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Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NWRTPO)

RTPO Joint Technical & Policy Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 15, 2026 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Ramah Navajo Chapter House
434 BIA Route 125, Pine Hill, NM 87357

AGENDA

ROUTINE ITEMS:

Item #	Item	Presenter
I.	Call to Order and Introductions	Raymond Concho Jr., Chairman
II.	*Action*: Agenda	Raymond Concho, Jr. Chairman
III.	*Action*: August 12, 2026 Meeting Minutes	Raymond Concho, Jr. Chairman

ACTION ITEMS:

Item #	Item	Presenter
IV.	FFY2027 – 2028 Election of Officers	Brandon Howe, RTPO

DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION ITEMS:

Item #	Item	Presenter
V.	FY2028 Federal Transit Funding Rating & Ranking Updates	Stephen Dimitriou & Alexis Corning-Padilla, NMDOT Transit Division
VI.	Gallup H.O.P.E. Regional Transit Project	Meredith Greene Madrigal, SociusAmica
VII.	Exploration of engagement practices in Construction Projects	Dominica Bennett, UNM Department of Civil, Construction, & Environmental Engineering
VIII.	Ramah Navajo Transportation Projects Presentation	Dorothy Claw & Michael Eriacho, Ramah Navajo Department of Transportation

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

RTPO Program Report *(significant news only)*	Brandon Howe, RTPO
Local Member Reports *(significant news only)*	By Entity
New Mexico Department of Transportation Reports *(significant news only)*	RTPO Liaison (TBD) Tribal Liaison (Angelica Trujillo) District 5 (Sean Brady, Amanda Nino) District 6 (Kyle Slim, Joseph "Steve" Gonzales)

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

ANNOUCEMENTS & NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, December 9, 2026 @ Navajo Division of Transportation 16 Indian Route 54, Window Rock, AZ 86515 (unless otherwise determined or virtual via Microsoft Teams)

ADJOURNMENT

Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NWRTPO)

Joint Policy & Technical Committee

Meeting Minutes
Wednesday August 12, 2026
10:00am – 12:00pm
McKinley County Conference Center
207 W. Hill Avenue, Gallup, NM 87301

ATTENDANCE:

Tribal & Local Public Agencies (T/LPAs)

Agency	Primary Member	Alternate Member
Pueblo of Acoma	**Raymond Concho – RTPO Chair**	**Nadine Kowice**
Pueblo of Laguna	Jolette Arietta	Romulo Lastreto
Pueblo of Zuni	Royce Gchachu	Roxanne Hughte
Navajo Nation	**Amanda Tolino, Eastern**	**Priscilla Lee, NDOT**
	ShaQuilla Yazzie, Ft. Defiance	
	Regina Martinez, Eastern	
Ramah Navajo	**Dorothy Claw**	**Michael Eriacho**
City of Grants	**Nadine Jiron**	Tiffany Lasater
City of Gallup	Keegan MacKenzie-Chavez	**Alicia Santiago**
Village of Milan	**Denise Baca**	**Gabrielle Gonzales**
Cibola County	Linda Cooke	**Joseph Baca**
McKinley County	**Rodney Skersick**	**Yvonne Tso**
San Juan County	Nick Porell	Vacant
Farmington MPO – Ex-officio	Peter Koeppel	Vacant

New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT)

Entity	Representative(s)
RTPO Liaison	Samuel Jensen
District 5	**Sean Brady, Amanda Nino, Crystal Macias**
District 6	**Bill Santiago, Kyle Slim, Joseph Gonzales**
Tribal Liaison	**Angelica Trujillo**
DOT Central Regional Design Office	James Sanchez, Juan Archuletta
Other NMDOT Staff / Guests	**Evan Williams, Executive Director** **Esteban Alonzo, Planner** **Hanna Youngblut, NMDOT Hazmat** **Charlene Johnson, Navajo DOT** **Marco Sells, Navajo DOT** **Martin McBride, Pueblo of Acoma** **Kathleen Clemons, Pueblo of Acoma** **Casey McElroy, Kimley-Horn**

Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization	
Northwest NM Council of Governments	**Brandon Howe, Interim Program Manager**

Tally Sheet – Attendance & Quorum

Total Full Attendance:	T/LPAs	NMDOT	RTPO	Full Attendance Norm:	Guests	
	11	4: DOT Liaison, Tribal Liaison, District 5 & 6 Representatives	1	16	varies	
Attendance – this meeting:	**T/LPAs**	**NMDOT Attendance:**	**RTPO**	**Attendance % this meeting**	**Guest**	**Total Attendees**
	8 T/LPAs *[6 - Primary 2 - Alternate]*	3	1	75%	8	29

ROUTINE ITEMS:

Item #	Item
I.	**Call to Order and Introductions.** Meeting was called to order at **10:06**am, **Chairman Raymond Concho Jr., Pueblo of Acoma,** welcomed those in attendance, and proceeded with introductions approval of agenda and minutes. The meeting was conducted **virtually**.
II.	**Agenda: Chairman Raymond Concho Jr., Pueblo of Acoma,** provided an overview of the day's agenda topics and called for a motion: Interim Program Manager Brandon Howe, requested that Item IV. Formal Amendment #3 can be removed from the agenda based on feedback from NMDOT Planning Bureau recommendations. **ACTION: Alicia Santiago, City of Gallup, motioned; Amanda Tolino, Navajo DOT seconded** adoption of the agenda with the removal of item IV. ; all in favor – motion carried unanimously.
III.	**Minutes (February 11, 2026): Chairman Raymond Concho Jr., Pueblo of Acoma,** provided time for review of minutes. **Chairman Raymond Concho Jr., Pueblo of Acoma,** called for a motion. **ACTION: Amanda Tolino, Navajo DOT, motioned; Alicia Santiago, City of Gallup seconded** the adoption of the minutes. All in favor – motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS:

item #	Item	Presenter
IV.	**NWRTPO Formal Amendment #3 – Removed from Agenda**	**Brandon Howe, RTPO**
BACKGROUND		
• **Why?** • **Purpose:**		
CURRENT WORK		
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ANTICIPATED WORK		
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ATTACHMENTS		
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BUDGET IMPACT		
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ACTION ITEM		
• Removed from Agenda		

Discussion: Item not presented as it was requested to remove from the agenda per Interim Program Manager Brandon Howe.

ACTION: None

item #	Item	Presenter
V.	**NWRTPO Bylaws Reauthorization**	**Brandon Howe, RTPO**

BACKGROUND

- **Why?** The NWRTPO is an organization of transportation representatives from Local and Tribal public agencies to perform transportation related planning and development for the region. The quasi-governmental nature of the RTPO requires the organization to develop, approve and reauthorize Bylaws on a regular basis.
- **Purpose:** Bylaws are a set of written rules that establish the internal management of the RTPO and provides guidance to the Joint Policy & Technical Committee as well as the RTPO Program Manager and the Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments.

CURRENT WORK

- None

ANTICIPATED WORK

- None

ATTACHMENTS

- FY2027 NWRTPO FFY2027 Bylaws:

BUDGET IMPACT

- None

ACTION ITEM

- ACTION: **Nadine Jiron, City of Grants**, motioned; **Regina Martinez, Navajo DOT** seconded the reauthorization of NWRTPO Bylaws for Federal Fiscal Year 2027. All in favor – motion carried unanimously.

Discussion: No discussion

item #	Item	Presenter
VI.	**NWRTPO Open Meetings Act Resolution**	**Brandon Howe, RTPO**

BACKGROUND

- **Why?** Per state regulations, the NWRTPO must approve an Open Meetings Act Resolution to provide the organizations acceptance to follow the Open Meetings Act [NMDA 10-15-4]
- **Purpose:** The Opens Meeting Act is to require that public business be conducted in full public view, that the actions of public bodies be taken openly, and that the deliberations of public bodies be open to the public.

CURRENT WORK

- None

ANTICIPATED WORK

- None

ATTACHMENTS

- FY2027 NWRTPO Open Meetings Act Resolution:

BUDGET IMPACT

- None

ACTION ITEM

- ACTION: **Amanda Tolino, Navajo DOT** motioned; **Alicia Santiago, City of Gallup** seconded the adoption of Resolution 2026-001 NWRTPO Open Meetings Act for Federal Fiscal Year 2027. All in favor – motion carried unanimously.

Discussion: No discussion

item #	Item	Presenter
VII.	**NWRTPO Public Participation Plan**	**Brandon Howe, RTPO**

BACKGROUND

- **Why?** The NWRTPO is the entity responsible for transportation planning in the region and as a recipient of federal funding, need to ensure public participation when conducting planning activities.
- **Purpose:** The purpose of the Public Participation Plan is to outline the State and Federal requirements for RTPOs. The plan is mandated to help organizations such as RTPOs foster continuing cooperative and comprehensive (3-C) public participation.

CURRENT WORK

- None

ANTICIPATED WORK

- None

ATTACHMENTS

- FFY2027 NWRTPO Public Participation Plan:

BUDGET IMPACT

- None

ACTION ITEM

- ACTION: **Alicia Santiago, City of Gallup** motioned; **Nadine Jiron, City of Grants** seconded the reauthorization of the NWRTPO Public Participation Plan for Federal Fiscal Year 2027. All in favor – motion carried unanimously.

Discussion: No discussion

item #	Item	Presenter
VIII.	**NWRTPO Title VI Plan**	**Brandon Howe, RTPO**

BACKGROUND

- **Why?** The NWRTPO is committed to compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 49 CFR, part 2, and all related regulations and directives.
- **Purpose:** The purpose of the Title VI Plan is to assure that no person shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity under any NWRTPO program, activity, or service.

CURRENT WORK

- None

ANTICIPATED WORK

- None

ATTACHMENTS

- FFY2027 NWRTPO Title VI Plan:

BUDGET IMPACT

- None

ACTION ITEM

- ACTION: **Nadine Jiron, City of Grants** motioned; **Alicia Santiago, City of Gallup** seconded the reauthorization of the NWRTPO Title VI Plan for Federal Fiscal Year 2027. All in favor – motion carried unanimously.

Discussion: No discussion

item #	Item	Presenter
IX.	**NWRTPO FFY2027 Meeting Schedule**	**Brandon Howe, RTPO**

BACKGROUND

- **Why?** RTPO member and public awareness for NWRTPO meetings. Update meeting locations and dates for the new FFY2027 schedule.
- **Purpose:** Review and approve JPTC of the meeting schedule for the remainder of the Federal Fiscal Year, locations need to be identified, and meetings will be scheduled to be held in person.

CURRENT WORK

- None

ANTICIPATED WORK

- JPTC Meetings for FFY2027

ATTACHMENTS

- FFY2027 NWRTPO Annual Meeting Schedule Public Notice:

BUDGET IMPACT

- None

ACTION ITEM

- ACTION: **Alicia Santiago, City of Gallup** motioned; **Amanda Tolino, Navajo DOT** seconded the approval of the Annual Meeting Schedule and Public Notice of the NWRTPO for Federal Fiscal Year 2027 as presented. All in favor – motion carried unanimously.

Discussion: Brandon Howe presented the schedule as currently constructed and indicated that all hosts have been confirmed but locations are still pending for the April and August meetings. Nadine Jiron from the City of Grant indicated that they have secured a meeting location for the April meeting and it will be held at the Cibola Senior Center located at 550 Jurassic Court, Grants, NM 87021. Mr. Howe indicated that the Pueblo of Laguna is still in the process of identifying a location and upon identification, a new schedule will be presented to the JPTC in October. Mr. Howe asked that the JPTC vote to approve the existing schedule so that the JPTC can convene in October for the next regular meeting.

DISSCUSSION/PRESENTATION ITEMS:

item #	Item	Presenter
VI.	**McKinley County Railroad Crossing Elimination**	**Rodney Skersick, McKinley County** **Casey McElroy, Kimley-Horn**

BACKGROUND

- **Why?** The USDOT and Federal Rail Administration have been actively looking to reduce vehicular, pedestrian and non-motorized transportation mode conflict with locomotives. During recent federal legislation, new programs were created to combat these issues. McKinley County, in partnership with the NWNMCOG and the RTPO applied for funding to study the potential elimination of at-grade rail crossings throughout McKinley and Cibola Counties.
- **Purpose:** The purpose of this item to present an overview of the project to inform the JPTC of a project that could have tremendous impact to the region including the increased safety at these locations. The presentation was also presented as a resource for T/LPAs interested in conducting similar studies in known problems areas.

CURRENT WORK

- None

ANTICIPATED WORK

- None

ATTACHMENTS

- McKinley County RCE presentation:

BUDGET IMPACT

- None

ACTION ITEM
• None

Discussion: See attached presentation material.

REPORTS:

Item	Presenter
Reports, Updates, Announcements	**Brandon Howe, RTPO**

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
RTPO News & Updates • RTPO supported multiple applications to the NMDOT for Transportation Project Fund • RTPO developed the FFY2026-2027 Regional Work Program and submitted to NMDOT for review and approval. • RTPO staff supported the McKinley Railroad Crossing Elimination initiative • RTPO staff supported the Gallup-McKinley TradePort Partnership with Autonomous Vehicle Testing Initiative
Local Member Reports: • See member reports below
NMDOT Reports: • See NMDOT reports below
News, Training & Funding Opportunities: • None

Pueblo of Acoma

- **ROAD REHABILITATION (OTHER) PROJECT:** NMDOT FY 2026 LGRF funds for $30,172 was approved. School bus stops and signage will be addressed.
- **SP 38 HAAK'U ROAD PLANNING & DESIGN PROJECT:** The NMDOT TPF-funded design project is 100% complete. Remaining funds will be returned to NMDOT.
- **SP 38 HAAK'U ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT PHASE IA:** Phase IA construction funding was approved by the New Mexico Indian Affairs Department (NM IAD) Tribal Infrastructure Fund (TIF), Congressional Direct Spending, and FHWA Tribal Transportation Program. Bid documents will be released by Summer 2026.
- **SP 30 PUEBLO ROAD (ENTIRE ROUTE):** Pueblo received funding for the SP 30 Pueblo Road (10.4 miles) Design Project. Funding was approved by NM IAD TIF. NV5 is the selected Road Design Contractor. Design is ongoing.
- **MESA HILL BRIDGE PRECONSTRUCTION PROJECT:** WHPacific completed design plan updates and environmental assessment. The Data Recovery Plan Implementation Project field work was completed in January 2025; a final report is pending.
- **MESA HILL BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT:** The Mesa Hill Bridge Construction application was submitted and approved by FHWA for $101 million. Bid documents are being finalized.
- **M123 BRIDGE DESIGN PROJECT (ACOMA CREEK BRIDGE ON SP 34 FATIMA HILL ROAD):** Funded for $137,049 from the FHWA TTP Bridge Program. KLJ Construction was awarded the design contract, and the project is 95% complete.
- **M124 BRIDGE DESIGN PROJECT (ACOMITA LAKE BRIDGE ON SP 34 FATIMA HILL ROAD):** Funded for $380,000 from the FHWA TTP Bridge Program. KLJ Construction was awarded the design contract, and the project is 95% complete.
- **SP 30 PUEBLO ROAD SECTIONS 110 AND 120 (EAST END FROM I-40 UNDERPASS to NM 124):** Design is ongoing with Wilson and Company. Road design plans are 100% complete. The construction funding request will be submitted in the summer of 2026.

Pueblo of Zuni

- Not present but submitted report

- Zuni Governor and Tribal Council allocated $2 million of the ARPA funds to our Tribal Roads Program to contract for asbestos surveys, asbestos abatement services and demolish the former Zuni DY Elementary School, Old Zuni Ampex Building, Zuni Public Library, a vacant house and the Zuni Twin Buttes building. The remaining funds will be used to establish an all-weather parking area for the new administrative office modular building. Added 6 staff to the tribal roads program. Project concludes in 2026.
- Small contract with the Indian Health Service to disconnect and abandon four (4) wellhouses. Completed the project in July 2026.
- NV5 designing BIA Route 5, Nutria Road. Consultant has delivered 50% of the roadway designs. The Zuni Tribe will apply for the Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects (NSFLTP) program. A discretionary program that is 100% funded for improvements to BIA and/or other federal routes.
- We will revisit the Sandy Springs road project. We did not receive any bids in 2023 and 2024. The Tribal Roads program will reconstruct and improve the road project but will also have an asphalt paving company provide training on asphalt paving to our crew.
- Will have Prestigious Paving to restripe the BIA Zuni paved roads.
- Other activities:
    - Assisted in the emergency flooding for the past two weeks. Zuni received assistance from the NM National Guard, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, FEMA, State of New Mexico, other NM Tribal Government agencies and private donations.....a very big THANK YOU.
    - Submitted ICIP applications for designs and construction of new helipad/heliport in the Blackrock community.
    - As the airport manager, we completed the phase II of the safety airport project, which involved in removing dirt materials at the east end of the runway.....because of clear sight distances that FAA deemed unsafe.

McKinley County

- **Whitecliffs Bridge 8085:** Project has been designed and has received BNSF approval. Project is ready for construction.
- **Purty Rock Bridge 9024:** Project has been designed. Funding received through NMFA Water Project Fund under Flood Prevention Category. Project is ready for construction
- **Rainbow Trail/Lobo Valley Road:** Project was completed in July using NMDOT LGRF. Project being closed out with NMDOT D6
- **Mentmore Extension**: Project has received Easements and ROW and is ready for construction using NMDOT LGRF and Transportation Project Fund.
- **Anni Clani Bridge**: Project is currently being design and is 75% complete. Project was recently funded TPF funding and will begin construction in the spring.
- **Railroad Crossing Elimination:** McKinley County has procured Kimley-Horn to analyze 8 crossings across the two county region of McKinley and Cibola. The team is currently finalizing alternatives for each crossing. Alternatives have been presented to local stakeholders and the project will be completed by December 2026.
- **Hasler Valley Road Extension:** McKinley County has procured consultants who will initiate the feasibility study to determine alternatives for extension from Hasler Valley Road to Red Rock Park.
- **Bridges:** McKinley County has procured engineers who will begin design to replace 8 bridges throughout the county.

City of Gallup

Community Development (Keegan & Alicia) – handle these projects:

- **East Nizhoni Phase I-IV**
    - Phase I-III have been completed
    - Phase IV (Re-bid) – a final walk through was done on July 7, 2026. Awaiting the Final Punch List and Substantial Completion letter. Awaiting the Final Pay App.
    - Working on closing paperwork to D6 for LP60033
- **West Aztec Drainage**
    - Design is ongoing and has completed the final task force review.
    - The City Project Manager and Mayor are working with the owner for the land needed for this project.
    - The city was awarded a TPF grant for the construction of the storm drainage.

- **2nd & 3rd Street Pedestrian Safety Improvements**
  - Project is currently temporary suspended until funding is granted either with NMDOT Rail Division or the City.
- **Quiet Zone for 2nd & 3rd Street**
  - Project is currently temporary suspended until the safety improvements design is complete.
- **Gallup Road Improvement**
  - Work will continue through the end of construction season based on the availability of asphalt.
  - The city's Streets Department is doing the work.
- **East & West I-40 Interchanges**
  - Work has been completed and all reimbursement request have been made.
- **Aztec Avenue Rehabilitation**
  - Work has started and will continue on Aztec east of the 602 right-of-way towards Strong Avenue.
  - Mill and inlay have been completed from Marguerite Ave. to Arnold St. and east of the 602 right-of-way to 8th St.
- **Hasler Valley Road reconstruction**
  - Working with the Project Manager on how to address this project.
  - § Due to the heavy high volume traffic we may bid this project and request to use the highway mix.

Milan

- Not report

Ramah Navajo

- **Bridge Installation** – M801 on BIA 125 – 40 years old. Helped address continuous flooding along the corridor. Will help preserve the road infrastructure.
- **BIA 145** – TPF was awarded. Funding will be used to construct improvements to the road
- **BIA 120** – working on the 5 required certifications per the NMDOT manual
- **Funding Cut** – 12% cut in federal funding will hurt Ramah Road Maintenance activities

Cibola County

- No report

Grants

- **2nd St. Shared Loop** - overall trail construction is complete.
- **Washington Ave** - Roadway construction is complete, trail is complete. Project is complete.
- **Sakelares Blvd.** - In design phase. Engineer is working with Tierra Right of Way on property acquisition needed for widening of the roadway and trail.
- **Nimitz Ave** - Project is still in construction phase.
- **Anderman Bridge** – NMDOT commissioned design is being finalized, construction slated to start soon.
- **E. Roosevelt** - working with Wilson and Co on alignment study. Environmental services and assessment.
- **Gunderson Davis** - 90% design 30% water/wastewater. Working with property owner to acquire a small portion of land for lift station placement.

Pueblo of Laguna

- No report

Navajo Nation

- **Red Lake Chapter** – Working with the local chapter to complete previously funded road projects including last year's Transportation Project Fund award
- **N30/US491** – Supporting the solar lighting project. Project is currently advertised and will begin soon
- **Twin Lakes Chapter** – Street Lighting project, design complete, estimated cost is $3.1M
- **N5/NM371** – Burnham Chapter intersection project. Focused on Safety and widening turning lanes.
- **Smith Lake Chapter** – Continuing to work on Wolf Canyon Road – Navajo Nation Funding
- **Chee Dodge Intersection** – seeking more funding to complete the project

New Mexico Department of Transportation Reports ***(significant news only)***	RTPO Liaison (Samuel Jensen) Tribal Liaison (Angelica Trujillo) District 5 (Sean Brady, Crystal Macias, Amanda Nino) District 6 (James Martinez, Bill Santiago, Kyle Slim)

Multimodal Planning & Programs Bureau – **Samuel Jensen**

- Not Present

NMDOT District 5 – **Sean Brady, Crystal Macias, Amanda Nino**

- Rolling out new grant agreements – please monitor and get executed as soon as possible
- In the process of closing out current agreements with T/LPAs
- Awaiting announcement of TPF awards

NMDOT District 6 – **Bill Santiago**, **Kyle Slim**

- Local Government Coordinator Bill Santiago announced retirement
- Capital Outlay Agreements are set to expire. Will need requests for extensions if needed
- NMDOT District 6 will be requesting monthly updates for projects with agreements through the district.

NMDOT Tribal Liaison – **Angelica Trujillo**

- State Tribal Collaboration Act
- Transportation Safety Summit coming up. Would encourage T/LPAs to attend this in state conference.

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

- Acoma – Acoma Feast Day is scheduled for September 2, 2026. Chairman Concho invites all RTPO members to attend and partake in the event.

ANNOUCEMENTS & NEXT MEETING: Next JPTC meeting will be held October 14, 2026 @ 434 BIA Route 125, Pinehill, NM 87357 (unless otherwise determined or virtual via Microsoft Teams)

ADJOURNMENT:

ACTION: Chairman Raymond Concho Jr., RTPO Chairman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at **12:02 PM, Nadine Jiron, City of Grants motioned; Alicia Santiago, City of Gallup seconded**. All in favor – motion carried.

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NORTHWEST NEW MEXICO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NWRTPO)

Agenda Item IV: FFY2027 – 2028 Election of Officers

Subject: Governing Structure

Prepared for: NWRTPO Joint Policy & Technical Committee

Date: 10/15/2026

BACKGROUND
• **Why?** Per the approved FFY2027 Bylaws, the RTPO must conduct an Election of Officers every two years. • **Purpose:** To remain compliant with the Bylaws, the JPTC must hold an Election of Officers.

CURRENT WORK
• None

ANTICIPATED WORK
• None

ATTACHMENTS
• Approved FFY2027 NWRTPO Bylaws

BUDGET IMPACT
• None

ACTION ITEM
• Nomination and Approval of Officers for the Joint Policy & Technical Committee

FFY2027 BYLAWS
of the
Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization
(NWRTPO)

ARTICLE I

NAME & STATUS

A. The Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NWRTPO) is the designated name of the organization.

B. The organization shall be considered a quasi-governmental association formed for the purposes outlined herein below.

C. The NWRTPO was established in 1993 by the Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments under the mandate, authority and recognition of the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) as an inter-agency regional collaborative to assist the State of New Mexico in meeting federal requirements for consultation and cooperation with local and tribal elected officials and their communities in planning, prioritizing and funding transportation projects and initiatives.

D. The geographic area served by the NWRTPO is established as Cibola, McKinley and San Juan Counties in northwestern New Mexico.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSES, GOALS AND FUNCTIONS

A. Purpose

1. The overarching purpose of the NWRTPO is to foster multimodal transportation development as a means for achieving and enhancing quality of place, quality of life, mobility, and economic security for the citizens and communities of northwestern New Mexico.

2. In alignment with the primary mandates of the NMDOT, the NWRTPO is charged with maintaining a continuous, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process that results in plans and programs that consider all transportation modes and support community & economic development and social goals.

3. These plans and programs, in turn, are to lead to the development and operation of an integrated, intermodal transportation system that facilitates the safe, efficient, economic movement of people and goods.

B. Goals

In service to its general purposes, the NWRTPO shall:

1. Serve as a regional forum that analyzes transportation needs and opportunities, formulates comprehensive and specific plans and strategies for efficient and sustainable transportation development, and elicits, evaluates and submits to NMDOT and other agencies informed, ranked and prioritized recommendations for multimodal transportation and enhancement project development in the region;

2. Ensure substantial consultation with and input from the elected officials of the region's local and tribal governments regarding transportation needs, plans, projects and funding priorities;

3. Promote the implementation of an efficient, safe, functional and accessible transportation network in McKinley, Cibola and San Juan Counties.

4. Ensure compliance with all applicable federal and state laws, rules and regulations.

5. Lead and facilitate cross-jurisdictional consultation, cooperation and collaboration among the counties, municipalities, Native American tribes and NMDOT Districts of the region in strategically planning, prioritizing and securing resources for effective multimodal transportation development in service to the mobility, quality of life and economic security of the citizens of northwestern New Mexico.

C. Functions

To achieve the organization's purposes and goals, the NWRTPO shall engage in the following functions:

1. Establish and administer policy for the initial submission of proposed federally funded surface transportation projects.

2. Establish a continuous, multi-year prioritization process for the review, rating and ranking of proposed transportation projects for the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), Federal and State grant and loan programs, or other funding programs as designated in the future.

3. Establish an annual review of existing programmed projects for reprioritizing based on regional, state, and federal transportation priorities and agreed upon process and criteria.

4. Determine the viability of and prioritize transportation projects from a regional perspective. Provide support and technical assistance to participating local governments for more effective development of local transportation projects.

5. Support cross-jurisdictional collaboration, encourage creative funding strategies, and provide a framework for coordinated development of multi-modal transportation among local governments in the NWRTPO planning area.

6. Establish the membership and voting criteria of the NWRTPO.

7. Act as the regional focal point for public involvement in the statewide planning process and strengthen communication and transparency between NMDOT and local governments participating in the NWRTPO.

8. Provide periodic review and updating of the NWRTPO Long-Range Transportation Plan, which is used as a guide for informing regional transportation priorities and goals.

9. Facilitate transportation-related training and information sharing among NWRTPO members.

10. In collaboration with the NMDOT, increase and strengthen the viability and role of the NWRTPO and its fellow regional transportation planning organizations as an effective planning, development, and change agents for regional multimodal transportation mobility, and sustainability for rural transportation infrastructure, services, programs, and funding.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

A. Boundaries

The NWRTPO service area encompasses McKinley, Cibola and San Juan counties in northwestern New Mexico.

B. Local Governmental Members

The governmental jurisdictions comprising the membership of the NWRTPO shall include:

1. The Counties of Cibola, McKinley and San Juan;

2. The municipalities of Gallup, Grants, and Milan; and

3. The Tribal Nations of Navajo Nation, Ramah Navajo of the Navajo Nation, Pueblo of Acoma, Pueblo of Laguna, and Pueblo of Zuni.

C. Technical Members

1. The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) shall be considered a technical advisory member, serving an *ex-officio* and nonvoting role with representatives including staff from the Government-to-Government Unit, Transportation Districts 5 & 6, and other divisions and programs as appropriate.

2. The cities of Farmington, Aztec, Bloomfield, and Kirtland are part of the Farmington Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), which also includes San Juan County. The MPO and RTPO are cooperating partners in regional transportation development.

D. Governing Structure

1. Joint Technical/Policy Committee: There shall be established a Joint Technical/Policy Committee (JTPC), which shall be comprised of representatives from each of the local and tribal members of the NWRTPO, which shall engage in the inter-agency consultative and collaborative functions of the organization, and which shall actualize, oversee and guide the work program of the NWRTPO.

2. Appointments: Each municipal, county and tribal government within the NWRTPO service area shall elect or appoint **one member and one alternate** to serve on the Joint Technical/Policy Committee.

   2.1 In its policy capacity, the NWRTPO representatives shall be authorized to represent their respective governments' interests in policy decisions affecting regional transportation and are responsible for informing and engaging their respective governmental authorities in the regional transportation policy process.

   2.2 Names and contact information of Committee members and alternates can be updated and submitted as needed throughout the year in writing to the NWRTPO staff using the RTPO member appointment form.

3. Voting:

   3.1 Voting privileges shall be accorded and restricted to the duly appointed members or alternates of the Joint Technical/Policy Committee.

   3.2 When votes are taken, tallied and recorded in connection with a Committee action, each member entity shall be accorded one (1) vote.

4. Attendance: In order to encourage participation and prevent cancellation of meetings due to lack of quorum, if any local government representative misses three (3) consecutive meetings, the Committee may seek to replace that representative on the Committee, in consultation with the local or tribal appointing entity.

5. Term: Members and alternates may serve at the discretion of their local governing body for an indefinite timeframe, provided that:

   5.1 The members and alternatives shall be appointed or re-appointed annually; and

   5.2 Biennial election or reconfirmation of Committee officers shall take place.

ARTICLE IV

DUTIES OF THE JOINT TECHNICAL/POLICY COMMITTEE

A. The Joint Technical/Policy Committee (JTPC) receives transportation project applications via member submission of such forms as are devised and required by the RTPO and NMDOT, reviews and rates the projects for inclusion in the Regional Transportation Improvement Program Recommendations (RTIPR)

document, and submits the RTIPR to the New Mexico Department of Transportation on at least a biennial basis or as otherwise required by the Department.

B. The JTPC reviews, rates, and ranks all funding program projects on at least a biennial basis and submits these to the appropriate NMDOT Office. This includes a biennial (minimally) RTIPR ranking process as well as transportation alternatives; an annual evaluative process for public transportation, and review of other programs as requested by NMDOT.

C. JTPC members are responsible for identifying potential transportation projects on behalf of local communities within the area of governance they serve, representing and discussing these projects with the NWRTPO Planner and NMDOT District representatives, and submitting projects for formal inclusion in the Transportation Improvement Plans of the region and state. JTPC members are also responsible for attending monthly RTPO meetings and collaborating with the RTPO Planner and NMDOT personnel regarding the progress and status of transportation development and maintenance projects within their respective jurisdictions.

D. In its policy capacity, the JTPC will review, approve and authorize the following roles and services of the NWRTPO on an annual basis:

- The annual work program for the NWRTPO, in consultation with the Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments and NMDOT;
- Acceptance or reconfirmation of member appointments of representatives to the Joint Technical/Policy Committee;
- Review and finalization of the prioritization and ranking of proposed projects in the Regional Transportation Improvement Program Recommendations (RTIPR), for submission to the NMDOT; and
- Review and authorization of proposed actions by the NWRTPO that bear a significant impact upon participating member governments, beyond the routine services provided by the NWRTPO for transportation development and maintenance.

E. Both regular and special policy actions shall engage a process through which the requested action is presented at an initial monthly meeting, after which the RTPO members submit the proposed action and their recommendations through their respective governments' leadership, and bring back their vote for action on the proposed policy action at the following month's meeting. This process assures adequate review and equitable participation on behalf of all participating governments.

F. The JTPC may appoint subcommittees and task forces as needed to enhance the functioning and productivity of the NWRTPO.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS

A. Establishment

Committee Officers shall be considered officers of the NWRTPO association, consisting of a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson elected by the voting members of the Joint Technical/Policy Committee to serve for two (2) years, from October to September of each year. Elections or term renewal shall take place at the first meeting prior annually.

B. Removal

The Committee officers may be removed by annual election, resignation, or by appointing member governments (i.e., when the officer no longer represents his/her member government). In the event that the Chair resigns or is removed, the Vice-Chair shall assume the role of Chairperson, and a new Vice-Chair shall be appointed.

C. Duties of Officers

1. Chairperson

   a. The Chairperson presides at all committee meetings. The Chairperson directs the business of the committee and establishes standing and ad hoc sub-committees to focus on specific areas of concern.

   b. The Chairperson is an *ex officio* member of all standing sub-committees.

   c. The Chairperson provides as appropriate a written and/or oral summary of sub-committee reports to the membership at RTPO committee meetings.

   d. The Chairperson collaborates with the RTPO Planner to ensure that protocol and regulations for public notice and membership notice (including agendas and minutes) for all RTPO meetings are adhered to.

2. Vice-Chairperson

   a. The Vice-Chairperson presides at all meetings at which the Chairperson is absent and performs all duties for which the Chairperson is responsible. If neither is present, the RTPO Planner or another member will be selected as temporary leader for the floor.

   b. It is the preference that the Vice Chair succeeds to the Chair position. However, the NWRTPO Committee shall reserve the right to recommend that the Vice Chair not succeed to the Chair's position at the end of the term and may choose to elect an alternative member.

   c. If the Chairperson resigns or is no longer eligible to be a member of the RTPO Committee, the Vice Chairperson will serve as Chair until an election is held.

ARTICLE VI

STAFF SUPPORT

A. Contracted Services

Under contract with the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT), the Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments (NWNMCOG) will hire and supervise a NWRTPO Program Manager to carry out the annual work program of the NWRTPO under the oversight and guidance of the NWRTPO Joint Technical/Planning Committee, and to staff the work and activities of the Committee. This contract serves as the official document for defining the relationship between the NMDOT and the NWNMCOG with respect to the carrying out the functions and fulfilling the objectives of the NWRTPO. The Program Manager shall work to assist NWRTPO members in both an administrative and technical capacity.

B. Staff Duties

The Program Manager's duties shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Fulfill the duties and responsibilities outlined by the NMDOT and the local government member representatives in the Annual Work Program.

2. Facilitate and assist with the biennial RTIPR process including development of project identification and/or other required forms in collaboration with RTPO members, facilitation of the annual rating and ranking process, creation and distribution of the RTIPR to NMDOT and NWRTPO members.

3. Prepare and facilitate NWRTPO meetings, including meeting arrangements, agenda, public notices, informing members and all other interested parties of meetings, and development and distribution of minutes and other materials.

4. Provide NWRTPO members, the NMDOT District Engineer, Government to Government Unit and other participating NMDOT staff with meeting agendas and information at least one week (7 days) in advance of meetings, and provide public notice no later than as recommended in the Open Meetings Act in advance of NWRTPO meetings.

5. Make presentations on the RTPO planning process and the status of local projects programmed in the RTIPR or STIP to NWRTPO members' governing bodies. These presentations and orientations should be made at least once every three (3) years to each member government to accommodate turnover in staffing and elected leadership.

6. Research, seek and maintain awareness of and correspondence with federal transportation departments and national resource organizations (NADO, AASHTO, AMPO, FHWA, FTA) and funding sources, to:

- stay abreast of state, national and global trends in transportation planning and policy, legislative issues, best practices, and resource, training and funding opportunities, and engage the NWRTPO membership to take advantage of this information in local and regional actions that will enhance the impact of transportation facilities and services on the quality of place, quality of life and economic security of their citizens; and

- provide technical assistance to NWRTPO members and projects to support regional multimodal rural transportation mobility and sustainability on behalf of member governments and the citizens of northwest New Mexico.

ARTICLE VII

MEETINGS

A. All Joint Technical/Policy Committee meetings shall be subject to the Open Meetings Act (NMSA 10-15-1 to 10-15-4) and shall be conducted in accordance with such methods and procedures as the Committee adopts, including virtual meetings when determined required by circumstances by the RTPO Chairman and staff in accordance with state guidance.

B. The Joint Technical/Policy Committee (JTPC) shall meet according to a regular schedule, nominally on the second Wednesday every other month (6-meetings per year) but subject to change at the discretion of the Committee.

C. As they arise, policy actions shall be discussed at regular or special meetings of the Committee, shall be brought to the attention of member government leaders for consultation on preferred action, and shall be voted on at the following month's meeting.

D. A quorum shall consist of one-half (50%) of the voting members.

E. The Committee shall adopt such rules of order as its members agree upon, except that formal actions shall at minimum include a motion, second, and call for vote.

F. Members submitting a project feasibility form (PFF) and/or project identification form (PIF) to be recommended for inclusion in the NWRTPO RTIPR must attend the mandatory meeting each year (February) for project presentation.

G. The NWRTPO Planner may (optional and not required) notify the public by newspaper advertisement of the time and place of regular meetings at least 10 days in advance (special meetings 3 days in advance, emergency meetings with as much advance notice as possible) and shall make such notices available to participating local and tribal governments for posting as appropriate within their communities. At a minimum, the NWRTPO Planner shall post a schedule of regular meetings on the Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments' website to meet Open Meetings Act Requirements.

H. Any JTPC member may submit a matter for consideration on a future agenda.

I. In the absence of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson from a meeting of the JTPC at which a quorum is present, the NWRTPO Planner shall convene and facilitate the meeting, and/or the members present may choose an alternate member to assist or lead the meeting until its conclusion or the arrival of the Chair or Vice-Chair.

J. Persons from the public or any other group or organization desiring to address the NWRTPO or provide a presentation shall make their request to the RTPO Planner at least one week (7 days) in advance of the meeting. The RTPO Planner shall then consult with the RTPO officers for inclusion on the agenda in an upcoming meeting. Presentations shall not exceed 30 minutes unless authorized by the RTPO Chairman under special circumstances.

K. Public participation in meetings shall be as follows:

1. Persons wishing to comment on a specific agenda item must first get permission from the Committee Chair. Speakers are limited to five (5) minutes, and a speaker's time may not be assigned to another speaker.

2. Persons wishing to address the JTPC about issues not on the agenda should offer their comments during the "New Business/Public Comment" agenda item and at the permission of the Committee Chair. Speakers are limited to five (5) minutes, unless at the discretion of the facilitating Chair, discussion ensues, or further explanation is deemed necessary or appropriate. A speaker's time may not be assigned to another speaker. Speakers are requested to not directly address individual members of the JTPC or the RTPO Planner, but address dialogue or presentation to the committee as a whole. The Chairperson shall enforce decorum.

ARTICLE VIII

ETHICS POLICY

A member of the NWRTPO Joint Technical/Policy Committee or the NWRTPO Planner shall not:

1. Accept or solicit any gift, favor, or service that might reasonably tend to influence the member or employee in the discharge of official duties or that the member or employee knows or should know is being offered with the intent to influence the member's or employee's official conduct;

2. Accept other employment or engage in a business or professional activity that the member or employee might reasonably expect would require or induce the member or employee to disclose confidential information acquired by reason of the official position;

3. Accept other employment or compensation that could reasonably be expected to impair the member's or employee's independence of judgment in the performance of the member's or employee's official duties;

4. Make personal investments that could reasonably be expected to create a substantial conflict between the member's or employee's private interest and the public interest;

5. Intentionally or knowingly solicit, accept, or agree to accept any benefit for having exercised the member's or employee's official powers or performed the member's or employee's official duties in favor of another; or

6. Attempt to influence a legislative decision at any level of government, but only seek to inform members or the public of issues or impacts.

ARTICLE IX

RECORDS

A. Maintenance of Records

All records generated by the JTPC and any subcommittees in conducting NWRTPO business are to be maintained by the NWRTPO Planner of the NWNM Council of Governments. All records generated by the NWRTPO and any of its subcommittees are joint property of the NMDOT and the NWNM Council of Governments and should be maintained in a manner accessible to authorized (appointed) NWRTPO JTPC members.

B. Title of Records

If the Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization terminates or ceases to exist and function, the title to all its assets and records will remain with the New Mexico Department of Transportation and the Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments.

ARTICLE X

AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

A. The Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of all voting members present, under circumstances of a quorum.

B. Any voting member may propose amendments to the bylaws by submitting in writing to the Chairperson of the Joint Technical/Policy Committee and the NWRTPO Planner at least 30 days prior to the next scheduled meeting in order to provide adequate time for the proposed amendment to be added to the meeting agenda and for distribution to voting members for review. Any bylaw amendment that affects the relationship of the NWRTPO to the NMDOT or NWNMCOG must be submitted to both organizations for consideration.

CERTIFICATION

These NWRTPO bylaws were reviewed and approved by the Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization on ~~December 10, 2025~~ – at a duly noticed and public meeting of the NWRTPO.

August 12, 2026

Raymond Concho Jr., *Chairman*
RTPO Joint Technical/Policy Committee

Evan Williams, *Executive Director*
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Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NWRTPO)

Agenda Item V: FY28 Federal Transit Funding Rating & Ranking Updates

Subject: Informational

Prepared for: NWRTPO Joint Policy & Technical Committee

Date: 10/15/2025

BACKGROUND
• **Why?** The NWRTPO is tasked by NMDOT to conduct evaluations and ranking of annual Transit Applications. • **Purpose:** The purpose of this introduction is to provide an overview of the available programs including 5310: Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities - meet the transportation needs of older adults and people with disabilities when the transportation service provided is unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate to meeting these needs. • 5311: Rural Areas - provides federal funding to states for capital, planning, and operating assistance to support public transportation in rural areas with populations of less than 50,000, where many residents often rely on public transit to reach their destinations.

CURRENT WORK
• None

ANTICIPATED WORK
• Collection of applications from NMDOT Transit, Distribution to RTPO Members, Transit Application Evaluations and Evaluation Calculations

ATTACHMENTS
• NMDOT FFY2028 FTA 5310 & 5311 Funding Program Overview Presentation

BUDGET IMPACT
• None

ACTION ITEM
• None

FY28 Transit Funding Rating & Ranking Updates

NMDOT

New Mexico DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
MOBILITY FOR EVERYONE

Transit Bureau

NMDOT

- Administers federal transit grant funding and programs and provides technical and coordination assistance to public and private non-profit public transit systems.
- Supports the development of transit and ridesharing as viable transportation choices in New Mexico.
- Administers federal transit grants and planning funds used by the state's larger municipalities and MPOs for public transit-related programs.
- Manages the NMDOT Park and Ride intercity bus service & NMGo!
- Assists local governments to establish Regional Transit Districts (RTDs) and assists the RTDs to plan, coordinate and implement service.

Funding Programs

NMDOT

- FTA Section 5304 (Statewide Planning)
- FTA Section 5310 (Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities)
- FTA Section 5311 (Rural/Non-Urbanized Public Transportation)
- FTA Section 5339 (Bus and Bus Facilities)

Changes to FY28 Rating and Ranking

- NMDOT proposes holding the rating and ranking meetings in early 2027
- For the FY28 application review, NMDOT will provide MPOs/RTPOs access to our BlackCat system rather than sending applications via email.
- Updated evaluation sheets will be provided prior to the application review period.

Action Items

NMDOT

- Please send NMDOT your 2027 MPO/RTPO meeting schedules so we can coordinate the rating and ranking meeting dates.
- Please submit the contact information for individuals who will review applications by 11/30/2026 so we can give them BlackCat access.
- If you have suggestions of questions to include in the evaluation sheets, please send them to NMDOT by 11/30/2026.

NMDOT

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Agenda Item VI: Gallup H.O.P.E. Regional Transit Facility Project

Subject: Regional Transit

Prepared for: NWRTPO Joint Policy & Technical Committee

Date: 10/15/2026

BACKGROUND
• **Why?** The Gallup Regional Transit Facility project has been an idea of the region for many years. The project aims to develop a regional transit facility that supports Gallup Transit, Navajo Transit and A:Shiwi Transit. • **Purpose:** Present preliminary planning and feasibility of the project. Inform stakeholders of the immediate next steps and seek buy-in from the public and participating agencies.

CURRENT WORK
• None

ANTICIPATED WORK
• Funding Support to implement future phases

ATTACHMENTS
• Gallup H.O.P.E. Project Presentation

BUDGET IMPACT
• None

ACTION ITEM
• None

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Agenda Item VII: Exploration of Engagement Practices in Construction Projects

Subject: Community Engagement

Prepared for: NWRTPO Joint Policy & Technical Committee **Date:**

10/15/2026

BACKGROUND
• **Why?** T/LPAs regularly engage in construction projects and a key component of the process is community engagement. UNM is exploring existing practices during construction projects with hopes to identify best practices and provide insight to improve engagement statewide. • **Purpose:** Research and data collection of existing practices in New Mexico.

CURRENT WORK
• None

ANTICIPATED WORK
• None

ATTACHMENTS
• UNM – Community Engagement Practices Research Project

BUDGET IMPACT
• None

ACTION ITEM
• None

Evaluating Engagement Practices

PhD research

Presented by Dominica Bennett

October 15, 2026

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO

Background

Dominica Bennett, Navajo PhD student at the University of New Mexico
Previous research: *Building Trusted Relationships Among Project Participants in Construction Projects on Tribal Land*

1st research goal

Understand current engagement practices, identify strengths and challenges, and compare perspectives to inform future approaches

UNM Research Team

- *Dominica Bennett (PhD student)*
- *Dr. Susan Bogus Halter*
- *Dr. Lisa Losada-Rojas*

Research Participant Recruitment

Seeking tribal government or representatives who participate in infrastructure projects to share their experiences on engagement practices

Research participant responsibility:

1. Fill out the pre-survey (~10 mins)
2. Read informed consent forms and schedule interview date and time
3. Participate in an online group or individual interview (45 mins)

Please Note:

- *Participation is entirely voluntary, and Tribal names and identifying affiliations will not be included in the research reporting.* ***The data will be anonymized.***
- *If you prefer to do an individual interview instead of joining a group, please indicate in the pre-survey or email me directly.*

Scan for the pre-survey

Thank you for your time!

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Planning

- Railroad Crossing Elimination: Continued to support McKinley County with the Railroad Crossing Elimination Project which studies 8 crossing locations in McKinley and Cibola Counties. Team expects to conduct another round of stakeholder meetings in November.

Projects

- Transportation Project Fund: results were announced at the August 27th NMDOT Transportation Commission Meeting. The following NWRTPO projects were recommended for award:

District	Entity	Title	Match Waiver Intent	95% State Amount	5% Entity Amount	Total Cost
6	Cibola County	County 41 Pie Town Road	No	902,500.00	47,500.00	950,000.00
6	City of Gallup	Mariyana Ave Improvements	No	1,767,000.00	93,000.00	1,860,000.00
6	City of Grants	West Roosevelt Avenue Phase II	Yes	3,500,809.57	184,253.14	3,685,062.71
6	McKinley County	Anni Clanni Bridge #8999	No	2,850,000.00	150,000.00	3,000,000.00
6	Pueblo of Jemez	Jemez Pueblo Roadways Rehab	No	167,003.00	8,789.63	175,792.63
6	Pueblo of Zia	Riverside Dr. Improvement Project	No	189,554.00	9,976.53	199,530.53
6	Ramah Navajo 638	BIA Route 145 Reconstruction Project	No	1,868,217.50	98,327.24	1,966,544.74
6	Sandoval County	Vallecito Bridge	No	743,280.00	39,120.00	782,400.00
6	Village of Cuba	Main Street Safety Improvement Project	Yes	4,049,589.12	213,136.27	4,262,725.39
6	Village of Jemez Springs	Community Park Entrance	Yes	105,116.00	5,532.42	110,648.42
District Six Total				**16,143,069.19**	**849,635.22**	**16,992,704.41**

- Capital Development Program Fund: Supported the following application for transportation related projects:
  - City of Grants – W. Roosevelt Avenue Phase 3 Design
  - Village of Milan – Tietjen Street Design

Administrative

- Federal Fiscal Year Closeout: Completed and submitted final quarterly report. Overage in expenditures occurred, however NWNMCOG will cover the overage.
- Cooperative Agreement: CA FFY2027-2028 has been approved and issued to NWNMCOG. Executed 6/11/2026
- Notice to Proceed: FFY2027-2028 has been approved and issued to NWNMCOG. Executed 09/28/2026
- RTPO Program Manager: Have yet to identify a candidate to fill this role. Actively reviewing resumes.

Training

- NM Infrastructure Finance Conference: RTPO Program Manager is registered to attend the New Mexico Infrastructure Finance Conference to be held in Farmington November 16-19.