

FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2023 - 2026

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

AND

MESILLA VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

This Agreement is between the **STATE OF NEW MEXICO**, acting through its **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**, Transit and Rail Division, (Department), and the **MESILLA VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)**. This Agreement is effective as of the date of the last party to sign it on the signature page below.

RECITALS

Whereas, 49 U.S.C. Section 5303, authorizes federal assistance from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for multimodal transportation planning in metropolitan areas that is cooperative, continuous, and comprehensive, resulting in long-range transportation plans and short-range programs of transportation investment priority (Program);

Whereas, the Governor of New Mexico has designated the Department to receive and administer the federal funds under this program;

Whereas, the Department and the MPO have long worked together in transportation planning that involved Section 5303 funds and they want to continue; and

Now, therefore, pursuant to Section 67-3-69 NMSA 1978, the parties agree as follows:

1. Program.

The MPO shall develop and implement a biennial Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to identify specific tasks, with detailed scopes of work and funding estimates, related to transportation planning and programs. The UPWP is subject to the approval of the Department and the FTA. A copy of the UPWP is on file with the Department and the MPO.

The MPO shall comply with all applicable provisions of 49 USC Section 5303, specifically sections (i) through (j), which requires development and implementation of additional transportation plans and identifies the planning process, a performance-based approach to plan development as well as requirements for public notification and involvement. A copy of each additional plan is on file with the Department and the MPO.

Additional requirements are highlighted in the attached **Exhibit A**, Program Requirements.

2. Funding.

Funding is determined annually by the FTA, the Department and the MPO, which has a 20% funding match requirement. The Department upon consultation with the MPO will select specific tasks from the UPWP to fund and identify the amount for each task. Prior to the start of funding period, the Department will mail to the MPO a Work Authorization that identifies the tasks to be performed, the funding for each task and the local match requirement.

Funding is provided by FTA, Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number 20.505. State funds will not be earmarked or disbursed to fund the Tasks. The Department shall not be responsible for any other costs incurred by the MPO. The MPO shall take all actions necessary to fund its share of the Program.

3. Method of Payment.

With federal funds, the Department shall reimburse the MPO for 80% of the eligible expenses. Invoices shall be submitted quarterly to the Department by the 25th day of the quarter following the close of the invoice period utilizing the Electronic Grants Management Performance System (BlackCat). All expenses must be actual rather than estimated and listed on the invoice as charged. The MPO must submit backup documentation for line items over \$500. Rounding up or down, other than the total, is not permitted due to the possibility of audit exceptions. Reports and invoices shall be submitted to the Department electronically and must contain supporting documentation sufficient to allow the Department to determine what Project actions have been taken and what costs have been incurred by or on behalf of the MPO during each quarter. The Department reserves the right to request backup documentation for any line item submitted for reimbursement at any time. Only those expenses or percentage thereof, properly documented and deemed eligible by the Department, shall be reimbursed. The Department will withhold payment of any invoice that is incorrect and/or incomplete.

Invoices shall be certified by the MPO that they accurately reflect work completed, amount due and include the Work Authorization number, remaining work authorization balance, control and/or contract number.

4. Eligible Costs.

Eligible Costs are those costs attributable to and allowed under the Program and the provisions of 2 CFR 200 Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirement for Federal Awards. Costs incurred by the MPO prior to the effective date of this Agreement or subsequent to the termination date shall not be eligible for reimbursement as Program costs.

5. State General Appropriation Funds Not Obligated.

Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as obligating state general appropriation funds for payment of any debt or liability arising under this Agreement. The parties expressly acknowledge that all payments made under this Agreement are from federal funds appropriated for these purposes.

6. Term.

This Agreement becomes effective upon the signature of all parties. The effective date is the date the last party signed the Agreement on the signature page below. All costs incurred under this agreement from October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2026 may be reimbursed. This Agreement shall expire September 30, 2026.

7. Termination for Convenience or Cause.

The Department has the option to terminate this Agreement if the MPO fails to comply with any provision. A written notice of termination shall be given at least thirty (30) days prior to the intended date of termination and shall identify all of the MPO breaches on which the termination is based.

The Department may provide the MPO a reasonable opportunity to correct the breach. If within ten (10) days after receipt of a written notice of termination, the MPO has not corrected the breach or, in the case of a breach which cannot be corrected in ten (10) days, the MPO has not begun and proceeded in good faith to correct the breach, the Department may declare the MPO in default and terminate the Agreement. The Department shall retain any and all other remedies available to it under the law.

8. Appropriations.

The terms of this Agreement are contingent upon sufficient appropriations and authorizations being made by the Congress of the United States. If sufficient appropriations and authorizations are not made, this Agreement shall terminate upon written notice from the Department to the MPO. The Department's decision as to whether sufficient appropriations are available shall be accepted by the MPO and shall be final.

9. Termination Management, Allowable Costs.

In the event of termination, neither party may nullify obligations already incurred for performance or failure to perform. The MPO shall be paid for all the allowable costs incurred prior to the date of termination, subject to audit verification by the Department or its duly authorized representative.

The MPO shall not be paid for any costs incurred that are inconsistent with, or contrary to, the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

10. Breach and Dispute Resolution.

Disputes which cannot be resolved informally by the parties shall be decided in writing by a representative of the Department's Transit and Rail Division. The MPO has ten (10) days from receipt of the decision to file a written appeal with the Transit and Rail Division. Upon appeal, the MPO will be afforded an opportunity to be heard and to offer evidence in support of its position. The decision of the Transit and Rail Division on appeal shall be binding.

11. New Mexico Tort Claims Act.

As between the Department and the MPO, neither party shall be responsible for liability incurred as a result of the other party's acts or omissions in connection with this agreement. Any liability incurred in connection with this Agreement is subject to the immunities and limitations of the New Mexico Tort Claims Act, Section 41-4-1, *et seq.*, NMSA 1978. This paragraph is intended only to define the liabilities between the parties and it is not intended to modify, in any way, the parties' liabilities as governed by the common law of the New Mexico Tort Claims Act.

12. Retention of Records.

The MPO shall maintain all books, documents, papers, accounting records, reports and other evidence pertaining to costs incurred in the Program for three (3) years after the date of termination or expiration of this Agreement.

13. Access to Records.

The MPO shall grant authorized representatives of the Department, the state and the federal government access to books, documents, papers, reports, and records of the MPO or its subcontractors, which are directly pertinent to this Agreement, for the purpose of making audits, examination excerpts, and transcriptions. The MPO agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed. The MPO shall reimburse the Department for any expenditure for which it received payment or reimbursement, as applicable, which is disallowed by an audit exception by the Department, the state or federal government.

14. Audit.

The MPO shall ensure that an annual audit of the Program based on the MPO's fiscal year shall be conducted pursuant to 2 CFR 200 Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirement for Federal Awards. The MPO, prior to initiation of the audit, shall seek written approval from the Department of the auditing firm. The MPO agrees to provide the Department with a copy of the audit report concerning any portion of the Agreement period as soon as it is released, but in no case later than six months following the close of the local fiscal year. Audit costs are an eligible administrative expense. Should the MPO fail to produce the annual audit, the Department may, at its option, commission such an audit payable out of Program funds.

15. Audit Exceptions.

If federal or state audit exceptions are made, the MPO shall reimburse all costs incurred by the State and the Department associated with defending against the exceptions, which includes but is not limited to costs of performing a new audit or a follow-up audit, court costs, attorneys' fees, travel costs, penalty assessments.

Immediately upon notification from the Department, the MPO shall reimburse the amount of the audit exception and any other related costs directly to the Department. In the notification, the Department may inform the MPO of the Department's election to withhold an amount equal to the payment owed under this Section from any future distribution owed to MPO under this Agreement.

16. Third Party Beneficiaries.

It is not intended by any of the provisions of any part of this Agreement to create in the public or any member thereof a third party beneficiary or to authorize anyone not a party to the Agreement to maintain a suit(s) for wrongful death(s), bodily and/or personal injury(ies) to person(s), damage(s) to property(ies), and/or any other claim(s) whatsoever pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement.

17. Contracting and Assignment.

The MPO shall not contract any portion of this Agreement without prior written approval of the Department. No such contracting shall relieve the MPO from its obligations and liabilities under this Agreement, nor shall any subcontracting obligate payment from the Department.

Except to a successor in kind, the MPO shall not assign or transfer any interest in this Agreement or assign any claim for money due or to become due under this Agreement without the prior written approval of the Department.

Should subcontract(s) or an assignment be authorized by the Department, the subcontractor(s) and assignor(s) shall be subject to all provisions of this Agreement. It shall be the MPO's responsibility to duly inform the subcontractor(s) and assignor(s) by means of a contract or other legally binding document stipulating responsibility to this Agreement.

Subcontractors and Assignors of FTA funds must meet applicable Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program requirements when funds are used in whole or in part to finance procurements for applicable products and services.

18. No Federal Government Obligation to Third Parties.

The Department and MPO acknowledge and agree that, notwithstanding any concurrence by the federal government in or approval of the solicitation or award of the underlying contract, absent the express written consent by the federal government, the federal government is not a party to this contract and shall not be subject to any obligations or liabilities to the Department, MPO, or any other party (whether or not a party to that contract) pertaining to any matter resulting from the underlying contract.

The MPO agrees to include the above clause in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with federal assistance provided by FTA. It further agrees that the clause shall not be modified, except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to its provisions.

19. Civil Rights Laws and Regulations Compliance.

The MPO shall comply with all federal, state and local laws and ordinances applicable to the work called for under this Agreement.

- A. Nondiscrimination – In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 2000d, Section 303 of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, 42 U.S.C. Section 6102, Section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. Section 12132, and Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. Section 5332, the MPO shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, or disability. The MPO shall comply with applicable Federal implementing regulations and such other implementing requirements FTA may issue. The Nondiscrimination assurance is attached as Assurance-1.
- B. Equal Employment Opportunity – The following equal employment opportunity requirements apply to this Agreement:
 - 1. Race, Color, Creed, National Origin, Sex – In accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 2000e, and Federal transit laws at 49 U.S.C. Section 5332, the MPO agrees to comply with all applicable equal employment opportunity requirements of U.S. Department of Labor (U.S. DOL) regulations, “Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor,” 41 C.F.R. Part 60 *et seq.*, (which implement Executive Order No. 11246, “Equal Employment Opportunity,” as amended by Executive Order No. 11375, “Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity,” 42 U.S.C. Section 2000e note), and with any applicable federal statutes, executive orders, regulations, and federal policies that may in the future affect construction activities undertaken in the course of the project. The MPO agrees to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. In addition, the awarded contractor shall comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.
 - 2. Age – In accordance with Section 4 of the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, 29 U.S.C. Section 623 and Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. Section 5332, the MPO agrees to refrain from discrimination against present and prospective employees for reason of age. In addition, the MPO shall comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

3. Disabilities – In accordance with Section 102 of the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 12112, the MPO agrees that it will comply with the requirements of U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, “Regulations to Implement the Equal Employment Provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act,” 29 C.F.R. Part 1630, pertaining to employment of persons with disabilities. In addition, the awarded contractor shall comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.
- C. The MPO shall include these requirements in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with federal assistance provided by FTA, modified only if necessary to identify the affected parties.
- D. For assistance with a contract clause incorporating the requirements of the new DBE rule in 49 CFR Part 26, contact the FTA at <https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/procurement/third-party-procurement/contract-clauses>.
- E. The MPO also agrees to include these requirements in each contract financed in whole or in part with federal assistance provided by FTA, modified only if necessary to identify the affected parties.

20. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Policy.

- A. This Agreement is subject to the requirements of 49 CFR Part 26, Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation Financial Assistance Programs. The Department’s proposed overall goal for FTA participation for the 2019 fiscal year is 1.47%, through race-neutral means.
- B. The MPO shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of the Agreement. The MPO shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the administration of the Program. Failure by the MPO to carry out these requirements is a material breach of the Agreement, which may result in the termination or other such remedy as the Department deems appropriate. Each contract the MPO signs with a contractor must include the assurance in this paragraph (see 49 CFR 26.13(b)).
- C. The MPO agrees to ensure that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises as defined in 49 CFR Part 26 have the maximum opportunity to participate in the performance of Contracts and subcontracts financed in whole or in part with Federal funds. In this regard, all recipients or contractors shall take all necessary and reasonable steps in accordance with 49 CFR Part 26 to ensure that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises have the maximum opportunity to compete for and perform contracts. Recipients and their contractors shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the award and performance of U.S. DOT assisted contracts. The MPO will be required to report its DBE participation obtained through race-neutral means throughout the period of performance.
- D. The MPO is required to pay its contractors performing work related to this contract for satisfactory performance of that work no later than 30 days after the awarded contractor’s receipt of payment for that work from the Department.
- E. The MPO must promptly notify the Department, whenever a DBE contractor is terminated or fails to complete its work, and must make good faith efforts to engage another DBE contractor to perform at least the same amount of work. The MPO may not terminate any DBE subcontractor and perform that work through its own forces or those of an affiliate without prior written consent of the Department.

A MPO of FTA funds must meet applicable DBE requirements when funds are used in whole or in part to finance procurements of and contracts for applicable products and services. A MPO with contracting opportunities must sign and submit a *Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Race-Neutral Implementation Agreement for Federal Transit Administration Subrecipients*, which is attached hereto as **Certification 2**.

21. Program Fraud and False or Fraudulent Statements or Related Acts.

- A. The MPO acknowledges that the provisions of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, 31 U.S.C. Section 3801 *et seq.*, and U.S. DOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 C.F.R. Part 31, apply to its actions pertaining to this program. The MPO certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of any statement it makes pertaining to the resultant contract or FTA assisted program for which this work is being performed. The MPO further acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious or fraudulent claim, statement, submission or certification, the federal government reserves the right to impose the penalties of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 on the MPO to the extent the federal government deems appropriate.
- B. The MPO also acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious or fraudulent claim, statement, submission or certification to the federal government under a contract connected with a program that is financed in whole or in part with federal assistance originally awarded by FTA under the authority of 49 U.S.C. Section 5307, the federal government reserves the right to impose the penalties of 18 U.S.C. Section 1001 and any other applicable statute on the MPO, to the extent the federal government deems appropriate.
- C. The MPO certifies to abide by these clauses and include the clauses in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal Transit Administration funds. MPO further agrees that these clauses shall not be modified, except to identify the subcontractor subject to its provisions.
- D. All claims for compensation reimbursement and payment of any amounts due pursuant to this Agreement are governed by the Fraud Against Taxpayers Act, NMSA 1978, Sections 44-9-1 through 44-9-14.

22. Lobbying.

An MPO receiving \$100,000 or more of 49 U.S.C. Section 5303 funds shall file the Lobbying Certification required by 49 C.F.R. Part 20, "New Restrictions on Lobbying." The Lobbying Certification is attached as **Certification 3**. The MPO must certify that it has not used federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. Section 1352.

If the MPO hires a third-party contractor, the contractor must provide the Lobbying Certification to the MPO. Each tier below the contractor shall also provide a Lobbying Certification. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the MPO.

23. Officials Not to Benefit.

Neither any member of the New Mexico Legislature nor any member of or delegate to Congress shall be admitted to any share or part of this Agreement or to any benefit that may arise therefrom. The provisions of this clause shall be extended to all public employees, officers, or tribal council members.

24. Notification Related to Fraud, Waste, Abuse, or Other Legal Matters

If a current or prospective legal matter that may affect the Federal Government emerges, the Subrecipient must promptly notify the Department so that it can notify the Federal Government. The types of legal matters that require notification include, but are not limited to, a major dispute, breach, default, litigation, or naming the Federal Government as a party to litigation or a legal disagreement in any forum for any reason. Matters that may affect the Federal Government include, but are not limited to, the Federal Government's interests in the Award, the accompanying Underlying Agreement, and any Amendments thereto, or the Federal Government's administration or enforcement of federal laws, regulations, and requirements.

The MPO agrees to include a similar notification requirement in contracts exceeding \$25,000 financed in whole or in part with federal assistance provided by FTA and must require each subcontractor to include an equivalent provision in its federally assisted subcontracts exceeding \$25,000.

25. Energy Conservation.

The MPO agrees to comply with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency, which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act.

26. Clean Water and Air Requirements.

- A. The MPO agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, 33U.S.C. Sections 1251 et seq., and the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. Sections 7401 et seq. The MPO agrees to report each violation to the Department and understands and agrees that the Department will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to FTA and the appropriate United States Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.
- B. The MPO agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$100,000.00 and financed in whole or in part with federal assistance provided by FTA.

27. Debarment and Suspension.

Executive Order No. 12549, "Debarment and Suspension of Participants in Federal Programs," February 18, 1986, 31 U.S.C. Section 6101 note, as amended by Executive Order No. 12689, "Debarment and Suspension," August 16, 1989 31 U.S.C. Section 6101 note, as implemented by 2 C.F.R. Part 180, subpart C, as adopted and supplemented by U.S. DOT regulations at 2 C.F.R. Part 1200 prohibits FTA MPOs from contracting for goods and services from organizations that have been suspended or debarred from receiving federally-assisted contracts. MPOs shall include the certification and instruction language contained at 2 C.F.R. Part 1200 in all Invitations for Bids and Requests for Proposals (for inclusion by contractors in their bids or proposals) for all contracts expected to equal or exceed \$25,000.00, regardless of the type of contract to be awarded.

The MPO is required to verify that none of the MPO's principals or affiliates are excluded or disqualified as defined, as defined by 2 C.F.R. Part 1200. By signing and submitting this Agreement, the Subrecipient certifies as follows:

The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact relied upon by the Department. If it is later determined that the bidder/MPO or proposer/MPO knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to remedies available to the Department, the federal government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment. The bidder/MPO or proposer/MPO agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. Part 1200 while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder/MPO or proposer/MPO further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

28. Central Contractor Registration Requirements.

Prior to payment of invoices, MPO must register and maintain current registration in the Central Contractor Registration website, <http://www.sam.gov>. Registration requires having a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Number (DUNS), see <http://www.dnb.com>. The Department will not provide vehicles, or make payments, until the MPO demonstrates that it is registered with the System for Award Management (SAM) website.

29. Federal Grant Reporting Requirements.

Under the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act, the Department is required to report on projects or activities, which are awarded federal grants of \$25,000 or more. This information will be made available to the public on www.USASpending.gov.

The type of information the Department is required to report includes:

- Name of MPO receiving the award
- Amount of Award
- Funding Agency
- NAICS code for contracts or the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance program number for grants
- Program source
- Award title descriptive of the purpose of the funding action
- Location of the MPO, which includes the Congressional District
- Place of performance of the program or activity, which includes the Congressional District

- Unique identifier—DUNS—of the MPO and its parent organization, if one exists
- Total compensation and names of the top five executives of the MPO. This information is required, if the MPO in the preceding year received eighty (80) percent or more of its annual gross revenues in federal awards, which exceeds \$25 million annually, and the public has no access to this information under the Securities Exchange Act or the Internal Revenue Code.

30. Severability.

In the event that any portion of this Agreement is determined to be void, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

31. Scope of Agreement.

This Agreement incorporates all of the agreements, covenants, and understandings between the parties concerning the subject matter. All such covenants, agreements, and understandings have been merged into this written Agreement. No prior agreements or understandings, verbal or otherwise, of the parties or their agents shall become valid or enforceable unless embodied in this Agreement.

32. Applicable Law and Venue; Federal Changes.

The MPO shall comply with all federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, warranties, assurances, and regulations applicable to the performance of this Agreement. This includes all applicable FTA regulations, policies, procedures and directives, including without limitation those listed directly or by reference in the current Master Agreement by FTA. The MPO shall make as part of this Agreement between the Department and the MPO the assurances and warranties which were signed as part of the grant award. Venue shall be proper only in a New Mexico court of competent jurisdiction in accordance with NMSA 1978, Section 38-3-1(G).

33. Incorporation of FTA Terms.

Provisions of this Agreement include, in part, certain Standard Terms and Conditions required by the U.S. DOT. All contractual provisions required by the U.S. DOT, as set forth in FTA Circulars 4220.1F, and 9040.1F, are incorporated by reference. Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, all FTA mandated terms shall be deemed to control in the event of a conflict with other provisions contained in this Agreement. The MPO shall not perform any act, fail to perform any act, or refuse to comply with any Department request, which would cause the Department to be in violation of FTA terms and conditions, as referenced in the current Federal Transit Administration Master Agreement shall prevail and be the instrument governing the receipt of Federal assistance from the Federal Transit Administration. The Master Agreement can be viewed on the web at <https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grantee-resources/sample-fta-agreements/fta-grant-agreements>.

34. Special Notification Requirement for States.

This project is funded in part by a grant from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number is 20.505.

35. Federal Changes

MPO shall at all times comply with all applicable FTA regulations, policies, procedures and directives, including without limitation those listed directly or by reference in the Master Agreement between NMDOT and FTA, as they may be amended or promulgated from time to time during the term of this contract. MPO's failure to so comply shall constitute a material breach of this contract.

36. Amendment.

The terms of this Agreement may be altered, modified or amended by an instrument in writing executed by the parties. *Section 1. Program*, details how such changes are to be approved and documented.

In witness whereof, each party is signing this Agreement on the date stated below that party's signature.

New Mexico Department of Transportation

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Cabinet Secretary (or Designee)

Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization

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Manuel A Sanchez
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Signature

Manuel A Sanchez Chairman, Board of County Commission
Name/Title (please print)

9/13/2022
Date

9/12/2022
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Approved as to Form and Legal Sufficiency by the Department's Office of General Counsel.

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Deputy General Counsel

8/31/2022
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Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization
Legal Counsel

City of Las Cruces, City Attorney
9/9/2022
Date

EXHIBIT A
PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the requirements identified in Section 1, above, and 49 U.S.C. Section 5303 and 2 CFR 200, the MPO shall:

1. Act in the capacity as the designated lead agency for each Task identified in the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and designate a point of contact.
2. Assure the development of the biennial UPWP and each Task.
3. Submit the draft UPWP to the Transit and Rail Division for review and approval prior to adoption by the MPO governing body. A copy of the MPO's draft UPWP must be submitted to the Transit and Rail Division no later than April 30 of the biennial UPWP cycle for renewal.
4. Submit quarterly reports to the Department describing progress on each of the Tasks. Quarterly performance of each Task will be reported relative to the annual requirements as specified in each individual Task.
5. Abide by the annual resolution passed by the MPO Policy Committee approving the biennial UPWP in support of each transit planning Task for the Metropolitan Planning Area.
6. Coordinate activities and the planning processes, as appropriate, with local governments and their bureaus overseeing land use, environmental, economic and transportation planning; RTDs, RTPOs and other MPOs; and the Department's Transit and Rail Division, the Statewide Planning Division and District Offices.
7. Consult with the NMDOT Transit Bureau to update the Transit Asset Management performance targets as needed.
8. Consult with the NMDOT Transit Bureau and the 5307 Small Urban areas to develop and update the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans.
9. Assure all data collected under this MOA is made available to the Department upon request by the Department.
10. Comply with the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1, *et. seq.* Notification to the Department's Transit and Rail Division shall be transmitted by E-Mail. Provide for distribution of regular MPO meeting agendas and packets to member entities and to the designated Department Transit and Rail Division liaison not later than seven days prior to each meeting.
11. Develop and implement a Public Involvement Plan (PIP) in consultation with the Department, evaluate and report to the Department on the effectiveness of the PIP in contributing to transportation investment and policy decisions on an annual basis and refine as needed.
12. Designate a point of contact, develop and implement a plan and policies to assure Title VI compliance, maintain required documentation.
13. Develop and assure consistency between the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP), the UPWP and annual Performance and Expenditure (P&E) Reports.
14. The MPO shall take action on all written requests to the MPO for all Department changes affecting the TIP.
15. Assure that local entities submit detailed and accurate Project Information Forms, updated as needed to maintain consistency with the current TIP and Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) to the Department to facilitate the timely preparation and execution of Local Government Agreements.

16. The Department and Grantee agree to cooperatively develop and share information related to the requirements in 23 CFR 450.314(h). Procedural details are outlined in the Department's Planning Procedures Manual. Requirements in 23 CFR 450.314(h) relate to:
 - i. transportation performance data;
 - ii. the selection of performance targets;
 - iii. the reporting of performance targets;
 - iv. the reporting of performance to be used in tracking critical outcomes for the region of the MPO; and
 - v. the collection of data for the Department's asset management plan for the National Highway System.

**NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
TRANSIT AND RAIL DIVISION**

**NONDISCRIMINATION ASSURANCE AGREEMENT
FOR
FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION SUBRECIPIENTS**

INTRODUCTION AND INSTRUCTIONS:

Please read the entire Agreement before completing, and do not change or add to the wording of the Agreement. The Agreement is incorporated into and becomes a material part of your contract with NMDOT, and Subrecipients are responsible for complying with the requirements contained therein.

On behalf of this Agreement, the **MESILLA VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**; hereinafter referred to as “**Subrecipient**” assures that:

1. Subrecipient will comply with the following laws, regulations, and requirements so that no person in the United States will be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination in, any U.S. DOT or FTA assisted program or activity (particularly in the level and quality of transportation services and transportation-related benefits) based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, or age including:

- a. Federal transit laws, specifically 49 U.S.C. § 5332 (prohibiting discrimination based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex (including gender identity), disability, age, employment, or business opportunity),
- b. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d,
- c. Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e et seq. (prohibiting discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, (including gender identity and sexual orientation) or national origin,
- d. Executive Order No. 11246, “Equal Employment Opportunity” September 24, 1965, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e note, as amended by any later Executive Order that amends or supersedes it in part and is applicable to federal assistance programs,
- e. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, 20 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq., f. U.S. DOT regulations, “Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance,” 49 CFR part 25,
- g. The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 794, et seq.,
- h. The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq.,
- i. U.S. DOT regulations, “Nondiscrimination in Federally-Assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation-Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964,” 49 CFR part 21,
- j. U.S. DOT regulations, specifically 49 CFR parts 27, 37, 38, and 39, and
- k. Any other applicable federal statutes that may be signed into law, federal regulations that may be issued, or federal requirements that may be imposed.

2. Subrecipient will comply with federal guidance implementing federal nondiscrimination laws, regulations, or requirements, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing.

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3. As required by 49 CFR § 21.7:

- a. Subrecipient will comply with 49 U.S.C. § 5332, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d, and 49 CFR part 21 in the manner that:
 - (1) Subrecipient implements its Award,
 - (2) Subrecipient undertakes property acquisitions, and
 - (3) Subrecipient operates all parts of its facilities, as well as its facilities operated in connection with its Award.
- b. This assurance applies to its Award and to all parts of its facilities, as well as its facilities used to implement its Award.
- c. Subrecipient will promptly take the necessary actions to carry out this assurance, including the following:
 - (1) Notifying the public that discrimination complaints about transportation-related services or benefits may be filed with U.S. DOT or FTA Headquarters Office of Civil Rights, and
 - (2) Submitting information about its compliance with these provisions to U.S. DOT or FTA upon their request.
- d. If Subrecipient transfers U.S. DOT or FTA assisted real property, structures, or improvements to another party, any deeds and instruments recording that transfer will contain a covenant running with the land assuring nondiscrimination:
 - (1) While the property is used for the purpose that the federal assistance is extended, or
 - (2) While the property is used for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits.
- e. The United States has a right to seek judicial enforcement of any matter arising under:
 - (1) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d,
 - (2) U.S. DOT regulations, 49 CFR part 21, or
 - (3) This assurance.
- f. Subrecipient will make any changes in its Title VI implementing procedures, as U.S. DOT or FTA may request, to comply with:
 - (1) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d,
 - (2) U.S. DOT regulations, 49 CFR part 21, and
 - (3) Federal transit law, 49 U.S.C. § 5332.
- g. Subrecipient will comply with applicable federal guidance issued to implement federal nondiscrimination requirements, except as FTA determines otherwise in writing.
- h. Subrecipient will extend the requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5332, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d, and 49 CFR part 21 to each Third Party Participant, including any:
 - (1) Subrecipient,
 - (2) Transferee,
 - (3) Third Party Contractor or Subcontractor at any tier,
 - (4) Successor in Interest,
 - (5) Lessee, or
 - (6) Other Participant in its Award, except FTA and the Applicant (and later, the Recipient).
- i. Subrecipient will include adequate provisions to extend the requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5332, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d, and 49 CFR part 21 to each third party agreement, including each:
 - (1) Subagreement at any tier,
 - (2) Property transfer agreement,
 - (3) Third party contract or subcontract at any tier,

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- (4) Lease, or
- (5) Participation agreement.

j. The assurances you have made on your behalf remain in effect as long as FTA determines appropriate, including, for example, as long as:

- (1) Federal assistance is provided for its Award,
- (2) Subrecipient property acquired or improved with federal assistance is used for a purpose for which the federal assistance is extended, or for a purpose involving similar services or benefits,
- (3) Subrecipient retains ownership or possession of its property acquired or improved with federal assistance provided for its Award,
- (4) Subrecipient transfers property acquired or improved with federal assistance, for the period during which the real property is used for a purpose for which the financial assistance is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits, or
- (5) FTA may otherwise determine in writing.

4. As required by U.S. DOT regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs and Activities Receiving or Benefiting from Federal Financial Assistance," 49 CFR part 27, specifically 49 CFR § 27.9, and consistent with 49 U.S.C. § 5332, you assure that:

a. Subrecipient will comply with the following prohibitions against discrimination based on disability listed below in subsection 4.b of this Category 01.D Assurance, of which compliance is a condition of approval or extension of any FTA assistance awarded to:

- (1) Construct any facility,
- (2) Obtain any rolling stock or other equipment,
- (3) Undertake studies,
- (4) Conduct research, or
- (5) Participate in any benefit or obtain any benefit from any FTA administered program.

b. In any program or activity receiving or benefiting from federal assistance that U.S. DOT administers, no qualified individual with a disability will, because of his or her disability be:

- (1) Excluded from participation,
- (2) Denied benefits, or
- (3) Otherwise subjected to discrimination.

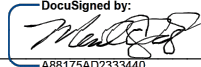
AFFIRMATION OF APPLICANT

Name of Applicant: Mesilla Valley MPO

Printed Name of Authorized Representative: Manuel A Sanchez

Relationship of Authorized Representative: Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

In signing this document, I declare under penalties of perjury that the foregoing certifications and assurances, and any other statements made by me on behalf of the Applicant are true and correct.

Signature:  Date: 9/12/2022

Printed Name of Signing Official: Manuel A Sanchez

DISADVANTAGE BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CERTIFICATION 2

**NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
TRANSIT AND RAIL DIVISION**

**DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE
RACE-NEUTRAL IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT
FOR
FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION SUBRECIPIENTS**

INTRODUCTION AND INSTRUCTIONS:

The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) Transit and Rail Division, through the NMDOT Office of Equal Opportunity Programs (OEO), must ensure that Subrecipient of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds meet applicable DBE requirements when funds are used in whole or in part to finance procurement and contracts of products and service(s). To that end, Subrecipient with contracting opportunities must submit a *Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Race-Neutral Implementation Agreement for Federal Transit Administration Subrecipients* (Agreement).

Please read the entire Agreement before completing, and do not change or add to the wording of the Agreement. The Agreement is incorporated into and becomes a material part of your contract with NMDOT, and Subrecipients are responsible for complying with the requirements contained therein.

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DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE RACE-NEUTRAL IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT for the **Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization**; hereinafter referred to as “**Subrecipient.**”

I. Definition of Terms

The terms used in this agreement have the meanings defined in 49 CFR Part 26.5.

II. OBJECTIVE/POLICY STATEMENT (§26/1. 26/23)

The Subrecipient intends to receive federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) through the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT), and as a condition of receiving this assistance, the Subrecipient will sign the New Mexico Department of Transportation’s Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Race Neutral Implementation Agreement (hereinafter referred to as Agreement).

The Subrecipient must implement a policy to ensure that DBEs, as defined in 49 CFR Part 26 (also referred to as the DBE Program), have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in DOT-assisted contracts. It is also their policy:

To ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT-assisted procurement and contracts of products and services contracts.

To create a level playing field on which DBE’s can compete fairly for DOT-assisted procurement and contracts of products and services contracts.

To ensure that their annual overall DBE participation percentage is narrowly tailored, in accordance with applicable law.

To ensure that only firms that fully meet 49 CFR, Part 26 eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBEs.

To help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in DOT-assisted procurement and contracts of products and services contracts.

To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE Program.

III. Nondiscrimination (§26.7)

Subrecipient will never exclude any person from participation in, deny any person the benefits of, or otherwise discriminate against anyone in connection with the award and performance of any contract covered by 49 CFR Part 26 on the basis of race, color, sex, or national origin. Subrecipient will not, directly, or through contractual or other arrangements, use criteria or methods of administration that have the effect of defeating or substantially impairing accomplishment of the objectives of the DBE Program with respect to individuals of a particular race, color, sex, or national origin.

IV. Race-Neutral Means of Meeting the Annual DBE Goal (§26.51)

Subrecipient will assist NMDOT to achieve its Overall Statewide DBE Goal by race-neutral means of facilitating DBE participation. Race-neutral DBE participation includes any time a DBE wins a prime contract through customary competitive procurement procedures, is awarded a subcontract on a prime contract that does not carry a DBE goal, or even if there is a DBE goal, wins a subcontract from a prime contractor that did not consider its DBE status in making the award (e.g., a prime contractor that uses a strict low-bid system to award subcontracts).

Race-neutral means include, but are not limited to, the following:

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1. Arranging solicitations, times for the presentation of bids, quantities, specifications, and delivery schedules in ways that facilitate DBE, and other small businesses, participation (e.g., unbundling large contracts to make them more accessible to small businesses, requiring or encouraging prime contractors to subcontract portions of work that they might otherwise perform with their own forces);
2. Providing assistance in overcoming limitations such as inability to obtain bonding or financing (e.g., by such means as simplifying the bonding process, reducing bonding requirements, eliminating the impact of surety costs from bids, and providing services to help DBEs, and other small businesses, obtain bonding and financing);
3. Providing technical assistance and other services;
4. Carrying out information and communication programs on contracting procedures and specific contract opportunities (e.g., ensuring the inclusion of DBEs, and other small businesses, on recipient mailing lists of bidders; ensuring the dissemination to bidders on prime contracts of lists of potential subcontractors; provision of information in languages other than English, where appropriate);
5. Implementing a supportive services program to develop and improve immediate and long-term business management, record keeping, and financial and accounting capability for DBEs and other small businesses;
6. Providing services to help DBEs, and other small businesses, improve long-term development, increase opportunities to participate in a variety of kinds of work, handle increasingly significant projects, and achieve eventual self-sufficiency;
7. Establishing a program to assist new, start-up firms, particularly in fields in which DBE participation has been historically low;
8. Ensuring distribution of the New Mexico DBE directory, through print and electronic means, to the widest feasible universe of potential contractors; and
9. Assisting DBEs, and other small businesses, to develop their capability to utilize emerging technology and conduct business through electronic media.

Subrecipient will encourage utilization of DBE contractors whenever possible on its USDOT-assisted contracts. New Mexico Certified DBE firms and the fields of work in which they participate are listed in the electronic web-based DBE Directory located at <https://nmdot.dbesystem.com>

V. Quotas (§26.43)

Subrecipient will not use quotas or set-asides in any way in the administration of the DBE Program.

VI. DBE Liaison Officer (§26.25)

Subrecipient must designate a DBE Liaison Officer (DBELO). The DBELO is responsible for implementing the DBE Program as it pertains to the Subrecipient and ensures that the Subrecipient is fully and properly advised concerning DBE Program matters.

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VII. Federal Financial Assistance Agreement Assurance (§26.13)

The Subrecipient will sign the following assurance, applicable to and to be included in all USDOT-assisted procurements and contracts for products and services:

The recipient shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the award and performance of any USDOT-assisted contract, or in the administration of its DBE Program, or the requirements of 49 CFR Part 26. The recipient shall take all necessary and reasonable steps under 49 CFR, Part 26 to ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of USDOT-assisted contracts. The recipient's DBE Program, as required by 49 CFR, Part 26 as approved by USDOT, is incorporated by reference in this agreement. Implementation of this program is a legal obligation and failure to carry out its terms shall be treated as a violation of this agreement. Upon notification to the recipient of its failure to carry out its approved program, the Department may impose sanctions as provided for under Part 26 and may, in appropriate cases, refer the matter for enforcement under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and/or the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 (31 U.S.C. 3801 et seq.).

VIII. Required Contract Clauses (§§26.13, 26.29)

Subrecipient assures that the following clauses will be included in each USDOT-assisted prime contract:

A. Contract Assurance

The contractor or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR, Part 26 in the award and administration of DOT-assisted procurement and contracts of products and services contracts. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy, as recipient deems appropriate.

B. Prompt PaymentPrompt Progress Payment to Subcontractors

A prime contractor or subcontractor shall pay to any subcontractor not later than 10 days of receipt of each progress payment. The 10-days is applicable unless a longer period is agreed to in writing. Any delay or postponement of payment over 30 days may take place only for good cause and with the NMDOT's prior written approval. Any violation of this Section shall subject the violating contractor or subcontractor to penalties, sanctions, and other remedies provided by law. This requirement shall not be construed to limit or impair any contractual, administrative, or judicial remedies otherwise available to the contractor or subcontractor in the event of a dispute involving late payment or nonpayment by the contractor, deficient subcontractor performance, and/or noncompliance by a subcontractor. This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE subcontractors.

Prompt Payment of Retainage

Subrecipient shall include either (1), (2), or (3) of the following provisions in their USDOT-assisted contracts to ensure prompt and full payment of retainage (withheld funds) to subcontractors in compliance with 49 CFR 26.29.

1. No retainage will be held by the agency from progress payments due to the prime contractor. Prime contractors and subcontractors are prohibited from holding retainage from subcontractors.

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Any delay or postponement of payment may take place only for good cause and with the agency's prior written approval. Any violation of these provisions shall subject the violating contractor or subcontractor to the penalties, sanctions, and other remedies provided by law. This requirement shall not be construed to limit or impair any contractual, administrative, or judicial remedies, otherwise available to the contractor or subcontractor in the event of a dispute involving late payment or nonpayment by the contractor, deficient subcontractor performance, and/or noncompliance by a subcontractor. This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE subcontractors.

2. No retainage will be held by the agency from progress payments due the prime contractor. Any retainage kept by the prime contractor or by a subcontractor must be paid in full to the earning subcontractor within 30 days after the subcontractor's work is satisfactorily completed. Any delay or postponement of payment may take place only for good cause and with the agency's prior written approval. Any violation of these provisions shall subject the violating contractor or subcontractor to the penalties, sanctions, and remedies provided by law. This requirement shall not be construed to limit or impair any contractual, administrative, or judicial remedies, otherwise available to the contractor or subcontractor in the event of a dispute involving late payment or nonpayment by the contractor, deficient subcontractor performance, and/or noncompliance by a subcontractor. This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE subcontractors.

3. The agency shall hold retainage from the prime contractor and shall make prompt and regular incremental acceptances of portions, as determined by the agency of the contract work and pay retainage to the prime contractor based on these acceptances. The prime contractor or subcontractor shall return all monies withheld in retention from all subcontractors within 30 days after receiving payment for work satisfactorily completed and accepted including incremental acceptances of portions of the contract work by the agency. Any delay or postponement of payment may take place only for good cause and with the agency's prior written approval. Any violation of these provisions shall subject the violating prime contractor to the penalties, sanctions, and other remedies provided by law. This requirement shall not be construed to limit or impair any contractual, administrative, or judicial remedies, otherwise available to the contractor or subcontractor in the event of: a dispute involving late payment or nonpayment by the contractor; deficient subcontractor performance; and/or noncompliance by a subcontractor. This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE subcontractors.

IX. Bidders List (§26.11)

The Subrecipient will create and maintain a bidders list, consisting of information about all DBE and non-DBE firms that bid or quote on its USDOT-assisted procurement and contracts for products and services. The bidders list will include the name, address and telephone number of each quoting firm and whether the quoter is a New Mexico certified DBE. Subrecipient will include language in its procurement documents that requires each bidding Contractor, at the time that bids are submitted, to list the quotes received for the project as detailed above.

X. Reporting

Subrecipient will report bidders list and related DBE information to the NMDOT Transit and Rail Division or the NMDOT Office of Equal Opportunity Programs upon request.

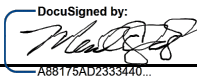
Subrecipient will complete and submit annually to the NMDOT Office of Equal Opportunity Programs the NMDOT Annual Profile Registration Form. This Form will be mailed to Subrecipient.

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Subrecipient will compile and provide such other information related to its procurements and the DBE Program as deemed necessary by the NMDOT Transit and Rail Division or the NMDOT Office of Equal Opportunity Programs.

XI. Incorporation of Agreement

This Agreement is incorporated into Subrecipient's financial assistance agreement with NMDOT by reference and made a part of that agreement.

Date: 9/12/2022	
Signature of Subrecipient Official	
Phone Number:	575-386-9815
Printed Name of Subrecipient Official	Manuel A Sanchez

LOBBYING CERTIFICATION 3

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An Applicant that submits or intends to submit an application to FTA for Federal assistance exceeding \$100,000 is required to provide the following certification. FTA may not award Federal assistance exceeding \$100,000 until the Applicant provides this certification.

- A. As required by 31 U.S.C. 1352 and U.S. DOT regulations, "New Restrictions on Lobbying," at 49 CFR 20.110, the Applicant's authorized representative certifies to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that for each application to FTA for Federal assistance exceeding \$100,000:
(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been or will be paid by or on behalf of the Applicant to any person to influence or attempt to influence an officer or employee of any Federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress regarding the award of Federal assistance, or the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal assistance agreement; and
(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been or will be paid to any person to influence or attempt to influence an officer or employee of any Federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with any application for Federal assistance, the Applicant assures that it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," including information required by the instructions accompanying the form, which form may be amended to omit such information as authorized by 31 U.S.C. 1352; and
(3) The language of this certification shall be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, subagreements, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements).
B. The Applicant understands that this certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed by the Federal government and that submission of this certification is a prerequisite for providing Federal assistance for a transaction covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. The Applicant also understands that any person who fails to file a required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000.00 and not more than \$100,000.00 for each such failure.

AFFIRMATION OF APPLICANT

Name of Applicant: Mesilla Valley MPO

Printed Name of Authorized Representative: Manuel A Sanchez

Relationship of Authorized Representative: Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

In signing this document, I declare under penalties of perjury that the foregoing certifications and assurances, and any other statements made by me on behalf of the Applicant are true and correct.

Signature: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 9/12/2022

Printed Name of Signing Official: Manuel A Sanchez