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# Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NWRTPO)

## RTPO Joint Technical & Policy Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 12, 2022

10:00 am

Virtual Meeting – Microsoft Teams

## AGENDA

### ROUTINE ITEMS:

Item #	Item	Presenter
I.	Call to Order and Introductions	Dorothy Claw, Chairman
II.	Action: Agenda	Dorothy Claw
III.	Action: Minutes – September 14, 2022 meeting	Dorothy Claw

### ACTION ITEMS:

### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Item #	Item	Presenter
IV.	Review & Discuss: Progress for annual member survey for FFY 2022 (Oct., 2021 – Sept., 2022)	Robert Kuipers
V.	Present: NMDOT Active Transportation and CMAC program Call for Projects	JoAnn Garcia / Shannon Glendenning
VI.	Present: UNM-LTAP Training – Intro. to Grant Writing part 2	UNM-LTAP staff

### REPORTS: (10-minute limit)

*Please submit Written Reports for inclusion in minutes*

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

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, November 9 – Eastside Gallup Fire Station, 3700 Churchrock St., Gallup, NM (unless otherwise determined or virtual via MSTEams)

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## Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NWRTPO)

### Agenda Item #IV: Annual Member Survey

**Subject:** Annual RTPPO member survey of program services and priorities

**Prepared for:** September 14, 2022 RTPPO meeting

**Date:** September 29, 2022

#### BACKGROUND

- **Why?** On an annual basis the NWRTPPO conducts a survey to gauge the quality of program services and consider new priorities going forward
- **Purpose.** Staff seek to refine and improve RTPPO management for local government transportation services and infrastructure development along with supporting cross-jurisdictional collaboration in the NWRTPPO three county / four tribe region
- **Discussion/Finalization.** Members will be provided the survey via hard copy or Survey Monkey option.

#### CURRENT WORK

- Provide survey options so members can complete and submit

#### ANTICIPATED WORK

- Staff will summarize survey results and report back to members and DOT staff in October or November

#### ATTACHMENTS

- FFY2021 Member Survey Form

#### BUDGET IMPACT

- None.

#### ACTION ITEM

- N/A. Based on member feedback, staff will consider and develop recommendations for FFY2023

**Annual NWRTPO Member Survey**  
**FFY – 2022: October, 2021 – September, 2022**

**1) Please enter the number of training events you attended during FFY 2021:**

List (name) the trainings in the appropriate boxes so we can identify the types of trainings you've attended during this time period.

UNM-LTAP / TTAP: (Local Tech. Asst. Prgm. / Tribal Tech. Asst. Prgm.)	•
NHI National Hwy. Institute:	•
FHWA Fed. Hwy. Admin.:	•
Other:	•

**2) Which RTPO members have completed the NWRTPO orientation virtual presentation for your policy officials due in FFY2021?**

Local Government:	Orientation Completed:	Local Government:	Orientation Completed:
San Juan County		Northern Navajo	Aug. – Sept. 2021
McKinley County	8/17/21	Eastern Navajo	Aug – Sept., 2021
Cibola County	9/23/21	Pueblo of Acoma	9/16/21
Gallup	9/28/21	Pueblo of Laguna	8/27/21
Grants	9/7/21	Pueblo of Zuni	9/7/21
Milan	8/19/21	Ramah Navajo	9/2/21

**Response:** (Orientations can be provided at any time a local govt. feels they need another one based on elections and leadership turnover.)

**3) How would you rate the RTPO services over the FFY2022 term (Oct. 2021 – Sept. 2022):**

Rating	Comments:
✓ Excellent	
✓ Good	
✓ Fair	
✓ Needs Improvement	

**4) Please provide information on any presentations you are interested in having at an RTPO meeting:**

- A)
- B)
- C)
- D)

**5) Please provide any feedback on issues or ideas that would be helpful to improve the RTPO service to our local governments:**

- A)
- B)
- C)
- D)

**6) The RTPPO seeks opportunities to strengthen rural positioning for transportation resources, using data and performance measures. Do you have any new ideas or creative suggestions?**

- A)
- B)
- C)
- D)

**7) The Goals in our Regional Transportation Plan include:**

- 1) Operational Capacity (*Operate with Transparency and Accountability*)
- 2) Safety (*Improve Safety and Health for all System Users*)
- 3) Asset Management (*Maintain Transportation Assets for the Long Term*)
- 4) Mobility and Accessibility (*Provide Multimodal Connectivity and Access*)
- 5) Program Delivery (*Respect NM Cultures, Environment, History, Health and Quality of Life*)

Are there specific actions or strategies within these goals that you would like more focus toward on the part of NWRTPPO staff and members in the year ahead?

**8) Any additional recommendations from your jurisdiction for the NWRTPPO?**



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### **Agenda Item #V: NMDOT Active Transportation and CMAC program Call for Projects**

**Subject: Continued TAP, RTP and CMAQ Call for Project Opportunities**

**Prepared for: October 12 RTPO meeting**

**Date: 9/29/22**

#### **BACKGROUND**

- **Why?** NMDOT has remaining funds in these three funding categories which are available for RTPO's and MPO's to apply for.
- **Purpose.** Make RTPO members aware of these remaining funding opportunities related to our 2022 RTIPR around the Transportation Alternative Program, Recreational Trails Program, and Congestion Mitigation / Air Quality program.
- **Discussion/Finalization.** Staff have requested this presentation from NMDOT – Shannon Glendenning and/or JoAnn Garcia.

#### **CURRENT WORK**

- Members are encouraged to consider these additional funding opportunities for local projects

#### **ANTICIPATED WORK**

- Consider these opportunities and review the submission timelines

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

- Relevant guidance

#### **BUDGET IMPACT**

- None

#### **ACTION ITEM**

- N/A



# Transportation Alternative and Recreational Trails Program Application

For Projects in Federal Fiscal Years 2023 - 2025

## Instructions

Applicants are required to read the New Mexico Transportation Alternative and Recreational Trails Program Guide (the Guide) prior to completing this application. Refer to the Guide when completing this application. The Guide provides detailed information on the Scoring Factors, overall TAP/RTP processes, timelines, project eligibilities and applicant requirements. When finalized, submit this application and all required documents as one PDF to your RTPO or MPO planner.

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## Introduction

As outlined in the Guide, this application is used by the TAP selection committee and the Recreational Trails Advisory Board (RTAB) to score and rank all eligible projects. The process is statewide and competitive. Due to funding limitations, not all eligible applicants can be selected. This application may also be used by Mid Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (MRMPO) and El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization (EPMPO) in their TAP application processes. If your agency is within MRMPO or EPMPO boundaries please contact their planning staff for further direction.

Applicants located within Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPO) boundaries are required to complete the Project Feasibility Form (PFF) process and receive District recommendation prior to submitting this application.

Applicants located within Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) boundaries must first consult with your MPO planner to ensure project feasibility and eligibility.

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## Applicant Information

Date of Submittal:

Which program are you applying for:

If applying for RTP funding, select the project category:

Tribal/Local Public Agency:

T/LPA Person in Responsible Charge:

Address:

County:

Phone:

E-mail:

MPO or RTPO:

NMDOT District:

Describe your agency's history with federally funded projects, specifically infrastructure projects.

## ADA/Title VI Compliance (Tribal Governments exempt)

Agency has ADA Transition Plan/Policy registered with NMDOT's Construction and Civil Rights Bureau:

Agency has Title VI Plan registered with NMDOT's CCRB:

If you answered "NO" to either of those questions please contact NMDOT's Construction and Civil Rights Bureau.

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## Project Information

Project name:

Project Scope of Work *(Include major components, project deliverables, and pertinent project details):*

Project Location and Ownership *(include general location, current land ownership, and a site map):*

If located within an RTPO, was the project recommended by the District via the PFF process?

If no, please contact your RTPO and begin the PFF process.

## Project Budget and Timeline

Briefly explain the estimated project budget and timeline *(include which FFYs you are applying for):*

In the table below, please itemize the total project cost by phase and funding source.

Project Phase	Federal	Local***	Tribal	Other	
Preliminary Engineering*					
Utilities					
Right-of-Way					
Construction Management**					
Construction					Project Total
Totals					

\* Preliminary Engineering total includes planning, environmental, and design.

\*\* Construction management total includes bidding, observation and material testing.

\*\*\* Local funds can be used for match and to increase project total.

## Scoring Factors

Applications will be rated and ranked according to the following factors. See the Guide section 5D for detailed explanations of each scoring factor. In your application packet, include any supporting documentation that is referenced in your responses.

### 1. Planning

Applications are awarded two (2) points for each plan in which the project is listed or with which it is consistent for up to a maximum of six (6) points. Please list each plan name below, provide a link if it is available online, and 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.

Plan 1:

Plan 2:

Plan 3:

Other:

**The remaining factors (2-7) will be scored according to the following scale, please limit responses to 1,000 characters for each factor:**

- 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.

### 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 resource and 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**

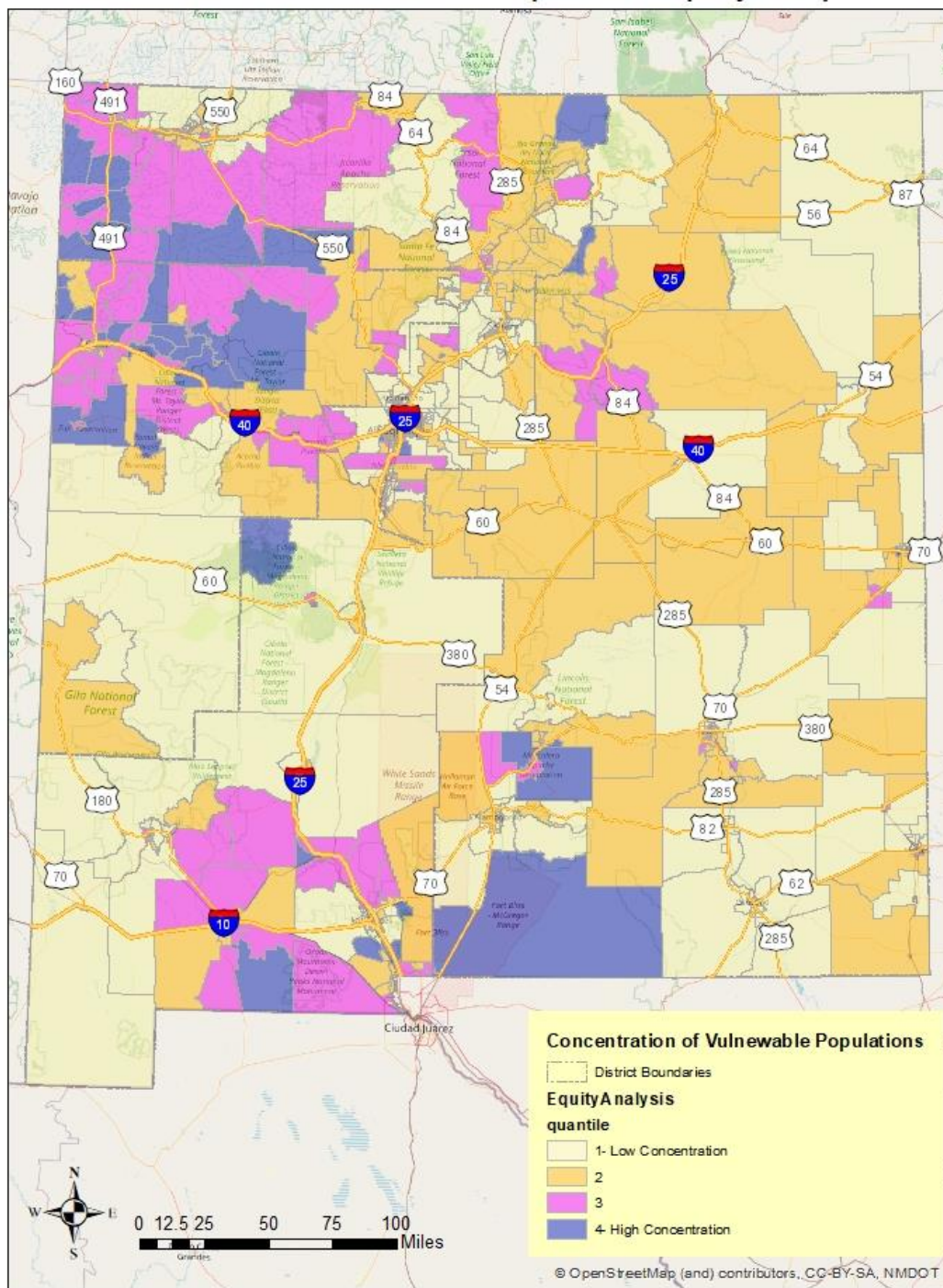
Please explain how your eligible project will enhance, preserve or offer an adaptive reuse of existing infrastructure. Please cite and provide any supporting documents or studies.

## **8. Equity**

NMDOT will be using a Composite Equity Map that assigns a score to each Census block group in the state based on six variables linked to historical underinvestment, and socioeconomic status. NMDOT developed a Composite Equity Map in conjunction with the New Mexico Prioritized Statewide Bicycle Network Plan.

Link to the map: [New Mexico Composite Equity Map \(arcgis.com\)](#)

## DRAFT--- NMDOT Composite Equity Map



Draft Equity Composite Map for review only  
 Created by: Shannon Glendenning  
 Created on: 3/2/2021

*Enter the social vulnerability index value for the most vulnerable Census block group impacted by the project and describe how this project benefits vulnerable users and populations (score 1-low concentration to 4-high concentration). For projects that are in multiple block groups, enter the score for the most vulnerable block group.*

## Application Submission

Applicants must submit the following items as a single PDF to their RTPO/RTPO Planner:

- Cover Page
- Table of Contents
- [Project Feasibility Form \(PFF\)](#) signed by District representative
- [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.
- Map of project location (not required for non-infrastructure or programmatic applicants)
- Any additional documentation in support of scoring factors, per section 5D of the Guide.



# **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      1 Attachment 1  
and state              2 Attachment 2  
relevance of each:    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.*

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<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)  
NMDOT CMAQ Application Non-Mandatory 2023 call for projects



## 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:
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			Recommendation:	<input type="text"/>
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### Agenda Item #VI: UNM LTAP Training – Intro. to Grant Writing

**Subject:** UNM-LTAP will continue an Introduction to Grant Writing Training at this meeting – which may need to be completed at future meetings. We can also have discussion on RTPO members top training interests.

**Prepared for:** Presentation at October 12 meeting, followed by discussion on training interests

**Date:** September 30, 2022

#### BACKGROUND

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

#### CURRENT WORK

- UNM-LTAP staff will continue a 45 minute training on grant writing at this virtual meeting and include some discussion for our members training priorities. Staff are recommending maybe 2 – 3 trainings over a period of 12 months, based on member priorities.
- Members will identify their training priorities, so staff can appropriately engage UNM-LTAP.

#### ANTICIPATED WORK

- UNM-LTAP to provide 2 – 3 trainings over the next 9 – 12 months.

#### ATTACHMENTS

- Training Options Index – staff sent the entire UNM-LTAP Training Catalogue to members via “cloud storage” (providing greater detail for each course)

#### BUDGET IMPACT

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

#### ACTION ITEM

- N/A.



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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:** 10/5/22

#### BACKGROUND

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

#### Informational Items

##### Regional News & Updates

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

##### Member Special Reports:

- None this meeting

##### NMDOT Reports:

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

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

- FHWA Planning, Environment & Realty Reports: 9/8/22
- NMDOT Govt. to Govt. Update: 9/22/22
- 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.
- SMART Grant Opportunity: Strengthening Mobility And Revolutionizing Transportation – 9/21/22
- I-40 Corridor Study for Improvements: conducted by Parametrics Engineering Firm – 9/23/22
- Email Change Notice from NMDOT: All NMDOT staff emails will change from @state.nm.us to @dot.nm.gov in October 9/28/22
- NMDOT Transit & Rail Statewide Public Transportation Planning Study: Kick off meeting will take place October 18 – 10:00 – 11:30 am for rural transit stakeholders statewide. A MS Teams link was provided in this email.
- Reconnecting Communities Grant News: applications due Oct. 13 – 10/5/22
- NM Tribal Transportation Summit: sent to RTPO Tribal members – 10/5/22
- Public Transportation Stakeholders MS Teams virtual meeting: scheduled for Oct. 18 – 10:00 am sent to transit providers and RTPO members – 10/5/22

**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 FFY2022

September Monthly Report											
Function	Budgeted Hours	Q1	Q2	Q3	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sept.-22	Q4	Total Actual hours	Balance	Percentage budgeted differs from actuals*
1	200	26.50	77.50	47.50	3.50	14.50	48.50	66.50	218.00	-18.00	9.00%
2	200	5.00	31.50	4.50	10.00	49.50	155.00	214.50	255.50	-55.50	27.75%
3	450	159.00	130.50	180.00	2.75	3.50	8.25	14.50	484.00	-34.00	7.56%
4	350	12.50	81.00	68.00	68.50	50.50	167.50	286.50	448.00	-98.00	28.00%
5	450	119.50	143.00	76.50	31.25	35.00	88.25	154.50	493.50	-43.50	9.67%
6	450	115.00	80.50	88.50	22.50	19.50	142.00	184.00	468.00	-18.00	4.00%
TOTAL	2100	437.50	544.00	465.00	138.50	172.50	609.50	920.50	2367.00	-267.00	12.71%

\*if budgeted hours differ from actual hours by more than 20% in any function, provide a narrative explanation below: Due to exceeding hours in function #3 at the end of the third quarter, staff tried to work more hours in other function areas, which resulted in exceeded hours in functions 2 and 4.



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## NWRTPO | Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization

### Monthly Report – September 2022

- A. 2022 NWRTPO RTIPR Update:** This year (FFY2021 – 2022) the NWRTPO executed a full Call for Projects which extended from April, 2021 thru March 2022. RTPO members submitted 53 project PFF's and PPF's for our 2021 – 2022 RTIPR update, 49 of which were presented and reviewed by DOT District 6 staff on June 29-30; 4 projects for Northern Navajo were reviewed by DOT District 5. Roadway projects were prioritized in our new RTIPR at our January 12 meeting for 7 of our member governments who submitted qualified projects – per functional classification. RTIPR was approved, finalized and authorized at our February 9, 2022 meeting; DOT District 6 Zipper will take place at our March 9 meeting. During the course of Feb. – March, 2022 a new 2023 Transportation Project Fund from the State of New Mexico was announced, so staff have asked members to submit PFF's to include these projects proposed for next year, in this year's RTIPR to make them more competitive for funding in our current RTIPR; these were completed prior to our March 9 DOT Dist. 6 RTIP (Zipper) meeting.
- B. NMDOT Transportation Project Fund:** The State of New Mexico initiated a new LGTPF fund to support transportation needs across New Mexico, complimenting the ongoing Local Govt. Road Fund in 2019. This fund provided \$50 million statewide in FFY2019. Eleven member governments of the NWRTPO and Farmington MPO were funded for 14 projects for just over \$12 million. In FFY2021 NMDOT had \$120 million available and has been officially renamed to the Transportation Project Fund (TPF) and now officially includes Tribal communities. NMDOT Districts 5 & 6 reviewed and approved 13 projects from 10 of our member governments at a total of just under \$20 million to move forward. When including the Farmington MPO, the total 2021 award is at \$22,415,160.00 for our region. **A new 2023 TPF call for projects was issued with a deadline of May 31, 2022 for project submissions, staff have cited eight (8) projects proposed from seven (7) of our member governments in our 2022 RTIPR. On August 18, 2022 the NM Transportation Commission awarded seven (7) proposed projects from the NWRTPO, and three (3) projects from the Farmington MPO at a total of \$19,747,334 for our three county 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 – FFY22; and continues contributing GIS mapping for regional transportation infrastructure. The NWCOG was the only New Mexico recipient of a NADO Impact Award for the ongoing development of 200 miles of recreational trails in the Zuni Mountains of McKinley and Cibola Counties. The Navajo Nation will soon be developing 80 miles of recreational trails in the Chuska Mountain range, complimenting the rec. trails being developed in the Zuni Mtns. The Pueblo of Laguna is developing bike and pedestrian trails connecting all six of their Pueblo Villages.
- D. Trail of the Ancients Scenic Byway is Nationally Designated:** President Trump signed the "Reviving America's Scenic Byways Act of 2019" into law re-establishing the Scenic Byway Program. This provided the NWRTPO the opportunity to undertake a demanding process to pursue national designation for parts of our New Mexico TOA byway portion. RTPO and COG staff submitted the 2020 application for national designation for portions of our New Mexico Trail of the Ancients Scenic Byway. The entire TOA byway corridor is shared by Counties in the 4-Corners region of Utah, Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado; the Utah and Colorado corridors are already nationally designated. **We received news that major portions of our New Mexico corridor are now designated as a National Byway corridor!** With the return of the federal Scenic Byway Program after a multi-year period when the program went away, **we are reconstructing the TOA Byway Council for New Mexico, and undertaking the challenging responsibility shared by participating counties to monitor and improve the national corridor, along with stronger participation in funding the byway, in collaboration with NMDOT staff. Staff submitted an application to update our Corridor Management Plan as the first rendition was done in November, 2008. This was recently awarded for funding in 2024.**
- E. Major Funding from Federal Sources:** The Federal Govt. and USDOT is providing funding for transportation development in billions of dollars – far beyond anything we've ever seen before, in some cases with short application timeframes. Members are encouraged to become familiar with these opportunities and take advantage of them.
- F. News, Training and Funding Opportunities:** The following training and funding opportunities have recently emerged:
- FHWA Planning, Environment & Realty Reports: 9/8/22
  - NMDOT Govt. to Govt. Update: 9/22/22
  - 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.
  - SMART Grant Opportunity: Strengthening Mobility And Revolutionizing Transportation – 9/21/22
  - I-40 Corridor Study for Improvements: conducted by Parametrics Engineering Firm – 9/23/22
  - Email Change Notice from NMDOT: All NMDOT staff emails will change from @state.nm.us to @dot.nm.gov in October 9/28/22
  - NMDOT Transit & Rail Statewide Public Transportation Planning Study: Kick off meeting will take place October 18 – 10:00 – 11:30 am for rural transit stakeholders statewide. A MS Teams link was provided in this email.
  - Reconnecting Communities Grant News: applications due Oct. 13 – 10/5/22
  - NM Tribal Transportation Summit: sent to RTPO Tribal members – 10/5/22
  - Public Transportation Stakeholders MS Teams virtual meeting: scheduled for Oct. 18 – 10:00 am sent to transit providers and RTPO members – 10/5/22