



Farmington Metropolitan Planning Organization

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July—September, 2006

SAFETEA-LU IMPLEMENTATION

In June, FHWA and FTA issued a Proposed Rulemaking document on the transportation bill SAFETEA-LU. The document describes many of the requirements for MPOs in relation to development of long and short range transportation plans, public involvement, and interaction with organi-

zations that are affected by transportation.

Many of the requirements for MPOs will need to meet the July 1, 2007 deadline for being SAFETEA-LU compliant. The Farmington MPO will start the implementation of new SAFETEA-LU requirements by updat-

ing its Public Involvement Plan. This process will carry through the last quarter of 2006 and conclude in early 2007.



CHANGES TO RED APPLE TRANSIT SERVICE OFF TO GREAT START

In early August, Red Apple Transit reduced headway times in half to 30 minutes for its Red and Green routes and added new bus service to Bloomfield. The new route stops at Orchard Plaza in Farmington, on Wildflower Drive, the County Detention Center, McGee Park, and three locations in

Bloomfield: Pinos Blancos Apartments, the San Juan Regional Medical Center Ambulance Station, and the Bloomfield Cultural Center. The implementation of the Bloomfield service helped to achieve a part of the transit plan that is described in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. As a result

of the new service and buses running more frequently, overall rider ship saw quite an increase. Rider ship rose from around 5,000 people in July to over 7,500 in August. This one month increase was the largest in the history of Red Apple Transit.

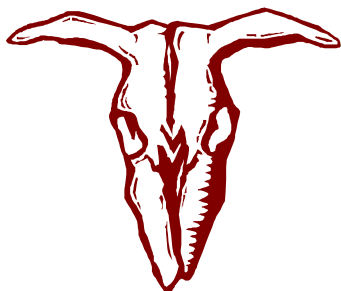


MTP IMPLEMENTATION

The MPO will soon begin to develop policies and standards that are outlined in the long range Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Each mode of transportation identified policies that will need to be implemented to support safety, mobility, and ensure a comprehensive transportation network. These policies are also needed to promote a multi-modal system that addresses the needs of all people in this region. A sample of the policies to implement include:

- Arterial street guidelines that integrate transit, bicycle, and pedestrian amenities
- Access management standards for improving safety on regionally significant corridors
- Determining a possible new location for the Red Apple's Transit Center that is closer to the downtown Farmington area
- Creating a bicycle vision plan that includes polices such as installing bike lanes on all new roads
- A pedestrian plan with standards for new developments and roadways

MPO staff will work closely with the cities and the county to develop, review, and implement these policies



.....from the MPO newsroom.....

In the past few months, the Farmington MPO has worked on the following activities:

- Joint Powers Agreement Renewal – Final changes to the document were made by the Technical and Policy Committees. The JPA was approved by the Policy Committee on September 28 and is currently being approved by the four individual government entities that are part of the MPO. The renewal of the JPA was extended through September 2009.
- Committee Bylaws – The document that guides committee actions and defines staff roles for working with the committees was updated and approved on September 14.
- MPO Associate Planner – Interviews were completed and the MPO hired Robert Messenger to be the new MPO Associate Planner.
- Intelligent Transportation Systems Architecture – The ITS architecture for the MPO is in its final draft phase and will be brought to the Technical and Policy committees for their review and adoption.
- Traffic Count Program – The annual MPO traffic counts are scheduled to be taken the week of October 15. Any necessary recounts will be taken in November.

Bill Standley came to Farmington, New Mexico in 1989.

Upon his discharge from the Marines, Mr. Standley began a career with Sears Roebuck & Company that lasted 31 years, holding many management positions. After retiring from Sears in 1994, he was the Advertising Director with the Farmington Daily Times. Mr. Standley was then hired as the General Manager for Construction Supply Company, remaining there until he decided to run for public office.



In his 17 years of living in Farmington Mr. Standley has been actively involved in the community, serving as President of the Farmington Chamber of Commerce and the Redcoats Ambassadors named Redcoat of the Year – 1999) as well as President of San Juan United Way Board, President of Anasazi Foundation Board and San Juan Rotary Club (named a Paul Harris Fellow). He is a member of the Farmington Convention and Visitors Bureau Board.

Mr. Standley was appointed to the City of Farmington Capital Improvement Commission by former Mayor Tom Taylor in 1996 and graduated from both the Citizens Police Academy and the Citizens Fire Academy. He is also a graduate of Leadership San Juan and Leadership New Mexico. Mr. Standley was elected to the office of Mayor in March, 1998 and since that time has served on the Community and Economic Development (CED) Steering Committee and the information Technology and Communications (ITC) Policy Committee for the National League of Cities. He also serves on the Better Business Bureau Board, San Juan Economic Development Services Board, and the Presbyterian Medical Services (PMS) Foundation Board (current Chairman). Mayor Standley is President of the recently formed Totah Behavioral Health Authority and is Past-President of the New Mexico Municipal League. He is one of two New Mexico elected municipal officials to receive the first Certified Municipal Official designation from the Municipal Officials Leadership Institute (MOLI). He was named as the inaugural “Man of the Year” in 2000 at the Four Corners Conference for Professional Development in Farmington, the “Citizen of the Year” award for 2001 from the Farmington Chamber of Commerce, the Public Service Award at the New Mexico Economic Vitality Summit in August 2002 and, more recently, received the 2003 “Healthcare Advocacy Award” from San Juan Regional Medical Center. By the Governor’s appointment, Mayor Standley chaired the Governor’s Task Force on Rural Air Service and serves on the Executive Board of the Litter Control Council.



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Date		Date	Location
October 26, 2006		November 9, 2006	Commission Room Aztec City Hall 201 W. Chaco St. Aztec, New Mexico
November 16, 2006* (3 rd Thursday)			
December 14, 2006* (2 nd Thursday)			



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