

What does the N.W.R.T.P.O. do?

- The NWRTPO consists of transportation planners, with one representative for each municipal, county and tribal government within Northwest New Mexico (except Farmington, Aztec and Bloomfield which form the Farmington Metropolitan Planning Organization)
- RTPO members meet monthly with NM-DOT representatives to plan, report, coordinate and share information on local transportation infrastructure and funding opportunities for a variety of multi-modal projects including:
 - Roadway projects
 - Bridge projects
 - Transportation Alternative projects: (sidewalks, street lights, bike & pedestrian trails, scenic byways, Safe Routes To School, etc.)
 - Public Lands Roads
 - Planning projects (design, ROW, utilities, historical & environmental clearances)
 - Safety projects
 - Long Range Planning
 - Public Transportation
 - Safe Routes to School
 - DOT Local Tech. Asst. Prgm. training opportunities
- RTPO member govt. representatives can turn in “Project Identification Forms” (PIF’s) throughout the year, for new (or updated) projects, for which they are seeking funding. Once each year, the RTPO collectively and equitably (with one vote for each member government) prioritize these projects (based on local need and readiness) into the “Regional Transportation Improvement Program Recommendations” (RTIPR) document – which lists local project funding requests, for submission through the DOT Districts Five (San Juan County) and Six (McKinley & Cibola Counties) to the NM-DOT “State Transportation Improvement Program” (STIP) list for potential / future funding.
- RTPO Members are also authorized to vote on policy decisions affecting regional transportation dev. on behalf of their respective governments, with regard toward annual renewal of local representatives, the annual RTIPR, the annual work program for the RTPO Planner, and other policy issues that arise, which may impact upon participating governments.

What does the N.W.R.T.P.O. do . . .

- The RTPO Planner regularly passes on information & news to RTPO representatives from the NM-DOT, FHWA, and a variety of other sources, on funding opportunities, trends in state or national legislation, and other news impacting local transportation development.
- Monthly meetings with NM-DOT representatives helps assure the most efficient and effective use of funding resources and development of transportation projects and infrastructure. Problems are addressed and resolved with mutual support, projects are kept on track for deadlines and timelines, and every effort is made to utilize funding, and maximize its impact.
- Rural Counties and small towns have low population, limited tax revenue, a lack of local match funding, many roads with low traffic counts, and as a result, low eligibility for federal funding. The RTPO members work with the NM-DOT to creatively seek & use every possible funding source, and mutually support each other for transportation development & maintenance.

N.W.R.T.P.O. Accomplishments:

- Every year the RTPO leverages resources supporting local transportation development and maintenance.
- The RTPO helps facilitate partnership agreements between municipal, tribal & county governance and the NM-DOT, and conducts transportation research.
- The RTPO helps support & sustain public transportation services and route coordination.
- The RTPO helps small, rural governments increase their leverage and recognition for legislation and funding support, through collective representation on behalf of the region.
- The RTPO has helped leverage leadership & funding for our region’s scenic byways, attracting tourism and resulting local revenues. (Trail of the Ancients / Route 66)

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- The NWRTPO played a lead role in the 2008 state-wide Transportation Finance Town Hall, hosted by New Mexico First, to address the growing gap and funding inadequacy needed to sustain transportation resources. The NWRTPO also gave strong support for Legislative Transportation Committees addressing transportation funding needs (HM-35, HM-5, HM-9) through engaging regional public awareness over many legislative sessions.
- The RTPO supported many of our local governments in acquiring funding through the recent ARRA stimulus TIGER \$ opportunities for transportation; including \$1.4 million for Laguna’s developing bike and pedestrian trail system, \$1.2 million for road reconstruction in Acoma, and US-491 development.
- The RTPO hosted two major “Road Forums” on behalf of 33 Navajo Chapter communities in McKinley County to help improve effective project development and reduce funding rescission.
- McKinley County Road 6 received the “Tribal Best Practices Award” from the N.M. Indian Affairs Dept. for collaboration and multiple funding source investment from the Navajo Nation and County.
- US-491 four lane development and reconstruction with \$127.2 million funded, and another \$102.9 million targeted for completion going forward.
- Pueblo of Acoma I-40 Exit 102 roundabout project at \$16.8 million with award citations from 1) Am. Council of Engineering Co’s, 2) Am. Road & Trans. Builders Assoc., and 3) AASHTO.
- High Dessert Trail System in McKinley County cited as one of the “Best in Country” by Nat. Park Service and the US Dept. of Interior; resulting in selection to host the USA Cycling 2013 & 2014 Mountain Bike 24 hr. National Championships in the Zuni Mountains.



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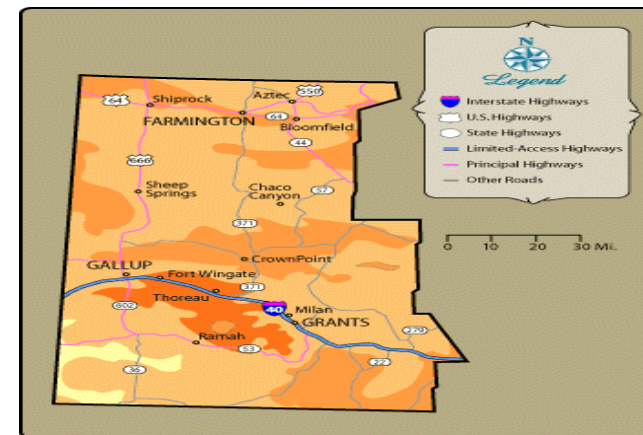


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Serving Transportation Infrastructure Development and Maintenance needs in collaboration with the New Mexico Department of Transportation for participating governments in Northwest New Mexico including:

- San Juan County
- McKinley County
- Cibola County
- City of Gallup
- City of Grants
- Village of Milan
- Pueblo of Acoma
- Pueblo of Laguna
- Pueblo of Zuni
- Navajo Nation

