

NWRTPO | Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization

Joint Policy & Technical Committee

NWRTPO Meeting Minutes

Wednesday August 14, 2019

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Laguna Public Works Conf. Room

L55 Rodeo Road, Pueblo of Laguna, NM

ATTENDANCE:

Local & Tribal Governments:

Pueblo of Acoma	Vice Chair – Dave Deutsawe, Raymond Concho Jr.
Pueblo of Laguna	Gaylord Siow, Ray Lucero
Pueblo of Zuni	Royce Gchachu
Navajo Nation	Eastern Navajo: Larry Joe Northern Navajo: Larry Joe
Ramah Navajo	Shane Lewis, Trina Martine – absent
Farmington MPO	Vacant at this time
City of Grants	Don Jaramillo - absent
City of Gallup	Alicia Santiago
Village of Milan	Jack Moleres, Denise Baca – absent
Cibola County	Judy Horacek, Gary Porter - absent
McKinley County	Chair – Jeff Irving
San Juan County	Scott Martin, Nick Porell - absent

Technical Agencies:

Govt. to Govt. Liaison: **Neala Krueger**
DOT District 5: **Steve Lopez**
DOT District 6: **JoAnn Garcia, Marticia Holliday**
DOT Tribal Liaison: Ron Shutiva - absent
DOT – Admin:

NWRTPO Administration:

Northwest Regional Planning Organization: **Robert Kuipers**

Guests:

- Linda Cooke – Catron County, Norbert Waconda – 2nd Lt. Governor, Pueblo of Laguna

TOTAL ATTENDANCE:

5 Members, 3 alternate members, 4 NMDOT, 1 RTPO Staff,
2 guests – TOTAL: 15

- I. **Call to Order and Introductions:**.....Jeff Irving – RTPO Chair
- Mr. Irving called the meeting to order at 10:15 am, welcomed those in attendance, and proceeded with introductions and approval of agenda and minutes. The meeting was hosted by the Pueblo of Laguna with special thanks for coffee, snacks and lunch provided.
- II. **Review & Approval of Agenda:**.....Jeff Irving – RTPO Chair
- Motion to Approve: Royce Gchachu - Zuni; 2nd: Dave Deutsawe - Acoma; all in favor, none opposed.
- III. **Approval and Review of Minutes for 6/12/19 meeting:**.....Jeff Irving – RTPO Chair
- Motion to Approve: Gaylord Siow - Laguna; 2nd: Dave Deutsawe – Acoma, all in favor, none opposed. One minor edit to the minutes for Steve Lopez – DOT Dist. 5 changing the contracted engineering firm for US64 MP 0 – 20 (Shiprock to AZ border) from WHPacific to “WSP.” (Steve wasn’t sure what the acronym stood for?)

ACTION ITEMS: none this meeting

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- IV. **Annual Member Survey**.....Robert Kuipers

BACKGROUND
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Why? On an annual basis the NWRTPO conducts a survey to gauge the quality of program services and consider new priorities going forwardPurpose. 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 regionDiscussion/Finalization. Members will be provided the survey via hard copy and survey monkey
CURRENT WORK
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Provide survey options so members can complete and submit no later than 9/30/19
ANTICIPATED WORK
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Staff will summarize survey results and provide back to members and DOT staff in October
ATTACHMENTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">FFY2019 Member Survey Form
BUDGET IMPACT
<ul style="list-style-type: none">None.
ACTION ITEM
<ul style="list-style-type: none">N/A. Based on member feedback, staff will consider and develop recommendations for FFY2020

Discussion:

R.K. distributed hard copies of the annual survey and indicated that an electronic form would soon be available via survey monkey. Requesting that members consider responding on the Survey Monkey version because it automatically organizes member answers under each question, saving staff a considerable amount of time. Surveys are due by the end of September.

V. NWRTPO FFY2019 Regional Work Program Amendment 1:.....Robert Kuipers

BACKGROUND
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why? Adjust R.W.P. hours to add 50 hours to Function 3 – Project Development, borrowing from Function 1 – Long Range Planning Purpose. Add hours to function 3 which were depleted due to the new N.M. DOT Local Govt. Transportation Project Fund – call for projects Discussion/Finalization. This is an administrative amendment, so the purpose is simply to inform members rather than request a formal vote
CURRENT WORK
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inform members of the amendment to carry us through to October
ANTICIPATED WORK
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff will continue to monitor hours invested in each R.W.P. function to adequately carry the NWRTPO work program thru to the end of September and FFY2019
ATTACHMENTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FFY2019 Regional Work Program Amendment #1
BUDGET IMPACT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insignificant
ACTION ITEM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A. as this is not a formal amendment

Discussion: R.K. distributed copies of the administrative (informal) amendment transferring 50 hours from function 1 – long range planning to function 3 – project development & monitoring. This amendment took less than 20% changes in work program hours or budget items, and therefore remained in administrative status, not requiring formal approval by vote from the RTPO members. Mr. Kuipers explained that the much appreciated LGTPF call for projects, providing \$9,181,346.00 in very equitably distributed amounts to most of our applying local governments, burned up most of the remaining staff time in RWP function 3, thereby requiring this administrative amendment, to get us thru to the end of September.

VI. Reports, Updates & Announcements:

BACKGROUND
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why? Update RTPO members on news, training, funding, and other items of special interest Purpose. Keep RTPO members up to date on critical information from NWRTPO and NMDOT sources
Informational Items
Regional News & Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Work Program Status Report RTPO Report 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

News, Training & Funding Opportunities:

- NWRTPO / FMPO Coordinated Public Transit Plan: emailed to members 8/2/19; public comment period ends August 30 for the NWRTPO and FMPO region.
- 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
- Innovation Exchange Webinar – Value Capture for Local Agencies: covering how transportation development can leverage the value of local property thus creating more infrastructure investment appeal to funding agencies – offered August 8; emailed to members 7/31/19
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- US DOT announces \$321.4 million in “Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects”: (NSFLTP) this funding will support maintenance repair or new construction for roads and bridges serving tribal or federal lands. <https://www.transportation.gov/briefing-room/fhwa1519>
- National Transportation in Indian Country Conference: forwarded from Royce Gchachu on June 12 – emailed to members (with apologies!) from Bob K. on July 2; conference takes place in Big Sky, Montana Sept. 16 – 19.

New Business / Open Floor:

- None requested in advance of this meeting

Discussion:

A. RTPO Report – July 2019

- Reports attached for July RTPO report along with RWP Status Report. Of significance in the past month were the LGTPF Call for Projects which resulted in the provision of \$9,181,346.00 in very equitably distributed amounts to most of our applying local governments. Also at our June meeting, for the first time in the history of both organizations the NWRTPO met with the Farmington MPO for a brief period of introductions, and discussion around future opportunities to mutually fund projects that benefit citizens within both the FMPO and NWRTPO regions.
- 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:

- CMGC – 2 Projects: (*request for proposals for this new bundle of projects was published 2/10/19*)
 - CMGC2-1 Transportation Office Complex – Design is complete. The old EDA building has been abated and is now 90% demolished, and a new building will be built to take it's place.
 - CMGC2-2 SP130 Veterans Blvd. – Design is complete. Ready to issue Notice to Proceed. Have held stakeholder meetings with schools, service providers and the ACL Hospital to inform them of the construction schedule and traffic control plan. Construction to begin this month with completion anticipated for December.
 - CMGC2- 3 Baseball Fields – Design is complete; waiting on prairie dog removal before Notice to Proceed is approved and issued – now anticipated to delay construction until the Spring of 2020.
 - CMGC2-4 FEMA 4352 Large Projects (39) – 10 projects have been completed; work began in the southern regions of the Pueblo. All projects to be completed by June, 2020.
- The Pueblo is continuing on the update to their Long-Range Transportation Plan; anticipate completion by September, 2019; WH Pacific will do traffic analysis counts to contribute to the Pueblo's LRTP. The Pueblo is also updating their Transportation Safety Plan at this time. Dave Deutsawe attended the recent Tribal Safety Peer Exchange.
- 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. 25 projects have been completed; 40 projects remain – anticipating completion by March, 2020.

- The Pueblo met with Cibola County on shared corridors needing maintenance and discussed right of way from I40 exit 100 to San Fidel with regard to whether this is Pueblo of County ROW?
- The Pueblo is looking at housing and economic development opportunities along Pinsbaari Drive, as it receives improvements.
- A TTAP survey was recently conducted and is now providing feedback to tribes nationally.
- Sept. 2 is Acoma Feast day – all RTPO members invited.
- LGRF: The Pueblo submitted it's Tribal Resolution and signed Cooperative Agreements for the recent funds.
- LGTPF: The Pueblo's to priority project SP130 – Veteran's Blvd. received funding thru the LGTPF.
- Capital Outlay: The Pueblo signed and returned all IGA's to NM Indian Affairs Dept. Waiting on release of funding to commence the work.

2. Pueblo of Zuni:

- 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., and tomorrow is the kick off for the Master Plan development.
- August 21 the Pueblo will meet with NMDOT for NM53 MP 16-18 repairs.
- The Pueblo continues to update it's long range transportation plan.
- Road crews continue demolishing the Zuni Senior Citizen facility, which was flooded, leading to condemnation of the facility due to mold and an unsafe facility.
- Contacted the LTAP representative for heavy equipment training to take place October 28 – November 1, 2019
- The Pueblo held a meeting with Cibola County for County Road 32.

3. McKinley County:

- The County is finishing their Local Govt. Road Fund projects including the Thoreau Town Site project.
- TIF: \$1.2 million awarded for 10 miles of Deer Springs Road improvement – ongoing dept. on weather for Mexican Springs Chapter. NDOT is contributing Fuel Excise Tax funding. Funding will allow drainage improvements, five miles of gravel base improvement and three miles of chip-seal.
- TIF: \$1.3 million awarded for 18 miles of CR19 road improvement – multiple Eastern Navajo Chapters; collaborating with NDOT for road repairs and renovation. NDOT is contributing Fuel Excise Tax funding.
- The County is planning out needed bridge repairs at this time.

4. Gallup:

- In close out with NMDOT Dist. 6 for the Allison Bridge Replacement project; and NM118 Pedestrian Safety Project has now been officially closed.
- Veterans Cemetery Access Road: Construction completed 5/17/19; Dedication and Opening Ceremony occurred May 27 - Memorial Day, with attendance from Federal, State, and local dignitaries. The project is in close out which will be completed once all venders have been paid. The City will be installing a culvert on Hasler Valley Road near the new Veteran's Cemetery.
- NMDOT presented the final Gallup Transportation Safety Plan to the City Council on August 13; where it was approved and authorized for implementation.
- Two projects submitted for LGTPF funding – Master Transportation Plan and Nizhoni Blvd. Reconstruction
- Coop Project certifications have been obtained to rehabilitate a number of city streets – milling and overlay is now complete.
- NM118 watershed study – awaiting close out with NMDOT
- Alicia attended FHWA 2CFR200 federal funding training in Santa Fe – May 14-15, 2019; B2GNow User Training in Scottsdale, AZ - May 20-23, 2019; and TTAP Safety Training June 27 at NDOT in Tse Bonito.
- The city approved and signed agreements and resolutions were forwarded to DOT Dist. 6 for execution related to:
 - MAP – Coal Avenue Commons project – Wilson & Co. has design at 90%
 - Legislative appropriation: Coal Ave. Commons project and West Aztec Ave. drainage
 - COOP Agreement for FFY2020 was forwarded to NMDOT Dist. 6 although the supporting resolution will be forthcoming after the 7/23 City Council meeting.

5. Milan: not present this meeting – previous report as follows:
 - Motel Drive project continues, obtained extension through October 12 – some blacktop failure is under review
 - Coop funded project for drainage behind Allsups – design complete, project out to bid for construction soon
 - Sand Street bridge in design
 - Mirabol Park design complete – Village is pursuing funding for both projects
 - Haystack project – Utility and parking for Elkins Park is out to bid
6. Ramah: not present this meeting – previous report as follows:
 - BIA Projects Update:
 - BIA 125 mp 18 – 24.6 – power line clearances have been obtained
 - BIA 125 MP O – 4.4 Developing an updated cultural resources report to include a drainage pond and submitted a resolution for easement withdrawal.
 - BIA 195: submitted a resolution for ROW withdrawal for roadway and drainage structures.
 - BIA 145 and BIA 113; Study reports will be completed soon with proposed alignments and costs to develop design documents.
 - Trina Martine hired as Transportation Technician for Ramah Navajo.
 - Submitted a resolution for Coop Agreement for Local Govt. Road Fund support
 - Attended FHWA - TTAP Consultation Meeting in Oklahoma City.
 - Two temporary laborers will start in July for general road maintenance. 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. Maintenance more demanding this Winter season due to frequent and heavy snow fall.
7. Cibola County: not present this meeting – previous report as follows:
 - ZMTP RTP trail project is funded for FFY2019 construction.
 - CR-18B and CR1 road / bridge projects are current priorities.
 - Still catching up on last year's funded projects with reduced staff, along with past weather delays.
 - Extensive road maintenance ongoing with Transportation Dept. after a long and significant Winter.
8. Grants: Not present this meeting previous report as follows:
 - Riverwalk trail: Design at 100% from WHPacific, Bids opened May 3 and the project was awarded in June – have \$435,000 in TAP funding, and \$95,000 in Main Street funding (which expires June 30, 2019)
 - 1st Street phase 2 Washington to Adams underway, design at 90%, working on utility / environmental / ROW and Railroad certifications; out to bid and anticipating phase 3 construction for June – Sept., 2019.
 - First Street phase 3 – Adams to Roosevelt: design at 100%, construction anticipated for June thru Sept., 2020; added a pond and lift station on Geis Street for drainage; allotted \$1.6 million from 2019 state legislature.
 - 2nd Street phase 4 (Washington to Adams) and phase 5 (Adams to Roosevelt): phase 4 funded at \$1,640,573 from DOT; phase 5 the City is committing around \$1 million. Design at 100%, all cert.s and PS&E complete in May, 2019 – hope to start construction in June – July, 2019
 - 2nd Street Channel and Shared Loop drainage / trail project will include two bridges to the High School; these box culverts are now in construction
 - Washington Bridge project at 75% design.
9. Pueblo of Laguna:
 - The Pueblo is pursuing an FHWA grant to develop a Pueblo-wide (all Villages / roads) Safety Plan, and will be seeking data sources identifying various crash incidents, and high crash incident locations; may need assistance from the RTPPO or DOT with analyzing crash data. The Pueblo has a number of State Routes, where high speeds impact upon more fatal crashes.
 - NM 124 Trail- Paraje to the Kawaika Center, a bike/ped path: Construction is 100% complete. Contractor is completing final punch list items for project close out.
 - NM 124 Trail- Encinal Road to St. Rd. 279, a bike/ped path: The Construction Management services firm selected is Bohannon Huston Inc. Contract documents for construction bidding is complete, project was advertised for bids and the Pueblo is waiting on FHWA to accept it's recommendation of award.

- L26 Rainfall Road from Cubero Wash to Seama bridge M108: Notice to proceed was issued to Sierra Valley Construction; construction now in progress
- M137 bridge at Laguna to Laguna Subdivision: Construction is complete.
- Mill, Overlay, Striping & Enhancements Project: for L503 Veterans Memorial Rd, L200 Postal Road and L245 Raindrop Road. Construction is complete.
- 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 was awarded – L500 roads to begin soon; L22 and L200 roads to commence in October.
- 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 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 In progress
- M108 San Jose River Bridge-Seama: PS&E complete and ROW amendments approved; pending items include EA, FONSI and NOI. The Engineer of Record will update Estimate, for submission to BIA for construction funding.
- Planning and Design Request for Proposal: RFP for design services published for L248 Bluejay Road and L248 Blue Star Loop, proposals were received and reviewed; award to design firm is pending.
- The Pueblo's Safety Plan is completed.

10. Northern Navajo:

- TTIP Public Hearings are now complete.
- Conducting Road Safety Audits for Sheep Springs and Naschitti
- New Mexico funding priorities for Northern Navajo include the N36 / NM371 intersection (near Flowing Waters Casino) and the Shiprock School Zone.
- Beclabito Chapter seeking street lighting where Hwy 64 intersects with the main Chapter road.
- TseDaaKaan Chapter submitting for safety project for the Hwy 64 and N5031 intersection
- San Juan Chapter Bridge project connecting N36 to Hwy64 near Hogback completed feasibility studies conducted by Wilson & Co.; PER, clearances and design come next as funding becomes available.
- Upperfruitland Chapter Safety Project for Hwy 371 and N36 intersection – Wilson & Co. contracted and funded for design through NM Capital Outlay funding.
- Sheep Springs Chapter to conduct an RSA on the US491 and N134 intersection.
- Shiprock San Juan River Bridge replacement is in the planning and design stage with NMDOT.
- LGRF funds for transportation projects were awarded to Sheep Springs, Gadihii-Tokoi Chapter, and Little Water Chapters.
- Many Navajo Chapters in northern Navajo are also benefitting from Navajo Fuel Excise Tax funds, Navajo Shihasin Fund, and Navajo Tribal Transportation Improvement Projects (TTIP)

11. Eastern Navajo:

- TTIP Public Hearings are complete at this time.
- 2019 Capital Outlay funding to NDOT will benefit transportation infrastructure for Rock Springs, Nahodishgish, Mariano Lake, Tsayatoh, and Red Lake Chapters.
- Ongoing attention from Eastern Navajo for the NM118 corridor between Rehoboth and Church Rock, around both traffic safety, road capacity expansion, economic development opportunities, and multi-modal safety options. Also a watershed study has been conducted for the NM118 corridor between Church Rock and Iyanbito to address and mitigate periodic and costly flooding of I-40 and NM118, leaving up to a foot or more of sediment on the roads, for which the DOT has to take emergency fix measures to clear these roads as quickly as possible.
- Related to above, NM118 for this corridor was funded from NM Capital Outlay for street lighting along this corridor – Navajo Gaming Enterprise is collaborating with NDOT and Church Rock Chapter to undertake this project.
- Navajo DOT considering an MOA / IGA with Cuba and Sandoval County.

12) San Juan County: (previous report)

- The Glade Run Trails received funding from the state.

13) Catron County – Linda Cooke – Catron County Assistant Manager:

- 8 projects in close out
- Resurfacing Greens Gap Road
- Working on signage
- Utilizing Colonias and LGRF funds

C) State DOT Reports:

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

- The final RSA report for the 2nd and 3rd Street rail crossings for Gallup is complete but not yet available to the public.
- Gallup Transportation Safety Plan final draft was approved and adopted by the City Council yesterday afternoon at their August 13 meeting. Project will commence with DOT Dist. 6 attention toward improving the I40/US491 intersection, NM118 phase A and B and I40 pedestrian safety improvements with attention toward previous Road Safety Audits for any of these corridors.
- **RWP amendment requests for Q4 are due by Sept. 15**
- The NMDOT is seeking to standardize the LGRF funding process across the state.
- As statewide RTPOs consider Regional Transportation Plan updates during FFY2019 – 2020, be looking for major opportunities to include in your plans that may incorporate economic, better multi-mobility, traffic congestion, and better planned communities benefits.

2. NMDOT Tribal Liaison – Ron Shutiva: not present this meeting, previous reports as follows:

- Ron reported on the NM118 drainage analysis going on around and between the Iyanbito and Ft. Wingate I-40 intersections. Need follow up on NM118 drainage study – Vincent Steiner is the lead Engineer for Bohannon Huston. Ron indicated that stronger participation and response is needed from the Navajo Nation.
- **Check the McKinley O.E.M. office for previous Army Corps of Engineers study.**
- Ron reminded tribal members to get their reports in on time – whether to the BIA or State DOT.
- Tribal Safety Summit – planning committee meeting took place May 17; the summit will take place Nov. 21 – 22, 2019, at the Native American Cultural Center in Albuquerque. Presently gaining statewide concerns to address from the Tribes. Major foci will include DUI, speeding and cross jurisdictional collaboration.
- 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.

3. DOT District 5 – Steve Lopez: not present this meeting – previous report as follows:

- WHPacific is being contracted for a study on needed road and intersection improvements on US 64 – MP 0 – 20 (which includes the Shiprock School Zone). This project will be divided into two phases funded separately and in the Dist. 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.

4. DOT District 6 – Marticia Holliday, JoAnn Garcia:

THIS MEETING:

- The NM124 Roundabout intersection with NM279 to Pagueate is now in close out.
- The latest phase for the Grants Riverwalk Trail is in close out
- Change order training could be available at DOT District 6 – members are encouraged to inform District staff with JoAnn as the primary contact on a date preferences for this training, with an adequate response, the District can set up and inform members on a date that best serves the majority of respondents.
- A list of funded projects has been distributed for the Federal Lands Access Program.

VII. New Business / Open Floor – Members & Guests:

- None for this meeting

VIII. Review Calendar & Announcements:

- FHWA Office of Planning, Environment & Realty / Human Environment Digest: weeks of 7/14/19, 7/21/19 and 7/28/19 – emailed to members as they came out.
- Govt. to Govt. Updates: Weeks of 7/15/19 and 7/29/19 – emailed to members as they came out.
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X. Next Meetings:

- **Sept. 11:** Pueblo of Acoma – Tribal Auditorium, 33 Pinsbaari Drive, Acoma, NM
- **Oct. 9:** Shiprock Chapter, US Hwy 64, milepost 23 – Bldg. 5548, Shiprock, NM
- **Nov. 13:** Milan Parks & Recreation Office, 409 Airport Road, Milan, NM

XI. Adjournment

After lunch was served, at 1:30 PM the meeting was adjourned: motion – Larry Joe, Northern/Eastern Navajo; 2nd – Gaylord Siow, Laguna; all in favor none opposed.

MEETING ACTIONS:

RTPO Members:

- With a broad and fair distribution of funding to most of our local governments for the LGTPF *Local Government Transportation Project Fund* Grant Opportunity; **members are requested to: a) credit and thank your jurisdiction’s state legislative representatives (House & Senate) – in writing from you top leaders, b) plan and gear up to execute the projects effectively and efficiently within timelines as funding becomes available, c) issue a press release for each funded project that appreciates the state administration for the funding, and summarizes the transportation and other benefits it will provide to citizens of the surrounding region.**
- **Follow up with your respective NMDOT Districts on LGRF projects, as DOT District 6 is discovering that many of our local governments have serious deficiencies in the required process for executing the projects, which could jeopardize their funding.**

RTPO Staff:

- Assist as needed on process, information, or DOT guidance for Local Government Transportation Project Fund (LGTPF); follow up with members on progress, provide Special Call for Projects Guide to RTPO members.
- Ongoing: 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 an eye on federal funding for public transportation, and inform our regional 5310 & 5311 providers and RTPO members of any pending changes

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 Pueblo of Laguna for hospitality