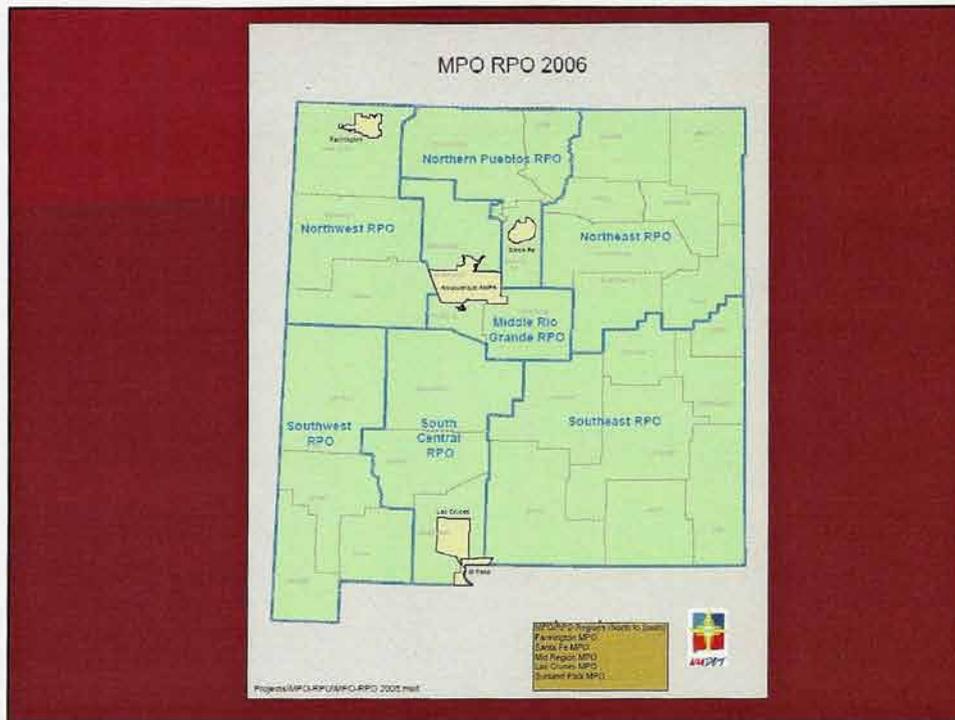


RPO History

- The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) is the designated state agency that receives and administers **federal** transportation funds.
- In order to manage transportation programs more efficiently, the NMDOT created seven regional planning organizations (RPOs) to work with NMDOT District Offices across the State of New Mexico.
- New Mexico has used the RPO process since the early 1990s to conduct outreach to local officials. However, 2005 is the first year that all of the state's 7 Councils of Governments (COGs) provided administrative and staff support for the RPOs.





RPO Contacts

(in alphabetical order by COG)

Eastern Plains Council of Governments (EPCOG)

Northeast Regional Planning Organization (NERPO)
Serving Guadalupe, Harding, Quay and Union Counties
 Steve Henthorn, RPO Planner

Southeast Regional Planning Organization (SERPO)
Serving Guadalupe, Curry, Roosevelt and DeBaca Counties
 Sandy Chancey, RPO Planner

RPO Contacts

Mid-Region Council of Governments

Mid-Region Rural Transportation Planning Organization (MRRTPO)

Serving Sandoval, Valencia, Torrance and Southern Santa Fe Counties

Lawrence Rael, Executive Director

Loretta Tollefson, Special Projects Manager



RPO Contacts



North Central New Mexico Economic Development District

Northeast Regional Planning Organization (NERPO)

Serving Colfax, Mora and San Miguel Counties

Northern Pueblos Regional Planning Organization (NPRPO)

Serving Rio Arriba, Taos and Santa Fe Counties

Barbara Deaux, Executive Director

Lesah Sedillo, RPO Planner

RPO Contacts

(In alphabetical order by COG)

Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments

Northwest Regional Planning Organization (NWRPO)

Serving San Juan, McKinley and Cibola Counties

Patricia Lundstrom, Executive Director

Jeff Kiely, Deputy Director

Robert Kuipers, RPO Planner

South Central Council of Governments

South Central Regional Planning Organization (SCRPO)

Serving Socorro, Sierra and Dona Ana Counties

Jay Armijo, Executive Director

Tony MacRobert, RPO Planner



RPO Contacts

Southwest Council of Governments

Southwest Regional Planning Organization (SWRPO)

Serving Catron, Grant, Hidalgo and Luna Counties

Priscilla Lucero, Executive Director

Cynthia Stoechner, RPO Planner



RPO Contacts

Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District/Council of Governments

Southeast Regional Planning Organization (SERPO)

Serving Chaves, Eddy, Lea, Lincoln and Otero Counties

Hubert Quintana, Executive Director
Mary Ann Burr, RPO Planner



District 1

• South Central RPO, Southwest RPO

District 2

• Southeast RPO

District 3

• Mid-Region RPO

District 4

• Northeast RPO

District 5

• Mid-Region RPO, Northern Pueblos RPO
• Northwest RPO

District 6

• Mid-Region RPO, Northwest RPO
• Southwest RPO

RPO Structure

- RPOs consist of two Committees:
Policy & Technical Committees
- Policy & Technical Committee members are appointed by chief, elected officials of local/county/tribal governments
- Policy Committee representatives make policy decisions and serve as the voting member
- Technical Committee representatives usually have transportation background and technical expertise

RPO Roles

- Serve as a forum and make informed recommendations for multimodal transportation and enhancement projects.
- Collaborate with NMDOT District Planners and Engineers on project identification and development, documentation and coordination of long range regional transportation needs, and other projects.
- Conduct outreach activities that create public/private partnerships, strengthen existing partnerships and build safety coalitions in relation to transportation.
- Conduct rating/prioritization of federal transportation programs.



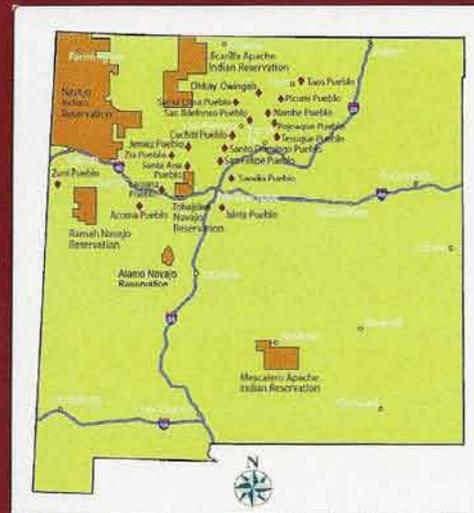
Public Involvement Process

- Meetings are held in accordance with Federal Guidelines and the Open Meetings Act
- RPOs have a broad cross section of representation
- Subject matter experts attend and participate
- Meetings are scheduled at times and locations that promote attendance
- RPOs always invite and promote attendance by local elected government officials



Tribal Government Partnerships

- 22 Pueblos, Tribes and Nations in New Mexico
- Individual governments perform annual TIPs for transportation funding through BIA
- Sovereignty status gives tribes, pueblos and nations the power of a people to govern themselves
- SAFETEA-LU-Tribal Transit initiative
- Are the only local government eligible to receive both State and Federal transit and transportation funds
- Communication and collaboration is imperative at the ground level for the continuance of trust responsibility for a sustainable transportation future



Long Range Transportation Process

- Federal regulations require the State to prepare a long range transportation plan with a minimum twenty (20) year forecast period.
- RPOs are required to complete five (5) year updates to their *regional* Long Range Transportation Plans.



Long Range Transportation Process

- Once each RPO completes its Long Range Transportation Plan, the document is forwarded to NMDOT, who in turn, considers, reviews and includes regional information into its statewide long range transportation plan.
- The Long Range Transportation Plan is *multi-modal*.
 - ▶ Aviation
 - ▶ Public Transportation
 - ▶ Rail
 - ▶ Roadways
 - ▶ Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities



Long Range Transportation Process

- Long range plans consider:
 - ▶ Socioeconomic information
 - ▶ Land use
 - ▶ Economic development/growth strategies
 - ▶ A Public Involvement Program
 - ▶ Consultation with *Local Elected Officials*
 - ▶ Local Transportation Issues
 - ▶ Inventory of Planned Projects
 - ▶ Regional transportation goals and objectives
 - ▶ Regional priorities
 - ▶ Implementation plan

Federal Transportation Programs Rated/Prioritized

- ▶ Roadway/Bridges
- ▶ Enhancements
- ▶ Public Transit Programs
- ▶ Scenic Byways
- ▶ Safe Routes to School
- ▶ New Mexico Highway Safety



Federal Transportation Programs Roadways/Bridges

- Concentrates on construction and improvements to roadways functionally classified as Interstate, Principal (or Primary) Arterials, Minor Arterials and Major Collectors.
- Local Roads and Minor Collectors are not included.
- Functional classification maps available from respective RPO Planner
- All bridges are eligible regardless of roadway functional classification



Federal Transportation Programs Enhancements

- Focuses on the enhancement of the quality of life in or around transportation facilities and are intended to provide a more aesthetic, pleasant and improved interface between the transportation system, the people adjacent to it, and travelers on the highways.

Twelve (12) Qualifying Categories are:

1. **Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities**
2. **Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety and Education**
3. **Scenic or Historic Acquisitions**
4. **Scenic or Historic Highway Programs**



Federal Transportation Programs Enhancements

5. Landscaping and Scenic Beautification
6. Historic Preservation
7. Historic Transportation Buildings
8. Rail Corridor Preservation
9. Control and Removal of Outdoor Advertising
10. Archaeological Planning & Research
11. Environmental Mitigation
12. Transportation Museums



Federal Transportation Programs Public Transit Programs

- Section 5310 – Transportation for Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities

Formula funding to assist private, nonprofit groups in meeting the transportation needs (capital purchases only)

- Section 5311 – Public Rural Transportation

Supports public transportation in areas with a population of less than 50,000.

Funding for administrative, operating, and capital purchases.

State agencies, local public bodies, and non-profit organizations may apply.



Federal Transportation Programs Public Transit Programs

- Section 5316 – Job Access & Reverse Commute

Formula funding to assist private, nonprofit groups in meeting the transportation needs (capital purchases only) of welfare to work recipients.

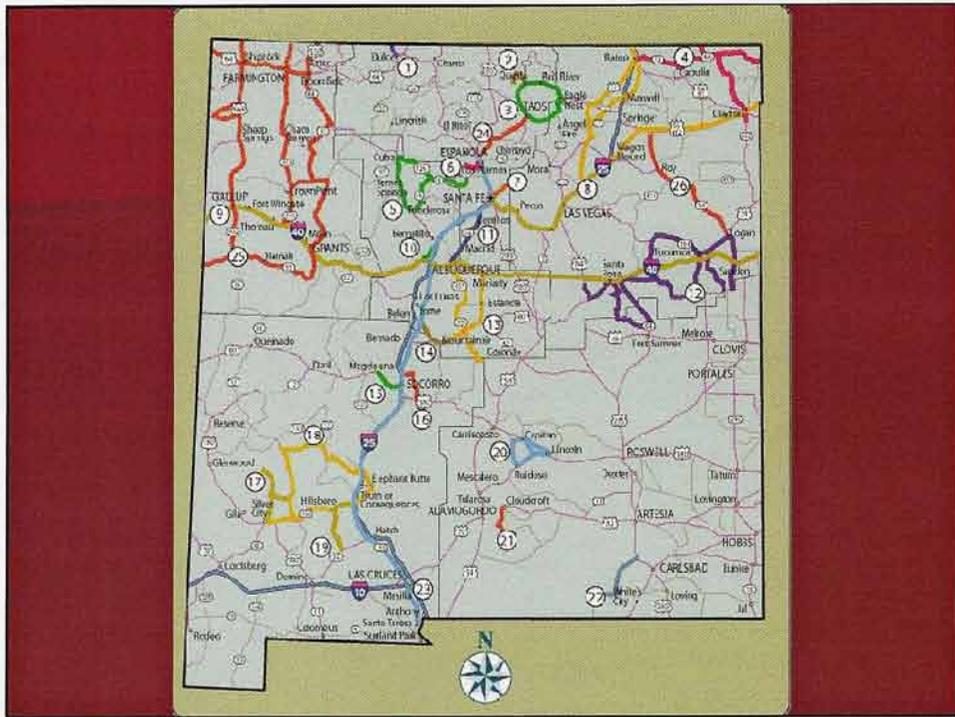
- Section 5317 – New Freedoms Initiative

Funding available to existing transit providers to encourage services and improvements to assist persons with disabilities that go beyond those required of the ADA Act.



Federal Transportation Programs Scenic Byways Program

- New Mexico is active with 26 state-designated scenic byways.
- Eligible activities for funding and additional information, including examples of funded projects, can be found at www.bywayonline.org. Applicants will be asked to categorize their project within eight areas:
 - Byway Programs
 - Corridor Management
 - Safety Improvements
 - Byway Facilities
 - Access to Recreation
 - Resource Protection
 - Interpretive Information
 - Marketing



Federal Transportation Programs Safe Routes to School

- Federally-funded, reimbursement and phased program.
- Purpose is to encourage and enable children to walk and bicycle to school safely. Daily physical activity improves children's health and it also decreases traffic congestion around schools.



Federal Transportation Programs Safe Routes to School

- Phase 1 provides \$15,000 grants for developing SRTS Action Plans.
- Phase 2 provides funds for implementation of Action Plans including infrastructure projects (up to \$250,000) and non-infrastructure activities (up to \$25,000).



Federal Transportation Programs NM Highway Safety Program

- Funding set-aside to focus on transportation projects with safety issues
- Projects need to be stand-alone projects and may be local facilities in addition to federally-eligible roadways.
- Proposed projects must be supported by statistical data (crash data, traffic volumes, etc.)
- Two million cap on proposed projects. Projects may include striping, signalization, signage, realignment, intersections, etc.



Federal Transportation Funding

- Economic Stimulus Funding/American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) -- Not a recurring source of federal funding but Roadway and Enhancement projects were compiled and acted upon by RPOs.
- Used approved roadway functional classification.
- Current Surface Transportation Program guidelines apply.

Eight Planning Factors

- Economic vitality
- Safety
- Security
- Accessibility and mobility
- Quality of life - environment, energy conservation, land use/transportation consistency
- System integration/connectivity
- Efficient system management and operation
- System preservation



State Transportation Programs

- RPOs do not rate, rank or recommend projects the following state funded programs.

State Road funds

Local Government Road Fund (LGRF)

- Cooperative Program (CO-OP)
- County Arterial Program (CAP)
- School Bus Route Program (SBR)
- Municipal Arterial Program (MAP)

The Selection and Referral Process

- For the **Roadway, Bridge, Enhancement and Safety Programs**, applications are submitted directly to RPO Planners.
- For the **Scenic & Historic Byways**, applications are initially submitted directly to the New Mexico Department of Tourism (Santa Fe). Applications are later turned around to RPOs.
- For the **Public Transportation Programs**, applications are submitted initially to NMDOT Transit & Rail Division. Copies of applications are released to the RPOs.
- For the **Safe Routes to School** are submitted directly to the SRTS State Coordinator in NMDOT. Phase I are submitted for comment to the RPOs and Phase II infrastructure applications will be submitted to RPOs for action.

The Selection and Referral Process

- Once project applications are received by the RPOs, the applications are distributed to its members.
- Once both Committees have met and rated/ranked/prioritized projects, the prioritized list will be included in a form prescribed by NMDOT called the Regional Transportation Improvement Programs Recommendations (RTIPR).
- The RTIPR is forwarded to District Engineers. District Engineer provides his recommendations on the projects submitted and forwards his recommendations to the State level. The NMDOT will conduct their evaluation process and will include their approvals into the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

The Selection and Referral Process

- The STIP must be approved by the State Transportation Commission, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).
- Available on NMDOT Website:
<http://www.nmshtd.state.nm.us/>
- Available from respective RPO Planner





**NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
STIP PUBLIC REPORT**

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| CR: 2100130 | MPO/RPO: SOUTHEAST RPO | Fed/State ID: 2100130 | NMDOIT Dist: 2 County: Chaves | Municipality: Roswell |
| RT: FL 4025 | Terminus: US215 BUSINESS RD/ROSWELL FROM REED STREET NORTH TO COLLEGE | Lead Agency: CITY OF ROSWELL | Length: 1.000 | |
| Category: PAVEMENT REHABILITATION | Est. Proj. Cost: \$1,720,000 | Est. Letting: \$1,720,000 | Est. Letting: \$1,720,000 | Est. Letting: \$1,720,000 |
| Project Desc.: TOP ROADWAY PROJECT FROM 2001 SERPO RTIPR | Proj. Phases: <input type="checkbox"/> Environ. Document <input type="checkbox"/> Prel. Engr. <input type="checkbox"/> Design <input type="checkbox"/> Right-of-way <input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input type="checkbox"/> Other | Remarks: | | |
| PROGRAMMED FUNDS | | | | |
| FUND SOURCE | | | | |
| STIP/Rural Areas | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 |
| | \$1,720,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| TOTALS: | \$1,720,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

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|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| CR: 4025 | MPO/RPO: SOUTHEAST RPO | Fed/State ID: BR-O-50131104 | NMDOIT Dist: 2 County: Chaves | Municipality: Rural |
| RT: NM 13 | Terminus: BRIDGE #0111, 4.8 MN N OF JCT US 82 | Lead Agency: DISTRICT 2 | Length: 0.023 | |
| Category: BRIDGE REHABILITATION | Est. Proj. Cost: \$400,000 | Est. Letting: \$400,000 | Est. Letting: \$400,000 | Est. Letting: \$400,000 |
| Project Desc.: BRIDGE REHAB | Proj. Phases: <input type="checkbox"/> Environ. Document <input type="checkbox"/> Prel. Engr. <input type="checkbox"/> Design <input type="checkbox"/> Right-of-way <input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input type="checkbox"/> Other | Remarks: 1. BRIDGE SPLIT-OUT AS A SEPARATE PROJECT FROM ON-5947 | | |
| PROGRAMMED FUNDS | | | | |
| FUND SOURCE | | | | |
| Bridge Replacement / Rehab / OTH-Systems | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 |
| | \$0 | \$0 | \$400,000 | \$0 |
| TOTALS: | \$0 | \$0 | \$400,000 | \$0 |

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| CR: 02025 | MPO/RPO: SOUTHEAST RPO | Fed/State ID: TRM-002-1120943 | NMDOIT Dist: 2 County: Chaves | Municipality: Rural |
| RT: US 82 | Terminus: OTERO / CHAVES COUNTY LINE - EAST | Lead Agency: DISTRICT 2 | Length: 15.300Miles | |
| Category: PAVEMENT REHABILITATION | Est. Proj. Cost: \$6,000,000 | Est. Letting: \$6,000,000 | Est. Letting: \$6,000,000 | Est. Letting: \$6,000,000 |
| Project Desc.: OTERO / CHAVES COUNTY LINE - EAST | Proj. Phases: <input type="checkbox"/> Environ. Document <input type="checkbox"/> Prel. Engr. <input type="checkbox"/> Design <input type="checkbox"/> Right-of-way <input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input type="checkbox"/> Other | Remarks: 1. PROJECT MOVED TO FY2010 TO BALANCE DD PROGRAM PER DD DEV CO DEC | | |
| PROGRAMMED FUNDS | | | | |
| FUND SOURCE | | | | |
| STIP/Rural Areas | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 |
| | \$0 | \$0 | \$6,000,000 | \$0 |
| TOTALS: | \$0 | \$0 | \$6,000,000 | \$0 |

Thank You

- Sign-in sheet available for those who wish to receive copy of PowerPoint
- RPO Brochures and business cards available

