

## 2nd Quarter - October 2010—December 2010

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## MPO Major Thoroughfare Plan

The Policy Committee adopted the MPO Major Thoroughfare Plan (Major T-Plan) on September 9, 2010. After approval of an amendment to a future proposed road connection in Northeast Farmington, the MPO will seek local adoption of the Major T-Plan in early 2011. The majority of the Major T-Plan was taken from existing local Major Thoroughfare Plans from the various member entities with small updates and changes to the roadway system. The Major T-Plan also looked at the current functional classification system established by NMDOT.

Last year during its Long Range Plan update, the MPO began working on large portions of the Major T-Plan. Stakeholders, as well as the MPO's Technical and Policy Committees, provided input for the plan with changes that include removing, adding, realigning, and changing future roadways based on projected future volumes and congestion. The Farmington MPO Long Range Plan will be amended to include the Major T-Plan once it has been adopted by the member entities.

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## MPO 2011 Committee Meeting Schedule

Farmington City Hall	Bloomfield City Hall	Aztec City Hall	San Juan County
Executive Conference Rm 800 Municipal Drive Farmington, NM	Council Chambers 915 N. First Street Bloomfield, NM	Commission Chambers 201 W. Chaco St. Aztec, NM	Commission Chambers 100 S. Oliver Aztec, NM
Technical Committee 10:00 AM		Policy Committee 1:30 pm	
January 27, 2011	Farmington	January 20, 2011	Farmington
February 24, 2011	Aztec		
March 24, 2011	Bloomfield**	March 17, 2011	Bloomfield**
April 28, 2011	Farmington	April 21, 2011	San Juan County
May 26, 2011	San Juan County		
June 23, 2011	Bloomfield	June 16, 2011	Farmington
July 28, 2011	Farmington		
August 25, 2011	San Juan County		
September 22, 2011	Bloomfield	September 15, 2011	Bloomfield
October 27, 2011	Farmington		
November 17, 2011	Aztec	November 10, 2011	Aztec
December 15, 2011	Bloomfield		

\*\* - The Technical & Policy Committee meetings in March will be held at the Bloomfield Cultural Complex (333 S First St.)

## FY2010 Annual List of Federally Obligated Projects

FY11-16 TIP ID	NMDOT Ctrl Num	Lead Agency	Project & Termini	Project Description	Federal Funding Source	Federal Funding Amount Obligated	Remaining Obligated Funds
B-7	ESF1080	City of Bloomfield	Maple St from James Circle to US 550	Reconstruct road, new road base, paving, curb/gutter, and sidewalks	American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA)	\$900,000	\$0
F-57	5100090	City of Farmington	West Main/Apache Intersection	Rebuild & replace existing traffic signal and add advance flasher for westbound intersection approach	Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)	\$300,000	\$0
F-14	F100100	City of Farmington	Pinon Hills Blvd Extension from E. Main to CR 3000	ROW acquisition, final design, construct open space trail system	Transportation, Community, System Preservation (TCSP)	\$838,071	\$0
F-54	ESF1070	City of Farmington	Wildflower Pkwy from Browning to Yarrow	Widen road, add turn lanes, install bike lanes and pedestrian facilities	American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA)	\$1,347,266	\$0
SI-12	F100030	San Juan County	Bridge #8116 on CR 2900	Bridge repair and rehabilitation	American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA)	\$1,000,000	\$0
SI-15	5100130	San Juan County	CR 350/CR 3720 Intersection	Geometric and Safety improvements	Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)	\$400,000	\$0
RAT-4	7847	Red Apple Transit	Red Apple Transit Operating	Annual Operating Costs	FTA 5307	\$559,000	\$0
DOT-9	5100110	NMDOT	NM 516/Light Plant Road Intersection	Geometric improvements and ROW acquisition	Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)	\$0	\$1,500,000
DOT-6	4046	NMDOT	US 64 Phase II	ROW acquisition	High Priority Projects (HPP)	\$7,507,820	\$0
DOT-7	4046	NMDOT	US 64 Phase II	Construction US 64 to a six lane facility in Bloomfield	Surface Transportation Program (STP)	\$17,787,522	\$0

### Year in Review

2010 was a good year for transportation projects in the MPO. Several transportation projects were obligated and awarded contracts, including reconstructing Maple Street in Bloomfield, widening Wildflower Pkwy in Farmington, bridge repair on CR 2900 in San Juan County, and Phase 1A of the East Arterial in Aztec.



2010 was a great year for transportation planning as well. The MPO adopted the new FY 2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program and the 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The MPO Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan was updated to reflect new walking and biking priorities that are outlined in the 2035 MTP.



As we enter 2011, the MPO will continue to work with stakeholders and local member entities to further the region's transportation plans and programs. The MPO will further coordinate with the statewide Rail Plan and seek to implement other actions described in the 2035 MTP.



## New Mexico Department of Transportation Rail Study

The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) is currently studying the State's Rail Transportation System as a mean to evaluate freight and passenger mobility in preparation for future growth.

The New Mexico State Rail Plan will set State policy regarding passenger and freight rail transportation, while prioritizing strategies to enhance rail service to benefit the public. The Plan will also serve as the basis for Federal and State rail investments.

The study will answer several questions concerning passenger rail service improvements, such as how to improve the existing Rail Runner alignment while creating new regional passenger rail. It will determine how rail may be used to support local economic development.

The study will continue to gather information from local stakeholders throughout New Mexico as a way to ensure that the plan meets the needs of all regional areas within the State. The Farmington MPO hosted a presentation from the NMDOT Rail Division at the October 28th Technical Committee meeting. The MPO plans to hold subsequent meetings with regional stakeholders to help provide local concerns and input to the NMDOT. If you would like to have further information or would like to be part of the local stakeholder group, please contact the MPO at 505-599-1466.



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## Red Apple Transit Study

During the past few months, several successful stakeholder meetings were conducted in support of the study and a Draft Final Report was produced.

The final report is expected to be adopted by the Farmington City Council in January. The product of this effort will be several recommendations for improving the transit system throughout the MPO in coming years. The 2035 MTP will be amended to include these recommendations.

Some short-term recommendations include adding more stops to existing routes and transitioning from a loop system to a bi-directional line route system that will provide more efficient, flexible, and direct travel options for users of public transportation.

Long-term recommendations are expected to be implemented after 2015 and include improving route frequency, a new route between Bloomfield and Aztec, and adding shelters, new transit hubs, and bus pull-outs.

A link to the *Red Apple Transit Report* can be found on our website at <http://www.farmingtonmpo.org/>

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