



STATE-TRIBAL COLLABORATION ACT
2026 AGENCY REPORT
NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NMDOT)
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) is committed to maintaining proactive government-to-government relationships with New Mexico's Nations, Pueblos, and Tribes (NPTs), addressing their unique transportation needs and concerns through meaningful collaboration and consultation. NMDOT strives to be a national leader in fostering respectful and impactful partnerships that honor NPT's culture, traditions, and sovereignty while ensuring compliance with all applicable Federal, tribal consultation requirements. New Mexico is among a select number of states that actively support, promote, and encourage tribal participation in statewide transportation planning. Through collaboration with Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPOs) and Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPOs), NMDOT works closely with tribal governments to ensure their transportation priorities, perspectives, and needs are incorporated into planning and decision-making processes.

Acting NMDOT Cabinet Secretary, David Quintana, P.E., was selected by Governor Michelle Luan Grisham to oversee the department after former Secretary Ricky Serna's departure in early 2026 and honors his commitment to foster new partnerships and maintain meaningful government-to-government working relationships with tribal entities. Several tribal leaders requested to meet with former Secretary Serna and Acting Secretary Quintana on an individual basis to address specific issues, i.e. drainage, right of way, project development, traffic safety concerns, and roadway maintenance responsibilities within tribal boundaries, to include NMDOT providing opportunities for funding through the Transportation Project Fund (TPF), Local Government Road Fund (LGRF) and New Mexico Capital Outlay Process. Secretary Quintana continues to have Ms. Angelica Trujillo, Native American Tribal Liaison, as a key executive administrative staff member to participate in the Departmental Administration, which has sustained with the commitment of the principal partnership with tribal governments by recognizing, respecting, and supporting the unique sovereign status of NPTs within New Mexico. Ms. Trujillo proactively conducts outreach and attends progress meetings, mediating misunderstandings between tribal entities and the Department, to address their tribal transportation concerns and needs. NMDOT continues to build a close working relationship with the tribal entities based on Ms. Trujillo's internal expertise, technical assistance experience and accountability in working with Tribal, Local, Public Agencies (T/LPAs) on various transportation plans, goals, and projects.

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AGENCY OVERVIEW / BACKGROUND

NMDOT continues to advance the vision articulated in the long-range, multimodal 2040 Transportation Plan: *"To set the standard for a safe, reliable, and efficient transportation system."* This vision serves as the foundation for transportation planning and investment decisions that prioritize safety, system reliability, operational efficiency, and multimodal connectivity throughout New Mexico.

MISSION STATEMENT

Provide a safe and efficient transportation system for the traveling public, while promoting economic development and preserving the environment of New Mexico.

NMDOT Core Values:

- **Safety** – Protect the traveling public and employees by making safety the highest priority.
- **Accountability** – Take responsibility for actions, decisions, and stewardship of public resources.
- **Customer Service** – Deliver high-quality service that meets the needs of New Mexico's residents and visitors.
- **Integrity** – Act honestly, ethically, and transparently in all aspects of the department's work.
- **Teamwork** – Collaborate effectively to achieve shared goals and improve transportation services.
- **Communication** – Foster open, clear, and timely communication with employees, partners, and the public.

AGENCY EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT POLICY

Former NMDOT Cabinet Secretary, Gary Giron, formally signed and adopted the [State-Tribal Consultation, Collaboration and Communication Policy](#) on December 18, 2009, and since that time:

- NMDOT has continued its commitment to the principle of partnership with tribal governments. NMDOT recognizes, respects and supports the unique sovereign status of the nations, pueblos, and tribes in New Mexico.
- Consistent with the State Tribal Collaboration Act (STCA), NMDOT, with the assistance of its Tribal Liaison, Angelica Trujillo, has maintained positive government-to-government consultation with tribal governments to collaboratively address transportation needs, concerns, and priorities.

DIVISIONS AND PROGRAMS THAT COLLABORATE WITH TRIBES

The following is a list of current programs and services that NMDOT provides to tribal entities as a part of the statewide transportation-planning program:

Highway Operations Division Native American Tribal Liaison

The Highway Operations Division provides supportive services in Administration, Construction, Maintenance, Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS), Fleet and Materials. The purpose of the Native American Tribal Liaison at NMDOT is to maintain government-to-government relationships as outlined in [New Mexico's State-Tribal Collaboration Act](#) and to assure compliance with the Federal, tribal coordination requirements. NMDOT increased its collaborative efforts and partnerships with tribal governments significantly since 2004 through completing Memoranda of Agreements (MOAs) and Joint Powers Agreements (JPAs) with all the pueblos and tribal nations in the State. In addition, New Mexico is one of a small number of states that support and encourage tribal participation in the MPO and RTPO state transportation planning processes. The NMDOT Native American Tribal Liaison is proactive in conducting outreach, mediating misunderstandings between tribal entities and the NMDOT and building close relationships based on experience and accountability. The NMDOT Tribal Liaison reports directly to Deputy Secretary Mo Moabed: Mo.Moabed@dot.nm.gov, and consults with Executive Staff to ensure tribal transportation goals, concerns, and needs are addressed and effectively communicated with NPTs.

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Planning Division

The Planning Division is responsible for the planning activities of the NMDOT and ensuring that the Department complies with federal planning requirements, including development of NMDOT's Long-Range Statewide Transportation Plan (LRSTP), NMDOT Complete Streets Strategic Plan and the [New Mexico 2025 Freight Plan](#), which guides future freight investments and establishes a long-term vision for maintaining and improving the performance of the state's multimodal freight system. The Division ensures compliance with federal and state planning regulations for Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and, for the non-metropolitan consultation process, through working with Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPOs), and oversees the Bicycle/Pedestrian/Equestrian (BPE) Program, Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), Recreational Trails Program (RTP), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ), and Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), as well as projects previously funded through the Safe Routes to School.

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Multimodal Planning and Programs Bureau

The Planning Division's Multimodal Planning and Programs Bureau (MPPB) monitors state and federal legislation pertaining to transportation appropriations and policies; conducts research into national Best Practices related to state transportation planning programs; develops and oversees implementation of the 2045 Plan and the Public Involvement Plan (PIP); provides technical assistance, including transportation modeling and analysis, to other planning efforts initiated by the Department; coordinates local involvement in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP); manages the Transportation Alternatives, Recreational Trails, Bicycle/Pedestrian and Equestrian, Safe Routes to School, and Scenic Byways programs.

The Government-to-Government (GTG) Unit administers contracts for seven (7) RTPO and five (5) MPOs, and works closely with NMDOT's six District Offices, STIP Bureau, Design Regions and other Divisions to ensure proactive enforcement of state and federal laws, and engagement through public and tribal participation.

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MPO and RTPO Liaisons

Planning staff also serve as liaisons to New Mexico's Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPOs).

MPOs

Section 112 of the Federal Highway Act of 1973 and subsequent federal transportation legislation require that Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) conduct comprehensive transportation planning for metropolitan areas with populations of 50,000 or more. Federal law requires MPOs to develop Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) and long-range transportation plans. New Mexico has five (5) MPOs:

- Farmington ([FMPO](#))
- Santa Fe ([SFMPO](#))
- Albuquerque area (Mid-Region, [MRMPO](#))
- Las Cruces (Mesilla Valley, [MVMPO](#))
- El Paso MPO ([EPMPO](#)) spans the New Mexico/Texas border to cover the City of Sunland Park in New Mexico; as such, NMDOT coordinates with EPMPO for activities in this region.

RTPOs

Regional Transportation Planning Organizations are state-designated entities that orchestrate rural transportation planning, covering regions outside of MPO boundaries. New Mexico has seven (7) RTPOs:

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- Northwest ([NWRTPO](#))
- Northern Pueblos ([NPRTPO](#))
- Northeast ([NERTPO](#))
- Mid-Region ([MRRTPO](#))
- Southeast ([SERTPO](#))
- South Central ([SCRTPO](#))
- Southwest ([SWRTPO](#))

Each RTPO is comprised of a Policy Committee and a Technical Committee, though some RTPOs join these committees. RTPO Policy Committee members represent the governmental entities that comprise the RTPO and are authorized to make decisions on their behalf. Technical Committee members are professional staff who provide technical expertise in the transportation planning process.

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VACANT, Senior Planner, MPO/RTPO Liaison
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Bicycle, Pedestrian and Equestrian Coordinator

The Bicycle, Pedestrian and Equestrian (BPE) Coordinator serves as a resource for NMDOT staff on BPE-related issues and provides residents and visitors with information on cycling through New Mexico.

The Prioritized Statewide Bicycle Network Plan (NM Bike Plan), adopted by NMDOT in December 2018, is a long-range infrastructure plan that identifies which NMDOT owned and maintained roadways are desirable for bicycle infrastructure investment through the establishment of a statewide priority network, as called for in the 2040 Plan. The plan provides design guidelines to inform the implementation of bikeways along the priority network during major roadway rehabilitation or reconstruction.

The New Mexico Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (PSAP) provides NMDOT strategic actions for how to make pedestrians safer in New Mexico. The actions include process, infrastructure, and educational recommendations. The project team developed these actions based on internal input, public and external stakeholder involvement, as well as national best practices. The PSAP is not an infrastructure improvement plan and does not include a list of specific projects. NMDOT started the planning process in late 2019 and completed it in summer 2021.

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Active Transportation and Recreational Programs

The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) is a federal reimbursement program authorized through the FAST Act as part of the new Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program. Approximately \$9 million is available to NMDOT per federal fiscal year. TAP funds can generally be used for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and activities, in addition to other projects, outlined in the [Transportation Alternatives and Recreational Trails Program Guide](#). Each state's department of transportation administers the program using its own competitive process, in accordance with the law. Approximately every two years, NMDOT coordinates with the state's seven (7) RTPOs and five (5) MPOs on soliciting TAP applications.

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is a federal reimbursement program and provides funding to eligible entities within New Mexico to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both non-motorized and motorized uses. Approximately \$2 million is available to the NMDOT per federal fiscal year. These Federal funds benefit recreationists who enjoy hiking, bicycling, in-line skating, equestrianism, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, off-road motorcycling, all-terrain vehicle riding, and off-road four-wheel driving. NMDOT is pleased to provide access to funding for quality, diverse recreational trail projects that will improve New Mexican's quality of life across the state.

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Technical and Freight Planning

The Technical and Freight Planning (T&FP) Unit manages freight planning efforts, including maintaining and guiding implementation of the New Mexico State Freight Plan, and coordinates with freight partners within the state as well as external partners; maintains roadway classification systems, including the Functional Classification System, National Highway System (NHS), and freight-specific classifications; provides technical support, including maintenance of the New Mexico Statewide Travel Demand Model (NMSTDM).

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Highway Safety Improvement Program

The goal of the federally funded Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) as authorized in the FAST Act is to achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads, including non-State-owned public roads and roads on tribal lands. The HSIP requires a data-driven, strategic approach to improving highway safety on all public roads that focuses on performance. Approximately \$22 million is available to the NMDOT per federal fiscal year. Eligible entities include NMDOT Districts, and Tribal and Local Public Agencies (T/LPAs). Application information is distributed by the NMDOT through the MPOs and RTPOs. The funds are also programmed through the MPO/RTPO planning process and distributed through Cooperative Agreements with the T/LPAs.

New Mexico DOT's HSIP is guided by the Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP), a statewide, comprehensive effort to reduce fatalities and incapacitating (serious) injuries on New Mexico's roadways for all modes and users (motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, and other transportation users). The [2021 NM Strategic Highway Safety Plan](#) is available online to consult for future transportation safety planning efforts.

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Data Management Bureau

The Data Management Bureau is part of the Planning Division, and provides planning and engineering data to NMDOT staff, FHWA, government entities, businesses, and the public. The Data Management Bureau oversees the Traffic Monitoring Program and Roadway Inventory Program.

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Traffic Monitoring Program

NMDOT relies on accurate and quality traffic data to support its planning, engineering and operation activities. Traffic Monitoring is responsible for programming, collecting, analyzing and reporting traffic monitoring data for FHWA's Functional Classes 1 thru 6 urban in New Mexico. NMDOT collects traffic data internally, by contract, and in partnership with local entities in New Mexico. The Traffic Monitoring Program is responsible for ensuring all traffic counts collected and shared with NMDOT meet our quality standards. Traffic monitoring data includes vehicle volume, vehicle classification, vehicle speed and vehicle weight. Data is collected using manual counts, portable counters (road tube and radar) and permanent counters (Continuous Count Stations (CCS) and Weigh-in Motion (WIM) stations).

The following Products & Services are managed, maintained, and updated by the Traffic Monitoring section:

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- Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT)
- Annual Average Daily Truck Traffic (AADTT)
- Future AADT
- Annual Adjustment Factors
- Annual Comparisons by Functional Classification
- Axle Correction Factors
- Daily Vehicle Miles Traveled Reports
- FHWA Vehicle Classification Scheme F Report
- Hourly Percentage by Vehicle Type
- K&D Factors
- Seasonal Adjustment Factors

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Roadway Inventory Program

The Roadway Inventory Program is responsible for maintaining and updating the Road Inventory System (RIS) database. This database consists of NMDOT's Linear Reference System (LRS) and data items necessary for yearly Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS) reporting requirements. The Roadway Inventory Program responds to both internal and external data requests.

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Research and Climate Bureau

The Research & Climate Bureau (RCB) is part of NMDOT's Planning Division. RCB is tasked with administering research projects and advancing climate change and resilience initiatives to support NMDOT's ability to deliver safe, efficient, and resilient surface transportation to New Mexico.

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Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program and Carbon Reduction Program

The Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program provides a flexible funding source to the State and T/LPAs for transportation projects and programs that help meet the requirements of the Clean Air Act. Approximately \$10 million is available to the NMDOT per federal fiscal year. **Mandatory CMAQ** funding is made available to areas that do not meet the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone, carbon monoxide, or particulate matter (for nonattainment areas) and for former nonattainment areas that are now in the early years of compliance (maintenance areas). **Non-mandatory CMAQ** funding is administered by NMDOT

and is available statewide for projects and programs that improve air quality and reduce congestion. The most current [CMAQ & CRP Guide](#) outlines the process for applying for funds, identifies eligible entities, and lists eligible projects from the NMDOT **non-mandatory CMAQ** apportionment.

The Carbon Reduction Program was authorized under the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and provides funding to the State and T/LPAs for transportation projects designed to reduce transportation carbon dioxide emissions from on-road highway sources. Approximately \$10 million is available to the NMDOT per federal fiscal year. Projects must be identified in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and the MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), where applicable. Included as an eligible use of funds are Transportation Alternative-eligible projects, including the constructions, planning, and design of on- and off- road trail facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other nonmotorized forms of transportation. Approximately every two years, NMDOT coordinates with the state's seven RTPOs and five MPOs on soliciting CMAQ/ CRP applications.

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Local Technical Assistance Program

NMLTAP — a Program that solves problems.

The New Mexico Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) Center provides local and tribal agencies with a variety of adaptable tools—training events, technology transfer resources, and personalized on-site heavy equipment training—to improve their transportation operations. NM LTAP does not provide engineering services but does offer proven solutions to many transportation problems.

What Services does NMLTAP Provide?

- Information regarding transportation issues
- Conduct Training based on local or tribal needs.
 - Worker/Workplace Safety,
 - Workforce Development,
 - Highway Safety, and
 - Infrastructure Management
- Assistance, referrals, or information through on-site, telephone, or email consultation

If you have any questions regarding eligibility or need additional information, please contact the UNM NMLTAP center.

[UNM NMLTAP Resources and Information](#)

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Project Oversight Division

The Project Oversight Division (POD) provides financial oversight for state and federal projects, assuring compliance with all requirements of Federal and State laws. POD oversees the administration of Federal Aid projects, Local Government Road Fund (LGRF) projects, Tribal/Local, Public Agency (T/LPA) projects, Transportation Project Fund (TPF) projects, and Capital Outlay projects. The division offers support, guidance, and resources to Local Entities seeking state and federal funding for transportation projects.

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Transportation Project Fund and Local Government Road Fund

The Transportation Project Fund (TPF) was created to assist local entities with the development of transportation infrastructure, which includes highways, streets, roadways, bridges, crossing structures and parking facilities. Local and tribal governments can apply for this state funding in the following categories: (1) environmental and other studies; (2) planning; (3) design; (4) construction; and (5) acquisition of rights of way necessary for the development of transportation infrastructure, which includes all areas for vehicular, transit, bicycle or pedestrian use for travel, ingress, egress and parking. The state will cover 95% of costs for projects, leaving 5% local match.

The Local Government Road Fund (LGRF) is used for project development, construction, reconstruction, improvement, maintenance or repair of public highways, streets and public-school parking lots, or for the acquisition of rights-of-way therefore or for materials for the construction or improvement thereof. LGRF is 100% state funded, 75% state match, 25% local match. Due to the limited funding for this program, maintenance projects are better suited.

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Environmental Bureau

Natural Resource, Cultural Resource, and Roadside Community Design sections within the Environmental Bureau work with stakeholders and the public to ensure that state highway and transportation projects provide lasting value for a community while also protecting and enhancing the environment and preserving cultural resources throughout the 200,000 acres of NMDOT rights-of-way.

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Cultural Resources Section

The Cultural Resource Section has a team of historic preservation professionals that assist our tribal, local, entities to balance New Mexico's transportation needs with protection and preserving our state's cultural heritage along and adjacent to the NMDOT highway system. Using the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) list of projects, NMDOT invites tribes to identify projects and properties of interest early in the project development process so tribal comments and concerns can help avoid impacts to historic and traditional cultural properties. The [NMDOT Tribal Consultation Web Portal](#) facilitates interactive communication with tribes during consultation efforts, especially in the planning process. On an annual basis, the Tribal Consultation Coordinator, Dr. Lia Tsesmeli, identifies federally and state-funded transportation projects that may affect cultural properties; informs the 33 Tribes, Pueblos and Nations culturally affiliated with New Mexico of these projects; and coordinates the participation of the Tribes, Pueblos and Nations in formal government to government consultation with NMDOT regarding potential effects to cultural resources.

In addition to the Portal, [NMDOT's Public Involvement Calendar](#) lists all public engagement meetings related to ongoing NMDOT projects.

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Traffic Safety Division

The Traffic Safety Division provides Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) programs, including enforcement, media, and prevention; occupant protection, such as seatbelt enforcement, media campaigns and car seat clinics; driver education for teens, driver safety and DWI school; ignition interlock program, pedestrian programs; traffic records and crash data; publications, including newsletters, brochures, and outreach materials. Tribal entities can request crash data from the [University of New Mexico Geospatial and Population Studies Traffic Research Unit](#).

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Transit and Rail Division

The Transit and Rail Division conducts and participates in transit and rail planning activities, administers Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant funds for all rural and small urban transit grants, provides technical assistance and coordination efforts to public and private non-profit transit operators and provides services in all areas of railway operations and concerns.

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Tribal/Local Public Agency (T/LPA) Training Program

The [T/LPA Training Program](#) resides in the Construction and Civil Rights Bureau and prepares tribal and local public agencies for managing federal transportation projects. An entity with awarded funds must have a “Person in Responsible Charge” who oversees the project, that is required to take this training. The training covers the full project lifecycle- from planning to completion- and ensures compliance with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), NMDOT, and local requirements. Certification is valid for 2 years and can be obtained via in-person training or through online testing. Review webpage for most current schedule.

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Other NMDOT Programs and Services

Research Library- The Library’s mission is to provide information, materials and resources that support the mission, programs, and research of the New Mexico Department of Transportation. The library supports these programs by acquiring organizing, managing and preserving the information in its own collections, and offering supportive reference services to the employees of NMDOT, local agencies, federal agencies, US independent nations, contractors and the public.

North/Central/South Regional Design Centers– Assists with project design and development of Roadway Construction plans.

Right of Way Bureau- Ensuring strategic oversight of all right of way activities, providing fair property valuations, and conducting effective negotiations with property owners impacted by highway improvement projects

Drainage Design– Assists with design of erosion protection structures and permitting for EPA Clean Water Act.

Bridge Bureau– Assists with structural design services and provides routine bridge Inspections of all NMDOT owned bridges in New Mexico

Pavement Management & Design Bureau– Assists with recommendations for pavement and material designs that support the state’s long term plans and vision.

Survey and Lands Engineering– Assists with conducting field surveying and acquiring Right of Way verification.

Aviation – Coordinates with all public and private agencies and organizations, state, local, tribal, and federal, to encourage the advancement of aviation in the state.

Aviation also supports and encourages air services to smaller communities within the State through the Air Service Assistance Program.

State Materials Bureau- The Pavement Exploration Section provides testing and sampling of pavement structures including coring, soil sampling, deflection testing and friction testing.

FY 2026 TOP TRIBAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS RELATED TO TRIBES

NMDOT Tribal Liaison Activities and Projects

The following section outlines FY2026 consultations, activities, and projects the NMDOT Native American Tribal Liaison was involved in, including those NMDOT, FHWA, and other State/Federal agency planning initiatives affecting tribes.

1. NMDOT D-1/ Alamo Navajo Chapter, LGRF Project \$62,103
2. NMDOT D-2/ Mescalero Apache Tribe, NM 532 (Ski Run Road): \$4.8 million, NMDOT Construction, Gabion Basket Repairs, Ongoing
3. NMDOT D-2/ Mescalero Apache Tribe, Carrizo Trails Project: \$1.3 million, Transportation Project Fund (TPF), Construction/CMS & Testing, Completed 2026
4. NMDOT D-2/ Mescalero Apache Tribe/Otero County, US 70: \$120,000.00, NMDOT Wildlife Corridor Scoping Report (Planning), Ongoing
5. NMDOT D3/ Santa Ana Pueblo, NM 313 and Dove Road Intersection Improvements Project \$2.4 million: Pueblo conducted Stakeholder Coordination Meeting, provided overview and construction activities, and received stakeholder input
6. NMDOT D-3/Santa Ana Pueblo, Yellow Bird Rd.: \$90,515.00 TPF
7. NMDOT D-5/Santa Clara Pueblo, Oñate Bridge Pier 10 Scour Mitigation Project, \$1,960,891.51, NMDOT State Funds/Emergency Procurement, Construction Complete. District 5 coordinated frequently and closely with Santa Clara Pueblo to complete emergency scour mitigation at Pier 10 following significant scour at the Oñate Bridge. The work included river diversion and dewatering, installation of scour countermeasures, channel restoration, revegetation, and coordination with Santa Clara Pueblo regarding access, permitting, environmental requirements, and construction activities. Construction was completed in May 2026.
8. NMDOT D-5/Navajo Nation, NM 371/Navajo Route 36 Intersection Improvements, CN F100351, \$4,974,647, Transportation Project Fund/NMDOT/Navajo Nation, Intergovernmental Agreement Executed and Project Development Underway. NMDOT and the Navajo Nation executed an Intergovernmental Agreement establishing the funding and project-delivery framework for roadway widening and installation of a traffic signal and lighting at the intersection. The project combines a \$1,615,000 TPF award with NMDOT and Navajo Nation funding and in-kind

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services. District 5 continued coordination with the Navajo Nation on design, programming, procurement, and construction delivery during FY26.

9. NMDOT D-5/Pueblo de San Ildefonso, FY27 Transportation Project Fund Application, \$1,187,342.20, NM 30/Battleship View Road Intersection Improvements, Application Submitted/Project Development. District 5 coordinated development of 90-percent design plans and an engineer's estimate for interim safety improvements at the intersection. The proposed work includes left- and right-turn lanes, shoulder widening, culvert extensions, lighting, signing and striping.
10. NMDOT D-6/ Zia Pueblo, FY26, CN 6101680, US 550 & Zia Pueblo Access Safety Analysis Study. Evaluated traffic data and conditions of US 550 (MP 15-21), identify existing conditions, roadway concerns; relay back to tribe in support of future improvements
11. NMDOT D-6/ Navajo Nation Red Lake Chapter, C6243296, FY25, Capital Outlay \$200,000 to plan, design, construct and improve streets for the Red Lake Chapter of the Navajo nation in McKinley County. Project is in progress at 50% design.
12. NMDOT D-6/ Navajo Nation Mexican Springs Chapter, C6253277, FY25, Capital Outlay \$800,000 to plan, design, construct and equip lighting at the junction of Navajo Route 30 and US 491. This project is in progress at 10% design
13. NMDOT D-6/ Navajo Nation Little Water Chapter, C6253280, FY25, Capital Outlay, \$100,000 to plan, design, construct and equip an access road to the community cemetery. Project is in progress at 25% design
14. NMDOT D-6/ Navajo Nation Iyanbito Chapter, C6253279, FY25, Capital Outlay \$300,000 to plan, design and construct a grade separated crossing over the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad. This project is in progress at 10% design
15. NMDOT D-6/ Navajo Nation Tsayatoh Chapter, C6253282, FY25, Capital Outlay \$200,000 to plan, design and construct road improvements. This project is in progress at 10% design
16. NMDOT D-6/ Navajo Nation Rock Springs Chapter, L600220, FY25, LGRF \$22,172 for Pavement Rehab, Full Construction, Reconstruction, Drainage Improvements, Construction Management, Misc. Project is 100% complete
17. NMDOT D-6/ Navajo Nation Smith Lake Chapter, L600233, FY25 LGRF \$90,380 for Preliminary engineering, planning and ROW acquisition to plan for road improvements of Wolf Canyon Road and Old Gravel Road. Project is in planning progress at 5%

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18. NMDOT D-6/ Navajo Nation Tsayatoh Chapter, LP60017, FY25 TPF \$2,450,000 for phase 1 subgrade prep, install culverts and apply base course to west Tsayatoh Road. Project is in progress at 90% construction
19. NMDOT D-6/ Navajo Nation Rock Springs Chapter, LP60036, FY25 TPF \$1,000,000 for Chee Dodge Elementary School and US 491 road intersection improvements to include roadway widening, concrete median, curb and gutters, signing, striping and miscellaneous construction. Project is 100% complete for construction
20. NMDOT D-6/ Navajo Nation Red Lake Chapter, LP60064, FY25 TPF \$2,452,000 for reconstruction, drainage improvements, miscellaneous, roadway lighting, and construction management. Project is in progress at 15% design
21. NMDOT D-6/ Ramah Navajo, LP60024, FY25 TPF \$575,000 to design and permit approx. 12 miles of reconstruction to improve current earth road to an all-weather road and driving surface of BIA Route 145. Project is in progress at 40% design
22. NMDOT D-6/ Ramah Navajo, LP60023, FY25 TPF \$895,116 for roadway needing reconstruction to provide an all-season roadway with some major drainage crossing work at 2 locations on BIA Route 195. Project is in progress at 40% construction
23. NMDOT D-6/ Ramah Navajo, LP60043, FY25 TPF \$768,414.22 for pavement rehabilitation/improvements, reconstruction, and full construction at the intersection of NM 53 and BIA Route 125. Project is in progress at 50% in design
24. NMDOT D-6/ Ramah Navajo, LP60063, FY25, TPF \$727,303.67 for roadway maintenance, pavement rehabilitation/improvements, drainage improvements, blading and shaping, and traffic-sign improvements. Project in progress at 5% construction.
25. NMDOT D-6/ Acoma Pueblo, L600260, FY25, LGRF \$30,172 to plan, design, construction management, pavement rehabilitation, reconstruction, full construction, drainage improvements, blade and shape, miscellaneous, signing, striping and guardrail for various public roads. Project in progress at 80% construction.
26. NMDOT D-6/ Laguna Pueblo, LP60008, FY19, TPF \$2,000,000 to plan, design, construct concrete box underpass, also to plan, design, and construct box culvert underpass improvements of Rainfall Road. Project is in progress at 90% design

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27. NMDOT D-6/ Laguna Pueblo, CN 6100764, FY22, Federal funds \$2,232,789.84 for construction of bike facilities on or along NM 124. Project is in progress at 85% completion.
28. NMDOT D-6/ Jemez Pueblo, LP60049, FY24, TPF \$139,117.89 for road improvements, pavement rehabilitation/improvements, miscellaneous, and construction management and testing of Mission Road. This project is in progress
29. NMDOT D-6/ Pueblo of Zuni, conducted Road Safety Audit (RSA) on NM53 with Lee Engineering consultant group to identify traffic safety concerns and recommend proven safety countermeasures to implement for improvements
30. NMDOT Traffic Safety Division/Tribal Liaison, Partnered with the Bureau of Indian Affairs on a Tribal Transportation Traffic Records Coordinating Committee Informational Meeting in Albuquerque, NM on 10/23/25. Participants shared the unique opportunities and challenges faced in collecting and sharing traffic-related data.
31. NMDOT Que Linda Beautification Program/ Isleta Pueblo, \$200,000 grant to build a continuous and effective litter control program; Pueblo conducted community trash-pick up day with funds provided through Que Linda
32. NMDOT Aviation Division/Navajo Nation- Aviation Symposium held on 6/18/26 in collaboration with the FAA and AZDOT to educate the airport sponsors and community leaders about the development, construction, design, care, and upkeep of their airport resources.
33. NMDOT Aviation Division/Navajo Nation, FY23-FY26, \$3,285,172 in funding for airport development, construction, and rehabilitation for Crown Point Airport.
34. NMDOT Aviation Division/Navajo Nation, FY23-FY26, \$2,829,395 in funding for airport development, construction, and rehabilitation for Shiprock Airport.
35. NMDOT D-5 Wildlife Coordinator/ Santa Ana Pueblo- Wildlife Mitigation Project, Pueblo-led with design support from NMDOT to meet current standards for future connectivity and improvements to I-25/ US 550
36. NMDOT D-5 Wildlife Coordinator/ Tribal Liaison/North Region Design Center/Taos Pueblo- NMDOT Conducting US 64 Corridor Study and met with Governor Michael Martinez and team to discuss scope details, existing Taos Pueblo wildlife fencing, and the opportunity to incorporate improvements into the preferred design to increase safety by reducing wildlife on the roadway
37. NMDOT D-5/D-6 Wildlife Coordinator/Mescalero Apache Tribe- Provided funding to produce Scoping Report examining solutions to wildlife-vehicle collisions along US 70. Tribal project is ongoing

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38. NMDOT D-6/Design Engineers/Acoma Pueblo- Provided overview of I-40 Corridor Study and addressed tribal questions and concerns; provide opportunity to incorporate recommendations into project
39. NMDOT Tribal Consultation Program/Cultural Resources- distributed 89 STIP projects to 30 tribes culturally affiliated with New Mexico and expanded consultation invitations to include 7 state-funded projects in accordance with the State Tribal Collaboration Act. The Program also continued ongoing consultation coordination for 8 projects from the 2025 STIP list and 39 projects from the 2022-2024 STIP lists with quarterly updates and information on cultural resource inventories.
40. NMDOT Tribal Consultation Program/Cultural Resources-Five Tribes used the NMDOT Tribal Consultation Portal to request consultation in eight (8) transportation projects. The Portal allows users to search by Project Control Number, County, Route, Project Title, or Tribal Affiliation; view project locations, terrain, and transportation features; and submit comments directly to the Tribal Consultation Coordinator
41. NMDOT Transit/ Santa Clara Pueblo-Section 5310: Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities, \$118,550.00 Total
42. NMDOT Transit-Section 5311: Rural Public Transit Funding, \$2,480,136.31 Total for Zuni Pueblo, Ohkay Owingeh, Navajo Nation, and Laguna Pueblo
43. NMDOT Rail/San Felipe Pueblo- Partnering to install chain link fence on NMDOT railroad ROW boundaries; NMDOT Monumentation Unit will survey and stake railroad boundaries; Rio Metro to install chain link fence per request of Pueblo, due to safety concerns
44. NMDOT Rail/ Isleta Pueblo- Assisting Pueblo to install new Pueblo-owned fiber optic lines across NMDOT railroad property, one being adjacent to Tribal 54 crossing, another near Isleta Hotel/Casino running north to downtown Albuquerque
45. NMDOT Rail/Sandia Pueblo- Strengthen working relationship to eradicate elm trees from the railroad Right-of-Way to reduce/eliminate Elm tree seedling effects on tribal farmlands; Rio Metro assisted in eradication efforts

The NMDOT Tribal Liaison is also involved in the following significant tribal transportation efforts and partnerships:

- Partner with NMDOT Chief Information Officer (CIO) to facilitate Broadband Working Group with the Santa Fe Indian School (SFIS) Broadband Director and their consultant group Native Network, to improve and increase fiber optic connectivity to tribal communities through SFIS Pueblo Education Network (PEN) and NMDOT broadband expansion efforts

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- Shared NMDOT expertise in the Mid-Region Council of Governments (MRCOG) Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Focus Group Meeting (October 2025) for Tribal Governments; defined region's economic priorities and empowered local communities to pursue state and federal funding opportunities
- Coordination with Tribal Entities: Conducted outreach and shared current funding opportunities i.e. Tribal Infrastructure Fund (TIF) through the New Mexico Indian Affairs Department (IAD), Capital Outlay, standalone special appropriations, TPF & and LGRF. Follow up has been done on a quarterly basis with current NMDOT projects that fall within tribal boundaries.
- Participated in a two-day Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Southwest Tribal Transportation Workshop (December 2025) in Window Rock, AZ, to engage in information discussions, network with other tribal transportation professionals, learn, and share experiences
- Presented virtually in collaboration with the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) on various, open federal grant opportunities and hosted virtual office hours to provide technical assistance to tribes and local agencies interested in applying
- Conducted stakeholder meetings and presented to Tribal Council Members regarding project specific details and allowed tribal participation in planning process
- Provided overview of tribal transportation funding resources: TPF, LGRF, and Capital Outlay at IAD's State-Tribal Finance Engagement Meeting at the New Mexico State Capitol with former Cabinet Secretary, Ricky Serna, and tribal finance staff (December 2025)
- Consulted with New Mexico Health Care Authority (HCA) Tribal Liaison and NMDOT Transportation Regulation Bureau to connect Non-Medical Emergency Transport Providers with resources on how to expand services in tribal communities and become eligible for assistance
- Consulted with Pueblo of Laguna Governor, Harry Antonio, Jr., and Tribal Council, on the current condition and status of El Rito Bridge (No. 6122), which carries Sparrow Hawk Road over I-40 (Milepost 119.35). Discussions are ongoing for final determination of poor-conditioned bridge
- Conducted site visit with NMDOT District 5 Maintenance Engineer/ Patrol Supervisor, and Pojoaque Pueblo transportation and maintenance crews, to review a constituent's drainage concern off the East Frontage Road of US 285, near Buffalo Thunder Resort & Casino; maintain ongoing partnership to ensure drainage issues are monitored & addressed

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- Jicarilla Apache Nation Legislative Council Member notified NMDOT Tribal Liaison of vegetation overgrowth along NM 537-Coordinated with District Five Assistant District Engineer/ Dulce Patrol to mow and clear debris between guardrail and curves on NM 537; issues with animal crossings at nighttime and site distance concerns; mowing operations conducted within same week of notification
- Provided information and requested feedback from tribal partners along the New Mexico Route 66 alignment, if they prefer to include tribal, cultural or historical sites on NMDOT's "Points of Interest" map for the 2026 Centennial Celebration of the Mother Road; Isleta Pueblo and Laguna Pueblo participated
- NMDOT Training Bureau and Tribal Liaison developed a new online course for incoming NMDOT employees that includes the roles and responsibilities of the Tribal Liaison, and other positions; the system notifies the employees of annual Cultural Competency Training
- Partnered with NMDOT District 6 to conduct an Access Safety Analysis Study on US 550 & the Pueblo of Zia entrance: Milepost 15 to Milepost 21 to evaluate traffic conditions and safety through traffic data collection, analyze roadway operations and crash history, and identify safety concerns; final study to recommend implementable strategies to enhance safety
- Maintained distribution list of Tribal Leadership, Administrative Assistants, Law Enforcement, and Transportation staff to share tribal transportation announcements, training and educational information, grant and public input opportunities, and general NMDOT notifications relative to NPTs
- Encouraged tribal entities to participate in ongoing MPO and RTPO meetings and processes that provide information about current and upcoming grant opportunities, with the ability for tribal entities to obtain supportive services that assist communities with tribal transportation planning and infrastructure projects.
- Refer tribal entities to review and apply for upcoming grant opportunities to address their local transportation needs, along with making sure that the tribal entities have their local match available and have their latest project costs (due to the rising costs, especially with materials); NMDOT Tribal Liaison provided alternative funding sources that would cover the tribal entity's local match, i.e.: DFA's NM Match Fund.
- Continue to aid our General Office and Districts relative to coordination, collaboration, and consultation with our tribal entities, along with providing technical assistance to the MPO's and RTPO's.

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- NMDOT Acting Cabinet Secretary Quintana, Tribal Liaison, and District Engineers provided introduction and follow up meetings after the departure of former Secretary Serna, with various Tribal Leaders across New Mexico to encourage strong partnerships and learn about local, tribal transportation needs and concerns
- Strengthened communications between Tribal Leadership, Law Enforcement, and staff with NMDOT, BIA, Navajo DOT, FHWA, Counties, and Municipalities, Utility Companies, and other state agencies that provide support and services to tribal communities

Other tribal outreach provided by the NMDOT Tribal Liaison includes:

- **Consulted with Governor Raymond Aguilar of Santo Domingo Pueblo-** Discussed the closure of NM16 and ensured NMDOT was aware of impacts to local traffic and homeowners, USPS Services
- **Monthly DWI Workgroup Meeting-**Allows local and tribal law enforcement to gather and strategize how to reduce drunk driving through education, cross-jurisdictional agreements, and coordinated operational practices and initiatives that improve traffic safety
- **Consulted with Mescalero Apache Tribe on NMDOT Aesthetics Plan-** Participated in discussion with NMDOT Roadside and Design Group/Consultant and the tribe on an updated Aesthetics Plan to gather input, discuss the intent of the plan, and consult on the acknowledgment of tribal sovereignty with respect to images, designs, patterns, etc. depicted in aesthetic designs for roadway infrastructure such as bridges, medians, and soundwalls
- **NMDOT Tribal Traffic Safety Coordination Meeting-** Partnered with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, NMDOT Traffic Safety Division, and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in support of the state's Triennial Highway Safety Plan (3-HSP) for Federal FY 2027-2029; strengthened partnerships, coordinate traffic safety initiatives, review crash data and trends, identified gaps, and explored ways to address the crisis of high pedestrian fatalities in Indian Country with recommendations to develop public education materials, trainings, and engage in ongoing discussions with tribal safety advocates
- **NMDOT Tribal Transportation Safety Summit-** Coordinated with NMDOT Target Zero Special Director to host a half-day Tribal Transportation Safety Summit and regular Safety Summit where tribal leaders and transportation stakeholders aim to develop strategies to eliminate traffic fatalities on all public roadways and for all roadway users in New Mexico; conducted September 2025, theme, "Cutting Edge Strategies in Transportation Safety Culture"
- **NMDOT, New Mexico State Traffic Records Coordinating Committee (NMSTRCC)-** Support NMDOT Traffic Safety Division's vision to establish a Tribal Traffic Records Coordinating Committee and ask our tribal partners what they prefer; Develop goals that

strengthen the Traffic & Criminal Software (TraCS) electronic monitoring system usage with tribal law enforcement

- **Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) Interagency Working Group, Tribal Lands Emphasis Area-** Coordinated with NMDOT Technical Unit Supervisor to engage tribal community members in identifying strategies and safety countermeasures and providing feedback on which strategies will be most effective to focus on in the updated NMDOT SHSP- Tribal Lands Emphasis Area. The SHSP is a work product of the NMDOT Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP).
- **Pueblo of Nambe-** NMDOT State Materials Bureau- Pavement Exploration Unit conducted Falling Weight Deflectometer (FWD) Testing on NP 101/ Poechunu Poe Rd. to evaluate pavement strength and condition; NMDOT provided Structural Evaluation Report for goal of roadway improvements or reconstruction
- **Pueblo of Santa Ana** - Update Dove Road (main arterial of the community) and NM 313 Intersection improvements. Pueblo received \$2.3 million of TPF funding for construction phase. Project will begin construction in fall of 2026. Stakeholder meeting was conducted and attended by NMDOT Tribal Liaison.
- **Pueblo of San Felipe-** Attended kickoff meeting for the Pueblo of San Felipe Tribal Safety Plan 2025; discuss development of safety activities to include in Plan, what are the steps for implementation, identify potential funding sources/grant opportunities

The NMDOT Tribal Liaison also provides the following in-house assistance and coordination:

- **NMDOT, MPOs & RTPOs** - Assisted tribal entities wanting to apply for TPF, which includes tribal governments as eligible recipients, with the inclusion of transit, bicycle, and pedestrian infrastructure as eligible project types.
- **MPO and RTPO Meetings** – Attend monthly/quarterly meetings to provide NMDOT updates, network with other municipalities, address the various local tribal transportation projects needs and concerns; Opportunity for tribal feedback, request for consultation
- **IAD-Constituent Services- Pueblo of Isleta-** IAD informed NMDOT of a constituent's issue. NMDOT Tribal Liaison contacted constituent with transportation concern, provided contacts and resources for proper leading agency to address concerns outside of NMDOT jurisdiction
- **NMDOT D-6/ D-3 Quarterly Meetings w/ Pueblo of Laguna** – Attended Quarterly Coordinating Meetings to address various transportation issues and concerns; provide updates
- **NMDOT D-6 Bi-Monthly Meetings w/ Pueblo of Acoma-** Attended virtually and in-person, to discuss transportation related projects and planned efforts that affect the Pueblo

- **NMDOT D-6 Monthly Meetings w/ Navajo DOT-** Engaged virtually with local government section and Navajo DOT to provide resources, discuss project status, provide updates, and address concerns
- **NMDOT D-3 Bi-Monthly Meetings w/ Pueblo of Sandia** – Initiated and attended Bi-Monthly Coordinating Meetings to address various transportation issues and concerns; provide updates.
- **NMDOT D-3 Bi-Monthly Meetings w/ Pueblo of Isleta** – Attended Bi-Monthly Coordinating Meetings to address various transportation issues and concerns; provide updates.
- **NMDOT D-3 Bi-Monthly Meetings w/ Pueblo of San Felipe** – Attended Bi-Monthly Coordinating Meetings to address various transportation issues and concerns; provide updates
- **NMDOT Project Oversight Division (POD)** – Maintained critical listing of Capital Outlay Projects and Transportation Project Fund (TPF) Projects that are discussed with tribal entities
- **NMDOT-District Local Government Sections-** Supported district local government sections with tribal entities through knowledge of grant opportunities and eligibility, project agreement timelines, end dates for agreements, and provided follow up and mediation services
- **NMDOT Regional Design Centers-** Provided resources and Tribal Leadership/tribal staff contacts to NMDOT Regional Design Engineers interested in consulting with our tribal partners during the transportation planning process of projects impacting tribal lands; identifying mutual benefits and goals early in the project can sustain an effective long-term solution to traffic safety concerns
- **NMDOT Planning Division/HSIP Monthly Meeting-** Provided tribal project updates and shared recommendations for overlapping initiatives and opportunities applicable to tribes; HSIP identified funding available for various tribes if gap in project funding was an issue
- **NMDOT Planning Division-**Distributed NMDOT Active Transportation Plan to guide future pedestrian and bicycle improvements on state-owned roads to tribal leaders and transportation partners to provide their input via survey; Plan aims to incorporate feedback that aligns with NMDOT safety goals
- **NMDOT/Office of Broadband Access & Expansion (OBAE)-** Partnered with OBAE Tribal Liaison to identify the status of telecommunication permits submitted on behalf of Pueblo of Isleta through NMDOT's [ePermitting system](#)

- **NMDOT Engineer Graduates-Engineers in Training (EIT)-** Educate NMDOT engineer graduate employees during their internal departmental rotation about the Tribal Liaison Program; refer to the STCA requirements, NMDOT's State-Tribal Consultation, Collaboration, and Communication Policy, and the NMDOT Tribal Lands Map (located at end of report)
- **Rio Metro Regional Transit District-** Consult with Rio Metro and tribes where the New Mexico Rail Runner and the railroad impact tribal communities; Assist in maintenance and repair of fencing, crossings, issues concerning livestock within railroad ROW

Tribal Participation in State Transportation Planning

The NMDOT Native American Tribal Liaison, Angelica Trujillo, continues to encourage tribal involvement in the MPO and RTPO planning processes to take advantage of opportunities for involvement in the development of MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIPs) and RTPO Regional Transportation Improvement Program Recommendations (RTIPRs) that feed into the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Ms. Trujillo continues to aid in developing procedures and mutual protocols concerning safety, environmental and emergency response measures, and adherence to cultural values. Ms. Trujillo continues to provide technical assistance regarding transportation planning activities, initiatives, and requirements by acting as an intermediary between tribes, Bureau of Indian Affairs – Southwest Region Department of Transportation (BIA-SWRDOT), FHWA-Office of Tribal Transportation, Tribal Transportation Program (TTP), Tribal Technical Assistance Program (TTAP), NM Local Technical Assistance Program (NMLTAP) and other NMDOT divisions and district offices. The Tribal Liaison continues to meet with tribal officials to coordinate tribal and NMDOT communication involving the implementation of local transportation projects and traffic safety initiatives.

Technical Planning Assistance

NMDOT's goals are to maintain collaborative efforts with tribal entities and to continue providing technical planning assistance to address the specific unmet needs and concerns of each individual tribe. The Department's Native American Tribal Liaison Program will continue to serve as a link between the tribes and various transportation stakeholders, FHWA-NM, FHWA Office of Tribal Transportation, TTAP, NMLTAP and NMDOT Divisions and District Offices to ensure tribal participation in all pertinent planning activities and the sharing of data and other information to coordinate services. The Native American Tribal Liaison will continue to meet with tribal officials on a regular basis to coordinate tribal and NMDOT communications regarding the implementation of local transportation-related projects, along with meeting any new federal requirements. The Tribal Liaison will facilitate the Tribal Coordinating Committee (TCC), established for the 2045 Plan, to assist in developing and implementation of the Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP).

Training and Employee Notification

STCA Training Certification

The State Personnel Office (SPO) and Indian Affairs Department (IAD) developed the Cultural Competency Training component of the STCA. The on-demand, online course will enable new NMDOT staff to receive certification.

FY 2026: Eighty-Seven (87) NMDOT Employees were certified via the online course or through in-person sessions held in conjunction with IAD. NMDOT Tribal Liaison coordinated with IAD and SPO to conduct specific in-person sessions for NMDOT employees across the state.

The NMDOT implemented the following to meet its responsibilities under the State-Tribal Collaboration Act:

1. Allocate time during NMDOT's monthly New Employee Orientation for the Department's Tribal Liaison to address employees regarding the provisions of the STCA via pre-recorded introduction video for new employees.
2. Continue to track current "Developing Effective Communication Skills in the Workplace" training classes in the Department's training database; and
3. Develop additional training curriculums as needed in lieu of classes ordinarily provided by SPO/IAD, unless such training becomes available.

In addition, the NMDOT Tribal Liaison will continue to consult with the SPO as needed and appropriate, regarding the training program that the SPO had formerly implemented so successfully.

Employee Notification about the STCA

The NMDOT Training Bureau will prepare a notification list identifying all new NMDOT employees that must complete the Cultural Competency Training as required by the provisions of STCA.

NMDOT created the Employee Information Portal (EIP) as a resource & information hub supporting all NMDOT employees' development and advancement within the department. The portal provides a list of required trainings, to include Cultural Competency Training for all managers and employees who have ongoing communications with NPTs.

FY 2027 GOALS/OBJECTIVES RELATED TO TRIBES

1. Moving forward with construction on the US 64 Hogback Rockfall Mitigation and the NM 371/Navajo Route 36 Intersection Improvements Project into construction during FY27.

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2. NMDOT D-3/Pueblo of Isleta, FY27 TPF Awarded, \$236,483.26, Pickle Heights Pavement Maintenance Project, includes a double application of Type 2 Micro Surfacing on the roadways within Pickle Heights Development.
3. NMDOT D-3/Santo Domingo Pueblo, FY27 TPF Awarded, \$475,000.00, SP 88 Pavement Rehabilitation, includes implementation of curve corrections to improve driver safety, signage, delineators, reflectorized pavement markings, culvert improvements, and fencing
4. NMDOT D-3/Santa Ana Pueblo, FY27 TPF Awarded, \$1,425,000.00, Dove Rd Sidewalk Project, includes design and construction of pedestrian improvements along Dove Rd, ADA-compliant sidewalks, pedestrian catwalk/bridge crossing over the existing water canal
5. Continue District-wide coordination with Tribal partners on active and planned transportation projects, including project development, construction scheduling and impacts, traffic control, access, drainage, permitting, maintenance responsibilities, and emergency response needs.
6. Strengthen coordination among District Engineering Support, Construction, Maintenance, and local patrols to identify and address transportation concerns affecting Tribal communities, provide timely project and maintenance updates, and maintain clear points of contact throughout project development, construction, and ongoing roadway operations.
7. Continue assisting with project scoping, funding opportunities, agreements, cost estimates, reimbursement requirements, and project closeout through the Transportation Project Fund, Local Government Road Fund, Capital Outlay, and other available programs.
8. Committed to attending all progress meetings and continuing to offer training and support for all funding opportunities applicable to NPTs
9. Ensuring NPTs are NMDOT T/LPA certified, as Person in Responsible Charge of a project is required to certify
10. Provide outreach and maintain project timelines for each tribal project to ensure tribal entities have resources and notify the department if schedules are delayed
11. FY27 Funded Project: NMDOT Transit/Northern Arizona Council of Governments, Section 5304, \$210,994 (federal) to support the development of a short-range transit plan for Navajo Transit; will produce strategies focus on stabilizing operations, restoring suspended routes, improving compliance, integrating technology, and enhancing regional coordination
12. FY27 Planned Project: NMDOT Aviation Division/Navajo Nation, \$59,200 in planned state grant aviation funding.

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13. FY27 Planned Project: NMDOT Aviation Division/Ohkay Owingeh, \$27,000 in planned state aviation grant funding.
14. FY27 Planned Project NMDOT Aviation Division/Jicarilla Apache Nation, \$24,750 in planned state aviation grant funding.
15. Traffic Safety Division will continue conversations around traffic data and programs with Tribes, Nations, and Pueblos throughout the state to advance traffic safety issues and opportunities through financial and technical support.
16. Develop a training program for incoming Environmental Bureau personnel to inform on New Mexico affiliated tribes and cultural compliance requirements.
17. Further develop the Tribal Consultation Portal with direct tribal input to enhance its usefulness for cultural compliance consultations.
18. Coordinate technical assistance for long-term Tribal planning efforts and ensure alignment with Tribal Transportation Program (TTP) and NMDOT goals.
19. Increase Tribal knowledge of NMDOT resources by providing targeted training workshops on funding programs such as TPF, LGRF, Capital Outlay, and other applicable financial sources so staff can share information and effectively answer questions that NPTs may have. DFA participates often.
20. Strengthen Communication by proactively coordinating with the Nations, Pueblos, and Tribes on any construction or maintenance activities occurring within their boundaries, with respect to shifting operations on a daily basis.
21. Encourage partnerships between Navajo Nation Chapters and the Navajo DOT to ensure strong support for local improvement projects and to provide adequate time to plan and apply for grant opportunities.

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NMDOT Glossary of Terms and Acronyms

- **(2040 Plan)** New Mexico 2040 Plan
- **(AADT)** Annual Average Daily Traffic
- **(AADTT)** Annual Average Daily Truck Traffic
- **(ARRA)** American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
- **(BIA)** Bureau of Indian Affairs
- **(BIA-SWRDOT)** Bureau of Indian Affairs – Southwest Region Department of Transportation
- **(BIL)** Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
- **(BPE)** Bicycle Pedestrian Equestrian
- **(BR)** Bridge Program
- **(BUILD)** Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development
- **(CMAQ)** Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program
- **(CRP)** Carbon Reduction Program
- **(CCTV)** Close Caption TV
- **(DDETFP)** Dwight D. Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship Program
- **(FAST)** Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act
- **(FFY)** Federal Fiscal Year
- **(FHWA)** Federal Highway Administration
- **(FTA)** Federal Transit Administration
- **(HSIP)** Highway Safety Improvement Program
- **(IAD)** Indian Affairs Department
- **(IM)** Interstate Maintenance Program
- **(IRRP)** Indian Reservation Roads Program
- **(LRTP)** Long Range Multimodal Transportation Plan
- **(LTAP)** Local Technical Assistance Program
- **(MAP – 21)** Moving Ahead for Progress into the 21st Century Act
- **(MPO)** Metropolitan Planning Organization
- **(MRRTPO)** Mid-Region Regional Transportation Planning Organization
- **(NHS)** National Highway System
- **(NWRTPO)** Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization
- **(NPRTPO)** Northern Pueblos Regional Transportation Planning Organization
- **(NRD)** North Region Design
- **(PIF)** Project Identification Form
- **(PIP)** Public Involvement Plan
- **(PLH)** Public Lands Highways Program
- **(POD)** Project Oversight Division
- **(ROC)** Research Oversight Committee
- **(ROW)** Right of Way
- **(RTP)** Recreational Trails Program

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- **(RTPO)** Regional Transportation Planning Organization
- **(SAFETEA-LU)** Safe Accountable Flexible Efficient Transportation Equity Act: a Legacy for Users
- **(SCRRTPO)** South Central Regional Transportation Planning Organization
- **(SERTPO)** Southeast Regional Transportation Organization
- **(SWRTPO)** Southwest Regional Transportation Organization
- **(SHSP)** Strategic Highway Safety Plan
- **(STBG)** Surface Transportation Block Grant Program
- **(STIP)** State Transportation Improvement Program
- **(STP)** Surface Transportation Program
- **(STIC)** State Transportation Innovation Council
- **(TAP)** Transportation Alternatives Program
- **(TCC)** Tribal Coordinating Committee
- **(TIGER)** Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery

- **(T/LPA)** Tribal/Local Public Agencies
- **(TLPTP)** Tribal Long Range Transportation Plan
- **(TPF)** Transportation Project Fund
- **(TPS)** Safety Programs
- **(TPTG)** Transportation Program Technical Group
- **(TTAP)** Tribal Technical Assistance Program
- **(TTPCC)** Tribal Transportation Program Coordinating Committee
- **(TTIP)** Tribal Transportation Improvement Program
- **(TTP)** Tribal Transportation Program
- **(VMT)** Vehicle Miles of Travel

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