



Work Program Development & Content

Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPOs) that are designated by States as permitted by 23 United States Code (USC) 135(m) must meet specific requirements. To coordinate transportation planning activities, a Work Program provides a framework for organizing the annual workload of staff and partner agencies and for documenting how available planning funds will be spent. Many existing regional planning

organizations (RPOs) are supported by their State Department of Transportation (DOT) with FHWA State Planning & Research (SP&R) and FTA's Section 5304 funds. In those instances, the projects will be included on the SP&R program. Provided below are examples where rural regional planning organizations demonstrate the work they are accomplishing.

Nevada County Transportation Commission

The Nevada County Transportation Commission (NCTC) was established as a result of the California Transportation Development Act of 1971. County transportation planning commissions and agencies are funded by the Local Transportation Fund and other sources. The State law requires that all designated agencies adopt an Overall Work Program (OWP) annually. This is an excellent example of both framework and content.

Annual Planning Budget \$1.1 Million



Revenue Sources

- State Transportation Improvement Program Planning Funds (Federal)
- Federal Transit Administration (FTA) §5304 (Federal)
- Local Transportation Fund from ¼ Cent Statewide Sales Tax (State)
- Rural Planning Assistance Formula & Grants (State)

Key Work Tasks

- Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan Update
- Western Nevada County Transit Development Plan Update
- Rural Counties Task Force Performance Measures Data
- Transportation Improvement Program Development
- Coordination of Regional Planning

- Coordinate local land use planning with regional planning
- Analyze regional impacts of proposed development
- Promote cooperation between regional planning agencies
- Support Regional transportation services

Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Council

The Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Council (TRORC) informs local governments of a set number of activities that can be accomplished within the budget. Requests are prioritized based on each project's ability to mesh with existing programs and available funding. TRORC's annual transportation planning program is developed with the help of Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTRANS) staff and submitted to VTRANS in a well-established process.

Key Work Tasks

Local government assistance including: traffic counts/pedestrian counts, culvert inventories, public involvement facilitation for local/state projects, High Risk Rural Roads safety programs, road surface management evaluation studies, pavement evaluations, and road conditioning scoring.



Assistance to VTRANS including highway inventory for suitability of traffic and geometry for an on-road bicycle facilities planning.