



New Mexico State Transportation Innovation Council (STIC) Charter

State DOTs and Tribal Local Public Agencies (T/LPAs) nationwide own, operate, and maintain our transportation systems. Stakeholders make the key decisions on how we deliver projects, as well as what techniques and technologies to use in the operation and safety of our transportation system. Our State Transportation Innovation Council (STIC) brings together stakeholders who represent the industry as a whole, working together to lead innovation in our state transportation program.

Purpose

This Charter establishes the New Mexico STIC (NMSTIC) and defines its mission, scope, responsibility, membership, and administration.

Vision

The NMSTIC will foster a collaborative culture for the rapid implementation of meaningful innovations, including a high-quality modern transportation system for the public.

Mission

Facilitate the rapid implementation of technology, tactics, and techniques among New Mexico transportation program delivery professionals at all levels of state government as well as throughout the private and non-profit sectors, to ensure smart, efficient investment in New Mexico's transportation infrastructure.

Scope and Responsibility

NMSTIC shall provide multi-stakeholder leadership to perpetuate the deployment of innovation throughout the state. The objectives and duties of the NMSTIC shall be to identify and recommend ways to ensure that New Mexico responds to key issues and challenges that impact our transportation program. NMSTIC will act as a catalyst for the rapid deployment of nationally and locally identified technologies, techniques, and tactics proven in "real world" applications and offer improved performance/effectiveness in New Mexico.

The NMSTIC will:

- Advise the New Mexico Department of Transportation NMDOT Cabinet Secretary and Federal Highway Administration – New Mexico Division (FHWA-NM) Administrator and provide a means of ensuring regular contact between the NMDOT, (T/LPAs), and the transportation sector.
- Advise the (NMDOT) Cabinet Secretary and the FHWA-NM Division Administrator on the implementation of the Every DayCounts (EDC) Initiatives and related matters.
- Identify and mobilize champions within the state and provide leadership to support the rapid deployment of selected technologies, tactics, and techniques.
- Provide a forum for discussing and proposing solutions to transportation-related needs and challenges.
- Act as a liaison among the stakeholders represented by the membership and may provide a forum for those stakeholders on current and emerging issues in the transportation sector.
- Develop a process to select technologies, tactics, and techniques on which to focus implementation efforts.

- Monitor performance metrics to ensure priority initiatives move into standard practice.
- Share information with all state stakeholders through meetings, workshops, and conferences.

Membership

The NMSTIC committee will be composed of voting and non-voting members, including Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) and Advisory members. NMSTIC's membership shall reflect the diversity of the transportation industry by representing a balanced cross-section of entities from various geographic locations and agencies of different sizes. Specific members are listed on the signature page of this document and include representatives from:

- New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT)
- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) – NM Division
- Associated Contractors of NM (ACONM)
- American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) – NM
- Intelligent Transportation Society of New Mexico (ITSNM)

In addition, subject matter experts (SMEs) and other advisory members may be invited to attend NMSTIC meetings as non-voting members. These may include representatives from T/LPAs, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPOs), Federal resource agencies, Academia, and other groups as identified by the NMSTIC.

The NMSTIC shall be co-chaired by the NMDOT Director of Highway Operations and the FHWA-NM Deputy Division Administrator and not be composed of more than ten (10) members. NMSTIC membership shall be re-evaluated periodically, at a minimum annually.

Meetings

The NMSTIC will meet annually at the time and place coordinated by the NMDOT Research & Climate Bureau and the FHWA NM Administrator. An annual meeting will be required to review and vote on the annual STIC incentive projects and will also include an update on the innovations and incentives. Additional meetings may be scheduled if needed.

Members are expected to attend all meetings. Attendance may be in person or via interactive communication, such as conference calls or video conferencing tools (such as Teams, Zoom, etc.). If necessary, a voting member may be represented by a designated alternate. If a voting member cannot be present at the time a vote is scheduled to take place, the voting member must designate a representative. A majority of voting members should agree on the recommendation of annual STIC incentive projects submitted to FHWA for funding approval.

Please note: *FHWA is a non-voting member for funding recommendations.*



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