

**MINUTES**  
**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**  
**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**June 18, 2009**

Members Present: Sam Hinson, City of Bloomfield  
Mayor Standley, City of Farmington  
Dan Darnell, City of Farmington  
Dr. Henderson, San Juan County

Members Absent: Sherri Sipe, City of Aztec

Staff Present: Mike Sullivan, MPO Officer  
Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner  
Dee Dee Moore, MPO Admin Aide

Staff Absent Martin Lucero, MPO Associate Planner

Also Present: Steve Christensen, City of Aztec  
Julie Baird, City of Bloomfield  
Dave Keck, San Juan County  
David Martinez, NMDOT  
Roshanna Moojen, NWNMCOG

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Hinson called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm.

**2. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 9, 2009 POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Dr. Henderson made the motion to approve the minutes from the April 9, 2009 meeting.  
Mr. Darnell seconded the motion. Motion carried and minutes were approved.

**3. APPROVE TIP AMENDMENT #1 TO THE FY2010-2015 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
Agenda Item**

<b>Subject:</b>	FY2010-2015 TIP Amendment #1
<b>Prepared by:</b>	Martin Lucero, MPO Associate Planner
<b>Date:</b>	June 8, 2009

**BACKGROUND or PREVIOUS WORK**

- On April 26, 2009 the Farmington MPO advertised Amendment #1 to the FY2010-FY2015 Transportation Improvement Program.
- The amendment adds funding through the Transportation, Community, and System Preservation (TCSP) program to two projects currently in the TIP.

**AMENDMENT DETAILS**

<b>Project Name:</b>	Piñon Hills East & Animas River Bridge	East Aztec Arterial Route
<b>Project Description:</b>	ROW acquisition, final design, and construction of open space trail system	Design, engineering, environmental assessment, and construction of Phase 1A
<b>Funding Amount Total:</b>	\$1,119,219	\$385,938
<b>Federal Share:</b>	\$895,375	\$308,750
<b>Local Match:</b>	\$223,844	\$77,188

**CURRENT WORK**

- The MPO held a 30-day public comment period from April 26, 2009 to May 27, 2009.
- No public comments were received.
- No comments were received during a public hearing held on May 28, 2009 during the Technical Committee meeting.
- The Technical Committee recommended approval of Amendment #1 to the FY2010-2015 TIP.

**ANTICIPATED WORK**

- Approve the amendment.
- Amend the STIP to reflect the new funding.

**RECOMMENDATION**

- It is recommended that the Policy Committee approve Amendment #1 to the FY2010-2015 TIP.

**Discussion:** Mr. Delmagori stated that no public comments were received during the period of April 26 to May 27, 2009. Funding was received for the Piñon Hills East & Animas River Bridge project and the East Aztec Arterial Route. The Technical Committee recommended approval of Amendment #1 during the May 28, 2009 meeting.

**Action:** Mr. Darnell made the motion to approve Amendment #1 to the FY2010-2015 TIP. Dr. Henderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 4. ARRA PROGRAM

### FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION Agenda Item

<b>Subject:</b>	ARRA Funding
<b>Prepared by:</b>	Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner
<b>Date:</b>	June 8, 2009

#### BACKGROUND or PREVIOUS WORK

- District 5 submitted a recommended list of projects for the ARRA program.
- All four entities in the MPO are receiving ARRA funding for construction projects.

#### CURRENT WORK

##### Project List Development

- Staff worked with the Technical Committee to develop another list of projects for potential ARRA funding.
- If additional ARRA funds become available, the MPO would have a project list ready to submit.
- Each entity has a primary recommendation for ARRA funds; secondary recommendations are provided as additional projects.

##### TIGER Grant Program

- The TIGER grant program is for estimated projects between \$20 million and \$300 million.
- Road, highway, and transit projects are eligible.
- Selection criteria include economic competitiveness, sustainability, safety, job creation, and partnership among stakeholders.
- The application deadline is September 15, 2009.
- The Technical Committee is recommending support for three local projects: the extension of Piñon Hills Blvd, the East Arterial, and the US 64 Farmington to Bloomfield project.

#### ATTACHMENTS

- A table showing the entities' primary and secondary recommendations for ARRA funds if funding becomes available.
- Fact sheet on the TIGER grant program.
- Resolutions of support for the TIGER program applications.

#### RECOMMENDATION

- It is recommended that the Policy Committee:
  - a. Approve a list of projects for possible submittal if additional ARRA funding becomes available.

- b. Approve PC Resolution 2009-4A, supporting the Piñon Hills Blvd extension project application for the TIGER program.
- c. Approve PC Resolution 2009-4B, supporting the East Arterial project application for the TIGER program.
- d. Approve PC Resolution 2009-4C, supporting the US 64 Farmington to Bloomfield application for the TIGER program

**Discussion:** Mr. Delmagori explained that the attached list of projects is being submitted to the committee to use as an approved backup list in case additional ARRA funding becomes available. In addition, the three resolutions supporting the anticipated projects for submittal to the TIGER program are recommended for approval by the Technical committee.

**Action:** Dr. Henderson made a motion to approve the additional list of projects for ARRA and the supporting resolutions for the current projects. Mr. Darnell seconded that motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. APPROVE THE 2009 TRAFFIC COUNT LOCATION LIST**

**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
Agenda Item**

<b>Subject:</b>	2009 Traffic Count Program
<b>Prepared by:</b>	Martin Lucero, MPO Associate Planner
<b>Date:</b>	June 8, 2009

**BACKGROUND**

- MPO maintains traffic counts for 221 locations throughout the MPO boundaries.
- Locations are taken according to a three year cycle and periodically change due to the deletion or addition of various locations.
- This year’s list includes approximately 10 new locations based on splits to existing sections.
- Counts that were not approved last year or were affected by road construction will be counted in 2009.
- The MPO expects to take 91 counts in 2009.

**CURRENT WORK**

- The proposed location list is attached for review.
- The Technical Committee was asked to identify locations that might conflict with known road construction schedules.
- The MPO anticipates taking counts in September and October and submitting the final counts to NMDOT at the end of December for approval.

**RECOMMENDATION**

- Staff recommends that the Policy Committee review the report on the traffic count program and approve the 2009 Traffic Count Location list.

**Discussion:** Mr. Delmagori spoke to the committee about the rotation of the traffic counts during a three year period, including extra counts for this year to make up for any that may have failed previously. In addition new counts have been added because existing traffic sections have been split in order to better capture changes in land use patterns. Mr. Christensen responded to Mayor Standley question regarding how we would know the list is correct by stating that the list could change due to road construction or utility work closures.

**Action:** Mayor Standley made the motion to approve the traffic count list and Mr. Darnell seconded it. Motion was voted on and approved unanimously. The Policy Committee approved the 2009 Traffic Count Program List.

**6. APPROVE TO MAINTAIN THE MTP VISION AND MISSION STATEMENTS**

**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
Agenda Item**

<b>Subject:</b>	MTP Vision and Mission Statements
<b>Prepared by:</b>	Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner
<b>Date:</b>	June 8, 2009

**CURRENT WORK**

- Staff reviewed the Vision and Mission statements with the Technical Committee on April 23.
- No changes were suggested.
- The Technical Committee recommended approval to maintain the Vision and Mission statements on May 28.
- The MTP Vision and Mission statements are attached.

**RECOMMENDATION**

- It is recommended that the Policy Committee approve to maintain the MTP Vision and Mission Statements.

**Discussion:** Mr. Delmagori shared that there were no changes to the Vision and Mission statement and the Technical Committee recommended approval to maintain the statements.

**Action:** Mayor Standley made a motion to approve to maintain the MTP Vision and Mission Statements. Dr. Henderson seconded that motion. Motion carried unanimously.

7. APPROVE THE MTP GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
Agenda Item

<b>Subject:</b>	MTP Goals and Objectives
<b>Prepared by:</b>	Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner
<b>Date:</b>	June 8, 2009

**CURRENT WORK**

- Staff reviewed the MTP Goals and Objectives with the Technical Committee on April 23.
- Several changes were made, including the addition of new goals and objectives and modifications to existing ones.
- The Technical Committee recommended approval of the Goals and Objectives on May 28.
- The changes to the Goals and Objectives are attached.

**RECOMMENDATION**

- It is recommended that the Policy Committee approve the MTP Goals and Objectives.

**Discussion:** Mr. Delmagori mentioned the changes made to the Goals and Objectives, focusing on the request by Dr. Henderson to look at the wording of Farmington Region. The Technical Committee provided four options for the Policy Committee to review. Mayor Standley preferred the name of MPO Region which is all inclusive of the Tri-Cities and the County. Mr. Hinson was in concurrence with Mayor Standley on the MPO Region choice. Mr. Darnell was in favor of the tri-city region but stated he would also vote for the MPO Region.

**Action:** Dr. Henderson made the motion to approve the changes to the MTP Goals and Objectives as recommended by the Technical Committee and to use the wording MPO Region in place of the Farmington Region. Mr. Darnell seconded that motion. The vote was carried unanimously.

8. APPROVE THE MTP EVALUATION CATEGORIES FOR PROJECT PRIORITIZATION

FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
Agenda Item

<b>Subject:</b>	MTP Evaluation Categories
<b>Prepared by:</b>	Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner
<b>Date:</b>	June 8, 2009

**CURRENT WORK**

- Current evaluation categories are based upon the TEA-21 planning factors as well as factors with significance to the FMPO.
- During MTP development in 2004, the evaluation categories were used for ranking the regional roadway projects to determine a priority list.
- The evaluation categories could be slightly revised to reflect modifications shown in the SAFETEA-LU planning factors.
- The categories will be used again during analysis of regional roadway projects in the MTP update.
- The Technical Committee made a minor change to the categories on May 28.
- The MTP evaluation categories are attached.

**RECOMMENDATION**

- It is recommended that the Technical Committee approve the MTP Evaluation Categories for project prioritization.

**Discussion:** Mr. Delmagori informed the committee that there was a minor change requested by the Technical Committee to change the wording in number four from environment to environmental impacts and quality of life. Mr. Delmagori explained that the evaluation criteria will weigh the projects to assist with prioritization of regional roadways.

**Action:** Mr. Darnell made a motion to approve the MTP Evaluation Categories. Mayor Standley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**9. APPROVE POPULATION AND EMPLOYMENT BASE YEAR AND PROJECTIONS FOR THE FARMINGTON MPO AT THE CITY/COUNTY AND TAZ LEVELS**

**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
Agenda Item**

<b>Subject:</b>	MTP Population/Employment Data
<b>Prepared by:</b>	Martin Lucero, MPO Associate Planner
<b>Date:</b>	June 8, 2009

**BACKGROUND**

- Staff created population and employment distributions for the years 2000-2008 based on Census data and E911 GIS data points.
- Population and employment data were set into groups by census block.
- Staff collected socio-economic data for all of San Juan County for the years 1969-2008.

#### CURRENT WORK

- Staff met with each entity to review population and employment projections and methodology.
- Staff held stakeholder meetings to discuss socio-economic data and methodology.
- Population and employment numbers were converted from census blocks to TAZ for the areas within the Farmington MPO boundary:
- Future projections for years 2015, 2020, 2030 and 2035
- The Technical Committee recommend approval of population and employment base year and projections for the Farmington MPO at the city/county and TAZ levels.

#### ANTICIPATED WORK

- Approve socio-economic projections by city/county and by TAZ.
- Update VISUM Travel Model based on socio-economic projections.
- Overlay road and transit networks onto socio-economic maps to evaluate future needs.

#### ATTACHMENTS

- Maps and tables for population and employment projections will be provided under separate cover.

#### RECOMMENDATION

- It is recommended that the Policy Committee approve the population and employment base year and projections for the Farmington MPO at the city/county and TAZ levels.

**Discussion:** Mr. Delmagori explained the importance of the base year population and employment numbers for the Farmington MPO and how that data will be used to generate projections out to year 2035. Mayor Standley asked if these numbers conflict with the CDBG information and Mr. Delmagori stated that they do not. Mr. Darnell asked whether the data collected included income levels. Mr. Delmagori shared that the census data touches on income levels. Mayor Standley asked for a definition of TAZ. Mr. Delmagori stated that the Traffic Analysis Zone is a cluster of similar land uses that generate trips that are distributed out to the network. The MPO anticipates that the inner parts of the three cities are already built out, so the change there will be minimal. However, the Crouch Mesa, Kirtland and Flora Vista areas will likely see most of the new development in the next 20 years. Mr. Delmagori shared that the MPO will likely maintain about 80-85% of the entire county's population and that the Census and BBER were predicting about 150,000 population for San Juan County in 2035.

**Action:** Mayor Standley made a motion to approve the population and employment base year numbers and projections for the Farmington MPO at the city/county and TAZ levels. Mr. Darnell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**10. RECEIVE A SUMMARY REPORT OF THE MTP PUBLIC SURVEYS**

**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
Agenda Item**

<b>Subject:</b>	MTP Public Surveys
<b>Prepared by:</b>	Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner
<b>Date:</b>	June 8, 2009

**BACKGROUND or PREVIOUS WORK**

- Through March and mid-April, the MPO issued two surveys to solicit public input on general travel characteristics, public transit services, and improvements needed for our regional transportation system.
- Overall, 639 surveys were received: 248 were transit surveys and 391 were surveys on general transportation characteristics and needed improvements.
- The surveys were available through a link on the MPO website and paper copies were provided at many public destinations.
- The surveys give the MPO an understanding of how effectively our transportation system is currently operating and where improvements are needed.

**CURRENT WORK**

- The summary report was discussed with the Technical Committee at their May 28 meeting.
- Top transportation improvements identified by the public include:
  - More sidewalks and bicycle facilities
  - Engineering improvements
  - Signal synchronization
  - Expand the transit system
  - Make transit service more convenient for travel
- The survey summary is provided to the Policy members under separate cover.

**ANTICIPATED WORK**

- Incorporate this summary and other public comments into the MTP planning process.
- Create and distribute additional surveys as needed during the update process.

**RECOMMENDATION**

- It is recommended that the Policy Committee receive the summary report of the MTP public surveys.

**Discussion:** Mr. Delmagori reported on the findings from the Public Surveys. Approximately 640 people responded to the request for information. Mr. Darnell asked how the question regarding taxes was phrased and that he would contact Mr. Delmagori to get that information,

**Action:** A report was received.

## 11. RECEIVE THE MTP UPDATE SCHEDULE AND TIMELINE

### FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION Agenda Item

<b>Subject:</b>	MTP Timeline and Schedule
<b>Prepared by:</b>	Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner
<b>Date:</b>	June 9, 2009

#### CURRENT WORK

- Staff has maintained a work schedule and timeline for tracking MTP activities.
- The most current timeline is attached for information.
- The timeline shows completed projects, ongoing work, and upcoming activities along with anticipated timeframes by month.

#### RECOMMENDATION

- It is recommended that the Policy Committee review the MTP Update Schedule and Timeline.

**Discussion:** Mr. Delmagori reviewed the MTP Update schedule and timeline identifying that the new legend shows items completed as well as where the MPO is in terms of completion. The summer months will begin the process of analyzing the various modes of travel. The fall months will be used to wrap up the policies and other actions related to the modes of travel. In the early part of 2010 the document will start to come together for completion in April 2010.

Mr. Hinson questioned whether or not the MPO had received anything on the Air Quality process. Mayor Standley shared that according to the Statistical and Metropolitan Planning Association (S&MPA) that in the state of New Mexico in cities under 150,000, Farmington ranked #4 and Santa Fe was #1.

Dr. Henderson shared that at a seminar he attended in Oregon that usually the United States is pictured as the one that contributes the most towards global warming, however the reports showed that other countries also contribute to the environment. Mayor Standley added that at a governor's convention on tourism the top ranking goes to communities that are going green and that the attractions a community offers are not ranked as high.

**Action:** A report was received.

**12. RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE RENEWAL OF THE JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT**

**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
Agenda Item**

<b>Subject:</b>	Renewal of the Joint Powers Agreement
<b>Prepared by:</b>	Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner
<b>Date:</b>	June 9, 2009

**BACKGROUND or PREVIOUS WORK**

- The Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) is the document that binds the cities of Aztec, Bloomfield, and Farmington, and San Juan County to the Metropolitan Planning Organization.
- The JPA is set to expire on September 30, 2009.
- The JPA explains the responsibilities of the City of Farmington as the fiscal agent and the functions and organizational structure of the Policy and Technical Committees.
- It describes the roles and work products required of the MPO.

**CURRENT WORK**

- Updates to the language of the Joint Powers Agreement and suggested changes by staff will be reviewed with the Policy Committee on June 18.
- No changes were suggested by the Technical Committee members.
- The MPO requests input from its members on potential changes to the JPA.

**ANTICIPATED WORK**

- Current staff descriptions as outlined in the JPA could be added and modified.
- New local funding contribution formulas could be discussed based on population proportions within the member entities.
- The renewal process for the JPA will likely conclude in September with adoption of the new JPA by the Policy Committee.

**RECOMMENDATION**

- It is recommended that the Policy Committee receive a report on the renewal of the Joint Powers Agreement.

**Discussion:** Mr. Delmagori reviewed the existing changes with the committee. The population numbers will be based on the 2008 population data recommended by the Technical Committee and approved by the Policy Committee this year which estimates the population of the Farmington MPO at 98,643. Mr. Darnell questioned whether the JPA could be amended if annexation took place and disproportionately increased one entity. Mr. Delmagori stated that the JPA could be amended as needed. Mr. Hinson noted that there was a change in the billing cycle to reflect quarterly billing rather than bi-

annual. Mr. Delmagori shared that Bloomfield, Farmington and the County had all requested that change and that it would be effective in the first quarter FY2010.

**Action:** The report was received.

**13. RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE RENEWAL OF THE COMMITTEE BYLAWS AND OPERATING PROCEDURES MANUAL.**

**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
Agenda Item**

<b>Subject:</b>	Committee Bylaws and Operating Procedures
<b>Prepared by:</b>	Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner
<b>Date:</b>	June 9, 2009

**BACKGROUND or PREVIOUS WORK**

- The Committee Bylaws and Operating Procedures document describes the guidelines for conducting Policy and Technical Committee meetings.
- The Bylaws describe the roles of the Chair and Vice-Chair for each committee, voting procedures, and removal and replacement of members.
- The Bylaws are reviewed in conjunction with the JPA and need to be renewed by September 30, 2009.

**CURRENT WORK**

- Review the Bylaws with the Policy members.
- The MPO requests input from its members on potential changes to the Bylaws.

**ANTICIPATED WORK**

- Make any necessary corrections.
- Review the Bylaws with the Technical Committee.
- Seek approval of the Bylaws by the Policy Committee in September.

**RECOMMENDATION**

- It is recommended that the Policy Committee receive a report on the renewal of the Committee Bylaws and Operating Procedures.

**Discussion:** Mr. Delmagori briefly reviewed the Committee Bylaws and Operating Procedures. Emphasis was placed on maintaining the six meetings a year for the Policy Committee but to eliminate the specific months they are held in since they would be identified in the annual resolution. Mr. Delmagori shared that the Technical Committee would be reviewing this document at their next meeting.

**Action:** The report was received.

#### 14. RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE MPO FY2010 BUDGET

##### FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION Agenda Item

<b>Subject:</b>	FY2010 Budget
<b>Prepared by:</b>	Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner
<b>Date:</b>	June 9, 2009

#### BACKGROUND or PREVIOUS WORK

- The MPO prepared its FY2010 Budget based on initial funding estimates from NMDOT for FHWA PL and FTA 5303.
- NMDOT informed the MPOs that a one-time distribution of unobligated PL funds is available.
- The MPOs also worked with NMDOT to revise the formula that distributes PL funding on a yearly basis.

#### CURRENT WORK

- Work Authorizations for the PL and 5303 funding are expected to be issued by NMDOT soon.
- Staff will review the budget scenarios with the Policy Committee on June 18.
- The unobligated PL is intended to offset the overmatch that local entities contribute to their respective MPOs.
- The revised PL formula provides each MPO a minimum of \$100,000 to support a staff of two and the smaller MPOs will receive a supplemental amount of \$25,000 to assist with an additional employee, supplies, and equipment.
- NMDOT has submitted a letter to FHWA seeking approval of the PL revisions.

#### ATTACHMENTS

- The statewide distribution of the one-time unobligated PL funding.
- A summary of federal and local contributions to the FMPO for FY2010.
- The revised formula for PL distribution to all of the MPOs.

#### RECOMMENDATION

- It is recommended that the Policy Committee receive a report on the MPO FY2010 Budget.

**Discussion:** Mr. Delmagori summarized the budgeting process by explaining that the FMPO would be receiving additional funding for FY2010 due to unobligated PL funds available to the MPOs in New Mexico. He mentioned that the Transit Division at NMDOT suggested using current 5303 funding amounts until actual figures were known. The additional federal funds will require a UPWP amendment. Mr. Christensen shared that at the last Technical Committee the members held a discussion that they would like

to put together different options on how best to spend this extra money. The pros and cons of either using consultants or creating a new staff position were debated.

**Action:** The report was received.

**15. RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE FEDERAL REAUTHORIZATION BILL**

**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
Agenda Item**

<b>Subject:</b>	Federal Reauthorization Bill
<b>Prepared by:</b>	Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner
<b>Date:</b>	June 9, 2009

**CURRENT WORK**

- SAFETEA-LU expires on September 30, 2009.
- Congress is preparing to develop a new reauthorization bill.
- National transportation organizations are issuing reports on what they would like Congress to focus on for the new transportation bill.
- A summary of these reports is attached for information.

**RECOMMENDATION**

- It is recommended that the Policy Committee receive a report on the Federal reauthorization bill.

**Discussion:** Mr. Delmagori touched briefly on each of the summaries attached to the agenda regarding the September 30, 2009 expiration date for SAFETEA-LU. The AASHTO and AMPO organizations are looking to increase the minimum threshold to 100,000 population for a new MPO, but will keep existing MPO's by grandfathering them in. The possibility of extending the existing authorization until a new one can be drawn up is being discussed in Congress. Mayor Standley stated that on his trip to Washington they didn't think they were going to make the deadline. Mr. Darnell asked how that would affect the Farmington MPO. Mr. Delmagori said they can extend it through a continuing resolution which will keep funding flowing to federal programs through a modified structure. Dr. Henderson voiced his concerns that being tied into the larger western states, such as California, Arizona and Nevada, can hurt the small MPOs because those states have such large populations and needs. Dr. Henderson shared that the projection for the 2010 census for the state of New Mexico is less than 2 million people. Dr. Henderson stressed the importance of accurate census numbers to insure New Mexico is adequately represented in Congress.

**Action:** The report was received.

**16. RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE RED APPLE TRANSIT.**

**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>	June 9, 2009

**RED APPLE UPDATE**

- Overall ridership reached 10,937 passengers in April.
- Farmington saw a 4% decrease in ridership over previous month.
- Bloomfield and Kirtland saw decreases in ridership over previous months, with 17% and 8% respectfully.
- Aztec, Kirtland, and Farmington had increases over the same period last year with 19%, 71%, and 18% respectfully.
- Bloomfield saw a 13% decrease over this time last year.
- The ridership report is attached.

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**Discussion:** Mr. Delmagori explained that the Red Apple Transit remains healthy with monthly ridership numbers exceeding the 10,000 mark again. Dr. Henderson stated that it was good to have numbers to be able to refute comments made that state that nobody ever rides the Red Apple system. Dr. Henderson also shared that the transit system has filled a gap in people's needs and thanked the City of Farmington for taking the lead on that.

**Action:** The report was received.

**17. RECEIVE A REPORT FORM NMDOT**

**Discussion:** Mr. Martinez provided an update on the ARRA weekly meetings with the internal ARRA team. There are various working groups involved in the information gathering process such as the Reporting Criteria Working Group, Web Page Working Group, Media Work Group, and Training Working Group. During these meetings reports are also given by District Engineers and the FHWA representative for Arizona and New Mexico. Training was held on two software programs to be used by the entities for reporting requirements for these projects. They are the LCP Tracker and the B2G Now. All the districts were asked to submit two projects for the TIGER Competitive Grant Program. District 5's projects were US 64 corridor between Farmington and Bloomfield and NM 68 corridor from Espanola to Taos. Dr. Henderson pointed out that other roads need extensive improvements such as the road up to the Navajo Dam, Largo Canyon or

Hart Canyon. Mr. Martinez commented that one of the reasons they have chosen the US 64 corridor is to hopefully free up allocated funds in the STIP to use for other local project priorities.

Dr. Henderson shared that there was an article in the newspaper regarding the FY2010-2013 STIP and asked if there was anything the committee needed to do. Mr. Martinez shared that the Technical Committee participated in the gathering of information through the TIP process up to the District and into the STIP. In regards to funding, the Farmington MPO is currently approved for more than 50% of the available funding to District 5 in the ARRA program.

Dr. Henderson asked Mr. Martinez if funds were limited to just functionally classified roads and Mr. Martinez stated that they were. However, the District started a rotation program this year in order to give an entity more money in a single year, but they would have to wait 2 years before they would get money again.

**Action:** The report was received.

## 18. INFORMATION ITEMS

### FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION Agenda Item

<b>Subject:</b>	Information Items
<b>Prepared by:</b>	Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner
<b>Date:</b>	June 9, 2009

#### INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. **Safe Routes to School Program.** The Bike Rodeo took place on Saturday, May 30 at the Henderson Center parking lot at San Juan College from 10am to 2pm. The event drew in approximately 65 children and a large number of volunteers.  
  
A subsequent Bike rodeo is being planned for the second or third weekend in August.
- b. **FY2009 UPWP 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report.** The report highlighting accomplishments from January to March 2009 is now available on the MPO website.
- c. **VISUM Training.** Martin Lucero will attend a three day training on the traffic model VISUM in Santa Fe on June 16-18.
- d. **MPO Quarterly.** The Farmington MPO will host the MPO Quarterly at the Farmington Civic Center on June 24.
- e. **Other.**

**Discussion:** Mr. Delmagori shared that the actually number of children attending the Bike Rodeo was 51. Mr. Lucero is attending a three day training course in Santa Fe. Mr. Delmagori invited the Policy Committee and the Technical Committee members to the MPO Quarterly meeting.

**Action:** A report was received.

#### **19. BUSINESS FROM THE CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS AND STAFF**

**Discussion:** Mr. Christensen suggested that the FMPO should request to host the Highway Commission Meeting. Mayor Standley shared that they did that for a former Secretary of Transportation and it worked out real good. Dr. Henderson agreed with that suggestion and stated that he would look into the request.

#### **20. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

**Discussion:** There was no business from the floor.

#### **21. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Standley made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Henderson seconded that motion. A vote was taken and the meeting was adjourned at 3:43 pm.

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Sam Hinson, Chairman

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Dee Dee Moore, MPO Admin Aide