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

Wednesday March 13, 2019
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
NMDOT District 6 Office
1919 Pinon Drive, Milan, NM

ATTENDANCE:

Local & Tribal Governments:

Pueblo of Acoma	Vice Chair – Dave Deutsawe, Raymond Concho
Pueblo of Laguna	Gaylord Siow
Pueblo of Zuni	absent
Navajo Nation	Eastern Navajo: absent Northern Navajo: absent
Ramah Navajo	Jonathan Henio
Farmington MPO	Vacant at this time
City of Grants	Don Jaramillo, Mark Teshima
City of Gallup	absent
Village of Milan	Absent
Cibola County	Gary Porter
McKinley County	Chair – Jeff Irving
San Juan County	absent

Technical Agencies:

Govt. to Govt. Liaison: Neala Krueger – excused
DOT District 5: Steve Lopez – excused
DOT District 6: JoAnn Garcia, Marticia Holiday, Bill Santiago, Arif Kazmi, Stephanie Parra, Andrew Gallegos
DOT Tribal Liaison: Ron Shutiva
DOT – Admin:

NWRTPO Administration:

Northwest Regional Planning Organization: Robert Kuipers

Guests: Brandon Howe – MRRTPO / MR-COG, Mark Teshima – City of Grants

TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 4 Members, 3 alternate members, 7 NMDOT, 1 RTPO Staff,
2 guests – TOTAL: 17

- I. **Call to Order and Introductions:**....., NWRTPO Chair – Jeff Irving
 - Jeff Irving called the meeting to order at 10:20 am, welcomed those in attendance, and proceeded with introductions and approval of agenda and minutes. The meeting was hosted by McKinley County with special thanks for coffee, snacks and lunch provided.
- II. **Review & Approval of Agenda:**.....Jeff Irving, Chair
 - Motion to Approve: Gaylord Siow - Laguna; 2nd: Dave Deutsawe - Acoma; all in favor, none opposed.
- III. **Approval and Review of Minutes for July 11, 2018 meeting:**.....Jeff Irving
 - Motion to Approve: Don Jaramillo - Grants; 2nd: Dave Deutsawe - Acoma; all in favor, none opposed.

ACTION ITEMS:

- IV. **Call for Projects – NMDOT Dist. 6 RTIP (Zipper) Approval / Authorization:**..Jeff Irving, Robert Kuipers, Cerisse Grijalva – SWRTPO / Catron County (absent), Brandon Howe – MRRTPO / Sandoval County, DOT Dist. 6 staff

BACKGROUND
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why: The NMDOT distributes federal funding for transportation maintenance and development to metropolitan and rural regions of the state. With limited funding available to rural areas, it is important to have a prioritized list of viable (qualified) projects for funding. • Purpose. The NWRTPO undertakes a new Regional Transportation Improvement Program Recommendations (RTIPR) list of projects that qualify for federal funding in two-year cycles. • Discussion/Finalization. The NWRTPO will undertake this project qualification / prioritization process commencing in June, 2018 and completing in March, 2019 with an updated RTIPR.

WORK TO DATE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An updated Call for Projects Guide has been developed to guide the NWRTPO members through the process for identifying qualified projects, and assessing their readiness for phased development, as well as competitiveness for funding. • In previous cycles, the NWRTPO has trimmed its RTIPR from \$350 million, with many projects that did not qualify for federal funding, down to \$65 million, with all projects listed qualifying for federal funding through the state. The actual documented need for our three-county region of New Mexico is cited at \$777 million.

ANTICIPATED WORK
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The NWRTPO commenced the RTIPR update in June of 2018. The process will run through March of 2019, with a) submission of Project Feasibility Forms (PFF) due July 31, which if approved as viable for federal \$, will follow with b) submission of Project Prospectus Forms (PPF) due Oct. 26 (replacing PIF's). c) For projects that compete for prioritization, the NWRTPO hears and scores presentations on project need and readiness from each jurisdictional representative at their December meeting. d) The NWRTPO then drafts the RTIPR update, and approve / authorize it at their 2/13/19 meeting; e) At today's meeting DOT District 6 prioritizes projects from their participating RTPO's for the DOT District RTIP – referred to as the "Zipper" because it blends projects from the NWRTPO (McKinley & Cibola Counties), SWRTPO (Catron County) and MRRTPO (Sandoval County); The DOT Dist. 5 RTIP meeting will take place sometime thereafter – incorporating Northern Navajo projects from San Juan County. • Once projects are cited in the DOT District RTIP, they are within 4-5 years of getting funded, or may need to be re-authorized by the RTPO and DOT District for future funding.

ATTACHMENTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Draft DOT District 6 RTIP for approval and authorization at this meeting

BUDGET IMPACT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • none

ACTION ITEM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members and MRRTPO / SWRTPO staff along with DOT District 6 staff will take policy action to approve and authorize the FFY2019 – 2020 DOT District 6 RTIP (zipper) at this meeting; thereafter DOT Dist. 6 staff will review and may recommend any final adjustments.

Discussion:

- With little discussion, as most of our members are at this point very familiar with the RTIPR and all their submitted projects, and the MRRTPO and SWRTPO representatives were pleased with the priority positioning of their projects in the Dist. 6 RTIP. Some discussion on Catron County – NM12 project as to whether it could be phased because it came at a non-competitive (high) cost. Motion to approve and authorize: Gaylord Siow - Laguna; 2nd: Dave Deutsawe - Acoma; all in favor, none opposed.
- A question arose about FLAP funding – who does the construction – locals, state or feds; and what about tribal lands. Bob K. mentioned the federal program may have its own crew for such projects if he recalls correctly what Laurie Miskimmins (Federal Lands Program Coordinator for our region) had indicated, but will follow up with her on this matter.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

V. NWRTPO Annual Meeting Schedule:.....Robert Kuipers

BACKGROUND
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why? On an annual basis, the NWRTPO provides an annual schedule of meeting dates, times and locations to our region’s media – especially area newspapers, to encourage public awareness and participation. • Purpose. Maintain public awareness and access to the monthly meetings of the NWRTPO, who’s local government representatives collaborate with the N.M. DOT, to prioritize projects for regional transportation infrastructure and services, and monitor / report progress on local / regional funding and development on a monthly basis. • Discussion/Finalization. RTPO members will briefly discuss the annual schedule, and confirm their meeting date and location by or before our April, 2019 meeting.
CURRENT WORK
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss and agree on meeting date assignments
ANTICIPATED WORK
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm meeting host dates with local leaders, and report to the RTPO staff.
ATTACHMENTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FFY2018 – 2019 meeting schedule
BUDGET IMPACT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None.
ACTION ITEM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No policy action, but members will confirm their respective meeting dates / locations and report back to RTPO staff by or before our April 10 meeting.

Discussion:

- Members agreed to maintain the same schedule as the past year, with the exception of Zuni and San Juan trading places with Zuni hosting the June meeting, and San Juan hosting the July meeting. This would accommodate an opportunity for the NWRTPO to briefly meet with the Farmington (incl. Aztec & Bloomfield) MPO, to become acquainted, and discuss any opportunities for future collaboration around MPO corridors that connect with other key County corridors within the RTPO’s (Northern Navajo) oversight. There was previous discussion at our February meeting on the NM371 and N36 intersection, and how the MPO might collaborate with the RTPO to improve this intersection related to the Flowing Waters Casino traffic impact.

VI. District RTIP to statewide DOT STIP Process:.....Andrew Gallegos – NMDOT District 6

BACKGROUND

- **Why?** RTPO members, along with the local government leaders they serve (due to personnel turnover) are not always aware of the process by which the NMDOT Districts move projects (based on regional priority and readiness) into the NMDOT Statewide STIP, along with timelines relevant to available funding and DOT priorities responding to federal oversight.
- **Purpose.** Provide a better understanding of how the NMDOT prioritizes and selects projects for funding, based on local, regional, NMDOT and federal statewide transportation priorities; along with the process for moving projects thru the DOT Districts into the statewide STIP.
- **Discussion/Finalization.** DOT Dist. 6 staff will cover and inform on this process, and answer questions through discussion.

CURRENT WORK

- District 6 Engineer Andrew Gallegos will provide an overview of the process for how projects emerging from RTPO RTIPs and DOT District RTIPs gain access into the Statewide DOT STIP, along with typical funding timelines.

ANTICIPATED WORK

- Presentation from Mr. Gallegos at the March 13 meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

- District RTIP to NMDOT Statewide STIP Process presentation

BUDGET IMPACT

- None.

ACTION ITEM

- N/A.

Discussion:

- Introduced NMDOT District 6 staff related to project management – JoAnn Garcia - TLPA & D6 Capital Outlay Coordinator; Bill Santiago – Local Govt. Road Fund, Stephanie Parra – District 6 STIP Coordinator and Design Engineer.
- The DOT District handles all DOT Lead Projects, but can sometime advise or assist local lead projects. Luke Smith is the current coordinator at NMDOT Central Region Design office for our region’s Local Lead Projects.
- The upcoming new STIP will be for 2020 – 2025
- It is critical to get all agreements signed and in place before letting projects
- Andrew brought up the current STIP on the screen and demonstrated content to our members
- For the Catron County project, phasing is recommended, or perhaps a match from Capital Outlay

VII. Reports, Updates & Announcements:

BACKGROUND

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

Informational Items

Regional News & Updates

- Regional Work Program Status Report
- RTPO Report: Call for Projects: NMDOT District 6 RTIP (“Zipper”) authorization at 3/13/19 meeting.
- Members to confirm continued authorization for their representation to the NWRTPO from their respective local leaders.
- Member Reports

Member Special Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• None submitted prior to the meeting
NMDOT Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• G to G Liaison: Neala Krueger• Tribal Liaison: Ron Shutiva• District 6: JoAnn Garcia & staff; District 5: Steve Lopez• DOT Planning Unit – Govt. to Govt. Weekly Updates
Training & Funding Opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Second round of INFRA funding Notice of Funding Opportunity announced in December, 2018.• Indian Highway Safety Grants – emailed to members 2/11/19• Local Government Road Fund reminder – emailed to members 2/21/19• Rural Business Development Grant – from Ron Shutiva; emailed to members 2/25/19• TTAP Training Series – provided from Dave Deutsawe, emailed to members 2/25/19
New Business / Open Floor: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• None requested in advance of this meeting

Discussion:

A. RTPO Report – February 2019

- Reports attached for February RTPO report along with RWP Status Report.
- FHWA Planning, Environment and Realty Reports, NMDOT Planning Govt. to Govt. Reports, and AASHTO Publication Updates are forwarded to members as they come out.

B. Local Member Reports & Updates:

1. Pueblo of Acoma:

- Ramond Concho Jr. has joined the Pueblo’s Community Development Office as the Transportation Planner, having stepped down in the recent appointments, from his role as 1st Lt. Governor for the Pueblo.
- The Pueblo of Acoma has been named a case study of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for its successful application of the CMGC process (*Construction Management / General Contractor*). Mr. Deutsawe was part of a national webinar on 2/7/19 for the “Every Day Counts 5” national initiative on the subject of project bundling which is a new innovation of EDC5.
- CMGC – 2 Projects: (*request for proposals for this new bundle of projects was published 2/10/19*)
 - CMGC-10 Transportation Office Complex – NEPA work is completed; categorical exclusion received. Request for proposals received. POA selection team completed its scoring and will have interviews 3/14/19; Notice of Award anticipated for 3/22/19.
 - CMGC-11 SP130 Veterans Blvd. – NEPA work is completed; categorical exclusion received. Request for proposals received. POA selection team completed its scoring and will have interviews 3/14/19; Notice of Award anticipated for 3/22/19.
 - CMGC-12 Baseball Fields - NEPA work is completed; categorical exclusion received. CDO working with Realty to complete the Grant of Easements and ROW. POA selection team completed its scoring and will have interviews 3/14/19; Notice of Award anticipated for 3/22/19.
 - CMGC-14 FEMA 4352 Large Projects (39) – Ready for recovery; all NEPA documents have been completed by FEMA’s Environmental Historic Preservation Office. Request for proposals received. POA selection team completed its scoring and will have interviews 3/14/19; Notice of Award anticipated for 3/22/19.
- BIA Legacy Projects:
 - SP302, GE Pino Roads – all documentation has been submitted to the BIA SWRO Division of Transportation for their PS&E review. Received 100% PS&E on 3/6/19. Ready to present to the Governor for his signature.
 - Mesa Hill Road and Bridge Project: PS&E completed. Applied to several federal and other funding mechanisms for construction; still waiting for a response from the US DOT whether we have been awarded.
- The Pueblo is continuing on the update to their Long-Range Transportation Plan; anticipate completion by September, 2019
- Pinsbaari Drive Corridor Development Study: Possible funds have been identified through the Capital Outlay Process; these funds would help create a Mainstreet Project for economic development.

- FEMA 4352: Small Projects: Recovery work has begun; the POA Public Works / Utility Authority was awarded the small projects (64) at \$2.2 million capital investment.
 - TTP: Received approved 2019-2023 Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan from FHWA.
2. Pueblo of Zuni:
 - No new news.
 3. McKinley County (report from last month):
 - Johnson Road Project: Complete: Chip Seal 4.2 miles; Base Course 6.3 miles
 - TIF: \$1.2 million awarded for 10 miles of Deer Springs Road improvement – Mexican Springs Chapter
 - TIF: \$1.3 million awarded for 18 miles of CR19 road improvement – multiple Eastern Navajo Chapters
 - The County is chip sealing local roads with LGRF funds as weather permits – C37 in Tohtachi next on list
 - There are some special FY2019 appropriations that the County will apply to current projects
 - County is waiting on the weather to continue construction on most of their projects
 4. Gallup:
 - In close out with NMDOT Dist. 6 for the Allison Bridge Replacement project and NM118 Pedestrian Safety Projects
 - Veterans Cemetery Access Road: Bid awarded, pre-con scheduled, working with DOT Dist. 6 on certifications, scheduled to open on Memorial Day.
 - Working on Coop Project certifications to rehabilitate a number of city streets
 - Sky City CDBG project is complete and in close out with NM-Dept. of Finance Admin.; fiscal audit completed in December, 2018
 - Working on LGRF and MAP Applications for next fiscal year, to be forwarded to DOT Dist. 6
 - Coal Avenue Event Street: design at 60% at this time.
 5. Milan (not present this meeting – last report as follows):
 - Motel Drive project continues, obtained extension through October 12
 - Coop funded project for drainage behind Allsups is at 90% design
 - Sand Street bridge in design
 - Mirabol Park – pursuing funding, hope to start in December or January
 6. Ramah:
 - BIA Projects Update: BIA 125 mp 18 – 24.6 - developed categorical exclusion documents; and continuing to coordinate with Navajo Nation Historic Preservation Office for BIA 125 MP O – 4.4 and BIA 195. Developing Right of Way documents for BIA 195. Begin environmental survey and will start land survey once weather has cleared for BIA 125 MP O – 4.4 Pond design. Coordinating with Ramah BIA Office for alignment locations on allotted lands.
 - Appointed RNDOT Roads Foreman Mr. Jonathan Henio, as Alternate member for Ramah
 - Emergency snow removal with coordination of 638 Departments and Pine Hill Clinic.
 - Heavy Equipment maintenance and repairs
 - Met with Program Managers – RNSB, Pine Hill Clinic and PD to begin a local ALERT plan for addressing emergencies.
 - Submitted final updated TTIP Plan for FHWA TTP.
 - Developing an RFP for ADA compliance study in Pine Hill.
 - Ongoing general maintenance for area roads, cattle guards and signage, blading and shaping, pot holes and base course patching (incl. school bus routes). Cleaning and replacing roadway signs. Field fence repairs, post replacements and gate repairs.
 7. Cibola County:
 - ZMTP RTP trail project is funded for FFY2019 construction.
 - ICIP approved for the County
 - Capital Outlay awarded for road maintenance and new Sherriff vehicles

- WH Pacific helping to identify data gaps

8. Grants:

- Riverwalk trail: will bid in March for phase 1
- 1st Street phase 2 and 2nd Street phase 4-5 to bid for construction in April.
- First phase for high school trail to commence this summer.
- The next major project will Roosevelt Road and Bridge.

9. Pueblo of Laguna:

- NM 124 Trail- Paraje to the Kawaika Center, a bike/ped path: Construction is in progress and currently at 50% complete, completion date is anticipated April 2019. NMDOT performed their 30% inspection audit on 2/11/19.
- NM 124 Trail- Encinal Road to St. Rd. 279, a bike/ped path: The Construction Management services firm selected is Bohannan Huston Inc. A meeting with FHWA was held in late December to discuss the letting schedule. The project will be bid in first quarter.
- L26 Rainfall Road from Cubero Wash to Seama bridge M108: The project is in bidding, with a due date of March 8. The project will be presented to the Tribal Council March 14, with a recommendation of award. Construction is anticipated for mid-April, 2019.
- M137 bridge at Laguna to Laguna Subdivision: Construction is complete, with a punch list for a few minor items to be complete when temperatures are above 45 degrees, anticipated in April, 2019.
- Mill, Overlay, Striping & Enhancements Project: for L503 Veterans Memorial Rd, L200 Postal Road and L245 Raindrop Road. Construction has resumed March 1 for L503 and L200; completion anticipated for May, 2019.
- BIA Road Maintenance Striping Project: Routes-L22 Casa Blanca Road, L500 Central Park Rd, L200 Twin Lakes Rd, L200 Old Bridge Rd, L200 Porkchop Hill Rd and L200 Elizabeth Bender Rd. The project will be bid in the spring of 2019.
- NM 124 Roundabout: The repairs to the roundabout are being coordinated by NMDOT, no start date has been determined.
- L24 Rainfall Road: design changed to two phases, Ph-1 Road & Trail and Ph-2 Conc Box Underpass, design is in progress
- L26 Deer Dancer Road: at 90% design, working on ROW amendments
- L243 Acorn Road design: completed 100% design, pending design review with the BIA
- M154 Paguete Wash Bridge: PER In progress
- M108 San Jose River Bridge-Seama: PS&E complete and ROW amendments approved. The Engineer of Record will update Estimate, for submission to BIA for construction funding.
- Planning and Design Request for Proposal: RFP for design services for L248 Bluejay Road and L248 Blue Star Loop, will be published March 2019.
- The Pueblo's Safety Plan is completed.

9. Northern Navajo (not present this meeting – submitted report as follows):

NM DOT Safety Projects:

- NMDOT and Shiprock Chapter are working on safety road improvement and pedestrian trails of Shiprock HS corridor on Hwy 64 west of Hwy 491/64 intersection.
- Project planning with Beclabito Chapter on safety project on Hwy 64 at MP 3.0-3.5 for street lighting
- TseDaaKaan Chapter safety project to improve Hwy 64 & N5031 Intersection. Application was updated and submitted for HSIP funding. Pending with NMDOT.
- San Juan Chapter Bridge project connecting N36 to Hwy 64 near Hogback. The feasibility studies were completed by contractor, Wilson & Company. This project would involve coordination with NM DOT and NM State Representative State Representative, Anthony Allison and other State Legislators.
- Upper Fruitland Chapter is working on Safety Project at Hwy 371 & N36 Intersection for improvement. This project would involve coordination with NM DOT, and NM State Representative Anthony Allison and other State Legislators.
- Sheep Springs Chapter is working on safety project to improve intersection at Hwy 491/134, to reduce traffic crashes and pedestrian cross walks.
- Hwy 64- working with NMDOT on road rehab entire 22-mile corridor from Shiprock to AZ Stateline. Road is in desperate need for rehab. NMDOT is working on road design plans for improvements.

NM Local Government Road Fund:

- Project N5002 at Sheep Spring Chapter was awarded \$50,000 for road improvement from NMDOT Local Government Road Fund in May 2018. Contract agreement being finalized with NMDOT.
- Project N571 at Gadihii-Tokoi Chapter was awarded \$200,000 for road improvement from NMDOT Local Government Road Fund in May 2018. Contract agreement being finalized with NMDOT.
- Project planning at preliminary stage are road clearances at Littlewater roads, TR4925, TR5313, N5016, N5005, and N5092. All these roads are School Bus routes. Submitting application for 2019 LGRF.
- Project planning at preliminary stage is road clearances at Shiprock Northwest subdivision TR5033 and 5366. Submitting application for 2019 LGRF.

Navajo Fuel Excise Tax Projects:

- Sanostee Chapter N34 was awarded Navajo FET funds for road gravel and stabilization. Project ready to be bid out.
- Red Valley Chapter N5020 was awarded Navajo FET for road gravel and stabilization. Project ready to be bid out.
- Shiprock Chapter N546 Bluff Road was awarded Navajo FET for road gravel and stabilization. Project ready to be bid out.

Navajo Nation Sihasin Road Projects:

- Sihasin Funded project at Sanostee Chapter N5010 was awarded in the amount of \$75,000 for drainage studies.
- Sihasin Funded project at Beclabito Chapter N5113 was awarded in the amount of \$600,000 for road graveling and stabilization.
- Sihasin Funded project at Two Grey Hills Chapter N19 was awarded for ROW Fencing in the amount of \$600,000
- Sihasin Funded project at Shiprock Chapter N569 Indian Village in the amount of \$200,000 for road graveling and stabilization.
- Sihasin Funded project at Shiprock Chapter Hwy 64 for safety project in the amount of \$500,000.

• **Navajo TTIP Projects:**

- Two Grey Hills Chapter TTIP 2020 project, N5001 for new road construction. Design to be completed by end of this year.
- Sanostee Chapter TTIP 2020 project, N5012 Bridge. Design to be completed by end of this year.
- Red Valley Chapter TTIP 2021 project, N13 road rehab. Surveys to be completed.
- Shiprock Chapter TTIP 2019 N36 safety project- coordination with NDOT and NMDOT Engineers in developing safety scope of work for N36.
- Shiprock Chapter TTIP 2023 N36 project- the road rehab from Hwy 491 to bridge. The road needs to be rehab since it was built in 1987.

10. Eastern Navajo (not present this meeting – last report as follows):

- Right of Way has been a challenge for Chapters to address related to road development
- BIA is assisting with maintenance work for N474 from Hwy 197 to Sandoval County line on behalf of Ojo Encino
- Assisting area Chapters with project development from state or NDOT sources
- Eastern Navajo has six projects proposed for the 2019 RTIPR

C) State DOT Reports:

1. Planning / Govt. to Govt. Unit Liaison – Neala Krueger:

(Absent / excused for attendance at an MPO meeting today; last month's report as follows:)

- The TLPA Handbook update is almost complete; will provide training at each DOT District statewide
- LTAP – Eric Garcia has retired, so UNM and DOT are looking for new trainers for heavy equipment. Training going forward will require a local match. Best value could occur if several governments (County, Municipal, Tribe) pitched in for one joint training.
- May 14-15: FHWA mandatory training for local govt. funding requirements
- TAP Selection committee to select projects for funding March 14; RTP Selection Committee to select projects for funding Feb. 28
- The next round of quality assurance review is coming up
- FHWA has developed an accelerated safety program for more efficient project development
- The final RSA report for the 2nd and 3rd Street rail crossings for Gallup is complete and available
- Gallup Transportation Safety Plan – draft report in progress
- Check on free webinars from the National Highway Institute
- The statewide Bike Plan is now available from NMDOT

2. NMDOT Tribal Liaison – Ron Shutiva:

- Quality Assurance Reviews are forthcoming in the next couple months, from NMDOT
- HSIP currently has a back-log of requested RSA's; need help from the DOT Districts to prioritize
- ADA Compliance: local communities can use the DOT templates
- Need follow up on NM118 drainage study – Vincent Steiner is the lead Engineer for Bohannon Huston; **check the McKinley O.E.M. office for previous Army Corps of Engineers study**
- Ron requests **assistance to push Karen Benally for a new Eastern Navajo RTPO Representative**
- The new N.M. Indian Affairs Dept. Secretary is Lynn Trujillo, from Sandia Pueblo
- Ron would like to promote quarterly meetings to improve coordination between the DOT District and the Tribes
- Michael Sandoval is the new Transportation Secretary for New Mexico, as Tom Church has retired
- Anticipate the statewide Tribal Safety Summit for around mid-November, 2019 – will emphasize DUI, speeding, and jurisdictional collaboration

3. DOT District 5 – Steve Lopez: (absent this meeting; last month's report as follows:)

- NNDOT will be conducting maintenance improvements to the N-36 corridor from the US491 intersection south of Shiprock to the San Juan Chapter House turnoff – about 11.6 miles.
- Be sure to check the HSIP information on the NMDOT website
- Plan to submit a BUILD grant for the bridge in Shiprock over the river in next year's cycle
- LGRF handbook update should be coming out in the next month or two
- 2019 specs for design – etc. are on the NMDOT website
- March 15 is the deadline for LGRF Letters of Intent

4. DOT District 6 – JoAnn Garcia:

- Reminder that Capital Outlay funded projects must also comply with 30%, 60%, 90% design.
- LGRF applications due Friday, 3/15
- Bill Santiago: For MAP funding, be careful on how you state your scope of work
- Marticia Holliday: The TLPA (Tribal & Local Public Agency) Handbook is complete and available; be sure to check on forthcoming LTAP trainings

VIII. New Business / Open Floor – Members & Guests: No new business presented.

IX. Review Calendar & Announcement

- FHWA Planning, Environment & Realty Report: weeks of 2/11/19, 2/15/19 and 3/4/19, emailed as they came out
- NMDOT Govt. to Govt. Updates: weeks of 2/4/19 and 2/18/19 emailed as they came out
- AASHTO Publications: weeks of 2/11/19, 2/20/19, 2/22/19 and 3/1/19 emailed as they came out
- Indian Highway Safety Grants: information from Ron Shutiva, emailed to members 2/11/19
- Local Govt. Road Fund: Bill Santiago reminded the RTPO of the March 15 deadline – two days away
- New Mexico TRIP Report: Forwarded from Evan Williams with summarizing comments – emailed 2/21/19
- Rural Business Development Grant: provided from Ron Shutiva – NMDOT Tribal Liaison – emailed 2/25/19
- TTAP Training: Series of Tribal Tech. Assistance Program training opportunities Feb. 26 – March 1, provided by Dave Deutsawe – emailed to members 2/25/19
- Statewide ITS Architecture Plan Stakeholder Meeting: provided by Ron Shutiva – covering “Intelligent Transportation Systems” technology supporting improved systems for safer, more efficient and effective emergency response along with other transportation benefits. Emailed to members 2/25/19
- FHWA Tribal Transportation Seminar: May 6-10, San Diego, California (news from Dave Deutsawe)
- NMDOT 2019 Annual Public Entity Sale (7/10/19) and Municipality / County Hardship Sale (7/31/19): emailed to members 2/1/19 – includes vehicles and heavy equipment

X. Next Meetings:

- **April 10:** Gallup Eastside Firestation, 3700 Churchrock Street, Gallup, NM

XI. Adjournment

At 2:00 PM, motion for meeting to adjourn by Don Jaramillo - Grants, seconded by Dave Deutsawe – Pueblo of Acoma; passed by consensus, none opposed. Lunch and snacks provided by NMDOT District 6, and NWRTPO staff.

MEETING ACTIONS:

RTPO Members:

- Members reminded that LGRF project applications are due March 15 to NMDOT District assigned staff.
- “Dot your i’s and cross your t’s” – members encouraged to double check all their projects to ensure all required documentation is available – including any required supporting resolutions from your respective governments.

RTPO Staff:

- Distribute the schedule developed that provides annual or multi-year deadlines for all RTPO deliverables including reports – quarterly and annual, RTIPR Call for Projects cycle, Regional Work Program updates or amendments, and governing document updates (*Bylaws, Open Meetings Act Resolution, Title VI Plan, Public Participation Plan, Official Membership Roster*)
- Continue to update the Reg. Trans. Plan tracker instrument and pursue relevant information.
- Maintain appointment forms as members transition.
- Keep members informed on the LGRF (Local Govt. Road Fund) funding opportunity – 3/15/19
- Keep an eye on federal funding for public transportation, and inform our regional 5310 & 5311 providers and RTPO members of any pending changes
- Continue collaborating with Northern Pueblos RTPO for development of the RISTRA / Panoramic real-time / transparent project development status website.

NMDOT Staff:

- Continue to press for LTAP “cradle to grave” comprehensive project development training.
- Assist in arranging a presentation on the new HSIP process.
- Continue to assist with information on the latest Transportation Bill, and the NMDOT Funding Formula.
- Technical assistance with locating data sets for RTP performance measures.



Thanks to NMDOT District 6 for hospitality