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Presentation on the New Mexico Tribal Planners' Roundtable

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Issues Facing Native Communities -- Rooted in Social, Cultural, and Economic Disruptions

- Violence, including MMIW
- Addiction
- Language loss
- Education and health disparities
- Poverty
- Infrastructure and housing needs
- Risks to natural and cultural resources

Planning and Community Development

- Documents community intentions, in writing, as guidance for future leaders and a tool to promote informed decision-making
- Community engagement to develop values, goals, strategies, and actions
- Comprehensive plan topics: health & wellness, housing, natural resources & environment, transportation, economic development, land use & infrastructure, implementation strategies
- Other types of plans: capital improvement plans, site master planning, facility conceptual designs, strategic plans
- Support for funding applications and reinforcement of legal positions
- Project management and packaging of funds for new buildings, facilities, and infrastructure

Indigenous Planning

- Based on indigenous land tenure, sustained collective ownership
- Using culture and identity to inform community development
- Assertion of tribal sovereignty

New Mexico Tribal Planners' Roundtable

- Created in 2010 by planners from the Pueblos of Laguna and Santo Domingo
- Discussions about planning, community development, and project management
- Unique problems and issues within Native American communities
- Differences in planning on Native lands, compared to non-Native – land, funding sources
- Best practices and solutions
- Information-sharing, in person and via email
- Policy discussions (forwarded to tribal officials)
- Networking, descriptions of current projects
- Cross-cultural communication – Native/non-Native, multiple professions
- Student engagement and inspiration; collaboration with UNM Indigenous Design + Planning Institute

- Presentation on the roundtable at statewide forums, such as NM Infrastructure Finance Conference
- Interaction with American Planning Association, tribal interest group and NM chapter
- Hosted by individual tribes, government agencies, non-profits, or at other conferences such as NMIFC (not consultants)

Participation

Regular tribal participation –

- Pueblos of Acoma, Cochiti, Isleta, Jemez, Laguna, Ohkay Owingeh, Sandia, Santa Ana, Santo Domingo, Taos, Ysleta del Sur, Zia
- Navajo Nation, including Mariano Lake and Ramah Chapters, Tri-Chapters (Counselor, Ojo Encino, Torreon)

Occasional tribal participation –

- Pueblos of Nambe, Picuris, San Felipe, Santa Clara, Zuni
- Jicarilla and Mescalero Apache

Other regular participation –

- New Mexico Department of Transportation, UNM Community & Regional Planning and ID+PI
- Consultants – planning, architecture, engineering

Roundtable Best Practices Presentations

- Isleta tribal services complex
- Kewa public safety complex
- Laguna village community-based comprehensive plans
- Nambe food sovereignty
- Shiprock government and planning
- Santo Domingo E911 addressing
- Isleta NALEMP program
- Kewa multi-purpose administrative building
- Laguna bike and pedestrian route master plan
- Taos Pueblo Comprehensive Indigenous Community and Land Use Plan
- Zia renewable energy
- Picuris solar project
- Santo Domingo housing plan and design
- Laguna K'awaika You Count census survey
- Kewa climate adaptation planning
- All Pueblo Council of Governors Economic Impact Study
- + UNM student presentations

Roundtable Information Presentations

- NMEDD programs
- NMDOT Safe Routes to School program
- NMDOT tribal liaison program
- NM Department of Public Safety highway safety coordination with tribes
- NM capital outlay
- NM DFA ICIP / Ristra program

- NM Tribal Infrastructure Fund
- NM Interstate Stream Commission state and regional water planning
- UNM geographic information systems
- UNM Prevention Research Center – travel safety programs
- New Mexico State University recycling programs
- IAIA farming and agriculture programs
- USDA Rural Development programs / new funding requirements
- U.S. Forest Service Capitol Christmas Tree program
- FEMA and the Stafford Act
- FHWA/BIA Tribal Transportation Program
- BIA Tribal Transportation Coordinating Committee (regular reports)
- U.S. Census 2020
- American Red Cross
- South Central Climate Science Center tribal liaison program

Roundtable Discussions about Challenges

- Coordination with federal and state agencies, especially for funding
- NM legislative process, funding to tribes
- NM Tribal Infrastructure Fund guidelines
- NM Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan
- NM requirements for asset management
- Community involvement

Roundtable Collaborative Proposals

- Tribal planning course/certificate, with IAIA and UNM
- Tribal transportation safety summit, with NMDOT
- Tribal sovereignty summit
- UNM indigenous planning Ph.D. program, with UNM ID+PI

State of New Mexico

- Agency presentations at roundtable meetings
- Funding for tribal planning / TIF severance tax vs. general fund
- State-Tribal Collaboration Act
- Tribal liaisons – consistent, trained, Native American