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NORTHWEST NEW MEXICO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NWRTPO)

RTPO Joint Technical & Policy Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 10, 2022

10:00 am

Virtual Meeting – Microsoft Teams

AGENDA

ROUTINE ITEMS:

Item #	Item	Presenter
I.	Call to Order and Introductions	Dorothy Claw, Chairman
II.	Action: Agenda	Dorothy Claw
III.	Action: Minutes – July 13, 2022 meeting	Dorothy Claw

ACTION ITEMS:

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IV.	Action: Confirm new NWRTPO Chair and elect new Vice-Chair	Robert Kuipers

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

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V.	Present: Prewitt / Milan Transportation Master Plan	Charla Glendening – Wilson & Co. / Robert Kuipers
VI.	Present: Safe Streets & Roads for All Funding – Planning Applications due September 15, 3:00pm our time.	Robert Kuipers
VII.	Discussion: Members to recommend training of interest so staff can engage UNM-LTAP for short trainings at forthcoming meetings.	Robert Kuipers

REPORTS: (10-minute limit)

Please submit Written Reports for inclusion in minutes

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, September 14 – Pueblo of Acoma Tribal Auditorium, 33 Pinsbaari Drive, Acoma, NM (unless otherwise determined or virtual via MSTEams)

ADJOURNMENT

NORTHWEST NEW MEXICO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

NWRTPO | Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization

Joint Policy & Technical Committee

NWRTPO Meeting Minutes

Wednesday July 13, 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, Dennis Felipe Jr., Michael Manuelito
Pueblo of Laguna	Elroy Keetso, Judi Douma
Pueblo of Zuni	Royce Gchachu, Roxanne Hughte
Navajo Nation	Edwin Begay , Margie Begay
Ramah Navajo	Dorothy Claw – RTPO Vice Chair,
City of Grants	Don Jaramillo – RTPO Chairman / Shannon Devine
City of Gallup	Clyde Strain, Alicia Santiago
Village of Milan	LindaCooke , DeniseBaca, FelixGonzales,
Cibola County	Edward Salazar, Judy Horacek
McKinley County	Rodney Skersick
San Juan County	Absent (Nick Porell)
Farmington Metropolitan Planning Organization - Ex-officio	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	Brandon Howe – COG, Paul Montoya – DOT, Ben Najera - DOT, Jerry Valdez – DOT, Jeff Vigil - DOT

Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization	
Northwest NM Council of Governments	Robert Kuipers, Brandon Howe

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:
	7	11	1	1	100%	20

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 Don Jaramillo proceeded with introductions and approval of agenda and minutes. The virtual meeting was conducted via Microsoft Teams, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
II.	<p>Agenda. RTPO Program Manager provided an overview of the day's agenda topics and RTPO Staff Robert Kuipers called for a motion:</p> <p>ACTION: Edwin Begay – Navajo DOT motioned; Dennis Felipe - Acoma seconded adoption of the agenda. All in favor – motion carried.</p>
III.	<p>Minutes (June 8, 2022). RTPO Staff provided time for review of minutes and there were no revisions requested,</p> <p>ACTION: Judy Horacek – Cibola County motioned; Dennis Felipe – Pueblo of Acoma seconded adoption of the minutes. All in favor – motion carried.</p>

ACTION ITEMS: No action items this meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

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IV.	Present: Bridge Funding Opportunities	Ben Najera - NMDOT

BACKGROUND	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why? Many bridges in our region are 40+ years old; while the bridges themselves may still be in good or adequate condition, much of the underlying support structures are eroding and in poor condition. Purpose. The next five years present an unprecedented opportunity with \$40 billion available nationally and NM to receive \$250 million at \$50 million per year over the next five (5) years. Discussion/Finalization. This is an unprecedented opportunity for our region's bridges in need of repair or replacement. 	
CURRENT WORK	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RTPO staff are asking our NWRTPO member governments to become aware of this opportunity, and begin gearing up to request funding for bridge repair or replacement. 	
ANTICIPATED WORK	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing bridge repair or replacement over the next five years. 	
ATTACHMENTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statewide Roundtable report – February 18, 2022 including bridge funding report. Infrastructure & Jobs Act (IIJA) report on \$ billions in funding for transportation infrastructure. More detailed report on forthcoming bridge funding including Ben Najera and Jeff Vigil statewide roundtable presentation. US DOT documents announcing forthcoming bridge funding. 	
BUDGET IMPACT	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None, but \$ multi-millions in forthcoming funding opportunities! 	
ACTION ITEM	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	

Discussion:

- Covered inspection requirements for bridge deck, superstructure and sub-structure

- \$27.5 billion available over next five years
- States: \$26.5 million / year
- Tribes: \$825 million / year
- Local Govt.s \$6.75 million / year
- Bridge costs are escalating – prices doubled in 2021
- Current Bridge conditions for the NWRTPO:
 - 47.5% good condition
 - 38.7% fair condition
 - 13.8% poor condition
- \$4.3 million coming to NMDOT to fund McKinley bridges
- Extensive discussion pursued between DOT and RTPo colleagues around this presentation; including discussion around the emergency nature of a Cibola culvert bridge that washed out.

Item #	Item	Presenter
V.	Review & Discuss: Functional Classification	Robert Kuipers – RTPo Staff
BACKGROUND		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why? Inform our RTPo members on the process for requesting functional classification changes / upgrades for our corridors, making them more competitive for federal funding. • Purpose. Keep our members aware and informed of the process for requesting functional classification upgrades based on traffic counts for corridors of interest for federal funding. • Discussion/Finalization. Present functional classification guidance for corridor upgrades in our region, making roads more competitive for federal funding. 		
CURRENT WORK		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present DOT guidance for functional classification upgrade requests and Change Request Forms. 		
ANTICIPATED WORK		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Functional Classification upgrade requests are typically due to NMDOT by August 31, and with a time consuming process, we don't anticipate any requests until FFY 2023. None the less, McKinley County has purchased traffic count equipment, enabling our region to pursue these in collaboration with NMDOT. 		
ATTACHMENTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Functional classification guidance from NWRTPo; and guidance from NMDOT for FFY2022. • Functional Classification Change Request Form 		
BUDGET IMPACT		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None – but successful upgrades make corridors more competitive for federal funding. 		
ACTION ITEM		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A 		

Discussion:

- Changing functional classification for regional roadways is a process that takes time, and requires close collaboration with NMDOT Districts to properly execute traffic counts that justify FC upgrades. RTPo members are advised to engage COG RTPo staff and the proper DOT District (Dist. 6 for McKinley and Cibola) (Dist. 5 for San Juan) for the execution of traffic counts for functional classification upgrades.

Item #	Item	Presenter
VI.	Present: Electric Vehicle Emerging Trend and Charging Stations	Paul Montoya - NMDOT
BACKGROUND		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why? Electric Vehicles address the issue of pollution from vehicles driven by fossil fuels. The only inconvenience may be the need to visit charging stations, which could take a few minutes, or 20 – 30 minutes. • Purpose. Provide a power option to fossil fuels. • Discussion/Finalization. RTPO members will learn about electric vehicles, and can share the news. 		
CURRENT WORK		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquaint RTPO members with the new electric vehicle trend. 		
ANTICIPATED WORK		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain awareness of this vehicle option that does no pollute. 		
ATTACHMENTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electric Vehicle Webinar • Electric Vehicle Listing 		
BUDGET IMPACT		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 		
ACTION ITEM		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A 		

Discussion:

- In 2022 \$38.387 million is anticipated for Electric Vehicle development
- In the Fall of 2022 there will be discussion on funding for electric vehicle charging stations
- Alternative fuel corridors may have to be established in some areas

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VII.	Review & Discuss: Reports, Updates and Announcements	Robert Kuipers – RTPO Staff
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 Reports • RTPO Monthly Report • Member Reports 		
Member Special Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None this 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: James Mexia, Stephanie Medina 		
News, Training & Funding Opportunities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>FHWA Planning, Environment & Realty Reports</u>: none for the past month • <u>NMDOT Govt. to Govt. Update</u>: 7/06/22 • <u>AASHTO Publications</u>: none • <u>NMDOT / UNM-LTAP</u>: Provides a very robust collection of training opportunities – staff forward news to members as it comes out from this source – reference at ltap.unm.edu – Online courses notice forwarded to members as LTAP emails come in. • <u>Title VI Training</u> is available to MPO's and RTPO's from Lisa Neie – Civil Rights Manager for FHWA New Mexico. These trainings can be customized to address member concerns and issues for their regions, if provided to her in advance. • <u>LTAP Training news</u>: 6.13.22 • <u>Bridge Investment Program</u>: funding information 6.14.22 • <u>SS4A Planning Grants</u>: 6.15.22 • <u>ROUTES Quarterly Newsletter</u>: funding information 6.30.22 • <u>Railroad Crossing Elimination Program</u>: \$573 million 6.30.22 • <u>Reconnecting American Communities</u>: funding opportunity 7.1.22 • <u>Grant Opportunity</u>: Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program 7.6.22 • <u>PMTMP Draft Final Report</u>: 7/01/22 – not in this package – too large • <u>TIRS Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Subcommittee meeting</u>: July 5 – 6, 2022 in Gallup • <u>National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Webinar</u>: presentation July 7 – 12 noon our time • <u>National Transportation in Indian Country Conference</u>: Aug. 22-26, 2022 – Louisville, Kentucky 		

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

RTPO Reports:

- Robert Kuipers provided the May Staff Hours report, the Q-3 April – June Financial Report, and the Monthly Report for June, 2022.

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

Pueblo of Acoma

- **The Mesa Hill Bridge project remains unfunded and ongoing as the #1 bridge project, but is fully designed and construction ready with support from NMDOT. The issue is just obtaining significant funding (around \$30 million) from USDOT with every round of major funding they provide. The RAISE grant may be the next opportunity. The Pueblo is updating the NEPA and again getting permission from land owners. Pueblo is working on the SP36 and SP30 connector roads to this bridge, along with a right of way map for the bridge. Pueblo is pursuing funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and other funding sources.**
- Pueblo of Acoma has hired a Civil Engineer – Dennis Felipe Jr. who will be the alternate rep. to the NWRTPO.
- The Pueblo's TTIP (Tribal Transportation Improvement Program) is in process with Federal Highway Admin.
- **Gaylord Siow is now the new Project Manager for the Pueblo of Acoma.**
- CMGC2 – 4 Projects are now complete.
- **Acoma Business Park is commencing design which is now at 60%. The Pueblo is also developing parking lots for some of their outdoor parks. The Pueblo has received \$1.5 million from Senator Heinrich for the Acoma Business Park.**
- **Pueblo is working to replace N-123 and N-124 bridge replacement. Also considering Bridge 1778 on Rt. 66.**
- **NM124 Extension to NM117 has been partially funded thru the Transportation Project Fund which is our current #1 roadway priority. The Pueblo will collaborate with NMDOT Dist. 6 and has submitted an agreement and resolution for approval. The Pueblo is now waiting on an agreement to proceed from NMDOT Secretary Sandoval. It appears that unlike DOT Dist. 6 advice, the Pueblo will first have to execute design (funded at \$1 million) and cannot go directly to construction. The Pueblo is now executing a contract for design.**
- **Haaku Road – SP38 is a new priority for the Pueblo for design and reconstruction to improve the corridor to the Sky City Pueblo and Pueblo Museum and Visitor Center – hope to undertake design in 2022. The Pueblo has submitted a TPF request for \$2,900,000 for design of road improvements for the FFY2023 round of this funding. The Pueblo has submitted a grant application to the Federal RAISE grant opportunity; and seeking support from Senators Heinrich and Lujan.**
- **Pueblo is seeking funding for full reconstruction of SP30 – Pueblo Road.**
- **The Pueblo is working with DOT Dist. 6 to address drainage issues for the San Lorenzo Road (SP35) and requesting to take over responsibility for this road from NMDOT.**
- **Pueblo is looking to replace two bridges (m124, m123) on SP34 Fatima Hill Road.**
- **The Pueblo continues attention toward the Pinsbaari Road bike and pedestrian trail.**
- FEMA 4352 Large Projects All FEMA Large projects have been completed (104 projects!) - \$13 million a year ahead of time; the Pueblo is now addressing finishing the small projects and only has one to go.
- **The Pueblo has completed their update to their Long-Range Transportation Plan; WH Pacific will do traffic analysis counts to contribute to the Pueblo's LRTP. To mitigate COVID 19 delays, the Pueblo has developed a survey for public input which is also available on Survey Monkey. A supporting resolution is ready for submission to FHWA.**
- **The Pueblo is also updating their Transportation Safety Plan at this time. Public involvement meetings are postponed due to COVID-19, which will delay completion dates for these plans; however, thru distributing a survey at the local Food Pantry, the Pueblo has achieved a 41% response rate from the public for both transportation plans!**
- **FEMA 4352: Small Projects: Recovery work has begun; the POA Public Works / Utility Authority was awarded the small projects (65) at \$2.2 million capital investment. 45 projects have been completed; 22 projects remain. All projects have been completed at this time.**
- **Mainstreet Project: The Pueblo will add several projects to the CMGC suite to include projects for housing and economic development. Preparing amendments to conduct engineering studies, land surveys, geotechnical studies, drainage analysis, right of way surveys and proforma.**

Pueblo of Zuni

- **The Pueblo is working on drainage improvements along the NM53 corridor mp 15.5 to 19.5 – creating culverts and ponds.**

- **The Pueblo's Veterans Memorial Park will have a grand opening on June 10.**
- 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 WHPacific to make improvements from MP15.5 to 19, due to undersized culvert pipes and overtopping of flood waters on NM53 (also Zuni Mainstreet). First meeting was held on October 7.
- There are demolition projects in the Pueblo for the Lemon Tree/Zuni Laundromat building and the old Zuni Water Dept. building.
- The Pueblo is undertaking construction of an RV Park.
- The Pueblo has worked with Ashiwi Transit and Gallup Express to extend transit service to the Ramah Navajo area.
- The Pueblo has engaged contractual on call engineering services for future transportation development.
- The Ashiwi transit system received a national award at the 2019 National RTAP (*Rural Transportation Assistance Program*) conference. **Ashiwi Transit received another award plaque for their service during the COVID pandemic.**
- Ashiwi Transit will resume when all safety precautionary measures have been installed on the transit vehicles. Local and Gallup services will resume on a limited basis, but only on demand or appointments. Extension to Ramah / Pinehill is temporarily on hold until further notice around COVID-19 concerns. Ashiwi Transit is now back in service.

McKinley County

- **Pending projects for the County include CR-19 improvements. CR19 – 18.6 miles of chip-sealing is now moving toward completion.**
- **The County's Local Government Road Fund projects for FFY2021 are now complete; working on certifications for 2022 projects at this time.**
- The County had their ribbon cutting ceremony for Manuelito Canyon bridge replacement on September 10, 2021 – the event was well attended by State and regional legislative leaders along with President Jonathon Nez of the Navajo Nation.
- The County will benefit with \$23 million for improvements to the Carbon Coal Road intersection in Gamerco with US491, which leads to the developing Energy Logistics Park (and potential Inland Port).
- The County has finished chip sealing Pine Haven road; will use remaining funds to finish improvements on Allison road.

- **Cousins Road and CR-1 will move into phase 2 repairs. Superman Canyon Road (CR43) and Old Church Rock Mine Bridge (CR15) are next projects on the list. Church Rock Mine Bridge is getting started at this time.**
- **Funded FFY2022 projects will commence this summer**
- Ongoing county-wide maintenance including blading, patching potholes, cleaning culverts, repairing bridges / guardrails, etc. The County has completed the ZMTP Milk Ranch Trail Head.

Gallup

- **Gallup Mainstreet Project** – Ground breaking May 13; construction commenced July 1. **Coal Avenue Commons** both MAP and Legislative Agreements have been executed by the State. The City is working with Wilson & Co. and NMDOT District 6 on the final PS&E. City Council approved Wilson & Co.'s professional engineering proposal for construction management. The Mainstreet grant resolution was approved by City Council for this project. Between MAP, State Legislative, Economic and City funding the Coal Avenue Commons project phase 1 is now complete with final walk thru executed 7/20/21. **The City has been funded for phase 2 from the NM Transportation Project Fund – and has been awarded \$3,500,000 from this fund to complete this project. The city commenced construction on May 2, starting with alley improvements.**
- **East Nizhoni and West Aztec improvements are currently in design phase – East Nizhoni received news from NMDOT Dist. 6 that the City was awarded MAP funding for East Nizhoni Ave - \$900,000. Phase 2 Nizhoni Blvd. and College Drive intersection out to BID soon. West Aztec – meeting with property owner has been executed and now moving forward to complete design.**
- **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.
- **CDBG RFP was awarded – working on paperwork for DFA approval.**
- **Federal Aviation Admin. application for \$5 million has been submitted for our airport taxi-way and connectors. The City has been awarded and construction began on April 11, 2022.**

Milan

- Linda Cooke reported on work to improve Airport Road.
- There has been some flooding but no major problems.

Ramah

- **Ramah is dealing with a lot of rain and flood repair.**
- **Ramah is looking to draft an agreement with Cibola County for road maintenance.**
- Condolences to the community for the loss of Shane Lewis, who accomplished significant transportation development on behalf of the Ramah Navajo community.
- Ramah Navajo has filled two positions after the departure of Shane Lewis with Dorothy Claw as primary transportation developer and Tom Martine as transportation assistant – these individuals are also the primary and alternative representatives to the NWRTPO.
- **Ramah Navajo is updating their Long Range Transportation Plan at this time, and in the process of prioritizing projects. Public meetings are forthcoming. Ramah is also working on Administrative Policies and Procedures.**
- **BIA 175 is the next new project for Ramah Navajo – seeking funding at this time.**
- **Working on signage for BIA 125 and 122.**
- **Ramah has applied to the MEGA grant for improvements to BIA 125 mp. 18 – 26**
- **Ramah received a safety grant for \$300,000**
- Completed PFF's for NM53 & BIA 125 intersection and Pine Hill school pedestrian ADA improvements.
- Some weather related road maintenance and repair going on at this time.
- **Ramah is developing RSA's for ten (10) intersections for NM53 and other tribal roads.**
- Dorothy and Tom are acclimating with ongoing Ramah transportation projects at this time and updating the Ramah Long Range Transportation Plan, completing an annual report, and looking for training opportunities.

- Acting executive director for Ramah Navajo Chapter's 638 Grants & Contract Programs issued a memorandum for employees to return back to work and follow CDC guidelines within each Chapter program RNDOT is back in operation and continues to maintain roadways.
- BIA Projects Update:
 - BIA 125 mp 18 – 24.6 – received approved design exception report for this project from FHWA and will move to finalize the project. BIA 125 MP 0 – 4.4 received approval from NNHPO on the updated Cultural Report document and Categorical Exclusion. Awaiting ROW documents for BIA 195 in Ramah Band Land to RN Realty Office. BIA 113 and 145 received final report and will review final documents with tribal officials
 - BIA 195: submitted ROW documents to RN Realty Office; **more focus on this road going forward.**
 - BIA 145 and BIA 113: Received draft report for BIA 145 and BIA 113. **More focus on BIA 145 going forward.**
- RNDOT Transportation Technician is vacant and will advertise for the position.
- Submitted grant applications for the NOFO on Tribal Transportation Program Safety Funds.
- BIA 125 striping project is complete; **BIA 125 mp 0-4 and mp12 – 24.6 are now construction ready.**
- NMDOT LGRF received all certifications and submitted a letter of disbursement. Awaiting on contractor to return signed Notice of Award for BIA 125 striping project.
- Cancelled Transportation Committee Meetings until COVID-19 Restrictions are lifted.
- Submitted road signs replacement maintenance project for 2021 LGRF cycle.
- NMDOT LGRF received some certifications and will coordinate with Utility providers. Received ROW certification and submitted letter requesting disbursement.
- Assisting with RN Community Development Department for the Navajo Nation Rural Addressing Project.
- Ongoing general maintenance for area roads, cattle guards and signage, blading and shaping, potholes and base course patching (incl. school bus routes). Cleaning and replacing roadway signs. Field fence repairs, post replacements and gate repairs.
- **Ramah Navajo has submitted a BUILD Grant application.**

Cibola County

- Cibola County has hired a new Road Superintendent by the name of Ed Salazar.
- The County is doing "blade and shape" maintenance on 84.7 miles of 14 County Roads; and a variety of other maintenance (cattle guards / culverts / sign repair / tree trimming & weed control / mowing / pot-hole patching / and minor road repairs) for 24 county roads.
- **The County has completed an emergency bypass at this time for the CR-5 Moquino bridge, and is awaiting TPF 2023 funding to repair the bridge in the future.**
- ZMTP RTP trail project is funded for FFY2020 construction – working with McKinley County for trails development beginning with the Quartz Hill Trail Head. Construction will likely not proceed until FFY2021 Spring & Summer for the Cibola portion of the Zuni Mountain Recreational Trails. **Cibola County has now been cleared to be the fiscal agent for this project and will no longer need McKinley County's assistance; trail development and construction is commencing.** Cibola, COG and NMDOT staff had a virtual internal planning meeting on Jan. 19 at 9am with Arnold from the Forest Service to discuss updated scope of work for this project. **The County has commenced work on the Trail Head project and has submitted an extension request to JoAnn Garcia at NMDOT.**
- Cibola County has submitted an RFP due March 23 for a new public safety building, and will conduct a pre-proposal meeting; six (6) construction firms have responded thus far.
- CR-18B and CR1 road / bridge projects are current priorities. CR-18B awarded LGTPF funding – LGTPF contract is complete and submitted. CR18-B – RFP closed Friday – 12/4 and are currently reviewing applications – much appreciation to JoAnn Garcia from NMDOT District 6. Two firms responded to the RFP and the Cibola Commission determined the award at their January 14 meeting. **CR18-B has commenced ROW work; drainage work is ongoing and construction for CR18-B bridge to commence in August or Sept. ; CR-1 has issued an RFP to Engineering Firms.**
- **CR-57 A is having a culvert replaced, and the County is starting on cattle guard replacements, as well as removing sand on various roads related to wind conditions.**
- Coop projects will begin soon.
- Ongoing County wide maintenance for County and Forest Roads.

Grants

- The City recently had a ribbon cutting ceremony for the pedestrian bridge on 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 Pagate 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, Gadiahi, 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.
- 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.
- NDOT is also gearing up for school bus route improvements and asking route maps from the various Navajo Nation schools. NDOT is completing School Bus Route mapping at this time. There is currently much concern around school bus routes and bridges which buses cannot cross.
- Lary Joe indicated that Sandoval County will be transitioning many of rural their roads to Navajo DOT oversight and ownership
- Transportation Project Fund project application was approved by DOT for the west Tsayatoh Road in Eastern Navajo at \$2,450,000.
- Crownpoint Chapter has awarded LGRF 2021 funding for their cemetery access road.
- Rock Springs Chapter- CR-9 road improvement. Will be added to RTIP for future road improvement
- Nahodishgish Chapter- N53 & 98 road improvement. Will be added to RTIP for road improvement.
- Manuelito Chapter- Sunset Valley road Chip Sealing. Will be added to RTIP
- Manuelito Chapter- Tse De Tah Spring road improvement Chip Sealing. Will be addit to RTIP
- Rock Springs Chapter- Chee Dodge Elementary School Access Improvement – Improving turning lanes and street lighting. Will be added to RTIP.
- Church Rock Chapter- NM Highway 118 Improve – Street lighting for safety corridor. Project will be completed with NM Capital Out funds.
- Crownpoint Chapter- street lighting project in progress to complete soon.
- Baahaali Chapter- transfer access road improvement- Project completed in 2020 with 2019 Transportation Project Fund award.

- Mexican Chapter- Road Safety Audit, project in progress on contracting out to complete the RSA studies. Will be added to RTIP for construction project.
- Twin Lakes Chapter- Road Safety Audit, project in progress on contracting out to complete the RSA studies. Will be added to RTIP for construction project.
- Tohatchi Chapter- Road Safety Audit, project progress on contracting out to complete the RSA studies. Will be added to RTIP for construction project.
- Iyanbito Chapter- Received Local Government Road Fund, it would need more funding to complete the road improvements. Will be added to RTIP for road improvement Chip Sealing.
- Iyanbito Chapter- I-40 -Project is seeking funding for drainage improvement and overpass studies, design and construction to provide safe entering and existing I-40. Will be added to RTIP.
- Mariano Lake Chapter- Red Willow road in progress to complete the road improvement.
- **There are concerns with overgrazing, along with dust storms and sand on roadways – NDOT will present to NM Indian Affairs on these concerns.**

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

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

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	

- **No report for this meeting.**
- The NMDOT website has been updated, and a NMDOT Freight Plan update is underway.
- **TAP, RTP and CMAQ award letters were sent out on April 28.**
- **FFY 2023 – 2024 Regional Work Program updates are due July 1 – approved as an action item in our June meeting.**
- **State Planning and Research Funds have been awarded to Grants and Milan for a transportation Safety Plan and to McKinley County for a Transportation Master Plan, as well as NWNMCOG / NWRTPO to update our TOA Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan in 2024.**
- The New Mexico LTAP center provides technical assistance and trainings to support workforce development with the aim of helping local governments and municipalities across New Mexico meet their transportation needs.
<https://ltap.unm.edu/>
- A new Functional Classification Guide update has been completed – now available on the DOT website.
- Rosa Kozub is now the Multimodal Planning & Programs Bureau Chief; Jessica Griffin is the Planning Division Chief; Joseph Moriority is the new Freight & Tech. Planning Supervisor, JoAnn Garcia is the new Multi-modal TAP/RTP Coordinator.

NMDOT Tribal Liaison – Ron Shutiva

- **No report for this meeting.**
- The Annual Tribal Leaders Summit at Sandia Casino – June 1-2 was well attended by statewide tribes.
- **Justin Reese is the new Cabinet Secretary for NMDOT.**
- NM 118 drainage study request from Mark Freeland – Navajo Tribal Council.
- **Iyanbito Chapter is requesting a bridge over the BNSF Rail Line. (Another consideration would be extending a paved road west to the Church Rock bridge – might cost less).**
- **Ron is considering setting up quarterly tribal meetings with the DOT Districts, with consideration toward priority tribal projects.**
- Ron indicated that the 2021 Transportation Project Fund awarded a total of \$41 million to tribal entities statewide. Ron reminded members to pay attention to the “Buy America” guidelines. Our region did well for this round of TPF funds.
- Ron reminded members to stay on top of funding opportunities – with \$ billions forthcoming – remember to prepare for environmental requirements (which are time consuming) for this funding.
- Ron asked how the Navajo RSA’s are coming along with the 2018 LGTPF deadline of **June 30, 2022** coming up – for Twin Lakes, Mexican Springs, and Tohatchi Chapters. Mike Neely and Priscilla Lee are seeking additional funding to commence.
- **Ron is now on the LTAP Board.**
- **There’s a new Indian Highway Safety Grant out from the BIA.**
- Reminding members to keep on top of deadlines for ICIP, TIF, and LGRF.
- **Transportation Project Fund: better to phase then have a shortfall on funding for proposed projects.**
- A national broadband project is establishing a broadband corridor along I-40, and will involve tribal discussion with Pueblos of Laguna and Acoma and Navajo Nation.
- **Ron is encouraging tribal members to pursue bridge funding.**
- **Ron reminds tribal members to pursue support and related letters of support from state and national legislators.**
- NM118 drainage analysis project is finally in progress as the Navajo Council is working on agreements with the local governments in the region of the study between Churchrock and Iyanbito; **need coordination with NDOT.**
- Ron reported on the NM118 drainage analysis that took place between the Iyanbito and Ft. Wingate I-40 intersections at previous meetings. Ron indicated he feels that NM118 drainage issues remain unresolved to this day (in spite of two studies!) and the Navajo Nation DOT remains non-responsive!

NMDOT District 5 – James Mexia

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

NMDOT District 6 – Bill Santiago, Michael Neely

- **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!**
- **Keep DOT District 6 staff informed on progress for the Transportation Project Fund. 5 certifications takes time – try to get these executed during this Winter season so you are construction ready in the Spring!! TPF projects from 2019 are due for completion by June 30, 2022 – time to request an extension if this does not look possible!!!**
- Bill reminded RTPO members that the MAP funding deadline is June 30, 2022.

- Mike Neely is on board with NMDOT District 6 to assist the RTPO's participating in the District 6 region – include Mr. Neely on all communication. Mike reminded that for TPF funds, projects must have design before they can move to construction
- Mike Neely reminded that the NMDOT fiscal year is almost over – **Have until June 17 to encumber funding!** Mike also reminded that the deadline for reimbursements is coming soon, and Capital Outlay reports are due soon!
- Mr. Clayton Garner will fill JoAnn Garcia's former position at the District. Reminding members to remind others that traffic safety is important in construction areas.
- Lisa Vega is now the Director for DOT District 6, as Larry Maynard has retired.
- For Local Government Road Fund projects – the District needs certifications for all projects – many RTPO members are not following LGRF guidance for project development and are trying to close out projects without having reported progress to the DOT or following what the program requires – this could jeopardize funding, and DOT District 6 urges follow up with their staff. Have contractors apply to be on the State list as pre-qualified contractors. Using a non-state-qualified contractor could also jeopardize project funding!

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

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

ADJOURNMENT (12:00 pm) Judy Horacek – Cibola motioned; and Edwin Begay – Navajo DOT seconded for adjournment Motion carried by acclamation.

MEETING ACTIONS:

Staff:

- **Orientations:** RTPO Orientations for Local Government Policy Board meetings were completed in August thru September, 2021.
- **Website:** update all important documents page and update Meeting schedule on Meetings page - **complete**
- **Program Guides:** post to website and circulate - **complete**
- **Transportation Project Fund Internal Deadlines:** Implementation – **complete** – all proposed projects have been approved and are now authorized to move forward. A new TPF Call for Projects has been issued for FFY2023. RTPO members have completed 2023 TPF application packages and staff have submitted to NMDOT.

MEMBERS:

- **Members are encouraged to review your respective sections in these minutes and report to RTPO staff on which portions / bullet sentences can be eliminated as no longer pertinent or completed, as these sections make the minutes incredibly lengthy!!**
- **2019 LGTPF awarded projects: due for completion by June 30, 2022**
- **Annual RTPO Member Survey:** sent to members 9/14/21; Survey Monkey Link sent to members 9/29/21 – asking members to complete these for review at our November or December meeting. **Only 7 members responded!**
- **Statewide Transportation Plan 2045 update** – members encouraged to review

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



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

Agenda Item #IV: Action: Elect new NWRTPO Chair and Vice Chair

Subject: Resignation of current RTPO Chair – Don Jaramillo moves Vice-Chair Dorothy Claw into this position, creating a need to elect a new Vice-Chair; we'll officially elect both positions at our August 10 meeting

Prepared for: Election at August 10 meeting

Date: 7/26/22

BACKGROUND

- **Why?** Current RTPO Chair Don Jaramillo is now the Manager for the City of Grants, which is a demanding enough position regarding his time and focus, that he has chosen to resign from chairing the NWRTPO.
- **Purpose.** Dorothy Claw our current Vice-Chair has agreed to assume the RTPO Chair position, which is our standard process, leaving a vacancy to fill for the RTPO Vice-Chair
- **Discussion/Finalization.** Members will confirm Dorothy Claw as our Chair, and vote to elect a new vice-chair for the NWRTPO.

CURRENT WORK

- Based on interested candidates, the NWRTPO members will confirm Dorothy Claw as our Chair and vote to elect a new vice-chair for the NWRTPO.

ANTICIPATED WORK

- The Vice Chair helps RTPO staff run meetings at times when the RTPO Chair is not available for the meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

- Updated NWRTPO Membership List
- Vice Chair opportunity announcement

BUDGET IMPACT

- None

ACTION ITEM

- RTPO members will vote to elect a new RTPO Vice-Chair

New RTPO Vice-Chair

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Good afternoon RTPO members:

Don Jaramillo is way too busy as the City of Grants Manager at this time, so he is resigning from RTPO Chair, which moves Dorothy Claw into the RTPO Chair position which she has accepted. Therefore we will be looking for a new vice chair for the NWRTPO.

Please let me know if any of you are interested in taking on the vice-chair position. It's not very demanding other than any time the RTPO Chair is not available for a meeting, the RTPO Vice-Chair fills in to help RTPO staff run the meeting. I will look forward to hearing back from any of you who might be interested, so we can undertake this election at our August 10 virtual meeting.

Thanks,

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July 28, 2022

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Dear Mr. Kuipers:

I am writing this letter in support of Mr. Gaylord Siow, Project Manager for the Pueblo of Acoma nomination as Vice-Chair of the Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NWRTPO).

Mr. Siow has been a long active participant and member of the NWRTPO. His leadership, knowledge and experience are a valuable resource to the Community Development Office and other programs that need technical assistance here at the Pueblo. I am confident that he will be of great service to the NWRTPO as the Vice-Chair.

If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Charles Riley, Director of Community Development at (505) 552-5193 or criley@poamail.org.

Thank you,

PUEBLO OF ACOMA

Randall Vicente
Governor

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

Agenda Item #V: Prewitt/Milan Transportation Master Plan

Subject: Present on roadway and railroad access recommendations to improve viability of the Prewitt and Milan Industrial Parks

Prepared for: Presentation at August 10 meeting

Date: July 26, 2022

BACKGROUND

- **Why?** The recent closure of the Escalante Electric Generating plant at the Prewitt Park resulted in the loss of around 100 jobs. Improving road and rail access to these parks will hopefully reinvigorate opportunities to attract new manufacturing and industry job opportunities.
- **Purpose.** Support industry growth and job opportunities thru improved road and rail access.
- **Discussion/Finalization.** Present Plan recommendations for improved road and rail access.

CURRENT WORK

- Complete and finalize the PMTMP Road and Rail Access recommendations with Wilson & Co.

ANTICIPATED WORK

- Consider next steps to attract industry and reinvigorate the Prewitt, Milan and Cibola Industrial Parks based on improved road and rail access.

ATTACHMENTS

- PMTMP Presentation – Wilson & Co.
- PMTMP Condensed Summary

BUDGET IMPACT

- None

ACTION ITEM

- N/A

Prewitt / Milan Transportation Master Plan

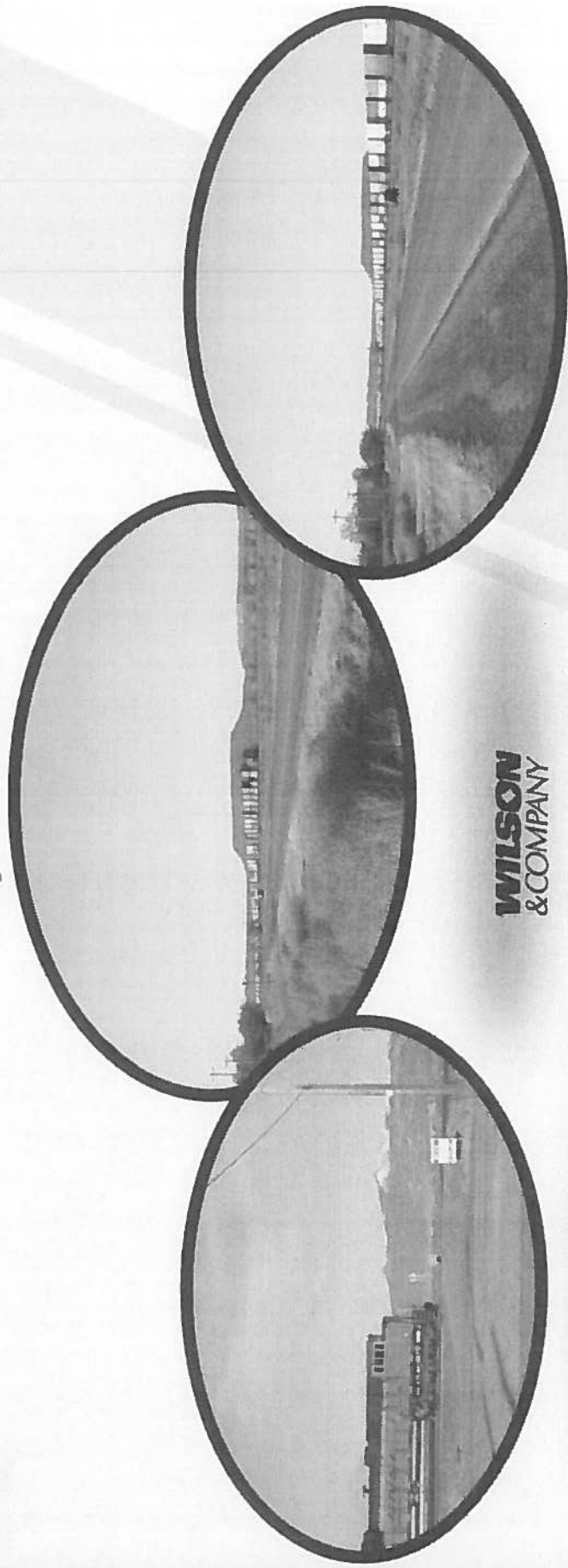
Facilitated by NWNMCOG and Wilson & Co.

1) Initial Plan in a “Nut-shell”:

- This Plan is intended to re-invigorate the Prewitt and Milan Industrial Parks, after the closure of the Escalante Electric Generating Plant at the Milan Park, where around 100 employees lost their jobs. The Paper Mill in the Prewitt Park is still operational.
- The Plan is to recommend additional roadway and railroad infrastructure, that will improve these parks viability for inviting industry based on improved road (freight truck) and rail infrastructure access, thereby creating new job opportunities.
- For the **Prewitt Park** there are two Trucking options: 1) a \$30+ million bridge over Rt. 66 (NM122) and the BNSF Rail Line via CR19, or 2) utilizing the existing bridge over the BNSF Rail line at Thoreau, then extending the Solid Waste Authority road (north of Thoreau) west to the Prewitt Industrial Park.
- For the Prewitt Park, most of the northern part of the park is already targeted for a solar farm, which will only leave the southern portion for future industrial development.
- For Prewitt Park Rail connectivity, the only plan for the already existing rail loop is to add a spur that would serve the southern portion of the park for industrial development.
- This park already has fiber optic and broadband connectivity along CR19.+
- There is also consideration for development of a travel center on the south side of the Prewitt CR19 intersection, which would be a huge economic opportunity for the region.
- **The Prewitt Park will have a total of 640 acres in the south side of the park for Industrial Park development;** the north side is targeted for a major solar farm.
- For the **Milan Park** a \$30+ million Railroad overpass (or underpass) for trucking will eventually be needed; for the time being, trucking can access the park via at grade rail crossings, which can entail significant delays with trains that are now upwards of 3 miles in length (and always slowing down thru communities).
- For Rail connectivity our good fortune is the BNSF Rail line runs right along the south side of the Milan park, and already has a spur along the park. The recommendation is to extend this rail spur for the entire length of the industrial park's south side, and add an additional spur for BNSF to drop off rail-cars carrying equipment or other products for the park for off loading, and then picking up these cars at a latter date via the same or other BNSF trains.
- The Milan Park has water and electric utilities available along the side of the park, and gas lines are available at the northeast park boundary. Fiber Optics are available at the south-west park boundary. No wastewater lines or facilities are available at this time. Additional Rail access and spurs are in planning at this time. **The Milan Park has 900 acres available. At this time there are no tenants in the Milan park.**
- This is an initial plan, just to commence the rail and roadway support to make these parks more viable for industry. But with unprecedented transportation funding from federal sources in the billions of dollars forthcoming over the next five years, the potential to make these parks more inviting to industry via rail and trucking service is a huge opportunity we should engage, considering the new job opportunities this could create for our region.
- Beside the Prewitt and Milan Industrial Parks, **Cibola County** has an **Industrial Park** just south of the NM117 – I40 overpass on the east side of Grants, which was initially developed in the late 1980's. Continental Divide Electric Coop is moving their headquarters into this park with possible fiber connectivity. The old National Guard Armory on this property will become a law enforcement and emergency management headquarters with quick access infrastructure. **This park has a total of 57 acres available**, much of which the Continental Divide Electric Coop will consume, but there is still room on the south side for more tenants.

Prewitt-Milan Transportation Master Plan

Presentation to
Greater Gallup Economic Development Corporation
July 1st, 2022



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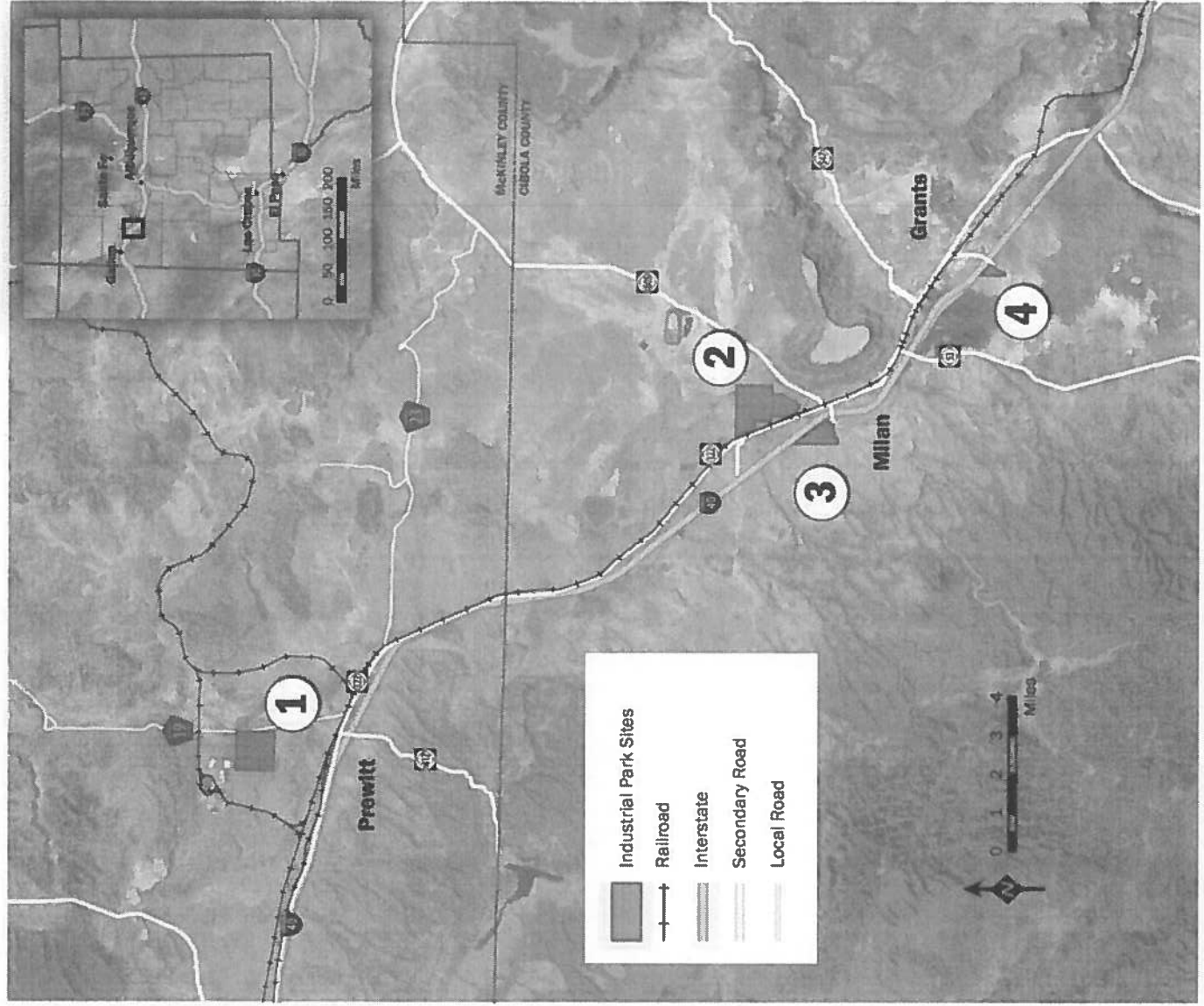
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- The map displays the Navajo Nation territory, which is shaded with a diagonal pattern. A thick black line outlines the 'Primary study area', and a thinner black line indicates the '3-mi. buffer from I-40'. Small black squares represent 'Economic development sites', and diamond symbols mark 'Existing I-40 interchanges'. Major roads are shown as white lines with route numbers. Towns labeled include Crownpoint, Tropic, and San Rafael. Water bodies like Navajo Lake and Little Navajo Lake are also shown. An inset map in the bottom right corner provides a regional context, showing the intersection of Utah (UT), Colorado (CO), Arizona (AZ), and New Mexico (NM), with a box highlighting the study area's location. A scale bar (0 to 100 miles) and a north arrow are included in the inset.

Why is this plan important?

- Transportation infrastructure is key to the success of the Prewitt and Milan industrial parks***
- *Key economic projects after the closure of Escalante Generating Station and other shifts in the local economy*

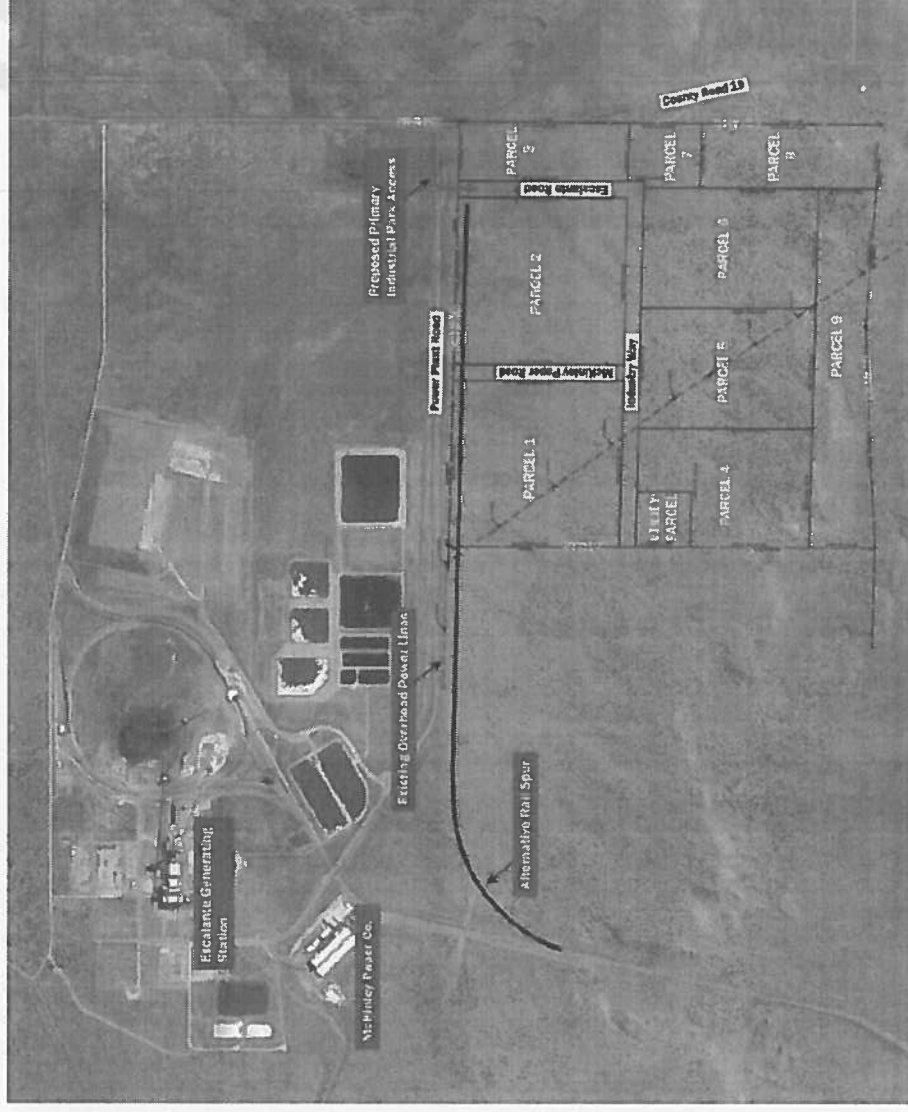
Industrial Park Sites

- ① Prewitt Industrial Park
- ② Milan Industrial Park
- ③ Milan Golf Course Site
- ④ Cibola Industrial Park



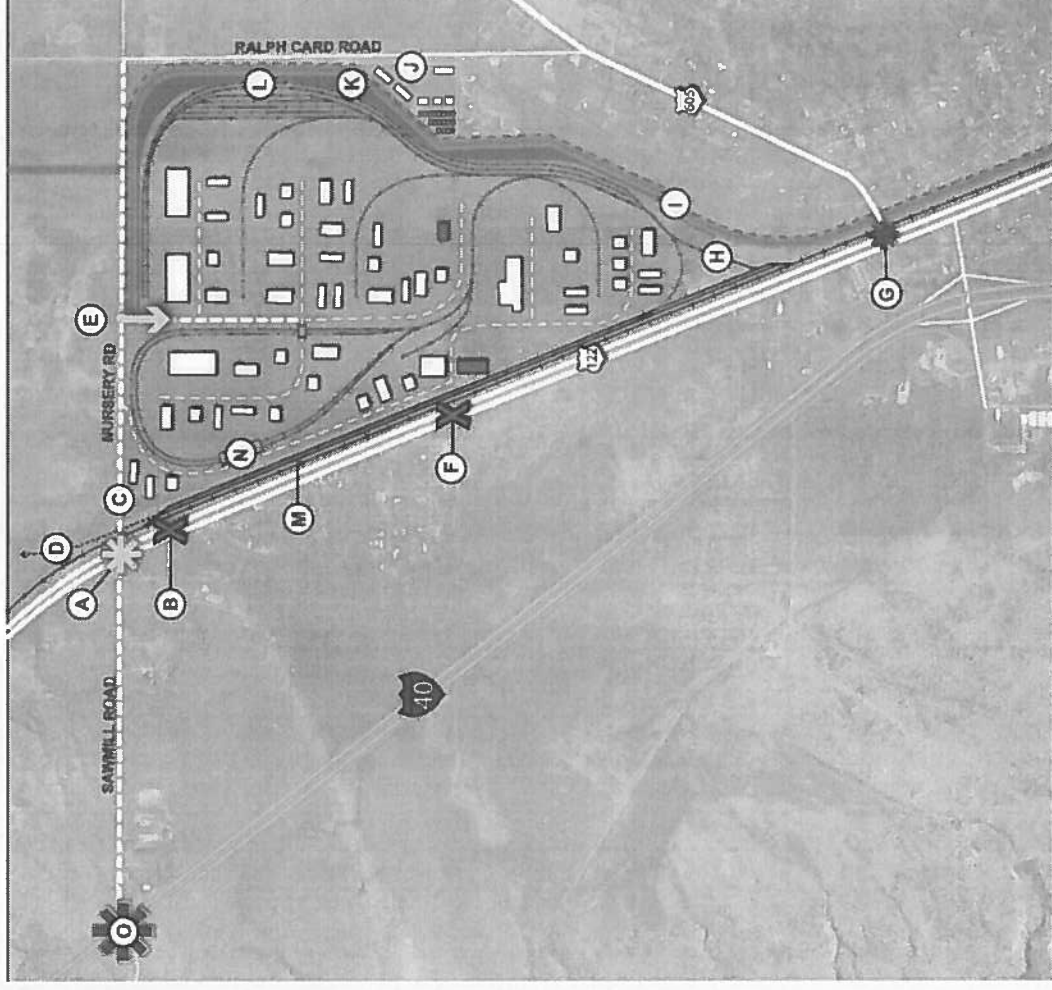
Prewitt Industrial Park (2020)

- 626-acre site north of the community of Prewitt, in McKinley County, New Mexico
- Good access to I-40 and BNSF Transcon
- Fiber optic & broadband lines existing along CR 19
- No tenants currently



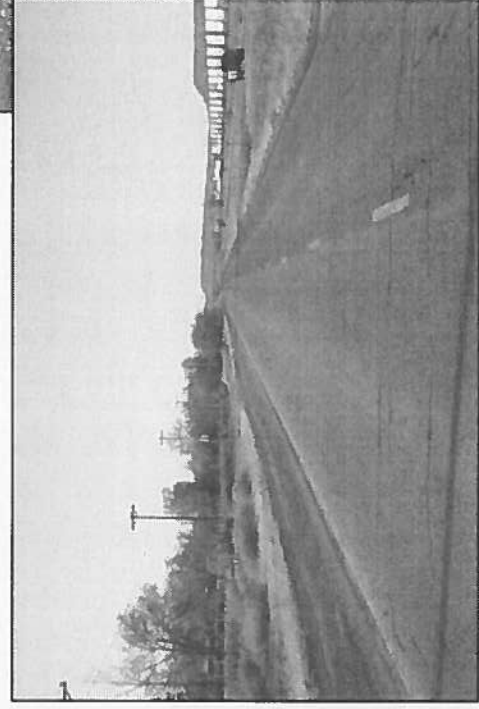
Milan Industrial Park

- 913-acre master planned industrial park
- Directly along BNSF Transcon
- Near I-40, truck stop & Grants-Milan Airport
- Most utilities present except wastewater
- No tenants currently; Phase I design is underway



Transportation Focus Areas

- Industrial Parks
- Interchange Geometrics
- Road Conditions
- Freight & Rail
- Safety



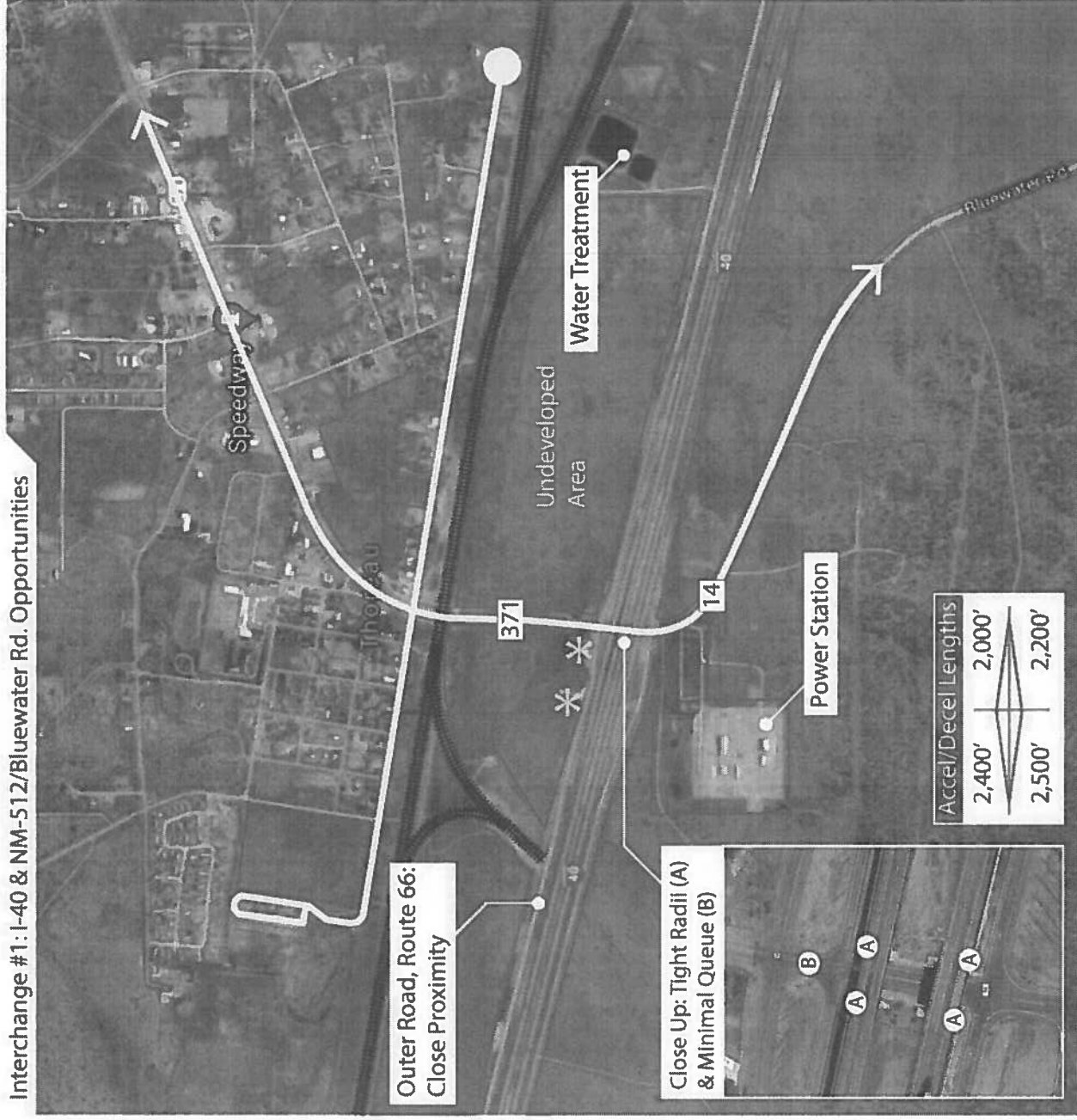
Transportation Analysis

Outer Road close proximity ~75'

Tight on/off ramp radii & queue lengths

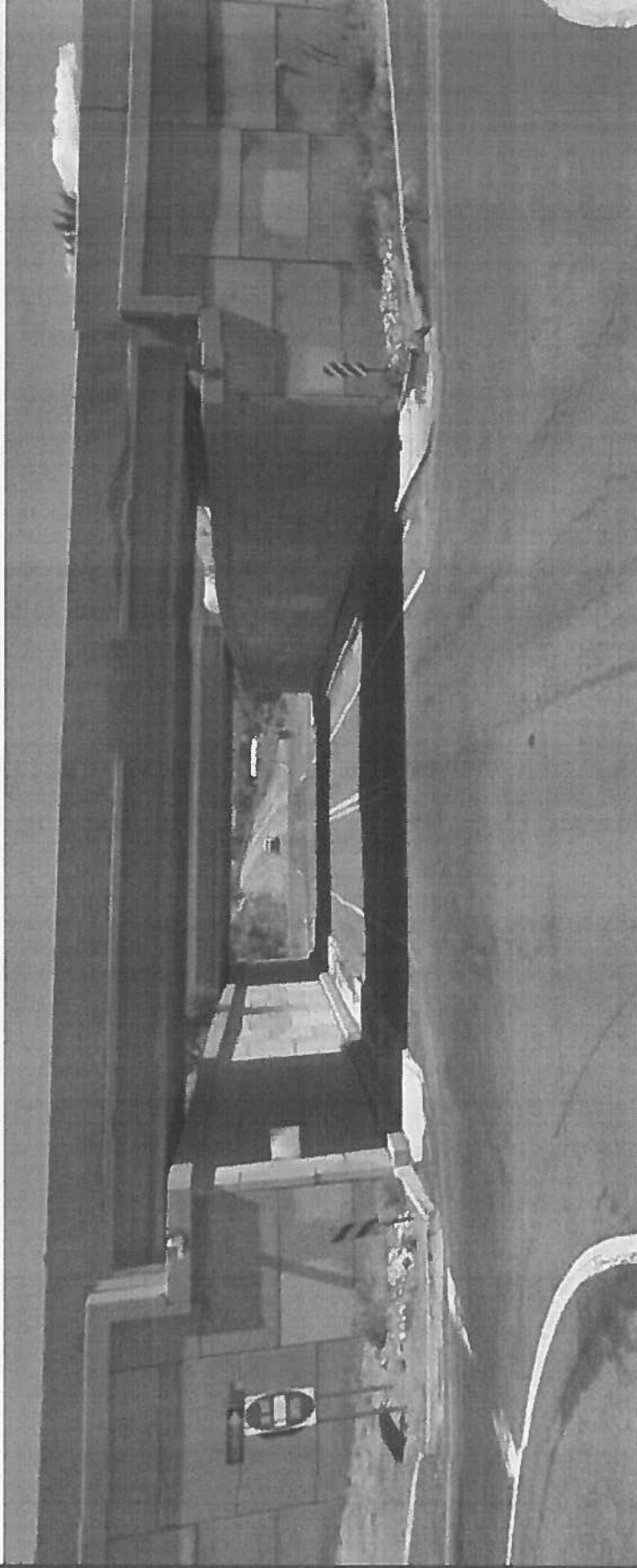
Power Station at SW quadrant

Grade separated RR crossing



I-40 Corridor Issues & Opportunities

I-40 & Bluewater Road Interchange in Thoreau, NM

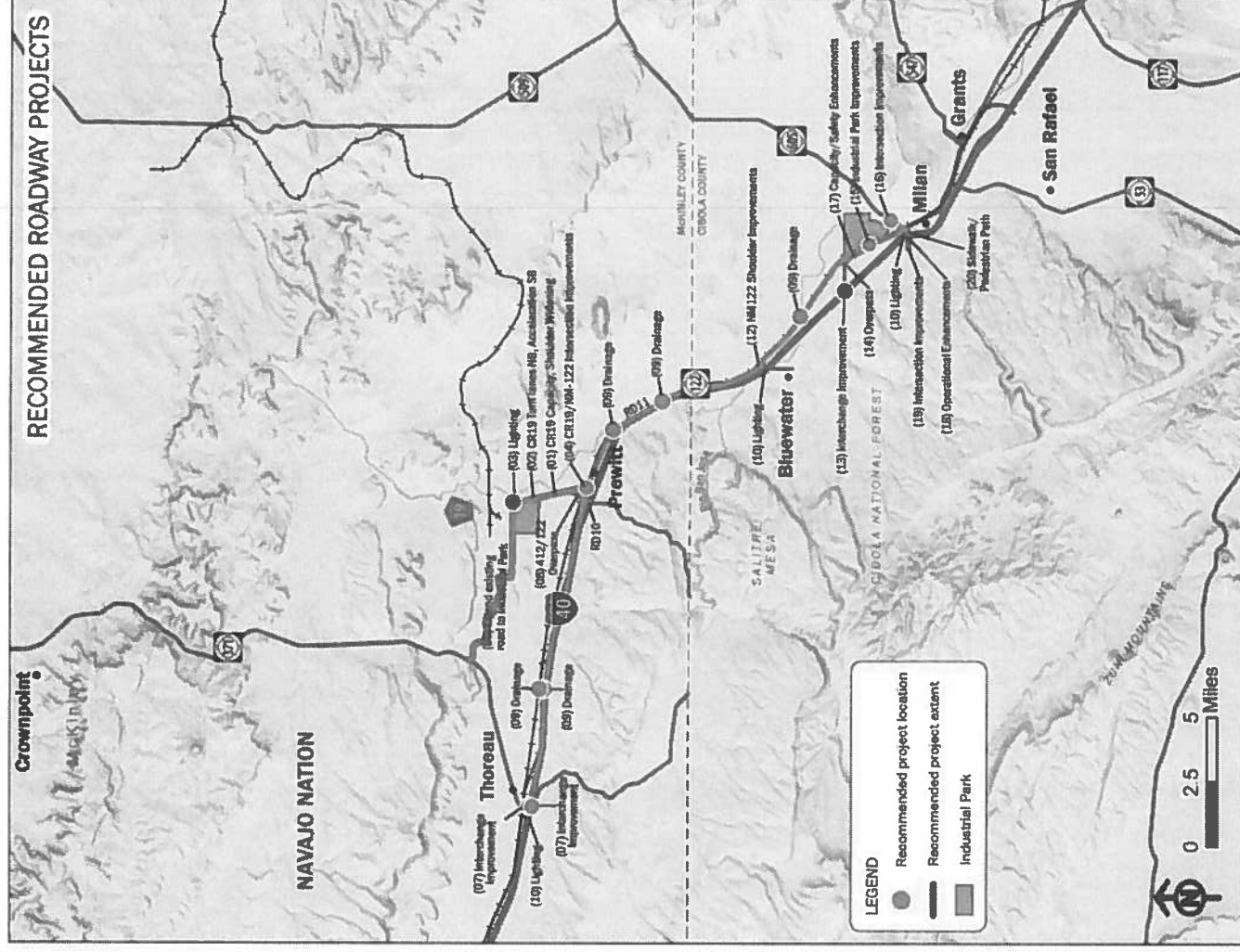


Regional Priorities

- **Economic Vitality**
 - ✓ Improve access to area enterprises
 - ✓ Jobs
- **Safety**
 - ✓ Reduce conflicts
 - ✓ Vehicular and pedestrian travel
- **Mobility**
 - ✓ Freight
 - ✓ Regional and local
- **Environmental Sustainability**
 - ✓ Cultural, Natural, Protected Areas
- **Project Readiness**

Recommended Projects

- 20 road projects ranked and prioritized based on Regional Priorities
- 5 rail projects
- Objective: Connect the primary transportation network (I-40 and BNSF Transcon) to the industrial park sites



Road Projects

Rank	Score	Project Number	County	Facility	Project Extent/Location	Project Description
1	45	RD13	Cibola	I-40 at NM-568	-	Construct new interstate interchange
1 (tie)	45	RD14	Cibola	NM-122 at NM-568/Nursery Road	-	Construct overpass over NM-122 and railroad tracks
3 (tie)	39	RD04	McKinley	NM-122	Intersection with CR-19	Intersection improvements, including turn lanes, acceleration/deceleration lanes, roadway lighting (CR 19 and NM-122)
3 (tie)	39	RD08	McKinley	NM-412 and NM-122	-	Construct overpass/interchange from NM-412 over NM-122 and railroad tracks, tying into CR-19 to the north; construct if trucks are not routed through Thoreau to Prewitt Industrial Park.
5	38	RD07	McKinley	I-40 Thoreau Interchange (exit 53)	-	Refit or reconstruct interchange for wider truck turn radii
6	37	RD06	McKinley	NM-122 and NM-371	Intersection	Realign intersection and NM-122 to north of existing buildings.
7 (tie)	34	RD05	McKinley	Red Mesa Bluffs Drive/Solid Waste Authority access road	Between NM-371 and EGS-Biopappel complex/Prewitt Industrial Park	Extend access road to industrial park site. Reconstruct to cross section needed for significant truck traffic. (Red Bluffs Mesa)
7 (tie)	34	RD19	Cibola	Horizon Boulevard	Intersection of Motel Drive west to end of roadway	Various enhancements including intersection improvements, reconstruction of roadway, sidewalks, etc. as needed to support Golf Course site redevelopment.
9 (tie)	33	RD01	McKinley	County Road 19	Entrance to Escalante Generating Station/Biopappel to NM-122	Capacity improvements, including widened shoulder (CR 19)
9 (tie)	33	RD02	McKinley	County Road 19	Future entrance to Prewitt Industrial Park	Acceleration lanes for SB CR-19, NB turn lanes

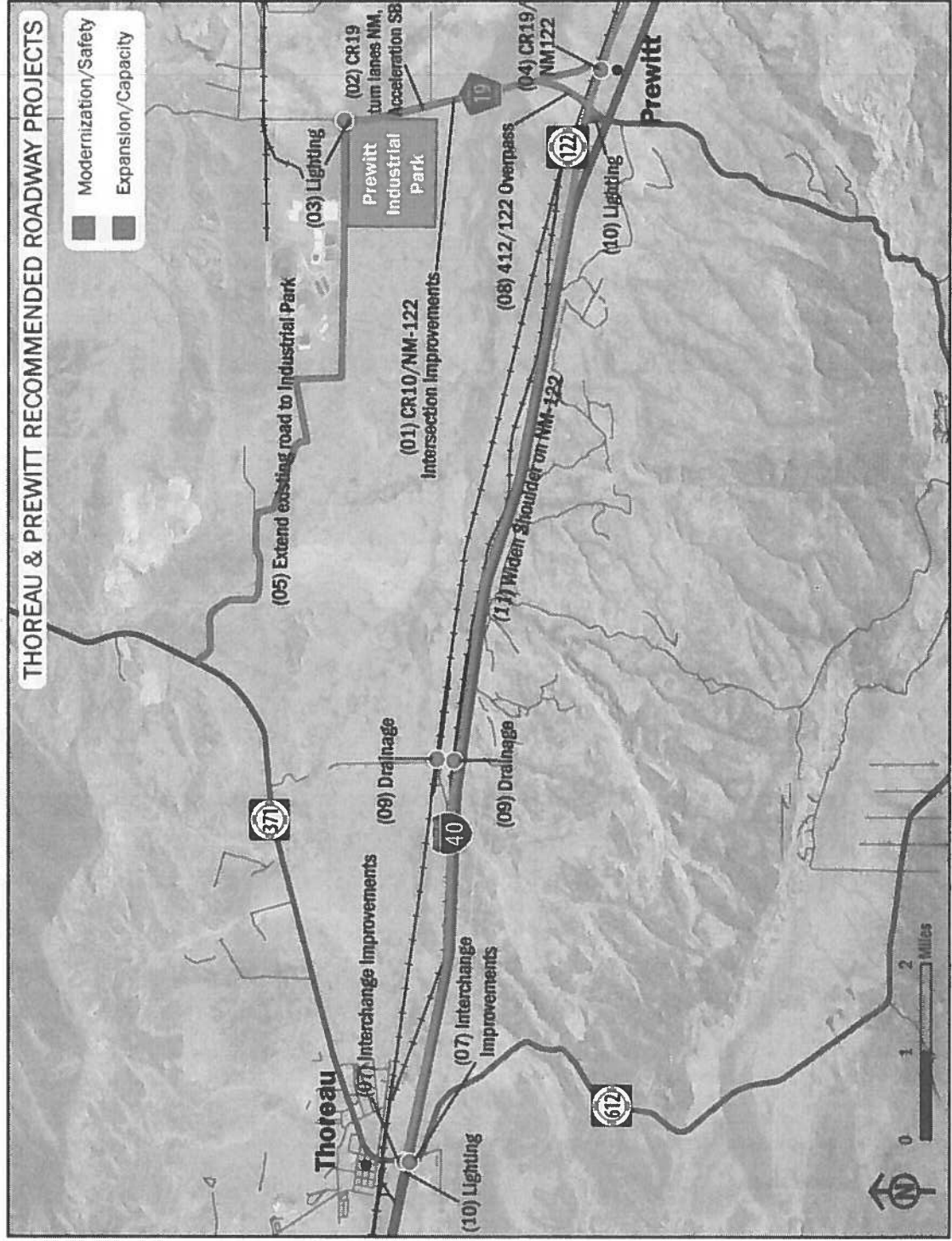
Road Projects

Rank	Score	Project Number	County	Facility	Project Extent/Location	Project Description
9 (tie)	33	RD03	McKinley	County Road 19	Future entrance to Prewitt Industrial Park	Roadway lighting at entrance to industrial park driveway (CR 19)
12	30	RD20	Cibola	Horizon Boulevard	End of existing sidewalk to Motel Drive	Construct sidewalk/ pedestrian path from existing sidewalk to Motel Drive
13	28	RD18	Cibola	Horizon Boulevard	Intersections with on-ramp/off-ramps	Operational enhancements, including traffic signals and lighting
14 (tie)	26	RD10	Cibola and McKinley	I-40 interchanges within study area	Between interchanges and NM-122	Roadway lighting at interchange and between interchange and nearest NM-122 intersection
14 (tie)	26	RD15	Cibola	NM-122	Intersection with Mill Road	Industrial Park Phase I improvements. Phase I improvements are detailed in traffic impact analysis (draft currently being reviewed by NMDOT)
14 (tie)	26	RD16	Cibola	NM-605	Intersection with Stanley Road	Phase I improvements are detailed in traffic impact analysis (draft currently being reviewed by NMDOT)
14 (tie)	26	RD17	Cibola	NM-122 and NM-605	On NM-122: between Nursery Road and Horizon Boulevard; on NM-605: between NM-122 and Stanley Road	Industrial park Phase II & III capacity/safety enhancements at entrances to Milan Industrial Park, including traffic signals, turn lanes, acceleration/deceleration lanes.
18 (tie)	25	RD09	McKinley	Underpasses under railroad bridges (along NM-122)	Milan to Thoreau	Drainage improvements as needed.
18 (tie)	25	RD12	Cibola	NM-122	Between Milan Industrial Park and start of two-lane section	Spot shoulder improvements. Maintenance/mowing of existing shoulders.
20	22	RD11	Cibola and McKinley	NM-122	Between Milan Industrial Park and NM-371	Widened shoulder on two-lane portion of NM-122, at least near major intersections.

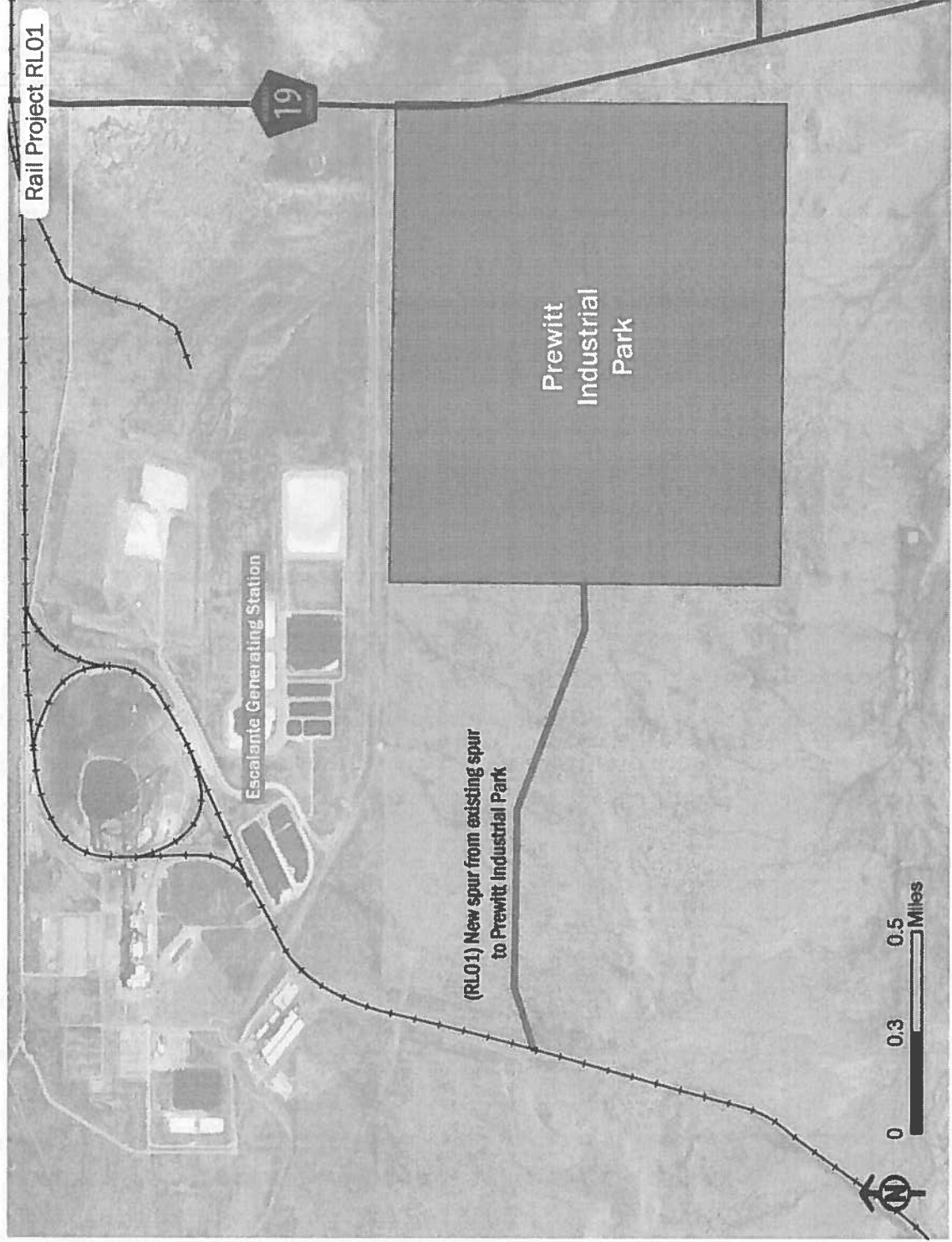
Rail Projects

	County	Facility	Project Extent/Location	Proposed Improvement
RL01	McKinley	Escalante Generating Station railroad spur	Between existing spur and Prewitt Industrial Park	Construct new spur from existing spur to Prewitt Industrial Park
RL02	Cibola and McKinley	Existing at- grade RR crossings	Between Milan and Thoreau	Consolidate existing at-grade crossings as shown to be feasible by crossings study or access management plan (see project PO1 in Table 4-6.
RL03	Cibola	Existing sidings and spur west of Milan Industrial Park		Reconstruct existing siding and spur.
RL04	Cibola	Existing siding west of Milan Industrial Park		Extend siding one mile northwest to approximately NM-568 to accommodate unit train.
RL05	Cibola	Mill Road at- grade crossing		Remove upon completion of NM-568 overpass/interchange (see project RD13)

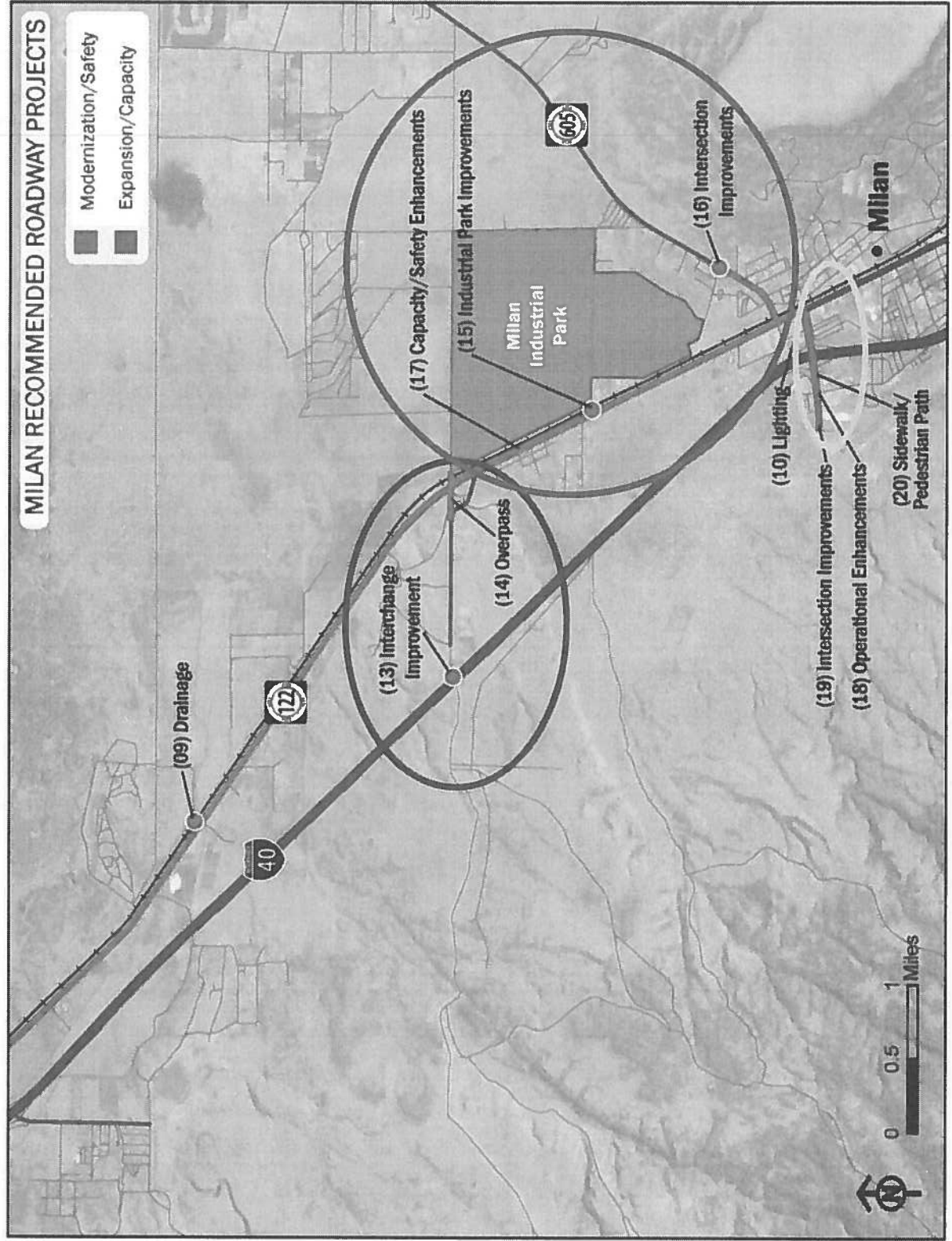
Prewitt Vicinity Projects (Road)



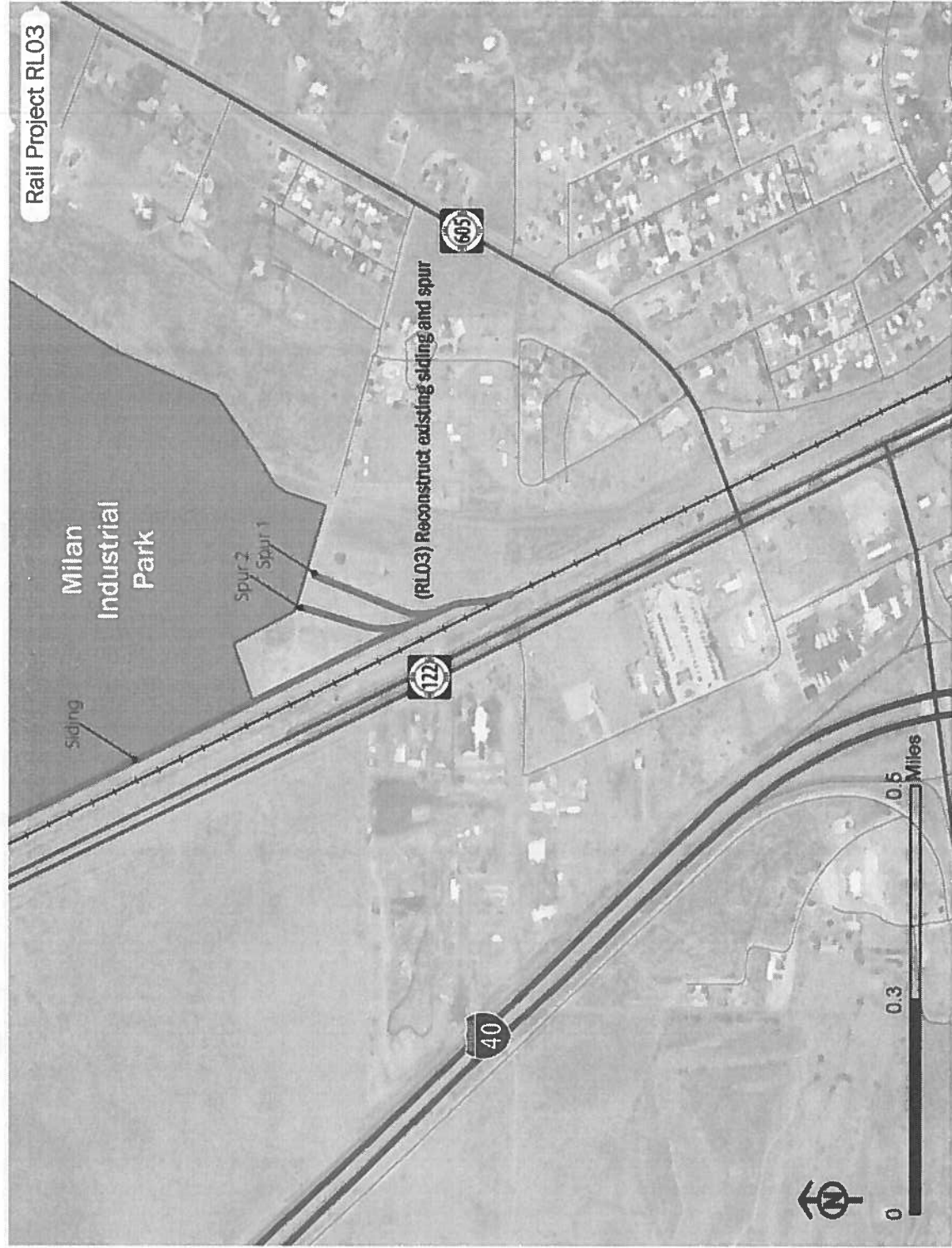
Prewitt Vicinity Projects (Rail)



Milan Vicinity Projects (Road)



Milan Vicinity Projects (Rail)



Milan Vicinity Projects (Rail)



Project Objective

- ✓ **Coordinate** the planning and delivery of projects to improve access to the Prewitt and Milan industrial parks (*shovel-ready, rail-served parks*)
- ✓ **Analyze** the multimodal transportation system to support industrial and economic development needs to maximize the potential for the Prewitt and Milan industrial parks and potential supporting private investments to foster job growth
- ✓ **Plan** and identify next-step design needs and opportunities, and outline funding in order to construct the infrastructure needed to serve an emerging economic boom in Northwest New Mexico

Next Steps:

- ✓ Draft final Transportation Master Plan
- ✓ Implementation document
- ✓ Review of each by stakeholder groups
- ✓ Approval by NWNMRTPO board

Thank you!



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**Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization
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Agenda Item #VI: Safe Streets & Roads for All funding

Subject: Present: Safe Streets and Roads for All funding

Prepared for: presentation at August 10 RTPO meeting

Date: July 26, 2022

BACKGROUND

- **Why?** Another forthcoming funding opportunity – Sept. 15 deadline
- **Purpose.** Keep RTPO members aware of this and a multitude of other funding opportunities over the next five years.
- **Discussion/Finalization.** Present this and other funding opportunities, forthcoming over the next five years

CURRENT WORK

- Members are encouraged to consider applying for this funding, to improve safety in high-incidence accident areas for both vehicles and pedestrians

ANTICIPATED WORK

- Members to consider applying for this funding

ATTACHMENTS

- SS4A guidance documentation

BUDGET IMPACT

- None

ACTION ITEM

- N/A

Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A) – How to Apply for Planning Grants

June 15, 2022 – 11:00am

Presenters:

Becky Crowe – FHWA Office of Safety

Paul Teicher – USDOT Office of the Secretary

Becky Crowe:

- Monday (June 13) webinar is posted on the SS4A website
- Sign in on the website to receive updates
- This presentation is for developing a Safety Action Plan – must have this in place in order to apply for Implementation Grants.
- Focus of this funding is to prevent traffic injuries and deaths; there is \$5 billion for FFY2022 – 2026; there is \$1 billion available for 2022.
- NOFO is now open; submit questions by Aug. 15; **apply by Sept. 15, 3pm our time.**
- **Link for Information:** <https://www.transportation.gov/SS4A>
- Eligibility: MPO's, Local Governments (County, Municipal, Special Districts and Transit) and Tribal Governments (can include multi-jurisdictional groups – as long as one participant is one of these qualifying governments)
- **Joint Applicants:** Are encouraged, but only one application is allowed no matter how many jurisdictions participate; and at least one of the applicants must be eligible.
- Action Plan Grants: encourage collaboration with other eligible entities; benefit to the region is more competitive than one jurisdiction. Duplicative applications are discouraged – move them into one broader multi-jurisdiction application.
- **Action Plan Process:**
 - Leader Commitment
 - Planning Structure (Committee)
 - Planning Process
 - Planning Process Outcomes
- **Goals:**
 - Set a target date for zero (0) injuries or fatalities; or
 - Set a target date for injury / fatality reduction goal
 - The plan needs to be a living document – not on a shelf or in a cabinet!
- **Planning Structure:**
- Need to develop a committee or task force to plan development, implementation and monitoring
- Analyze existing conditions and historical trends – what is your baseline – where you're at now?
- Analyze local data for your town or region (safety analysis and goal setting)
- **Planning Process:**
- Goal setting, Safety analysis, Engagement, Collaboration
- Engage stakeholders from the public and private sectors
- Consider virtual engagement and engage strong community participation

- Equity: must have inclusive representation, engage the “underserved,” generate population characteristics and equity impact assessments for projects and strategies. Reference Equity considerations for action plans on p. 19.
- Resource links are provided – check the SS4A website.
- **Planning Process Outcomes:**
- Assess current policies, plans, guidelines – how to improve or strengthen
- List specific projects and strategies
- Interventions – behavior, infrastructure, operational safety
- How will the process be measured over time to demonstrate outcome data
- Supplemental Action Plans: support or enhance an existing plan, update analysis, expand data collections

Paul Teicher:

- **How to Apply:**
- Submit thru Grants.gov (must register with grants.gov and gain a “Unique Entity Identifier”
- Sept. 15 – 3pm Mountain Time is the submission deadline
- <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A/resources> - provides an application template (Action Plan Grant Application template); there is also additional NOFO information at this website.
- **Key Information Table:**
- Lead applicant
- Joint entities applying
- Total jurisdiction population (Census data)
- Fatality Counts
- Population in underserved communities
- State in which the project is located
- Costs by state (?)
- **Data Sources:**
- US Census
- NHTSA – Roadway Fatalities 2016 – 2020
- DOT Underserved Communities List
- Deaths / injuries per 100,000 persons – divide 5 year number by five for average annual rate (p. 36) (as usual – ridiculous federal scrutiny!)
- **Narrative:** (300 word limit)
- Low cost / high impact strategies
- Engage stakeholders and public
- Innovative strategies (evidence based)
- Include map – (web link, PDF, Image/Vector/Shape file)
- **Budget: (SF-424A)**
- Document federal and non-federal share (Fed. 80% / Local 20%)
- Only engage eligible costs – expenditures previous to authorization do not qualify

- Provide a brief budget summary and ID all major cost elements
- Other federal funding does not qualify for match
- Federal \$ compensation will be via reimbursement after local expenditure
- Eligible costs include personnel, goods and services to complete the project, and “space” (meeting costs)
- Self-certification Eligibility Worksheet available on SS4A website.
- www.transportation.gov/SS4A
- Selection criteria will consider:
 - Significant reduction in injuries or fatalities
 - Underserved communities (p.44)
 - Safety impact (fatality rate)
 - Equity (% of underserved communities)
 - Safety considerations and budget costs
- Must have an action plan in place to receive in implementation grant
- Sept. 15, 2022 final deadline for submission: www.transportation.gov/SS4A

Safe Streets and Roads for All Webinar

Tribal Governments – 4/28/22

- Webconference@dot.gov – questions?
- www.transportation.gov/SS4A
- Emily Schweniger – USDOT Office of Secretary
- Jen Warren – FHWA / USDOT
- Milo Booth – USDOT, Director of Tribal Affairs
- \$5-6 billion in upcoming years
- Tribes collectively have a lot of roads that are dirt or gravel roads and lack bike / ped infrastructure
- Road Safety Overview:
 - Fatalities: 1.25 million – global, 39,824 US, 6,516 – pedestrians
 - Fatalities more common on non-interstate facilities
 - Native Americans have a higher rate of injury / fatality incidents
- www.transportation.gov/NRSS
- Applications due August or Sept. 2022
- Safe System Approach: safe drivers, safe vehicles, safe speeds, safe roads, post-crash care
- Safety is proactive
- Complete Streets promote safety <https://highways.dot.gov/complete-streets>
- safety.fhwa.dot.gov/provencountermeasures/
- counter measures include crosswalks, bike lanes, pedestrian stop light intervals, medians, road diets, lighting
- About SS4A Grants:
 - \$1 billion in annual funding FY22-26
 - Eligible: MPO's, local govt.s, tribal govt.s, special districts, (including multi-jurisdictional groups)
 - **Must develop a comprehensive safety action plan first (via this funding) before you can apply for construction projects**
 - Conduct planning, design and construction projects: 40% to planning, 60% to construction / implementation
 - 80% federal funds, 20% local match
 - Comprehensive Safety Action Plan must have commitment from high ranking local govt. official and should include: goal setting, safety analysis, engagement and collaboration, and equity considerations
- Data Collection / Evaluation: more analysis, stakeholder engagement, targeted (??? Covered to fast!)
- Implementation grants will fund strategies or projects that are recommended in the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (which must come first)
- Legislative Selection Considerations:
 - Strength to prevent multimodal injuries / deaths
 - Engagement with the public / private stakeholders
 - Low cost / high impact strategies
 - . . . covered too fast!
- Joint applications supporting regional improvements across jurisdictions are encouraged
- Provided a slide with multiple data resources, but covered to fast to capture
- Requires a Unique Identity Identifier number (sam.gov)
- NOFO coming in May, 2022 – www.grants.gov
- More info. at: www.transportation.gov/SS4A
- Webconference@dot.gov/SS4A
- Applications may be due Aug. – Sept., awards coming late 2022 or early 2023

Fw: National Center for Rural Road Safety Webinar: Complete Streets for Rural Areas

Robert Kuipers <rkuipers@nwnmcog.org>

Tue 7/26/2022 3:30 PM

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RTPO members and DOT colleagues,
Reference the opportunity below for the presentation
on Complete Streets for Rural Areas - 11:00 am our time
tomorrow.

Robert Kuipers, RTPO Program Manager
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"Over 45 years of moving the region forward"
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From: Department of Transportation <usdot@info.dot.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, July 26, 2022 11:01 AM

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Subject: National Center for Rural Road Safety Webinar: Complete Streets for Rural Areas



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Complete Streets for Rural Areas

Wednesday, July 27, 2022

1:00-2:30 PM ET

[Register here!](#)

The [National Center for Rural Road Safety](#) and [NLTAPA Safety Work Group](#) are co-hosting a **FREE**, 1.5-hour online webinar entitled **Complete Streets for Rural Areas**.

This webinar will be held Wednesday, July 27, 2022 from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM Mountain/1:00 PM to 2:30 PM Eastern.

When the US DOT released its [National Roadway Safety Strategy](#), Complete Streets are emphasized as a focal point for ensuring that our roads are safe for all road users. This webinar will show you how Complete Streets policies can be incorporated into a rural area and what resources are available. Funded by the U.S. Federal Highway Administration, the [National Center for Rural Road Safety](#) embodies the federal transportation goal for **a center focused solely and specifically on enhancing safety on rural roads** while supporting surface transportation in general.

The [National Local Technical Assistance Program Association](#) (NLTAPA) is a not-for-profit organization representing and serving the 52 LTAP and TTAP Member-Centers in the United States and Puerto Rico. NLTAPA works in concert with FHWA's Center for Local Aid Support (CLAS) to help guide the overall LTAP program and provide direct services, support, and stewardship to LTAPs/TTAPs.

Click [here](#) to register for the webinar.

The Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success (ROUTES) Initiative aims to address disparities in rural transportation infrastructure by disseminating resources on its [website](#) and providing technical assistance. If you want to learn more about ROUTES, or how it can help your community, you can reach the ROUTES team at rural@dot.gov.



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Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NWRTPO)

Agenda Item #VII: Discussion on Members' Training Interests

Subject: Discuss RTPO members training priorities so we can engage UNM-LTAP at some of our meetings

Prepared for: Discussion at August 10 meeting

Date: July 29, 2022

BACKGROUND

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

CURRENT WORK

- Staff have engaged UNM-LTAP staff for 30 minute to one hour trainings at our monthly virtual meetings to provide a safe training opportunity during this pandemic. Staff are recommending maybe 2 – 3 trainings over a period of 12 months, based on member priorities.
- 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

- None

BUDGET IMPACT

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

ACTION ITEM

- N/A.

Re: short training opportunities for our monthly RTPO meetings

Robert Kuipers <rkuipers@nwnmcog.org>

Fri 6/10/2022 2:48 PM

To: Callie French <cfrenc@unm.edu>

Thanks Callie,

We do already have a list of training interests from our members as follows;

- Cost Benefit Analysis
- Cradle to Grave Project Development Training
- FHWA, BIA and NMDOT Regulation and Certifications (*especially Environmental, Utility and Right of Way*)
- Grant Writing (LTAP WD-16 ?)
- "Construction Management / General Contractor" Accelerated Project Development Process (*not sure if this one is in your training collection?*)
- HSIP (*Highway Safety Improvement Program*)
- Context Sensitive Solutions

Perhaps we can already get started in July? All our meetings are the second Wednesday of each month, so that would be July 13.

Perhaps you could also send me a list of the shorter time frame training opportunities available from UNM-LTAP so our members could choose from some of those.

Thanks again, and I look forward to engaging your program.

Robert Kuipers, RTPO Program Manager

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Cc: Claude Morelli <morellic@unm.edu>

Subject: RE: short training opportunities for our monthly RTPO meetings

Good afternoon Robert,

Thank you for reaching out! I've attended your RTPO meeting in the past and you have a wonderful group of very dedicated people in your region. We would love to provide some sort of short programming during your meetings.

We have a few one hour modules that could be presented virtually to your community. Most of our trainers are out of state SME's so we wouldn't be able to bring them in physically for an hour but we could arrange some virtual components. Is that something you are interested in?



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Agenda Item #VIII: Reports, Updates & Announcements

Subject: Discussion / Presentation Items

Prepared by: Robert Kuipers, NWRTPO

Date: 7/26/22

BACKGROUND

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

Informational Items

Regional News & Updates

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

Member Special Reports:

- None this meeting

NMDOT Reports:

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

News, Training & Funding Opportunities:

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



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Monthly Report – July 2022

- A. 2022 NWRTPO RTIPR Update:** This year (FFY2021 – 2022) the NWRTPO is executed a full Call for Projects which extended from April, 2021 thru March 2022. RTPO members submitted 53 project PFF's and PPF's for our 2021 – 2022 RTIPR update, 49 of which were presented and reviewed by DOT District 6 staff on June 29-30; 4 projects for Northern Navajo were reviewed by DOT District 5. Roadway projects were prioritized in our new RTIPR at our January 12 meeting for 7 of our member governments who submitted qualified projects – per functional classification. RTIPR was approved, finalized and authorized at our February 9, 2022 meeting; DOT District 6 Zipper will took place at our March 9 meeting. During the course of Feb. – March, 2022 a new 2023 Transportation Project Fund from the State of New Mexico was announced, so staff have asked members to submit PFF's to include these projects proposed for next year, in this year's RTIPR to make them more competitive for funding in our current RTIPR; these were completed prior to our March 9 DOT Dist. 6 RTIP (Zipper) meeting.
- B. NMDOT Transportation Project Fund:** The State of New Mexico initiated a new LGTPF fund to support transportation needs across New Mexico, complimenting the ongoing Local Govt. Road Fund in 2019. This fund provided \$50 million statewide in FFY2019. Eleven member governments of the NWRTPO and Farmington MPO were funded for 14 projects for just over \$12 million. In FFY2021 NMDOT had \$120 million available and has been officially renamed to the Transportation Project Fund (TPF) and now officially includes Tribal communities. NMDOT Districts 5 & 6 reviewed and approved 13 projects from 10 of our member governments at a total of just under \$20 million to move forward. When including the Farmington MPO, the total award is at \$22,415,160.00 for our region. A new 2023 TPF call for projects was issued with a deadline of May 31, 2022 for project submissions, staff have cited eight (8) projects proposed from seven (7) of our member governments in our 2022 RTIPR.
- C. GIS Data Gathering, Trails Development, Mapping and Compiling Work:** COG staff Carrie House continues to provide technical assistance and GIS mapping for development of 200 new miles of recreational trails in the Zuni Mountains in McKinley and Cibola Counties during FFY18 – FFY22; and continues contributing GIS mapping for regional transportation infrastructure. The NWCOG was the only New Mexico recipient of a NADO Impact Award for the ongoing development of 200 miles of recreational trails in the Zuni Mountains of McKinley and Cibola Counties. The Navajo Nation will soon be developing 80 miles of recreational trails in the Chuska Mountain range, complimenting the rec. trails being developed in the Zuni Mtns. The Pueblo of Laguna is developing bike and pedestrian trails connecting all six of their Pueblo Villages.
- D. Trail of the Ancients Scenic Byway is Nationally Designated:** President Trump signed the “Reviving America’s Scenic Byways Act of 2019” into law re-establishing the Scenic Byway Program. This provided the NWRTPO the opportunity to undertake a demanding process to pursue national designation for parts of our New Mexico TOA byway portion. RTPO and COG staff submitted the 2020 application for national designation for portions of our New Mexico Trail of the Ancients Scenic Byway. The entire TOA byway corridor is shared by Counties in the 4-Corners region of Utah, Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado; the Utah and Colorado corridors are already nationally designated. We received news that major portions of our New Mexico corridor are now designated as a National Byway corridor! We can now support and work on the Arizona portion of the four state byway, which is primarily on Navajo Nation lands. Historically across the nation - regions who achieved national scenic byway status have enjoyed a major and positive impact on tourism and resulting economic growth. With the return of the federal Scenic Byway Program after a multi-year period when the program went away, we are reconstructing the TOA Byway Council for New Mexico, and undertaking the challenging responsibility shared by participating counties to monitor and improve the national corridor, along with stronger participation in funding the byway, in collaboration with NMDOT staff. Staff submitted an application to update our Corridor Management Plan as the first rendition was done in November, 2008. This was recently awarded for funding in 2024.
- E. Major Funding from Federal Sources:** The Federal Govt. and USDOT is providing funding for transportation development in billions of dollars – far beyond anything we’ve seen before, in some cases with short application timeframes. Members are encouraged to become familiar with these opportunities and take advantage of them. COG staff have created County Bridge lists for funding consideration, as many of our bridges are old and in need of replacement; bridges are expensive, so now is the time to take advantage of this funding to repair or replace!
- F. Geo-tourism Website:** RTPO Staff are once again commencing to upgrade our Geo-tourism website which is another four corners states initiative, along with our N.M. Geo-tourism Stewardship Council.
- G. News, Training and Funding Opportunities:** The following training and funding opportunities have recently emerged:
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FFY2022

*if budgeted hours differ from actual hours by more than 20% in any function, provide a narrative explanation below

Quarterly Expenditure Summary

NWRTPO FFY2022 Q1 Budget Detail*	Q1 Request	Q2 Request	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Q3 Request	Q4 Request	Total Budgeted Amount	Requests YTD (Incl. current request)	Balance
a. Personnel	\$ 16,325.56	\$ 18,085.44	\$ 5,060.67	\$ 4,687.77	\$ 4,965.07	\$ 14,713.51	\$ -	\$54,070.00	\$ 49,124.51	\$ 4,945.49
50000: Payroll Expenses	\$ 250.44	\$ 254.09	\$ 112.65	\$ 68.90	\$ 126.20	\$ 307.75	\$ -	\$0.00	\$ 812.28	\$ (812.28)
50001: Wages & Salaries	\$ 16,075.12	\$ 17,831.35	\$ 4,948.02	\$ 4,618.87	\$ 4,838.87	\$ 14,405.76	\$ -	\$54,070.00	\$ 48,312.23	\$ 5,757.77
b. Fringe Benefits	\$ 3,837.70	\$ 4,147.47	\$ 1,207.61	\$ 1,107.95	\$ 892.79	\$ 3,208.35	\$ -	\$13,588.00	\$ 11,193.52	\$ 2,394.48
c. Travel & Training	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 298.15	\$ -	\$ 395.00	\$ 693.15	\$ -	\$ 5,023.00	\$ 693.15	\$ 4,329.85
d. Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
e. Supplies	\$ 365.79	\$ 174.36	\$ 63.98	\$ 53.92	\$ -	\$ 117.90	\$ -	\$ 4,591.00	\$ 658.05	\$ 3,932.95
f. Contractual	\$ 3,250.14	\$ 2,767.01	\$ 728.16	\$ 728.16	\$ 728.16	\$ 2,184.48	\$ -	\$ 14,878.00	\$ 8,201.63	\$ 6,676.37
g. Construction	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
69001: Property Improvements	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
h. Other	\$ 2,409.94	\$ 2,229.91	\$ 530.48	\$ 849.69	\$ 592.83	\$ 1,973.00	\$ -	\$ 14,100.00	\$ 6,612.85	\$ 7,487.15
60101: Duplicating & Copying	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,025.00	\$ -	\$ 2,025.00
60102: Postage & Delivery	\$ 6.86	\$ -	\$ 13.50	\$ 13.50	\$ -	\$ 27.00	\$ -	\$ 405.00	\$ 33.86	\$ 371.14
60103: Telephone & Telecom	\$ 975.50	\$ 975.28	\$ -	\$ 323.76	\$ -	\$ 323.76	\$ -	\$ 3,240.00	\$ 2,274.54	\$ 965.46
60104: Subscription & Dues	\$ 106.04	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,428.00	\$ 106.04	\$ 2,321.96
60105: Meeting	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 101.25	\$ -	\$ 101.25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 101.25	\$ (101.25)
60106: Printing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 181.65	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
60107: Advertising	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 69.62	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 251.27	\$ -	\$ 405.00	\$ 251.27	\$ 153.73
60111: Special Events	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
60112: Service Charges	\$ 14.56	\$ 8.13	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 135.00	\$ 22.69	\$ 112.31
60603: Other Insurance	\$ 181.98	\$ 121.50	\$ 72.36	\$ 36.18	\$ 36.18	\$ 144.72	\$ -	\$ 1,128.00	\$ 448.20	\$ 679.80
60801: Miscellaneous Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 134.00	\$ -	\$ 134.00
6040: Rent	\$ 1,125.00	\$ 1,125.00	\$375	\$ 375.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 1,125.00	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,375.00	\$ 625.00
TOTAL	\$ 26,189.13	\$ 27,404.19	\$ 7,889.05	\$ 7,427.49	\$ 7,573.85	\$ 22,890.39	\$ -	\$ 106,250.00	\$ 76,483.71	\$ 29,766.29
Local Match (20%)	\$ 5,237.83	\$ 5,480.84	\$ 1,577.81	\$ 1,485.50	\$ 1,514.77	\$ 4,578.08	\$ -	\$ 21,250.00	\$ 15,296.74	\$ 5,953.26
Federal Share (80%)	\$ 20,951.30	\$ 21,923.35	\$ 6,311.24	\$ 5,941.99	\$ 6,059.08	\$ 18,312.31	\$ -	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 61,186.97	\$ 23,813.03

Control Number:	Invoice #	TOTAL	Local Match (20%)	Federal Share (80%)
Work Authorization (09/30/2020)		\$ 106,250.00	\$ 21,250.00	\$ 85,000.00
Quarter				
Q1 ending 12/31		\$ 26,189.13	\$ 5,237.83	\$ 20,951.30
Q2 ending 3/31		\$ 27,404.19	\$ 5,480.84	\$ 21,923.35
Q3 ending 6/30		\$ 22,890.39	\$ (4,578.08)	\$ 18,312.31
Q4 ending 9/30		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
BALANCE		\$ 29,766.29	\$ 15,109.41	\$ 23,813.03

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

National Regional Transportation Conference – 2022

July 19 – 21, 2022 – Marriott – Kansas City Country Club Plaza, Kansas City, Missouri

A) Opening Session – July 19, 8:45 – 10:00 am:

1) Missouri COG: Eric Curtit

- State wide effort to support bottom up decision making
- Have reduced state districts from 10 down to 7
- Collaborative Long Range Planning across all state districts
- Project prioritization is critical around limited resources
- Emphasis to maintain existing resources before creating new ones
- Analyze high priority un-met / unfunded needs
- Generated policy for distribution of funds across state regions

2) Rick Green – RPO America Chair / Christopher Coes – USDOT Assistant Secretary

- Concern in rural areas around local match fund requirements
- “Build America Bureau”: nationally regional representatives to assist and provide guidance
- “Private Communities Initiative”: Feds are trying to collaborate more closely with Rural COG’s creating rural representatives (as cited above); trying to figure out how to best serve rural regions.
- Benefit Cost Analysis is often difficult in rural regions, and Match funding is also challenging in rural.
- “Safe Routes and Roads for All” is a good funding source for rural.

B) Safe System Approach for Rural Regions – 10:15 – 11:45 am:

- **Jaime Sullivan – National Center for Rural Road Safety – Montana State University / Anne Freand – Meramec Regional Planning Commission**
- Generally rural residents have diminished risk perception – compared to metropolitan
- Need rural specific safety campaigns
- In rural there is some general resistance to top-down initiatives
- Rural areas generally have a) limited resources, b) data needs, and c) need better communication and power (utilities) infrastructure
- **Rural Road Safe System Approach:**
- Address injury and death accidents
- Design transportation infrastructure for human mistakes and limitations
- “Safe System” – engage everyone – breakdown silos!
- Proactively apply interventions to eliminate crash areas
- Proactively design transportation infrastructure for human limitations
- Don’t sacrifice safety for system efficiency!
- Design to address multi-modal safety issues – address safety in all multi-modal transportation development.
- Human factors include: hand held devices, attitudes, behaviors

- Safety = changing behaviors, and focus on anything other than driving
- Speed and angle of crash are key elements impacting survival
- Safe System Approach:
 - Death / injury unacceptable
 - Humans make mistakes / are vulnerable
 - Responsibility is shared
- Need system analysis – not just hot spots
- Road Safety Audits / Safety Coalitions / consider all multi-modal interaction
- Engage all stakeholders in RSA's
- www.transportation.gov/SS4A - Safe Systems for All funding – applications due Sept. 15
- Safety Coalitions = a holistic approach: safe road users / vehicles / speed / roads / post crash care
- More and more modern vehicles warn drivers of danger and have automatic restraints (ie real-time warning systems)
- Speed is significant in safety
- Speed limits are based on road conditions
- Always needs to be rural vs. metropolitan consideration
- www.ruralsafetycenter.org – “Safe Road Element Counter Measures”

C) Transportation Technologies – Future Opportunities – 1:00 – 2:15 pm:

- **Reese Brewer**, Western Arkansas Planning and Development Dist. – Frontier MPO; **Ian Machen** – **Ludian**- assisting, **Natalie Villwock-Witte** – Montana State Univ. – moderator
- Rural ITS Toolkit (*Intelligent Transportation Systems*) 2018 Update
- Seven Categories (covered too fast)
- Tech. Tools – consider which ones fit
- Presentation provides a list of technology links and covers the cost of tools
- Assess existing data; data visualization entails perceiving, interpreting, and comprehending
- Find ways to help individual organizations share and manage data assets and performance
- Challenges: reactive / proactive / predictive traffic management; data connectivity and quality; department silos
- Process for Data Fusion (IT perspective):
 - 1) Develop Data Goals
 - 2) ID Challenges
 - 3) System Audits
 - 4) System Architecture
 - 5) Key Performance Indicators
 - 6) Gap and Needs Assessment
 - 7) Functional Specifications
- Data Goals: Safety, Traffic Flow (*covered too fast*)
- ID challenges and systems collaboration / systems audit (who's doing what / can we collaborate?) Build data flow / collaboration systems

- Key performance indicators: safety, traffic flow, infrastructure efficiency
- Gap analysis / Needs Assessment – current condition / desired operations
- Develop clear data goals: challenges / systems (ID deficiencies) / how data captured and quality / system architecture / performance indicators / gap analysis / functional specifications to build the system
- ID speeding areas and how to mitigate
- Interagency collaboration is key:
 - 1) Intersection crash research – interface of traffic and pedestrians
 - 2) Under-utilization of systems and relevant data
 - 3) Need to develop clear structure for data sharing and collection
 - 4) discrepancy in data collection
 - 5) Embrace change and technology advancement (*provide opportunities for public input; collect data and figure out how to best blend and use it; good to have a system that can alert multiple agencies of incidents*).
- I shared our region's cross-jurisdictional agreements to share data (ie. High-incidence accident areas and potential solutions)

D) RPO America Business Meeting and National RPO Council of Peers:

- **Joe McKinney – National Association of Development Organizations**
- **Arlando Teller – Deputy Assistant Secretary for Tribal Affairs – USDOT (not present).**
- 1) Advocacy and Legislative, 2) Member services, 3) Research and Information training.
- Covered the NADO Board of Directors, but went way too fast
- Covered NADO regions – ours is the south-west
- Upgrading the website:
 - NADO Research Foundation
 - 15 grants and contracts
 - \$3+ million
 - Federal Partners
- FY23 appropriations process – will be delayed by political election process
- Covered BIL, RAISE, and IIJA (*Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act*) funding.
- Presented executive NADO staff.

Wednesday – July 20:

Wanted to attend “Preparing Plans for Future Opportunities” (BIL \$ presentation) but the room was too small and packed.

A) Rural and Small Metro Transit: (Corey Hull – Georgia, Kelly Ast – Missouri, Bill Bivin – Nebraska, Roni Williams – moderator – Texas (9:00 – 10:15 am):

- Data related to client / rider destinations is key to transit service and planning
- Vehicle maintenance is key to rural transit services as funding is generally limited
- Transit is essential for low income citizens and generally rural regions
- Must consider and plan for funding and data support / data = funding

- Transit helps respond to events and regional attractions
- Assess trip drivers:
 - Employment access
 - Shopping
 - Appointment services
 - Events / health care – etc.
- Statewide 5311 and 5310 management is demanding, especially related to DOT collaboration with private transit providers
- Scheduling is important around employment access and return home

B) Regional Planning Partnerships and Trends (Mareike Ortman – Univ. of Tennessee; Stacy Morrison – Tennessee DOT; Jenn O’Conner – Northern AZ COG, Moderator – Spencer Stevens FHWA) (10:30 - 11:45 am):

- Cross jurisdictional planning collaboration supports complete streets, flexible transit, transportation equity and Plan Works.
- **Jen O’Conner – Northern AZ COG:**
- Covered the region’s geography, cultures, challenges and opportunities
- Challenges include small towns / populations; turnover in a broad region, diminished opportunities to collaborate, and bringing new leaders up to speed
- Areas of focus include:
 - Crash data analysis
 - Tribal partnerships, collaboration with the Hopi Tribe (IGA)
 - Funding and planning
 - State Planning and Research Funds
 - Rural School Bus Route study
 - IIJA (*Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act*) funding
 - HSIP (*Highway Safety Improvement Program*)
- Arizona has four (4) COGs and 6 MPO’s
- The rural COGs are collaborating to strengthen access to funding and resources
- The AZ Rural Transportation Advocacy Council is a legislative liaison
- Important to develop a priority list for each region (prioritize projects) and follow up with and educate state legislators on these priorities
- The state of AZ has \$41.3 million for rural roadways
- **Mr. Stacy Morrison – Tennessee DOT:**
- There are 12 RTPO’s in Tennessee
- Rural Regional Transportation Plans commenced in 2016 – these help to prioritize funding and projects.
- The state has a “Center for Transportation Research.”
- **Ms. Mareike Ortmann – Univ. of Tennessee:**
- The State DOT initiated a Rural Regional Transportation Plan
- This helps to Identify and prioritize projects

- All Tennessee RTPO's collectively meet 2 times each year
- Beginning to share data and develop regional goals
- Moving to draft a prioritized project plan
- Have a public engagement process
- Engaging Tennessee DOT participation
- A new Rural Regional Transportation Plan to include addressing multi-modal projects, land use, funding, functional classification and traffic volume
- The plan will predict roadway capacities, address a wide variety of issues (including multi-modal), and set regional needs, goals and priorities.

C) Scenario Planning for Rural Regions (Heather Saucedo – Hannon and Ryan Maye Handy – Lincoln Institute of Land Policy) 1:15 – 2:45 pm:

- Planning for the future usually predicts for a 20 year outlook
- What are the change drivers and how to prepare for the future
- Scenario planning supports resilience – you prepare options for what may be coming down the pipe, along with staying ahead of forthcoming trends.
- 1) Exploratory – what could happen; 2) Predictive – what do we think will happen? 3) Nominating – how do we make something happen.
- Poverty requires transit and transport services; Aging requires addressing mobility issues, transport services and collaboration with regional health providers around access.

D) Regional Collaboration to Improve Transportation Outcomes (Jackson Hotaling, Adrienne Weston, Kansha Tiwari) 3:00 – 4:00 pm:

- Abc (review presentation)
- Challenges: limited staff
- Opportunities:
 - Regional Planning Committees can help address the economic development relation to transportation
 - Regional collaboration helps generate solutions for community engagement around connectivity
- Rural small town regions need collaboration to collectively and adequately engage funding to address maintenance and new development.
- Collaboration helps small communities better understand broader statewide regulation and funding / timing issues
- Collaboration with state govt. (DOT), Planning Agencies, and Govt. leaders improves the successful pursuit of funding and planning for transportation development.

Thursday - July 21:

A) Data for Regional Planning (Allison Rurner – Metrics Together – N.M., Moderator – Raul Rodriguez – Eastern Plains COG, NM) 9:00 – 10:30 am:

- Data is critical for: a) funding from federal sources, b) stronger project planning, and c) stronger equity and accountability

- Data sources: provided a menu of data sources, but too far away for me to see and covered too fast – can review these, when NADO / RPO America sends out the recordings of all the presentations. These included federal, state, and local data sources.
- Local data is less reliable, but provides extensive context
- Private sector data usually costs \$
- Difficulties with data for regional planning: geographic data is usually confined around government boundaries; navigating geography gets difficult around multiple jurisdiction intersections.
- Collecting data for rural regions is very different than metropolitan regions
- Data supports development that doesn't interrupt / destroy utilities (especially underground)
- Data Accuracy: The more data subsets you have, the stronger your results
- Gathering Data: keep it simple and focused
- When gathering data be careful and respectful toward those from whom you're gathering – assure them of no negative consequences.
- Data Collection: be careful around the questions you ask; consider surveys
- Federal sources provide broad information – try to get to source locations.
- State dashboards narrow down to local regions (best to get help from state personnel)
- GDell (?) strong data source
- Qualitative data strengthens perspective – must build trust from providers
- Using data Effectively:
 - Depends on collection and storage (filing) techniques
 - Use data sheets in folders based on subject areas
 - Important to carefully file data around type / source context – organizing carefully makes finding data much easier
 - Must be careful about the data you're looking for before you explore sources
 - Storage: clear and careful of data is key to future effective / efficient use!
- Data is key to funding!
- Developing a collaborative team benefits data collection
- Consider defining geographic boundaries for data
- Careful data storage structure is key to future use and access
- Be careful with surveys – must build public trust! Surveys are almost always biased – statisticians are key professionals to engage and advise on survey development.

2023 TPF Checklist

Entity	Project	Request Amount	1	2	3	4	5	6
Cibola	CR5 - Moquino Road	\$2,000,000.00	X	X	X	X	X	N/A
Grants	Nimitz Drive Phase III	\$1,200,000.00	X	X	X	X	X	N/A
Milan	Willow Drive	\$2,700,000.00	X	X	X	X	X	X
Milan	Airport Road	\$1,195,000.00	X	X	X	X	X	N/A
McKinley	CR43-Superman Canyon Road	\$2,500,000.00	X	X	X	X	X	N/A
McKinley	Deersprings Bridge	\$984,493.75	X	X	X	X	X	N/A
Gallup	Nizhoni Blvd	\$4,594,000.00	X	X	X	X	X	X
Acoma	SP38 - Haaku Road	\$2,900,000.00	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ramah	BIA 125 mp 0 - 2	\$2,689,487.74	X	X	X	X	X	N/A
Navajo	Chee Dodge School US491 Intersection	\$1,000,000.00	X	X	X	X	X	X
Total Requested Amount		\$21,762,981.49						

1. Cover letter with all components
2. Project category identification
3. Signed PFF accurately completed
4. Resolution or letter indicating match
5. Map of project
6. ROW documentation