

New Mexico Department of Transportation

Report to Indian Affairs Committee

August 1, 2024 Secretary Ricky Serna and NMDOT Staff



NMDOT Funding Outcomes

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The 2024 Legislative Session yielded \$555M in infrastructure support for the New Mexico Department of Transportation.

- \$320 million in STBs for major construction projects
 - Nine projects totaling \$547M
 - STBs must be issued by June 2025
- \$5 million for Wildlife Corridors
- \$10 million for roadway beautification and litter pickup
- \$120 million for roadway maintenance
- \$15 million for enhancing the Rural Air Service Enhancement Fund
- \$70 million for roadway projects identified by legislators
 - Total of 40 projects, cost estimates in process
- \$15 million for Electric Vehicle Charging infrastructure

2024 Leg. Funding Dashboard



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2024 Legislative Funding:

- \$320M for STB Projects
- \$70M for Special Projects
- \$120M for Maintenance Projects

NMDOT has finalized a public-facing dashboard to track 2024 appropriations by project. Data includes project locations, funding sources and gaps, and letting dates.

https://www.dot.nm.gov/projectdashboard/

Local Government Road Fund

Awards to Tribal Entities – 2021 through 2025

FY	Dist	CN	Entity		Total (75% State Share)
2021	5	L500416 Navajo Nation Beclabito Chapter		61,040.00	
	6	L600181 Iyant	oito Chapter		12,208.00
	6	L600184 Rama	ah Navajo		12,208.00
2021 T	otal				85,456.00
2022	2	L200534 Mescalero Apache Tribe			125,010.00
	2	L200547 Meso	alero Apache Tribe	2	58,966.00
	3	L300306 Pueb	lo of San Felipe		58,966.00
	5	L500466 Nava	jo Nation Two Grey	y Hills Chapter	56,250.00
	6	L600203 Nava	jo Nation		19,655.00
2022 T	otal				318,847.00
2023	3	L300330 Isleta	Pueblo	66,513.00	66,513.00
	6	L600217 Pueb	lo of Acoma		16,628.00
	6	L600220 Nava	jo Nation		16,629.00
2023 T	otal				99,770.00
2024	6	L600233 Navajo Nation Smith Lake Chapter		67,785.00	
2024 Total					67,785.00
2025	1	L100600 Alam	o Navajo School Bo	bard	36,574.00
	3	L300369 Pueb	lo of San Felipe		69,300.00
	6	L600236 Pueb	lo of Acoma		34,650.00
2025 T	2025 Total				140,524.00
Grand Tota					712,382.00



The Local Government Road Fund (LGRF) is a program that supports local and tribal governments, and institutions of higher education.

- Recurring Budget: \$22-27 million
- 75% NMDOT & 25% Local Match
- Disbursement program
- Restricted to funding programs*
- Hardship waiver available
- Proposals due March 15th
- Projects approved by State Transportation Commission

*Annual budget is divided across the following programs:

- Cooperative Program (42%)
- County Arterial Program (26%)
- School Bus Route (16%)
- Municipal Arterial Program (16%)

Transportation Project Fund

Awards to Tribal Entities – 2021 through 2025

FY	District	Entity	Total
2019		2 Mescalero Apache Tribe	2,253,611.85
		3 Pueblo of Santa Ana	746,031.20
		6 Navajo Nation	514,187.50
		6 Pueblo of Jemez	21,028.25
		6 Pueblo of Laguna	1,900,000.00
		6 Pueblo of Zia	351,254.90
2019 Total			5,786,113.70
2022		2 Mescalero Apache Tribe	3,386,659.75
		5 Navajo Nation	1,140,000.00
		5 Taos Pueblo	3,620,581.10
		6 Navajo Nation	6,022,903.10
		6 Pueblo of Jemez	4,199,000.00
		6 Ramah Navajo	1,396,610.20
2022 Total			19,765,754.15
2023		5 Jicarilla Apache Nation	736,250.00
		5 Santa Clara Pueblo	475,000.00
		6 Navajo Nation	950,000.00
2023 Total			2,161,250.00
2024		5 Navajo Nation	475,000.00
		6 Ramah Navajo Chapter	729,993.51
2024 Total			1,204,993.51
Grand Total			28,918,111.36

The Transportation Project Fund (TPF) is a program that supports local and tribal governments with road infrastructure projects.

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- Recurring Budget: \$50-55 million
- 95% NMDOT & 5% Local Match
- Disbursement program
- Less restrictive on project type
- Hardship waiver available
- Proposals due May 31st
- Projects approved by State Transportation Commission

Target Zero



Target Zero is a transformative initiative that coordinates all the transportation safety work currently underway and sharpen the department's focus on safety in all our work.

Target Zero visions a transportation system where every journey is completed safely, with zero drivingrelated deaths or serious injuries.

The map to the left shows the geographic distribution of KA crashes by county from 2012-2022. Bernalillo, San Juan, McKinley, Doña Ana, and Santa Fe are the highest risk counties in the state.



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TARGET ZERO ACTIVITIES

- Coordinate efforts across NMDOT to connect safety planning and activities
- Coordinate efforts across NMDOT to quicken project development timelines
- Coordinate efforts across NMDOT to make safety policy and standards more robust
- Conduct Road Safety Audits to identify root issues
- Convene gatherings of stakeholders to learn and commit to Safe Systems approach
- Identify Policy Recommendations to bring forward legislation
- Support across state agencies and local governments opportunities for broader safety approaches
- Identify and implement education and campaigns for a Traffic Safety Culture
- Coordinate across organizations for post-crash care
- Evaluate and improve, where needed, the data and data-driven decision making
- Developing toolkits that support others in leading in their areas



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Que Linda Beautification Grant



On July 15th NMDOT launched Que Linda statewide beautification program.



The goal of Que Linda is to increase the capacity of local governments across the state to highlight the natural beauty of our state. The grant offers up to \$200K to hire a fulltime local beautification program coordinator and to build a sustainable local program.

- Student Service Learning
- Litter Abatement Alternatives to Penalty Fines
- Use of Corrections Contractors
- County Inmate Litter Abatement Program
- Elementary Anti-Litter Education Campaign
- Business Corridor Adoption Program
- Reporting Illegal Trash Dumping Hotline
- Secure Loads Establishment and Enforcement
- Establish Free Weekend Events at Collection Centers
- Neighbor Rates at Collection Centers

Applications due August 15: <u>https://www.dot.nm.gov/que-linda/</u>

Workforce Development



NMDOT's current vacancy rate is 15.2% which is 4.4% lower than it was in July 2023. The agency has made strides to increase compensation, ramp up employee engagement, institute referral programs and expedite HR actions.

NMDOT has identified critical roles, some of which require existing postsecondary credentials, other which will require the development of an industry credential.

- 1. Develop Career Pathways: Create clear pathways from K-12 education to college and credential programs. Integrate internships and on-the-job learning at various stages:
 - Paid Internships: NMDOT intends to offer both summer and year-round internship opportunities to high school and postsecondary students.
 - **Customize Training Programs**: Work with a training provider, for example a postsecondary institution, to design training programs aligned with specific DOT occupations leading to industry recognized credentials.
 - **Curriculum Development**: Training provider will partner with NMDOT to determine if curricula currently exists or if one will need to be created.
 - **Credentialing Programs**: Develop industry-recognized credentials for targeted roles. NMDOT will work with the SPO to accept the credentials in lieu minimum requirements for employment.
 - **Funding**: NMDOT will provide funding for curriculum development, and course tuition.
- 2. Work-based Learning: Introduce postsecondary students to NMDOT work related to their field of study, to provide foundational knowledge, and relevant years of experience needed to meet minimum qualifications for employment.
- **3. Secondary Recruitment:** Partnerships between NMDOT, DWS and secondary institutions (high schools an high school equivalency programs) will allow NMDOT to conduct onsite recruitment and hiring events for entry-level jobs. 9

Opportunities for Partnerships with Tribal Governments

- Direct Federal Awards to Local and Tribal Governments
 - State Match Fund
 - Grant writing support
 - Project management support
- BIA approval on ROW and easement agreements
- Dig Once for broadband expansion
- Tribal Infrastructure Funding at NMIAD
 - Creative funding solutions
- Clarity in roles and responsibilities
 - Formalize partnership agreements
- Strategic use of state resources
 - Capital outlay
 - NMDOT special appropriations
 - Special appropriations



Example of strong collaboration: Looking west towards Cochiti Pueblo across NM22 intersection with 12.2.

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