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Farmington Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Committee Meeting

**Commission Chambers
San Juan County Administrative Building
100 S Oliver
Aztec, NM**

**May 28, 2009
10:00 a.m.**

AGENDA
FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING
May 28, 2009 10:00 A.M.

This meeting will be held in the Commission Chambers, San Juan County Administrative Building, 100 S Oliver, Aztec, New Mexico.

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17. Adjournment	

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MINUTES
FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 23, 2009 10:00 a.m.

Members Present: Dave Keck, San Juan County
Julie Baird, City of Bloomfield
Cindy Lopez, City of Farmington
Chico Quintana, City of Farmington, Alternate

Members Absent: Nica J. Westerling, City of Farmington

Staff Present: Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner
Martin Lucero, MPO Associate Planner
Dee Dee Moore, MPO Admin Aide

Staff Absent: Michael D. Sullivan, MPO Officer

Also Present: Dr. Bob Widoe, NMDOT

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Keck called the meeting to order at 10:10am.

2. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 23, 2009 TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Motion to approve the minutes from the March 23, 2009 Technical Committee Meeting was made by Ms. Lopez, seconded by Mr. Quintana, motion passed unanimously.

3. RECEIVE A STATUS REPORT ON THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP) UPDATE

FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Agenda Item

Subject:	Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update
Prepared by:	Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner
Date:	April 14, 2009

BACKGROUND

- Staff has developed a future road network map.
- Staff held three public meetings in February and has met with various stakeholders and organizations in March and April.
- Population and employment data in the MPO boundary has been collected showing change from 2000 to 2008.

CURRENT WORK

- 1) Review the MTP Vision and Mission statements.
- 2) Staff suggestions for additions to the MTP Goals and Objectives are provided.
- 3) Population and employment statistics:
 - Base year data
 - Future projections for years 2015, 2025, and 2035
- 4) MTP Public Participation Surveys:
 - Made available during March and early April via the MPO website and distributed at public destinations
 - Staff is working on analysis of the results
 - Preliminary results will be provided to the Technical Committee
- 5) Transit Plan:
 - Summarize transit needs expressed by the public through the surveys

ANTICIPATED WORK

- Approve MTP Vision and Mission statements and MTP Goals and Objectives.
- Review and approval of population/employment statistics.
- Transit needs assessment for the Transit Plan.

ATTACHMENTS

- MTP Vision and Mission statements.
- MTP Goals and Objectives.
- Population and employment projections

RECOMMENDATION

- It is recommended that the Technical Committee receive a status report on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update.

Discussion: Mr. Delmagori questioned whether anyone had changes to make to the Vision and Mission statements. The committee members had no changes and the Vision and Mission statements will remain as written. Mr. Delmagori moved on to the list of Goals and Objectives highlighting the suggested changes or additions to the current list. Discussion was held regarding the implied limitation of mentioning 'Farmington region' in the goals. The concern was it could be conceived that the Farmington MPO only does planning for Farmington. Ms. Lopez suggested changing the name to San Juan Region. Mr. Delmagori said that this could be misleading since the MPO boundaries do not include places such as Shiprock and others far to the south of the county. Mr. Keck suggested keeping Farmington MPO but including the word

Region. The committee came up with three options to present to the Policy Committee. They were: Farmington Region, MPO Region or Farmington MPO Region. Mr. Delmagori moved onto the other items that were labeled as staff suggestions to add to or modify the current MPO Goals and Objectives. Integrating Land Use and Transportation Planning was the first listed bullet for discussion. Mr. Delmagori suggested this be merged into the last goal on page 15 or added in as a self standing goal. Dr. Widoie stated the FHWA and his department recognize this as an important item. Ms. Lopez suggested making it a new goal using the current language on the handout which is: "Integrate transportation and land use planning to improve quality of life and to protect the natural environment."

Ms. Lopez suggested the next bullet looked like it could replace the final objective on page 16 of the Agenda. Ms. Baird shared that one is encouraging the local entities to adopt the plans and the other supports the local plans. Dr. Widoie suggested incorporating both into one objective that would become bi-directional supporting both objectives. Ms. Baird suggested taking Dr. Widoie's advice and merging the two objectives into one. The Committee agreed to merge the two statements so that the revised objective would read: "Encourage the local entities to integrate regional transportation policies into their adopted local plans."

Mr. Delmagori moved on to the suggested changes for the next bullet. The committee was in favor of adding the following as its own objective: "Develop strategies to educate the public about how travel choices affect air quality." Mr. Delmagori talked about adding a new goal that states: "Ensure public safety and security for all modes." Dr. Widoie recommended that Safety and Security be separate elements because that was the congressional intent when SAFETEA-LU began. Mr. Delmagori would work out the language and present safety and security as two separate goals to the committee members at the next meeting. As a supporting objective, the Committee accepted a new objective that states: "Promote safety design practices for all modes."

The final bullet was a suggested new objective that said: "Implement Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) technologies for improving the safety and security of transportation modes. Mr. Keck informed Mr. Delmagori that the committee would accept the language and the suggestion of a new objective.

Mr. Lucero presented the San Juan County Socio-Economic Profile to the committee. The graphs reflect the time period from 1970 to 2008. The recession periods were indicated on the graphs by a thick vertical bar. The actual census numbers were included at their corresponding years. The graphs showed population, employment, and income trends. The population took into account birth rates, death rates and migration. In addition, assumptions were made regarding the projections: no annexations would be made by the cities and no new BLM land would be released; no increase in the MPO boundary; and birth/death rates would remain constant. Ms Lopez reminded everyone about the LaPlata Ranch development in northwest Farmington that would be annexing 300 acres. Mr. Keck believed that BLM is interested in trading land to the cities and the county.

Mr. Lucero explained his projections tables. In 2015 the total population for the MPO will be approximately 120,000. In 2020 the MPO population projection grows to 124,000 and in 2035 the population is projected at 137,000. Mr. Keck indicated that once MPO Staff is comfortable with these projections that they should be presented to the City and County Managers. Mr. Quintana asked if the projection growth will provide a multiplier to use with traffic counts. Mr. Lucero stated that those projections are included as part of the transportation system updates and all of the projections will be publicized within the Metropolitan Transportation Planning (MTP) update and be posted on the MPO website. Mr. Lucero concluded by saying once the population numbers are okay and agreed upon, the numbers will need to be distributed to the Traffic Analysis Zones (TAZ) in the traffic model.

Mr. Delmagori continued with a summary of the survey results. In March, the MPO issued two public surveys, one on general travel characteristics and needed improvements, and one on public transit. A total of 639 surveys were received. Following are the preliminary results:

- 87% responded that they drive alone.
- Typical trip to school or work was less than 10 miles.
- 7-8am was the common departure time from home and after 4pm was typical return to home time.
- Top answers for reducing congestion were: Signal Timing, Road Connectivity and Expansion of the Transit System.
- 65% stated they would not support Toll Roads to pay for new construction.
- 75% of the people said they do not use public transit.
- Of the people who use public transit, 40% said they use it for work and 37% use it for shopping.
- 68% are aware that there is service to outlying cities.
- 73% would like to see additional services, such as service to more places in Farmington and San Juan County, and more frequent service.
- 62% said they would support taxes for transit services and 24% said maybe.

Dr. Widoe asked whether there was a demand response service here because there is funding in the 5310 category. Mr. Lucero stated that there is one.

Action: The report was received.

4. **RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE RENEWAL OF THE JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT (JPA)**

**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Agenda Item**

Subject:	Renewal of the Joint Powers Agreement
Prepared by:	Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner
Date:	April 14, 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.

ANTICIPATED WORK

- Over the next several months, the MPO and its members will review and update the JPA as needed.
- The MPO requests input from its members on potential changes to the JPA.
- Current staff descriptions as outlined in the JPA could be added and modified.
- This would be an opportunity to discuss future staff positions.
- New local funding contribution formulas could be discussed based on population proportions within the member entities.
- NMDOT and the statewide MPOs are holding initial discussions about possible restructuring of PL funding equations, which could provide additional PL funds to the FMPO.
- The renewal process for the JPA will likely conclude in September with adoption of the new JPA by the Policy Committee through resolution.

RECOMMENDATION

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

Discussion: Mr. Delmagori presented the fact that the Joint Power Agreement was due to expire in September 30, 2009. Mr. Delmagori outlined a list of potential changes to the JPA as part of the renewal process, including modifying current staff descriptions, expanding staff, and developing new local funding contribution formulas.

Ms. Lopez questioned whether MPO Staff had heard any mention regarding the additional funding that may be available to the MPOs. Mr. Delmagori stated that the MPOs met with the Department of Transportation and it was determined that the FMPO is in line to receive nearly \$109,000 in additional PL for a total of around \$200,000 in PL when approved by DOT for FY2010. Because of this funding it is anticipated that there will be no overmatch due from the entities.

Mr. Delmagori returned to the portion of the JPA that stipulates the semi-annual billing deadlines. Entities have requested that the billings be changed to monthly in order for the billing process to operate better. This will need to be a recommendation that comes out of the JPA renewal process.

Mr. Lucero shared that the additional PL funding could also be used for another staff position within the MPO which would allow current staff to increase the depth of

services currently provided to the MPO members. Dr. Widoie reminded the committee and staff that the last time the JPA was renewed it turned into a very lengthy process.

Action: The report was received.

5. RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE NMDOT

Discussion: Dr. Widoie shared that the DOT still had no news in terms of a certified local project list for the ARRA program which remains in the Governors' office. Mr. Keck stated that there is a high level of frustration because of the delays. His office is ready to build and is just waiting for the NMDOT Contracts. Dr. Widoie assured the committee that the contracts are ready and they are waiting for approvals to continue. Dr. Widoie passed around an updated Project Identification Form (PIF). Mr. Keck and Ms. Baird stated that they each had filled one out and returned them to NMDOT yesterday. All of the information collected on the PIF will be directed to the Government Agreement Unit.

Dr. Widoie said his department is doing work on a MPO/RPO Handbook and he requested information and ideas from the committee members for updates. Dr. Widoie touched briefly on the High Priority Projects (HPP) that Congress has requested. He stated that his department was not made aware of the request for projects. Dr. Widoie explained that HPP projects are usually large ticket items above \$50 million and have some relationship to national significance. Dr. Widoie finished his report with what he has heard about AASHTO releasing their recommendations regarding consolidating or integrating smaller MPOs with larger MPOs, which he believes would not work in New Mexico. With the next census count it is possible that Roswell will be designated a MPO.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Agenda Item**

Subject:	Information Items
Prepared by:	Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner
Date:	April 16, 2009

INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. **FY2010 Budget Scenarios.** NMDOT and the statewide MPOs meet on April 16 to discuss PL funding scenarios. Any possible changes to PL funding for the FMPO will likely be reflected in the FY2010 budget.
- b. **FY2010-2015 Transportation Improvement Program.** The Policy Committee adopted the new TIP on April 9.

- c. **FY2010 Unified Planning Work Program.** The Policy Committee approved the annual list of planning activities on April 9.
- d. **Safe Routes to School Program Update.** A summary of the latest activities will be provided at the meeting.
- e. **Other.**

Discussion: Mr. Delmagori previously shared the budget scenarios during the report of the Joint Powers Agreement. He stated that the Policy Committee approved both the FY2010-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the FY2010 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) at their April 9, 2009 Meeting. Mr. Lucero provided projected student counts from Apache Elementary and McKinley Elementary schools. Initial counts show that approximately 10% of the kids are walking. He reminded the Committee that the Safe Routes to School Farmington Walk and Roll Program will be hosting a Bike Rodeo on May 30, 2009 at the Henderson Fine Arts Parking Lot at San Juan College from 10:00 am until 2:00pm. The MPO Staff will have an informational booth available at that event.

7. BUSINESS FROM THE CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS AND STAFF

Discussion: Ms. Baird brought to the committee's attention that she was contact by the NMED Air Quality Bureau regarding a grant relating to diesel and was interesting in knowing what other entities were contacted. Mr. Keck said that the San Juan County was contacted by Bob Spillers and believes that truck dealers are initiating this because of retrofits for the trucks. Mr. Delmagori shared that MPO Staff has completed pamphlets for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, the Access Management Plan and the Bike/Pedestrian Plan that will be available during all public events attended by the MPO Staff. Lastly, Mr. Delmagori stated that the Farmington MPO has been in effect for 6 years on April 25, 2009.

8. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Discussion: There was no business from the floor.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Discussion: Ms. Baird made the motion for adjournment, Ms. Lopez seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 11:38am.

Dave Keck, Chairman

Dee Dee Moore, MPO Admin Aide

**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Agenda Item**

Subject:	FY2010-2015 TIP Amendment #1
Prepared by:	Martin Lucero, MPO Associate Planner
Date:	May 18, 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

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

CURRENT WORK

- The MPO is holding a 30-day public comment period from April 26, 2009 to May 27, 2009.
- A public hearing will be held on Amendment #1 during the May 28, 2009 Technical Committee meeting.

ANTICIPATED WORK

- Present any public comments to the Technical Committee.
- Approve the amendment.
- Amend the STIP to reflect the new funding.

RECOMMENDATION

- It is recommended that the Technical Committee hold a public hearing on and recommend approval of Amendment #1 to the FY2010-2015 TIP.

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. This public comment period meets all of the applicable requirements of the federal transportation bill SAFETEA-LU and the federal transit requirements of Section 5307(c) (1-7).

The Farmington MPO is advertising Amendment #1 to the Farmington Metropolitan Planning Organization FY2010-FY2015 Transportation Improvement Program.

Amendment #1 to the FY2010-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) adds funding through the Transportation, Community, and System Preservation (TCDS) program to two projects currently in the TIP:

Project Name:	Piñon Hills East & Animas River Bridge	East Aztec Arterial Route
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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 #1. The 30-day comment period is from Sunday, April 26, 2009 to Wednesday, May 27, 2009. 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, May 28, 2009** in the Commission Chambers, San Juan County Administrative Bldg, 100 S Oliver, Aztec, 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@fmtn.org

The public may view the FY2010-2015 TIP Amendment at www.farmingtonmpo.org. For more information contact Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner, at (505) 599-1392.

FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Agenda Item

Subject:	ADA Presentation
Prepared by:	Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner
Date:	May 18, 2009

CURRENT WORK

- Jody Ortiz with NMDOT and Lisa Neie with FHWA will give a presentation on ADA requirements.
- The presentation will provide an update to the local governments on their responsibilities for complying with ADA requirements.
- ADA guidance material is attached.

RECOMMENDATION

- It is recommended that the Technical Committee receive a presentation on ADA requirements.

**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Agenda Item**

Subject:	ARRA Funding
Prepared by:	Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner
Date:	May 20, 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 will work 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.
- The entities can include projects originally submitted earlier this year as well as information on any new projects.

TIGER Grant Program

- The TIGER grant program is intended for projects costing between \$20 million and \$300 million.
- Road, highway, and transit projects are eligible.
- Selection criteria includes economic competitiveness, sustainability, safety, job creation, and partnership among stakeholders.
- The application deadline is September 15, 2009.

ANTICIPATED WORK

- Present recommended list to the Policy Committee.

ATTACHMENTS

- Project information provided to the Technical Committee members under separate cover.
- Fact sheet on the TIGER grant program.

RECOMMENDATION

- It is recommended that the Technical Committee:
 - a. Develop and recommend approval of a list of projects for possible submittal if additional ARRA funding becomes available.
 - b. Receive a report on the TIGER grant program.

\$1.5 BILLION TIGER DISCRETIONARY GRANTS PROGRAM OUTLINE OF SOLICITATION AND SELECTION CRITERIA

Interim Notice of Funding Availability: On Monday, May 18, 2009, the Department of Transportation published a notice of funding availability and solicitation of applications from applicants seeking funds under this program.

Public Comments: The solicitation announces the availability of funding for TIGER Discretionary Grants, project selection criteria, application requirements and the deadline for submitting applications, which is September 15, 2009. Because this is a new program, however, the solicitation also provides two weeks for comments on the proposed selection criteria and guidance for awarding TIGER Discretionary Grants. The Department will take all comments into consideration and may publish a supplemental notice revising some elements of the solicitation. Any such amendment will be published by June 17, 2009.

Eligible Applicants: Funds under this program will be awarded to State and local governments, including U.S. territories, tribal governments, transit agencies, port authorities, other political subdivisions of State or local governments, and multi-State or multi-jurisdictional applicants.

Eligible Projects: Projects that are eligible for TIGER Discretionary Grants include, but are not limited to, capital investments in: (1) highway or bridge projects; (2) public transportation projects; (3) passenger and freight rail transportation projects; and (4) port infrastructure investments, including projects that connect ports to other modes of transportation and improve the efficiency of freight movement.

Selection Criteria: TIGER Discretionary Grants will be awarded based on the following selection criteria, which incorporate the criteria specified in the Recovery Act:

- (a) Long-Term Outcomes: The Department will give priority to projects that have a significant impact on desirable long-term outcomes for the Nation, a metropolitan area, or a region. The following types of long-term outcomes will be given priority:

- (i) State of Good Repair: Improving the condition of existing transportation facilities and systems, with particular emphasis on projects that minimize life-cycle costs.
 - (ii) Economic Competitiveness: Contributing to the economic competitiveness of the United States over the medium- to long-term.
 - (iii) Livability: Improving the quality of living and working environments and the experience for people in communities across the United States.
 - (iv) Sustainability: Improving energy efficiency, reducing dependence on oil, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and benefitting the environment.
 - (v) Safety: Improving the safety of U.S. transportation facilities and systems.
- (b) Job Creation & Economic Stimulus: Consistent with the purposes of the Recovery Act, the Department will give priority to projects that are expected to quickly create and preserve jobs and stimulate rapid increases in economic activity, particularly jobs and activity that benefit economically distressed areas.
- (c) Innovation: The Department will give priority to projects that use innovative strategies to pursue the long-term outcomes outlined above.
- (d) Partnership: The Department will give priority to projects that demonstrate strong collaboration among a broad range of participants and/or integration of transportation with other public service efforts.

The solicitation provides additional guidance on the selection criteria. The Department will give more weight to the Long-Term Outcomes and Jobs Creation & Economic Stimulus criteria than to the Innovation and Partnership criteria. Projects that are unable to demonstrate a likelihood of significant long-term benefits in any of the five long-term outcomes will not proceed in the evaluation process. For the Jobs Creation & Economic Stimulus criterion, a project that is not ready to proceed quickly is less likely to be successful.

Program-Specific Criteria: The Department will use certain program-specific criteria to help differentiate between similar projects (for example, New Starts projects, or bridge replacements). To the extent two or more similar projects have similar ratings based on the selection criteria the

program-specific criteria will be used to assign priority among these projects.

Distribution of Funds: The Recovery Act prohibits the award of more than 20 percent of the funds made available under this program to projects in any one State. The Recovery Act also requires that the Department take measures to ensure an equitable geographic distribution of funds and an appropriate balance in addressing the needs of urban and rural communities.

Waiver of Minimum Grant Size Requirement: The Recovery Act specifies that TIGER Discretionary Grants may be no less than \$20 million and no greater than \$300 million. However, the Department has discretion under the Recovery Act to waive the \$20 million minimum grant size requirement for significant projects in smaller cities, regions or States. Applicants for TIGER Discretionary Grants of less than \$20 million are encouraged to apply.

TIFIA: Up to \$200 million of the \$1.5 billion available for TIGER Discretionary Grants may be used to pay the subsidy and administrative costs of the TIFIA program if it would further the purposes of the TIGER Discretionary Grants program. Given the average subsidy cost of the existing TIFIA portfolio, \$200 million in TIGER TIFIA Payments could support approximately \$2 billion in Federal credit assistance. Applicants seeking TIGER TIFIA Payments should apply in accordance with all of the criteria and guidance specified for TIGER Discretionary Grant applicants and will be evaluated concurrently with all other applications.

Grant Administration: The Department expects that each TIGER Discretionary Grant will be administered by the modal administration in the Department with the most experience and/or expertise in the relevant project area. Applicable Federal laws, rules and regulations will apply to projects that receive TIGER Discretionary Grants, including all of the reporting and other requirements included in the Recovery Act.

**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Agenda Item**

Subject:	MTP Vision and Mission Statements
Prepared by:	Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner
Date:	May 18, 2009

CURRENT WORK

- Staff reviewed the Vision and Mission statements with the Technical Committee on April 23.
- No changes were suggested.
- The MTP Vision and Mission statements are attached.

RECOMMENDATION

- It is recommended that the Technical Committee recommend approval to maintain the MTP Vision and Mission Statements.

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.

**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Agenda Item**

Subject:	MTP Goals and Objectives
Prepared by:	Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner
Date:	May 18, 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 changes to the Goals and Objectives are attached.

RECOMMENDATION

- It is recommended that the Technical Committee recommend approval of the MTP Goals and Objectives.

*Revisions based on discussion with the Technical Committee on April 23, 2009
Revisions shown in bold and italics*

Potential Change: ‘Farmington region’

Suggestions for Potential Change:

- 1) *‘MPO region’;*
- 2) *‘MPO’;*
- 3) *Make no change, keep as is*

MTP GOALS

- Support the economic vitality of the Farmington region by providing a balanced, multi-modal transportation system that moves people, goods and information safely, economically and efficiently.
- Foster regional coordination and transportation system continuity.
- Develop and connect transportation systems and associated facilities into a cohesive intermodal system.
- Minimize congestion on the transportation system.
- Provide reasonable access to services and jobs for all of the region’s residents, regardless of age, income or disability.
- Minimize negative environmental impacts and enhance the environmental quality of the Farmington region.
- Identify and develop funding sources adequate to build, operate and maintain the metropolitan transportation system.
- Identify and implement new technology for balanced multi-modal transportation.
- Develop a transportation system that maintains and/or enhances the existing quality of life and works in concert with cultural and environmental resources and adopted local plans.
- ***Integrate transportation and land use planning to improve quality of life and to protect the natural environment.***
- ***Ensure public safety for all modes.***
- ***Coordinate with local agencies on security planning and strategies.***

MTP OBJECTIVES

- Provide adequate land area and access for commercial opportunities to serve future population growth
- Minimize congestion to improve delivery of goods and services
- Improve system safety through improved levels of service and reduced congestion
- Minimize emergency vehicle response time
- Minimize congestion
- Minimize delay
- Minimize air quality impacts

- Minimize impacts to existing neighborhoods
- Increase transit, bicycle and pedestrian connections
- Improve multi-modal street design for high activity areas
- Maximize use of current transportation system
- Minimize access to adjacent developments along key arterials to maximize capacity
- Minimize total transportation system costs
- Maximize transportation system performance per project costs
- Increase mode split
- Increased multi-modal accessibility
- ***Encourage the local entities to integrate regional transportation policies*** into their adopted local plans
- ***Develop strategies to educate the public about how travel choices affect air quality.***
- ***Promote safety design practices for all modes***
- ***Implement Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) technologies for improving the safety and security of transportation modes***

**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Agenda Item**

Subject:	MTP Evaluation Categories
Prepared by:	Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner
Date:	May 18, 2009

CURRENT WORK

- Current evaluation categories are based upon the TEA-21 planning factors as well as factors with significance to the FMPO.
- The evaluation categories were used when 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 MTP evaluation categories are attached.

RECOMMENDATION

- It is recommended that the Technical Committee recommend approval of the MTP Evaluation Categories for project prioritization.

SAFETEA-LU Planning Factors

1. Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency;
- 2. Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users;**
- 3. Increase the security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users;**
4. Increase the accessibility and mobility of people and for freight;
- 5. Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and State and local planned growth and economic development patterns;**
6. Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight;
7. Promote efficient system management and operation, and;
8. Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system.

TEA-21 Planning Factors

1. Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency;
- 2. Increase the safety and security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users;**
3. Increase the accessibility and mobility of people and for freight;
- 4. Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, and improve quality of life:**
5. Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight;
6. Promote efficient system management and operation, and;
7. Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system.

(Note: variations between the two sets of planning factors are shown in bold)

MTP EVALUATION CATEGORIES

TEA-21 PLANNING FACTOR	EVALUATION CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION
1	Economic Vitality	The project assists with the development of new business and retail opportunities.
2	Safety and Security <i>(Possibly separate into two categories to be consistent with SAFETEA-LU)</i>	The project improves dangerous conditions for all users of the system.
3	Accessibility, Mobility, and Congestion	The project improves access to destinations for all modes. The project can reduce travel times while improving free-flow travel times.
4	Environment <i>(Possibly add 'Quality of Life')</i>	The project does not adversely affect the surrounding environment or established neighborhoods. There are minimal impacts to air quality.
5	Integration and Connectivity	The project connects a variety of land uses or regionally significant destinations. The project promotes a balanced use of transportation modes.
6,7	Preservation, Efficiency, and Technology	The project can implement access management, ITS technologies, and other system management tools for maintaining capacity and maximizing use of the current system.
Developed by FMPO	Funding and Costs	Funding is secured or reasonably expected to be available. The project provides a high benefit in comparison to a low cost.
Developed by FMPO	Multi-modal	The project includes walking and biking facilities in its design. Transit service is incorporated into the project.
Developed by FMPO	Land Development Policies	The project is identified in a local comprehensive plan or will serve growing areas of the cities and county.

**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Agenda Item**

Subject:	MTP Population/Employment Data
Prepared by:	Martin Lucero, MPO Associate Planner
Date:	May 20, 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

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 Technical Committee recommend approval of population and employment base year and projections for the Farmington MPO at the city/county and TAZ levels.

**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Agenda Item**

Subject:	MTP Public Surveys
Prepared by:	Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner
Date:	May 19, 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 will be 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

ANTICIPATED WORK

- Incorporate this summary and other public comments into the MTP planning process.

RECOMMENDATION

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

**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Agenda Item**

Subject:	2009 Traffic Count Program
Prepared by:	Martin Lucero, MPO Associate Planner
Date:	May 20, 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 members are asked to identify locations that might conflict with known road construction schedules.
- MPO anticipates taking the counts in September and October.

RECOMMENDATION

- Staff recommends that the Technical Committee review the report on the traffic count program and recommend approval of the 2009 Traffic Count location list.

Name	From	To	Located At:	Area	Func Class
20th	Butler	Sullivan	Between Wagner and Santiago	Farmington	MNAR
20th	Sullivan	Hutton	Between Tucker and Huntzinger	Farmington	MNAR
20th	Hutton	NM 516/E Main St	West of Clayton	Farmington	MNAR
30th	Sullivan	Hutton	West of Hutton	Farmington	MNAR
30th	Hutton	College	Between Edgecliff and Cherry Hills	Farmington	MNAR
30th	College	NM 516/E Main St	West of Stanford	Farmington	MNAR
Airport	Main	Apache	South of Glade Ln	Farmington	MNAR
Airport	Apache	Municipal Dr	Approximately 1000' N of Apache	Farmington	MNAR
Apache	Palmer	Airport	At Francis Ave	Farmington	MNAR
Apache	Airport	Auburn	Approximately 200' west of Schwartz Ave	Farmington	MNAR
Auburn Ave N	US 64/Broadway	Apache	Between Arrington and LaPlata	Farmington	COLL
Auburn Ave N	Apache	Glade	At Navajo St	Farmington	COLL
Beckland Dr	NM 516/E Main St	End of road	Between Country Club Dr and Cedar Dr	Farmington	COLL
Behrend	Main St	Apache	Between Arrington and LaPlata	Farmington	COLL
Brookside	Glade/Auburn	20th	South of 20th	Farmington	COLL
Butler	US 64/Broadway	San Juan Blvd	North of US 64/Broadway	Farmington	MNAR
Butler	San Juan Blvd	Main St	North of San Juan Blvd	Farmington	MNAR
Butler	20th	30th	Between 22nd St and 23rd	Farmington	MNAR
Chaco St	NM 516	Park Ave	Approximately 300 ft west of Ash St.	Aztec	MNAR
College Blvd	30th	Windsor	Approximately 1000' N of 30th St	Farmington	MNAR
College Blvd	Pinon Hills Blvd	Piedra Vista HS Entrance	Approximately 750' North of Pinon Hills Blvd	Farmington	COLL
College Blvd	Piedra Vista HS Entrance	Sandalwood	Approximately 500' North of High School entrance	Farmington	COLL
CR 3000	Browning	CR 3950	Approximately 1000' East of Browning	Farmington	MNAR
CR 3000	CR 3950	CR 350	East of CR 3900	County	MNAR
CR 350	US 64	CR 5580	Approximately 1000' north of US 64	County	MNCL
CR 350	CR 3000	NM 516	Animas River Crossing	County	COLL
CR 390	Andrea Dr	CR 350	Approximately 1000' East of Andrea Dr	County	COLL
CR 5500	US 64	CR 5510	San Juan River Crossing	County	MNCL
CR 6100	CR 6400	US 64	Between CR 6351 and CR 6348	County	MJCL
Dustin Ave.	20th	30th	At Suntuoso Ct	Farmington	MNAR
Dustin Ave.	30th	38th	North of San Paula	Farmington	MNAR
English	NM 516/E Main St	Pinon Hills Blvd	South of Arctic	Farmington	COLL
Foothills	Pinon Hills Blvd	Crestwood	Between Sagebrush and Alder	Farmington	COLL
Foothills	Rinconada	End of Road	At Antelope Junction	Farmington	COLL
Gila St	NM 516/E Main St	English	Approximately 1000' east of NM 516/ E Main	Farmington	COLL
Hood Mesa Tr	Pinon Hills Blvd	Anasazi Trail	Approximately 1000' north of Pinon Hills Blvd	Farmington	COLL
Hutton	Main St	20th	At Lark Ave	Farmington	MNAR
Hutton	20th	Cliffside	At 23rd Ave	Farmington	MNAR
Lake St	Murray Dr/ NM 5001	Pinon St	Approximately 600' north of Murray	County	COLL
Main St	Lake St	Auburn	Approximately 300' east of Schwartz Ave	Farmington	PRAR
Main St	Butler	Scott	Approximately 100' west of Cochiti Ave	Farmington	PRAR
Main St	Scott	Sullivan	Approximately 100' E of Scott	Farmington	PRAR
Main St	Sullivan	San Juan Blvd	Approximately 300' east of Schofield Ln	Farmington	PRAR

Name	From	To	Located At:	Area	Func Class
Marseille Blvd	NM 516/E Main St	Martello	Approximately 500' north of NM 516	Farmington	COLL
McCormick School	Murray Dr/ NM 5001	US 64/Broadway	Approximately 100' north of Acacia St	Farmington	COLL
Miller	Murray Dr/ NM 5001	US 64/Broadway	Animas River Crossing	Farmington	COLL
Municipal Dr	Navajo	20th	Between Gladden and Ashurst	Farmington	MNAR
Murray Dr/NM 5001	US 64/W Main	Pinon St	Approximately 0.5 mi northwest of Pinon St.	Farmington	PRAR
Murray Dr/NM 5001	Pinon St	Miller	Animas River Crossing	County	PRAR
Murray Dr/NM 5001	Miller	US 64/Broadway	Approximately 300' east of Bluffview Ave.	Farmington	PRAR
NM 371	Old Fruitland Hwy/ NR 36	Murray Dr/ NM 5001	San Juan River Crossing	County	MNAR
NM 516	US 64	So Side River Rd	Approximately 500' south of So Side River Rd	Farmington	PRAR
NM 516	Morningstar Dr	Main St	Animas River Crossing	Farmington	PRAR
NM 516	Main St	20th	Approximately 100' east of N. Clayton Ave.	Farmington	PRAR
NM 516	20th	30th	Approximately 300' west of Hannon Dr.	Farmington	PRAR
NM 516	Country Club	CR 350	At Kira Dr	County	PRAR
NM 516	Ruins Rd	Chaco St	Animas River Crossing	Aztec	PRAR
NM 516	Chaco St	US 550	Approximately 200' west of Ash St	Aztec	PRAR
Old Aztec Hwy/ CR 3520	NM 516	CR 3590	Approximately 1.5 mi east of NM 516	County	COLL
Old Aztec Hwy/ CR 3520	CR 3590	CR 350	Approximately 1600' west of CR 350	County	COLL
Oliver Ave	End of Route/Waste Wtr Treatment Plant	NM 516	Approximately 250' south of NM 516	Aztec	COLL
Oliver/NM 282	NM 516	Aztec Airport	Approximately 400' north of Mesilla Rd.	Aztec	COLL
Pinon Hills Blvd	NM 170	30th	LaPlata River Crossing	Farmington	MNAR
Pinon Hills Blvd	Butler	College	Approximately 2000' east of Hood Mesa Tr.	Farmington	PRAR
Pinon St	Orchard	Miller	Between Commercial and Miller	Farmington	MNAR
Pinon St	Miller	US 64/Broadway	Approximately 400' west of Cedar St.	Farmington	MNAR
San Juan Blvd	Scott	Main St	Between Fairview and Tucker	Farmington	MNAR
Sandstone	US 64	So Side River Rd	Approximately 600' N of US 64	Farmington	COLL
Scott	US 64/Broadway	San Juan Blvd	Approximately 1000' N of Broadway	Farmington	PRAR
Scott	San Juan Blvd	Main St	Approximately 400' N of San Juan Blvd	Farmington	PRAR
So Side River Rd	US 64/Broadway	Sandstone	At Illinois Ave	Farmington	MNAR
So Side River Rd	Sandstone	Browning Pkwy	Approximately 100' west of Energy Ct.	Farmington	MNAR
Sullivan	Main St	15th	Between 10th and 11th	Farmington	MNAR
Twin Peaks Rd/ CR 6480	Troy King Rd	CR 6200	Approximately 3200' east of CR 6200	County	COLL
US 550	Sullivan Rd	US 64	San Juan River Crossing	Bloomfield	
US 550	US 64	W Blanco Blvd	North of Manzano Blvd	Bloomfield	
US 550	W Blanco Blvd	CR 4900	Approximately 4000' N of W Blanco Blvd	Bloomfield	PRAR
US 550	CR 4900	S Rio Grande Rd	Approximately 3 miles N of CR 4900	Bloomfield	PRAR
US 550	NM 173	5.362 mi S of Col State Line	At CR 2800	County	PRAR
US 64	CR 6800	CR 6500	At CR 6763	County	PRAR

Name	From	To	Located At:	Area	Func Class
US 64	CR 6500	NM 489 (CR 6100)	At CR 6411	County	PRAR
US 64	Murray Dr/ NM 5001	Browning Pkwy	Between Dowell and Hutton	Farmington	PRAR
US 64	Browning Pkwy	CR 5569	Approximately 1 mi. west of CR 5569	County	PRAR
US 64	US 550 S	US 550 N (First St)	Between 5th and 4th	Bloomfield	PRAR
US 64	CR 4899	CR 4800	East of CR 4870	County	PRAR
US 64/Broadway	Murray Dr/ NM 5001	W Main	Approximately 1000' E of Murray	Farmington	PRAR
US 64/Broadway	W Main	Butler/Pinon St	Between Behrend and Allen	Farmington	PRAR
US 64/Broadway	Scott	Murray Dr/ NM 5001	Animas River Crossing	Farmington	PRAR
West Blanco	Frontier St.	Bergin Ln	Approximately 200' West of Frontier St	Bloomfield	COLL
Wildflower Mesa Dr	Wildflower Pkwy	Mesa View Jr High	Approximately 1000' E of Wildflower Pkwy	Farmington	COLL
Wildflower Pkwy	NM 516/Browning	Wildflower Mesa Dr	Approximately 500' west of Wildflower Mesa	Farmington	COLL

**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Agenda Item**

Subject:	Renewal of the Joint Powers Agreement
Prepared by:	Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner
Date:	May 19, 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 Technical Committee on May 28.
- 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.
- Along with the JPA renewal and additional funding being provided to the MPO, this would be an opportunity to discuss future staff positions.
- 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 Technical Committee receive a report on the renewal of the Joint Powers Agreement.

**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Agenda Item**

Subject:	Information Items
Prepared by:	Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner
Date:	May 18, 2009

INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. **Federal Reauthorization Status Report.** Information has been provided by the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee about the reauthorization of SAFETEA-LU. The memo is attached.
- b. **Safe Routes to School Program Update.** The Bike Rodeo is scheduled for Saturday, May 30 at the Henderson Center parking lot at San Juan College from 10am to 2pm.
- c. **FY2009 UPWP 3rd Quarter Report.** The report highlighting accomplishments from January to March 2009 is now available on the MPO website.
- d. **Other.**

Memo

To: DeLania Hardy, AMPO
From: Levon Boyagian
Date: 5/11/09
Re: Transportation Authorization update

Bill Status: I met last week (5/7/09) with both Jim Kolb (Dem T&I) and Jim Tymon (Rep T&I) regarding the status of the reauthorization bill. Both concurred that the goal remains to introduce a bill by the end of May. The schedule to mark up the bill in the Transportation Committee will be after Memorial Day Congressional recess. However, there remains much uncertainty about how far the bill goes after that. There are obvious issues that need to be resolved, primarily how to pay for the bill. The President has recommended that the General Fund of the Treasury, not the Highway Trust Fund, pay for a majority of the 2010 fiscal year, the first year of the reauthorization (more detail below). This would be a big departure from the past where the user fees (gas tax and other transportation receipts) pay for the programs. Chairman Oberstar recently met with Chairman Rangel (House Ways & Means Committee) to discuss how to pay for the bill. No resolution was achieved. Without a revenue title, the reauthorization will not be brought to the House floor. The same is true in the Senate. The Senate has acknowledged they will wait for the House to act before moving their bill.

Projects: The project database continues to experience troubles accepting Member project submissions. The deadline for submission has been extended to the week of May 11 and may need to be extended again. Once Members submit projects they will wait to be notified by the committee of how much in project funds they will have to fund their requests. Historically, Member projects were amended to the bill at full committee mark up. It is not clear if the Chairman will allocate a dollar amount to Members without a way to pay for them. Additionally, it is expected that most congressionally designated projects (emarks), large and small, will be required to be included in the bill that moves to the House floor. Adding projects or new provisions in conference committee will have to withstand new rules of the House that discourage the practice.

Recent news: A two page conceptual outline of the bill, written by Chairman Oberstar became public (attached by email) and provides a view into what the bill may look like structurally. Reducing the number of federal programs was a recommendation by a congressional designated commission and this is included in the document. The plan includes two new offices at USDOT – Livability and Expedited Project Delivery. It also establishes an Undersecretary/Asst. Secretary of Intermodalism. A new program called “Metropolitan Mobility/Access” is included in the document, which is consistent with a commission recommendation to reduce congestion in metro areas of one million or more.

The Chairman’s outline speaks to performance on the second page. There is an expectation the new bill will introduce performance measures into the programs to ensure federal dollars are being allocated to projects that produce the best outcomes. The document lacks any mention of equity (donor/donee), member projects, transfer of funding among programs, metropolitan planning, and of course, how to fund the bill.

USDOT: Secretary LaHood has stated that the USDOT will only present a set of principles for Congress to review and consider.

Timeline: With the current legislation, SAFETEA LU, expiring at the end of September there is not much time left in the congressional schedule to send a bill to the President. There are three congressional district work periods before September 30, including the August break, which is four weeks. Within this short time, Congress will need to address anticipated shortfalls in the highway trust fund to pay for transportation in 2009, identify new revenue for the multiyear

authorization, finish drafting the bill (the entire bill), negotiate with other committees whose jurisdiction may be encroached upon by the transportation bill, negotiate with the Speaker of the House to move the bill to the floor, wait for the Senate to complete its work, negotiate a final conference report, and send it to the President. If all these steps are not accomplished, Congress will need to pass an extension bill before the end of September. Drafting and passing an extension bill can take weeks, which will take time away from completing the larger bill. There has been no discussion about an extension yet.

2010 Budget - Highway Trust Fund:

The President's budget projects that as of September 30, 2009, the Highway Account of the Highway Trust Fund will only have \$940 million cash on hand (but this includes a retroactive book-closing payment made in mid-October, which means that OMB thinks the Highway Account will run out of cash on a day-to-day basis before September 30). From a cash management standpoint, an end-of-year \$940 million balance means that FHWA probably runs out of money on a day-to-day basis in September or perhaps August and has to do what they did last year - suspend daily reimbursement of states and instead reimburse once a week as tax deposits come in from the general fund on a first-come basis.

The White House has decided to drastically reduce the limitations on obligations from the Trust Fund in FY 2010 and to make up for that reduction through direct appropriations from the general fund of the Treasury. The FY 2009 obligation limitation for the Federal-aid Highways program was \$40.7 billion. The total FY 2010 funding level for the program proposed in the budget is \$41.1 billion. The budget proposes cutting the 2010 obligation limitation to \$5.0 billion and making a direct general fund appropriation for the remaining \$36.1 billion.

Keeping the HTF solvent: The President's 2010 budget submission to Congress outlines the OMB analysis. OMB has assumed highway account outlays (actual money out the door) will be \$42.162B with only \$33.535B (balance in the account plus projected receipts) in the account. This leaves an \$8.6B hole (receipts or general fund transfer) in FY 2010 to make it through the year solvent if the highway obligation limitation is \$41.1 billion and NHTSA and FMCSA get their budget request levels.