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## Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NWRTPO)

### RTPO Joint Technical & Policy Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 13, 2021

10:00 am

Virtual Meeting – Microsoft Teams

## A G E N D A

### ROUTINE ITEMS:

Item #	Item	Presenter
I.	Call to Order and Introductions	Dave Deutsawe, Chairman
II.	Action: Agenda	Dave Deutsawe
III.	Action: Minutes – September 8 meeting	Dave Deutsawe

### ACTION ITEMS:

Item #	Item	Presenter
IV.	<b>Call for Projects Process:</b> discussion on this year's process / timelines – members to vote to eliminate competitive ranking and simply cite their top priority projects for relevant RTIPR categories – Roadway, Bridges, TAP, RTP, CMAQ	Robert Kuipers – RTPO staff

### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Item #	Item	Presenter
V.	<b>Transportation Project Fund:</b> 2018 project status; 2021 current award and implementation process	Robert Kuipers
VI.	<b>NMDOT new Map Guide:</b> Incredible tool for transportation research and planning.	Neala Krueger – NMDOT - NWRTPO Liaison

### VII. REPORTS: (10-minute limit) *Please submit Written Reports for inclusion in minutes*

<b>RTPO Program Report (significant news only)</b> RTPO members asked to complete FFY2021 member survey via Survey Monkey, in advance of our Nov. 10 meeting.	Robert Kuipers, Program Manager
<b>Local Member Reports (significant news only)</b>	By Entity
<b>New Mexico Department of Transportation Reports (significant news only)</b>	RTPO Liaison (Neala Krueger) Tribal Liaison (Ron Shutiva) District 5 (James Mexia, Stephanie Medina) District 6 (JoAnn Garcia; Bill Santiago)

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, November 10 – Gallup Eastside Fire Station (unless otherwise determined or virtual via MSTEams)

### ADJOURNMENT

## Minutes from yesterday's meeting

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Thu 9/9/2021 11:37 AM

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RTPO members and DOT colleagues:

Here are the minutes from yesterday's meeting.

Want to remind our members - we currently have two member governments without an alternate member, and one member govt. who recently lost their primary member representative. Please try to work on finding representatives for these positions, because it put's a lot of pressure on those of you trying to hold down your representation for your respective government, without another staff member to assist. I always keep this in mind, when at times one of our member governments is not able to participate - we are all multi-tasked, and there are times when transportation is not the top priority on our plate! It helps immensely if you're able to find an employee who has experience with transportation infrastructure and services. Wishing you all the best!

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**NWRTPO | Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization**

Joint Policy &amp; Technical Committee

**NWRTPO Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday September 8, 2021

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Virtual meeting executed via Microsoft Teams

Due to COVID-19 Pandemic

**ATTENDANCE:**

<b>Local &amp; Tribal Governments</b>	
<b>Entity</b>	<b>Representative(s)</b>
Pueblo of Acoma	Dave Deutsawe (Chair)
Pueblo of Laguna	<b>Gaylord Siow</b> , Elroy Keetso
Pueblo of Zuni	<b>Royce Gchachu</b> , Roxanne Hughte
Navajo Nation	<b>Larry Joe</b> , Marco Sells, Leanne Roy
Ramah Navajo	<b>Dorothy Claw</b> , Tom Martine
City of Grants	<b>Don Jaramillo</b> , Mark Teshima
City of Gallup	Clyde Strain, <b>Alicia Santiago</b>
Village of Milan	<b>Denise Baca</b> , Felix Gonzales
Cibola County	<b>Edward Salazar</b> , <b>Judy Horacek</b>
McKinley County	<b>Rodney Skersick</b> , <b>Mindi Macias</b>
San Juan County	Absent (Nick Porell)
Farmington Metropolitan Planning Organization - Ex-officio	Not in attendance

<b>New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT)</b>	
<b>Entity</b>	<b>Representative(s)</b>
RTPO Liaison	<b>Neala Krueger</b>
District 5	<b>Stephanie Medina</b> , James Mexia
District 6	<b>JoAnn Garcia</b> , <b>Bill Santiago</b> , Arif Kazmi, <b>Michael Neely</b>
Tribal Liaison	<b>Ron Shutiva</b>
DOT Central Regional Design Office	<b>James Sanchez</b> , <b>Juan Archuletta</b>
Other NMDOT Staff / Guests	Name - NMDOT,

<b>Regional Transportation Planning Organization</b>	
<b>Entity</b>	<b>Representative(s)</b>
Northwest NM Council of Governments	<b>Robert Kuipers</b>

**Tally Sheet – Attendance & Quorum**

<b>Total Full Attendance:</b>	<b>Member Entities:</b>	<b>NMDOT</b>	<b>RTPO</b>	<b>Guests</b>	<b>Full Attendance Norm:</b>	
	<b>12</b>	<b>Normally 4-5: DOT Liaison, Tribal Liaison, District 5 &amp; 6 Representatives</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>varies</b>	<b>17 - 20</b>	
<b>Attendance – this meeting:</b>	<b>Member Attendance:</b>	<b>NMDOT Attendance:</b>	<b>Staff:</b>	<b>Guests:</b>	<b>Attendance % this meeting:</b>	<b>TOTAL:</b>
	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>100%</b>	<b>20</b>

**ROUTINE ITEMS:**

Item #	Item
I.	<b>Call to Order and Introductions.</b> The meeting was called to order at 10:09 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.	<b>Agenda.</b> RTPO Program Manager provided an overview of the day's agenda topics and RTPO Vice-Chair called for a motion:  <b>ACTION:</b> Alicia Santiago, City of Gallup - motioned; Larry Joe, Navajo DOT - seconded adoption of the agenda. All in favor – motion carried.
III.	<b>Minutes (August 11, 2021).</b> Vice-Chair provided time for review of minutes and there were no revisions requested,  <b>ACTION:</b> Gaylord Siow, Pueblo of Laguna motioned; Ed Salazar, Cibola County seconded adoption of the minutes. All in favor – motion carried.

**Discussion:** No discussion

**ACTION ITEMS:** none this meeting

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Item #	Item	Presenter
IV.	Annual Member Survey	Robert Kuipers – RTPO Staff
<b>BACKGROUND</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Why?</b> On an annual basis the NWRTPO conducts a survey to gauge the quality of program services and consider new priorities going forward</li> <li><b>Purpose.</b> Staff seek to refine and improve RTPO management for local government transportation services and infrastructure development along with supporting cross-jurisdictional collaboration in the NWRTPO three county / four tribe region</li> <li><b>Discussion/Finalization.</b> Members will be provided the survey via hard copy</li> </ul>		
<b>CURRENT WORK</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide survey options so members can complete and submit</li> </ul>		
<b>ANTICIPATED WORK</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff will summarize survey results and report back to members and DOT staff in October or November</li> </ul>		
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FFY2021 Member Survey Form</li> </ul>		
<b>BUDGET IMPACT</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None.</li> </ul>		
<b>ACTION ITEM</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A. Based on member feedback, staff will consider and develop recommendations for FFY2022</li> </ul>		

**Discussion:** Robert Kuipers introduced our annual RTPO Member Survey – pretty much the same as last year and asked members to try and complete within the next month, so staff can report back results at an upcoming meeting. The survey reports members training for the past year, local govt. leader orientations to the RTPO, rating RTPO services, questions regarding presentations of interest, ideas to improve the RTPO, member ideas for pursuing resources and funding, and member perspectives regarding our five goals in our Regional Transportation Plan.

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V.	NWRTPO Regional Transportation Plan Review - FFY2020 Updates	Robert Kuipers
<b>BACKGROUND</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Why?</b> The NWRTPO updates our Regional (long range) Transportation Plan (RTP) on an annual basis but every 4-5 years, in sync. with the NMDOT we make a more major update to many sections of our RTP, which we undertook during the course of FFY2020.</li> <li>• <b>Purpose.</b> Point out and make our RTPO members aware of the major updates to our RTP that occurred during FFY2020.</li> <li>• <b>Discussion/Finalization.</b> Based on discussion and information provided, our members will be more aware of our long range vision within our Regional Transportation Plan.</li> </ul>		
<b>CURRENT WORK</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We reviewed these updates to the RTP for our region at last month's meeting, just presenting the core / major updates again to assure our members are aware of these updates to our transportation plan for our region.</li> </ul>		
<b>ANTICIPATED WORK</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The NWRTPO will continue annual updates to our RTP, especially as new information becomes available from state or federal sources.</li> </ul>		
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RTP FFY2020 update powerpoint – major updates page, and an additional summary document on RTP updates.</li> </ul>		
<b>BUDGET IMPACT</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>		
<b>ACTION ITEM</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>		

**Discussion:**

- Bob Kuipers reported on some of the more major updates that took place during FFY2020 for our Regional Transportation Plan which include:
- The ongoing Coal Avenue Commons project building a more inviting and resilient downtown environment in Gallup.
- The Prewitt / Milan Transportation Master Plan, funded at \$120,000 and engaging Wilson & Co. Engineering Firm to consider and recommend roadway and rail infrastructure improvements needed to leverage these industrial parks to attract new tenants and create job opportunities for our region, after the closure of the Escalante Electric Generating plant at the Prewitt site where around 100 employees lost their jobs.
- The Trail of the Ancients achieved designation as a national scenic byway which runs thru all three of our NWRTPO Counties, which may create a significant tourism economic benefit to our region.
- Ongoing development of almost 200 miles of recreational trails in the Zuni Mountains of McKinley and Cibola Counties, consideration toward 60 miles of rec. trails in the Chuska Mountains, as well as rec. trail development on Mt. Taylor, along with bike and pedestrian trails for the six Pueblo of Laguna villages.
- Added a section on climate change and related impacts on transportation infrastructure, along with planning to generate longer term resilience.
- The Local Govt. Transportation Project Fund (now simply called the Transportation Project Fund) from the State of New Mexico, which in 2019 funded 14 projects in our region at \$12.2 million, with no functional classification limitations; followed by our current FFY2021 cycle where nine (9) of our member governments put in 11 projects for a total of just under \$20 million, with \$120 million available statewide.
- Emerging regional freight opportunities including trucking and rail around the Prewitt and Milan Industrial Parks along with the former Gamarco mine area northwest of Gallup where an energy logistics park is in development along with consideration toward an inland port, where rail and trucking freight exchange can serve a multi-state region surrounding our area.
- Ongoing support for a website designed by National Geographic which markets our 4-Corners region internationally with strong potential to strengthen our tourism economies in our 4-Corner Utah, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico region.

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VI.	Transportation Project Fund – 2019 Reports	Robert Kuipers - NWRTPO
<b>BACKGROUND</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Why?</b> Our region was awarded \$21.3 million for the 2021 Transportation Project Fund from the State of New Mexico. In the first 2019 round we received the highest percentage of this funding in the state at \$12.2 million.</li> <li>• <b>Purpose.</b> It is important that our <u>member governments awarded this funding in 2019 work to complete their awarded projects to maintain a strong reputation with the State.</u> Staff will check progress with RTPPO members on these previous projects to get these done as soon as possible.</li> <li>• <b>Discussion/Finalization.</b> Members who have not made sufficient progress with their previous LGTPF awards must recognize the risk they pose for all of us for this funding in the future!</li> </ul>		
<b>CURRENT WORK</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members are encouraged to complete their 2019 LGTPF awards as efficiently as possible.</li> </ul>		
<b>ANTICIPATED WORK</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members who have not completed their 2019 awarded projects by today's meeting, will need to work with their respective governments to complete these as efficiently as possible.</li> </ul>		
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2021 awarded TPF projects press release.</li> <li>• 2019 LGTPF projects awarded for NWNM</li> </ul>		
<b>BUDGET IMPACT</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No impact on NWRTPO Budget – however since all our requests were approved - this brings in \$21.3 million to our region for TPF projects on behalf of the Farmington MPO and the NWRTPO. Let's <u>work to complete our 2019 project awards</u>, and maintain our reputation as one of the most effective RTPPO's in our state!</li> </ul>		
<b>ACTION ITEM</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>		

**Discussion:**

Robert Kuipers reported that in this second 2021 round of Transportation Project Funding (formerly in 2019 "Local Govt. Transportation Project Fund") our three county, four tribe and multiple community region received a total of \$21,294,404 between the Farmington MPO and the NWRTPO, with \$120 million available statewide.

In the first 2019 round of the LGTPF NM State fund the NWRTPO received the largest amount of funding from \$40 million available at \$12,192,847 – between the Farmington MPO and the NWRTPO.

Staff are now emphasizing for members to work on completing 2019 funded LGTPF projects against a June 30, 2022 deadline, so that we can remain in good standing with NMDOT for spending down funding awards within specified timelines, and according to the specifications of the projects which we proposed.

There was little discussion on this other than some of our member governments have already completed projects from 2019 LGTPF funding, and most are well on their way toward completion.

Item #	Topic	Presenter
VII.	Project Prospectus Forms	Robert Kuipers - NWRTPO
<b>BACKGROUND</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Why?</b> PPF's due as second phase of project development for our FFY2021-2022 RTIPR</li> <li>• <b>Purpose.</b> Part of our new call for projects for FFY2021-2022 to complete a new RTIPR</li> <li>• <b>Discussion/Finalization.</b> Members to report on progress with PPF's as well as TAP/RTP applications (incl. CMAQ – if any for our rural region?)</li> </ul>		
<b>CURRENT WORK</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members should have most of their PPF's ready for submission</li> <li>• Members have a limited period of time to complete TAP/RTP applications by Sept. 24</li> </ul>		
<b>ANTICIPATED WORK</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete and submit PPF's for RTPO project inclusion in FFY2021-2022 RTIPR <b>by Sept. 10</b></li> <li>• Complete and submit TAP and RTP full application packages <b>by Sept. 24</b></li> </ul>		
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FFY2021 PPF</li> <li>• NWRTPO 2021 Call for Projects</li> <li>• RTP and TAP Program Guide FFY2023</li> <li>• TAP_RTP Guide FY23_Condensed</li> <li>• NMDOT TAP_RTP Application_2021</li> </ul>		
<b>BUDGET IMPACT</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None.</li> </ul>		
<b>ACTION ITEM</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A.</li> </ul>		

**Discussion:**

Staff reiterated to RTPO members that PPF's are due no later than this Friday – September 10. Some of our members have already submitted their PPF's and some are well underway; nonetheless a warning that any PPF's for regular RTPO projects that are not in by this Friday – Sept. 10, will not get into our new RTIPR. Staff have extended the deadline for submission of complete Transportation Alternative Program (TAP), Recreational Trails Program (RTP) and Congestion Mitigation / General Contractor (CMGC) applications (and related PPF's) until the end of September, as these also require special applications along with supporting local government resolutions.

Item #	Topic	Presenter
VIII.	Reports, Updates & Announcements	Robert Kuipers - NWRTPO
<b>BACKGROUND</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Why?</b> Update RTPO members on news, training, funding, and other items of special interest</li> <li>• <b>Purpose.</b> Keep RTPO members up to date on critical information from NWRTPO and NMDOT sources</li> </ul>		
<b>Informational Items</b>		
<b>Regional News &amp; Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Work Program Status Report</li> <li>• RTPO Monthly Report</li> <li>• Member Reports</li> </ul>		
<b>Member Special Reports:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None this meeting</li> </ul>		
<b>NMDOT Reports:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• G to G Liaison: Neala Krueger</li> <li>• Tribal Liaison: Ron Shutiva</li> <li>• District 6: JoAnn Garcia &amp; staff; District 5: James Mexia, Stephanie Medina</li> </ul>		
<b>News, Training &amp; Funding Opportunities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>FHWA Planning, Environment &amp; Realty Reports</u>: none</li> <li>• <u>NMDOT Govt. to Govt. Update</u>: 8/9/21, 9/1/21</li> <li>• <u>AASHTO Publications</u>: none</li> <li>• <u>NMDOT / UNM-LTAP</u>: Provides a very robust collection of training opportunities – staff forward news to members as it comes out from this source – reference at <a href="http://ltap.unm.edu">ltap.unm.edu</a> – <b><u>Online courses notice</u></b> forwarded to members as LTAP emails come in.</li> <li>• <u>Title VI Training</u> is available to MPO's and RTPO's from Lisa Neie – Civil Rights Manager for FHWA New Mexico. These trainings can be customized to address member concerns and issues for their regions, if provided to her in advance. Based on training length, we could provide it at one of our meetings.</li> <li>• <u>Every Day Counts News</u>: 8/6/21, 8/30/21</li> <li>• <u>Outdoor Recreational Trails Fund</u>: 8/10/21</li> <li>• <u>FHWA Innovation Exchange Webinar</u>: Composite Bridge Technology – 8/18/21</li> <li>• <u>All NWRTPO Transportation Project Fund (TPF) project funded!</u> – 8/26/21</li> <li>• <u>NMDOT Map Tool</u>: sent to members 8/27/21</li> <li>• <u>Tourism Rural Pathway Program</u>: funding opportunity – 9/1/21</li> <li>• <u>Buy America Regulation</u>: 9/1/21</li> <li>• <u>National Transportation in Indian Country Conference</u>: Sept. 27 – Oct. 1 (virtual)</li> </ul>		

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

**Discussion:**

No discussion of significance other than member and DOT staff reports cited below.



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

By Entity

**New news in bold**

**Pueblo of Acoma**

- CMGC2 – 1: Construction of new office for Transportation and other Departments is underway – anticipated completion has been delayed by COVID-19. **At this time building construction is complete.**
- CMGC2-2 SP130 Veterans Blvd. – Project is complete.
- **CMGC2- 3 . Baseball Fields improvement is now complete.**
- **CMGC2 – 4 Projects are now complete:** (request for proposals for this new bundle of projects was published 2/10/19)
- The Pueblo is now doing construction to increase its water irrigation system.
- 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.
- **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.**
- Arrowhead Drive new construction project is now complete.
- Capital Outlay: The Pueblo has proposed a restart date of May 18 to resume work.
- 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 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 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 and Deer Springs Road for base course.**
- **Woodview Road 1.5 miles of Chipseal in Prewitt is now complete. Hillcrest and Bowman Roads are also complete.**
- The County is finishing their Local Government Road Fund projects including the Thoreau Town Site project at \$776K for cold mix overlay, for which the County has rented a milling machine. Certifications are complete for all LGRF projects and the County is requesting an extension till Spring – 2020 to complete maintenance construction which will include paving for CR-1 in Mentmore. Brasier Asphalt Co. has completed contract work on Thoreau Townsite roads. The County is waiting to complete this project by fog sealing the roads with the last of this funding.
- Brasier Asphalt Co. has completed contract work on CR1 – Mentmore.
- The County has almost completed chip-sealing CR-1 – Defiance Draw – will complete with fog-sealing remaining.
- TIF: \$1.2 million awarded for 10 miles of Deer Springs Road improvement – project on hold until Spring of 2020 for Mexican Springs Chapter. NDOT is contributing Fuel Excise Tax funding. Funding will allow drainage improvements, five miles of gravel base improvement and three miles of chip-seal.
- TIF: \$1.3 million awarded for 18 miles of CR19 gravel and chip-seal road improvement – multiple Eastern Navajo Chapters; collaborating with NDOT for road repairs and renovation. NDOT is contributing Fuel Excise Tax funding. Project has commenced, but completion may take until Spring of 2022 around weather issues.
- **The County had their ribbon cutting ceremony for Manuelito Canyon bridge replacement on September 10 – 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.
- **Coal Basin Road was completed by the end of June.**
- **County Road 6 – Cousins Road to commence repairs in August thru October.**
- 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. Final street lighting is scheduled for completion in mid September. The City is now seeking funding for phase 2 and has submitted an application for the NM Transportation Project Fund – and has been awarded \$3,500,000 from this fund to complete this project.**

- **East Nizhoni and West Aztec improvements are currently in design phase – East Nizhoni design at 75%; West Aztec is at 30% design - received news from NMDOT Dist. 6 that the City was awarded MAP funding for East Nizhoni Ave - \$900,000. W. 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> phase for East Nizhoni will be the College Drive and Nizhoni intersection.**
- **Local Govt. Road Fund funded projects have commenced mill and overlay for planned roads; received word from NMDOT Dist. 6 that the City was awarded funds for our next project.**
- The City has submitted a Letter of Intent for Coop funding.
- **Federal Aviation Admin. application for \$5 million has been submitted for our airport taxi-way and connectors.**

#### Milan

No report yet for this meeting – as the new village manager just quit.

#### Ramah

- 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.
- **BIA 175 is the next new project for Ramah Navajo – seeking funding at this time.**
- **Working on signage for BIA 125 and 122.**
- **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.**
- 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.
- 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.**
- 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 will determine the award at their January 14 meeting. **CR18-B will commence soon – drainage work is at 8%.**
- Coop projects will begin soon.
- Ongoing County wide maintenance for County and Forest Roads.

### Grants

- The City recently had a ribbon cutting ceremony for the pedestrian bridge on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. **The bridge and channel are almost completed.**
- 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 and is currently at 45%.** Final PS&E was scheduled for this August and project letting is scheduled for September. Total project stands at \$6.2 million.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> street bridge out to bid for construction to commence in July – delay due to COVID-19 pandemic.
- Washington bridge replacement over 2<sup>nd</sup> Street through LGTPF funding will include a walking opportunity for High School students; project construction is underway – commenced in June.
- Lobo Canyon and Roosevelt intersection improvements are underway and ongoing.

### Pueblo of Laguna

- **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.**
- **Gaylord Siow has returned to help manage Transportation Development for the Pueblo; Gaylord will now be the primary RTPO representative and Elroy Keetso will be the alternate. Sharon Hausam has left the Pueblo.**
- **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
- 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 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 Ph-2 Conc Box Underpass at 30% design and moving to 60% design.** Construction funded for \$1.9 million from the LGTPF fund!
- L26 Deer Dancer Road: **at 100% design, working on ROW amendments and E.A.**
- L243 Acorn Road design: completed 100% design and PS&E review from the BIA. Construction pending funding.
- M154 Paguete Wash Bridge: **PER is complete – design phase will commence later this year.**
- M108 San Jose River Bridge-Seama: **PS&E, and ROW complete; EA, FONSI and NOI are in progress. Bridge is now at 100% design.**
- L248 Bluejay Road and L248 Blue Star Loop: **Design is in progress now at 30%. PER report is now in progress to include ROW review.**
- Pueblo's Safety Plan: **Plan is now complete – close out letter sent to BIA.**
- NMDOT I-40 Safety Project: The Pueblo met with NMDOT on March 3. **Design is at 100%; Construction by MSCI is on-going on the east bound lanes from MM112 – 116..**
- The Pueblo has completed L26 Rainfall Road along with two trail projects.

#### Navajo Nation – Northern Agency

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

- **Newcomb Chapter-** working on **N5007 Low Water Crossing** using the State, and Tribal match fund to complete this low water crossing project. Project Manager, Donald Jackson, worked on the design and it is determined it would need realignment of the road. Therefore, the realignment of the road was submitted to BIA for review and approval. Pending for final review and approval.
- **Beclabito Chapter-** was awarded of **NM Capital Outlay for Helipad for aircraft landing facility**. Land withdrawal is in the works with Project Manager assigned. Will need to complete the preliminary studies and design before the construction of the project.
- **US 64 Study Improvement Plan-** NMDOT officials recently met with local chapters (Beclabito, 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

- **Marco Sells the new manager for Eastern Navajo indicated that a Virtual Navajo Nation Transportation Summit is in development to be announced sometime in the near future.**
- **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 added 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.

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

<b>New Mexico Department of Transportation Reports (significant news only)</b>	RTPO Liaison (Neala Krueger) Tribal Liaison (Ron Shutiva) District 5 (James Mexia, Stephanie Medina) District 6 (JoAnn Garcia; Bill Santiago)
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Multimodal Planning & Programs Bureau – Neala Krueger
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- **No new news this meeting.**
- An RSA for the area around the I-40 / US491 intersection and west of this intersection in Gallup RSA is now complete. Numerous pedestrian injuries and fatalities have occurred in recent years. A virtual stakeholder meeting was held on January 28, 2021.

- The Recreational Trails Program (RTP), Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and Congestion Mitigation / Air Quality (CMAQ) Call for projects was issued on May 3, 2021.
- The NMDOT 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan is now finalized and available on the NMDOT website.
- A new Pedestrian Safety Action Plan was adopted to commence implementation soon – find it on the NMDOT website.
- **In September there will be another annual MPO / RTPO meeting which will include discussion on the Transportation Project Fund.**
- The next RTPO Roundtable will take place on August 26, hosted by the South-central RTPO and COG.
- 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.

#### NMDOT Tribal Liaison – Ron Shutiva

- Ron is working on updating Tribal contact lists based on recent election related changes at this time – anything that RTPO members can do to help facilitate this will expediate completing these updates. Ron indicated that the tribal list is now complete.
- **Ron reminded our members that 2019 LGTPF funded project completions are due June 30, 2022.**
- **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.**
- **Ron reminded that ICIP’s are due next week.**
- The Navajo Nation is having issues with development of and industrial park along the NM118 corridor between Rehoboth and Churchrock. The Navajo Economic Development Dept. is now working with NMDOT Dist. 6 toward an industrial park on NM118 between Rehoboth and Churchrock.
- **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.
- **Due to Chapter turnover it might be good to consider an orientation to the NWRTPO for Navajo Chapters – including transportation funding opportunities – easiest would be at the Eastern, Northern and Ft. Defiance Agency meetings.**
- 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.
- NMDOT needs an update from Pueblo of Laguna for progress on Rainfall Road from the Local Govt. Road Fund.
- 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 indicated that the Laguna I-40 improvement project is moving forward from Exit 112 to 117.
- Ron is concerned about improvements needed for the US64 Shiprock School Zone corridor – NDOT is non-responsive, and support and input is needed from NDOT before the state moves forward with safety improvements.
- I-40 Safety projects are coming to the Laguna Acoma area, including the exit 114 bridge.
- 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 is working with area Chapters for improvements on the US491 corridor from Shiprock to Colorado border.

#### NMDOT District 5 – James Mexia, Stephanie Medina

- Stephanie reminded of the five certifications required before projects are considered construction ready.
- **Stephanie concurred with Bill Santiago of DOT Dist. 6 regarding the impending deadline (Dec. 31) for LGRF projects – if you can’t complete your project by that date, request an extension with a local govt. supporting resolution.**
- 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.
- The District is looking at the need to replace the aging Shiprock San Juan River bridge.
- 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 - JoAnn Garcia, Bill Santiago, Arif Kazmi

- **Local Govt. Road Fund** – as Stephanie from District 5 mentioned, the 5 certifications are also required before LGRF projects are considered construction ready.
- **Bill Santiago: LGRF current cycle ends December 31, 2021** – if members don't anticipate being able to complete their projects by that date – now is the time to request an extension, along with a [local govt. supporting resolution for the extension!](#)
- **Mike Neely is on board with NMDOT District 6 to assist the RTPO's participating in the District 6 region.**
- **Lisa Vega is now the Acting Director for DOT District 6, as Larry Maynard has retired.**
- JoAnn Garcia reminded members to check up on their Capital Outlay projects and update them in the CPMS (Capital Project Monitoring System), to make sure their projects are submitted and up to date, with the required minimal 5% match.
- 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 **October 13, 2021** – virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams

**ADJOURNMENT (11:20 am)** Gaylord Siow, Pueblo of Laguna motioned; and Alicia Santiago, City of Gallup seconded for adjournment Motion carried by acclamation.

#### MEETING ACTIONS:

##### Staff

- **Orientations:** Schedule and conduct RTPO Orientations at Policy Board meetings, in order to stay in compliance with PPM – **in progress for 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**
- **Review Amendments** (especially Gallup for MAP/Coal Avenue Commons - June 30)
- **Transportation Project Fund Internal Deadlines:** Implementation – **complete** – **all proposed projects have been approved and should soon be authorized to move forward.**

##### MEMBERS:

- **Orientations:** Assist in scheduling these either in-person or virtual at Policy Board meetings
- **Statewide Transportation Plan 2045** update – members encouraged to review

##### NMDOT:

- District Reviews of PFF/Applications - complete
- Status Reports on Current Transportation Project Fund (TPF) projects from 2018-2019



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

**Agenda Item #IV: 2021-2022 Call for Projects Process**

**Subject:** Members to identify their top priority projects for each section of the RTIPR.

**Prepared for:** October 13 NWRTPO meeting

**Date:** 9/16/21

**BACKGROUND**

- **Why?** As our virtual meetings are continuing due to the ongoing pandemic, rather than having our members compete for prioritization and complete tedious presentations and scoring sheets, we'll have each member govt. identify their top priority project for each section (Roadway, Bridge, TAP, RTP). These projects will all be cited as top priority. All other projects will be cited below these as secondary priorities – thus eliminating any competition for prioritization. **Note though the additional documentation requirements for TAP and RTP application packages under "Current Work" below, which were due September 10.**
- **Purpose.** Eliminate the time and competition required around project prioritization.
- **Discussion/Finalization.** Members will be asked to support this method for our Call for Projects to complete the FFY2022 RTIPR.

**CURRENT WORK**

- Members to consider and identify their top priority project for the Roadway, Bridge, TAP and RTP sections of the RTIPR.
- Members that **did not submit complete TAP and RTP application packages** (application form with cover page, table of contents, PFF, PPF, Application, Supporting Resolution or official letter from chief local govt. executive with budget authority, ROW support letters and project map) **can cite their project in the RTIPR, but can't complete for funding or prioritization until FFY2023.** Staff sent guidance for these additional documentation requirements to RTPO members on a number of times in the past.

**ANTICIPATED WORK**

- RTPO members to consider and approve this non-competitive process at our October meeting
- RTPO staff will subsequently cite projects within and develop our draft RTIPR for review in November and Finalization in December.
- Final RTIPR to be approved in January or February 2022
- District 6 (and Dist. 5?) RTIP (Zipper) in March, 2022.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- Summary document for projects proposed for our FFY2021-2022 RTIPR
- 2021 Call for Projects Guidance
- Additional guidance for Roadway, Bridge, TAP, RTP and CMAQ RTIPR positioning without competitive prioritization.

**BUDGET IMPACT**

- None

**ACTION ITEM**

- Members will vote to consider undertaking a non-competitive process for project prioritization – thru which the top priority project for each government in the Roadway, Bridge, TAP and RTP section will be cited on top of these sections, with all other proposed projects cited below. Incomplete TAP & RTP project submissions (ie. just a PFF & PPF) will be listed below those for which complete applications were submitted.

**NWRTPO**  
**Call for Transportation Projects Schedule**  
**April 2021 – March 2022**

Task	Timeframe/Due Date	Responsible Party
<b>NWNM RTPO Approves and Releases Call for Projects Guide</b>	April 14 2021	RTPO Staff
<b>General Announcement of NMDOT Active Transportation and Recreational Programs Guide and CMAQ Program</b>	May 2021	NMDOT
<b>Technical Assistance</b> Contact the NWRTPO to set up a time and place with District staff	May - June 2021	RTPO & District Staff
<b>Project Feasibility Forms (PFF) Due on or Before</b> Must be submitted by an Approved RTPO Member	June 11, 2021	RTPO Members
<b>PFF Review and set up Consultations</b>	June 14 - 25, 2021	All
<b>Mandatory Project Consultation Meetings</b> between RTPO Member, Local Entity Representative/Official, RTPO staff, DOT Liaison, and District Staff. Project Consultation Report due 5 working days after.	June 28 - 30	All
<b>◊ Based on decision and recommendation by District staff, project and RTPO Member will be directed to:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare and submit a Project Prospectus Form (PPF) for inclusion and prioritization in the Regional Transportation Improvement Program Recommendations (RTIPR), or</li> <li>• Detail other options for projects and/or funding</li> </ul>	July 2021	All
<b>Project Prospectus Forms (PPF) and (or) TAP/RTP/CMAQ Applications due</b> (Must be submitted by appropriate RTPO Member)	September 10, 2021	RTPO Members
<b>PPFs and Applications are vetted by RTPO Staff.</b>	September 13 - October 1, 2021	RTPO Staff
<b>PPFs and Applications sent to RTPO members for review</b>	October 1, 2021	RTPO Staff
<b>Project presentations and scoring by RTPO Members.</b> Gallup East side Fire-station, 3700 Churchrock Street, Gallup, NM	November 10, 2021	RTPO Members
<b>Draft RTIPR is presented to the NWRTPO Committee meeting</b> Cibola County Management Office, 700 E. Roosevelt, Grants, NM	January 12, 2022	RTPO Staff
<b>Final RTIPR is approved by NWRTPO Committee.</b> McKinley County Emergency Mgmt. Office, 2221 Boyd Ave., Gallup	February 9, 2022	RTPO Staff
<b>District 6 RTIPR ("zipper")</b> Finalize project inclusion into the DOT District 6 STIP, including Catron and Sandoval County projects. NMDOT District 6 Office, 1919 Pinon Drive, Milan, NM	March 9, 2022	All

**A) Agenda Item #IV: 2021-2022 Call for Projects / RTIPR Process:**  
**Members to identify their top priority projects for Roadway, Bridge, TAP, RTP, CMAQ and TPF sections of the RTIPR at our October 13 meeting.**

**1) RTIPR in General:**

**A) Background:**

- RTPO members approved and authorized our FFY2021-2022 Call for Projects guide and process at our April 14, 2021 meeting. At that time we did not know how long the COVID 19 pandemic would force continued virtual meetings. This process outlined and schedules the development of our FFY2022 RTIPR commencing April, 2021 thru March, 2022.
- Projects typically prioritized in the RTIPR include Roadway, Bridges, Transportation Alternative Program (TAP), and Recreational Trails Program (RTP).
- The rest of the RTIPR categories are not prioritized – including: Planning & Studies, CMAQ, Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP), Safety, and Transportation Project Fund.

**B) RTIPR Process:**

- Staff provided the TAP/RTP and CMAQ Guidance for project submissions at the April 14 virtual meeting – this guidance has also been available on the COG – RTPO website since that time, but most of our members only submitted PPF's and PPF's without completing the additional application and other required documents.
- The 2021 Call for Projects Guidance provides links for members to a) view our previous 2021 RTIPR, to see if they want to carry forward any of these projects that are not yet funded, b) review the Active Transportation and Recreational Programs Guide – for the TAP and RTP application process, and c) a link to the current NWRTPO Regional Transportation Plan.
- Thereafter the Call for Projects Guidance provides information on the relation of our Regional Transportation Plan, and the steps of developing the RTIPR commencing with 1) Project Feasibility Forms due mid June - 2021, 2) DOT District Review to approve or deny projects moving forward, followed by 3) Project Prospectus forms which detail information to put into the RTIPR along with TAP and RTP application packages due mid September – 2021, typically followed by 4) a project presentation and prioritization process for Roadway, Bridge, TAP, and RTP projects in mid November 2021, and finally 5) staff finalize the RTIPR for member approval in January or February - 2022, followed by 6) incorporating other RTPO (Mid Region and Southwest) projects into the DOT District 6 RTIP in March, 2022

**C) Actions to date:**

- NMDOT provided their general announcement for NMDOT Transportation Alternative Program (TAP), Recreational Trail Program (RTP), and Congestion Mitigation / Air Quality (CMAQ) funding in May, 2021.
- RTPO member PPF's were due and submitted by June 11, and the NWRTPO staff with participating NMDOT staff undertook PPF review from June 14 – June 25.
- PPF Project Consultation meetings took place either virtually or in person June 28-29 at the NMDOT District 6 Office with each member government submitting projects. Most projects were approved to move forward to PPF submissions; there were several PPF projects submitted that were asked to provide stronger detail, in order to gain approval from the District to move forward. Staff provided the advisement from the District to these members, who then provided the requested additional information, and all these projects were also approved for PPF submission.
- PPF's along with TAP, RTP and CMAQ applications were due and submitted by September 10, 2021. Many of our members failed to complete TAP and RTP complete application packages – and simply submitted PPF's. While these can be posted in our RTIPR, due to incomplete submissions, they will not be competitive for funding until FFY2023.
- So the process as recommended in the Call for Projects guide includes competitive prioritization for Roadway, Bridge, TAP, RTP and CMAQ projects. This process entails lengthy meetings with project powerpoint presentations, detailed scoring sheets with criteria that relate to the powerpoint, and requires members to complete and turn these in during the meeting. This process would be even more lengthy and difficult in virtual meetings – especially if each member government had to provide a virtual powerpoint for competing projects.

**D) Work anticipated:**

- **Rather than asking our member government RTPO representatives to compete via Roadway, Bridge, TAP and RTP presentations and scoring sheets in this call for projects, we are simply going to ask our members to identify their top priority projects in each category (roadway, bridge, TAP, RTP & CMAQ). In each of these sections we will separate top priority projects (one per member govt.) from all other projects seeking funding. In the TAP, RTP and CMAQ sections – those member governments that have submitted complete application packages will be cited as top priorities, and those who only submitted PPF's and PPF's will be cited below. We do not anticipate funding for these areas until FFY2023 anyway. Members who wish to be competitive in the FFY2023 RTIPR are advised to pay closer attention to the additional required documentation – typically due at the time of PPF submission. (Again – for this current call for projects it includes: application form with cover page, table of contents, PPF, PPF, Application, Supporting Resolution or official letter from chief local govt. executive with budget authority, ROW support letters and project map.)**
- We are asking our members to approve this process to avoid the time-consuming competitive process for project ranking; most of our rural region governments are fortunate to get one or two projects funded every 1 – 2 years anyway, as most state and federal funding has to maintain or develop major highways and metropolitan areas.

**B) Agenda Item #IV: 2021-2022 Call for Projects / Roadway & Bridge:**  
**Members to identify their top priority projects for Roadway and Bridge projects at our**  
**October 13 meeting.**

**2) Roadway and Bridge Projects:**

**A) Background:**

- RTPO members approved and authorized our FFY2021-2022 Call for Projects guide and process at our April 14, 2021 meeting. At that time we did not know how long the COVID 19 pandemic would force continued virtual meetings. This document outlines the process for Roadway and Bridge projects in the RTIPR.
- Roadway and Bridge projects are typically prioritized in the RTIPR which is an extensive and time consuming process with a) members having to develop powerpoint presentations to complete for prioritization, and b) members having to complete scoring sheets at a lengthy RTPO meeting due to the presentations and scoring.
- Bearing in mind that typically for the NWRTPO and generally for rural regions, each member government is fortunate to get one or two proposed projects funded every 1-2 years, we see no reason to go thru an extensive competitive prioritization process; rather we are recommending that for each of our member government representatives, they simply identify their top priority project in the Roadway and Bridge RTIPR section, and each member govt. will then have a top priority project cited in the top of these RTIPR sections, with all other lower priority projects cited below. This eliminates competition between members, as well as a lengthy competitive process before and during a RTPO meeting for prioritization.

**B) RTIPR Process:**

- At this point, RTPO members have submitted PFF's and PPF's for projects they wish to submit for our FFY2022 RTIPR.
- Rather than asking members to develop competitive power points, and vote to prioritize Roadway and Bridge projects at an upcoming RTPO meeting, we are asking our members to simply identify which project within the Roadway and Bridge section is their top priority.
- We will then list all top priority projects in these two sections – one for each member government. Below the top priority projects we will provide a separate list of all other proposed roadway and bridge projects

**C) Actions to date:**

- RTPO member PFF's were due and submitted by June 11, and the NWRTPO staff with participating NMDOT staff undertook PFF review from June 14 – June 25.
- PFF Project Consultation meetings took place either virtually or in person June 28-29 at the NMDOT District 6 Office with each member government submitting projects. Most projects were approved to move forward to PPF submissions; there were several PFF projects submitted that were asked to provide stronger detail, in order to gain approval from the District to move forward. Staff provided the advisement from the District to these members, who then provided the requested additional information, and all these projects were also approved for PPF submission.
- PPF's along with TAP, RTP and CMAQ applications were due and submitted by September 10, 2021. Many of our members failed to complete TAP and RTP complete application packages – and simply submitted PPF's. While these can be posted in our RTIPR, due to incomplete submissions, they will not be competitive for funding until FFY2023.
- So the process as recommended in the Call for Projects guide includes competitive prioritization for Roadway, Bridge, TAP, RTP and CMAQ projects. This process entails lengthy meetings with project powerpoint presentations, detailed scoring sheets with criteria that relate to the powerpoint, and requires members to complete and turn these in during the meeting. This process would be even more lengthy and difficult in virtual meetings – especially if each member government had to provide a virtual powerpoint for competing projects.
- Therefore as indicated below, the NWRTPO is asking it's members not to undertake a prioritization process this year, but simply state their top priority projects (one per member govt.) and all other projects will be cited below these in an unprioritized manner.

**D) Work anticipated:**

- Rather than asking our member government RTPO representatives to compete for Roadway and Bridge projects with power point presentations and scoring sheets in this call for projects, we are simply going to ask our members to identify their top priority projects for each category. In each of these sections we will separate top priority projects (one per member govt.) from all other projects seeking funding.
- We are asking our members to approve this process to avoid the time-consuming competitive process for project ranking; most of our rural region governments are fortunate to get one or two projects funded every 1 – 2 years anyway, as most state and federal funding has to maintain or develop major highways and metropolitan areas.

**C) Agenda Item #IV: 2021-2022 Call for Projects / TAP, RTP, CMAQ:**  
**Members to identify their top priority projects for TAP, RTP and CMAQ projects at our**  
**October 13 meeting.**

**3) TAP, RTP and CMAQ Projects:**

**A) Background:**

- RTPO members approved and authorized our FFY2021-2022 Call for Projects guide and process at our April 14, 2021 meeting. At that time we did not know how long the COVID 19 pandemic would force continued virtual meetings. This document outlines the process for TAP, RTP and CMAQ projects in the RTIPR.
- These projects are typically prioritized in the RTIPR which is an extensive and time consuming process with a) members having to develop powerpoint presentations to complete for prioritization, and b) members having to complete scoring sheets at a lengthy RTPO meeting due to the presentations and scoring.
- Bearing in mind that typically for the NWRTPO and generally for rural regions, each member government is fortunate to get one or two proposed projects funded every 1-2 years, we see no reason to go thru an extensive competitive prioritization process; rather we are recommending that for each of our member government representatives, they simply identify their top priority project in the TAP, RTP and CMAQ RTIPR sections, and each member govt. will then have a top priority project cited in the top of these RTIPR sections, with all other lower priority projects cited below. This eliminates competition between members, as well as a lengthy competitive process before and during a RTPO meeting for prioritization.

**B) RTIPR Process:**

- At this point, RTPO members have submitted PFF's and PPF's for projects they wish to submit for our FFY2022 RTIPR.
- Rather than asking members to develop competitive power points, and vote to prioritize TAP, RTP and CMAQ projects at an upcoming RTPO meeting, we are asking our members to simply identify which project within these sections is their top priority.
- We will then list all top priority projects in these three sections – one for each member government. Below the top priority projects we will provide a separate list of all other proposed roadway and bridge projects. Bear in mind members who did not submit complete application packages for TAP, RTP or CMAQ (which include: application form with cover page, table of contents, PFF, PPF, Application, Supporting Resolution or official letter from chief local govt. executive with budget authority, ROW support letters and project map.)

**C) Actions to date:**

- RTPO member PFF's were due and submitted by June 11, and the NWRTPO staff with participating NMDOT staff undertook PFF review from June 14 – June 25.
- PFF Project Consultation meetings took place either virtually or in person June 28-29 at the NMDOT District 6 Office with each member government submitting projects. Most projects were approved to move forward to PPF submissions; there were several PFF projects submitted that were asked to provide stronger detail, in order to gain approval from the District to move forward. Staff provided the advisement from the District to these members, who then provided the requested additional information, and all these projects were also approved for PPF submission.
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- So the process as recommended in the Call for Projects guide includes competitive prioritization for TAP, RTP and CMAQ projects. This process entails lengthy meetings with project powerpoint presentations, detailed scoring sheets with criteria that relate to the powerpoint, and requires members to complete and turn these in during the meeting. This process would be even more lengthy and difficult in virtual meetings – especially if each member government had to provide a virtual powerpoint for competing projects.
- Therefore only TAP, RTP and CMAQ projects with complete application packages will be cited as top priority, and all other TAP, RTP and CMAQ projects with incomplete application packages will be cited below as un-prioritized.

**D) Work anticipated:**

- **Rather than asking our member government RTPO representatives to compete for TAP, RTP & CMAQ projects with presentations and scoring sheets in this call for projects, we will simply list those with complete packages as top priority, with all other incomplete applications listed below as secondary without any additional ranking.**
- We are asking our members to approve this process to avoid the time-consuming competitive process for project ranking; most of our rural region governments are fortunate to get one or two projects funded every 1 – 2 years anyway, as most state and federal funding has to maintain or develop major highways and metropolitan areas.



## **D) Agenda Item #IV: 2021-2022 Call for Projects / Transportation Project**

**Fund: Guidance for the next annual or biennial round of funding.**

### **3) State of New Mexico Transportation Project fund:**

#### **A) Background:**

- For this year's TPF call for projects, all but one of the NWRTPO's proposed projects were funded for a total of 13 projects on behalf of 9 of our member governments including county, municipal and tribal projects. Five projects were funded from the Farmington MPO on behalf of 4 communities. Between the NWRTPO and FMPO our region was awarded a total of \$22,415,160.00 (\$21,294,404 – TPF / \$1,120,756 – match) out of \$160 million statewide.
- This is a funding source from the State of New Mexico, without functional classification limitations. However – applications for this fund must be identified as a local or regional priority. If the project is identified in other local or regional planning documents (CDBG, ICIP, Safety, Parks & Recreation, Regional or Long Range Development Plans – etc.) it becomes more competitive for funding.
- These projects are not prioritized in the RTIPR for competitive funding; the NWRTPO and it's members have chosen to leave this to the NMDOT District Offices and the NMDOT Transportation Commissioners. However, project prioritization criteria are as follows:
- Planning: Is the project identified as a priority on a local or regional planning or programming document? Is this project consistent with local or regional plans?
- Project Readiness: If awarded, can the project commence (start spending funds) within three (3) months from reception of the fully executed project agreement?
- Priority Bridge: Is the project addressing a bridge on the NMDOT's Local Bridge Priority List for replacement or rehabilitation?
- Phasing: a) Is this project part of a phased project previously funded with other state funds? (Local Govt. Road Fund, Municipal Arterial Program, Capital Outlay, State Road Fund – etc.) b) Is this project part of a phased project previously funded with TPF? If so, what year?
- Additional criteria: can be identified by the NWRTPO.

#### **B) Application Package:**

- **Cover letter including:**
  - a) Brief overview of project
  - b) Whether the local govt. grantee intends to apply for a hardship match funding waiver
  - c) The timeframe in which the grantee is able to spend down the grant funds (project readiness)
  - d) Verification that the funding will be enough to complete the phase of work submitted
  - e) Project fall into one of two categories:
    - ✓ Project is located on or within locally-owned right of way and the project does not include federal funds – or:
    - ✓ Project is located within or on NMDOT owned right of way or is an NHS route, and/or may include federal funds
- **Required Project Categories:**
  - a) Environmental or other studies
  - b) Planning
  - c) Design
  - d) Construction
  - e) Acquisition of right of way necessary for development (*including highways, streets, crossing structures, parking facilities, including all areas for vehicular, transit, bicycle or pedestrian use for travel, ingress, egress, and parking*)
  - f) Clearly identify the phase work the funding will be used for (as cited above).
- **Project Feasibility Form (PFF)**: signed by the appropriate NMDOT District Office representative.
- **Resolution of Sponsorship**: from the local government body, indicating availability of the 5% local match; or an official letter signed by the potential grantee's chief executive or official with budget authority indicating availability of the 5% match.
- **Map**: of the project location with mile posts
- **Required if local entity does not own right of way**: Project support letter from ROW owners, or letter from NMDOT District if the project is fully or partially within NMDOT Right of Way.
- **Questions or assistance**: Clarissa Martinez: 505-699-9946 / [Clarissa.Martinez@state.nm.us](mailto:Clarissa.Martinez@state.nm.us); or Sean Sandoval: 505-660-6102 / [Sean.Sandoval@state.nm.us](mailto:Sean.Sandoval@state.nm.us)

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## RTPO Call for Projects – Summary of Projects Submitted for 2021-2022 RTIPR

Tuesday, June 29	Wednesday, June 30
<b>Ramah Navajo (4)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NM53 / BIA 125 Intersection Improvement</li> <li>BIA 125 Road Improvements MP 0-2</li> <li>BIA Rt. 145 – TPF (<b>funded</b>)</li> <li>BIA Rt. 195 – TPF (<b>funded</b>)</li> </ul>	<b>Eastern Navajo (3):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Standing Rock Chapter – 7124 Bridge replacement – PER</li> <li>Ojo Encion Chapter – N474 Road &amp; Bridge Rehabilitation – 10 miles</li> <li>W. Tsayatoh Chapter Road – TPF (<b>funded</b>)</li> </ul>
<b>Pueblo of Laguna (4)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NM279 from NM124 to MP 9.5</li> <li>NM 124 Bike &amp; Ped. Improvements NM279 to Rio San Jose</li> <li>NM 124 Bike &amp; Ped. Trail – Seama to Paraje</li> <li>I-40 &amp; L24 Underpass Bike &amp; Ped. Improvements</li> </ul>	<b>City of Grants (9)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NM122 (Route 66/Santa Fe Avenue)</li> <li>Sakelares Blvd – TPF (<b>funded</b>)</li> <li>Nimitz Drive</li> <li>Roosevelt Avenue Bridge</li> <li>Anderman Street Bridge</li> <li>NM547 Shoulder Improvement – FLAP</li> <li>Grants Arroyo Trail – TAP/RTP</li> <li>2nd Street Shared Loop – TAP/RTP</li> <li>Washington Ave. &amp; Drainage – TPF (<b>funded</b>)</li> </ul>
<b>Pueblo of Acoma (5)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SP 30 – Pueblo Road – new road striping and signage</li> <li>SP32 Pinsbaari Drive Trail – PER for safe bike &amp; ped trail along roadway</li> <li>SP36 Mesa Hill Bridge and Road Extension</li> <li>SP38 Haaku Road – PER for roadway improvements</li> <li>NM 124 Realignment - TPF (<b>funded</b>)</li> </ul>	<b>Northern Navajo (4)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whiterock Chapter - CR8890 Road Improvement – Preliminary Engineering – 5 miles</li> <li>Burnham Chapter – NM371 / N-5 Intersection RSA</li> <li>Sanostee Chapter – N5010 Double Chip Seal</li> <li>Shiprock Chapter – Shiprock Farm Road Improvement – double chipseal (N546/N457) 4.4 mi. – TPF (<b>funded</b>)</li> </ul>
<b>McKinley County (6)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>County Road #1</li> <li>County Road #19 Rail Crossing off NM118</li> <li>Red Mesa Bluffs Drive</li> <li>Superman Canyon Road and Bridges – TPF (<b>funded</b>)</li> <li>Becenti Trail (CR77) Road</li> <li>High Desert Trailhead – RTP</li> </ul>	<b>City of Gallup (5)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coal Avenue Commons – TPF (<b>funded</b>)</li> <li>Nizhoni Blvd</li> <li>Northside Trail System - RTP</li> <li>West Aztec Drainage - Roadway</li> <li>West Logan Avenue</li> </ul>
<b>Cibola County (7)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>County Road #5 (Moquino Bridge)</li> <li>County Road #24</li> <li>County Road #34 (Pinehill)</li> <li>County Road #42 (Chain of Chaters Byway)</li> <li>County Road #1 phase 2 Improvements (<b>phase 1 funded thru TPF</b>)</li> <li>Bluewater Trail (ZMTP) – RTP</li> <li>Ojo Redondo Connector (ZMTP) - RTP</li> </ul>	<b>Village of Milan (6)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Motel Drive</li> <li>Stanley Road and Bridge Improvement</li> <li>NM605 Bridge – Bridge</li> <li>Willow Drive</li> <li>Airport Road &amp; Bridge – TPF (<b>funded</b>)</li> <li>Mill Road (MIP)</li> </ul>
<b>Total: 53 projects</b>	

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### **Roadway:**

- Ramah: NM53 / BIA 125 Intersection improvement - \$418,090.00
- Ramah: BIA 125 MP 0 – 2 - \$2,689,487.00
- Ramah: BIA Rt. 145 and BIA Rt. 195 – **funded thru TPF**
- Northern Navajo: N5010 Reconstruction – Sanostee Chapter (5 miles) - \$2,200,000.00
- Northern Navajo: NM371 / N-5 intersection RSA – Burnham Chapter - \$500,000.00
- Northern Navajo: Shiprock Farm Road double chipseal 4.4 mi - \$1,200,000.00 – **funded thru TPF**
- Eastern Navajo: N474 (BIA) Road – Ojo Encino Chapter – road reconstruction 5 mi. \$5,000,000.00
- Eastern Navajo: West Tsayatoh Road – **funded thru TPF**
- Milan: Motel Drive & Drainage Improvements – road, pedestrian & drainage - \$1,200,000.00
- Milan: Willow Drive full depth reconstruction - \$1,600,000.00
- Milan: Mill Road and Rail Crossing Improvements - \$1,500,000.00
- Acoma Pueblo: SP38 Haaku Road Reconstruction – preliminary engineering & construction – 12.4 miles to prolong roadway life and mitigate flooding issues - \$25,596,500.00
- Acoma Pueblo: SR124 Frontage Road: Extend NM124 from the current I-40 underpass, to the NM117 I-40 overpass, eliminating the underpass - \$1,550,000.00
- McKinley: CR1 Road repairs - \$500,000.00
- McKinley: CR-5A Manuelito Canyon Road – address drainage issues, reposition and repair road sections - \$800,000.00
- McKinley: CR77 “Becenti Trail” – resurface / chip seal 3 miles NM566 to MM3 - \$600,000.00
- McKinley: Red Mesa Bluff road to Solid Waste Authority – resurface, and preliminary design to extend road to the Prewitt Industrial Park - \$400,000.00
- McKinley: CR43 – Superman Canyon Road and Bridges - Road improvements and installation of culvert bridges for this corridor - \$2,500,000.00
- Grants: Nimitz Drive – full depth reconstruction of Nimitz Drive - .3 mi. incl. curb & gutter, sidewalks, drainage improvements - \$1,200,000.00
- Gallup: East Nizhoni Blvd. Reconstruction – including ADA compliant sidewalks, curb & gutter, storm drainage, mill and overlay from 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to College Avenue, including under / over street utilities - \$4,053,137.00
- Gallup: West Aztec Ave. reconstruction and storm drainage – implement storm drainage improvement while reconstructing west Aztec Avenue – about .5 miles - \$1,300,000.00
- Gallup: West Logan Ave. street and drainage improvement – reconstruct street, curb & gutter, utilities, drainage and other infrastructure improvements to west Logan Ave. from 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> streets - \$450,000.00

### **Bridges:**

- Milan: Airport Road Bridge Reconstruction - \$1,800,000.00 – **funded thru TPF**
- Milan: Stanley Road & Bridge Improvement (incl. pedestrian accommodation) - \$5,000,000.00
- Milan: NM605 Bridge Reconstruction - (incl. pedestrian accommodation) - \$3,000,000.00
- Cibola: C-5 Moquino Bridge Replacement - \$1,000,000.00

- Cibola: CR-1 Marquez Road Phase 2 Bridge Replacement – phase 1 funded for \$1,250,000 thru the NM Transportation Project Fund. Due to the magnitude of this project a second phase is required for completion – requesting: \$2,000,000.00
- Acoma Pueblo: SP36 Mesa Hill Bridge & Road Extension (over BNSF Railroad and Rio San Jose River) - \$30,000,000.00 (*this will obviously involve joint private & public sector investment, and seeking major federal funding opportunities.*)
- Grants: Reconstruct Anderman Street Bridge - \$300,000.00
- Laguna Pueblo: I-40 new bridge overpass to L-24 road (now a box culvert underpass) to accommodate safer vehicle and bike / pedestrian passage - \$13,899,768 – required match at \$2,023,806.20; Tribe offering \$880,348 + \$3,070,000 from other sources which would exceed the required match. However these PPF financial figures will need a clearer explanation on sources.

#### **Planning & Studies:**

- Northern Navajo: San Juan County CR8890 – Whiterock Chapter Clearances and Preliminary Engineering – 5 miles - \$150,000.00
- Eastern Navajo: N7124 (BIA) Road Preliminary Engineering, clearances, drainage studies & ROW for bridge replacement - \$1,000,000.00
- Cibola: CR42 Chain of Craters Back Country Byway – Preliminary Engineering - \$100,000.00 (25% match offered)
- McKinley: CR19 at NM122 Intersection and Rail Crossing: Preliminary Engineering, Planning and Design to improve this intersection for the Prewitt Industrial Park - \$500,000.00 (*This project could qualify for HSIP as well.*)
- Grants: Grants Arroyo Trail – planning and preliminary engineering for 1 mile of trail along this watershed from Nimitz Dr. to Roosevelt Ave. - \$160,000.00
- Grants: NM122 (Route 66 / Santa Fe Ave.) – planning and preliminary engineering for 2.75 miles of improvements to this corridor from NM117 to NM53, including street repair, land scaping and pedestrian / bike infrastructure to revitalize this main-street corridor - \$1,500,000.00
- Grants: NM547 Shoulder Improvements – Planning and preliminary Engineering to improve shoulders along Lobo Canyon Road (NM547) 1.75 mi. for bike and pedestrian access to the Continental Divide Trail head - \$200,000.00
- Grants: Sakelares Blvd. – Planning and preliminary engineering to reconstruct Sakelares Blvd. from NM122 (Rt. 66) to NM547 (Lobo Canyon Road) 2.7 mi. including bike and pedestrian infrastructure - \$1,000,000.00
- Grants: 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Shared Path Loop – Planning, preliminary engineering and design for a 12 foot wide 1.1 mile asphalt trail from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street / Roosevelt Ave. intersection around the school to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street / Rio San Jose intersection - \$160,000.00

#### **TAP: (Transportation Alternative Program)**

- Acoma Pueblo: SP32 Pinsbaari Drive – preliminary engineering and construction for a 5.3 mile separated bike & pedestrian trail along Pinsbaari Drive - \$920,000.00
- Grants: 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Shared Path Loop – Planning, preliminary engineering and design for a 12 foot wide 1.1 mile asphalt trail from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street / Roosevelt Ave. intersection around the school to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street / Rio San Jose intersection - \$160,000.00



- Laguna Pueblo: NM124 Bike & Pedestrian (separated?) path from NM279 intersection to Rio San Jose – (1.2 miles) - \$832,689.00 – this could also be funded by Recreational Trails.
- Laguna Pueblo: NM279 Bike & Pedestrian (separated?) path from NM124 intersection to MP9.5 (9.5 miles) - \$1,817,564.00 – this could also be funded by Recreational Trails.
- Laguna Pueblo: NM124 Bike & Pedestrian (separated?) path from Seama to Paraje – (2.8 miles) - \$1,200,000.00 – this could also be funded by Recreational Trails.

#### **RTP: (Recreational Trails Program)**

- Cibola: ZMTP - Ojo Redondo Trail and McKinley Connector - \$614,000.00
- Cibola: ZMTP – Bluewater Trail - \$985,000
- McKinley: High Dessert Trailhead relocation - \$650,000.00
- Gallup: Northside Trail System & Outdoor Mecca – purchase 6,000 acres of available property and develop motorized, non-motorized and shared use trails. This will include a visible trailhead from I-40. - \$21,000,000.00 (*this will obviously involve joint private & public sector investment, and seeking major federal funding opportunities.*)

#### **CMAQ: (Congestion Mitigation / Air Quality)**

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#### **FLAP: (Federal Lands Access Program)**

- [NM547/Lobo Canyon Road – shoulder improvement to Cont. Divide Trailhead for bike/pedestrians ?](#) – Depends on if Cibola wants to sponsor?

#### **HSIP: (Highway Safety Improvement Program)**

- Acoma Pueblo: SP30 Pueblo Road – signage & re-striping – 10 miles - \$800,000.00

#### **TPF: (Transportation Project Fund)**

- Cibola: C-34 Road Improvement 9.7 miles – Transportation Project Fund - \$1,000,000.00 (next round)
- Cibola: CR1 Bridge & Road Repair - \$1,250,000.00 – **funded thru TPF**
- Ramah: BIA Rt. 145 - \$575,000.00 and BIA Rt. 195 - \$895,116.00 – **funded thru TPF**
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- Eastern Navajo: West Tsayatoh Road - \$2,450,000.00 – **funded thru TPF**
- Milan: Airport Road Bridge Reconstruction - \$1,800,000.00 – **funded thru TPF**
- Gallup: Coal Ave Commons phase 2 – Second Street to First Street (intersections) – complete reconstruction of downtown corridor to create a more inviting and revitalized downtown accommodating traffic and pedestrians - \$3,500,000.00 – **funded thru TPF.**
- Grants: Sakelares Blvd. Design - \$575,000.00 and Washington Ave. & Drainage - \$2,179,312.00 – **funded thru TPF.**
- McKinley: Superman Canyon Road Bridges - \$2,000,000.00 – **funded thru TPF.**
- Pueblo of Acoma: State Road 124 Frontage Road extension - \$1,550,000.00 – **funded thru TPF.**

## **TAP & RTP Application & Program Guide – Condensed Summary**

(This summarizes the 31 page document in 3 pages)

**1) Introduction & Goals:** p. 4 – TAP and RTP primarily address NMDOT Goal #4 – multimodal access and community prosperity; but should also honor goal #5 – respecting our multi-cultural values, environment, history and quality of life.

**2) Funding Options:** p. 5 - This page provides a list of 24 project options that qualify for either TAP or RTP funding, along with guidance for projects in a “NM Main Street Community,” “Arts & Cultural District” or “Frontier Community.” At the bottom other potential funding sources are provided.

**3) TAP and RTP Program Summaries:** pp. 6-7 – These pages provide a summary of the TAP and RTP programs. Total estimated annual TAP funds for our state is just over \$5.7 million; and total estimated annual RTP funds for our state is just under \$1.5 million

**4) Program Requirements:** pp. 8-10

- a) Who can apply for the funding.
- b) Federal requirements including:
  - ADA Plan
  - Title VI Plan
  - Financial Controls
- c) Local Match requirements: \$14.56% and options for match requirements
- d) Other Considerations including:
  - Adequate staffing
  - Compliance with ADA and Title VI requirements
  - Adequate local funding for upfront costs and match
  - Ability to meet and pay for required certifications (NEPA, ROW, utilities, ITS, railroad) – reference NMDOT’s T/LPA Handbook for guidance.

**5) Application Process:** pp. 10 - 18

- a) Required Documents and Application Timelines pp. 10 – 12: May 2021 – March 2022 / required documents / process include a) PPF’s and project qualification meetings (DOT District review); b) PPF’s and application, c) ADA & Title VI submission to NMDOT ADA / Title VI Coordinator, d) DOT TAP / RTP project rating and ranking by TAP Selection Committee and Recreational Trails Advisory Board.
- b) Application contents: p. 12 - must include:
  - Cover page
  - Table of contents
  - PFF / PPF / TAP or RTP Application
  - Supporting Resolution of Sponsorship from respective Local Govt. – with proof of match, budget to pay up-front costs, and acknowledgement of maintenance responsibility – or an official letter signed by local govt. chief executive or official with budget authority
  - Letters of support regarding Right of Way from all affected jurisdictions

- Project map (for infrastructure projects)
- Additional documentation supporting scoring factors

c) Application Scoring Factors: (pp. 12 -16)

Scoring Factors	Possible Points
<b>Planning:</b> Must provide documentation (cover of plan and page[s] identifying or supporting the project); 2 points per plan, maximum of 6 points	6
<b>Economic vitality</b>	3
<b>Safety and Security</b>	3
<b>Accessibility and Mobility through Integration and Connectivity</b>	3
<b>Protection and Enhancement of the Environment:</b>	
a) Promote environmental and energy conservation and reduce greenhouse gas emissions	3
b) Improve quality-of-life for residents	3
c) Achieve community's land-use goals	3
<b>Efficient System Management</b>	3
<b>System Preservation</b>	3
<b>Equity</b>	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>

d) Best Practices and How Applications are Selected: pp. 17 – 18

- Provides attributes of high scoring and low scoring applications
- High Score: project in numerous planning documents / includes supporting documentation / demonstrates a thorough understanding of application questions and strong explanation of project contribution to goals of each scoring factor.
- Low Score: project not in other local govt. planning doc.s / insufficient supporting documentation / poor understanding of questions and ineffective explanation of contribution to goals of each scoring factor / does not respond to all questions in application / spelling and grammatical errors
- Application Selection: application packages are submitted to NMDOT Coordinator by RTPO planner, which are then reviewed for eligibility and completeness. All eligible applications are rated and ranked by TAP Selection Committee or RTP Recreational Trails Advisory Board.
- Sub-recipients of TAP / RTP funds are required to attend an orientation workshop / webinar which outlines critical deadlines and processes for their projects.

6) The Award: pp. 18 – 19

- Once project is awarded the local govt. recipient will work with the TAP/RTP Coordinator or NMDOT POD (*Project Oversight Division*) and Regional Design Center project manager to develop an agreement.
- Non infrastructure projects are managed by the TAP/RTP Coordinator.
- Infrastructure projects involving design and/or construction are overseen by the NMDOT Project Oversight Division (POD) and follow the agreement process with the appropriate NMDOT Regional Design Center as outlined in the T/LPA Handbook.
- Construction does not refer to development of RTP soft-surface trails. Oversight and agreements for these projects are managed by the NMDOT RTP Coordinator.

- Infrastructure projects will require separate agreements for design and construction phases; each of which must be in a separate Federal fiscal year.
- Recipients should carefully calculate design phase timing – as ROW and environmental certifications can be time-consuming. Project timing should be discussed with NMDOT staff during PFF Review sessions for appropriate phasing.
- Detailed project schedules are required for all awarded projects before a project agreement is developed (reference the T/LPA Handbook).
- Any project applying for construction funds must receive prior approval from the appropriate Regional Design Center.
- Once the local govt. agency is awarded, the NMDOT submits the project to FHWA for obligation. Once obligated, the project recipient receives a Notice to Proceed from NMDOT. The local Govt. must then identify a “Person in Responsible Charge” for the project and notify the NMDOT Project Manager. This person should be able to answer questions and make project decisions in a timely manner.
- Upon receipt of the Notice to Proceed, work on the project may officially begin. Any work completed prior to the Notice to Proceed cannot be reimbursed.
- TAP and RTP are Federal Aid Reimbursement Programs – the recipient is responsible for all up-front expenses. The recipient can then request reimbursement (including proof of payment) on (at least) a quarterly basis. The recipient is reimbursed for 85.44% of costs incurred – related to the 14.56% local match. All costs in excess of the federal award are the responsibility of the local government recipient.

**7) Appendices: pp. 19 – 31 Appendices include:**

- Forms: pp. 19 – 20
- NMDOT Resources: p. 20
- Sample Programmatic Boilerplate Agreement: p. 20
- Sample Design / Construction Boilerplate: p. 20
- Eligible & Ineligible Projects & Activities: pp. 20 – 23
- RTP Project Categories: pp. 23 – 24
- State and Federal Requirements Guidelines: pp. 24 – 26
- New Mexico Mainstreet Program: p. 26
- Sample Resolution of Sponsorship: p. 26
- MPO and RTPO Contact Information and State Map: pp. 27 – 30
- NMDOT District Offices and Regional Design Centers: p. 31

## RESOLUTION OF SPONSORSHIP

### For a <name of funding program (RTP, TAP or CMAQ)> Application and Maintenance Commitment

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

A resolution declaring the eligibility and intent of the <name of sponsoring entity> to submit an application to the New Mexico Department of Transportation for Federal Fiscal Year 2023+ <name of funding program (RTP, TAP or CMAQ)> funds.

Whereas, the <name of sponsoring agency>, New Mexico, has the legal authority to apply for, receive and administer federal funds; and,

Whereas, the <name of sponsoring agency>, is submitting an application for Federal Fiscal Year 2023/2024 (FFY23/24) New Mexico <name of funding program (RTP/TAP/CMAQ)> funds in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_, as set forth by the Federal legislation, Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, and as outlined in the FFY 23+ New Mexico TAP/RTP or CMAQ Guide; and,

Whereas, the <identify project(s)> named in the <name of funding program (RTP or TAP)> application are eligible project(s) under New Mexico <name of funding program (RTP or TAP)> and the FAST Act; and,

Whereas, the <name of sponsoring agency>, acknowledges availability of the required local match of 14.56% and the availability of funds to pay all costs up front, as <name of funding program (RTP or TAP)> is a cost reimbursement program; and,

Whereas, the <name of sponsoring agency>, agrees to pay any costs that exceed the project amount if the application is selected for funding; and,

Whereas, the <name of sponsoring agency>, agrees to maintain all project(s) constructed with <name of funding program (RTP or TAP)> funding for the useable life of the project(s);

Now, therefore be it resolved by the governing body of the <name of sponsoring agency>, that:

1. The <name of sponsoring agency>, authorizes <agency representative> to submit an application for FFY23+ New Mexico <name of funding program (RTP, TAP or CMAQ)> funds in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_, from the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) on behalf of <name of sponsoring agency>.
2. That the <name of sponsoring agency>, assures the NMDOT that if <name of funding program (RTP or TAP)> funds are awarded, sufficient funding for the local match and for

upfront project costs are available, since <name of funding program (RTP/TAP/CMAQ)> is a reimbursement program, and that any costs exceeding the award amount will be paid for by <name of sponsoring agency>.

3. That the <name of sponsoring agency>, assures the NMDOT that if awarded <name of funding program (RTP, TAP or CMAQ)> funds, sufficient funding for the operation and maintenance of the <name of funding program (RTP, TAP or CMAQ)> project will be available for the life of the project.

4. That the <agency representative> of <name of sponsoring agency>, is authorized to enter into a Cooperative Project Agreement with the NMDOT for <name of funding program (RTP, TAP or CMAQ)> projects using these funds as set forth by the FAST Act on behalf of the citizens of <name of agency>. The <agency representative> is also authorized to submit additional information as may be required and act as the official representative of the <name of sponsoring agency> in this and subsequent related activities.

5. That the <name of sponsoring agency>, assures the NMDOT that the <name of sponsoring agency>, is willing and able to administer all activities associated with the proposed project.

**PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

<name of sponsoring agency>

\_\_\_\_\_  
<agency representative>, <title>

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
<name>, <clerk or other appropriate entity staff>



## **ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS**

### **APPLICATION**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Applicants are required to read through the New Mexico Active Transportation and Recreational Programs Guide (the Guide) prior to completing this application. Please complete the Project Prospectus Form (PPF) first, and then complete this application form.

#### **Introduction**

As outlined in the guide, this application will be completed by entities applying for either Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) or Recreational Trails Program (RTP) funds, and used by the statewide selection committees to score and rank projects submitted for TAP/RTP funding. The process is competitive and the highest scoring projects will be the first priority for funding. This application may also be used by MRMPPO and EPMPPO in their TAP application processes.

Please refer to the Guide when filling out this application. It provides information on the application questions, the overall TAP/RTP processes, eligible entities, and eligible projects. *Before submitting an application, if in an RTPO, applicants are required to complete the Project Feasibility Form (PFF) process and must have District recommendation. If within an MPO, please first consult with your MPO planner to ensure project feasibility and eligibility.*

#### **Basic Project Information**

A. Select which funding source applying for:

*If applying for RTP funding, select the project category from Appendix IV of the guide:*

B. Date of submittal:

C. Responsible Charge (Non-profits must partner with a governmental entity):

D. Project name:

E. If located within an RTPO, was the project recommended by the District Representative via the PFF process? No

F. Total amount of TAP/RTP funding requested. Please separately indicate amounts for each year of the proposed project:

	TAP/RTP Funds	Matching Funds	Other Funds	Total
Project Year 1				\$ 0.00
Project Year 2				\$ 0.00
Project Year 3				\$ 0.00
Project Year 4				\$ 0.00

Please explain project phasing as necessary:

*G. Provide a one to three sentence description of the project scope, including major components, any project deliverables, and pertinent project details.*

### **Scoring Factors**

Applications will be rated and ranked according to the following factors. See *section 5D of the Guide* for detailed explanations of each scoring factor.

#### **1. Planning**

Applications are awarded two (2) points for each plan in which the project is listed or with which it is consistent, up to a maximum of six (6) points for this scoring factor. Please include the cover sheet and the page(s) where the project is referenced. Do not send entire plans. For a list of eligible planning documents, refer to section 5D of the Guide.

The remaining factors will be scored according to the following scale:

- 3 points: The application demonstrates a thorough understanding of how this factor applies, and provides clear and compelling documentation on how the project meets and exceeds the factor.
- 2 points: The application demonstrates a basic understanding of this factor, and provides minimal documentation on how the project meets the factor.
- 1 point: The application demonstrates very little understanding of this factor, and does not provide any documentation on how the project meets the factor.
- 0 points: Does not meet factor.

*In your application packet, provide any supporting documentation that is referenced in your responses to 1-6 below.*

*Your responses are **limited to 1,000 characters** for each question below.*

#### **2. Economic Vitality**

*Provide detailed information on how your eligible TAP/RTP project will benefit local, regional and/or state economic development efforts. Please cite and provide any supporting documents or studies.*



### **3. Safety and Security**

*Please explain any safety issues you are trying to address and provide any available data. Describe how your eligible project will increase the safety and security of different user groups by making it safe for them to walk, bicycle, access public transit in their community or access recreational trails. Please cite and provide any supporting documents or studies.*

### **4. Accessibility and Mobility through Integration and Connectivity**

*Please describe how your eligible project will increase accessibility and mobility through integration and connectivity of transportation and recreation networks. Please cite and provide supporting documents or studies as necessary.*

**5. Protection and Enhancement of the Environment**

- A. Please provide information as to how your eligible project will promote environmental conservation. Please cite and provide any supporting documents or studies.*

- B. Please describe how your eligible project will improve the quality of life for community residents. Please cite and provide any supporting documents or studies.*

C. *Please explain how your eligible project will help achieve the community's desired land use goals, as described in local planning documents. Please cite and provide any supporting documents or studies.*

**6. Efficient System Management and Operation**

*Please describe how your eligible project will promote efficient system management and operation, particularly with regard to the maintenance of the TAP or RTP-funded improvement. Please cite and provide any supporting documents or studies.*

## 7. System Preservation

*Please explain how your eligible project will enhance, preserve or offer an adaptive reuse of existing infrastructure. Please cite and provide any supporting documents or studies.*

### Application Submission

Applicants must submit the following documents (as a single PDF) as part of the TAP and RTP application process:

- Project Feasibility Form (PFF) signed by District representative – see Appendix I of the Guide
- Project Prospectus Form (PPF) – see Appendix I of the Guide
- TAP/RTP Application Form
- Resolution of Sponsorship indicating proof of match, budget to pay all project costs up front (funding is by reimbursement), and maintenance – see Appendix XI; alternatively, an official letter signed by the entity's chief executive or official with budget authority, indicating all of the same, may be submitted in lieu of a resolution.
- Letter(s) of support regarding right(s)-of-way from all entities whose right-of-way/jurisdiction comes into contact with the project; this requirement only applies when a project is not entirely located within the jurisdiction of the sponsoring agency.
- Basic map of project location

Any additional documentation in support of scoring factors, per the TAP/RTP per section 5D of the Guide.

## **CMAQ Application & Program Guide – Condensed Summary**

(This summarizes the 25 page document in 4 pages)

### **1) Introduction & Goals: pp. 1 – 2**

- It is recommended that all T/LPA's applying for Congestion Mitigation / Air Quality funding review federal requirements for this funding as provided in the T/LPA Handbook prior to applying to fully understand requirements. The handbook can be found at [POD-TLPA \(state.nm.us\)](https://state.nm.us/TLPA_Handbook.pdf).
- The primary goals of this program is to improve air quality and relieve traffic congestion.
- NMDOT administers the Non-mandatory CMAQ program funding contingent on air quality compliance in communities across the state.
- The Non-mandatory CMAQ program provides funding for:
  - Projects that reduce number of vehicle trips or vehicle miles traveled.
  - Projects that reduce vehicle emissions around traffic congestion.
  - Projects that reduce vehicle emissions through improved vehicle or fuel technologies.
- This Call for Projects is for FY 2023 or 2024. Applicants should identify separate years for a) preliminary engineering and right of way, and b) construction.

### **2) Eligible Projects: pp. 2 – 4**

- Projects must demonstrate that they will effectively reduce air pollution.
- Freight related modal shifts (ie trucking to rail – etc.) will strengthen freight related projects.
- A long list of eligible projects is provided on pp. 3 – 4 – members are encouraged to review this list. A short list of ineligible activities is provided toward the bottom of page 4.

### **3) Program Information: pp. 5 – 7**

- CMAQ is about reducing air pollution. Interested local governments are advised to review CMAQ project requirements prior to submitting an application via the T/LPA Handbook at [TLPA Handbook.pdf \(state.nm.us\)](https://state.nm.us/TLPA_Handbook.pdf)
- T/LPA CMAQ projects that involve design or construction are overseen by NMDOT's Project Oversight Division (POD) and follow the NMDOT T/LPA Agreement Process in coordination with the appropriate NMDOT Regional Design Center. Projects that involve Design and Construction require separate agreements for design phase – then construction phase in separate fiscal years.
- Any application for construction funds must receive prior approval from the appropriate Regional Design Center
- Detailed project schedules are required before a project agreement is developed.
- Entities eligible for CMAQ funding include:
  - Local governments
  - Transit agencies
  - Public school districts
  - State agencies (incl. NMDOT)
  - Tribal governments
  - Any other local or regional governmental entity
- Entities ineligible for CMAQ funding include:
  - Non-profits
  - MPO's and RTPO's

- High Risk Entities (related to history of poor financial management – especially around federally funded projects)
- Any local public agency that does not have a current and compliant ADA Transition Plan or Title VI Policy on record with NMDOT's Construction and Civil Rights Bureau. This requirement must be met by the time of application submission – November 19, 2021.
- Match Requirement for CMAQ funds: 14.56%
- CMAQ is a cost reimbursement program; local entities receiving CMAQ funds must cover costs up-front, then request reimbursement from NMDOT via quarterly invoices with proof of payment. The local entity is reimbursed for 85.44% of cost – the remaining 14.56% represents the required local match.
- Any work performed before the NMDOT Notice to Proceed is not eligible for reimbursement. The local entity is responsible for any costs that exceed the federal award amount.
- A Cooperative Project Agreement governs the timeline for CMAQ funding; generally one to two years for each phase of a project. If a project must exceed the timeframe, NMDOT will require an amendment to the existing agreement as long as the local entity can demonstrate substantial progress. Obligation of construction funds is contingent upon completion of the design phase.
- Infrastructure projects must minimally be requesting at least \$500,000 in total costs. Non-infrastructure projects do not have a required minimum amount.
- Compliance with federal and state regulations requires a significant commitment of time and resources. Applicants are encouraged to consider the following:
- CMAQ projects must comply with federal and state requirements from design thru construction, administration, and close-out. NMDOT will inform MPO/RTPO staff when and where training will take place.
- NMDOT will require all CMAQ recipients to submit a reporting analysis in the application. (NMDOT will provide guidance for this)

#### 4) Application Process and Project Selection: pp. 7 – 20

##### A) Application Process:

- After NMDOT issues the Call for Projects the NWRTPO will distribute the CMAQ Non-mandatory Guide and provide an application schedule for their region.
- The applying local entity then completes a project feasibility form (PFF) specific to the CMAQ program.
- The RTPO planner then schedules a PFF meeting attended by the projects person in responsible charge, appropriate NMDOT staff and others involved in the project. If the project is deemed feasible the District DOT representative signs off on the PFF. Once the PFF is approved the local entity can begin their application packet.
- Projects in RTPO areas should be included in the RTIPR.
- Complete application packages must be submitted thru the RTPO before the application deadline.
- **pp. 9 – 10 provides a schedule of funding cycle deadlines for project submission for FFY2023 funding or later.** The application process extends from May, 2021 thru March 2022 as indicated on the p. 9 schedule. Awarded local entities are required to attend an orientation webinar outlining critical deadlines and processes in April – May, 2022.

- p.10 provides a list of required application elements including:
  - table of contents
  - PFF / PPF / CMAQ Application Form
  - Resolution of Sponsorship from local govt. including a) proof of match, b) budget available to cover up-front costs, c) acknowledgement of maintenance responsibility. Alternatively a letter signed by the local govt. Chief Executive Official with budget authority affirming the same three assertions is possible.
  - Letters of support from all other jurisdictions thru which the project impacts regarding right of way, if the project crosses other jurisdictions. The letters should include identifying which local government entity will address maintenance thru each jurisdiction.
  - Map of proposed project
  - Buy America Certification – proposal must indicate the steel or iron components must meet Buy America requirements.
  - Project Budget (detailed)
  - Any additional documentation supporting scoring factors.
- RTPD Planner responsible for submitting complete application packages **no later than Nov. 19, 2021**. Must be submitted a single PDF documents uploaded to NMDOT's FTP site.
- Competitive Application Scoring Factors include:
  - Eligible Applicant (*must have current ADA and Title VI plans & policies on file with NMDOT Construction and Civil Rights Bureau*)
  - Planning Consistency: *project is included in or consistent with an adopted Regional Transportation Plan, or available in other local, regional or state plans.*
  - Eligible Planning Documents which may include or support the CMAQ appl. are cited on p.12 (*15 citations are offered*). Planning consistency demonstrates broad local community or county support. Advisable to state how these other plans support and relate to the CMAQ application.
  - Financial Feasibility: Recipient must have financial capacity to complete, operate and maintain the project, covering all costs up front, on a quarterly reimbursement basis.
  - Local Match must be available, and timeline for project completion must be realistic.
  - Document and demonstrate ability of project to comply with Buy America requirements.
- Selection Criteria: There are nine (9) selection criteria that NMDOT will use. Provide clear, concise responses on how each of the following will be addressed: (pp. 13 – 18) Please review the guidance for each of these criteria:
  - Planning – 10 points
  - Transportation Demand Management – 25 points
  - Air Quality Improvement – 20 points
  - Economic Vitality – 10 points
  - Safety and Security – 20 points
  - Accessibility and Connectivity – 10 points
  - Equity – 5 points
- Penalties and Deductions:
  - Lack of Coherence and Quality – minus up to 10 points
  - Inactive (Federally funded) Projects – minus up to 5 points

- Best Practices for Applicants:
- High Scoring Applications:
  - Project appears in other local / regional plans and relevance is clearly explained and articulated.
  - Narrative responses are clear, concise, and compelling. Major claims are supported with data and documentation demonstrating alignment with scoring criteria.
  - Application demonstrates strong alliance with the purpose of the CMAQ program.
  - Application demonstrates the project will have a high impact and level of use.
- Lower Scoring Applications:
  - Project does not appear in other local / regional planning documents. Relevance of related planning documents does not clearly demonstrate consistency.
  - Application does not effectively demonstrate relevance to the goals of each scoring factor.
  - Application does not clearly describe scope, purpose and need and relevance to CMAQ scoring factors.
  - Application is not well edited, has logical inconsistencies, grammatical errors, does not clearly convey key project details, or application instructions are not followed. Project does not strongly align with intent of CMAQ program.

## 5) Appendices:

- Required Forms
- NMDOT Resources
- Sample Programmatic Boilerplate Agreement
- Sample Design / Construction Boilerplate Agreement
- State and Federal Requirements and Guidelines
- New Mexico Mainstreet Program
- Sample Resolution of Sponsorship
- Smart Growth and TOD References
- Statewide MPO and RTPPO area maps (p. 23)
- NM Composite Equity Map (p. 24)
- NMDOT District Offices & Regional Design Centers (p. 25)



## RESOLUTION OF SPONSORSHIP

### For a <name of funding program (RTP, TAP or CMAQ)> Application and Maintenance Commitment

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

A resolution declaring the eligibility and intent of the <name of sponsoring entity> to submit an application to the New Mexico Department of Transportation for Federal Fiscal Year 2023+ <name of funding program (RTP, TAP or CMAQ)> funds.

Whereas, the <name of sponsoring agency>, New Mexico, has the legal authority to apply for, receive and administer federal funds; and,

Whereas, the <name of sponsoring agency>, is submitting an application for Federal Fiscal Year 2023/2024 (FFY23/24) New Mexico <name of funding program (RTP/TAP/CMAQ)> funds in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_, as set forth by the Federal legislation, Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, and as outlined in the FFY 23+ New Mexico TAP/RTP or CMAQ Guide; and,

Whereas, the <identify project(s)> named in the <name of funding program (RTP or TAP)> application are eligible project(s) under New Mexico <name of funding program (RTP or TAP)> and the FAST Act; and,

Whereas, the <name of sponsoring agency>, acknowledges availability of the required local match of 14.56% and the availability of funds to pay all costs up front, as <name of funding program (RTP or TAP)> is a cost reimbursement program; and,

Whereas, the <name of sponsoring agency>, agrees to pay any costs that exceed the project amount if the application is selected for funding; and,

Whereas, the <name of sponsoring agency>, agrees to maintain all project(s) constructed with <name of funding program (RTP or TAP)> funding for the useable life of the project(s);

Now, therefore be it resolved by the governing body of the <name of sponsoring agency>, that:

1. The <name of sponsoring agency>, authorizes <agency representative> to submit an application for FFY23+ New Mexico <name of funding program (RTP, TAP or CMAQ)> funds in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_ from the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) on behalf of <name of sponsoring agency>.

2. That the <name of sponsoring agency>, assures the NMDOT that if <name of funding program (RTP or TAP)> funds are awarded, sufficient funding for the local match and for

upfront project costs are available, since <name of funding program (RTP/TAP/CMAQ)> is a reimbursement program, and that any costs exceeding the award amount will be paid for by <name of sponsoring agency>.

3. That the <name of sponsoring agency>, assures the NMDOT that if awarded <name of funding program (RTP, TAP or CMAQ)> funds, sufficient funding for the operation and maintenance of the <name of funding program (RTP, TAP or CMAQ)> project will be available for the life of the project.

4. That the <agency representative> of <name of sponsoring agency>, is authorized to enter into a Cooperative Project Agreement with the NMDOT for <name of funding program (RTP, TAP or CMAQ)> projects using these funds as set forth by the FAST Act on behalf of the citizens of <name of agency>. The <agency representative> is also authorized to submit additional information as may be required and act as the official representative of the <name of sponsoring agency> in this and subsequent related activities.

5. That the <name of sponsoring agency>, assures the NMDOT that the <name of sponsoring agency>, is willing and able to administer all activities associated with the proposed project.

**PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

<name of sponsoring agency>

\_\_\_\_\_  
<agency representative>, <title>

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
<name>, <clerk or other appropriate entity staff>



## **CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT (CMAQ) NON-MANDATORY PROGRAM**

### **Application**

INSTRUCTIONS: This application is to be completed for projects that are new or not currently programmed with CMAQ funds for consideration for funding in the statewide, competitive call for projects. Applicants are required to read through the New Mexico Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Non-Mandatory Program Guide (the Guide) prior to completing this application to ensure that project is eligible and all parts of the application process are understood. Please complete the Project Prospectus Form (PPF) before completing this application form. The Guide can be found here: <https://dot.state.nm.us/content/nmdot/en/Planning.html#CMAQ>

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### **Basic Project Information**

- A. Date of submittal: **Date.**
- B. Entity: **Entity.**
- C. Responsible Charge: **Name**
- D. Project name: **Project Name.**
- E. Control Number (if already assigned):  
**Control Number**
- F. Is project eligible for FTA transfer?  
**FTA Transfer**
- G. Will permanent right-of-way be acquired? **Yes/No**  
Will temporary right-of-way be acquired? **Yes/No**
- G. If located within an RTPO, was the project recommended by the District Representative via the PFF process?  
**Yes/No**
- H. Has the applicant requested or been approved for, or anticipate funding from other federal or state sources? **Yes/No**
- List all anticipated, requested or approved funding sources in the table below.
- I. Would your agency accept partial funding for this project?  
**Yes/No**

If yes, please attach an explanation of your contingency plan to fully fund and implement the project.

**K. Project funding details:**

FFY	Fund Type	---	---	---	Total
---	---				\$ 0
---	---				\$ 0
---	---				\$ 0
---	---				\$ 0
---	---				\$ 0
---	---				\$ 0
<b>Totals</b>		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

Please explain project phasing as necessary:

If using local match, local non-match or other federal funds, define funding source(s):

- L. Briefly describe the problem(s) being addressed by this project. (Where and when is it happening? What is the magnitude of the problem? Why is it important to solve now?)

**Click or tap here to enter text.**

- M. Provide a succinct description of the project scope. Scope includes all project deliverables, major components, and pertinent project details. This statement should be more descriptive than project scope in the STIP.

Click or tap here to enter text.

N. When submitting more than one project application, rank this project's priority: Choose an item.

### Scoring Factors

Applications will be evaluated according to the following nine factors. Applicants are encouraged to demonstrate how projects contribute to the goals outlined in [Executive Order 2019-003](#),<sup>1</sup> which makes a statewide commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 45% below 2005 levels by 2030. See section 5D of the Guide for detailed explanations of each scoring factor.

Responses are limited to 1,000 characters for each question below.

#### 1. Planning (15 points)

- A. Demonstrate how the proposed project is included in or consistent with eligible local and regional planning documents (see program guide for list of eligible documents).  
Attach copies of plan pages where this project appears or with which this project is consistent. Include the cover page to the plan and **only pages with relevant information**; highlight or indicate passages relevant to this project. Include comments to justify relevance/support.

List attachments and state relevance of each:

- 1 Attachment 1
- 2 Attachment 2
- 3 Attachment 3
- 4 Attachment 4
- 5 Attachment 5

- B. What has been done already in preparation for this project (community engagement, public meetings, preliminary engineering, permitting, right-of-way acquisition, data collection, etc.)?

Click or tap here to enter text.

- C. What obstacles or problems must be overcome to implement this project?

Click or tap here to enter text.

In your application packet, provide any supporting documentation referenced in response to any question in this application.

<sup>1</sup> [https://www.governor.state.nm.us/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/EO\\_2019-003.pdf](https://www.governor.state.nm.us/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/EO_2019-003.pdf)

## 2. Transportation Demand Management (25 points)

- A. Describe how this project meets CMAQ goals of improving air quality through reducing the number of trips in single-occupant vehicles, fuel consumption, and/or vehicle miles traveled.

\*For freight-oriented projects, how does this project enhance efficiency, resiliency, and integration and connectivity across and between modes?

\*\*Transit projects must describe measures that have been undertaken in the service area that demonstrate the need or readiness for transit and/or plans to enable transit-oriented-development or other local context that supports this project.

Click or tap here to enter text.

- B. **Context Inventory:** For the project area, please provide the following data:

Data on project context.		
a. Define the project area	Project area	
b. Transit service in project area	Transit Type: Transit Service Provider:	
c. Current sidewalk conditions in project area: Select. and Select.		
Projected changes based on planned growth		
	Before	After
d. Population in project area (Planned growth projection)		
e. Posted speeds		
f. AADT on corridor		
If project affects cross-street(s)	Street name	
cross-street 1:		AADT:
cross-street 2:		AADT:

## 3. Air Quality Improvement (20 points)

Select Project Type.

**Quantitative:** If your application is for a project type for which a FHWA spreadsheet calculator is available, attach a calculation for your project to your application. Links to calculators can be found here:

[https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/air\\_quality/cmaq/toolkit/](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/air_quality/cmaq/toolkit/)

Project types for which calculators are available can be selected in the dropdown menu above. Check the website above for the latest updates. If another method of calculation is performed, select "other -- quantitative analysis provided" and describe below.

**Qualitative:** If a calculation of air quality improvement cannot be provided, select "other -- qualitative analysis provided." Explain why a quantitative analysis cannot be provided and provide a qualitative analysis of how this project will lead to a net reduction in mobile source pollution.

Click or tap here to enter text.

**4. Economic Vitality (10 points)**

Describe and quantify the desired impact of this project on economic activity in the project area. How will the success of this project contribute to existing local, regional/statewide economic development efforts, including tourism? Please cite and provide any supporting documents or studies.

Click or tap here to enter text.

**5. Safety and Security (20 points)**

Explain any safety issues addressed by this project and provide any available data. Describe how your eligible project will increase the safety and security of motorized and non-motorized users. Consider user's ability to commute and access services and amenities by walking, bicycling, public transit and automobile. Please cite and provide any supporting documents or studies.

Click or tap here to enter text.

**6. Accessibility and Connectivity (10 points)**

Explain how project will enhance the accessibility, integration and connectivity of the transportation system, including first and last-mile connections, across and between modes.

Click or tap here to enter text.

## 7. Equity

Enter the equity index value for the most vulnerable Census tract in which the project is located: **Equity Score**.  
NMDOT has an equity map in their map gallery to be found here: <https://nmdot.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=9440c6bf6c0e481f866f96671f138f3e>

Describe how this project benefits vulnerable users (see program guide for definitions):

Click or tap here to enter text.

## 8. Coherence and Quality (Penalty up to -10 points)

Applications are expected to be clear, concise, complete and well written. Points will be deducted from applications that are poorly written, do not follow instructions or guidance, and/or lack clarity/consistency.

## 9. Inactive Projects (-5 points per project)

Applicants that have inactive, federally funded projects will be deducted five points for each inactive project.

## Application Submission

Applicants must submit the following documents (as a single PDF) **in the order listed below** as part of the CMAQ application process:

1. Project Feasibility Form (PFF) signed by District representative – see Appendix I of the Guide (Not required for NMDOT lead projects).
2. Project Prospectus Form (PPF) – see Appendix I of the Guide
3. CMAQ Application Form (this form)
  - o CMAQ spreadsheet calculation (see question 5).
4. Resolution of Sponsorship indicating proof of match, budget to pay all project costs up front (funding is by reimbursement), and maintenance – see Appendix VII; alternatively, an official letter signed by the entity's chief executive or official with budget authority, indicating all of the same, may be submitted in lieu of a resolution.
5. Letter(s) of support regarding right(s)-of-way from all entities whose right-of-way/jurisdiction comes into contact with the project; this requirement only applies when a project is not entirely located within the jurisdiction of the sponsoring agency.
6. Basic map of proposed project.
7. Buy America Certification: All proposed projects that include steel or iron must comply with Buy America requirements; waivers will not be considered. The applicant must demonstrate ability to comply with the requirements within the application.
8. Any additional documentation in support of scoring factors, per the CMAQ per section 5D of the Guide. Include only cover sheet and relevant pages – highlight or indicate relevant information.

**Submit completed application with all attachments as a single .PDF to the submit to MPO/RTPO by deadline set by MPO/RTPO for the next call.**

NMDOT use only:

Date:

Status:

Score:

Reviewed by

Recommendation:





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NORTHWEST NEW MEXICO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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

**Agenda Item # V: Transportation Project Fund - 2021**

**Subject:** Strong success for our region with all proposed projects for 2021 except one funded at a total of \$19,485,577.00!

**Prepared for:** Oct. 13, 2021 meeting

**Date:** 9/29/21

**BACKGROUND**

- **Why?** For the first and second round of LGTPF – now called Transportation Project Fund from the State of New Mexico the NWRTPO and it's members were exceptionally successful.
- **Purpose.** NWRTPO staff want to consult with RTPO members regarding progress with their FFY2019 awarded projects to see how many are complete or close to completion. The deadline for completion for the first round of LGTPF projects is June 30, 2022.
- **Discussion/Finalization.** Members are asked to push their respective govt. leaders to complete 2019 awarded projects by this deadline or seek an extension, to maintain our strong reputation with the NM Department of Transportation.

**CURRENT WORK**

- Members to report on progress toward completion for FFY2019 awarded projects.
- Members asked to consult with their respective leaders to complete 2019 LGTPF projects by the June 30, 2022 deadline or request an extension; and commence their currently awarded projects in the near future (ASAP) in order to maintain our region's reputation with NMDOT.

**ANTICIPATED WORK**

- Members are asked to push for 2019 project completion by the June 30, 2022 deadline, and commence currently awarded projects for efficient execution toward completion, to continue the strong reputation for the NWRTPO around responsible project management and completion within timelines.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- FFY2019 awarded projects
- FFY2021 awarded projects

**BUDGET IMPACT**

- None

**ACTION ITEM**

- N/A



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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

August 26, 2021

## Monumental Transportation Money Awarded

NM Transportation Commission Awards \$160M in Critical Local & Tribal Projects

**Virtual, via Zoom** -- On August 26<sup>th</sup>, the New Mexico Transportation Commission approved close to \$160 million worth of local and tribal transportation projects throughout the State of New Mexico. A special call for projects was announced in April, and the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPOs), and New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) reviewed applications from various entities throughout the State. Ultimately, NMDOT Cabinet Secretary Michael Sandoval provide a final list of recommendations to the Commission for approval. The NMDOT received over \$273M in applications statewide and selected 110 projects for award totaling \$159.5 million. Remaining funds will be used for hardship waivers. Special thanks to our District 5 Commissioner Tom Taylor and District 6 Commissioner Charles Lundstrom for their support and advocacy for these funds.

Projects funded in Northwest New Mexico and the counties of Cibola, McKinley, and San Juan included:

District	Entity	Project Title	State	Entity	Total
5	City of Aztec	McWilliams Road Paving	\$663,100	\$34,900	\$698,000
5	City of Bloomfield	East Blanco Bridge Phase II	\$363,850	\$19,150	\$383,000
5	City of Farmington	Foothills Drive Enhancement Phase III	\$1,672,950	\$88,050	\$1,761,000
5	Navajo Nation - Shiprock Chapter	Shiprock Farm Road Improvement	\$1,140,000	\$60,000	\$1,200,000
5	San Juan County	County Road 6100 Bridge Resurfacing	\$603,250	\$31,750	\$635,000
5	Town of Kirtland	Road 6405 Reconstruction	\$114,950	\$6,050	\$121,000
5	Town of Kirtland	Road 6411 Reconstruction	\$114,950	\$6,050	\$121,000
6	Cibola County	County Road 1 Bridge and Road Repair	\$1,187,500	\$62,500	\$1,250,000
6	City of Gallup	Coal Avenue Commons Phase II	\$3,325,000	\$175,000	\$3,500,000
6	City of Grants	Washington Avenue & Drainage Recon	\$2,070,346	\$108,965	\$2,179,312
6	City of Grants	Sakelares Blvd Design	\$546,250	\$28,750	\$575,000
6	McKinley County	Superman Canyon Bridges	\$1,900,000	\$100,000	\$2,000,000
6	Village of Milan	Airport Road Reconstruction	\$3,145,591	\$165,557	\$3,311,149
6	Navajo Nation - Ramah Chapter	BIA Route 145 Reconstruction Design	\$546,250	\$28,750	\$575,000
6	Navajo Nation - Ramah Chapter	BIA 195 Reconstruction	\$850,360	\$44,755	\$895,116
6	Navajo Nation - Tohajiilee Chapter	Tohajiilee Road Paving	\$3,695,403	\$194,494	\$3,889,898
6	Navajo Nation - Tsayatoh Chapter	West Tsayatoh Road Phase I	\$2,327,500	\$122,500	\$2,450,000
6	Pueblo of Acoma	State Road 124 Frontage Road	\$1,472,500	\$77,500	\$1,550,000
TOTAL			\$21,294,404	\$1,120,756	\$22,415,163

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## **About Transportation Project Fund**

Current funding was appropriated by the New Mexico Legislature and signed into law by Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham. This program was created based on a 2019 bill carried by Representatives Patricio Ruiloba (D-12, Bernalillo) and Patricia Lundstrom (D-9, McKinley & San Juan), which created the Local Government Transportation Project Fund that allows the State to invest in a wide range of local transportation project types, at all stages of readiness, and only requires a minimum local match. The program was revised to allow tribal participation, and in the 2021 Legislative Session a bill carried by Senator Bobby Gonzales was passed and signed to use motor vehicle excise tax to fund the program annually at about \$40M. Eligible projects are allowed in the following categories: (1) environmental and other studies; (2) planning; (3) design; and (5) acquisition of rights of way necessary for development of transportation infrastructure, which includes, highways, streets, roadways, bridges, crossing structures and parking facilities, including all areas for vehicular, transit, bicycle or pedestrian use for travel, ingress, egress, and parking. The program requires a 5% local match without a hardship waiver.

In 2019, the Northwest region received \$12,912,847 in funding and many of those projects have been completed to benefit their communities including Washington Avenue bridge in Grants and Manuelito Canyon Road bridges in McKinley County.

## **About Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments**

Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments (NWNMCOG) is a 50-year-old regional development organization (RDO) recognized and empowered by the State of New Mexico and the US Economic Development Administration. We serve the entire three-county region of Cibola, McKinley, and San Juan counties and the communities therewithin to improve community and economy for the region and its people. The NWNMCOG is association of nine local governments governed by a Board of Directors unified by the belief that we are stronger together and only united can we advance on regional opportunities and tackle regional challenges from sustainable water supply to behavioral health, to strategic infrastructure, and to economic development. The NWNMCOG facilitates the Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) under contract with New Mexico Department of Transportation.

For more information about NWNMCOG, visit [www.nwnmcog.com](http://www.nwnmcog.com).



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August 19, 2019

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### **NM Transportation Commission Awards \$50M in Critical Local & Tribal Projects**

**RUIDOSO** – On August 15<sup>th</sup>, the New Mexico Transportation Commission approved \$50 million worth of local and tribal transportation projects throughout the State of New Mexico. The funding was appropriated by the New Mexico Legislature and signed into law by Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham. During the 2019 Legislative Session, Representatives Patricio Ruiloba (D-12, Bernalillo) and Patricia Lundstrom (D-9, McKinley & San Juan) introduced and passed House Bill 694, which created the Local Government Transportation Project Fund that allows the State to invest in a wide range of local transportation project types, at all stages of readiness, and only requires a minimum local match.

A special call for projects was announced in April, and the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPOs), and New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) reviewed applications for various entities throughout the State. Ultimately, NMDOT Cabinet Secretary Michael Sandoval provide a final list of recommendations to the Commission for approval. The NMDOT received 166 applications statewide and selected 57 for award totaling \$42.4 million. Remaining funds were invested into US Highway 82 and hardship waivers. Tribal entities were awarded just shy of \$7M. Special thanks to our District 6 Commissioner Charles Lundstrom from Grants, New Mexico.

Projects funded in Northwest New Mexico and the counties of Cibola, McKinley, and San Juan included:

District	Entity	Project Title	State	Entity	Total
5	City of Bloomfield	East Blanco Bridge Project Phase II	\$90,250	\$4,750	\$95,000
5	City of Farmington	San Juan Boulevard Resurfacing Project	\$546,250	\$28,750	\$575,000
5	San Juan County	County Road 5500 Bridge Replacement Project	\$2,375,000	\$125,000	\$2,500,000
6	Cibola County	County Road 18B	\$902,500	\$47,500	\$950,000
6	City of Gallup	East Nizhoni Blvd Reconstruction Project	\$332,500	\$17,500	\$350,000
6	City of Grants	Washington Bridge Replacement	\$1,425,000	\$75,000	\$1,500,000
6	McKinley County	Manuelito Canyon Bridge and Road Improvements	\$2,850,000	\$150,000	\$3,000,000
6	Village of Milan	Haystack Phase II	\$120,248	\$6,329	\$126,577
6	Navajo Nation – Baahaali Chapter	Baahaali Transfer Station Access Road Improvements	\$281,437	\$14,813	\$296,250
6	Navajo Nation – Bahastl'ah Chapter	Highway 491 Roadway Safety Audit	\$142,500	\$7,500	\$150,000
6	Navajo Nation – Mexican Springs Chapter	Navajo Route 30 and US Highway 491 Safety Audit	\$19,000	\$1,000	\$20,000
6	Navajo Nation – Tohatchi Chapter	Highway 491 Roadway Safety Audit	\$71,250	\$3,750	\$75,000
6	Pueblo of Acoma	SP 130 Veterans Blvd Roadway Project	\$1,136,912	\$59,837	\$1,196,749
6	Pueblo of Laguna	Interstate 40 Concrete Box Underpass	\$1,900,000	\$100,000	\$2,000,000
TOTAL			\$12,192,847	\$641,729	\$12,834,576

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

**Agenda Item #VI: NMDOT Map Guide**

**Subject:** present the new NMDOT Map Guide

**Prepared for:** October 13 RTPO meeting – a new NMDOT tool for transportation mapping

**Date:** 9/29/21

**BACKGROUND**

- **Why?** The NMDOT has developed a new mapping tool that can support MPO and RTPO transportation development along with presentations
- **Purpose.** Acquaint the NWRTPO members with this tool for their use as / when needed
- **Discussion/Finalization.** Acquaint RTPO members with this mapping tool available from NMDOT

**CURRENT WORK**

- Present NMDOT Map Guide

**ANTICIPATED WORK**

- Members can use this tool for transportation development and presentations

**ATTACHMENTS**

- Map Guide guidance

**BUDGET IMPACT**

- None

**ACTION ITEM**

- N/A



## NMDOT Map Guide

Link: <https://nmdot.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=9125ee62a1b54e498716538626667f57>

User Name: RTPO\_User / Password: RTPO\_guest1

The map guide provides a lot of layers that can be explored, including:

- Cities by Population
- Airports
- Ports of Entry & Weigh Stations
- NMDOT Rest Areas
- DOT District Offices
- Trails – National Historic Trails
- Trails – Continental Divide National Scenic Trail
- Scenic Byways
- Bridges
- NM Active Mine Permits (2017)
- Rail – Railroad Crossings
- Rail – Amtrack Stations
- Rail – NM Railroad System
- Rail – Passenger Rail – Amtrack
- Rail – Passenger Rail – Other
- Safety Corridors
- Freight Network
- NMDOT Functional Classification
- Incorporated Places
- RTPO and MPO Boundaries
- Land Surface Ownership
- DOT District Boundaries
- Shale Plays (?)
- Sedimentary Basins
- National Transit Map Routes
- NMDOT Maintained Routes and Interchanges
- Counties
- World Topographic Map
- World Hillshade (?)

## Transportation Planning Map Training Guide

This guide provides an overview of navigating the various capabilities and functions in the Transportation Planning Map Output Tool web application.

<https://nmdot.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=9125ee62a1b54e498716538626667f57>

Username: RTPO\_User Password: RTPO\_guest1

### Map Window

The majority of the functions are within the map window, or area, and appear when and logging into the map application as seen in the screenshot of the map window in Figure 1. Descriptions of each button and widget are provided below:

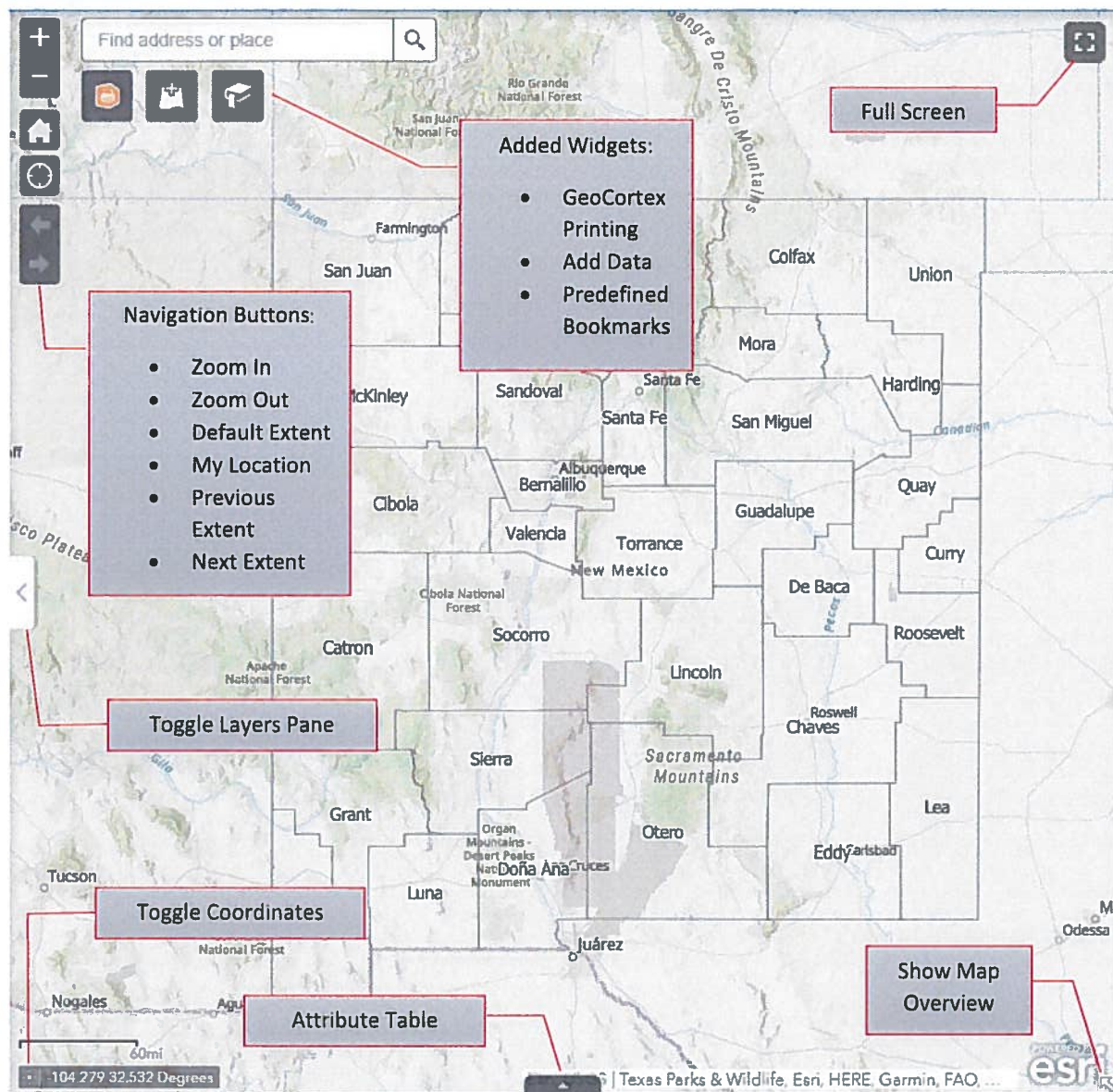


Figure 1: Map Window buttons and widgets

- Navigation Buttons:
  - Zoom In: click to zoom in on the center of the map
  - Zoom Out: click to zoom out on the center of the map
  - Default Extent: click to zoom to the maps default extent, the State of New Mexico
  - My Location: click to zoom to the area the user is currently located
  - Previous Extent: click to zoom to the area last displayed
  - Next Extent: click to zoom to the area displayed before clicking Previous Extent
- Toggle Layers Pane: opens and collapses the Layers pane
- Toggle Coordinates: click the crosshairs to switch between the coordinates displaying where the mouse cursor is or displaying the coordinates of a specified location clicked on the map
- Attribute Table: click to open the attribute table of a layer that is turned on in the maps Layers window
- Added Widgets:
  - GeoCortex Printing: click to utilize the print function. Options are for 8 ½" X 11" landscape or portrait layouts and are generated as PDF's, see [Geocortex Capabilities](#) section in this guide for more details
  - Add Data: click to add data from a variety of sources such as NMDOT hosted data layers, ArcGIS Online datasets, or upload a local file, i.e. zipped shapefile, .csv, .kml, .gpx, or Geo JSON
  - Bookmarks: click to view preconfigured bookmarks for New Mexico's MPO and RTPD areas
- Full Screen: click to view the web browser tab displaying the web application in full screen
- Show Map Overview: click to open a window displaying the current extent within a larger extent

## Map Layers

Within the *Layers* window, there are multiple functions for the user to make predefined edits to the layer or to view information about the layer and are shown below in Figure 2.





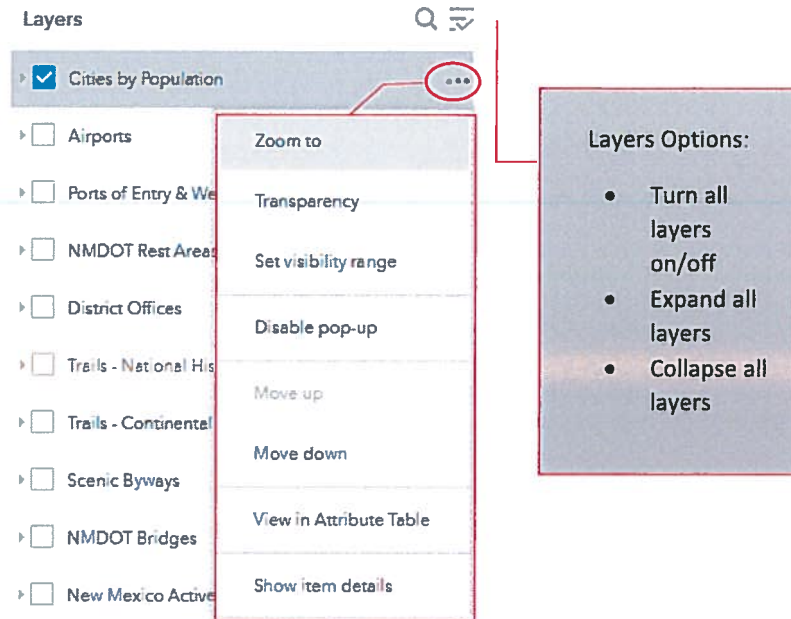


Figure 2: Layers Options

- Layers Options:
  - Turn all layers on/off: turns all layers in the Layers list on or off
  - Expand all layers: displays the symbols and descriptions for all layers in the Layers list
  - Collapse all layers: closes symbol and description details for all layers in the Layers list, this is the default when the map application is opened
- Individual Layer Options:
  - Zoom to - Zoom to the entire chosen layer
  - Transparency - Change the transparency levels for the chosen layer
  - Set visibility range - Change the visibility range for the chosen layer
  - Disable pop-up - Turn the chosen layers pop-up off or on
  - Move up/Move down - Move the chosen layer up or down in the Layers list to change drawing the order of drawing in the map
  - View in Attribute Table - Opens the chosen layers attribute table window
  - Show item details - Opens a new tab for the chosen layers feature service with various details regarding the chosen layer such as metadata, the ability to open a new map with the chosen layer, metadata, full details of the data source, attribute list, the ability to open other ArcGIS softwares with the chosen layer, etc.

### Additional Widgets

Two additional widgets have been custom added to the web application for ease of use and are shown in Figure 3.



Figure 3: Additional custom widgets

- Legend - Opens a Legend preview window displaying layers that will appear in the printed page legend, \*note that some layers do not appear in the legend, i.e. NMDOT Maintained Routes and Interchanges, Counties, World Topographic Map, and World Hillshade
- About - Opens a window with information about the web application and contains a link to the web application metadata page

## GeoCortex Capabilities

This web application has an enhanced printing functionality hosted by GeoCortex, which generates 8.5" X 11" landscape and portrait prints in PDF format. The files generated by GeoCortex are temporarily saved during the browser session and can be downloaded. Instructions for using the GeoCortex widget are as follows:

## GeoCortex Instructions

1. Click on the GeoCortex widget, a window to select portrait or landscape will open, select one of the two options
2. In the example shown in Figure 4, a portrait layout has been selected to export. Enter a map title along with any notes to be included in the map. Other options available include the map scale, resolution of the PDF, and the option to add grids are included in this window. Lastly, the area that is not grayed out in the web map is what will appear in the exported PDF map. This can be adjusted by panning and zooming in the web map using the mouse. Click *Print* to continue with exporting a PDF map.

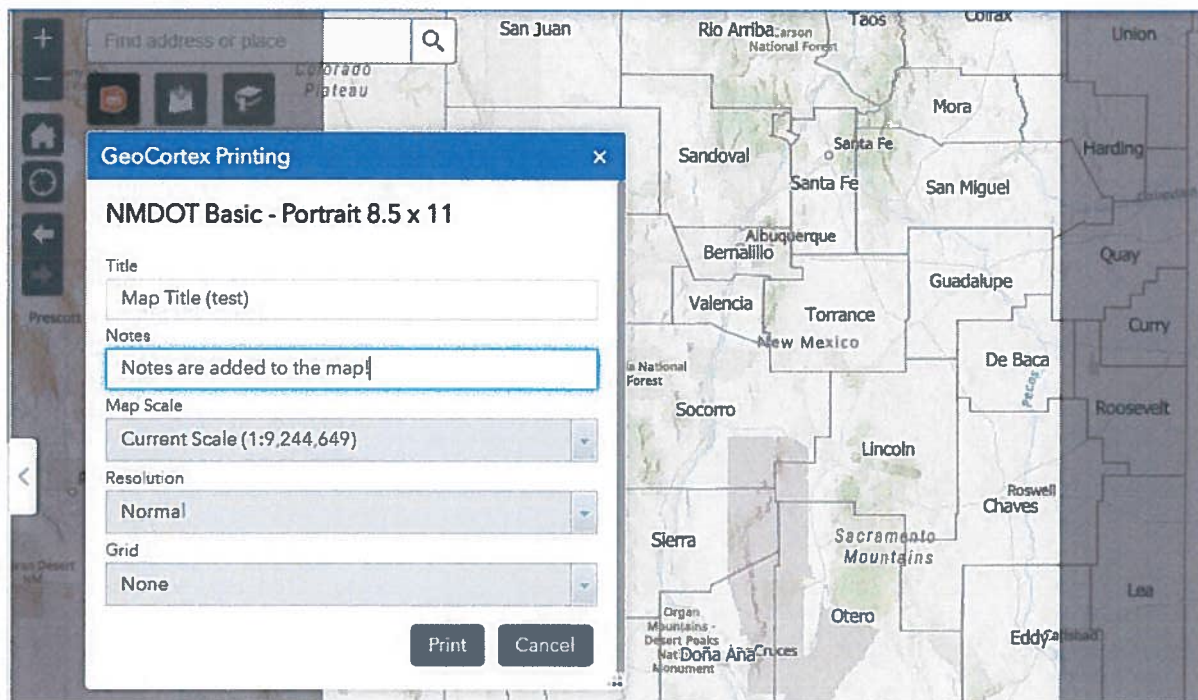


Figure 4: Selecting options for map template

3. The map may take a minute to generate. Once it is complete, the GeoCortex widget window will have a *Results* list of all the prints generated in this browser session. Click on the map in this list to open the PDF map in a new tab.

4. When the PDF preview tab opens, there are two options at the upper right corner to download and print the PDF map as shown in Figure 5. When the browser window is closed, the *Results* list clears and the map is no longer accessible.

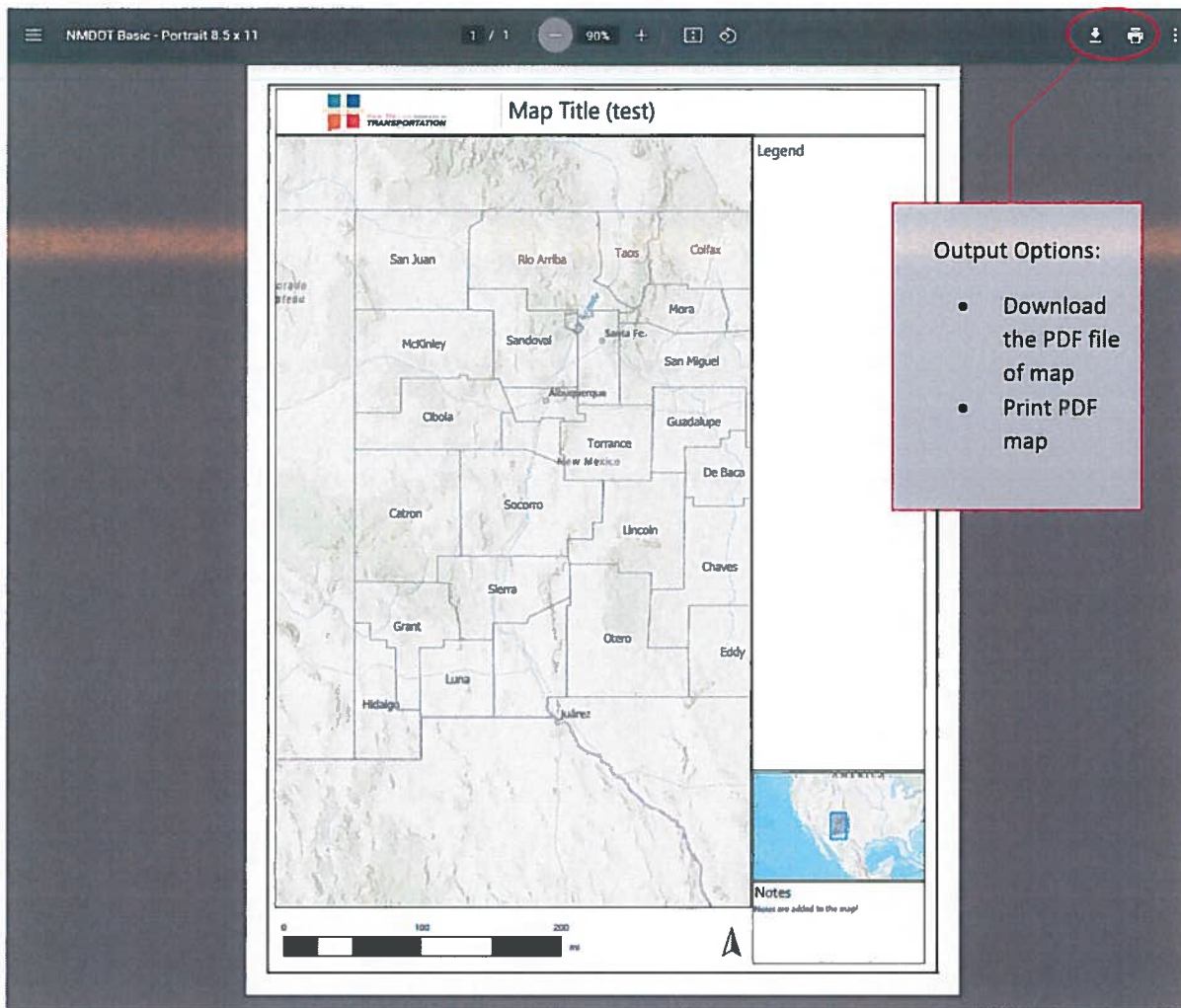


Figure 5: PDF browser preview tab



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## Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NWRTPO)

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

**Subject:** Discussion / Presentation Items

**Prepared by:** Robert Kuipers, NWRTPO

**Date:** 10/6/21

#### 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
- Staff to post annual member surveys on Survey Monkey asking members to complete by our November meeting.
- 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, Stephanie Medina

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

- FHWA Planning, Environment & Realty Reports: 9/22/21
- NMDOT Govt. to Govt. Update: none
- AASHTO Publications: none
- NMDOT / UNM-LTAP: Provides a very robust collection of training opportunities – staff forward news to members as it comes out from this source – reference at [ltap.unm.edu](http://ltap.unm.edu) – **Online courses notice** forwarded to members as LTAP emails come in.
- Title VI Training is available to MPO's and RTPO's from Lisa Neie – Civil Rights Manager for FHWA New Mexico. These trainings can be customized to address member concerns and issues for their regions, if provided to her in advance.
- Every Day Counts News: 9/2/21, 9/16/21, 10/5/21
- FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program: 9/2/21
- USDOT Innovator Newsletter: 9/7/21, 10/5/21
- TAP, RTP & CMAQ Application Reminder: staff listed additional documents required for TAP, RTP and CMAQ applications and sent to members on 9/13/21
- LGTPF 2019 Awarded Projects: Staff reminded RTPO members that these projects are due for completion by June 30, 2022, and will request reports on progress at this Oct. 13 meeting.
- NM Steam Locomotive (train) Open House Sept. 25, 2021: event to be held in Albuquerque at 1833 8<sup>th</sup> St. NW

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 APER Budgeted Staff Hours Summary  
FFY2021**

September-2 / Q-4 Monthly Report											
Function	Budgeted Hours Amt. 2	Q1	Q2	Q3	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Q4	Total Actual hours	Balance	Percentage budgeted differs from actuals*
1	240	163.75	64.00	13.50	0.00	8.75	4.50	13.25	254.50	-14.50	6.04%
2	100	0.00	22.00	9.00	28.00	7.00	6.50	41.50	72.50	41.00	
3	650	75.00	245.50	209.00	57.00	18.50	69.00	144.50	674.00	45.00	3.69%
4	210	17.00	82.00	22.50	18.00	52.00	13.50	83.50	205.00	18.50	-2.38%
5	450	85.75	165.50	146.00	13.00	50.75	52.00	115.75	513.00	-63.00	14.00%
6	450	59.50	181.50	124.50	50.50	20.50	16.00	87.00	452.50	-2.50	0.56%
TOTAL	2100	401.00	760.50	524.50	166.50	157.50	161.50	485.50	2171.50	-71.50	3.40%

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

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September Q-4 Expenditure Summary  
FFY2021

	Q1 Request	Q2 Request	Q3 Request	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Q4 Request	Total Budgeted Amount - amend #2	Requests YTD (incl current request)	Balance
a. Personnel	\$ 15,254.25	\$ 13,920.02	\$ 17,068.25	\$ 5,781.21	\$ 4,577.13	\$ 4,749.06	\$ 15,107.40	\$ 61,070.00	\$ 61,349.92	\$ (279.92)
b. Fringe Benefits	\$ 3,578.21	\$ 3,461.36	\$ 4,090.63	\$ 1,273.70	\$ 898.94	\$ 1,143.90	\$ 3,316.54	\$ 13,588.00	\$ 14,446.74	\$ (858.74)
c. Travel & Training	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 679.57	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,523.00	\$ 679.57	\$ 843.43
d. Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
e. Supplies	\$ 114.97	\$ 85.61	\$ 256.50	\$ -	\$ 28.74	\$ 62.32	\$ 91.06	\$ 1,091.00	\$ 548.14	\$ 542.86
f. Contractual	\$ 4,619.07	\$ 2,521.98	\$ 3,587.64	\$ 728.16	\$ 728.16	\$ -	\$ 1,456.32	\$ 14,878.00	\$ 12,185.01	\$ 2,692.99
g. Construction	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
h. Other	\$ 3,446.70	\$ 3,883.98	\$ 4,673.41	\$ 1,041.30	\$ 838.74	\$ 722.96	\$ 2,603.00	\$ 15,288.00	\$ 14,607.09	\$ 680.91
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 27,013.20</b>	<b>\$ 23,872.95</b>	<b>\$ 30,356.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,824.37</b>	<b>\$ 7,071.71</b>	<b>\$ 6,678.24</b>	<b>\$ 22,574.32</b>	<b>\$ 107,438.00</b>	<b>\$ 103,816.47</b>	<b>\$ 3,621.53</b>
Local Match (20%)	\$ 5,402.64	\$ 4,774.59	\$ 6,071.20	\$ 1,764.87	\$ 1,414.34	\$ 1,335.65	\$ 4,514.86	\$ 21,487.60	\$ 20,763.29	\$ 724.31
Federal Share (80%)	\$ 21,610.56	\$ 19,098.36	\$ 24,284.80	\$ 7,059.50	\$ 5,657.37	\$ 5,342.59	\$ 18,059.46	\$ 85,950.40	\$ 83,053.18	\$ 2,897.22

Control Number: P621010	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	\$ 27,013.20	\$ 5,402.64	\$ 21,610.56
Q2 ending 3/31	\$ 23,872.95	\$ 4,774.59	\$ 19,098.36
Q3 ending 6/30	\$ 30,356.00	\$ 6,071.20	\$ 24,284.80
Q4 ending 9/30	\$ 22,574.32	\$ 4,514.86	\$ 18,059.46
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 2,433.53</b>	<b>\$ 486.71</b>	<b>\$ 1,946.82</b>

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



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## NWRTPO | Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization

### Monthly Report – September, 2021

- A. 2021 NWRTPO RTIPR Update:** The NWRTPO conducted an “RTIPR Revision” in 2020 rather than a full call for projects. This is due to the fact that not much funding was anticipated until at least 2021 or 2022. This year (FFY2021 – 2022) the NWRTPO is executing a full Call for Projects which will extend from April, 2021 thru March 2022, so members are invited to submit new project applications according to our Call For Projects schedule and guidance. At this point, RTPO members have submitted 53 project 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 are under review from DOT District 5 at this time. Projects approved to move forward have now been developed into Project Prospectus Forms (PPF’s) by our respective submitting members and will be updated in our new FFY2021-22 RTIPR.
- B. FFY2021 NMDOT Transportation Project Fund:** The State of New Mexico recently initiated a new LGTPF fund to support transportation needs across New Mexico, complimenting the ongoing Local Govt. Road Fund. This fund provided \$50 million statewide in FFY2019 and is not restrained by federal functional classification requirements. In 2019 a total of 22 projects were submitted from the NWRTPO, (along with 2 from the SWRTPO and 4 from the MRRTPPO) – totaling 28 projects for the DOT Dist. 6 region. The NWRTPO region was awarded just over \$12 million. Eleven member governments of the NWRTPO and Farmington MPO were funded for 14 projects which are now underway. In FFY2021 NMDOT has \$120 million available and has been officially renamed to the Transportation Project Fund (TPF) and now officially includes Tribal communities. With this in mind the NWRTPO commenced our call for the TPF fund early and pushed our members to complete all required application documents in advance of NMDOT deadlines – for which the final submission deadline was June 15, 2021. NMDOT District 6 reviewed and approved 10 projects from 8 of our member governments to move forward, and DOT District 5 approved one project from Northern Navajo for a total of just under \$20 million for our participating NWRTPO governments. Last month we received news that every single one of our proposed TPF projects were approved by the NMDOT Transportation Commission for funding at \$19,485,577. When including the Farmington MPO, the total award is at \$22,415,160.00 for our region.
- C. GIS Data Gathering, Trails Development, Mapping and Compiling Work:** COG staff Carrie House continues to provide technical assistance and GIS mapping for development of 200 new miles of recreational trails in the Zuni Mountains in McKinley and Cibola Counties during FFY18 – FFY21; 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. NMDOT LRTP and NWRTPO Regional Transportation Plan:** RTPO staff have conducted major updates to our R.T.P. at this time, which was approved and authorized at our January 2021 meeting. The NMDOT (State plan) has come into the 4/5-year major update cycle so they too conducted a more major update in 2020 which continues in 2021. Our RTPO updates our plan on an annual basis; nonetheless, staff undertook a more comprehensive update with RTPO members June – December 2020, in sync. with the NMDOT LRTP update. More updates are anticipated in FFY2021.
- E. 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 but presently without funding. Nonetheless 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.
- F. News, Training and Funding Opportunities:** The following training and funding opportunities have recently emerged:
- FHWA Planning, Environment & Realty Reports: 9/22
  - NMDOT Govt. to Govt. Update: none
  - AASHTO Publications: none
  - NMDOT / UNM-LTAP: Provides a very robust collection of training opportunities – staff forward news to members as it comes out from this source – reference at [ltap.unm.edu](http://ltap.unm.edu) – Online courses notice forwarded to members as LTAP emails come in.
  - Title VI Training is available to MPO’s and RTPO’s from Lisa Neie – Civil Rights Manager for FHWA New Mexico. These trainings can be customized to address member concerns and issues for their regions, if provided to her in advance.
  - Every Day Counts News: 9/2/21, 9/16/21, 10/5/21
  - FEMA’s Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program: 9/2/21
  - USDOT Innovator Newsletter: 9/7/21, 10/5/21
  - Reminder on additional documentation: required for TAP, RTP, and CMAQ project application submissions
  - Reminder on LGTPF 2019 Projects: due for completion by June 30, 2022
  - “Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Steam Locomotive 2926”: Display & Open House by NM Railroad Historical Society – Sept. 25 at 1833 8<sup>th</sup> St. Albuquerque, 9am to 5pm. (sent 9/14/21)
  - Announcement: Lisa Vega new NMDOT District 6 Engineer