

Mid-Region Council of Governments
Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO)
FFY 2025/2026 REGIONAL WORK PROGRAM
October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2026

Introduction and Purpose

The Mid-Region Regional Transportation Planning Organization (MRRTPO) is the Regional Transportation Planning Organization for areas outside of the Albuquerque Metropolitan Boundary. MRRTPO is a voluntary association of local governments and the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) that provides a forum for members to meet, plan and work together on issues related to transportation in the middle Rio Grande region. MRRTPO serves as a regional forum for cooperative decision making about transportation issues and to serve as a liaison between local governments and NMDOT.

The following are functions and task orders that the Mid-Region Council of Governments will complete in fulfillment of the contract for management of the Mid-Region Regional Transportation Planning Organization (MRRTPO) for Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 2025-2026, October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2026.

Function 1. Long-Range Planning and Implementation

- Task 1.1 Initiate and coordinate long-range regional transportation planning with other local, regional, and statewide planning initiatives. Collaborate with NMDOT and other partners to identify and document current and future transportation needs, plans, and projects for inclusion in the RTPO Long-Range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and other long-range plans.
 - 1.1.1 Review and update the RTP, including tasks and goals, at least once every five years in coordination with the NMDOT Long Range Statewide Transportation Plan (LRSTP) update.
 - 1.1.2 Conduct and/or participate in corridor studies, transportation-related subarea plans, and regional and local multi-modal and intermodal planning activities, including bicycle master plans, comprehensive plans, transportation plans, safety plans, etc.
 - 1.1.3 Support and coordinate long-range regional transportation planning with other local, regional, and statewide planning initiatives, such as Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plans (ICIP), the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), and legislative capital outlay priorities.
- Task 1.2 Create and implement a strategic plan for implementation of the action items identified by RTPO members and stakeholders as part of the RTP development process.

Function 1	Budgeted Hours ('25)	Actual Hours	Other Specific Costs	Budgeted Hours ('26)	Actual Hours	Other Specific Costs
FFY 2025/2026 Budget	300	N/A		300	N/A	
1 st Quarter	75			75		
2 nd Quarter	75			75		
3 rd Quarter	75			75		
4 th Quarter	75			75		
Balance						

Function 1 Activity Tracking – 2025

1 st Quarter Report	
2 nd Quarter Report	
3 rd Quarter Report	
4 th Quarter Report	

Function 2. Technical Support and Data Management

Task 2.1 Collect, manage, and evaluate data, perform technical planning and plan development, in coordination with the transportation goals, trends, and needs developed and identified in the RTP. Data will be maintained by the RTPO and made available to local counties and communities.

2.1.1 Assist project applicants with analysis, data collection, and other technical support for transportation planning, project identification, and project development.

Task 2.2 Assist RTPO members and work with NMDOT staff on roadway and corridor-level classification and analysis, in accordance with the currently adopted rules, guidelines, and procedures. Keep members informed about criteria, timelines, and requirements for submittal of proposals to modify classifications.

2.2.1 Assist RTPO members and work with NMDOT staff on post-Census Urban Area Boundary Smoothing, as appropriate. Keep members informed about criteria, timelines, and requirements for submittal of proposals to modify Urban Area and Small Urban Area designations, based on FHWA Area Definitions.

Function 2	Budgeted Hours ('25)	Actual Hours	Other Specific Costs	Budgeted Hours ('26)	Actual Hours	Other Specific Costs
FFY 2025/2026 Budget	100	N/A		100	N/A	
1 st Quarter	25			25		
2 nd Quarter	25			25		
3 rd Quarter	25			25		
4 th Quarter	25			25		
Balance						

Function 2 Activity Tracking – 2025

1 st Quarter Report	
2 nd Quarter Report	
3 rd Quarter Report	
4 th Quarter Report	

Function 3. Project Development and Monitoring

Task 3.1 Assist project applicants in developing projects.

- 3.1.1 Provide information to potential applicants about funding opportunities.
- 3.1.2 Assist project applicants to identify projects that may be eligible for transportation funding from federal, state, or other sources, based upon appropriate local, regional, and state-wide plans and applicable data.
- 3.1.3 Assist project applicants with applications for NMDOT federal and state transportation funding programs. Follow current adopted New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC) and/or program guides provided by NMDOT for project eligibility, program guidelines, and application timelines. Submit all complete applications to the designated NMDOT coordinator in accordance with the schedule outlined in the applicable NMAC and/or guide(s).
- 3.1.4 Assist project applicants with identification of safety issues that warrant Road Safety Assessments, Safety Plans, and/or qualify for Highway Safety Improvement Program funding.
- 3.1.5 Assist T/LPA's with implementation of their approved and authorized (for funding) NMDOT awarded projects, serving as a liaison between NMDOT and T/LPA's if needed.

Task 3.2 Manage preliminary project review process.

- 3.2.1 Establish and implement a process for RTPO members to prepare and submit Project Feasibility Forms (PFFs) and Project Prospectus Forms (PPFs), through coordination with NMDOT District(s).
- 3.2.2 Assist project applicants with development of PFFs and PPFs; ensure that all members are fully informed of the process and timelines, and support entities in accessing all forms and data required by project applicants to complete

the forms. Ensure members are informed of all requirements for all recipients of federal funds, including Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Title VI plan.

3.2.3 Work with RTPO members to establish scoring criteria for project prioritization, based on goals and action items included in the RTP, the current NMDOT LRSTP, the Active Transportation and Recreational Programs Guide, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program Guide, and other guidance from NMDOT.

3.2.4 Manage the Transportation Project Fund (TPF) application development and review process, including committee project prioritizations, NMDOT district coordination, and act as liaison between T/LPAs and NMDOT during the project administration.

3.2.5 Develop and maintain a prioritized list of projects based on the regional goals articulated in the RTP, and the statewide goals in the NMDOT LRSTP, as well as Technical and Policy Committee review and input. This list will serve as the Regional Transportation Improvement Program Recommendations (RTIPR) list and be submitted to the NMDOT District for potential federal and state funding opportunities on an every-other-year basis (at a minimum). RTIPR development will occur throughout the year, with final approval occurring biannually in November.

Task 3.3 Assist local governments interested in pursuing transportation system development and coordination activities.

3.3.1 Facilitate prioritization of Public Transit Program applications for the RTPO area in response to the state-wide prioritization schedule established by NMDOT Transit and Rail Section staff. Submit the results to the NMDOT Transit Bureau in accordance with that schedule. Include the results in the RTPO RTIPR.

3.3.2 Support efforts on regional transportation system development, through coordination with local entities and NMDOT Transit & Rail Division.

Task 3.4 Track the progress of Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) projects within the RTPO region and ensure regular communication between the project sponsors, NMDOT staff, and others to ensure the projects are meeting deadlines outlined in the Tribal/Local Public Agency (T/LPA) Handbook. Keep project applicants informed on project status, including through review of complete regional STIP project lists at meetings, and assist RTPO members with issues that may arise.

Function 3	Budgeted Hours ('25)	Actual Hours	Other Specific Costs	Budgeted Hours ('26)	Actual Hours	Other Specific Costs
FFY 2025/2026 Budget	400	N/A		400	N/A	
1 st Quarter	100			100		
2 nd Quarter	100			100		

3 rd Quarter	100			100		
4 th Quarter	100			100		
Balance						

Function 3 Activity Tracking – 2025

1 st Quarter Report	
2 nd Quarter Report	
3 rd Quarter Report	
4 th Quarter Report	

Function 4. Other Activities and Projects

- Task 4.1 Coordinate and participate with NMDOT staff on special studies or projects specified in the NMDOT Planning Work Program. Provide periodic updates to RTPPO members on the status of the studies/projects and involve the members in this effort as appropriate.
- Task 4.2 Coordinate and participate with the Councils of Governments (COGs) and applicable New Mexico State agency staff on legislative studies related to state-wide or RTPPO-specific transportation issues, as appropriate.
- Task 4.3 Monitor development of federal and state laws affecting the transportation system and provide information about the contents and status to RTPPO members.
- Task 4.4 Attend RTPPO Roundtable and special meetings.
- Task 4.5 Attend in-state and out-of-state conferences, training sessions, special meetings for staff, or professional development opportunities. This task includes the purchase of any supporting materials that may be needed to coordinate, conduct, or attend the conferences, training sessions, and meetings. Out-of-State trainings and conferences may include but are not limited to: the ITS America Conference, Infrastructure Finance Conference, American Planning Association (APA) National Conference, Western Planners Conference, Association of Public Transportation Agencies (APTA) Conference, Smart Growth America Conference, Urban Land Institute (ULI) National Conference, FHWA and FTA sponsored workshops and courses, National Highway Institute (NHI) and National Transit Institute (NTI) courses, National Tribal Transportation & Regional Tribal Transportation Conferences, and the Safe Routes to School Conference.
- Task 4.6 Participate in miscellaneous transportation-related programs and special projects in the RTPPO region.

Function 4	Budgeted Hours ('25)	Actual Hours	Other Specific Costs	Budgeted Hours ('26)	Actual Hours	Other Specific Costs
FFY 2025/2026 Budget	200	N/A		200	N/A	
1 st Quarter	50			50		
2 nd Quarter	50			50		
3 rd Quarter	50			50		

4 th Quarter	50			50		
Balance						

Function 4 Activity Tracking – 2025

1 st Quarter Report	
2 nd Quarter Report	
3 rd Quarter Report	
4 th Quarter Report	

Function 5. General RTPO Support

Task 5.1 Organize and facilitate all meetings of the RTPO in accordance with the Public Participation Plan (PPP).

5.1.1 Document the RTPOs public participation process including but not limited to, procedures the RTPO uses to comply with the *New Mexico Open Meetings Act* [NMSA 1978, Sections 10-51-1, *et. seq.*] and 23 CFR 450.

5.1.2 Per the *New Mexico Open Meetings Act* (NMSA, 1978, Section 10-15-1 (D)) and 23 CFR 450.210, provide compliant public notice for all official RTPO Committee meetings.

5.1.3 Provide RTPO Committee members, the appropriate NMDOT District staff, and GTG with meeting agendas and information packets no later than seventy-two (72) hours in advance of RTPO Committee meetings.

5.1.4 On an annual basis, provide all eligible T/LPAs with the opportunity to appoint or confirm a representative and alternates to the RTPO Committee.

Task 5.2 Maintain bylaws that clarify and document member entities, responsibilities, and roles, including voting protocols.

5.2.1 Maintain a list of RTPO Committee members with contact information and provide a copy of the list to appropriate NMDOT District staff, GTG, member entities, and other regular participants.

Task 5.3 Conduct Outreach Activities.

5.3.1 Engage in and document outreach activities and provide citizens and other transportation stakeholders with reasonable opportunities to participate in RTPO processes per 23 CFR 450.

5.3.2 Coordinate with RTPO members to maintain a list of entities including newly elected officials and potential members, who will be educated on the RTPO process. Document this outreach and presentations and share any questions or concerns in quarterly reports and with appropriate NMDOT staff.

Task 5.4 Maintain a website that includes current meeting information and planning documents, as referenced in the Quality Assurance Review (QAR) guidelines.

Post a list of current Technical and Policy Committee members and keep this information updated.

Task 5.5 Coordinate training and professional development opportunities for RTPO members, including developing and maintaining training plans. Assist RTPO members to identify technical training needs and work with NMDOT, LTAP, and other entities to meet those needs. Informing member entities of training opportunities and encouraging participation.

Function 5	Budgeted Hours ('25)	Actual Hours	Other Specific Costs	Budgeted Hours ('26)	Actual Hours	Other Specific Costs
FFY 2025/2026 Budget	600	N/A		600	N/A	
1 st Quarter	150			150		
2 nd Quarter	150			150		
3 rd Quarter	150			150		
4 th Quarter	150			150		
Balance						

Function 5 Activity Tracking – 2025

1 st Quarter Report	
2 nd Quarter Report	
3 rd Quarter Report	
4 th Quarter Report	

Function 6. RTPO Administration

- Task 6.1 Produce work products that meet all quarterly work requirements and deadlines per the Planning Procedures Manual (PPM) and submit a summary of activities completed per quarter.
- 6.1.1 Implement and monitor program expenditures in relation to the annual budget, per the PPM. Ensure documentation on program expenditures and activities are available to the public online and retained as physical copies, which will be reviewed during the annual Quality Assurance Review (QAR).
 - 6.1.2 Submit quarterly Reimbursement Packets per the PPM. Include this report as an informational item on the following RTPO Committee agenda and should reflect all costs outlined in the Invoice.
 - 6.1.3 Submit an Annual Performance and Expenditure Report (APER) each year, per the timeline and procedures documented in the PPM. The APER will be derived from the 4th quarter Quarterly Report but will include additional descriptions to summarize the activities performed in the past year.
- Task 6.2 Solicit and utilize input from RTPO board members to develop the two-year (FFY 2027- FFY 2028) Regional Work Program (RWP) for submittal to the NMDOT by deadlines outlined in the PPM.
- 6.2.1 Coordinate the RTPO's planning program with other RTPOs and any Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) or other agencies impacted by and/or associated with activities contained in the RWP.
- Task 6.3 Develop an annual budget based on the tasks outlined in the RWP and include cost-sharing methodologies and calculations for costs that are shared between various MRCOG programs, in accordance with 2 CFR 200 and the PPM. Apply and illustrate cost-sharing methodologies consistently when submitting quarterly Reimbursement Packets.
- Task 6.4 Maintain a Public Participation Plan (PPP) that addresses Title VI and Environmental Justice procedures. Ensure a specific contact person and contact information is listed. Update the PPP in accordance with the PPM schedule or as determined appropriate by RTPO members or staff.
- Task 6.5 Submit the MRCOG Financial Audit for each State Fiscal Year to the NMDOT GTG Liaison, within 30 days of when the audit is released by the State Auditor's Office.

Function 6	Budgeted Hours ('25)	Actual Hours	Other Specific Costs	Budgeted Hours ('26)	Actual Hours	Other Specific Costs
FFY 2025/2026 Budget	400	N/A		400	N/A	
1 st Quarter	100			100		
2 nd Quarter	100			100		
3 rd Quarter	100			100		
4 th Quarter	100			100		
Balance						

Function 6 Activity Tracking – 2025

1 st Quarter Report	
2 nd Quarter Report	
3 rd Quarter Report	
4 th Quarter Report	

Mid-Region Council of Governments
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
FFY 2023-2024 REGIONAL WORK PROGRAM AMENDMENTS
October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2026

(Insert all RWP amendments here)

Mid-Region Council of Governments
Regional Transportation Planning Organization
FFY 2023-2024 REGIONAL WORK PROGRAM BUDGET
October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2026

MRRTPO FFY25/26 Budget Detail				
	Expenditures Year 1		Expenditures Year 2	
	Budgeted	Actuals	Budgeted	Actuals
Salaries & Benefits	\$88,095.00		\$88,095.00	
Professional Development (meeting & conference registration, professional memberships)	\$500.00		\$500.00	
Travel (In & Out of State)	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00	
Operating Expenses (postage, publications, advertising, periodicals, books, meeting expenses)	\$1,972.00		\$1,972.00	
Equipment Purchases	\$500.00		\$500.00	
Contractual Services	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Indirect Costs	\$19,433.00		\$19,433.00	
Total Expenditures	<u>\$112,500.00</u>		<u>\$112,500.00</u>	
Local Match (20%)	\$22,500.00		\$22,500.00	
Federal Match (80%)	\$90,000.00		\$90,000.00	

Glossary of Budget Categories (2 C6FR 200)

For each budget item/category, you must explain whether you will provide actuals (timesheets, receipts, etc.) or use a formula for charging the cost to the RTPO program. Information on how to invoice for reimbursable expenses is provided under each budget category.

PERSONNEL: Costs are based on completed time sheets for each employee that reflect work program activities they have directly worked on. Other staff positions that have part of their salaries allocated may include Executive Director, Finance Specialist, and Executive Assistant.

RTPOs should bill for personnel time using actuals. That is, each employee working on work program functions should have their time billed at their associated pay rate.

FRINGE BENEFITS: Includes such items as health insurance, retirement benefits, and Social Security and Medicare.

Fringe benefits should be billed as actual costs associated with the personnel completing RTPO work program functions.

TRAVEL: Includes travel costs for activities such as board and committee meetings as well as professional development trainings and conferences. Travel per diem and mileage is figured in accordance with the NM Mileage and Per Diem Act and Board approval.

Travel costs should be billed as actual, direct costs associated with implementation of the work program.

INSURANCE: This may include liability insurance, vehicle insurance and property insurance.

Insurance expenses may be billed in proportion to the percentage of programming funds received by the entity from FHWA when compared to the organization's overall budget.

EQUIPMENT LEASE AND MAINTENANCE: This line item covers the costs of items such as copier, postage meter and other equipment maintained for the office.

Equipment lease and maintenance costs may be billed in proportion to the percentage of programming funds received by the entity from FHWA when compared to the organization's overall budget.

EQUIPMENT PURCHASE: Refers to purchase of equipment related to the execution of program work activities. Primarily consists of general office equipment.

Equipment purchases should be billed as direct costs and must be accompanied by receipts.

AUDIT: Refers to the annual third-party auditing of financial statements.

Audit costs should be billed as a direct expense.

SUPPLIES: This includes general office supplies.

Equipment lease and maintenance costs may be billed in proportion to the percentage of FHWA funds received by the entity, when compared to the organization's overall budget.

PUBLICATIONS, REGISTRATIONS, ADVERTISING, MEMBERSHIPS, OTHER: Refers to costs associated with the planning functions of the RTPO. This may include registration fees for professional development, advertising of RFPs or public meeting announcements, professional transportation planning publications and membership in transportation planning organizations.

These costs should be billed as direct expenses.

POSTAGE: Mailing costs associated with program activities.

Postage should be billed as a direct expense.

RENT, UTILITIES and TELEPHONE: Refers to costs associated with the physical space within which regular office work takes place.

Rent, utility and telephone costs should be billed in proportion to the percentage of programming funds received by the entity from FHWA when compared to the organization's overall budget.

LEGAL: Necessary legal costs should be authorized by the Board of Directors and charged to the program as appropriate. The Board of Directors may authorize a legal line item as part of the Annual Budget.

Legal expenses may be billed directly or in proportion to the percentage of programming funds received by the entity from FHWA when compared to the organization's overall budget.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS: Improvements and investments in capital assets owned by the organization. Capital improvements should be approved by the Board of Directors.

Requires pre-approval from NMDOT. May be billed in proportion to the percentage of programming funds received by the entity from FHWA when compared to the organization's overall budget.

PRINTING: Refers to the production of printed materials in support of program work (copies of plans, meeting agendas, minutes, additional materials, etc.)

May be billed as a direct cost or in proportion to the percentage of programming funds received by the entity from FHWA when compared to the organization's overall budget.

MEETINGS: Costs associated with hosting or arranging for meetings related to program work.

Should be billed as a direct expense.

CONTRACTED SERVICES: Refers to the labor, supplies, and materials that will be provided by non-staff (non-employees for whom you do not pay payroll taxes) for project implementation.

Should be billed as a direct expense. Invoices and contracts must accompany pay requests.

OTHER: Expenditures that do not fit into any of the categories above. An explanation of the item to be charged is required.