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# **State Transportation Department announces \$34.4 million for Active, Transportation, Recreation and Air Quality Improvement Projects**

SANTA FE – Twenty-two communities across the state will receive approximately \$34.4 million in federal funding for transportation and recreational trail projects through the Transportation Alternative (TAP), Recreational Trails (RTP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Programs. NMDOT administers these federal funding programs in New Mexico. When leveraged with local dollars and in-kind services, the 29 projects represent more than \$39 million in transportation and recreational investment over the next three to five years.

### **Some of the awards from FY23 include:**

- \$187,000 from TAP awarded to Las Cruces Public Schools for the Safe Routes to School program which helps students find ways to safely walk and bicycle to school.
- \$300,000 from RTP awarded to Clovis for the Liebelt Channel Trail creating a pedestrian and bicycle trail for residents connecting to parks, schools, businesses, healthcare services, and other facilities along Main St.
- \$3.2 million from CMAQ awarded to Bernalillo County to construct the Dolores Huerta Pedestrian Bridge providing a safe pedestrian crossing over the Rio Grande River near Bridge Blvd.

NMDOT and the project selection committees selected 29 projects from a pool of 35 applications. The statewide competitive processes required applicants to demonstrate how the project addresses local economic vitality, improves safety and security, increases accessibility, mobility and enhances the environment, among other scoring factors. See the NMDOT [Multimodal Planning and Programs Bureau](#)<sup>[1]</sup> website for more information on each individual program, requirements, eligibilities, and the selection process. The table below shows the current award and project timelines. Funding amounts are subject to change as projects move through the development process.

The San Juan County Public Works Director Nick Porell shared the following reflections on his experience as an applicant and awardee of NMDOT grant dollars,

“San Juan County has been the fortunate recipient of five total awards through RTP and TAP programs. The TAP awards have successfully constructed a 2+ mile multiuse path which serves the Kirtland area schools within the Central Consolidated School District creating safe pedestrian and bicycle routes for area students. RTP funding has been used in partnership with the Bureau of Land Management Farmington Field Office for mountain bike and OHV trail improvements and expansion, trailheads, and skills areas within the Glade Run Recreation Area. The RTP projects have illustrated an excellent opportunity for partnership between Federal, State and Local governments to create meaningful recreation and economic development opportunities for area residents and visitors.”

The City of Farmington received more than \$3.3 million during this call for applications to support three projects, including the design of a multiuse trail along the San Juan River, the updating of sidewalks to meet current ADA requirements, provisions for universal access, and the improvement of facilities to enhance residents’ quality of life with the hope of encouraging a modal shift to walking and biking along Main Street and Sunset Avenue.

Three bicycle and pedestrian improvement projects were also selected within Santa Fe County, totaling more than \$5.2 million. The projects include the continuation of multiuse trails with green infrastructure elements providing first-and-last mile connections to the 599 Rail Runner Station; the connection of a low-income neighborhood to the area’s existing trail networks, social services, schools, transit; and a multiuse trail connecting students to two elementary schools in the area.

<b>Table 4. Project Award Details</b>					
<b>MPO/RTPO</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Federal funds</b>	<b>Total project</b>	<b>Program</b>
NERTPO	San Miguel County	Cinder Trail Improvements	\$658,845	\$771,120	TAP
FMPO	City of Farmington	Westland Trail Connection Project	\$384,480	\$450,000	TAP
MVMPO	Las Cruces Public Schools	Safe Routes to School Program	\$159,786	\$187,015	TAP
MVMPO	New Mexico State University	Arrowhead Drive Multiuse Trail	\$902,122	\$1,055,854	TAP
SERTPO	Lincoln County	Magado Creek Pedestrian Bridge and Trail	\$382,450	\$447,624	TAP
SERTPO	City of Roswell	Spring River and Cielo Grande Trail Connections	\$192,240	\$225,000	TAP

MRMPO	Bernalillo County	Alameda Drain Trail Phase 5	\$1,623,360	\$1,900,00	TAP
MRMPO	Bernalillo County	Dolores Huerta Pedestrian Bridge	\$2,734,080	\$3,200,000	TAP
MRMPO	Village of Los Ranchos	Chavez Road Multiuse Trail	\$401,568	\$470,000	TAP
NERTPO	City of Santa Rosa	LED Roadway Lighting Upgrades	\$1,034,140	\$1,210,368	TAP
SFMPO	City of Santa Fe	Tierra Contenta Extension Project	\$1,125,000	\$2,000,000	TAP
FMPO	City of Farmington	Main Street Sidewalk and ADA Improvements	\$1,438,041	\$1,683,100	TAP
FMPO	City of Farmington	Sunset Ave. Sidewalk and ADA Improvements	\$1,243,579	\$1,455,501	TAP
NPRTPO	Los Alamos County	NM-4 Crossing and Multiuse Trail Improvement Project*	\$1,323,852	\$1,549,452	TAP
NWRTPO	City of Grants	2nd Street Shared Loop	\$869,741	\$1,017,955	TAP
SERTPO	City of Clovis	Main Street Improvements	\$260,844	\$305,295	TAP
NPRTPO	North Central Transit District	NCRTD ADA Transition Plan Implementation Phases IX and X	\$1,025,280	\$1,200,000	TAP
		<b>TAP Program Total</b>	<b>\$15,759,408</b>	<b>\$17,228,284</b>	
SERTPO	City of Clovis	Liebelt Channel Trail	\$256,320	300,000	RTP
SERTPO	City of Roswell	Spring River Trail Rehab Phase 2	\$201,638	\$236,000	RTP
MRMPO	Cibola Nat Forest & National Grasslands	Sandia Foothills Trails Improvements	\$244,780	\$286,520	RTP

MRMPO	Valle de Oro Nat Wildlife Refuge	Perimeter Trail	\$566,213	\$1,323,902	RTP
NPRTPO	Town of Red River	Questa to Red River Trail	\$295,110	\$515,110	RTP
FMPO	San Juan County	Glade Run Recreation Area Trail Expansion and Improvements	\$281,952	\$330,000	RTP
		<b>RTP Program Total</b>	<b>\$1,846,013</b>	<b>\$2,99,532</b>	
MRMPO	Bernalillo County	Fourth Street NM Road Diet	\$4,917,734	\$5,755,775	CMAQ
SFMPO	City of Santa Fe	Acequia Trail Extension Project	\$2,563,200	\$3,000,000	CMAQ
NPRTPO	Los Alamos County	NM-4 Crossing and MUT Improvement Project*	\$1,025,748	\$1,200,548	CMAQ
MVMPO	NMDOT District 1	University Ave Multimodal Improvements	\$3,384,458	\$3,961,210	CMAQ
Statewide	NMDOT Transit and Rail Division	General Public Vanpool and Rideshare	\$648,000	\$648,000	CMAQ
MRMPO	Rio Metro Regional Transit District	Rail Runner Express Operating Assistance	\$4,000,000	\$4,681,648	CMAQ
SFMPO	Santa Fe County	Arroyo Hondo Trail Segment 1	\$272,508	\$318,947	CMAQ
		<b>CMAQ Program Total</b>	<b>\$16,811,648</b>	<b>\$19,566,128</b>	
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$34,417,069</b>	<b>\$39,785,944</b>	

\*Project co-funded with TAP and CMAQ funds

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