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## The Future is Happening Now: Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update

Several parts of the MTP Update were completed between April and June:

- △ Vision & Mission statements were maintained for the MPO
- △ Goals and Objectives were revised to reflect changing needs
- △ Evaluation criteria were approved for road project prioritization
- △ Public transportation surveys, identifying transportation concerns of area residents, were summarized
- △ Base year and future population and employment data was collected and approved; the figures will assist with analysis of transportation modes

The MPO is working to prioritize regional bicycle/pedestrian projects that were identified in the Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan adopted in June 2008. Prioritization will ensure that the most critical facilities are constructed as funding becomes available.

Staff is developing a needs assessment for Red Apple Transit. Through the analysis of various Census data on vehicle ownership and population types, a better understanding of existing demand for transit can be obtained. This information can then be projected into the future and an expansion plan of the existing transit system for servicing these populations can be developed.

Using the VISUM traffic model, new proposed future roads can be built into the road network and analyzed to predict their effectiveness for reducing future traffic congestion and improving mobility. Approximately 10 new roadways have been identified through public meetings and through discussions with entity staff. Analysis of these proposed roads will be worked on throughout the summer months.

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## Policy Committee Actions

### April 9, 2009 Meeting

- Adopted the FY2010-2015 TIP
- Approved the FY2010 UPWP
- Adopted the MPO Annual Self-Certification document

### June 18, 2009 Meeting

- Approved Amendment #1 to the FY2010-2015 TIP
- Approved a list of projects for additional ARRA funding if it becomes available
- Approved three resolutions supporting the applications of the Piñon Hills Blvd extension, the East Arterial, and the US 64 widening projects for the TIGER program
- Approved the 2009 traffic count location list
- For the MTP Update: approved the Vision/Mission statements, the Goals & Objectives, Evaluation Categories for road prioritization, and population and employment base year and future year projections at the city/county and TAZ levels

# Where We've Been, Who We've Seen !!!

Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner, presented an MPO Overview to the members of the *San Juan Center for Independence* which is a community based nonprofit agency that was established by people with disabilities for people with disabilities.

San Juan Center for Independence  
May 5, 2009

At the Earth Day Event held at the Aztec Ruins, April 25, 2009 the Farmington Metropolitan Planning Organization had a booth to educate the public on the Bicycle Pedestrian Plan



Earth Day  
April 25, 2009

An MPO Overview was presented to the members at the Northwest New Mexico Seniors Meeting held at the Bonnie Dallas Senior Center April 8, 2009



NW NM Seniors  
April 8, 2009

At the Kiwanis Club meeting on May 27, 2009, Mr. Delmagori presented an overview of Public Surveys for the MTP Update.



Kiwanis Club  
May 27, 2009

SRTS Bike Rodeo  
May 30, 2009

The MPO Staff set up an information booth with pamphlets relating to the Bicycle / Pedestrian Plan, the Access Management Plan, and the Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update at the Bike Rodeo on May 30.



Bicycle Rodeo - May 30, 2009

Elks Lodge  
April 27, 2009

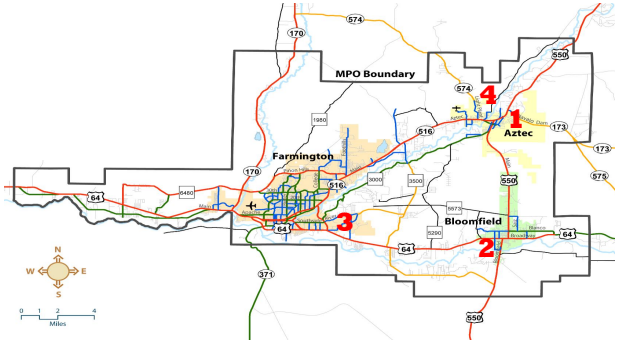
The MPO was invited to attend a meeting at the Elks Lodge on April 27, 2009. The presentation included a description of projects and programs that the MPO administers in order to meet federal requirements.



**The MPO Staff has been out and about making sure that the community is aware of who they are and what they are planning. They welcome the chance to provide information and awareness of the MPO Organization. Please contact the MPO Office for scheduling presentations at your next event.**

## American Recovery & Reinvestment Act

On February 17, 2009 President Obama signed into law the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009. Along with several other programs, federal dollars were provided to the states for 'shovel ready' transportation projects. NMDOT District 5 was provided with approximately \$10 million to distribute among the entities within its jurisdiction. The Farmington MPO was awarded four projects under the ARRA program, with each local entity receiving funding for one project:



1. **City of Aztec** \$1,700,000 to construct Phase I of the East Arterial, which will include construction of the intersection of the East Arterial and NM 173.
2. **City of Bloomfield** \$900,000 to upgrade Maple Ave, including curb/gutter and sidewalks.
3. **City of Farmington** \$1,000,000 to upgrade Wildflower Pkwy, including adding a two-way left turn lane, bike lanes, curb/gutter, and sidewalks.
4. **San Juan County** \$1,000,000 to replace Bridge #8116 on CR 2900.

## Transportation Investments Generating Economy Recovery

The Transportation Investments Generating Economy Recovery (TIGER) program has appropriated \$1.5 billion to projects costing between \$20 million and \$300 million. These grants will be awarded on a competitive basis to projects that have a significant impact on a metropolitan area and can create jobs and benefit economically distressed areas.

The projects will be determined using selection criteria: economic competitiveness, improving the quality of living and working environments, improving energy efficiency, and partnerships. The deadline for project applications is September 15, 2009.

On June 18, the MPO Policy Committee passed resolutions supporting three project applications for the TIGER program. The projects are the Piñon Hills extension/CR 3900 for the City of Farmington and San Juan County, the East Arterial for the City of Aztec, and the US 64 widening project being led by NMDOT.



On  
The  
Lighter  
Side



Somalia truck loaded with corn husks

Canary Wharf, London Roundabout Signal (Statue in center of a roundabout)



Virginia City Nevada—Ostrich Races  
Multi-Modal Transportation



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<b>TECHNICAL COMMITTEE</b>		<b>POLICY COMMITTEE</b>	
10:00 a.m. - 4th Thursday of the month (except as noted)		1:30 p.m. - 3rd Thursday of the month (except as noted)	
July 23, 2009	Farmington Municipal Building Executive Conference Room, 800 Municipal Dr., Farmington, NM	September 17, 2009	Bloomfield City Hall City Council Chambers 915 N. First St., Bloomfield, NM
August 27, 2009	San Juan County Administrative Building Commission Chambers 100 S. Oliver, Aztec, NM		
September 24, 2009	Bloomfield City Hall City Council Chambers 915 N. First St., Bloomfield, NM		