

Regional Transportation Planning 101

Northern Pueblos RTPO

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What is transportation planning?

The confluence different agencies and disciplines to develop plans, policies, legislative activities, performance measures, funding, and projects.

It is a collaborative and participatory process, developed by a range of stakeholders who come together to consider the socio-economic factors of a region, develop a vision for the future, and create a plan to achieve that vision.

Transportation planning considers growth patterns and forecasts, travel behavior, and available funding and other resources to maintain and improve transportation options.

Scope of the nonmetropolitan transportation planning process

23 CFR 450.206: Each State shall carry out a **continuing**, **cooperative**, and **comprehensive** statewide transportation planning process that provides for consideration and implementation of projects, strategies, and services that will address the following factors:

1. Support the **economic vitality** of the United States, the States, metropolitan areas, and nonmetropolitan areas, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency;
2. Increase the **safety** of the transportation system **for motorized and non-motorized users**;
3. Increase the **security** of the transportation system **for motorized and non-motorized users**;
4. Increase **accessibility and mobility** of **people and freight**;

Federal Planning Factors, continued

5. Protect and enhance the **environment**, promote **energy conservation**, improve the **quality of life**, and promote **consistency between transportation improvements** and State and local **planned growth and economic development patterns**;
6. Enhance the **integration and connectivity of the transportation system**, across and between modes throughout the State, for people and freight;
7. Promote **efficient system management and operation**;
8. Emphasize the **preservation of the existing transportation system**;
9. Improve the **resiliency and reliability** of the transportation system and **reduce or mitigate stormwater impacts of surface transportation**; and
10. Enhance **travel and tourism**.

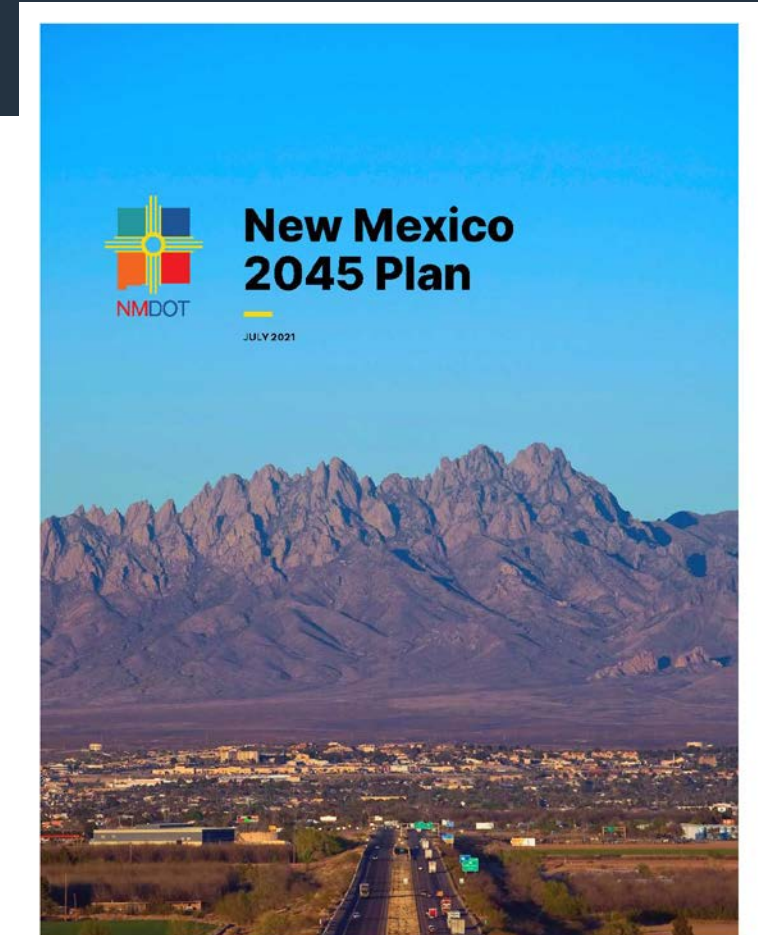
NM Transportation Plans

Long-range: **New Mexico 2045 Plan**

- Developed every 5 years, with a 20+ year planning horizon
- Statewide, multimodal plan
- Focus on **Asset Management, Mobility and Accessibility, Program Delivery, and Safety**

Near-term: **Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP)**

- Fiscally constrained project list
- Covers 4 years, plus 2 planning year
- Amended quarterly, with some out-of-cycle amendments



More NMDOT Plans

General Documents

Transportation Asset Management Plan (TAMP) (2019)

Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) (2021)

Planning Work Program (PWP) - *2-year action plan for the Planning Division*

Modal Plans

Statewide Transit Asset Management Plan (2019-2022)

Pedestrian Safety Action Plan

Airport System Plan





Regional Transportation Planning

Our Beginnings

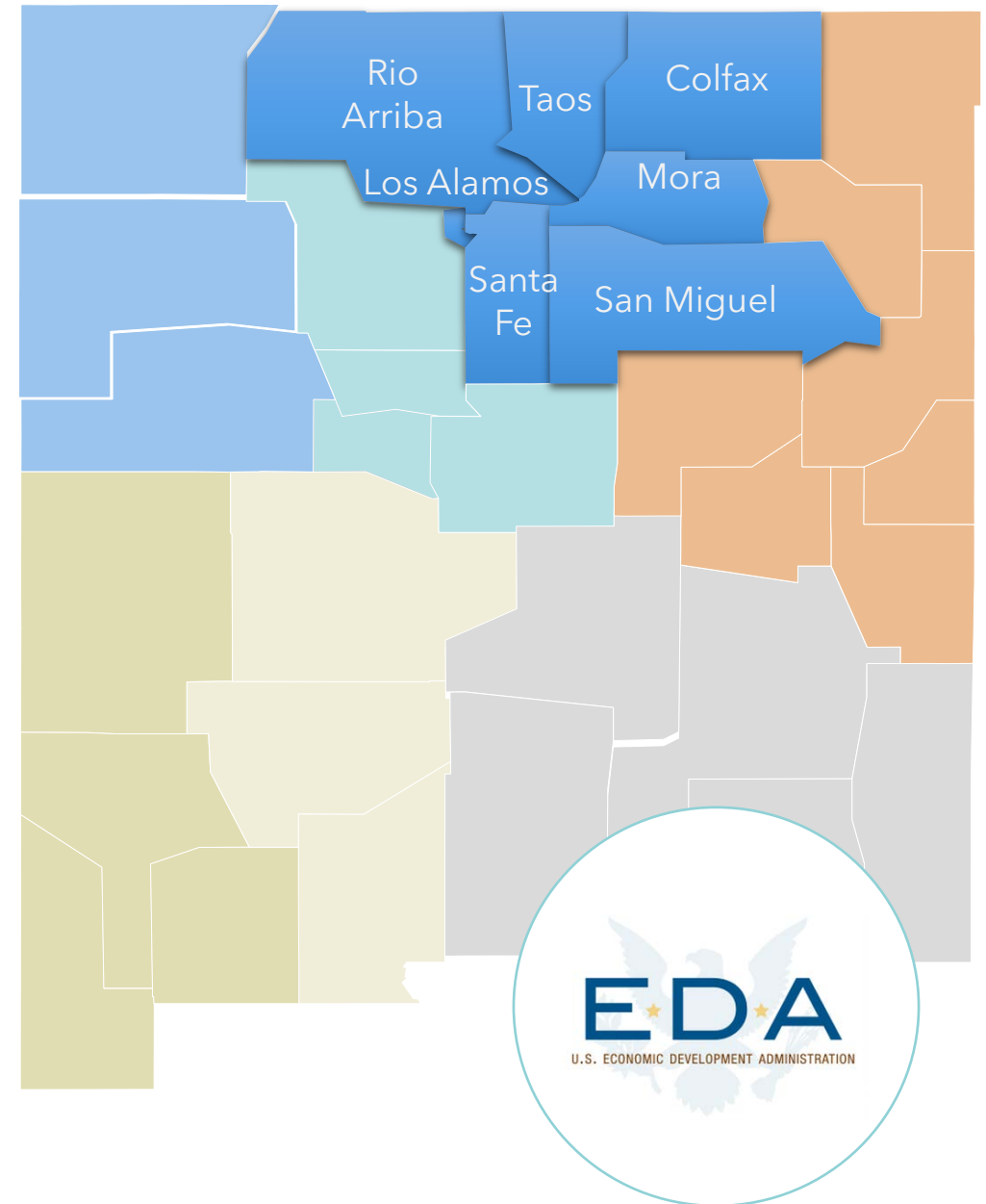
The federal Public Works and Economic Development Act (PWEDA) of 1965 created the US Economic Development Administration (EDA).

PWEDA authorized distressed multi-county regions to form economic development districts for these purposes:

- Enhance the socioeconomic environment of members.
- Serve as the conduit for EDA funding and technical assistance.
- Develop Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDS) for our regions.

NCNMEDD was created in 1967 through a Joint Powers Agreement signed by Colfax, Los Alamos, Mora, Rio Arriba, San Miguel, Santa Fe, Taos and Sandoval counties. We were recognized by EDA as an economic development district in 1968.

In 1978, the New Mexico Planning District Act and the Regional Planning Act provided enabling legislation for Economic Development Districts and Councils of Governments. As regional councils, we assist our members with state funding sources and federal funding sources passed through to state agencies.



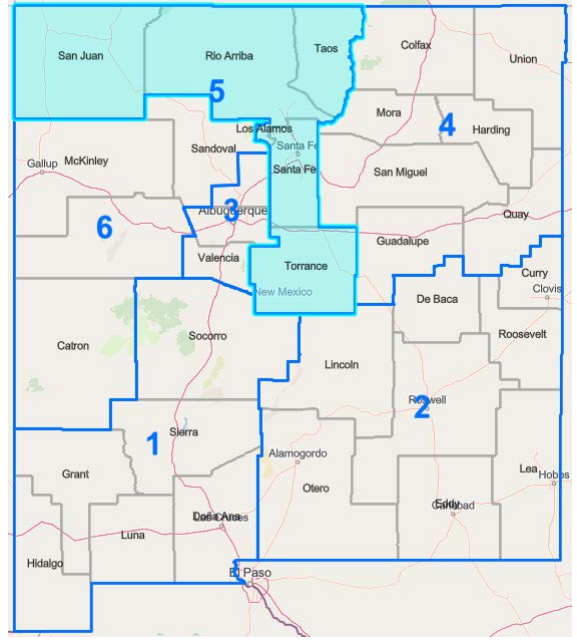
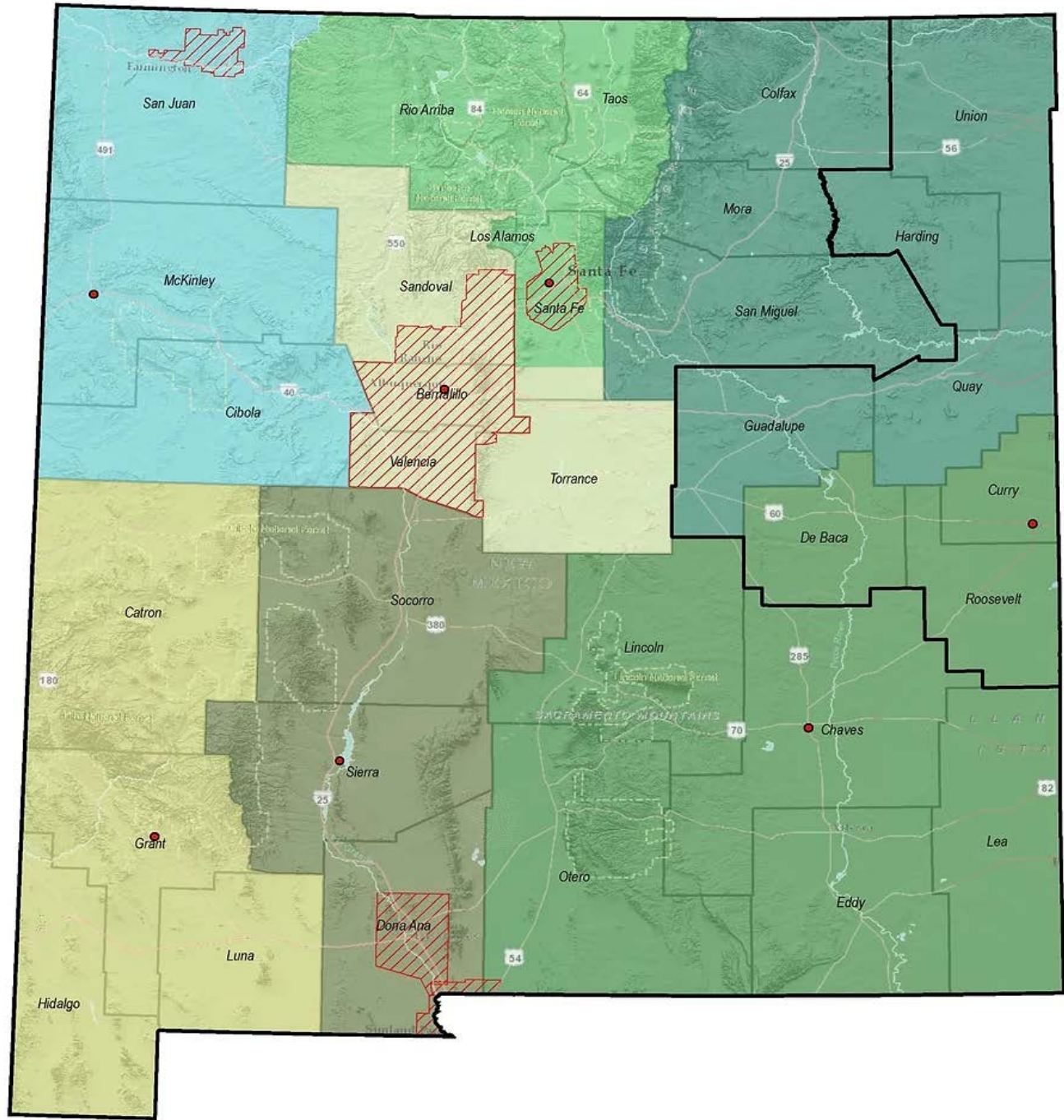
New Mexico Commission Policy 68

CP 68 (03/15/18): A Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) is an organization that **identifies local transportation needs**, **conducts planning**, **assists local governments**, and **supports the statewide transportation planning process in non-metropolitan regions** of the State. States are provided the opportunity to designate RTPOs as a method for formalizing the engagement of officials from areas with a population size less than 50,000 as they incorporate rural transportation needs in the statewide transportation planning process. It is the policy of the State Transportation Commission that **RTPOs provide Regional Transportation Improvement Program Recommendations (RTIPR) to be considered for inclusion in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)**. This recommended program will be prepared in coordination and cooperation with of the New Mexico Department of Transportation (“Department”). The Department works with the RTPOs to fulfill the federal requirement for non-metropolitan consultation in the planning and programming process.



Regional Coordination

Planning in non-metro areas of New Mexico



Northern Pueblos RTP0 Plans

Long-range: **Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)**

- Developed roughly every 5 years, with a 20+ year planning horizon
- Identifies local and regional transportation priorities and needs
- Informed by and consistent with NMDOT's long-range statewide multimodal transp. plan

Near-term: **Rural Transportation Improvement Program Recommendations (RTIPR)**

- List of projects eligible for state and federal funding
- Prioritized by RTPO board, updated annually or in support of funding opportunities
- Consistent with NPRTPO Long Range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)

NP Regional Work Plan (RWP)

- Outlines work products for two years, separated into tasks:
 - Long-Range Planning and Implementation
 - Technical Support and Data Management
 - Project Development and Monitoring
 - Other Activities and Projects, General NPRTPO Support and Administration
- Primarily funded by FHWA, administered by NMDOT
- RTPO requirements & guidance detailed by NMDOT in the Planning Procedures Manual

Role of the RTP0 Board

- RTP0 Board consists of representatives selected by their respective tribal or local agency
- Board meetings are open to the public, to provide information to the public and solicit public input and feedback to regional planning efforts
- RTP0 Board rates and ranks transportation and transit project proposals in the region, which provide information to NMDOT and other decision-makers
- RTP0 meetings also provide a forum to distribute information and discuss transportation planning and funding opportunities