative Agreement and Tribal Resolution are in legal review – once approved and signed by Pueblo leadership

these will be sent to Clayton Garner at DOT District 6. **The Pueblo has now executed contract agreement and resolution for $2.9 million to improve SP38 - Haaku Road**

- **SP302 is completing environmental assessment**
- **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).**
- **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!**
- 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.
- **NM DOT Commission meeting on Sept. 15 in Acoma**
- **Acoma is seeking scenic byway funding, and will pursue Pueblo Council approval to pursue grant funding next year; Neala Krueger will inform NMDOT – Beth Foreman to provide byway funding contact information. The Pueblo is developing a supporting resolution at this time.**
- **The Pueblo would like to invite local, county and other tribal entities within the Pueblo region to consider partnering for construction project funding, as bundling projects saves money, as the Pueblo has learned from CMGC (Construction Management / General Contractor) funding.**

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 will pursue a Road Safety Audit for NM53 mp 14 – 18.**
- **The Pueblo is submitting an application to update their Transportation Safety Plan.**
- **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

- **CR-19 improvements. CR19 – 18.6 miles of chip-sealing is now complete and striping is finished making this project complete.**
- **The County's Local Government Road Fund projects for FFY2021 are now complete; working on certifications for 2022 projects at this time.**
- **The County Road Dept. has issued Purchase orders for a bridge on CR15 and a bridge on CR43.**
- 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. The County Road Dept. has issued purchase orders for a bridge on CR15 and a bridge on CR43. Church Rock Mine Bridge is getting started at this time. The 2023 Transportation Project Fund has funded another Superman Canyon road – CR43 bridge at $2,716,334.00.**
- **The County is realigning CR5 – Manuelito Canyon road – LGRF funds; has applied 4 miles of chip seal on CR6 – now waiting on rain delays.**
- 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 2nd Street has been completed. Phase 2**

construction is ongoing – south and north sidewalks are now complete and working on completing drainage. First to Second street is now complete, working on 1st Street to Coal Avenue next.

- **East Nizhoni and West Aztec improvements are currently in design phase – East Nizhoni received news from NMDOT Dist. 6 that the City was awarded MAP funding for East Nizhoni Ave - $900,000. Phase 2 Nizhoni Blvd. and College Drive intersection construction began on 10/17/22 and is underway. East Nizhoni was also awarded $350,000 from the NM FFY2023 Transportation Project Fund. West Aztec – meeting with property owner has been executed and now moving forward to complete design. 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.
- **West Logan street repairs are being advertised**
- **2nd and 3rd Street pedestrian safety improvements RFP for design was awarded, along with 2nd and 3rd Street Quiet Zone awarded for design.**
- **CDBG RFP was awarded – working on paperwork for DFA approval. An Extension Request was sent to DFA.**
- **Federal Aviation Admin. application for $5 million has been submitted for our airport taxi-way and connectors. The City has been awarded and construction began on April 11, 2022. Construction is now complete and project in close out.**

Milan

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

Grants

- The City recently had a ribbon cutting ceremony for the pedestrian bridge on 2nd Street. **The bridge and channel are almost completed. 2nd Street Shared Path Loop has been awarded $1.1 million in TAP funding.**

- Riverwalk trail: Design at 100% from WHPacific, Project is on hold for the time being.
- First Street phase 2 – Adams to Roosevelt: design at 100%; added a pond and lift station on Geis Street for drainage; allotted $1.8 million from 2019 state legislature for **final phase 3 from Washington to Roosevelt which was recently awarded is now complete**. Final PS&E was scheduled for this August and project letting is scheduled for September. Total project stands at $6.2 million. **Striping is now complete; anticipated completion coming soon.**
- 2nd street bridge out to bid for construction to commence in July – **2nd Street Channel project is now complete for Jefferson Ave. to the Rio San Jose.**
- Washington bridge replacement over 2nd Street through LGTPF funding will include a walking opportunity for High School students; project construction is underway – commenced in June. **Funding was awarded at $750,000 for the Anderman to Sage St. portion from NM CDBG funds.**
- Lobo Canyon and Roosevelt intersection improvements are underway and ongoing. **Roosevelt Bridge is at 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 Paguate 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. Busy fixing Chapter access roads – primarily in Arizona and now in New Mexico.**
- **Recently Arlando Teller – USDOT met with Anthony Dimas and Billy Moore to discuss Navajo roads.**
- **Working on TTIP projects across the Navajo Nation.**
- **NDOT dealing with multiple funding deadlines.**
- **Held a grand opening for N2007 Bridge.**
- **Providing Chapters technical assistance for ingress and egress – including the BIA and NM / AZ DOT. The BIA will provide road inventory training to NDOT.**
- **Navajo Transit is now under Navajo DOT.**
- NDOT is also gearing up for school bus route improvements and asking route maps from the various Navajo Nation schools**. NDOT is completing School Bus Route mapping at this time. There is currently much concern around school bus routes and bridges which buses cannot cross.**
- **Larry 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. The 15 mile Chapter Road improvement projects will commence soon.**
- **There have been three ribbon cutting ceremonies for roads at 1) Mariano Lake, 2) Ojo Amarillo, and 3) a Tsaynosti Chapter Bridge**
- 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

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- 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.**
- **For both Northern and Eastern Navajo there have been major road washouts due to flooding, which NDOT is addressing as best they can. NDOT staff will also be undertaking BIA Road Inventory training.**

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

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

New Mexico Department of Transportation Reports ***(significant news only)***	RTPO Liaison (Neala Krueger) Tribal Liaison (Ron Shutiva) District 5 (James Mexia, Stephanie Medina) District 6 (JoAnn Garcia; Bill Santiago)

Multimodal Planning & Programs Bureau – Neala Krueger

- The **FFY23/24 Regional Work Program** (RWP) has received FHWA approval. NMDOT has sent a Notice to Proceed (NTP) for the RWP by Oct 1.
- The NWNMCOG SPR Grant agreements for **the Milan Comprehensive Transportation Safety Action Plan** and **McKinley County Transportation Master Plan** are pending. Once NMDOT has a fully executed agreement,

we will proceed with obligating the funds. NWNMCOG cannot begin work until NMDOT sends a Notice to Proceed (NTP) for the projects.

- **The NWRTPO Annual Performance and Expenditure Report (APER) is now under review.**
- **NMDOT Freight Advisory Committee Meeting**
  The third meeting of the Freight Advisory Committee was Thursday, September 22, 2022 from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm. The Freight Advisory Committee include representatives of a cross-section of public and private sector freight stakeholders and participates in the development of the State Freight Plan. More information about the 2045 New Mexico Freight Plan Update can be found here: https://www.2045nmfreightplan.com/
- **Updated Functional Classification Guide Draft**
  Per the 7/25 Govt to Govt email from Shannon Glendenning, the NMDOT Technical & Freight Planning Team updated the Functional Classification Guide for 2022. It is posted to the NMDOT website. If you have questions contact Tyler Roller, Roadway Classifications Manager at Tyler.roller@state.nm.us.

NMDOT Tribal Liaison – Ron Shutiva

- **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.**
- **There will be a session on I-40 improvements with NDOT.**
- 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, Amanda Nino

- WHPacific is being contracted for a study on needed road and intersection improvements on US 64 – MP 0 – 20 (which includes the Shiprock School Zone). This project will be divided into two phases funded separately and referencing the District 5 HSIP plan for 2021 including a) primary / major Chapter or community intersections from Shiprock to the Arizona border and b) the Shiprock School Zone.

- The NM371 and N36 intersection near Northern Edge Casino is at 60% design; need ROW clearance / easement from NDOT.
- D-5 staff are managing project proposals for the 2021 Local Government Road Fund, and have received awards from the DOT General Office in Santa Fe for the next fiscal year.
- **Work is pending for NDOT Capital Outlay and N.O.O. – Please contact DOT District 5 SOON!!!**
- **Amanda Nino: working on close out for LGRF; Transportation Project Fund extensions are due by November 30.**

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**! **Extension requests are due by October 31 (including a resolution)!**
- **The FY2023 Transportation Project Fund applications must include a supporting resolution. DOT District 6 has provided a template. Request a match waiver ASAP – due end of September.**
- **Get signed agreements to DOT Dist. 6 soon, including supporting resolutions.**
- **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!!!**
- **New functional classification information was sent out July 25.**
- 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!

Mike Neely: NMDOT will have a new email: staff member@dot.nm.gov.

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

ANNOUCEMENTS & NEXT MEETING: No announcements – **next meeting November 9, 2022** – **virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams**

ADJOURNMENT (11:00 am) **Edwin Begay – Navajo DOT** motioned; and **Alicia Santiago – City of Gallup** seconded for adjournment Motion carried by acclamation.

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, staff have submitted to NMDOT and seven (7) projects were approved to move forward for the NWRTPO (*Grants, Acoma, McKinley, Gallup, Cibola, Milan, Eastern Navajo*).**

MEMBERS:

- **Members are encouraged to review your respective sections in these minutes and report to RTPO staff on which portions / bullet sentences can be eliminated as no longer pertinent or completed, as these sections make the minutes incredibly lengthy!!**
- **Annual RTPO Member Survey:** FFY2022 member surveys are now due – these are available on Survey Monkey, and staff have included the survey in this meeting package.
- **Statewide Transportation Plan** 2045 update – members encouraged to review

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