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## 3rd Quarter - January 2011—March 2011

### MPO MAJOR THOROUGHFARE PLAN

#### Special points of interest:

- ◆ 2010 Census

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After adoption of the Major Thoroughfare Plan (Major T-Plan) by the Policy Committee last year, the MPO sought local adoption of the Plan this quarter. This comprehensive road network plan for the next 20 years includes changes to add, realign, and change future roadways based on projected future volumes, congestion, and needs. In an effort to better inform the community and allow for additional local input before final adoption of the Plan by the local entities, the MPO began a series of three public meetings to further explain how the Northeast Farmington area will connect to these proposed regional corridors. Meetings have been held on March 31 and April 14. The remaining public meeting is scheduled for April 28 at Country Club Elementary School.



View the MPO Major Thoroughfare Plan Maps at: [www.farmingtonmpo.org/maps](http://www.farmingtonmpo.org/maps)

### 2010 Census Shows Continuing Growth

Census figures have been issued by the U.S. Census Bureau. Data for New Mexico, San Juan County, and the three cities are provided in the following table:

Entity	2000 Population	2010 Population	% Change
New Mexico	1,819,046	2,059,179	13.2%
San Juan County	113,801	130,044	14.3%
Farmington	37,844	45,877	21.2%
Aztec	6,378	6,763	6.0%
Bloomfield	6,417	8,112	26.4%



## RED APPLE TRANSIT STUDY

On January 25, 2011 the Farmington City Council was presented the Red Apple Transit Study Final Report. Completed by LSC Consultants in cooperation with the MPO and Red Apple Transit, the report outlines the projected transit need this area will have over the next ten years. It lists several recommendations for Red Apple Transit to implement based on those needs. The following budget-neutral recommendations have been accepted:



- ◆ Install more bus stops on local and regional routes
- ◆ Convert from loop routes to two-way linear routes
- ◆ Extend all-day service outward to Farmington City limits
- ◆ Kirtland Bronco Route to serve CR 6100 and San Juan College West
- ◆ Identify Transfer/hub locations on publicly owned property
- ◆ Marketing & Performance Monitoring

View the Red Apple Transit Study Final Report at:  
[www.farmingtonmpo.org/transit.html](http://www.farmingtonmpo.org/transit.html)

## RISING GASOLINE PRICES...WHAT YOU CAN DO

With rising gasoline prices, here is some information to think about when you consider your transportation options:

**Cost to Drive** - Begin by calculating what it costs to drive your car. The American Public Transportation Association web site will do the math for you. Go to [www.apta.com](http://www.apta.com) and click on the "Savings Calculator."



**Red Apple Transit** - Take the bus to get around town. Cash fare for a single ride is \$1.00 per bus and transfers are free. A monthly service pass costs \$30 and a monthly regional route pass is \$120. Discounted fares are available for seniors, youth, students, and disabled citizens. The Red Apple Trip Planner is available by calling 505-325-3409 or at [http://www.fmtn.org/city\\_services/red\\_apple\\_transit/index.html](http://www.fmtn.org/city_services/red_apple_transit/index.html).

**Walking or Bicycling** -The health and cost benefits of walking or biking to work can be great. The MPO, in conjunction with its member entities, has worked hard to develop the Farmington MPO Bicycle Pedestrian Plan. This plan has been adopted by all of its member entities and is now being implemented. Within the region there are well developed river trails and an on-road bicycle lane system. It's also possible to combine bike and bus travel.



**What Else** - If none of these travel alternatives work for you and driving remains as your only option, consider buying a fuel-efficient car and/or adopting strategies to conserve your fuel consumption. Drive at an even speed. Avoid idling. Check your tire pressure regularly and fix fuel leaks. Plan each trip to include multiple destinations such as work, grocery store, dry cleaners, etc.

Adopting these travel habits can contribute to cleaner air, reduced traffic congestion, and cost-savings.



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He who has a  
why to live  
can bear  
almost any  
how.

- Friedrich  
Nietzsche



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