

MINUTES
FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING
February 24, 2011

Technical Members Present: Dave Keck, San Juan County
Mike Huber, City of Aztec
Cindy Lopez, City of Farmington
Julie Baird, City of Bloomfield

Technical Members Absent: Nica J. Westerling, City of Farmington

Staff Present: Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner
Martin Lucero, MPO Associate Planner
June Markle, MPO Administrative Aide

Staff Absent: Mary L. Holton, MPO Officer

Also Present: Ray Matthew, NMDOT
Larry Hathaway, San Juan County
Fran Fillerup, City of Farmington, Alternate

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Lopez called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

2. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 27, 2011 TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Mr. Keck made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 27, 2011 Technical Committee Meeting. Mr. Huber seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

3. FY2011-2016 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Agenda Item

Subject:	FY2011-2016 TIP Amendment #3
Prepared by:	Martin Lucero, Associate MPO Planner
Date:	February 16, 2011

CURRENT WORK

- Phase II funding for US 64 is being amended to reflect FY2010 closeout and a lower than anticipated bid for the project.

- The MPO is holding a 30-day public comment period from February 6, 2011 to March 9, 2011.
- Hold a public hearing on Amendment #3 during the February 24, 2011 Technical Committee meeting.

ANTICIPATED WORK

- Present any public comments to the Technical Committee.
- Approve Amendment #3 to the FY2011-2016 TIP at the March 17, 2011 Policy Committee meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

- Public Notice describing the funding changes in Amendment #3.

RECOMMENDATION

- It is recommended that the Technical Committee hold a public hearing on and recommend approval of Amendment #3 to the FY2011-2016 TIP.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Lucero reviewed Amendment #3 and the changes to Phase II of the US 64 Project. Funding for Phase II was adjusted due to a lower than expected bid. Due to the federal fiscal year closeout in September that changed the STIP and the bid savings, \$2,000,000 was reallocated within the district. The TIP needs to be amended to reflect the changes to the project. Mr. Lucero noted that the details of Amendment #3 were outlined on Page 12 of the meeting Agenda.

Ms. Lopez opened the meeting for a public hearing and asked for any comments or questions. There were no comments or questions from those present and Ms. Lopez closed the public hearing.

ACTION: Ms. Baird motioned to approve Amendment #3 to the FY2011-2016 TIP. Mr. Huber seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. DRAFT FY2012-2017 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION Agenda Item

Subject:	FY2012-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
Prepared by:	Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner
Date:	February 16, 2011

BACKGROUND

- The TIP is a short-term program of projects expected to be completed in the next six years.
- The MPO updates the TIP on an annual basis.

- The TIP update process includes revising existing project information, adding new projects, and developing a TIP Financial Plan.

CURRENT WORK

- Staff met individually with each member entity, NMDOT, and Red Apple Transit to review project information.
- Staff is making all needed adjustment to the TIP to reflect any additions, deletions, or corrections to the TIP.
- With the STIP update this year, the MPO needs to review its priority list with the Technical Committee.

ATTACHMENTS

- Draft FY2012-2017 TIP and draft priority list provided under separate cover to the Technical Committee members.

TIP SCHEDULE

MONTH	ACTION
January 2011-February 2011	Call for Projects was made & Project Identification Forms were issued
February - March 2011	Entities reviewed project information; development of an agreed to list of projects and TIP financial plan
Early March - early April 2011	30-day Public Comment period is advertised and opened
March 24, 2011	Technical Committee holds public hearing on and recommends adoption of TIP
April 21, 2011	Policy Committee adopts the FY2012-2017 TIP

RECOMMENDATION

- It is recommended that the Technical Committee review the draft FY2012-2017 Transportation Improvement Program and recommend approval of a list of prioritized projects for the MPO.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Lucero stated this is the time to review and update the TIP. He explained that Staff has met with all entities involved except with NMDOT and was hoping that today's meeting might provide that opportunity. However, with the absence of Mr. Martinez, this review will need to take place at a later time. Mr. Lucero commented that after meeting with the entities, adjustments to the TIP tables were made to reflect priorities within each organization, dollar amounts were adjusted, and projects which have already been completed were removed.

Copies of the three TIP project lists were distributed to the Technical Committee for review: Regionally Significant, Non-Regionally Significant, and the Unfunded Project List.

Regionally Significant Project List

To begin the discussion, Mr. Lucero asked each member to review the FY2012-2017 TIP Regionally Significant Project List to ensure their projects were incorporated into the list and that any previously discussed changes had been made.

Mr. Keck asked what would happen to a project that had been designated for project design in 2010, but could now not be completed until 2011 (i.e.: San Juan County Project #SJ-17 shown on Page 11). Mr. Lucero commented that the project could remain on the list as is, because the project is categorized by when the Federal funds are obligated.

Mr. Huber asked if the MAP funds for the North Oliver re-development could be found on this Regional Significant Project List. He added that they had received an award of \$300,000 from the last funding cycle and that the City of Aztec was applying for funding in the current funding cycle. Mr. Lucero said this project was not on the list and asked Mr. Huber to forward to him the project information so he could add the project to the Regionally Significant List. Mr. Huber briefly gave the project description as the arterial development of North Oliver, which includes the construction phase in FY2012. Engineering is almost complete. Mr. Lucero will add the project to the list after Mr. Huber provides the specific dollar amounts for the MAP and City portions of this project.

Ms. Baird questioned where the City of Bloomfield's Verada De Rio San Juan Trail (Phase II) project was located. Mr. Lucero indicated the project was on the Unfunded Project List (Page 5). Ms. Baird stated that the project is funded and the contract signed. Mr. Lucero stated he would move the project to the Regionally Significant Project.

Mr. Lucero asked the members if the Regionally Significant Project List looked complete. Mr. Lucero stated that projects on this list are funded projects. There are some Regionally Significant Projects for the City of Farmington that have been moved to the Unfunded Project List because they do not currently have funding.

Non-Regionally Significant Project List

Mr. Keck stated that the funds for San Juan County Project CR 7500 (Page 5) have not been obligated and the year should be changed to 2011. Mr. Keck anticipates those funds to be obligated soon.

Mr. Keck and Mr. Huber discussed whether co-op funds are shown on the TIP. Although San Juan County does not include these funds on the TIP, Mr. Lucero said the City of Farmington does include their co-op monies on the TIP because they usually expend the funds on larger roads rather than smaller, local roads. Mr. Huber stated that these funds for the City of Aztec would be spent strictly on local roads.

Unfunded Project List

Mr. Lucero stated that the dates on these projects can float, but he recommended that if the project is engineered and set that the Technical Committee should try to match up each project with the appropriate federal funding year. Mr. Lucero commented that STIP projects for 2012 and 2013 are more or less set, so any projects designated for those years may likely not receive funding. Mr. Lucero recommended that projects with greater priority be moved forward.

Mr. Lucero then added that the City of Farmington has recommended that the Unfunded Project List be prioritized by funding category. In that way, specific DOT fund categories can be allocated based on a prioritized list. Mr. Lucero added that projects on the Regional Significant List that are only partially funded need to be prioritized here as well.

Mr. Delmagori commented that City of Farmington project U-F10 on Page 9 has been funded and should now be moved to the Regionally Significant List. He added that it is on track for 2013 and is in the STIP.

Mr. Huber said he would be sending the information to Mr. Lucero for the North Oliver Phases II and III, including projected dates and dollars.

Mr. Lucero spoke about the need for the Technical Committee to make their regional list as current and concise as possible. This will make it easier for the State to identify projects that need funding as well as projects that fit into specific funding categories. Mr. Delmagori asked if the Technical Committee members approved of sorting the Unfunded List by funding source. Mr. Huber asked the reason for breaking the list out in this manner. Ms. Lopez said her understanding is that there are different funding sources and only projects that fit the requirements in each category can receive money from any specific source. If projects are prioritized by specific funding sources, the State can more easily direct money to these projects. Mr. Lucero gave an example that the top bridge project could be listed as #12 on the Unfunded Project List and when money is available, the State might reject the request saying that it is not a high priority for the MPO since it is ranked #12 overall. By ranking priorities in each category, the MPO stands a better chance to get projects programmed.

Mr. Delmagori added that each category has a certain amount of money available and when money is available, we could possibly get more projects completed. Mr. Matthew stated that one of the issues with NMDOT is that there are varying amounts of funding within each category and monies cannot always be used in each category due to design or environmental issues. STP funds get used up fairly quickly as this is the broadest category, so prioritizing your projects would recognize those differing funding levels. Mr. Lucero clarified the five most common categories: Bridge, STP, Safety, MAP, and Transportation Enhancement. Mr. Delmagori added that these were the Federal funding categories (except for MAP).

- Funding Category - Bridge Priorities

After much discussion on each item, the chart below shows the final ranking given by the Technical Committee members to the Bridge funding category. Discussion for each project is compiled together following the chart.

BRIDGE FUNDING CATEGORY RANKING	
PRIORITY	PROJECT
1	U-F5 - City of Farmington - East Pinon Hills Boulevard
2	U-SJ12 - San Juan County - Bridge #8105 on CR 7150
3	U-B10 - City of Bloomfield - US 550 to Saiz Lane - E. Blanco Blvd (Phase 1)
4	U-SJ7 - San Juan County - Bridge Crossing on CR 5500

U-F5

The City of Farmington's project U-F5, the Pinon Hills Bridge, has a total cost of \$22,000,000. Mr. Delmagori asked if that \$22,000,000 was for the entire project or solely the bridge portion. The City of Farmington will provide additional details of the funding breaking out for the different sections of roadway and the bridge. Ms. Lopez said the bridge design phase is almost complete.

Mr. Keck stated he believed it would be highly unlikely that the Pinon Hills Project would be funded in the next five years. Ms. Lopez added that this project is the highest priority for the City of Farmington City Council. Mr. Lucero added that he believes that often once a part of a project gets funded; it can stimulate other funds to come into the project.

From the perspective of the community as a whole, especially within the MPO boundaries, Mr. Keck believes the Pinon Hills project is the most important. Mr. Delmagori added that in the long-range planning process, this was the only bridge project identified as a priority.

U-SJ12

Mr. Keck considers this project as a top priority. It is a dangerous bridge located near the Carson Trading Post south of Bloomfield. It is 350' long, single lane, built out of surplus military equipment, with a poor design that causes the bridge to "teeter-totter" and with a weight-restricted of 10 tons. This bridge is the sole access to the community of Huerfano and its boarding school. He concluded that design on this bridge has been completed.

The project is currently shown on the Unfunded Project List as Roadway and should be changed to Bridge.

Ms. Baird asked if this project could be funded under Safety. Mr. Matthew commented that usually with a Safety project there has to be a history of accidents and the projects are ranked by giving priority to projects which address the most severe safety issues.

U-B10

Ms. Baird stated the Blanco Bridge is the old US 64 highway. It has been inspected by the State and although structurally sound, it is not wide enough and is functionally obsolete with a cantilevered sidewalk on one side. It is the only bridge across the wash. This project is under design now using co-op funds. Reusing parts of the old bridge instead of a new bridge would only save approximately \$100,000.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Huber believes that funding is insufficient for the North Animas River Bridge, ID #A-16, which is currently on the Regional Significant Project List, and that a portion of that project may need to be moved to the Unfunded Project List. Mr. Lucero clarified that this is a pedestrian bridge and would not be included under the "Bridge" category, which is for vehicular bridges.

Mr. Keck asked Mr. Matthew the likelihood that these projects would be funded through bridge funding. Mr. Matthew said he would have to talk with District to get that information, but he believed by prioritizing these projects under Bridge, they have a greater chance of being funded.

- Funding Category - Surface Transportation Program (STP) Priorities

After discussing each item in the STP category, the chart below shows the final ranking given by the Technical Committee members to the STP funding category.

STP FUNDING CATEGORY RANKING	
PRIORITY	PROJECT
1	U-F5 - City of Farmington - East Main to CR 3900 - E. Pinon Hills Blvd.

2	U-SJ3 - San Juan County - CR 3000 to CR 3900 - Roadway
3	U-A14 - City of Aztec - US 550 to NE approximately 0.75 mi - East Arterial Route (Phase 1B)
4	U-A15 - City of Aztec - East Arterial Route (Phase 2)
5	U-B9 - City of Bloomfield - US 64 to W. Blanco - Bergin Lane
6	U-B10 - City of Bloomfield - US 550 to Saiz Lane - E. Blanco (Phase 1)
7	U-F8 - City of Farmington - Butler to Dustin - Pinon Hills Blvd.

U-F5 & U-SJ3

Mr. Keck and Ms. Lopez stated that these projects would be at the top of their STP priority list. San Juan County's portion is \$7,000,000 and the City of Farmington's portion is \$14,000,000.

Mr. Keck asked if these projects can be shown as one. Mr. Delmagori commented that if funds are limited, it would be easier to fund the projects separately.

Due to the cost of these projects, it is anticipated that it will be difficult to fund. Ms. Lopez added that without the bridge construction, there is limited benefit to fund the roadways. Mr. Keck recommended the City of Farmington and San Juan County do a referendum and float a bond to complete these projects.

U-A14

Mr. Huber stated that the East Arterial Route project is a high priority to the City of Aztec to pull traffic off of US 550.

Mr. Keck commented that from a regional standpoint this project was also a top priority, but project U-F5 (and U-SJ3) goes hand-in-hand with this project, and U-F5 and U-SJ3 need to work together to produce a completed final project or otherwise there is a road to nowhere.

U-A15

Mr. Huber stated that Phase II of the East Arterial Route would connect the already built Phase 1A portion to the Phase 1B which is close to design completion.

U-B9

Ms. Baird said the STP project for the City of Bloomfield would be U-B9, Bergin Lane. She added that this is where confusion arises on whether this should be a Safety project or not. The road alignment is next to the junior high school, is very narrow with no sidewalks, and there is a jog in the road where the school buses come out and try to turn onto US 64. Ms. Baird would like to explore this as a Safety project.

U-B10

Ms. Baird stated this would be the road portion that would correlate to the Blanco Bridge portion noted above. Cost is approximately \$800,000.

U-F8

Ms. Lopez discussed this project which is thought to be the second priority project for the City of Farmington. Further details and clarification on the scope of the project will need to come from Ms. Westerling.

- Funding Category - Safety Priorities

After discussing each item in the Safety category, the chart below shows the final ranking given by the Technical Committee members to the Safety funding category.

SAFETY FUNDING CATEGORY RANKING	
PRIORITY	PROJECT
1	U-B9 - City of Bloomfield - US 64 to W. Blanco - Bergin Lane
2	U-A4 - City of Aztec - NM 516 to City Limits - Light Plant Rd.
3	San Juan County - CR 350/CR 390 intersection

U-B9

Ms. Baird said Bergin Lane feeds the City of Bloomfield school administrative offices as well as the junior high school and continues to West Blanco. She stated that there are lots of school children that utilize the road. In addition with the US 64 project, these students are walking right next to the construction area from the Sonic to Bergin Lane. The City of Bloomfield has been trying to find an alternate route.

Mr. Matthew asked if SRTS funds would be applicable for the Bergin Lane project. He stated that there were some unspent SRTS funds that might be available for the pedestrian issue. Mr. Delmagori and Ms. Baird stated that prior to receiving SRTS funds they have to finish an action plan which has just been started.

U-A4

Mr. Huber stated that work is being completed at the intersection of NM 516 and NM 574, but was uncertain of the funding status. Mr. Delmagori said the funds for that intersection project were awarded several years back. Mr. Delmagori added that Mr. Steve Christensen had applied for Phase 2 funds to move further north towards the school, but that it was declined due to a cost of \$5,000,000. Mr. Keck clarified that this is the old La Plata highway that goes through a congested residential area and past Koogler Middle School. The project is to improve this stretch from NM 516 north to the City Limits. Safety money has been received for the intersection, but this project would be to improve the roadway past the schools. Mr. Lucero and Mr. Delmagori reminded the Committee that the limit for Safety project is \$2,000,000.

Mr. Huber commented that the project could be scaled back to go as far as the school and probably cut the project cost in half. Mr. Matthew recommended this project be completed in phases.

CR 350/CR30 Intersection

Mr. Keck stated that the County applied for Safety money for the intersection of CR 350 and CR 390, but it is not on the TIP. Mr. Lucero will add the intersection of CR 350 and CR 390 to the TIP in the amount of \$1,300,000.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Keck stated he did not believe San Juan County had any additional Safety items. Mr. Huber asked about the South Oliver intersection near the County complex where there was a fatality. Mr. Keck said that the South Oliver project does not currently include this intersection.

Ms. Lopez and Mr. Delmagori said the City of Farmington had no Safety projects for the list.

- Funding Category - Transportation Enhancement Priorities

After discussing each item in the Transportation Enhancements category, the chart below shows the final ranking given by the Technical Committee members to the Transportation Enhancements funding category items.

TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT FUNDING CATEGORY RANKING	
PRIORITY	PROJECT
1	City of Aztec - Ruins Rd to N. Main Extension - Animas River Ped. Bridge
2	U-B9 - US 64 to W. Blanco - Bergin Lane
3	U-F4 - City of Farmington - Santiago to Main - 20 th Street
4	U-B4 - City of Bloomfield - US 550 to W. Blanco - 5 th Street
5	U-F9 - City of Farmington - Yarrow to Andrea - Wildflower Pkwy.

Animas River Pedestrian Bridge

Mr. Huber will need to meet with the City of Aztec's finance director to determine the unfunded portion of their North Animas River Pedestrian Bridge project before it can be added to the TIP. Mr. Huber does want this pedestrian bridge considered as a priority for the City of Aztec. The City of Aztec is spending approximately \$100,000 of City funds towards the environmental study and completion of the design. One bridge has already been constructed but it is much further south connecting Riverside Park to Hartman Park south of NM 516.

U-B9

Mr. Lucero commented that the U-B9 project could be broken out to just do the sidewalks, but it would need a new ID number.

U-F4

Mr. Delmagori stated that this project has been identified for quite some time. Mr. Lucero added that if the City of Farmington had the money, this project would be done now. The project would fill in missing sections of sidewalk.

U-B4

Ms. Baird asked that this project for the City of Bloomfield also be considered. This project is to improve 5th Street as it runs from West Blanco to Central Elementary School.

U-F9

Ms. Lopez explained that the project is for curbs, sidewalks, and bike lanes located along Wildflower Parkway. The \$2,000,000 shown for the project could be inclusive of roadway so Staff may want to break out the costs, although this project could all be completed under the STP category.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Lucero said that funding in this category goes for biking, sidewalks, pedestrian improvements. Mr. Delmagori added that these funds can be used to enhance an existing facility or for construction of new sidewalks, but not solely for roadways. Mr. Huber asked if these funds could be used for something as large as Aztec's pedestrian bridge. Mr. Delmagori answered yes.

Mr. Lucero will get these recommendations broken down by the priorities discussed. Ms. Lopez asked to postpone the recommended approval until the Technical Committee can review the discussed changes. Mr. Delmagori said that could be accomplished but would entail the Technical Committee returning for a work session.

ACTION: Mr. Keck moved to table the recommended approval. Ms. Baird seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Technical Committee Work Session will be held at the MPO office at 100 West Broadway in Farmington at 10:00 a.m. on March 8, 2011.

5. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF PC RESOLUTION 2011-1, SUPPORTING THE NEED FOR MAINTENANCE FUNDING FOR STATE-OWNED FACILITIES IN THE MPO

**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Agenda Item**

Subject:	Maintenance Needs Resolution
Prepared by:	Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner
Date:	February 17, 2011

BACKGROUND

- The local entities would like to bring to the attention of the NMDOT Cabinet Secretary and State Legislators the maintenance needs for state facilities in this area.
- The local entities are developing letters and resolutions that will stress the critical need for maintenance funding for state facilities within the MPO.
- The MPO is supportive of these efforts and is seeking to pass its own resolution.
- Maintenance funding is an important step in extending the life of these critical regional roadways.

ATTACHMENTS

- The resolution will be provided at the Technical Committee meeting on February 24, 2011.

ANTICIPATED WORK

- It is recommended that the Technical Committee recommend approval of PC Resolution 2011-1, supporting the need for maintenance funding for state-owned facilities in the MPO.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Delmagori indicated that in conjunction with suggestions given at prior Technical Committee meetings, the MPO met with the local entities to see their willingness to fund future improvements to NM 173. Because this is a State facility, the entities believed the work should be completed by NMDOT. Discussion then continued on the need for maintenance on all of the State facilities within the MPO. Mr. Delmagori said local governments would be passing memos and resolutions explaining the need and importance of maintenance of State facilities in this area of the district. The resolutions would then be sent to the Cabinet

Secretary for the State, as well as State legislators. The Managers are developing the resolution and language and Mr. Delmagori had hoped to provide this to the Technical Committee today for their review, and to develop a similar resolution by the MPO to show support at the regional level. No information is yet available and Mr. Delmagori suggested tabling any recommendations until the Work Session on March 8, 2011.

Mr. Keck stated that he and Mr. Huber had discussed the serious concerns about lack of road maintenance in San Juan County. Roads in this area are dangerous, are crumbling and will need to be totally rebuilt as maintenance funds have stopped coming to this area. Because of the districting, San Juan County is in direct competition with Santa Fe for funds. NMDOT maintenance staff is spread out and the cities in this area have to take care of highways within their own cities. Ms. Lopez commented that the City of Farmington is doing maintenance work on State highways within Farmington City limits with no reimbursement from the State.

Mr. Keck believes all four local entities need to pass strongly worded resolutions and send them to the Secretary of Transportation to get some attention to roads in San Juan County. With the oil and gas revenues generated by this part of the State, we should see more coming back to San Juan County than we are. Mr. Huber agreed that all four commissions/councils and the MPO need to coordinate their efforts. Ms. Lopez asked if this would be presented to the Policy Committee and Mr. Delmagori said yes.

Ms. Baird said she had heard that the new District 5 Commissioner is from San Juan County. Mr. Matthew said he had also heard something similar and added there is a bill in the State Legislature to take \$100,000,000 from the General Fund and put it to NMDOT strictly for maintenance. Mr. Matthew said roadway quality is a state-wide issue and recommended that if the local entities decide to pursue some action they do so promptly. Mr. Matthew will e-mail the bill's number to Mr. Delmagori.

The Technical Committee members decided to table the motion to recommend a resolution to stress the critical need for maintenance funding for State facilities within the MPO until the March 8 Work Session. Mr. Keck and Mr. Huber said they would start working on a one-page resolution with pictures, statistics, and possibly some oil and gas revenue numbers for the Technical Committee's review. The MPO will work to have an approved resolution by early April to match the entities' first meetings in April so that all entities would pass the resolution at approximately the same time.

ACTION: Mr. Keck made a motion to table recommending approval of a resolution supporting the need for maintenance funding. Mr. Huber seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. REVIEW THE DRAFT FY2012 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM AND FY2012 UPWP BUDGET

**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Agenda Item**

Subject: FY2012 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
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Prepared by:	Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner
Date:	February 15, 2011

BACKGROUND

- The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is the fiscal year work plan for the MPO.
- The FY2012 UPWP describes planning activities and work products to be completed from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.
- Staff met with the entities individually to discuss new activities for FY2012.

CURRENT WORK

- Staff has developed a list of activities that are expected to be included in the FY2012 UPWP.
- Staff will review and modify the list with the Technical Committee on February 24, 2011.
- The draft FY2012 UPWP Budget has been developed based on funding estimates from NMDOT.

ATTACHMENTS

- Checklist of progress made on planning activities in the FY2011 UPWP.
- Draft FY2012 UPWP by program area and draft FY2012 budget are provided

UPWP SCHEDULE

MONTH	ACTION
January - February 2011	Issued the Call for Projects
February - March 2011	Develop UPWP program areas
March 24, 2011	Technical Committee recommends approval of UPWP
April 21, 2011	Policy Committee approves the FY2012 UPWP

RECOMMENDATION

- It is recommended that the Technical Committee review the draft FY2012 UPWP and FY2012 UPWP Budget.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Delmagori commented that changes or additions to the FY2012 UPWP document have been underlined. On Page 4 of the document, Mr. Delmagori noted that the Public Participation Plan (PPP) has to be updated every five years. Since the plan was last reviewed in 2007, work on the PPP will need to begin later this year, with anticipated adoption of the plan in January 2012.

Mr. Delmagori reviewed the Metropolitan Transportation Plan section on transit indicating that development of onboard transit surveys will begin this summer. The surveys will help better understand bus stop efficiency, travel patterns, and will help in evaluating how well the system is working. This will give the background information for future implementation of the preferred alternative that came out of the transit study.

The Highline Road Alignment Study came out of discussions with the City of Aztec and San Juan County. The City of Aztec would like to complete an alternative study for the stretch of NM 516 that runs through town.

Mr. Delmagori said that by the summer of 2012 the MPO will be at the mid-point of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan cycle. As a result, population and employment data for the traffic demand model will need to be updated.

Mr. Delmagori reported that finalizing the road re-classification changes with NMDOT will begin in the next few months and will likely continue into early FY2012.

Mr. Delmagori reported that the MPO has been directed to keep Planning (PL) and 5303 funds constant for the FY2012 budget unless otherwise informed. Based on current figures, the MPO can expect approximately \$175,000 in PL funds, \$10,680 in federal dollars for the traffic count program, and about \$23,000 for 5303 transit funds. To spend these federal amounts, the total required local matches are \$37,000. The final number is just under \$209,000 in Federal funds for the MPO budget. A budget of \$299,670 was submitted to the Farmington City Council.

ACTION: The report was received

7. RECEIVE A REPORT FROM NMDOT

DISCUSSION: Mr. Matthew explained the ongoing changes to the STIP protocols. The STIP protocols are under internal review as part of changes that have been implemented in the year-end closeout procedure. Currently Federal dollars are being maximized for the year in which they are obligated. Due to savings from lower than expected bids on the US 64 project, funds were reallocated and required a TIP amendment. The ongoing process for the STIP protocol review will be that once an agreement is reached between the State Planning Division and the STIP unit, the draft would be sent to FHWA for their approval. The MPO staff would then have an opportunity to review the amended protocols. Currently, the Planning Division has some issues with the procedure and it is not ready for the FHWA.

ACTION: The report was received

8. DISCUSS THE NMDOT STATEWIDE RAIL PLAN AND IDENTIFY STAKEHOLDERS FOR A KICK-OFF PUBLIC MEETING

FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION Agenda Item

Subject:	NMDOT State Rail Plan
Prepared by:	Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner
Date:	February 15, 2011

BACKGROUND or PREVIOUS WORK

- On October 28, 2010, Bill Craven from NMDOT's Transit and Rail Division presented the schedule and anticipated outcomes for the Statewide Rail Plan.
- There was considerable local interest expressed by various stakeholders to participate in the process.

- NMDOT is in the data collection stage of the process.

CURRENT WORK

- MPO staff is working to coordinate a kick-off meeting with local stakeholders and the public.
- The kick-off meeting is intended to develop rail strategies for San Juan County that can be incorporated in the Statewide Rail Plan.
- A review of previous rail initiatives taken on by local groups will be discussed.
- Staff needs to identify individuals, groups, and organizations as part of the invitation list for the kick-off meeting.

ANTICIPATED WORK

- Schedule the kick-off meeting.
- Develop local rail strategies.
- Provide information to NMDOT Rail.

RECOMMENDATION

- It is recommended that the Technical Committee discuss the Statewide Rail Plan and identify stakeholders for a kick-off public meeting.
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DISCUSSION: Mr. Delmagori said that when Mr. Bill Craven with NMDOT was here to discuss the Statewide Rail Plan, there was significant interest by individuals to participate at the local level. Ms. Lopez commented that at the last meeting, the San Juan Economic Development Service (SJEDS) said they had compiled a report/study and Ms. Lopez asked if that might be available for review. Mr. Delmagori said he had received some items from SJEDS and would get that information to Ms. Lopez.

The MPO intends to organize a meeting with local stakeholders to develop some strategies to take back to NMDOT. The MPO has agreed to set up a kick off meeting sometime next month, and will coordinate getting the invitations out, preparing the agenda, and setting up the meeting facility. Mr. Delmagori asked that the Tech members let him know if there are other stakeholders that should be added to the list on Page 20 so they can be included in the invitation. Mr. Craven told Mr. Delmagori that he might be able to attend this public meeting to hear first-hand what the local population would like to see.

Mr. Huber suggested adding the local Chambers of Commerce to the stakeholders' list and Ms. Lopez suggested running an ad in the paper.

Mr. Fran Fillerup asked what type of rail was being planned. Mr. Delmagori said it has yet to be determined whether this would be commuter, freight, or both. Mr. Matthew added that in order for the State to receive Federal rail funds, they must undertake a rail study every five years and the study pertains to both freight and passenger as well as some rail safety issues. Ms. Lopez commented on the narrow gauge rail that was here at one time and since the Four Corners is somewhat isolated, being able to connect to a rail system is important especially for commerce.

Mr. Lucero added that when the State Rail Division was here, they discussed some of the issues the power plants are having in getting products trucked in and out of the area. Mr. Lucero said the Technical Committee should also consider inviting representatives from these industries as well as oil and gas to the stakeholders meeting.

ACTION: The report was received.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Agenda Item**

Subject:	Information Items
Prepared by:	Martin Lucero, MPO Associate Planner
Date:	February 16, 2011

INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. **2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment.** With the completion of the Transit Study, the recommendations and new route maps will be added into the 2035 MTP. The amendment will require a 30-day public comment period and approval by the Policy Committee.
- b. **Local Approval of the MPO Major Thoroughfare Plan.** With adoption of the MPO Major Thoroughfare Plan, the MPO will be seeking local approval from the four entities during the month of March.
- c. **Other.**

DISCUSSION:

- a. Mr. Delmagori stated now that LSC has completed the transit study work, Staff will add the recommendations and route maps into the MTP. A public comment period will be opened with approval of the MTP Amendment in April.
- b. Mr. Delmagori reported that the MPO Thoroughfare Plan was approved by the Policy Committee and the amendment for the Northeast Farmington area is complete. Staff is scheduled to speak with the Farmington's City Council on March 1, 2011 to get approval.
- c. Mr. Delmagori welcomed June Markle, the new Administrative Aide for MPO.

10. BUSINESS FROM THE CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS AND STAFF

DISCUSSION: Ms. Lopez welcomed Fran Fillerup, Planner from the City of Farmington, as her assigned alternate.

11. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

DISCUSSION: There was no other business from the floor.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Baird made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Huber seconded the motion. Ms. Lopez adjourned the meeting at 11:57 a.m.

Cindy Lopez, Chair

June Markle, MPO Administrative Aide