



# A G E N D A

## **Farmington Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee Meeting**

**Commission Chambers  
Aztec City Hall  
201 W Chaco  
Aztec, NM**

**November 13, 2008  
5:30 p.m.**

**AGENDA**  
**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**  
**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**November 13, 2008 5:30 PM**

This meeting will be held in the Commission Chambers, Aztec City Hall, 201 W Chaco Aztec, NM.

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1. Call meeting to order.	
2. Approve the minutes from the August 28, 2008 Joint Policy/Technical Committee meeting.	<b>1</b>
3. Approve Amendment #2 to the FY2009-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).	<b>5</b>
4. Approve to maintain the adopted architecture for Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) for an additional two years.	<b>7</b>
5. Review the elements of the Draft Access Management Plan.	<b>10</b>
6. Receive a report on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) update.	<b>11</b>
7. Receive a report on the Safe Routes to School Committee in Farmington.	<b>16</b>
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9. Receive a report from NMDOT. a. District 5 ( <i>David Martinez</i> ) b. Planning Division ( <i>Bob Widoe</i> )	
10. Information Items a. NMDOT Call for Safety Projects. b. 2008 Traffic Count Program. c. FY2009 UPWP 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Report. d. Quarterly Newsletter. e. Other	<b>19</b>
11. Business from: a. Chairman b. Members c. Staff	
12. Business from the Floor	
13. Adjournment	

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**MINUTES**  
**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**  
**JOINT TECHNICAL/POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**August 28, 2008 10:00 A.M.**

The Policy and Technical Committee of the Farmington Metropolitan Planning Organization met on Thursday, August 28, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at Aztec City Hall, 201 W. Chaco Aztec, New Mexico.

Members Present:

Sam Hinson, City of Bloomfield  
Mayor Bill Standley, City of Farmington  
Dr. Jim Henderson, San Juan County

Steve Christensen, City of Aztec  
Dave Keck, San Juan County  
Nica Westerling, City of Farmington  
Julie Baird, City of Bloomfield  
Chico Quintana, City of Farmington

Members Absent:

Dan Darnell, City of Farmington  
Larry Marcum, City of Aztec

Staff present:

Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner  
Martin Lucero, MPO Associate Planner  
Mike Sullivan, MPO Officer  
Mellisa Popa, Administrative Aide

Staff absent:

None

Also present:

Dr. Bob Widoe, NMDOT  
David Martinez, NMDOT  
Joe Hubbard, City of Aztec  
Ray Barnes, City of Bloomfield  
Lee Cabeza de Vaca, NMLTAP  
Lori Moore, Russell Engineering  
Jeff Pillus, Russell Engineering

**CALL TO ORDER**

Sam Hinson, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

**1. INTRODUCTIONS:**

Introductions were made by the Policy Committee, Technical Committee, MPO staff, City/County staff, NMDOT staff and audience members.

**2. MPO OVERVIEW PRESENTATION:**

Mr. Delmagori made the MPO presentation using a slide show that described what the MPO is. He explained the MPO's roles and responsibilities, described the MPO boundaries, explained the role of the Policy and Technical Committees, and briefly described some of the MPO work products.

**3. PRESENTATION ON THE ACCESS MANAGEMENT PLAN:**

Mr. Delmagori and Mr. Lucero presented the Access Management policies and standards, describing how they are being developed to preserve capacity, improve safety, and ensure roadways are functioning the way they should.

Mr. Delmagori explained the purpose and need for access management while also using a slide show with examples of access management. He highlighted local examples where access management is properly implemented and areas where driveways are located too close together.

Mr. Lucero presented road section illustrations and schematics of intersection and driveway spacing standards, using a slide show with many examples. The road sections try to incorporate multi-modal elements where feasible and practical. At the same time, the sections preserve the needed right-of-way for adding new elements to the road in the future.

Mr. Hinson asked about moving the bike lanes farther away from traffic. Mr. Lucero explained the purpose of the 3 foot buffer is to keep the traffic and bicyclists/pedestrians separate from each other. Mr. Christensen stated that it is important to set standards for the bike and walking trails, and feels the subject will need further discussion. Mr. Delmagori agreed and explained the MPO wants to set standards in order to coordinate with the three cities and future plans that will come into place.

Dr. Henderson asked what the standards would be applied to. Mr. Lucero replied that these standards are for all new roads within the MPO.

Dr. Henderson stated that areas that are growing need to have easy access to get on and off roads and that we should be planning for the various types of traffic.

Ms. Westerling stated that the road sections do not change the DOT requirements. Mr. Martinez mentioned the state will go along with the proposed sections and that is why the department has been reviewing them along with the MPO.

Mr. Christensen stated that we should be asking the local commissions to take a serious look at these suggestions. Mr. Hinson stated all the communities and the whole County need to be open minded.

Dr. Henderson stated that we need to visualize the future roads and how they will fill in as time goes by, and as a committee we need to see how that will affect the community. Mr. Delmagori explained that that is the reason it is important to preserve the right of way so it will be available later if needed.

Dr. Widoe added that future projects will impact the area and the Access Management Plan is a key feature. He reminded everyone that the implications of land use planning will be directly related to access management. Dr. Widoe added that the MPO is ahead on the issues that will be coming in the future.

Mr. Delmagori continued the presentation on the driveway spacing standards. He referred to the tables that describe the spacing standards, many of which were accepted from what NMDOT already has in place. Dr. Henderson stated that he would like for the cities to plan ahead and keep ahead of the future road issues that make arise.

**Mr. Hinson suggested a five minute break at 11:00 a.m.  
The meeting continued at 11:06 a.m.**

**4. MPO STAFFING DISCUSSION:**

Mr. Lucero explained the current staff positions and the roles within the MPO. Mr. Lucero explained the future need for other positions, stating that the MPO has expanded in the past five years and will continue to grow. Mr. Lucero explained scenarios in which new roles and positions can be created for the future.

Mayor Bill Standley asked what the time frame for future positions was. Mr. Lucero replied that at this time it's a proposal, and the MPO is presenting it for discussion. Mr. Hinson asked if the MPO was simply trying to get the positions in place in case they were needed in the future. Mr. Delmagori replied yes, that is correct.

Ms. Westerling added that the need for funding would remain. Mr. Lucero replied if the position were in place, then the only remaining issue would be funding.

Mr. Christensen stated that having a transportation system that makes our County a step above others will take a lot from the MPO level, and should be considered an investment into that future.

Mayor Standley advised that an estimated cost for each of the proposed options will be necessary.

Mr. Lucero explained that staff brought up this item for discussion because it would like to have a better idea of how the Committee feels. Ms. Westerling asked what service the new positions will provide. Mr. Delmagori added that staff understands that a justification for the positions is needed, and that will be something that will be worked on, researched, and discussed in the future.

Mr. Lucero explained the MPO would like to create a hierarchy for the planning staff and explained how it will enable the staff to have progression within current positions.

Mr. Christensen stated that the decisions that we make now will greatly affect the area in the future.

Mr. Lucero stated that the MPO is looking to the Committee for direction on the future positions.

Mr. Hinson asked if there has been an increase or decrease in funds for the MPO. Mr. Sullivan stated they are fairly consistent. Mr. Delmagori added that each year the MPO has received a small increase in funds from the federal government for planning activities. Dr. Wideoe added it would be a good idea to watch what happens at the federal level.

Dr. Henderson stated that everything cannot be accomplished at once, but choosing projects and taking them one at a time will allow for better planning.

**5. REGIONAL & MULTI-MODAL PLANNING IN THE MPO:**

Mr. Delmagori mentioned this topic would cover four activities that the MPO may consider working on in the future and that staff is seeking direction as to how to proceed with these activities.

Mr. Delmagori presented the report on regional transit. The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) describes two options for expanding Red Apple Transit. Connections to other transit providers are being discussed with Southern Colorado, the NWNMCOG, and the entities.

Mr. Delmagori explained on-street and off-street walking and biking needs. He added that legislation is being introduced to implement complete streets which will ensure that the corridor can be used by all modes. Finding a balance to meet the needs of all users can be a challenge. Many bicyclists are comfortable with on-street bike lanes that are adjacent to high-speed roads while others prefer a path separated from the road. Mr. Christensen stated the MPO has a big role in finding a plan for both types of facilities.

Dr. Henderson added that we need to be mindful of all decisions. He reminded staff that he is interested in the policy matters and that he relies on staff and the Technical Committee so he can advocate these decisions to the public.

Mr. Lucero presented the road networks and multi-modal networks for undeveloped areas in the MPO. Mr. Lucero explained the need for a plan for Couch Mesa and how transportation and

land use interact as the three cities increase and grow closer together. He added the need to preserve corridors for off-system multi-modal paths.

Mr. Lucero continued with a discussion on identifying industrial corridors, and the role the MPO would play. He added that attention should be given to the rivers, parks, the Couch Mesa area, and the areas east of Aztec and Bloomfield.

Dr. Henderson mentioned that a plan has already been developed for Crouch Mesa which the MPO should obtain. Ms. Westerling stated county zoning may not be possible because so many people are opposed to it. She added annexing the land now would be a possibility.

Dr. Widoe stated the Growth Management Plan was accepted in July 2007 and it should give support to promoting zoning in the county. Mr. Keck stated now is the time to start pressing the issue. Mr. Lucero stated the County has advertised for a Planner and is in the process of developing zoning standards.

Mr. Christensen stated whether or not there is county zoning, we need other transportation corridors through the county. Mr. Christensen added that planning now will prevent issues in the future.

Mr. Lucero explained that if a corridor is planned and standards identified it will naturally fill in and be exactly what was planned. He explained the importance of looking ahead and identifying the needed corridors.

Mr. Delmagori added that with communication and coordination, everyone involved with planning is taking a proactive approach to identifying the potential corridors.

**6. FUTURE ACTIVITIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE MPO:**

Mr. Delmagori gave a brief summary of the future activities of the MPO. He pointed out the information was provided on the agenda. He highlighted the latest ruling by EPA that reduces the ozone standard from 0.084 to 0.075 parts per million (ppm). Data from recording stations in Shiprock and Blanco show ozone levels are borderline or in violation of the standard. Staff will continue to inform the members if new information becomes available and about possible impacts to the MPO.

**7. Business from:**

**Chairman:**NONE

**Business from Members:**NONE

**Business from Staff:** NONE

**8. Business from Floor:** NONE

**9. ADJOURNMENT:**

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:07 P.M.

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Nica J. Westerling  
Technical Committee Chairman

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Sam Hinson  
Policy Committee Chairman

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Secretary, Mellisa Popa

**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
Agenda Item**

<b>Subject:</b>	FY2009-2014 TIP Amendment #2
<b>Prepared by:</b>	Martin Lucero, MPO Associate Planner
<b>Date:</b>	November 4, 2008

**BACKGROUND or PREVIOUS WORK**

- On October 5, 2008 the Farmington MPO advertised Amendment #2 to the FY2009-FY2014 Transportation Improvement Program.
- The amendment changed the project name, scope, and fiscal year to the US 64 Farmington to Bloomfield project.
- Funding for Phase III was moved to Phase II due to the rise in construction costs.
- The New Mexico Department of Transportation has moved right of way monies in the amount of \$4,987,476.00 from US 64 Phase III to US 64 Phase II.

**AMENDMENT DETAILS**

	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>NMDOT Ctrl Num</b>	<b>Scope</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>
<b>Current Project</b>	US 64	F100060	Right-of-Way Acquisition	Other National Highway Funds	FY2009	\$4,987,476
<b>Current Project</b>	US 64 Phase II	4046	Construction	Other National Highway Funds	FY2010	\$10,100,000
<b>Current Project</b>	US 64 Phase III	D5011	Construction	Other National Highway Funds	FY2011	\$11,210,913
<b>Amended Project</b>	US 64 Phase II	4046	ROW Acquisition and Construction	Other National Highway Funds	FY2009 FY2010 FY2011	\$4,987,476 \$10,100,000 \$11,210,913
<b>TOTAL AMENDED PROJECT COST for US 64 PHASE II</b>						<b>\$26,298,389</b>

**CURRENT WORK**

- The MPO held a 30-day public comment period from October 5, 2008 to November 5, 2008.
- A public hearing was held for Amendment #2, during the October 23, 2008 Technical Advisory Committee meeting.
- No comments were received during the comment period.

**ANTICIPATED WORK**

- Collect public comments and present findings to the Policy Committee during its regularly scheduled meeting.
- Present Technical Committee recommendation to the Policy Committee for consideration.

**RECOMMENDATION**

- It is recommended that the Policy Committee approve Amendment #2 to the FY2009-2014 TIP as recommended by the Technical Committee.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Farmington Metropolitan Planning Organization (FMPO) is the transportation planning forum for the cities of Farmington, Aztec and Bloomfield and the surrounding county area. The MPO develops a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which is a program of projects reasonably expected to be funded within the next six years.

**The Farmington MPO is advertising Amendment #2 to the Farmington Metropolitan Planning Organization FY2009-FY2014 Transportation Improvement Program.**

Amendment #2 to the FY2009-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) involves a **project name, scope, and fiscal year change** to the US 64 Farmington to Bloomfield project. The New Mexico Department of Transportation has dedicated right of way monies in the amount of \$4,987,476.00 to US 64 Phase II. This will tie the right of way acquisition to the construction dollars and make the Right of Way Maps coincide with the construction plans.

Due to the rise in construction costs, original funding for US 64 Phase III in the amount of \$11,210,913 has been moved to US 64 Phase II. US 64 Phase III will be reprogrammed at a later date but will be shown in the TIP as an unfunded request:

	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>NMDOT Ctrl Num</b>	<b>Scope</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>
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**As required by federal law and the Farmington MPO Public Participation Plan, the FMPO is holding a 30-day public Comment Period and Public Hearing on Amendment #2. The 30-day comment period is from Sunday, October 5, 2008 to Wednesday, November 5, 2008. The public may also make comments on the proposed amendment at the following meeting:**

**Public Hearing:** During the Farmington MPO Technical Committee meeting at 10:00 a.m. on **Thursday, October 23, 2008** in the Executive Conference Room, Farmington City Hall, 800 Municipal Dr., Farmington, New Mexico.

**Written comments** may be sent to the Farmington MPO at:

Fax: (505) 599-1299

Mail: Farmington MPO, 800 Municipal Drive, Farmington, New Mexico, 87401

Email: [jdelmagori@fmrn.org](mailto:jdelmagori@fmrn.org)

The public may view the FY2009-2014 TIP Amendment at [www.farmingtonmpo.org](http://www.farmingtonmpo.org). For more information contact Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner, at (505) 599-1392.

**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
Agenda Item**

<b>Subject:</b>	Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)
<b>Prepared by:</b>	Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner
<b>Date:</b>	November 4, 2008

**BACKGROUND or PREVIOUS WORK**

- Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) are integrated technologies that improve safety and mobility on roadways, coordinate emergency management procedures, and distribute regional traveler information.
- An ITS Architecture for the FMPO was adopted in November 2006.
- The architecture describes the stakeholders who are involved with ITS, the types of ITS technologies to implement, and the roles and responsibilities of the stakeholders.
- The adopted architecture states the MPO will make necessary revisions at least every two years.

**CURRENT WORK**

- Staff will give an overview presentation of ITS.
- Staff will provide a review of the ITS architecture for the MPO.
- No major revisions to the architecture are needed at this time.

**RECOMMENDATION**

- It is recommended that the Policy Committee approve the adopted ITS architecture for the MPO for an additional two years.

# ITS OVERVIEW

## WHAT IS ITS?

- Integration of systems to provide information
- Application of data processing and data communications to surface transportation to increase safety and efficiency

## ITS PROGRAM AREAS

- Traffic Management
- Traveler Information
- Maintenance and Construction Operations
- Public Transportation Management
- Emergency Management
- Electronic Payment
- Commercial Vehicle Management
- Information Management
- Advanced Vehicle Safety Systems

## ITS APPLICATIONS

### Traffic Management

- Traffic Management Center
- CCTV Systems
- Signal Synchronization Systems

### Traveler Information

- Dynamic Message Signs
- Websites and kiosks

### Maintenance Management

- Work Zone management

### Public Transit Management

- In-vehicle data collection
- Dispatch centers

### Emergency Management

- Emergency Operations Center

# FMPO ITS ARCHITECTURE

- Describes the scope, timeframe, stakeholders, and roles/responsibilities for creating an integrated program of ITS applications
- FMPO Architecture Stakeholders:
  - Local governments
  - NMDOT
  - Red Apple Transit
  - Traffic Engineering and Public Works
  - San Juan County Communications Authority
  - Police and Fire Departments
- Roles and Responsibilities – who does what and by what means

**COF-Municipal Operations Center Architecture Flows ( 16 Entries)**

Source Element	Flow Name	Destination Element	In Region	Status	Include
COF-Municipal Operations Center	infrastructure monitoring sensor data	Farmington Streets Vehicles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Planned	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	maint and constr dispatch information		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Existing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	maint and constr vehicle status coordinatic		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Existing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	maint and constr vehicle system control		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Existing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	roadway information system status		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Planned	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	maint and constr work plans		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Planned	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Farmington Streets Vehicles	infrastructure conditions data	NM Regional Traveler Information System	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Planned	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	infrastructure monitoring sensor control	COF-Municipal Operations Center	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Planned	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	maint and constr dispatch status		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Existing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	maint and constr vehicle conditions		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Existing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	maint and constr vehicle location data		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Planned	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	maint and constr vehicle operational data		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Planned	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	maint and constr vehicle status coordinatic		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Planned	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	roadway information system data		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Planned	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	work zone status		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Planned	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Farmington Fire Engines/EMS Vehicles	local signal preemption request		<input type="checkbox"/>	Existing

- No changes to FMPO ITS Architecture since adoption in November 2006.
- Transit ITS applications or arterial management might be the first ITS projects in this area.

**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
Agenda Item**

<b>Subject:</b>	Access Management
<b>Prepared by:</b>	Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner
<b>Date:</b>	November 4, 2008

**BACKGROUND or PREVIOUS WORK**

- Staff has finalized the elements of the access management plan.
- Staff reviewed the draft plan with the Technical Committee at their October meeting.

**CURRENT WORK**

- Staff is organizing meetings with the local elected officials and planners to discuss and review the draft access management plan.
- It is an opportunity to address questions or concerns from the local governments prior to adoption.
- Comments from the elected officials and planners will be summarized for the Policy Committee.
- Staff will review the major sections of the draft plan with the Policy Committee on November 13.

**ANTICIPATED WORK**

- Hold access management discussion meetings with the elected officials in October and November.
- Make revisions to the draft plan as necessary.

**BACKUP MATERIAL**

- Draft access management plan provided to the Policy Committee members under separate cover.
- Draft access management plan is also available on the MPO website at: <http://www.farmingtonmpo.org/documents.html>

**RECOMMENDATION**

- It is recommended that the Policy Committee review the elements of the draft access management plan.

**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
Agenda Item**

<b>Subject:</b>	Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update
<b>Prepared by:</b>	Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner
<b>Date:</b>	November 4, 2008

**BACKGROUND**

- The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) is the long range planning document for the MPO; the first MTP was adopted in April 2005.
- It is required to be updated every 5 years.
- Staff will devote approximately 18 months to complete the update, scheduled for adoption in April 2010.

**PREVIOUS WORK**

- Based on the current MTP, the following items were identified as major elements that needed to be reviewed and/or created:
  - Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan
  - Roadway Access Standards
  - Red Apple Transit Expansion Plan

**CURRENT WORK**

- Staff created a schedule of activities to gauge workload and a timeline to estimate amount of time needed to complete the activities.
- Additional FTA 5303 funds in the amount of \$16,400 are available to the MPO.
- Staff met with Red Apple to discuss transit needs and plans on October 21.
- The FMPO Vision and Mission statements were reviewed with the Technical Committee members on October 23.
- A public meeting on November 12 will be held to discuss the MTP update.

**BACKUP MATERIAL**

- MTP timeline for the update process.
- The current Vision and Mission statements for the MPO.

**ANTICIPATED WORK**

- Analyze current transit needs.
- Contact trucking industry for needs and safety assessment.
- Initial socioeconomic data collection.
- Developing specifics on proposed bicycle/pedestrian improvement projects.

**RECOMMENDATION**

- It is recommended that the Policy Committee receive a report on the MTP update.

## DRAFT TIMELINE FOR THE MTP UPDATE

October 2008 to April 2010

Activities & Tasks of the MTP Update Sorted by Month

	Oct 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Apr 2009	May 2009	Jun 2009	Jul 2009	Aug 2009	Sept 2009	Oct 2009	Nov 2009	Dec 2009	Jan 2010	Feb 2010	Mar 2010	Apr 2010
Public meetings		X			X			X			X			X			X		
Hold public workshops						●	●		●	●		●	●						
Vision/Mission	●	●	●	●															
Coordinate with Red Apple on vision, goals, needs, plans	●	●	●																
Analysis of current ridership & system network	●	●	●	●	●	●	●												
Evaluation of conditions at pilot school	●	●				●	●	●				●	●					●	●
Review entity statistics		●	●																
Gather travel data from truck companies		●	●	●	●	●	●												
Develop Bike/Ped project specifics (alignment, length)		●	●	●	●	●	●												
Goals/Objectives			●	●	●	●	●												
Revise base year land use data			●	●	●	●													
Interview truck companies to understand their future needs			●	●	●	●	●	●											
Analyze applicable elements of the statewide freight study			●	●	●	●													
Issue and analyze transit ridership survey			●	●	●	●	●												
Comprehensive transportation survey for the public			●	●	●	●	●												
Population Forecasts (Mid- & Long Range)				●	●	●	●												
Land Use/Transportation Planning				●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			
Technical Review of regional bike/ped projects				●	●	●	●	●	●										
Develop Pedestrian Safety Action Plan				●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●					
Bike/Ped Suitability Study				●	●	●	●	●	●	●									
Citizen Action Committee				●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●





### **Farmington MPO Vision**

The Farmington Metropolitan Planning Organization vision is for a safe, efficient and reliable multi-modal transportation system that meets the needs of residents and visitors in the region.

### **Farmington MPO Mission Statement**

Provide a forum to develop an effective transportation system to move people and goods safely, economically and efficiently while maintaining a high quality of life.

### **Other Vision Examples**

From the Dover-Kent MPO in Delaware:

- The future transportation system in the Dover/Kent County Metropolitan region is safe, supports economic development, allows easy access and mobility for people and goods to reach their destinations and serves desired growth patterns. A transportation system that serves the public's needs while reinforcing the unique character and quality of life of each community while preserving the region and natural resources.

From the Des Moines MPO:

- To promote the development and the preservation of a multi-modal, intermodal transportation system that facilitates the safe and efficient movement of people and goods, within the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Planning Area, and the surrounding area.

From the Lewis & Clark Valley MPO:

- The Lewis and Clark Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization Long Range Transportation Plan will provide policy guidance and a prioritized physical project list that will promote a balanced transportation system. The system will recognize the importance of all transportation modes working together to provide needed mobility and accessibility. In addition, the system should improve safety, promote tourism and a strong economic base, and improve goods movements and the ability to move freight into and through the community efficiently. The system will fully integrate public transportation and alternative modes through coordinated planning and regional cooperation.

### **Other Mission Statement Examples**

From Dixie MPO:

- To administer, set transportation and related policy, and establish annual multi-modal transportation program of project priority for the urbanized area planning boundary which currently includes the municipal boundaries of Ivins, St. George, Santa Clara and Washington cities. Decisions will be based on the needs of the area in terms of regional significance, such as what is good for the region, not necessarily the highest priority for any one city.

**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
Agenda Item**

<b>Subject:</b>	Safe Routes to School Committee
<b>Prepared by:</b>	Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner
<b>Date:</b>	November 5, 2008

**BACKGROUND or PREVIOUS WORK**

- A local citizen in Farmington is championing the cause to develop a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program.
- Mesa Verde Elementary participated in walking events for the October 8 Walk and Roll to School Day event.
- The local champion has created a SRTS Committee comprised of MPO and Traffic Engineering staff, police officers, and health officials.

**CURRENT WORK**

- As a way to evaluate existing conditions, vehicle drop-offs and students walking to school were counted in September and October.
- These baseline walking conditions will help in the development of walking goals throughout the SRTS program.
- An action plan is being developed which identifies safety concerns around Mesa Verde and possible solutions for improvements.
- A SRTS grant application is being completed.

**ANTICIPATED WORK**

- Continue to attend SRTS Committee meetings.
- Assist the local champion with the SRTS grant application.

**RECOMMENDATION**

- It is recommended that the Policy Committee receive a report on the Safe Routes to School Committee.

**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
Agenda Item**

<b>Subject:</b>	Red Apple Transit Update
<b>Prepared by:</b>	Martin Lucero, MPO Associate Planner
<b>Date:</b>	November 4, 2008

**RED APPLE UPDATE**

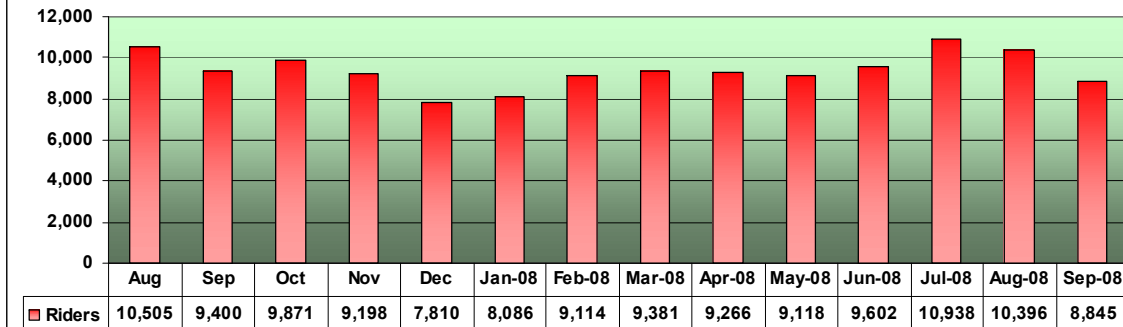
- Overall ridership reached nearly 8,850 passengers in September.
- The Bloomfield route continued to have high monthly ridership totals with 611 passengers.
- Aztec and Kirtland all saw increases in ridership over previous months, with 10% and 54% respectively.
- Although Bloomfield had a -1% decline over last month its numbers are still 144% above the same period last year.
- Farmington saw a -15% decline over the previous month and a -16% decline over this time last year.
- The ridership report is attached.

**RECOMMENDATION**

- It is recommended that the Policy Committee receive a report on the Red Apple activities.

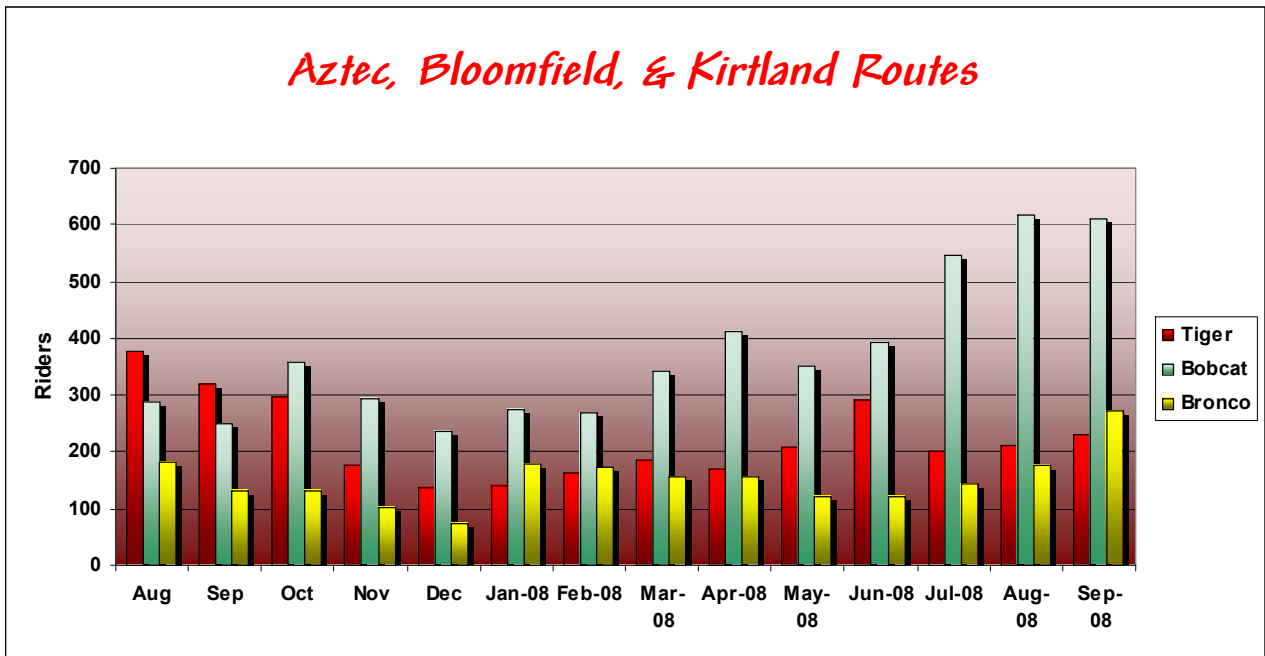
RED APPLE TRANSIT SUMMARY – September 2008

## Red Apple Ridership



	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan-08	Feb-08	Mar-08	Apr-08	May-08	Jun-08	Jul-08	Aug-08	Sep-08
Tiger	377	319	298	175	136	141	163	186	170	207	290	200	210	230
Bobcat	289	250	358	294	235	276	269	342	411	353	394	546	617	611
Bronco	181	131	132	103	75	180	172	157	158	123	121	145	177	272

## Aztec, Bloomfield, & Kirtland Routes



**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
Agenda Item**

<b>Subject:</b>	Information Items
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**INFORMATION ITEMS**

- a. **NMDOT Safety Call for Projects.** NMDOT is requesting proposals for safety projects to be funded through the Highway Safety Improvement Program. Full details and requirements were provided in an email sent earlier this month.

Projects must be submitted to NMDOT by January 7, 2009. Projects submitted for consideration must be reviewed and prioritized by the MPO and sent to the State. Due to the short notice a special Policy Committee Meeting will have to be called for December to prioritize the various projects anticipated from the various entities.

- b. **2008 traffic count program.** TDS placed traffic counters on October 7, 2008. TDS will be back to place the resets during the week of November 17. The final counts are expected to be received the first week of December. The final counts will be sent to NMDOT by the end of the year.
- c. **FY2009 UPWP 1st Quarter Report** – The UPWP has been completed and sent to NMDOT and the various entities. A full copy of the report has been placed on the MPO website.
- d. **Quarterly Newsletter.** The current newsletter is now available on the MPO website.
- e. **Other**