RESOLUTION OF THE
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' STANDING COMMITTEE
25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- First Year, 2023

AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES OF THE NAVAJO NATION RELATING TO THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO FOR 2024

WHEREAS:

A. Statements of policy, enactment of positive law, intergovernmental agreements, budget resolutions, and reallocations, must be reviewed and approved by resolution by the appropriate standing committee(s) and the Navajo Nation Council except as otherwise provided herein. 2 N.N.C. § 164(A).

B. Statements of policy are written statements submitted to federal, state or local governments by a Navajo Nation official stating the official position of the Navajo Nation on proposed legislation or other action by that government. 2 N.N.C. § 110(W).

C. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'íyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered Naabik'íyáti' Committee to assist and coordinate all requests for information, appearances and testimony relating to proposed county, state and federal legislation impacting the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §§ 700(A) and 701(A)(6).

D. Each of the 25th Navajo Nation Council Delegates representing New Mexico chapters and communities recommended New Mexico Legislative Priorities for 2024 for their respective area(s) of oversight to the New Mexico Caucus of the Navajo Nation Council; after review and discussion, the New Mexico Caucus compiled the recommendations into the 2024 New Mexico Legislative Priorities attached and incorporated herein as **Exhibit A.**

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

The Navajo Nation hereby approves the Navajo Nation's legislative priorities relating to the State of New Mexico for 2024, attached as **Exhibit A**, as determined by the 25th Navajo Nation Council and authorizes the Navajo Nation President, the Navajo Nation Speaker, and their designees, and the Naabik'íyáti' Committee members, to advocate the position of the Navajo Nation with the State of New Mexico, State of New Mexico Legislature, New Mexico State Agencies,

and the State of New Mexico Governor's Office for the preservation of funding and policies in the Navajo Nation's priority areas.

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the 25th Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Tse Bonito, New Mexico, at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 19 in Favor, and 00 Opposed, on this 28th day of December 2023.

Honorable Crystalyne Curley, Chairwoman
Naabik'íyáti' Committee

1/5/24
Date

Motion: Honorable Danny Simpson
Second: Honorable Vince R. James

Chairwoman Crystalyne Curley not voting

EXHIBIT
A

NAVAJO NATION LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO
25TH Navajo Nation Council

December 8, 2023

1. **Capital Outlay & Infrastructure**
   a. Request New Mexico remove or amend the requirement to obligate 5% of an appropriated amount within 6 months of acceptance of an Intergovernmental Grant Agreement
   b. Request New Mexico recognize delegation of signing authority by the Navajo Nation President
   c. Secure funding for Navajo Nation Chapters and government programs
   d. Fund Tribal Infrastructure Fund Projects
   e. Fund Infrastructure Capital Improvement Projects
   f. Promote General Obligation Bond Projects for Navajo Nation
   g. Minimize reversion of Navajo Nation funds

2. **Tribal Consultation**
   a. Request quarterly coordination meetings between the Nation and New Mexico Indian Affairs Department and joint trainings between the Nation and various New Mexico Departments
   b. Provide Navajo representation on any vacant or proposed commissions, boards, or other opportunities to amplify the voice of the Navajo Nation
   c. Request to have New Mexico in the IGA's use broad language like design or build when instructions are made on how funding will be used
   d. Minimize New Mexico barriers to meeting the 5% expenditure requirement within a specified period
   e. Ensure Navajo Nation consultation on policy changes to Executive Orders
   f. Ensure Navajo Nation consultation concerning the Energy Transition Act

3. **Public Safety**
   a. Support state funding for public safety headquarters and correctional facilities
   b. Improve communication and coordination between Nation and New Mexico on cannabis issues
   c. Support for fire station facilities with emergency response capabilities, including E911 Service, Rural Addressing in the Nation and improvement of rural coverage for dead zones for public safety communications

d. Support increased cross training with State law enforcement

e. Align New Mexico and county Tier 3 Sex Offenders Registry criteria and policies with the Naton and improve sex offender risk assessment and New Mexico policies for determining registration and notification requirements

f. Request development of a policy to include the Nation in the selection process of the Indian Affairs Department political designees

g. Request New Mexico funding for an inter-coordinated tribal Information management system to respond to and combat instances of missing, murdered, and human trafficked Navajo citizens in New Mexico

h. Increase juvenile justice program funding to the Nation

4. Healthcare & Public Health

a. Fund programs in New Mexico that support Navajo families with a missing or murdered or trafficked relative, including victim's services and victim advocate programs

b. Fund detox centers to prevent alcohol abuse and exposure deaths of Navajo citizens

c. Support continued Medicaid, SNAP and WIC Assistance for Navajo citizens

d. Establish a Health Council for the Navajo communities in New Mexico under the State Task Force in coordination with the State and the Navajo Department of Health

e. Secure and increase New Mexico funding of Senior Centers and programs on the Nation

f. Request funding to assist with cleanup of Navajo Forest Products Industry site in New Mexico

5. Community Development & Housing

a. Involve Nation in proposed railway system discussions impacting the Nation

b. Request funding for transitional housing for Navajo victims of violent crimes and their families

c. Address state and county Redistricting concerns for election purposes impacting Navajo citizens

d. Support funding and development of telecommunications infrastructure on the Nation, including addressing the unique position and location of Ramah, Tohajjilee, Alamo Chapters

e. Fund Energy Transition Act job retraining for Navajo citizens

f. Initiate New Mexico funding options for Housing Assistance and address Navajo Veterans housing

6. **Natural Resources**

   a. Obtain New Mexico funding and assistance to mitigate uranium cleanup on the Nation

   b. Oppose any radiation repository near Navajo Nation lands

   c. Support funding for water Infrastructure including the Navajo Gallup Water Project

   d. Support funding and resources for RECA miners and down winders assistance who are Navajo citizens

   e. Recognize and preserve Navajo Nation cultural sites and resources in New Mexico

   f. Request funding for agriculture and ranching on the Nation including farming, gardening, and strengthening cultural enrichment and growth

7. **COVID-19 Pandemic**

   a. Continue to provide COVID-19 response and retain protocol by State, including updating data sharing agreements, for the Nation to maintain the C19 Dashboard

   b. Provide possible resources for the effective management of COVID-19 mitigation, recovery and after-action plan, and preparation for the next pandemic

   c. Fund home-based interventions to support Navajo adults living with Long COVID by promoting knowledge and coping resources and responses that lead to improved holistic health

8. **Social Services & Human Services**

   a. Support funding to establish veteran's wellness court and funding for medical care for Navajo veterans

   b. Increase funding for Sexual Assault Prevention on the Nation

   c. Support funding for human trafficking awareness education as it pertains to Navajo citizens

9. **Education**

   a. Advocate for legislation regarding the creation of an Indian Education Trust Fund and its equitable distribution to support Navajo students

   b. Support funding for cultural and traditional learning and recognition of Navajo language education in State education systems

   c. Support funding for Early Childhood Education and care for Navajo families in New Mexico

   d. Support funding vocational and technical training for Navajo students

e. Support funding for family learning centers and libraries on the Nation

f. Support funding for school bus route maintenance on the Nation

10. Economic Development

a. Support funding for development of Navajo owned businesses in New Mexico

b. Oppose expansion of "racinos"

c. Support the Nation through consultation and collaboration on critical policy areas related to economic development in New Mexico

11. Protection of Existing Statutes & Future Legislations

a. Amplify input from the Navajo Nation with Navajo representation on any vacant or proposed state commissions, boards, or other opportunities

b. Protect statutes passed to protect Native American rights, including the State Tribal Collaboration Act, New Mexico Indian Education Act and Tribal Infrastructure Fund Act

c. Support Redistricting legislation that protect the voting rights of Navajo citizens in New Mexico

PROPOSED PRIORITIES FOR NEW MEXICO DELEGATES FOR THE NEW MEXICO STATE LEGISLATURE FOR FY 2024

NAVAJO NATION DIVISION OF Community Development

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

CAPITAL PROJECTS MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT December 01, 2023

Proposed Priorities for Discussion:

A. Revisit the authorization process for all grant funded projects.

    a. Lengthy process for approval

        i. Notice of Award for funds

        ii. Signature Process and Authorization

        iii. Notice of Obligation Process Timeline

    b. RECOMMENDATION:

        i. Have (1) IGA listing, all the projects on one (1) IGA

B. Request for operations cost to be included into overall funding

    a. Pre-Planning and Planning Administrative cost

        i. Staffing and Daily Operations

    b. RECOMMENDATION:

        i. Adding on Percentage on all development cost. (20% Admin)

C. Fund Projects at current and/or projected development cost

    a. Rural development cost on Indian Country is unique due to the ruralness

    b. Various land status that impacted development cost

    c. Infrastructure Development cost

D. Notification to CPMD prior to Chapters completing ICIP online

    a. RECOMMENDATION

        i. Chapters should complete a cost analysis of all project amounts

NAVAJO NATION

RECOMMENDED PRIORITY PRIOR TO REQUESTING FUNDING FROM THE NEW MEXICO STATE

Vetting involves researching and applying certain criteria to weed out better from worse options. A background review for vetting involves investigating an individual, company, or other entity before making a decision to go forward with a joint project.

1. Establishment of Vetting Process for Capital Projects
    a. Concept.
        i. Analyze the concept of the proposed project to identify the reason for project and determine its feasibility.
        ii. Identify project goals and objectives and be sure they are established in line with the reason. Also, is it in-line with chapters master plan, if applicable.
        iii. Determine the business drivers (an explanation of the problem to be addressed) existing behind the project.
        iv. Evaluate project goals and objectives for compliance with business drivers.
        v. Confirm that the project really addresses the needed problem.
    b. Approach.
        i. Review the implementation approach of the project.
        ii. Be sure that the approach really aims to deliver the project and produce desired outcomes.
        iii. Review the project plan for effectiveness.
        iv. Confirm the plan represents a detailed decomposition of work (tasks and activities) to be done to complete the project.
        v. Check if planned activities and tasks are prioritized and sequenced to be successful.
        vi. Identify whether planned phases and stages are link to interim deliverables.
        vii. Confirm that the project has a detailed schedule with milestones and proposed cost.
    c. Sustainability.
        i. Analyze the project for feasibility and cost-effectiveness. Also, consider annual operations and maintenance cost anticipation.
        ii. Review the organizational structure to confirm it includes comprehensive roles and duties.
            1. For Certified Chapters, ensure that the five-management system is in place and in-line with all rules and duties of the chapters.
        iii. Confirm effective delegation rules and authorities are established.

iv. Screen decision-making processes accepted in the project to check whether these processes are capable of moving the project towards success.
v. Determine participation of stakeholders (involvement level) and identify whether they can provide necessary oversight to project activities.
vi. Identify and confirm social sustainability of the project (whether the project is sustainable among community people affected by project outcomes).
vii. Determine financial perspectives to ensure the project remains funded in the long run.

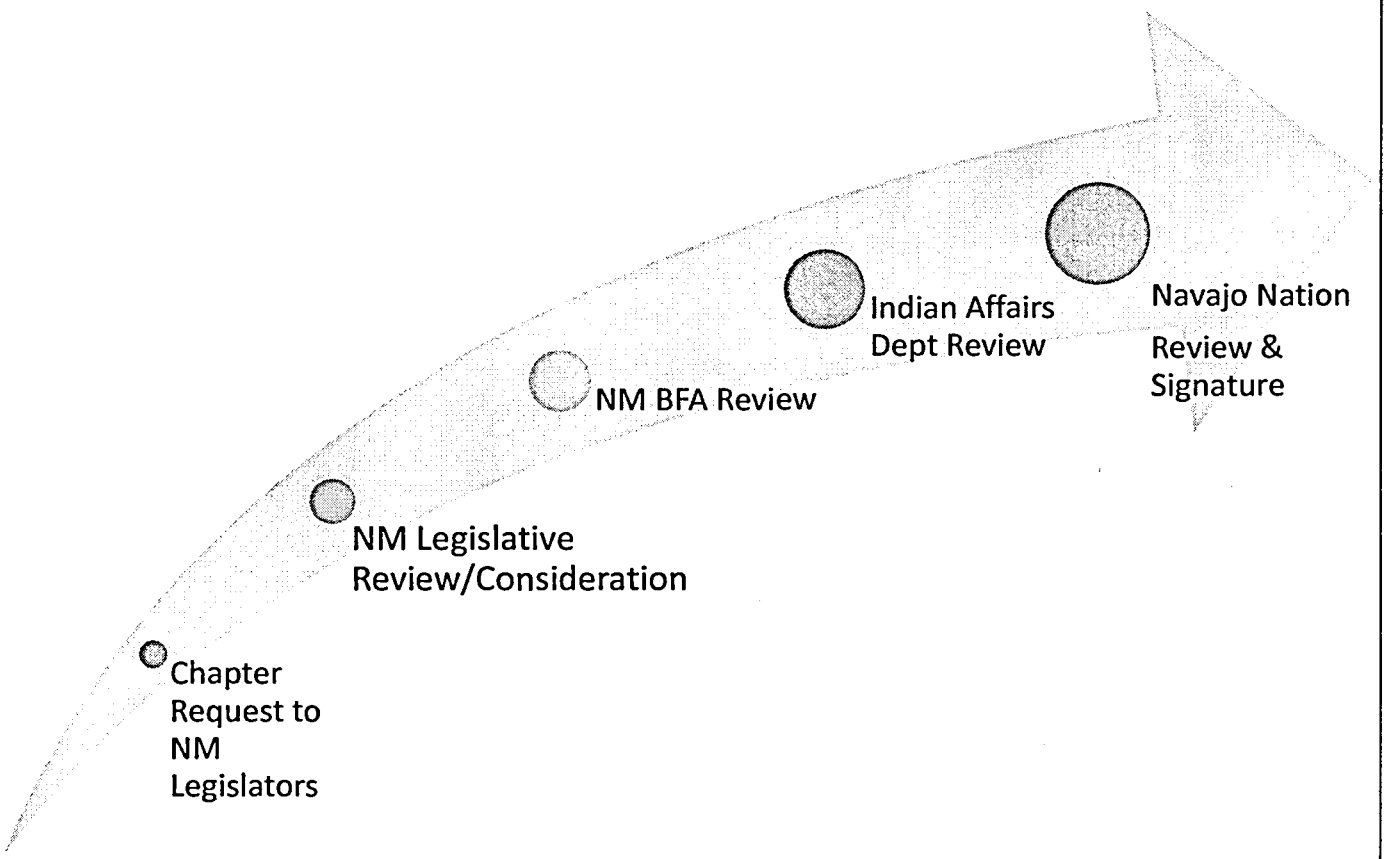
d. Staffing.
    i. Review the staffing plan to identify quantity of human resources required for the project and sustainability of maintaining property asset.
    ii. Identify current staff availability to ensure the project and property asset has all necessary personnel.
    iii. Check if available employees comply with skill and qualification requirements.
    iv. Review staff training plans to ensure every employee can be trained as required by the project.
    v. Confirm that employees have all necessary tools and documentation to do their job.
    vi. Review payroll sheets, budget and check whether there are sufficient finances to remunerate employee effort.

e. Costs.
    i. Evaluate the forecast for appropriateness and accuracy for the project.
    ii. Confirm the forecast is appropriate and accurate and make sure available financial resources cover forecasted costs.
    iii. Identify if the sponsor has accepted the forecast and provided necessary funds.
    iv. Be sure there is a funds allocation plan that determines how available financial resources can be best allocated among project activities and stages. A detail cost analysis is recommended.

f. Risks.
    i. Review the risk management plan to find out whether the project has an effective mechanism of responding to risks and threats.
    ii. Explore whether new risks are logged throughout the project.
    iii. Confirm the project team uses risk logs to plan for responding to new risks.
    iv. Be sure there is a contingency plan that explains how to act in case a sudden negative even occurs.

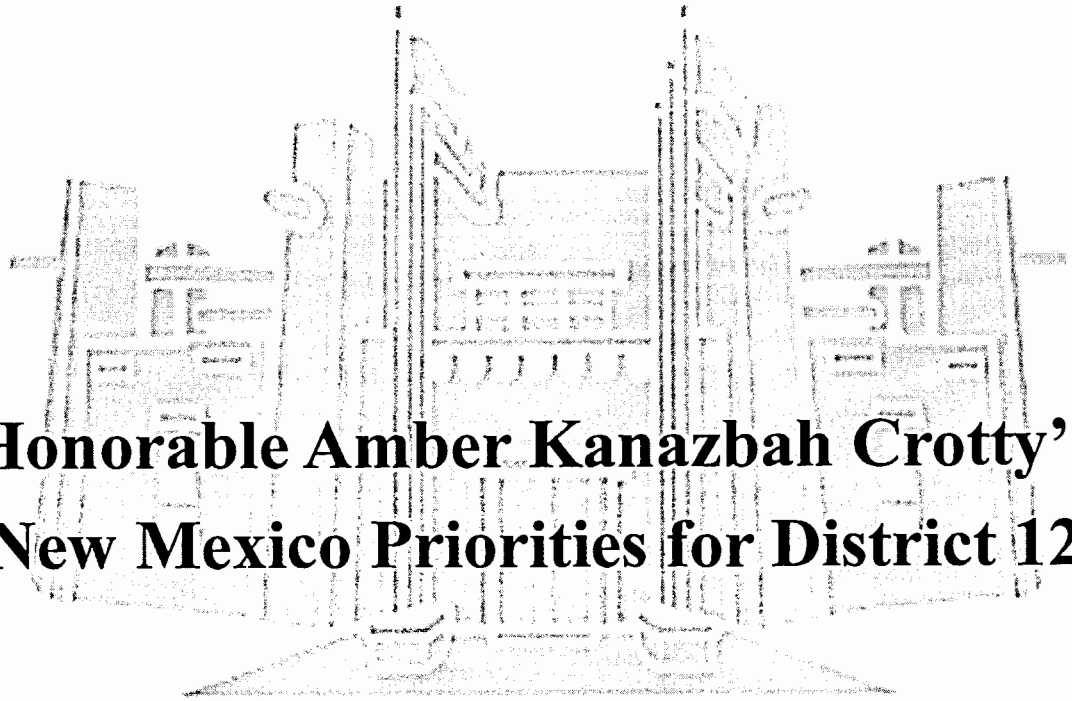
g. Communications.
    i. Identify whether effective communication channels are established and ready for use (Internet, broadband, telephone, computers, and etc)
    ii. Confirm there is a plan of managing communications and data flows between stakeholders.
    iii. Be sure project data is secured and accessed by all stakeholders.
h. Financial Management.
    i. Establishment of clearing house for financial reporting and recording keeping.

New Mexico Outlay Process



Recommendations and Recent changes for Funding Establishment:

A. OMB has reduced their process which has benefit the Departments
B. Review of the current budget setup process for project which receive time extension for funding
C. 164 review process tracking by departments
D. The use of the Navajo Nation WINDs system for project tracking



Honorable Amber Kanazbah Crotty's New Mexico Priorities for District 12

25th Navajo Nation Council

Crystalyne Curley
25th Navajo Council,
Speaker

Amber Kanazbah Crotty

Council Delegate
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COMMITTEES
Budget Finance, Member

MEMORANDUM

TO: Seth Damon, New Mexico Caucus Leader
25TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

FROM: Hon. Amber Kanazbah Crotty, Council Delegate
25TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

DATE: November 16, 2023

SUBJECT: **Legislative District 12 New Mexico Chapter Priorities**

This correspondence serves as an official written submission of Legislative District 12 New Mexico Chapter Infrastructure Capital Improvement Priorities.

Beclabito Chapter

- Improvement of N5113 and N5113 Asphalt Milling Project Roads/Streets $5,253,613
- Helipad Access Road $487,000
- Drainage for N5038 and N63 $2,120,000
- Improvement of Public Road N5027 $2,570,000
- Beclabito Helipad $756,627
- Cemetery Access Road $284,957
- New Water/Wastewater System $400,000
- New Fiber Optic Line - Broadband $708,333
- Install Solar Parking Lot Lighting Parking Lot $30,000
- Bathroom Additions $98,000
- Powerline Extension Beclabito Housing Wiring $52,000
- Plan, Design, Construct Solid Waste Transfer Station $200,000
- Equipment Shelter $75,000

Gadi'i'áhi/To'Koi Chapter

- Meal Delivery Van Purchase $64,860
- Truck Purchase $64,888
- Truck w/Flat Bed Purchase $64,888

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- Gooseneck Trailer Purchase $13,900
- Government Complex Chapter House $650,000
- Senior Citizens' Center $750,000
- New Multi-Purpose Building $15,600,000
- Navajo Route 57 Road Safety Improvements $565,000
- Community Water Line Improvements $15,430,000
- Navajo Route 57 New Bridge $31,350,000
- Irrigation System Upgrade Irrigation $1,145,000
- Paved Road Improvement NR 57 $650,000
- Road Improvement To'Koi' (N571) $395,000
- Farming Equipment Farm Equipment $2,000,000
- Chapter Long Term Care Facility Group Home $85,000,000
- New Administrative Tract Sewer Lagoon $1,500,000
- New Scenic Overlook $585,000
- New Gravel Site Land Withdrawal Tract $20,000
- US 64/N57 & N571 Road Safety Improvement $565,000
- New Chapter Parking Lot $200,000
- New Housing Tract $1,100,000
- Housing Area $1,150,000
- Chapter Boundary Survey $150,000
- Farmer's Market Tract Land Withdrawal $200,000
- Community Cemetery Land Withdrawal $30,000
- Chapter Rural Addressing System Upgrade $20,000

Red Valley Chapter

- Red Valley Vehicle, Backhoe, Water Truck Purchase $157,061
- New Transfer Station $182,000
- New Scattered Mitten Rock Area Powerline Project $155,000
- New Multi-Purpose Building $2,643,000
- New Scattered Waterline Project $1,550,000
- New Headstart Facility Head Start $1,265,000
- Renovate Chapter Warehouse $500,000
- School Bus Routes Improvement $4,840,000
- New Chapter House $1,205,000
- Red Valley Bathroom Additions $240,000
- Improve Sanostee/Mitten Rock Rd $20,500,000

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Tooh Haltsooi Chapter

- New Regional Multi-Purpose Building $3,473,874
- San Juan Lateral Water Project $4,941,400
- Motor Grader Heavy Equipment $300,000
- HWY 134 & Hwy 491Safety Study $80,000
- Plan, Design, Construct Scattered Waterline $540,000
- Rural Road Improvement $78,000

Toadlena/Two Grey Hills Chapter

- Regional San Juan Lateral Water Project $9,088,500
- Two Grey Hills Chapter New Storage Facility $500,000
- Bathroom Renovations/Electrical Upgrades Bathroom Additions $600,000
- Two Grey Hills Chapter Compound WL/SL & Pavement Upgrade $1,670,000
- Chapter Septic Truck Purchase $125,000
- New Scattered Powerlines $944,000
- Construct Veterans Memorial Park and Modular Building $1,100,000
- Senior Center Facility Addition (Phase II) $600,000
- N19 Right of Way (ROW) Fencing $1,600,000
- Economic Tract Infrastructure Development $700,000
- Irrigation Project $1,525,000
- N-192 Road Improvement $1,100,000
- New Multi-Purpose Youth Center $1,600,000
- Wastewater Development Project $300,000
- Building No. 8 Renovation-H/C and Electrical Repair $1,100,000
- New Chapter Facility $3,000,000
- N-5087, N-5002, Community Roads Improvement $2,000,000
- Fence, Upgrade Chapter Community Cemeteries $100,000
- Elderly Group Home/Adult Daycare Parking Lot Improvement & Wind Barrier $1,425,000
- Community Outdoor Facility $65,000
- New Multi-Purpose Arena $200,000
- Two Grey Hills Chapter Bathroom Addition and House wiring $250,000
- Install Photovaltic Project $165,000
- Water Truck $125,000
- New Mobile Home Park $200,000
- Renovate Building No. 5 to Community Fitness Center $75,000
- Renovate Building No. 4 to Community Computer Lab Facility $100,000
- New Ceremonial Park $200,000
- New Powerline/Waterline Ext Single Phase $400,000
- Purchase Bull Dozer $125,000

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- New Laundromat Laundry $150,000
- New Car Wash $275,000
- Purchase Motor Grader $250,000
- New Gas Station $275,000

Tsé Ałnáoz't'l'í Chapter

- San Juan Lateral Water Project $15,105,200
- Tse Alnaoztii Helipad $400,000
- Tse Alnaoztii Water Truck Purchase $100,000
- New Waterline Extensions/Bathroom Additions $2,150,000
- New Scattered Powerline Extension $480,000
- New Sanostee Telephone/Internet Extension $550,000
- New Community Sewage Lagoon $1,580,000
- New Chapter Facility $4,080,000
- New NHA Housing Subdivision $3,700,000
- Navajo Route 5010/N342 Improvements $3,865,000
- North Sanostee Bridge $785,000
- Navajo Route 5012 Improvements $6,075,000
- Navajo Route 34 West Road Improvements $3,505,000
- New Chapter Warehouse $421,000
- Plan, Design, Construction Medical Center $1,320,000
- New Community Shopping Center $5,580,00

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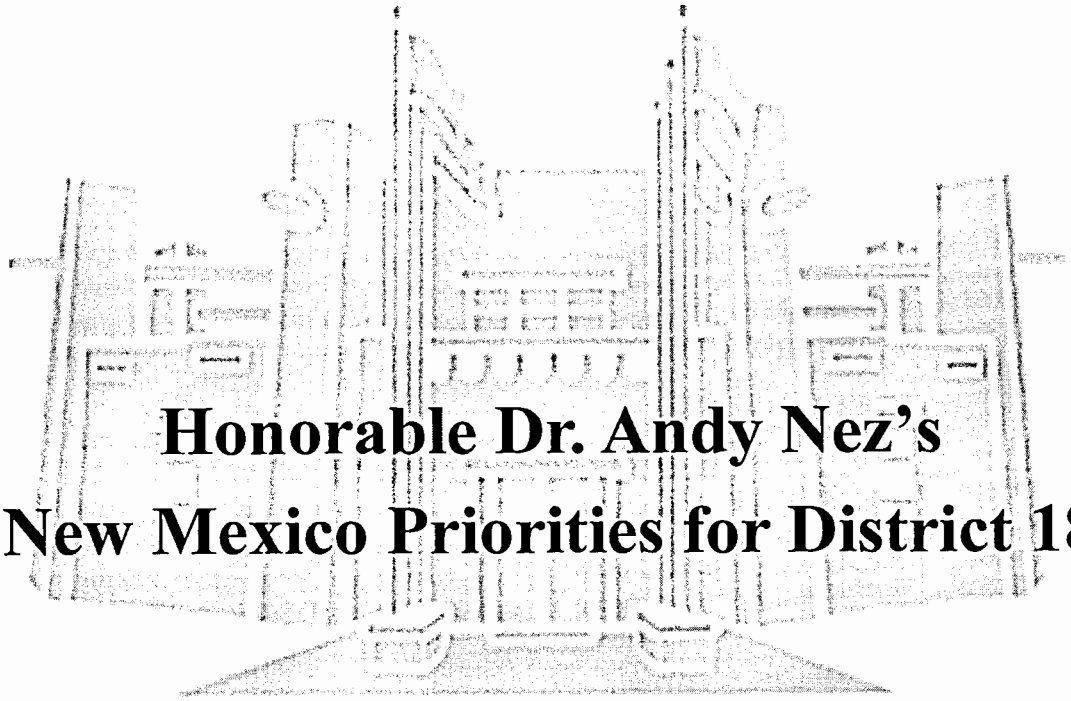


Honorable Dr. Andy Nez's New Mexico Priorities for District 18

25th Navajo Nation Council

Honorable Dr. Andy Nez
New Mexico Priorities for District 18
January 2024

Crystal Chapter Crystal, New Mexico (San Juan & McKinley County)

- Road improvements and maintenance.
    - Winter, gravel options, heavy equipment w/ M&O, transportation MOAs, N321 and State Hwy. 134.
- Bridge and fencing projects
    - N616 (deteriorating) and N617 (damaged completely). Fencing along State Hwy. 134.
- Water-related projects (wells, irrigation, lagoon, dams, etc.)
    - Sewer, livestock use, residential use, farming, watersheds, dams, retaining natural resources, etc.
- Interagency relationships with Counties and state agents.
    - ... especially during the winter season when grading roads becomes a significant demand.
- Recreational use/agricultural economics
    - Planting (traditional medicine), farming, gardening, and strengthening cultural enrichment and wealth.

Red Lake #18 Chapter Navajo, New Mexico (McKinley County)

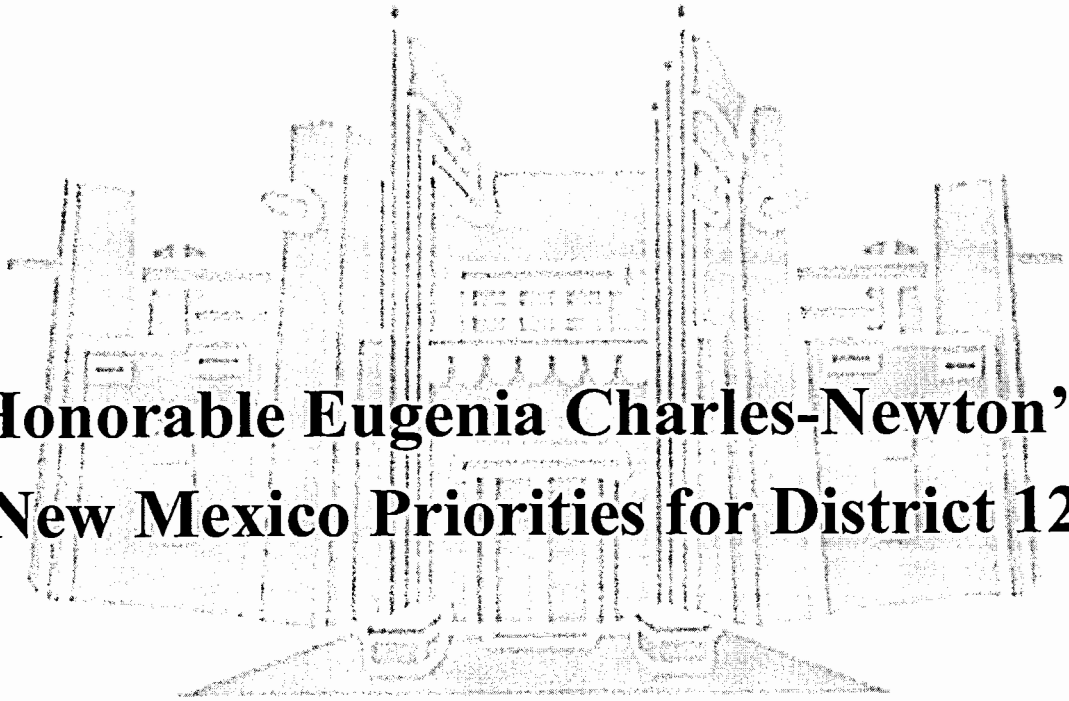
- Road and street improvements (maintenance and solar streetlights)
    - Shepherd Springs bridge construction -including Cedar Ave. and Lone Pine Dr. bridge/design -improvement for students/commuters.
- New Red Lake Chapter #18 House construction
    - Establish a permanent facility to provide services to the Red Lake/Navajo, NM community, especially to revive their senior center.
- Cleanup of Navajo Forestry Products Industry (NFPI)
    - Continuous EPA studies of remediation and assessments to address soil, land, water, and other environmental-related concerns.
- Cross-commissioning/deputization
    - Establish MOAs with state and county agents to increase service for safety and delivery.
- Recreation and youth accessibility
    - Provide opportunities that allow access to recreation, extracurricular, and nation building.
- Irrigation and water-related infrastructural rehab
    - Black Creek Wash study, Red Lake dam w/ canal & drainage control, and vertical gate rehab.

Fort Defiance Chapter Fort Defiance/Coalmine, New Mexico (McKinley County)

- Scattered waterline and powerline projects for residents in Coalmine, NM.
    - Many families in Coalmine still lack basic needs such as water/electricity.
- Road improvements, including solar streetlights for school bus stops.
    - Rt. 54 has significant average daily traffic and constitutes a bus route for local students.
- Multipurpose facility (proposed site for community resources and service).

As a Council Delegate working alongside our communities in New Mexico, below are a few of many areas to consider and reprioritize for the state of New Mexico. The priorities established from previous NM Caucus members are imperative and should be maintained, but I wanted to note the following:

- Cross commissioning and deputation or MOAs between intergovernmental agencies concerning education, transportation, public safety, and more.
- Grants provided through the state should consider providing funds on behalf of the Navajo Nation due to the degree of paperwork that the Navajo Nation has in place to accept, procure, and expend (perhaps an MOA between grantee and grantor). In 2020, Navajo Nation had to revert its $600,000+ award from New Mexico for telecommunication opportunities due to the stringent Navajo Nation 164 process.
- Education on Capital Outlay. Enhance the level of transparency and information to ensure that chapters understand the process needed to submit a potentially successful application, including TIF and other state funding
- Consider NPT and state grass-root organizers in the planning on state governmental affairs - their insight and contributions are predominant across the state. his is work related to MMIWR, agriculture, economic development, planning, health, LGBTQ+ initiatives, etc.
- Human Rights of "Bordertown" violence and neglect.
- Education - keep equalization formula for Impact Aid, Yazzie/Martinez commitment and expectations, school safety (protect the mind, body, and spirit), support the bilingual seal of the Navajo Nation (as the official carrier of the language).
- Enact any emergency funding opportunities when the Navajo Nation declares a state of emergency due to natural disasters, such as snowstorms and/or monsoon season.
- Navajo representation on any vacant or proposed commissions, boards, or other opportunities to amplify the voice of the Navajo Nation



Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton's New Mexico Priorities for District 12

25th Navajo Nation Council

Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton
New Mexico Priorities for District 12
January 2024

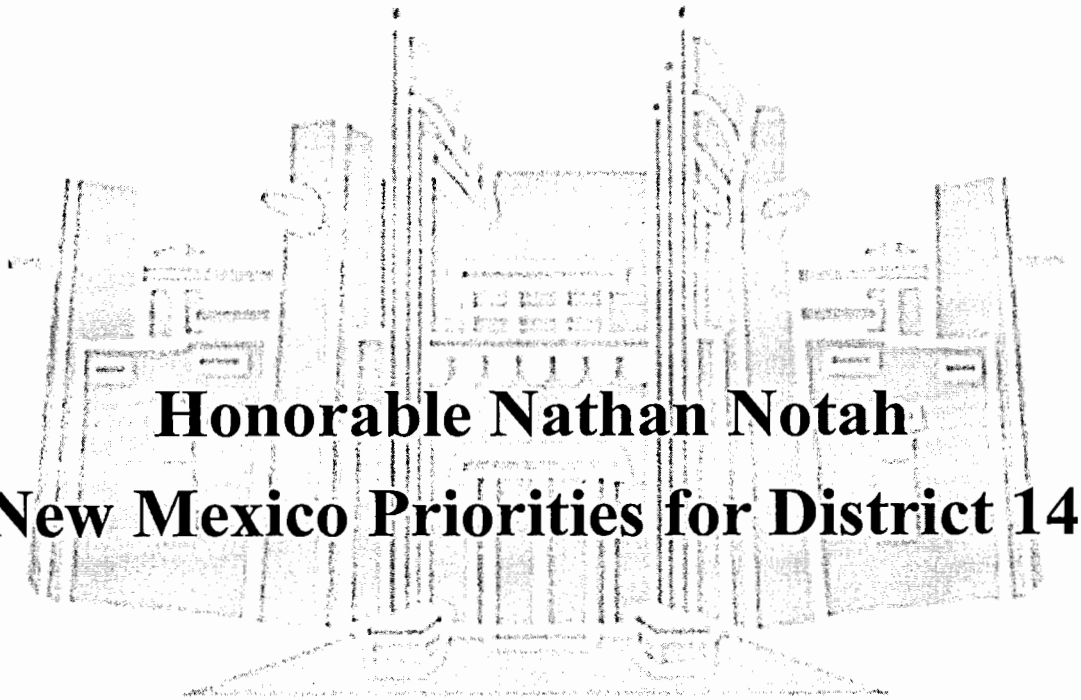
Shiprock Chapter

- Priority one: Build a police station, detention center, medical examiner's office, and court. This project will serve the entire northern agency which includes all three states, New Mexico, Arizona, and Utah.
    - Estimated cost to build, $120 million

- Priority two: Replace Bridge #1792. This historic 2 lane bridge has an arch and connects the north and east side of the Shiprock community to the south and west side of Shiprock community. The Bridge was built in the 1950's and is owned by the State of New Mexico.
    - See NABIMA-06-22 which prioritized this project for NM funds.

- Priority three: Plan, Design, and Build concrete pads under the two intersections in Shiprock. Both intersections serve two major roads, US 491 and US 64. The road is warped because of the heavy traffic going through the community, a majority being diesels and semi-trucks.

- Priority four: Plan, Design, and Build a mechanism to slow traffic. Shiprock Chapter in 2019 proposed to the State of New Mexico to build roundabout 5 miles before entering the Shiprock community but it was denied. Shiprock Chapter also proposed setting up traffic lights at the entrance of the Shiprock community, but that was also denied. The State of New Mexico has yet to propose a plan to slow traffic through Shiprock.



Honorable Nathan Notah
New Mexico Priorities for District 14

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MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Seth Damon, Caucus Leader
New Mexico Council Delegate Caucus
25th Navajo Nation Council

From: _____
Honorable Nathan Notah, Delegate
25th Navajo Nation Council

Date: November 30, 2023

Subject: **District 14 Priorities**

This memorandum is to submit the priorities that are relevant to my District concerning the communities of Naschitti, Tohatchi, Mexican Springs, Coyote Canyon (Brimhall), and Twin Lakes, NM. In consultation with each Chapter I represent, the priorities as expressed through resolution and public comment, are included.

As the leader of our Caucus, I also would highly recommend additional advocacy on the part of our disabled population of Individuals with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities. The recent passage of legislation for CCRC, Inc. highlights the need that persists across the Navajo Nation. Additionally, the funding that was reverted to the State allocated for Senior Centers, though devastating, remains a tangible need across my District.

Concerning the reversion of funds, the loss of those hard-fought gains emphasizes the fact that processes within our own government require streamlining, increased communication, and accountability. We cannot allow another reversion of any funds—State or Federal. To that end, as our Caucus Leader, a strenuous argument regarding the timelines associated with approval of IGAs with the State must be in favor of the Nation. Currently, the short deadlines for reauthorization of IGAs within our government force decisions that may not be in the best interest of the Nation. Lastly, regarding the IGAs with the State, the inclusion of language that will allow the expenditure of funds on Professional Services should be argued for the Nation. Currently, Professional Services is an unallowable expense but would greatly benefit the nation with procurement of project management services to ensure progression and ultimate success of the project's completion.

Please consider these priorities and concerns in our discussions with the State of New Mexico.

Your consideration is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact me directly at (505)422-9425 or nathan.notah@navajo-nsn.gov.

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District 14 NM Funding Priorities (FY'2024)

The priorities for Council Delegate Notah's District 14 Chapters include the following:

Naschitti, NM

1. Completion of the Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project—NM TIF supported the project recently with funding of $2.7M dollars for completion of the Design Phase of the project. Next steps include obtaining consent forms from grazing permittees along with conducting archeological and biological clearances.
2. Establishing a Navajo Nation police substation on the grounds of the Naschitti Chapter; discussions with NNPD include possible placement of a mobile home or renovation of an existing building. Funds for design and renovation of the building will be required if NNPD choses to place an officer in the community.
3. Purchase of heavy equipment for road repairs and maintenance; Naschitti Chapter desperately requires year-round maintenance of roads for safety and transportation requirements of the community. Several gravel roads have washed out culverts that limit accessibility to the eastern portion of the community with elderly and individuals with medical conditions.

Tohatchi, NM

1. Construction of a safety complex to house EMS, Navajo police, and firefighters; Tohatchi received funding for the demolition of a condemned jail that was located in the community. The chapter is currently working with Navajo DPS to begin designing the building that may be as large as 14,000 sq. ft. Cost estimates for the total project could be $16M to house all entities for emergency services across the district. Future NM funding would also assist with the operation and maintenance of the complex upon completion.
2. Roadway maintenance along US highway 491 including cleaning of cattle guards and ROW fencing; NMDOT released an email from the Grants suboffice that places the maintenance of the ROW upon the permittees and community members along the highway. NMDOT will not complete any necessary repairs to the fence line that is overgrown or covered by sediment caused by blowing dust and runoff. Grazing permittees request assistance with maintaining the ROW for the safety of travelers and livestock.
3. Rural addressing throughout the community; Tohatchi Chapter is proposing an MOA between the chapter and McKinley County to gather data on roadways, residences, and critical infrastructure. The data will be used to create addresses for the community that leads to better response time by first responders.
4. Professional housing; the community has a number of schools and an IHS clinic that cannot support the staff employed with the entities. Affordable housing throughout the district and in the community requires clearances, design, and construction that the chapter cannot fund. NM funding would assist with developing the area for housing professionals and community members alike.
5. Economic development along US HWY 491; the Tohatchi Chapter is interested in developing land including a satellite campus from a university or college. Currently, one gas station is located within the community, but the chapter would like to explore potential areas that would benefit businesses for the community and the district. NM funds would assist with studies associated with any future planning.

Brimhall, NM (Coyote Canyon)

1. Roadway maintenance throughout the Coyote Canyon community; Coyote Canyon has no paved roads besides Navajo Route 9. All roads within the community require badly needed repairs including installation of metal and box culverts, chip seal, and gravel. The expenses for maintenance of local roads exceeds what the chapter can provide. NM funding would assist with studies and planning for the affected roads.

Brimhall, NM (Coyote Canyon) cont.

2. Economic development; the community has no businesses in the area with community members required to travel to the nearest bordertown (Gallup, NM) for necessities including gasoline and groceries. The chapter would use any funding from NM for studies and assessments to withdraw land for economic development.
3. Restroom additions for community members; the community has a list of houses that currently do not have indoor plumbing. The chapter submitted names of community members to NTUA, IHS Office of Environmental Health, and as part of the Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project. Those funds will not meet the need for assessments, clearances, and construction of the bathroom and necessary water connections. Funding from NM would be used for any future planning and connections to the homes.
4. Highway lighting for the Navajo Route 9/US HWY 491 intersection; lighting for the intersection and along the Route 9 highway would increase the safety of travelers. Funds from NM would be used for planning and construction.

Mexican Springs, NM

1. Completion of Badger Loop road project; a large part of the community travels on Badger Loop road that requires continual maintenance due to weather conditions and frequency of use. The road project was funded by both the State of NM and Navajo Nation. However, completion of the project to include chip sealing requires additional funding. Any future funding would be used for necessary maintenance that excludes any improvements to culverts and bridges.
2. Power line extensions for community members; NM provided $382,500 for 31 homes to receive power. Future funding would provide the necessary funds to move the project to completion.
3. Construction of a multi-purpose building; Mexican Springs is in the preliminary stages of identifying land suitable for a 8900 sq. ft. building for community use. The chapter would use funds from NM to complete the design and construction of the building.
4. Roadway safety audit; highway lighting for the intersection of Navajo Route 30 and US HWY 491 is a joint project by NMDOT and Navajo Nation. The chapter would use any funds from NM to complete the planning, design and construction of the lighting system to increase highway safety.

Twin Lakes, NM (Bahastl'ah)

1. Completion of construction for a community library/computer lab/education center; funding for the completion of renovation to two modular buildings on the chapter grounds for use by students and community members is necessary. Due to CV19, the chapter experienced a need for a designated building to house equipment used to access the internet and other resources. Funding would assist with connecting utilities to both buildings and complete renovation.
2. Economic development; the chapter is interested in receiving funding for completing assessments and planning for future land withdrawals specifically for business. The community does not have any business in the area besides a gas station that does not provide all the necessities. Travel to Gallup, NM is required to obtain any supplies or services by community members.
3. Restroom additions for community members; the chapter conducted surveys in 2020 of houses that required a bathroom addition. Approximately 60 homes were found to be deficient with renovations or bathroom additions required for elderly people and those with medical conditions. The chapter submitted nine applicants for bathroom additions with the remaining 51 houses not addressed. Funds from NM would be used for planning, clearances, design, and construction of bathroom additions.
4. Roadway maintenance throughout the community; Twin Lakes requires continual roadway maintenance throughout the community due to frequency of use and environmental conditions. Most roads are gravel covered and do not receive the necessary maintenance required for safe travel. The roads are necessary for public safety and transportation of elderly and those with medical conditions. Any funding would be used for upkeep and improvements.

Honorable Steven R. Arviso's New Mexico Priorities for District 16

25th Navajo Nation Council

The 25TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

TO NM Council Delegates Caucus of the State Taskforce Subcommittee
Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the 25th Navajo Nation Council

FROM Honorable Steven R. Arviso, Council Delegate
Church Rock, Iyanbito, Mariano Lake, Pinedale, Smith Lake, Thoreau
25TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

DATE November 16th, 2023

SUBJECT **NM PRIORITIES FOR DISTRICT 16**

I have prepared a listing of all six (6) Chapters' priorities including brief summaries of specific projects in the appendix. I've included an overview of priorities that are common among the chapters, including recommendations to consider while addressing project priorities.

Overview on the top priorities for the District 16 Region:

1. Buildings: Permanent capital infrastructure as new construction and renovations have become central requests by the chapters, which is expected due to the age of the buildings and usages. The building primary requests include chapter houses, multi-purpose centers, head start and senior centers.
2. Roads/Streets: Many of the rural and paved roads are in dire need of new studies and improvements, this also include installation and maintenance of bridges and culverts, especially for safer emergency and school routes.
3. Heavy Equipment & Vehicles: The chapters also have large requests for heavy equipment and vehicles for urgent road conditions due to inclement weather, burial and home improvement projects while utilizing their temporary staff.
4. Home Improvement: Waterline/powerline extensions, septic/wastewater systems, bathroom additions and house wiring are continually requested for and are essential for direct community support. Like chapter houses, there are homes that have outdated wiring and plumbing inhibiting dropline connections. Homesite and residential leases are also still difficult to obtain as a requirement for utility access.
5. Water: The water conditions in the communities are often contaminated with the previous mining of heavy metals in the region. This priority also includes wells and earthen dams in need of repair or updated studies. While the Gallup Water Supply Project is processing, it is still essential to consider other temporary alternatives for water access, filtration, and increased output levels.

Other Needs not listed as specific projects, but have been addressed during chapter meetings and gatherings:

1. Navajo Housing Authority: District 16 has 181 homeownership homes and 124 public rental units that have not been considered for renovation. Most of the housing conditions are extremely poor which have let to vacancies in public rental. In some NHA communities, the streets are often impassable, causing the families to create new routes and prevent school buses from entering.
2. Animal Control: Currently, the eastern Navajo region does have adequate animal control enforcement namely due to the lack of a facility and personnel, including a veterinarian. There are a large number of animals without identification leading to wild herds and packs.
3. Cross-Commissioning of Public Safety: District 16 is completely checkerboarded with different land statuses causing urgent responses from all jurisdictions in all areas of public safety and emergency response teams.
4. Essential Project Management Training: Chapters constantly struggle with the services provided by CPMD, the ROW and TAA process, ICIP and TIF, and utility companies. In order for successful planning and execution, chapters need to be consistently informed on who their contacts are, especially the high turnover rates expected at each program or organization.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me directly via phone at 505-422-1927 or email at steven.arviso@navajo-nsn.gov.

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Priorities for Each Individual Chapter
within District 16 Delegate Steven Arviso

Church Rock Chapter

1. Buildings
   - Chapter House Renovation
   - Senior Center Improvements including HVAC System, Meals Equipment, Outdoor Kitchen & Patio
2. Heavy Equipment
   - Purchase grader, flatbed, backhoe, lock boxes & utility dump bed
   - most importantly a grader for road improvements & community equipment support
3. Home Improvements
   - Bathroom Additions
   - Powerline Extensions
4. Highways/Roads/Bridges
   - NM-118 & Telestar roads improvements
   - Solar lighting in populated casino areas
5. Vehicles
   - Purchase ATV & diesel truck for community projects & employee usage

Other Priorities
Rural Addressing
Broadband Expansion

Iyanbito Chapter

1. Buildings
   - Chapter Renovation, including safety & sanitation of kitchen facilities, HVAC system & other minor repairs
   - Head Start new construction
   - Multi-Purpose Building new construction
   - Senior Center Renovation
2. Water
   - Water Systems Evaluation including weather influences drainage systems
3. Highways/Roads
   - Upgrade several different roads in the area
4. Bridge
   - Establish a new overpass/underpass route for railroad crossing
5. Home Improvements
   - Bathroom Additions
   - Waterline Extension

Other Priorities
Solid Waste & Illegal Dumping
Cemetery
Land Acquisition & Conservation
Buildings
- Veterans Housing & Center
- Youth Center

Mariano Lake Chapter

1. Buildings
   - Multi-Purpose Building renovations & additions including chapter building establishment
2. Highways/Roads/Bridges
   - Red Willow Road N7113 Improvements
   - Other Community Roads
3. Powerline Extension
   - Top Mesa/Hosta Butte
4. Waterline Extension
   - Top Mesa & Other regional areas
5. Cemetery
   - Establish community plots

Other Priorities

Buildings
- Senior Center New Construction
- Head Start Building Renovations

Community Master Plan
- Fire Station/EMS Facility Inclusion

Housing Improvements
- Bathroom Additions
- House Wiring/Recertification

Pinedale Chapter

1. Highways/Roads
   - N7054, Rainbow Trail, Pine Drive, Old Church Rock Mine Crossing, Waterfalls roads improvement
2. Buildings
   - Multi-Complex, Public Safety Complex, Professional Office Complex, Warehouse new construction
3. Housing Improvements
   - Bathroom Additions
4. Heavy Equipment
   - Motor Grader Purchase
5. Parks
   - Sounding Well & Veterans Memorial new construction

Other Priorities

Chapter Technology Improvements
- Geographic Information System chapter integration including data storage safety

Alternative Energy
- Solar Farm in the community to supplement rural areas in need

Smith Lake Chapter

1. Buildings
   - Chapter & Veterans' Center Renovation
   - Heavy Equipment Repair Shop
   - Head Start Building Renovations
2. Highways/Roads
   - Wolf Canyon & Old Mine Road improvements
   - Other dirt roads in the communities
3. Water (Joint Chapters Project)
   - Water well access & overall water system in the entire community amid uranium contamination & poor output
4. Home Improvements
   - Powerline Extension
   - House Wiring Projects
   - Bathroom Additions
5. Parking Lot Reversion
   - Create route from highway to new chapter & veterans' building

Other Priorities

Buildings
- Senior Center Renovations & Other Improvements

Thoreau Chapter

1. Buildings
   - Chapter House New Construction
   - Chapter Warehouse
2. Water
   - Rehabilitation of Earthen Dams
   - Regional 371 Water Supply Project
   - Wastewater Evaluation & Drain Field Project
3. Cemetery
   - Acquire new property & expand on existing site due to limited space
4. Alternative Energy
   - Create a solar light project for the community
5. Home Improvement
   - New Community Home Construction
   - Bathroom Additions
   - House Wiring

Other Priorities

Buildings
- Multi-Purpose Center
- Senior Center Renovation to improve building compliances & codes for safety & quality services
- Wellness Center for community fitness & health

Roads/Streets
- County Road 51 Improvements

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