



**Mid-Region Council of Governments
MRRTPO COMMITTEE**



Thursday, October 15th, 2020 9:30a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

809 Copper Avenue NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102

This meeting will be held via teleconference.

DANIEL WHITE, CHAIR	DEBBIE ORTIZ, VICE-CHAIR
AGENDA	
<p>This meeting will be held via teleconference.</p> <p>To join online, please go to www.zoom.us and enter Meeting ID: 933 4796 2568 Passcode: 468438 OR dial in by phone: 669 900 6833</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to Order: The presence of a quorum will be noted • Approval of agenda for the October 15th, 2020 MRRTPO Committee Meeting • Approval of meeting summary for the September 10th, 2020 MRRTPO Committee Meeting 	
PUBLIC COMMENT	
<i>TO ADDRESS THE RTPO COMMITTEE, REGISTER WITH THE COMMITTEE CHAIR PRIOR TO CALL TO ORDER.</i>	
ACTION ITEMS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of Plan Update Option 	
DISCUSSION ITEMS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD 	
REPORTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MRRTPO Report: Sandy Gaiser • Member Report: All members who wish to report • NMDOT Liaison Report: Neala Krueger • NMDOT Tribal Liaison Report: Ron Shutiva • NMDOT District 5 Report: Paul Brasher • NMDOT District 6 Report: JoAnn Garcia 	
COMMITTEE MEETING ADJOURNMENT	
NOTES	
<p>Next Meeting: December 17th, 2020</p> <p>Hosting Agency: Mid-Region Council of Governments</p> <p>Location: TBD</p> <p>Time: 9:30 am – 11:30 pm</p>	
<p><i>Anyone requiring special accommodations is requested to please notify the MRCOG office at 247-1750 at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.</i></p>	



MID-REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Meeting Summary

Thursday, September 10th, 2020 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
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VOTING MEMBER			
ORGANIZATION	MEMBER	MEMBER	ALTERNATE
City of Moriarty	x	Debbie Ortiz, PHTC (<i>Vice-Chair</i>)	Bob Hudson, Airport Manager
Town of Edgewood		John Basset, Mayor	Juan Torres, Clerk-Treasurer
	x		Carla Salazar
Town of Estancia		Sharalynn Lucero, PHTC	Nathan Dial, Mayor
Pueblo of Jemez	x	Sheri Bozic, Director – Planning & Development Director	Amanda Rubio, Transportation Project Manager
Pueblo of Laguna		<i>Vacant</i>	Sharon Hausam, Planning Program Manager
Pueblo of Zia		<i>Vacant</i>	Andrew Toribio, Public Works Manager
			Leon Gachupin, Road Maintenance Supervisor
Town of Mountainair		Dennis Fulfer, Clerk	Debbie Ortiz, PHTC
Village of Encino		Loretta Chavez, Clerk/Treasurer	Boyd Herrington, Mayor
Santa Fe County	x	Brett Clavio, Transportation Planner	Robert Griego, Planning Division Manager
			Maria Lohmann, Planner
Village of San Ysidro		Steve Lucero, Mayor	x
Torrance County		Leonard Lujan, Road Superintendent	Wayne Johnson, County Manager
	x		Cheryl Allen, Grants Coordinator
Sandoval County	x	Amy Griffin, R.O.W. Specialist	David Martinez
			Roseanne Verela
ELIGIBLE BUT NOT PARTICIPATING			
Jicarilla Apache Nation		Duane Sandoval, Engineer/Planner	Prestin Duncan, Engineer Tech
Village of Cuba		Richard Velarde, Mayor	Gilbert Dominguez, Mayor Pro-Tem
			Vandora P. Casados, Clerk
Village of Jemez Springs		Roger Wilson, Trustee	<i>Pending</i>
Village of Willard		Robert Chavez, Mayor	Angelina Halbert, Clerk

STAFF			
Mid-Region RTPO	x	Channing Hofman, Regional Planner	
	x	Sandra Gaiser, Regional Planning Program Manager	
	x	Maida Rubin, Senior Planner	
	x	Payton Showalter, Regional Planner	

NON-VOTING ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Step Into Cuba Alliance		Sally Davis, UNM Prevention Research Center
		Richard Kozoll, MD

NON_VOTING ADVISORY MEMBER		
ORGANIZATION		MEMBER
FHWA		Pending
NMDOT – District 5		Paul Brasher, District Engineer
		Manuel Miestas, T/LPA Coordinator
		Arif Kazmi, Engineering Support
	x	Stephanie Medina
NMDOT– District 6		Jan Niclos, Engineer Support
		JoAnn Garcia, LGRF, Capital Outlay, T/LPA Coordinator
		Bill Santiago, Local Government Coordinator
NMDOT Regional Design Centers	x	Luke Smith – Central Region Design
		Manuel Maestas – North Region Design
NMDOT – Planning Division		Jessica Griffin, Planning Bureau Chief
		Rosa Kozub, G2G Supervisor
	x	Neala Krueger, RTPO Liaison
		Ron Shutiva, Tribal Liaison
		Shannon Glendenning, BPE Coordinator
		Sky Tallman, CMAQ Coordinator
		Maggie Moore, TAP Coordinator
NMDOT – Transit		David Harris, Transit Manager
		Deborah Bach, Rural Transit
		Gabrielle Chavez, Transit Planning & Service
	x	Callie Thomason French
NMDOT - LTAP		

OTHER PARTICIPANTS		

AGENDA

Call to Order:

Debbie Ortiz, Moriarty, called the meeting to order at 9:33am. A quorum was noted.

Approval of Agenda:

Brett Clavio, Santa Fe County, made a motion to **approve the agenda for September 10th, 2020**; the motion was seconded by **Sheri Bozic, Pueblo of Jemez** and passed unanimously.

Approval of Meeting Summary:

There was no discussion regarding changes to the meeting summary

Amy Griffin, Sandoval County, made a motion to **approve the meeting summary for June 18th, 2020**; the motion was seconded by **Cheryl Allen, Torrance County**, and passed unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of the FFY21/22 RTP Regional Work Plan:

Brett Clavio asked a clarifying question regarding the list of approved conferences and trainings, which Neala Krueger addressed.

Amy Griffin, Sandoval County, made a motion to **approve the FFY21/22 Regional Work Plan**, the motion was seconded by **Brett Clavio, Santa Fe County**, and passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Regional Transportation Plan Update Discussion:

Channing Hofman gave a presentation regarding the Long-Range Statewide Transportation Plan update, and the progress and proposed direction for the Regional Transportation Plan. Committee Members gave feedback and brought up topics to include in the update, like the impact of COVID-19, broadband access, and regional approaches to transportation planning.

REPORTS

MRRTPO Staff Report: Payton Showalter informed the Committee of the CARES ACT economic development grant that the MRCOG has received, and offered support and information to the member communities.

Member Report: Members reported on various projects they were engaged in.

NMDOT Liaison Report: There was nothing new to report.

NMDOT Tribal Liaison Report: There was nothing new to report.

NMDOT District 5 Report: There was nothing to report

NMDOT District 6 Report: There was nothing to report

NM/LTAP Report: There was nothing to report

Committee Meeting Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at: 10:19am

Next Meeting: October 15, 2020, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Location.

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Daniel White, Chair - or-
Debbie Ortiz, Vice-Chair
Mid-Region RTPO Committee

ATTEST:

Dewey V. Cave, Executive Director

RTP Update Options

Each of the following options are presented to the Mid Region RTPO Committee to be voted on. This is meant to give MRCOG staff a working framework and guidance for the RTP update. What is presented here is an outline for each update option. A detailed work plan for option 1 and 2 is presented in this agenda packet. The committee is not beholden to these three options alone; if a different combination of work is ultimately decided upon than what is presented here, that option can be voted on as well.

Option 1: Updating data only, plus any outdated references to projects and initiatives. This update leaves the goals, strategies, and action items from the 2015 plan in place. The primary focus will be on updating the data within the **Existing and Future Conditions** sections, which include:

- Demographics
- Industries and Economies
- 2040 Employment Forecast
- Land Use and Communities
- Public Health
- Safety
- The maps, figures, and tables will be reviewed and updated

Transportation System Overview

- Roadway system by Tier
- Transit System
- Freight System
- The maps, figures and tables will be reviewed and updated

This option will also review the **Recreation and Tourism** section and the **Scenic and Historic Byways** section to ensure the most recent information on projects and initiatives is represented.

Option 2: This update option will include the work detailed in option 1, and review and update the following sections:

Goals and Strategies – Each goal will be reviewed and assessed based on the actual outcomes. Stakeholder surveys will be included in this process to determine how each of the goals have served the communities, and strategies will be updated based on stakeholder participation outcomes.

Action Items and Accountability – In addition to reflecting the updated stakeholder participation outcomes for the Goals and Strategies section, the particular processes and programs (STIP development, RTIPR program) will be reviewed to align with the new findings.

Option 3: This option includes the update work from option 1 and the goals review process in option 2. Further, option 3 will expand the update to include new goals and action items, to be developed through stakeholder input and participation. The MRRTPO Committee addressed potential themes for new goals at the Sept. 10th, 2020 MRRTPO Committee meeting which are as follows:

- The impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic: how have new trends affected commuting patterns in the region? What impacts are there to the transportation system, and how can the RTPO respond?
- Broadband access: how do disparate levels of access to broadband in the region affect the transportation system and patterns? What can the RTPO do to support further development of broadband access throughout the region?
- Equity: How does the transportation system and patterns affect issues of equity, and vice versa? What can the RTPO do to explicitly address equity concerns as they relate to the transportation system? What other interrelated areas are affected by these concerns (for instance, public health, access to jobs and resources, etc).
- Climate change and resiliency (from NMDOT): How is climate change affecting the region? What are the particular threats facing communities? How can the transportation system support resilient communities?
 - New Mexico has a Climate Change Task Force that has reached out to the RTPO's in an effort to help further coordinate and collaborate on climate change initiatives.

The above list represents examples of new themes and goals to explore; this option will include a robust participation process that will include stakeholders from a variety of sectors to further develop the themes and goals for the update. A participation plan will be developed as part of this option

Plan update options:

Option 1 (limited update):

Updating data only, plus any outdated references to projects and initiatives:

Existing and Future Conditions

- Map 2 (pg. 4) – shows shifted jurisdiction for MRRTPO: No longer relevant
- Demographics (pg. 5)
 - Table 1: (2010) RTPO population distribution. Includes entire MRCOG region, broken down into (1) Incorporated portions of MRRTPO, (2) Unincorporated portions of MRRTPO, and (3) Metropolitan area (AMPA). *Update using most recent census data – ACS 3-5 year estimates*
 - Source and methodology: US Census Bureau, 2010 Decennial Census. The RTPO population was determined using the following method:
 - 1. 2010 Metropolitan Statistical Area population was established using 2010 decennial census counts by county.
 - 2. 2010 Southern Santa Fe population was established by summing the census block data to the DASZs that represent southern Santa Fe county.
 - 3. The MSA population plus southern Santa Fe totals the MRCOG region population.
 - 4. 2010 MPO population was established by summing the 2010 census blocks within the Albuquerque Metropolitan Planning Area and performing a manual analysis in some Sandoval County blocks that straddled the AMPA boundary to remove some population outside of the AMPA using aerial photography.
 - 5. The 2010 RTPO population was then calculated by subtracting the MPO population from the MRCOG region population.
 - Population Profile: *Update text*
 - Table 2: Regional Growth. Shows population growth 2010 over 2000, broken down into MRRTPO, Metropolitan Area. *Update using most recent census data – ACS 3-5 year estimates*
 - 2040 Population Forecast: *Update text (refers to table 3 methodology)*
 - Table 3: Forecast Growth in MRCOG Region, 2010 to 2040. Broken down by County for entire MRCOG region, then the total RTPO region, Metropolitan area, and total MRCOG region.
 - Sources: US Census, UNM-Geospatial Population Studies, MRCOG.
 - *Update table data using most recent Census data – ACS 3-5 year estimates, MRCOG projections.*
 - Accompanying table 3 text: discussion of literature relevant to population/demographic trends by Anthony Flint (2013) and Jeff Speck (2012). *Update literature review to reflect more current discussion*
- Industries/Economies (pg. 9)

- Table 4: Employment Distribution, MRRTP0 and ABQ MPA. Broken down by MRRTP0 area, AMPA area, provides 2010 employment totals and the distribution between areas.
 - Sources: MRCOG, NM Dept. of Workforce Solutions, InfoUSA
 - *Update employment figures*
 - *Update accompanying text regarding description, extrapolations, methodology.*
- Map 3: County to County home to work flows in Central New Mexico.
 - Source: 2010 5-year estimates ACS
 - *Update work flow data from most recent ACS surveys, update accompanying text*
- Table 5: Flows by Place of Residence. Describes the total work force by county, and the percent of which that travels to each of the other MRCOG region counties.
 - Source: Census Transportation Planning Package, 2006-2010
 - *Update figures using most recent Census Transportation Planning Package*
 - *Update accompanying text*
- Table 6: Employment by Industry Sector in 2010. Broken down by the following sectors:
 - Agriculture
 - Construction, Mining, Utilities
 - Manufacturing
 - Retail
 - Transportation and Warehousing
 - Information
 - Finance, Insurance, Real Estate, Leasing
 - Services and Government
 - Sources: MRCOG, NM Dept. of Workforce solutions, InfoUSA
 - *Update figures using most recent MRCOG, NM Dept. of Workforce solutions and Info USA data*
 - *Update accompanying text*
- 2040 Employment Forecast (pg. 13) *(this section should be under Industries/Economies, not stand alone)*
 - Table 7: Employment Growth, 2010 to 2040. Shows the project employment growth from 2010 to 2040 in absolute numbers and percent, broken down by county, MPO and MMRTPO.
 - Source: MRCOG, NM Dept. of Workforce Solutions, InfoUSA.
 - *Update figures using most recent MRCOG, NM Dept. of Workforce solutions and Info USA data*
- Land Use and Communities (pg. 14)
 - *Update intro paragraph to this section to reflect more recent population growth data and projections*
 - Map 4: Existing Land Use: Sandoval County. Depicts land use through 2011 in Sandoval county.
 - *Update map and accompanying text, map is not cited with sources*
 - Map 5: Existing Land Use: Santa Fe County (southern only). Depicts land use through 2011 in southern Santa Fe County
 - *Update map and accompanying text, map is not cited with sources*

- Map 6: Existing Land Use: Torrance County. Depicts land use in Torrance County, no date given.
 - *Update map and accompanying text, map is not cited with sources*
- Public Health (pg. 18)
 - *Review and update written section on the connection between health and transportation in the MRRTP0*
- Safety (pg. 20)
 - *Update introductory section, crash data and US 550 project overview*
 - Map 7: Crash Concentrations 2008-2012: Sandoval County. Depicts number of crashes over the stated time period on the major roads through Sandoval County
 - No source given
 - *Update crash data and accompanying text*
 - Map 8: Crash Concentrations 2008-2012: Southern Santa Fe County. Depicts number of crashes over the stated time period on the major roads through Southern Santa Fe County
 - No source given
 - *Update crash data and accompanying text*
 - Map 9: Crash Concentrations 2008-2012: Torrance County. Depicts number of crashes over the stated time period on the major roads through Torrance County
 - No source given
 - *Update crash data and accompanying text*
 - *Update concluding paragraph regarding NM41 Rails to Trails project in Moriarty*

Transportation System Overview

- Roadway System by Tier (pg. 26)
 - Map 10: Transportation System Overview. Depicts entire MRCOG area
 - *Check if map needs updates, continue to include NM Mains Street Communities?*
 - Table 8: Transportation System Tiers. Establishes the NMDOT tiered, multimodal prioritization system.
 - *Check with NMDOT if system definitions need updating*
 - Figure 6: Lane Miles per Tier among NM RTPO's and MPO's
 - *Update lane miles per tier, note tier 3 in figure 6 does not match written tier lane mile totals on previous age*
 - Map 11: Mid-Region Roadway Tiers. Depicts major roads in MRCOG area and their tiers.
 - *Update map based on any changes to tier system, clean up visuals*
- Transit System (pg. 31)
 - *Update introductory paragraph, which references specific transit projects and figures.*
 - Map 12: Existing Intercity Transit Service: Depicts Mid-Region transit services.
 - *Update map to reflect current available transit service*
 - Map 13: Existing Transit Level of Service: depicts Mid-Region transit services by tier.
 - *Update map to reflect current transit service by tier*

- Map 14: Transit Level of Service 2040: Depicts anticipated levels of transit service by tier in 2040.
 - *Update map to reflect new projections for 2045*
- Freight System (pg. 35)
 - *Update introductory section to reflect current freight data for the MRCOG region, update the International Trade Alliance Albuquerque inland port of entry project*
 - Map 15: Freight Systems: Depicts the Mid-Region freight system by bridge tier, class, and average daily traffic.
 - *Update map to reflect current freight system*

Recreation and Tourism (pg. 37)

- A two paragraph section describing economic impacts of recreation and tourism
 - *Update with new information and initiatives from the NM tourism dept.*

Scenic and Historic Byways (pg. 38)

- Introductory paragraph describes the various scenic byways in the Mid-Region.
 - *Update to include any new scenic byways*
- Map 17: Mid-Region Scenic Byways
 - *Update map to include any new scenic byways*

Goals and Strategies

Goal 1: Operate with Transparency and Accountability (pg. 44)

- Introductory paragraph describes a lack of clarity around newly implemented NMDOT process, creating “barriers to project implementation and understanding of the project implementation process.” This led to rural communities feeling left out of important processes.
 - *Is this still a relevant context? Survey stakeholders on this issue and if there have been improvements.*
- Key Priorities Raised in Regional Working Group
 - *Continue to use these as framework for Goal 1, measure outcomes against these priorities*
- Strategy 1: Transparent and collaborative transportation planning with an easy and clear process for providing public input.
 - *Survey stakeholders and assess listed actions against outcomes*
- Strategy 2: Authentic and clear process for public participation
 - *Survey stakeholders and assess listed actions against outcomes*
 - *Update Public Participation Plan*
- Strategy 3: Access to high-quality data and information. Enhance internal and external (stakeholder and public) access to spatial and non-spatial data to improve data quality and enhance the ability of MRRTPo employees and stakeholder to evaluate the effectiveness of projects and programs.
 - *Survey stakeholders and assess listed actions against outcomes*
- Strategy 4: Public Outreach Efforts
 - *Survey stakeholders and assess listed actions against outcomes*
- Performance Measures
 - *Assess and modify listed performance measures*

Goal 2: Improve Safety for All System Users (pg. 48)

- Key Issues Raised in Working Group
 - *Continue to use these as framework for Goal 2, measure outcomes against these priorities*
- Strategy 1: Data driven process. Reduce fatalities and serious injuries through data-driven, innovative, and proactive processes that include examination of safety hot spots and systemic safety concerns.
 - *Survey stakeholders and assess listed actions against outcomes*
- Performance Measures
 - *Assess and modify listed performance measures*

Goal 3: Preserve and Maintain our Transportation Assets for the Long Term (pg. 50)

- Key Issues Raised in Working Group
 - *Continue to use these as framework for Goal 2, measure outcomes against these priorities*

- Strategy 1: Asset management. MRRTPo and local governments will work with NMDOT to identify data needed to develop and implement a data-driven, asset management strategy to ensure that NMDOT can efficiently maintain all existing and future elements of the state’s multimodal transportation system (pavements, bridges, transit vehicles, railroad track, sidewalks, etc.) in a state of good repair.
 - *Survey stakeholders and assess listed actions against outcomes*
- Strategy 2: Support investment decisions based on life-cycle cost: Apply life-cycle cost analysis techniques (consistent with national best practices) as the primary basis for evaluation and prioritizing capacity expansion activities (eg., new lanes, new highways, transit, pedestrian or bicycle facilities).
 - *Survey stakeholders and assess listed actions against outcomes*
- Performance Measures
 - *Assess and modify listed performance measures*

Goal 4: Provide Multimodal Access and Connectivity for Community Prosperity (pg. 52)

- Key Issues Raised in Working Group
 - *Continue to use these as framework for Goal 2, measure outcomes against these priorities*
- Strategy 1: Land use – transportation coordination. Develop transportation projects in coordination with surrounding land uses and with the intent to facilitate access to jobs, reduce the need for travel, lower travel costs, reduce travel distances, provide for greater travel mode choice or otherwise reduce the need to drive alone.
 - *Survey stakeholders and assess listed actions against outcomes*
- Strategy 2: Aging population. Provide technical assistance that aligns the transportation system more closely to serve the needs of New Mexico’s aging population
 - *Survey stakeholders and assess listed actions against outcomes*
- Strategy 3: Context sensitive plans/policies that are flexible for communities
 - *Survey stakeholders and assess listed actions against outcomes*
- Performance Measures
 - *Assess and modify listed performance measures*

Goal 5: Respect New Mexico’s Cultures, Environment, History and Quality of Life

- Key Issues Raised in Working Group
 - *Continue to use these as framework for Goal 2, measure outcomes against these priorities*
- Strategy 1: Context sensitive solutions (CSS). When developing a project or program, find a “best fit” transportation solution for the context that meets the expectations of both NMDOT and community stakeholders.
 - *Survey stakeholders and assess listed actions against outcomes*

- Strategy 2: Require and respect local plans. Target funds to support communities that develop local transportation plans or elements within a plan that are consistent with the NMTP and that demonstrate the financial and administrative capacity to implement them successfully.
 - *Survey stakeholders and assess listed actions against outcomes*
- Strategy 3: Recreation and tourism: coordinate with public and private-sector partners where appropriate to advance state and regional tourism.
 - *Survey stakeholders and assess listed actions against outcomes*
- Performance Measures
 - *Assess and modify listed performance measures*

Goal 6: Public Health for All System Users

- Key Issues Raised in Working Group
 - *Continue to use these as framework for Goal 2, measure outcomes against these priorities*
- Strategy 1: Proactively address transportation-related public health concerns to support planning partners and improve and enhance safety for active and multimodal transportation (bicycle/pedestrian/transit)
 - *Survey stakeholders and assess listed actions against outcomes*
- Strategy 2: Improve rural transit opportunities to address rural access to health services
 - *Survey stakeholders and assess listed actions against outcomes*
- Performance Measures
 - *Assess and modify listed performance measures*

Next Steps: Action Items and Accountability

Implementing the Mid-Region RTP (pg. 61)

This section puts in table format the identified actions items from the listed goals and performance measures. *Update table to reflect updates from goals section.*

RTPO Involvement in STIP Development (pg. 68)

Review and update language in this description paragraph

Rural Transportation Improvement Program (pg. 69)

Review RTIPR process and update description paragraphs accordingly

- Figure 10: Simplified RTIPR project development process: describes the linear steps involved in project development through the RTIPR process
 - *Update process diagram*
- Figure 11: Simplified Project Development Process (almost identical to Figure 10)
 - *Update process diagram*