



OHKAY OWINGEH PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

FY2022 – NMDOT – 5311 Application

Program Coordination

Ohkay Owingeh coordinates services with the North Central Regional Transit District (NCRTD) (or the “Blue Bus”) which has three stops in Ohkay Owingeh. One stop is located at the Ohkay Casino, one at the Tsigo Bugeh Apartment Complex, and another located at the Ohkay Owingeh Community Library, which is centrally located in the Pueblo. The PoPay Messenger Service provides direct connectivity to the NCRTD stops in the Pueblo. Ohkay Owingeh holds a Board of Director position on the NCRTD; and has been actively involved in the past year on the Board. In 2020, the Planning Manager also served as the Tribal Subcommittee Chair.

Ohkay Owingeh has a CHR Program; which provides medical transports for clients in the Tribal Community. The PoPay Messenger complements the Program by providing non-emergent services for everyone in the community. The Tribe also has an Indian Child Welfare Program (ICWA) that provides services for families in counseling and self-preservation – the PoPay Messenger also provides services for their clients. The Planning and Transportation Department worked diligently with the Social Services Programs to assist with client mobility needs, and provided more than 8,000 clients transportation to human service agencies during this past year.

The PoPay Messenger Service also provides connectivity to the Railrunner and to the Park and Ride transit services.