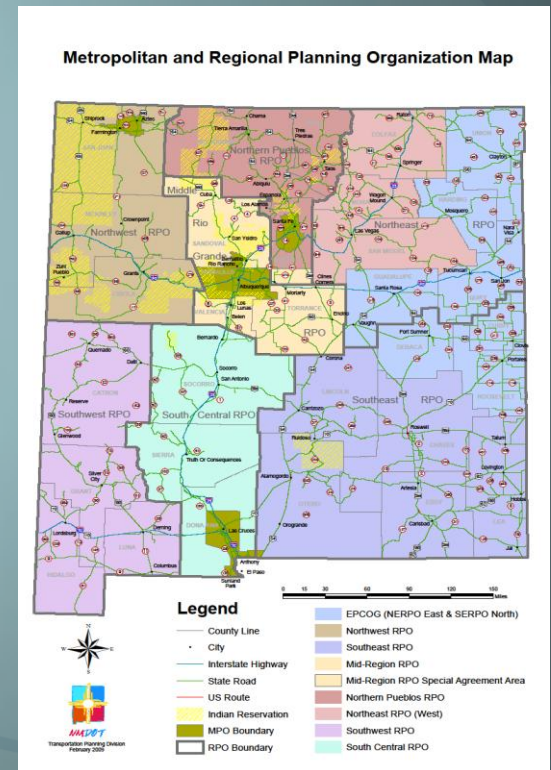


RPO History

- › New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) is the designated State Agency that receives and administers federal and state transportation funds.
- › NMDOT created 7 Regional Planning Organizations (RPOs) within the State of New Mexico.



RPO History

- › RPO process has been in place since early 1990s.
- › NMDOT has contracted with Councils of Governments (COGs) to provide administrative and staff support for the RPOs since 2005.



Who are they?

Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments
Northwest Regional Planning Organization (NWRPO)



Who are they?

North Central New Mexico Economic Development District
Northeast Regional Planning Organization (NERPO)
Northern Pueblos Regional Planning Organization (NPRPO)



Who are they?

Mid-Region Council of Governments

Mid-Region Rural Transportation Planning Organization (MRRTPO)



Who are they?

Eastern Plains Council of Governments (EPCOG)

Northeast Regional Planning Organization (NERPO)

Southeast Regional Planning Organization (SERPO)



Who are they?

**Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District/
Council of Governments**

Southeast Regional Planning Organization (SERPO)



Who are they?

South Central Council of Governments South Central Regional Planning Organization (SCRPO)



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.



Who are they?

Southwest Council of Governments

Southwest Regional Planning Organization (SWRPO)



RPO Structure

- › **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.



RPO Roles

- › Conduct rating/prioritization of federal transportation projects



RPO

Transportation Programs

- › Roadway/Bridges
- › Enhancements
- › Public Transit Programs
- › Scenic Byways
- › Safe Routes to School
- › Safety Funding



RPO Roles

- › Conduct outreach activities and create and strengthen both public/private partnerships in relation to transportation.



RPO Roles

- › Conduct Long Range Planning
- › Participate in a regional transportation peer network

