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Farmington Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Committee Meeting

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

**August 27, 2009
10:00 a.m.**

AGENDA
FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING
August 27, 2009 **10:00 A.M.**

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

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MINUTES
FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING
July 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
Nica J. Westerling, City of Farmington

Members Absent: Steve Christensen, City of Aztec

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

Staff Absent: None

Also Present: Dr. Bob Widoe, NMDOT
Dave Martinez, NMDOT
Joe Hubbard, City of Aztec
Linda Sillers, SJCI

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Keck called the meeting to order at 10:15 am.

2. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 25, 2009 TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Motion to approve the minutes from the June 25, 2009 Technical Committee Meeting was made by Ms. Lopez and seconded by Mr. Quintana. Motion passed unanimously.

3. RECEIVE A REPORT ON INITIAL ANALYSIS OF THE PROPOSED FUTURE ROAD PROJECTS

FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Agenda Item

Subject:	MTP Update Proposed Future Road Projects
Prepared by:	Martin Lucero, MPO Associate Planner
Date:	July 15, 2009

BACKGROUND

- MPO staff has met with each entity to discuss current roads classified as collector and above, and future proposed roads for the MPO Road Network.
- The MPO Road Network is used in the MPO Regional Travel Model to evaluate projects, traffic volumes, congestion and other items.

CURRENT WORK

- Staff will be developing characteristics for each road project to input into the travel demand model:
 - Beginning and ending point
 - Number of lanes by direction
 - Speed limit
 - Turn lanes
- Model runs for the network system are being performed for each additional proposed road.
- Scenarios that include various future projects will be analyzed.
- Initial analysis will be discussed with the Technical Committee on July 23.

ANTICIPATED WORK

- The future proposed road network is expected to be used as a basis for these additional MTP activities:
 - GIS mapping applications.
 - Plan development.
 - Traffic and transit studies.
 - Policy development.
 - Project prioritization.
- Road network analysis will continue over the next few months.

RECOMMENDATION

- It is recommended that the Technical Committee receive a report on the Proposed Future Road Projects for the MTP Update.

Discussion: Mr. Lucero reported on the initial model runs performed. Mr. Lucero indicated that the MPO is still calibrating the model and looking to evaluate the future roads identified by the entities. One thing that stood out initially was the future roads placed in the Crouch Mesa area and the overall effect on volumes in the network. Mr. Lucero shared that the scenarios will be calibrated to 2008 with the approved land use numbers and would be used to generate 2015 and 2035 scenarios. Future work will include a possible transit element for mode split and meeting again with the entities to discuss the modeling output.

Action: A report was received.

4. **RECEIVE SUGGESTIONS ON A PROCESS TO RANK THE REGIONAL BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN PROJECTS**

**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Agenda Item**

Subject:	Regional Bicycle/Pedestrian Projects
Prepared by:	Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner
Date:	July 14, 2009

BACKGROUND

- A list of regional bicycle/pedestrian projects were identified as part of the MPO Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan.
- Reviewing and ranking the projects will need to be completed in order to develop a prioritized list.
- Evaluation criteria for prioritizing projects were adopted as part of the plan.

CURRENT WORK

- The regional list was reviewed and updated project information was completed during meetings with entity staff.
- Staff is providing suggestions for developing a ranking process.

ANTICIPATED WORK

- Sort the regional projects into short, mid, and long range timeframes.
- Rank the projects using the adopted evaluation criteria.
- Develop a ranking process for prioritizing the list of regional bicycle/pedestrian projects.

ATTACHMENTS

- Suggestions for ranking the regional projects as provided by staff.
- The revised project list is provided under separate cover.

RECOMMENDATION

- It is recommended that the Technical Committee:
 - a) Receive suggestions from staff for how to rank the regional Bicycle/Pedestrian projects.
 - b) Determine a process for ranking the projects.

Discussion: Mr. Delmagori identified projects that had been modified based on meetings with the entities, starting with Project #14, which was split to include a Phase A and a Phase B. The phases of Project #14 involve adding bike lanes to Piñon Hills Blvd. west of 30th St and bike lanes to Twin Peaks Rd. Additional projects #18, 24 and 27 are along the Animas River Corridor and could possibly be combined to create a Bicycle/Pedestrian path from Farmington to Aztec with some parts along the road and other parts along the river. Mr. Delmagori explained a couple of options that could be used in the ranking and priority process. The first of the two options presented would be to keep the group of projects as a whole list and not separate them by timeframe and rate each project with a simple point scale based on the criteria. The second option would be to break the projects into 3 separate categories by Short-Range, Mid-Range and Long -Range and also use a weighted or point value to each category. Mr. Keck, Ms. Lopez, and Mr. Sullivan were in favor of the second option. Mr. Quintana asked whether the final ranked list could be used if federal funding became available and the projects met the criteria. Mr. Lucero stated yes, and reiterated that any applications would be submitted by the local entities, with MPO support through an expedited process.

Mr. Sullivan suggested using a 0-5 scale and to provide written descriptions that define each number. Mr. Delmagori answered Ms. Lopez' question regarding the number of projects currently on the regional list, which is 31. The term for Short-Range is less than 5 years, Mid-Range is 6 to 15 years, and Long-Range is more than 15 years. Ms. Baird suggested that projects with top votes from the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Group should get points awarded. Mr. Sullivan agreed with Mr. Delmagori's suggestion of up to 3 points based on BPAG rating.

Mr. Delmagori suggested discussing and ranking the Short-Range projects at the August Technical Committee meeting, the Mid-Range at the September Technical Committee meeting and the Long-Range projects at the October Technical Committee meeting. Mr. Keck agreed with that suggestion rather than to call a Work Session. Ms. Baird informed the committee that she would be unable to attend the August 27, 2009 Technical Committee meeting but could possibly meet with MPO Staff prior to the meeting to discuss her ranking of the projects.

Mr. Quintana questioned that if an entity knew that a project was going to be funded within a current CIP; should that project be removed from the list? Mr. Sullivan suggested leaving all the projects on the list and in order to show achieving implementation of the plan. Ms. Lopez shared that if a mid- or long-range project was ranked extremely high, perhaps it might be feasible to move it into the short-range timeframe. Mr. Sullivan agreed that the reverse may also become apparent after the evaluation. The Committee agreed that after all of the projects were reviewed then it would be worthwhile to place them in the appropriate timeframes based on the rankings.

Action: The Technical Committee agreed to use the second option presented in the agenda, to separate the project list into three categories and rank each project with criteria using a scale of 0-5 for the categories and a scale of 0-3 for the BPAG ranking. The rankings will begin at the August Technical Committee meeting.

5. RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE TRANSIT PLAN FOR THE MTP UPDATE

FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Agenda Item

Subject:	MTP Update Transit Plan
Prepared by:	Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner
Date:	July 14, 2009

BACKGROUND

- Future improvements to the Red Apple Transit system are identified in the MTP.
- The system will be analyzed as part of the MTP Update to ensure that transit service meets future demand.

CURRENT WORK

- A needs assessment for Red Apple has been started.
- Staff has collected Census data for vehicle ownership and for elderly, disabled, and low-income populations by census tract to better understand potential transit demand.
- Passenger counts on Red Apple were taken for two weeks to assist with origin-destination matrices for AM, mid-day, and PM peak periods.

ANTICIPATED WORK

- Make projections for future transit demand based on baseline Census data.
- Investigate and research the development of a transit element in the VISUM model.
- Using the passenger count information, assess the transit service provided by Red Apple Transit.

RECOMMENDATION

- It is recommended that the Technical Committee receive a report on the Transit Plan for the MTP Update.

Discussion: Mr. Delmagori distributed a map of the census tracks for San Juan County and the census tracks that fall with the FMPO boundary. Additionally a spreadsheet correlating with the map was also provided. The spreadsheet ranks the tracks by various categories in order to determine potential transit demand. Categories include young, elderly, and disabled populations, poverty levels, and vehicle ownership. The southern part of Farmington, East-Central Farmington, Crouch Mesa, and the Northwest portion of Bloomfield were top of the list because they have high numbers of people that fall into these categories.

Mr. Delmagori informed the committee that the MPO Staff have completed passenger counts over the past few weeks on the Red Apple Transit. The counts were performed in two and a half hour increments in the morning, mid-day and afternoon. These counts show the popular stops, where people are beginning and ending their trips. In addition linking the origins and destinations will provide an average travel time. Mr. Delmagori will finish compiling the results and report on the findings at the next Technical Committee meeting. Ms. Lopez asked whether there was an interrelation between disability, income or location. Mr. Lucero shared that early findings show that there is a portion of the population that is dependent on the transit system as their only means of transportation. Dr. Widoe stated that the 2000 Census looked at carpooling and that the MPO Staff may want to look at that type of transportation also.

Action: A report was received

6. RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE NEW FMPO PROJECTS IN THE DRAFT FY2010-2013 STIP

**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Agenda Item**

Subject:	Draft FY2010-2013 STIP
Prepared by:	Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner
Date:	July 14, 2009

BACKGROUND

- NMDOT is currently programming projects into its draft FY2010-2013 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).
- Project information in both the MPO TIP and the STIP must be consistent.

CURRENT WORK

- Some of the MPO unfunded project requests shown in the FY2010-2015 TIP are being programmed into the STIP for years 2012 and 2013.
- Member input on the draft STIP will be collected at the Technical Committee meeting.
- A TIP amendment will be completed in the coming months to indicate that new projects in the MPO are being funded with federal dollars.

ANTICIPATED WORK

- Amend the FY2010-2013 TIP.

ATTACHMENTS

- A project information list showing new MPO projects programmed into the draft FY2010-2013 STIP.

RECOMMENDATION

- It is recommended that the Technical Committee receive a report on the new FMPO projects in the draft FY2010-2013 STIP.

Discussion: Ms. Westerling arrived at the meeting at 11:00, and replaced Mr. Quintana as a voting member.

Mr. Delmagori presented the additional projects that are being programmed into the STIP.

The Department of Transportation is programming \$8 million over the course of 2 years for Phase 3 of the US 64 Hwy project. Also receiving funding will be the project for sidewalks on Piñon Hills from Butler to E. Main St., the pedestrian facilities along downtown Main Street in Aztec with the potential to shift funding to the pedestrian bridge on North Main, and the \$700,000 for the bridge on CR 6675 in Kirtland Area. In addition to these four projects, two other projects, the Aztec Airport Runway Rehabilitation and the design for the E. Blanco Rd. at US 550 in Bloomfield, received funding through the FAA and through the CO-OP program.

Action: A report was received.

7. RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE NMDOT

Discussion: Mr. Martinez began the report from District 5 with details regarding the US 64 Corridor project. The finalized project development is for an approximately 1.2 mile stretch beginning at 1st Street in Bloomfield and heading west. Mr. Martinez reminded the committee that the ARRA project certifications are due in August and to keep District 5 apprised of the status of those projects. Mr. Martinez provided information about the updating of the boiler plates for stimulus projects. There is currently a list of 20 documents that have to be included with bid documents and a CD will be provided to each entity.

Dr. Widoe shared his new assignment to cover the Northeast Regional Planning Organization as well as the FMPO. Dr. Widoe or Ray Matthew will be in attendance at the FMPO Committee Meetings. Additionally the department had a couple of personnel changes. Muffet Foy-Cuddy is no longer the Division Director and due to a retirement there is a vacancy in the planning division. Dr. Widoe stated that the NMED issued their final report of the Four Corners Air Quality identifying that the overwhelming sources of pollutants come from the Power Plants and from the Oil & Gas industry. Vehicles are also contributors but on a smaller scale. The report also suggests the need to take further measurement and even startup several other stations.

Dr. Widoe mentioned there is a push to extend SAFETEA-LU for 18 months. Dr. Widoe informed the committee that the DOT is taking a look at the FHWA functional classification system and the BIA functional classification system to find a way to match the classifications.

8. **REVIEW PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE RENEWAL OF THE COMMITTEE BYLAWS AND OPERATING PROCEDURES MANUAL**

**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Agenda Item**

Subject:	Committee Bylaws and Operating Procedures
Prepared by:	Martin Lucero, MPO Associate Planner
Date:	July 15, 2009

BACKGROUND

- The Committee Bylaws and Operating Procedures are guidelines by which the Policy and Technical committees are run.
- Descriptions of the Chair and Vice-Chair for each committee, removal and replacement process, and voting procedures are contained within this document.
- The Bylaws are formally updated in conjunction with the Joint Powers Agreement every three years.

CURRENT WORK

- Staff has entered the requested changes from both the Policy and Technical committees.
- Additional, proposed changes have been added to the Bylaws.
- A copy of the changes is provided for review and has been enclosed under a separate cover for the Technical Committee members.

ANTICIPATED WORK

- The Technical Committee will be asked to recommend approval of the revised and updated Committee Bylaws and Operating Procedures document in August.
- The Policy Committee will be asked to adopt the updated document in September.

RECOMMENDATION

- It is recommended that the Technical Committee review changes to the MPO Committee Bylaws and Operating Procedures and discuss any further revisions to the document.

Discussion: Mr. Lucero began his review of changes by explaining a request from the Policy Committee to remove their actual meeting months and indicate they will meet six times a year which will be determined by resolution. Ms. Westerling asked about the one year time frame regarding the alternate and Mr. Delmagori stated that it has always been in effect, just not in writing, which is the same for both committees. The discussion continued to make

changes to the wording to reflect that the alternate will remain a member until the time they are no longer able to serve as an alternate. The letters to the MPO will be for records purposes only when a change in membership occurs. Mr. Lucero covered the section on removing a member for non-attendance. Ms. Westerling voiced the opinion that when a member is absent and the alternate is in attendance, there is no loss of vote, so the continuity is still evident. She also stated that the Policy Committee is not involved in the Technical Committee membership and that wording should be removed. Mr. Keck asked Dr. Wideo what the federal regulations say. Dr. Wideo believed that talking with the member to find out if there are scheduling conflicts or if they are committed to the committee is the first step. If not, the committee chair should speak with the City Manager that designates members and recommend another person be appointed. Mr. Lucero stated that the changes would be made and presented at the next Technical Committee meeting.

Action: A report was received.

9. RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE FY2010 MPO BUDGET

**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Agenda Item**

Subject:	FY2010 Budget
Prepared by:	Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner
Date:	July 14, 2009

BACKGROUND or PREVIOUS WORK

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

CURRENT WORK

- Work Authorizations for the PL and 5303 funding have been received.
- Due to a revised Federal obligation limitation, the MPO is receiving \$1,620 less in regular PL for FY2010.
- FTA 5303 funding is \$1,334 more that what was estimated in April.
- Staff is developing an activities list to show how the unobligated PL funding will be used.
- The members are asked to provide input as to what types of planning activities the unobligated PL funding could be used for.
- The revised PL formula for upcoming years provides each MPO a minimum of \$100,000 to support a staff of two and the smaller MPOs will receive a supplemental amount of \$25,000 to assist with an additional employee, supplies, and equipment.

ATTACHMENTS

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

Discussion: Mr. Delmagori reviewed the actual funding dollars authorized for the Farmington MPO. The Federal PL Funds authorized for FY2010 is \$206,616 due in large part to the MPO's share of the unobligated PL funds in the amount of \$110,786. The FTA 5303 Funding amount is \$23,144. In addition the funding amounts for FY2011 look to be around \$185,000. MPO Staff will be updating the UPWP with how the additional funding will be spent. Ms. Westerling suggested using consultants and Mr. Sullivan thought that a consultant to do Transit Planning would be the best way to utilize the additional funding.

Action: A report was received.

10. RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE RED APPLE TRANSIT

**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Agenda Item**

Subject: Red Apple Transit Update
Prepared by: Martin Lucero, MPO Associate Planner
Date: July 15, 2009

RED APPLE UPDATE

- Ridership numbers for June will be provided under separate cover.

RECOMMENDATION

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

Discussion: Mr. Lucero shared that the June statistics had not been received and will be brought to the next scheduled meeting for review.

Action: No report was given

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION Agenda Item

Subject:	Information Items
Prepared by:	Martin Lucero, MPO Associate Planner
Date:	July 16, 2009

INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. **Transportation, Land Use, and Air Quality Conference.** Martin Lucero will attend the Transportation, Land Use, and Air Quality Conference hosted by Iowa State University in Denver, Colorado on July 28-29. Sessions include environment and transportation greenhouse gas emissions, freight emission modeling, and the transportation and land use relationship.
- b. **FY2009 UPWP 4th Quarter Report.** The summary of activities and expenditures by the MPO during April-June is now available on the MPO website.
- c. **MPO Quarterly Newsletter.** The current newsletter is available on the MPO website.
- d. **Other.**

Discussion: Mr. Delmagori stated that Mr. Lucero would be attending the Transportation, Land Use and Air Quality Conference in Denver. Mr. Delmagori shared that the Quarterly Report was available on the MPO website and that the newsletter would be mailed out by the end of the week. Ms. Westerling requested dates for the Air Quality Meeting in Durango. Dr. Wideo stated that it was being held on August 28, 2009 and that he believed it was a 2-day event.

12. BUSINESS FROM THE CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS AND STAFF

Discussion: There was no business from the chairman, members or staff.

13. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Discussion: Mr. Hubbard provided information about an Aztec Trails and Open Spaces grant application and requested a letter of support from the Farmington MPO be sent to Mayor Burbridge. He also shared that at a future date Mayor Burbridge would be presenting an overview on the ATOS and he would provide that information as he received it.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Discussion: Ms. Westerling made the motion to adjourn, Ms. Baird seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 12:10pm.

Dave Keck, Chairman

Dee Dee Moore, MPO Admin Aide

**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Agenda Item**

Subject:	FY2010-2015 TIP Amendment #2
Prepared by:	Martin Lucero, MPO Associate Planner
Date:	August 19, 2009

BACKGROUND

- On August 9, 2009 the Farmington MPO advertised Amendment #2 to the FY2010-FY2015 Transportation Improvement Program.
- The amendment adds several projects to the TIP due to NMDOT programming local projects into its FY2010-2013 STIP.

CURRENT WORK

- Full project details are attached.
- The MPO is holding a 30-day public comment period from August 9, 2009 to September 9, 2009.
- A public hearing will be held on Amendment #2 during the August 27, 2009 Technical Committee meeting.

ANTICIPATED WORK

- Present any public comments to the Technical Committee.
- Approve the amendment.
- The new FY2010-2013 STIP will reflect the new funding.

ATTACHMENTS

- Public Notice describing the projects that are part of Amendment #2.

RECOMMENDATION

- It is recommended that the Technical Committee hold a public hearing on and recommend approval of Amendment #2 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 #2 to the Farmington Metropolitan Planning Organization FY2010-FY2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Amendment #2 to the FY2010-2015 TIP adds several projects as follows:

Unfunded Project Requests shown in the TIP now being programmed into the FY2010-2013 STIP

TIP ID	NMDOT ID	PROJECT	TERMINI	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	FUNDING SOURCE	FISCAL YEAR	AMOUNT
U-DOT4	D5011	US 64 Farmington to Bloomfield Phase III	Manzano Mesa/ Salmon Ruins	Widen road to 6 lanes	National Hwy System	2012 and 2013	\$5.5 million and \$2.5 million
U-F1	F100070	Pinon Hills Blvd Sidewalks	Butler to E. Main St.	Construct sidewalks	STP/ Under 200,000	2013	\$600,000
U-A7		North Animas River Bridge	Ruins Rd to North Main Extension	Construct pedestrian bridge	Transportation Enhancements (TPE)	2013	\$600,000
U-SJ13	5100210	Bridge on CR 6675	N/A	Bridge repair	Bridge Replacement & Rehabilitation	2013	\$700,000

New Projects

TIP ID	PROJECT	TERMINI	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	FUNDING SOURCE	FISCAL YEAR	AMOUNT
A-13	Aztec Municipal Airport	Runway 8-26	Acquire land for development (BLM Land Transfer Fees), Rehabilitate Runway – 08/26 (Design Only)	Federal Aviation Administration	2010	\$175,000
B-9	E. Blanco Blvd (Phase 1)	US 550 to Saiz Lane	Design and Engineering	CO-OP	2010	\$171,456

As required by federal law and the Farmington MPO Public Participation Plan, the FMPO is holding a 30-day public Comment Period and Public Hearing on Amendment #2. The 30-day comment period is from Sunday, August 9, 2009 to Wednesday, September 9, 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, August 27, 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:	Ranking Regional Bicycle/Pedestrian Projects
Prepared by:	Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner
Date:	August 18, 2009

BACKGROUND

- A list of regional bicycle/pedestrian projects were identified as part of the MPO Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan.
- Evaluation criteria for prioritizing projects were adopted as part of the plan.
- Projects have been initially grouped into ranges in preparation for the ranking and prioritization process.

CURRENT WORK

- The Technical Committee has agreed to rank the projects using a 0-5 point scale which is applied to each evaluation category.
- Projects that were voted in the top 10 by the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Group (BPAG) will receive supplemental points.
- The Technical Committee will rank the short range projects on August 27.
- Staff will total the rankings and present the results.

ANTICIPATED WORK

- Rank mid-range projects in September.
- Rank long-range projects in October.
- Projects from all three ranges will be compared following the ranking exercises to determine a final prioritized list.
- Approve a prioritized list of bicycle/pedestrian projects as part of the MTP update.

ATTACHMENTS

- Evaluation Criteria.
- Project information sheet for all identified regional bicycle/pedestrian projects (provided under separate cover).
- Short Range Project Ranking Template (provided under separate cover).

RECOMMENDATION

- It is recommended that the Technical Committee rank the Short Range Regional Bicycle/Pedestrian projects based on approved evaluation criteria.

EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR REGIONAL BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN PROJECTS

Approved by the MPO Policy Committee on March 13, 2008

- **Economic Vitality** - Transportation costs for motorized vehicles may prevent persons from seeking work in the MPO area and elsewhere. By improving walking and biking facilities, and *especially walking and biking connections to transit*, options become available to facilitate transportation to employment areas for persons who otherwise give up seeking work because of transportation issues. Biking and walking improvements that lead to greater transit use may benefit area employers as well by providing them a larger pool of applicants.

Criteria: Will the pedestrian/bicycle improvement provide a direct link from a residential neighborhood to employment and to transit?

Criteria: Does the improvement provide a travel or recreational option for tourists to this area?

Criteria: Can the project improve quality of life by providing multimodal alternatives?

- **Safety** – Facilities for pedestrians and cyclists should have as few conflict points as possible. Intersections are the areas of the most interactions among motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians. Visual obstructions (high walls, overgrowth) should be kept to a minimum and buffer zones between sidewalks and high-speed, high-volume roads should be provided wherever possible. Adequate lighting is needed for off-street facilities. Bike racks should be available at civic buildings and at major employment centers.

Criteria: Does the improvement provide pedestrian amenities (lighting, painted crosswalks, pedestrian signals, etc) that could reduce accidents and fatalities?

Criteria: Does the improvement require bicyclists to interact with vehicles?

Criteria: Does the project provide a wide shoulder for a cyclist?

- **Accessibility, Mobility & Congestion** - The site-specific conditions that make it easier/difficult to get in and out of a destination. Accessibility would consider walking and biking improvements and ADA-compliance for facilities located *within* a development/activity center as well a 1/4 mile around the center. Mobility determines the flow of travel and congestion occurs when volumes are higher than the road's capacity.

Increase the number of destinations that are **accessible** by pedestrian and bicycle routes (i.e., sidewalks, bike lanes, and multimodal paths). Destinations include:

- a) Schools and school bus routes.
- b) Parks and cultural facilities
- c) Major employment centers
- d) Government buildings
- e) Shopping centers
- f) Other community facilities such as places of worship and non-profit civic associations.
- g) Transit stops.
- h) High density residential areas

Criteria: Does the pedestrian/bicycle improvement serve and increase **accessibility** to one or more of these destinations?

Criteria: Is the improvement located within a ¼ mile of a transit stop and ADA compliant?

- **Integration and Connectivity** - The network-level conditions that make it easier/difficult to get from one destination to another. This would include the links that serve between activity centers, major intersections, and critical corridors.

Increase the number of destinations that are **connected** by pedestrian and bicycle routes (i.e., sidewalks, bike lanes, and multimodal paths). Destinations include:

- a) Schools (elementary through college)
- b) Parks and cultural centers
- c) Major Employment centers
- d) Government buildings
- e) Shopping centers
- f) Other community facilities such as places of worship and non-profit civic associations.
- g) Transit locations
- h) High density residential neighborhoods

Criteria: How many of the identified destinations are **connected** by the pedestrian/bicycle improvement?

- **Funding & Costs** – Some pedestrian and bicycle improvements can be integrated into road construction costs. Others, which may be stand alone or entirely new facilities, will typically involve higher costs.

Criteria: Can the improvement be completed simultaneously during new road construction or during retrofit?

Criteria: Does the project provide a significant benefit to the region at a low cost?

**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Agenda Item**

Subject:	Renewal of the Joint Powers Agreement
Prepared by:	Martin Lucero, MPO Associate Planner
Date:	August 18, 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.
- The recommended updates to the language of the Joint Powers Agreement and suggested changes have been made by staff.

CURRENT WORK

- A final review by the Technical Committee will be performed at its August 27 meeting.

ANTICIPATED WORK

- Adoption of the JPA by the Policy Committee and approval by each member entity.

ATTACHMENTS

- The final draft of the JPA is provided to the members under separate cover.

RECOMMENDATION

- It is recommended that the Technical Committee recommend approval of the Joint Powers Agreement.

FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Agenda Item

Subject:	Committee Bylaws and Operating Procedures
Prepared by:	Martin Lucero, MPO Associate Planner
Date:	August 18, 2009

BACKGROUND

- The Committee Bylaws and Operating Procedures are guidelines by which the Policy and Technical committees are run.
- Descriptions of the Chair and Vice-Chair for each committee, a removal and replacement process, and voting procedures are contained within this document.
- The Bylaws are formally updated in conjunction with the Joint Powers Agreement every three years.
- Staff has entered the requested changes from both the Policy and Technical committees.

CURRENT WORK

- A final draft with proposed changes to the Bylaws and Operating Procedures has been created.
- The Technical Committee will be asked to review the revised and updated Committee Bylaws and Operating Procedures on August 27th.

ANTICIPATED WORK

- The Policy Committee will be asked to adopt the updated document in September.

ATTACHMENTS

- A copy of the final draft is provided under separate cover for the Technical Committee members.

RECOMMENDATION

- It is recommended that the Technical Committee recommend approval of the renewal to the MPO Committee Bylaws and Operating Procedures.

**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Agenda Item**

Subject:	FY2010 UPWP & FY2010 Budget Amendments
Prepared by:	Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner
Date:	August 18, 2009

BACKGROUND or PREVIOUS WORK

- The MPO prepared its FY2010 Budget based on initial funding estimates from NMDOT for FHWA PL and FTA 5303.
- Work Authorizations were provided to the MPO with official amounts for PL and 5303 funding
- NMDOT informed the MPOs that a one-time distribution of unobligated PL funds is available.

CURRENT WORK

- Staff has identified planning activities and tasks for distribution of the unobligated PL funds.
- The FY2010 UPWP budget has been updated to reflect final funding amounts.
- The members may provide input as to what types of planning activities the unobligated PL funding could be used for.

ATTACHMENTS

- The UPWP Amendment that links planning activities to the unobligated PL funds.
- The FY2010 UPWP Budget Amendment.

RECOMMENDATION

- It is recommended that the Technical Committee recommend approval of the amendments to the FY2010 UPWP and FY2010 Budget.

FY2010 UPWP Amendment
 Distribution of Unobligated PL to Planning Activities

Total PL Unobligated Funds:	\$110,786
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Program Support & Administration

For improvements to products for public display, staff intends to purchase additional graphic design software. The VISSIM program will complement the traffic model by giving staff the capability to demonstrate model output through visual displays and simulation.

Program Area	Activity/Task	Amount
Administration & Operation of the MPO	Graphic Design Software (In-Design, Photoshop, etc)	\$3,786
	Purchase VISSIM program	\$10,000
	Additional GIS software license	\$2,000
Professional Development	In-state Trainings	\$2,000
	Additional National Transportation Conference	\$5,000
	Program Area Subtotal	\$22,786

General Development & Comprehensive Planning

MPO staff is considering the purchase of traffic count devices to have available in the event that an immediate need for traffic counts arises. The MPO has an ITS Architecture in place; the next step is to develop a maintenance plan that tracks potential changes to projects, stakeholders, and ITS needs.

Program Area	Activity/Task	Amount
MTP Update	Public Outreach	\$2,000
	Analysis	\$3,000
	Documentation/Production Materials	\$2,000
Traffic Count Program	Buy Traffic Count Devices	\$10,000
ITS	Create ITS Maintenance Plan	\$3,000
	Program Area Subtotal	\$20,000

Long Range Planning

In order to create a mode split step for the traffic model, staff will consider building a transit element into the model. This will require data collection on transit ridership and the development of transit trip rates. The hiring of a consultant may be needed. The MPO will work to develop pro-active strategies for mitigating air quality impacts as part of the MTP update.

Program Area	Activity/Task	Amount
Traffic Demand Model	Building a transit element into the model; Consultant assistance/fees	\$20,000
Air Quality	Develop scenarios for emissions reduction	\$3,000
	Air Quality Analysis	\$4,000
	Policy Development	\$1,000
	Program Area Subtotal	\$28,000

Short Range Planning

As part of the MTP update, the MPO may seek to hire a consultant to assist with a comprehensive transit study that would determine expansion and service options for the Red Apple system.

Program Area	Activity/Task	Amount
Comprehensive Transit Study	Needs Assessment	\$5,000
	Data Collection	\$3,000
	Analysis	\$7,000
	Consultant Fees	\$25,000
	Program Area Subtotal	\$40,000

Farmington MPO FY2010 Budget				
Fund Source	FY2010 Estimated Budget (from Apr 2009)	Revised FY2010 Budget (based on Work Authorizations)	Unobligated PL & 5303 Carryover	Final FY2010 MPO Budget
FHWA PL - Federal Share	\$ 86,771	\$ 85,151	\$ 110,786	\$ 195,937
FHWA PL Required Match	\$ 14,787	\$ 14,511	\$ 18,879	\$ 33,390
FHWA PL Total	\$ 101,558	\$ 99,662	\$ 129,665	\$ 229,327
FHWA PL Traffic Counts - Federal	\$ 10,680			\$ 10,680
FHWA PL Required Match	\$ 1,820			\$ 1,820
FHWA PL Traffic Counts Total	\$ 12,500			\$ 12,500
FTA 5303 - Federal Share	\$ 21,810	\$ 23,144	\$ 4,879	\$ 28,023
FTA 5303 Required Match	\$ 5,453	\$ 5,786	\$ 1,220	\$ 7,006
FTA 5303 Total	\$ 27,263	\$ 28,930	\$ 6,099	\$ 35,029
Federal Share of FY2010 MPO Budget	\$ 119,261			\$ 234,640
Local Required Match	\$ 22,059			\$ 42,216
Local Overmatch Total	\$ 152,745			\$ 16,832
Estimated MPO Grand Budget	\$ 294,065			\$ 293,688
Maximum Total Local Contribution (Match & Overmatch)	\$ 174,804			\$ 59,048
Maximum Aztec Share (10%)	\$ 17,480			\$ 5,905
Maximum Bloomfield Share (10%)	\$ 17,480			\$ 5,905
Maximum Farmington Share (60%)	\$ 104,882			\$ 35,429
Maximum SJ County Share (20%)	\$ 34,961			\$ 11,810
% Reduction in Local Contribution = -66.2%				
NOTES:				
Due to a revision in the FOBL from 91.5% to 90.0%, the regular PL funding was reduced by \$1,620.				
The FTA 5303 Work Authorization amount provided the MPO with \$1,334 more than estimated in April 2009.				
The MPO carried over \$4,879 in FTA 5303 from FY2009				
The grand MPO budget approved by the Farmington City Council was \$377 less than estimated in April 2009.				
The MPO's portion of the one-time distribution of unobligated PL totals \$110,786.				

**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Agenda Item**

Subject:	Transportation Authorization Letter to AMPO
Prepared by:	Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner
Date:	August 19, 2009

CURRENT WORK

- SAFETEA-LU expires on September 30, 2009.
- Congress is preparing to develop a new authorization bill.
- Proposals in the new bill raise some concerns for the MPOs in New Mexico.
- A list of concerns is explained in the attached letter:
 - Focus is mostly on large metro areas and rural areas
 - Recommendation for proportional voting for committees
 - Establishing performance measures for MPOs
- The New Mexico MPOs intend to submit the letter to AMPO after all Policy Committee chairmen have signed it.
- A summary of these reports is attached for information.

RECOMMENDATION

- It is recommended that the Technical Committee recommend approval of submitting a letter from the MPOs in New Mexico to AMPO regarding Transportation Authorization.



September, 2009

Ms. DeLania Hardy
Executive Director
Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations
1029 Vermont Ave., NW, Suite 710
Washington, D.C. 20005

RE: Concerns from the New Mexico MPOs Regarding the Federal Transportation Legislation

Dear Ms. Hardy:

The New Mexico MPOs have a few concerns about proposed changes to the federal transportation legislation.

First, we are concerned about the focus being put on the major metro areas and the rural areas. While these areas have crucial transportation issues, the vast majority of MPOs in the country are neither major metro nor rural areas. This includes all of the New Mexico MPOs. We are concerned that the small and medium-sized MPOs may get overlooked in the development and implementation of the next transportation bill.

Second, we are concerned about the possibility of having proportional voting mandated by the next transportation bill. Some of the New Mexico MPOs have a form of proportional voting and others do not. In each case the makeup of the Policy Committee went through painstaking processes; processes that would take a great deal of time to amend and would cause a lot of upheaval. It is quite likely that mandating a proportional voting structure may upset MPOs committees that have been working well for many years.

Third, we are concerned about having specific performance measures directed to MPOs through legislation. Defining performance measures that apply to planning organizations have proven to be elusive since planning is often a hard discipline to quantify. Furthermore, given the unique circumstances that face each MPO, applying the same types of performance measures to every MPO may not be practical. More clarification of the context of the performance measures will be needed. Also, MPOs under 200,000 do not have programming authority like MPOs over 200,000. Therefore, it will be much more difficult for small MPOs to affect changes in air quality, for example, without close cooperation with the state DOT or local agencies, which can be hard to coordinate.

Finally, the small MPOs in New Mexico (not including Albuquerque) would like to express our concern over the lack of programming authority in the TIP. We endeavor to coordinate project selection with the DOT, but this can be difficult as they have many unfunded needs as well. This can lead to many crucial local lead projects being overlooked and a lack of interest by our local entities in the MTP and TIP processes.

We understand that you have received many comments from other MPOs, but we would appreciate a response, if possible.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these issues.

Sincerely,

Sam Hinson
Farmington MPO Policy Committee Chair

Cc: Mike Sullivan, MPO Officer
Joe Delmagori, Farmington MPO
FMPO Policy Committee Members
FMPO Technical Committee Members

Metropolitan Planning Provisions in the Blueprint released by House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, June 18, 2009

THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2009

Metropolitan Planning

The Surface Transportation Authorization Act maintains and strengthens the metropolitan and statewide transportation planning requirements. The Act includes a number of reforms that will increase the ability of metropolitan and local governments to access and benefit from both sub-allocated STP funding and transportation enhancement funds. The Act:

Reforms the MPO process

- Increases the population threshold for mandatory MPO creation to 100,000, up from the current requirement that all areas with a population of at least 50,000 create MPOs, but allows those existing MPOs in smaller areas to remain in existence under the previous program requirements;
- Ensures increased participation by public transit officials in all MPOs; and
- Reforms the MPO certification process by requiring proportional voting on MPO boards as well as performance targets, and applies certification requirements to all MPOs serving areas with a population of more than 100,000.

Establishes new performance targets

- Creates a national MPO database at DOT to collect information on MPO performance;
- Requires DOT to set transportation planning performance measures for MPOs;
- Sets minimum requirements for MPOs' performance measures;
- Requires MPOs to develop performance targets to meet the performance measures;
- Requires annual reporting documenting the degree to which MPOs are meeting performance targets; and
- Links performance management to MPO certification process.

Strengthens the planning process for the largest metropolitan areas

- Requires "Blueprint" alternative scenario planning for metropolitan planning areas with populations of more than one million (or more than 500,000 for metropolitan areas wishing to receive MMA funding); and
- Blueprint planning techniques include, at a minimum, an assessment of the following:
 - land use patterns that support improved mobility and reduced dependency on single-occupant vehicle trips;
 - an adequate supply of housing for all income levels;
 - limited impacts on valuable farmland, natural resources, and air quality;
 - a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions;
 - an increase in water and energy conservation and efficiency; and
 - an increase in livable communities.

Strengthens the role of rural agencies in the statewide process

- Recognizes RPOs that currently exist within the States;
- Directs States to coordinate with existing RPOs and local officials in the statewide transportation planning process; and
- Removes the provision added in the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (P.L. 105-178) (TEA 21) prohibiting DOT from reviewing the rural consultation process.

Establishes new performance targets

- Requires DOT to set transportation planning performance targets for States;
 - Sets minimum requirements for States' performance targets;
 - Requires States to develop performance targets to meet the performance targets;
 - Requires annual reporting documenting the degree to which States are meeting performance targets; and
 - Links performance management to statewide planning funds.

Expands Scope of Planning Process (includes emissions reductions and linkage to climate change)

- Includes new statements of general policy affirming that it is in the national interest to:
 - Reduce fuel consumption, reliance on foreign oil, impacts on the environment and greenhouse gas emissions; and
 - Encourage livability, sustainability, coordination, and connectivity.
- Expands the scope of the planning processes to require consideration of projects and strategies that will:
 - Increase sustainability, connectivity, and livability;
 - Reduce transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions, reliance on foreign oil, and the impacts of climate change;
 - Improve public health; and
 - Promote consistency among transportation, housing, and land use patterns.

Creates an emissions reduction process that

- Requires the Environmental Protection Agency and DOT to set national emissions reduction goals, as well as standardized models and methodologies for use in developing emissions reduction targets;
- Requires States and MPOs to develop emissions reduction targets and strategies designed to meet national goals as part of the transportation planning process;
- Sets minimum requirements for States' and MPOs' emissions reduction targets and strategies; and
- Links the emissions reduction requirements to performance measures and MPO certification.

STP Funds

Maintains STP largely in its current form, making no changes to either the formula by which funding is apportioned to States or the types of projects on which States may spend STP funding. The Act does, however, include a number of reforms to increase the ability of metropolitan and local governments to access and benefit from both suballocated STP funding and TE funds. The Act:

Allows metropolitan areas to use their suballocated STP funds as easily as States

- Provides major metropolitan areas with a more predictable stream of obligation limitation, increasing their ability to plan and implement their priorities on a predictable and timely basis.

Ensures local access to transportation enhancement funds

- Broadens the distribution of TE funds by replacing the "off-the-top" 10 percent TE set-aside with a rule that when States distribute TE funds throughout the State based on population, 10 percent of such funds in each area must be spent on TEs.

Requires broader consultation prior to spending STP funds in non-urbanized areas

- Requires States to consult with rural planning organizations prior to using suballocated STP funds in areas that such organizations represent.

CMAQ

Reforms the CMAQ program by distributing CMAQ funds according to needs by targeting CMAQ funding at nonattainment and maintenance areas

- Continues to provide funding to States based on population and in relation to air quality challenges;
- Requires States to invest their CMAQ funds proportionally in relation to emissions and air quality challenges within the State; and
- Provides for the suballocation of CMAQ funds to large metropolitan areas that are classified as nonattainment and maintenance areas.
- Continues to provide significant flexibility in project selection, recognizing that different regions have different challenges and needs to address; and
- Removes a provision requiring that priority be placed on diesel retrofit projects.

**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Agenda Item**

Subject:	Road Runner-Red Apple Transit Status Report
Prepared by:	Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner
Date:	August 18, 2009

CURRENT WORK

- Peter Tregillus with SUCAP will give a report on the status of linking transit service between Ignacio and Aztec.
- The service would provide a regional link between Road Runner Transit and Red Apple Transit.

RECOMMENDATION

- It is recommended that the Technical Committee receive a report on the status of connecting Road Runner Transit to Red Apple Transit.

**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Agenda Item**

Subject:	Initial Roadway Analysis Results
Prepared by:	Martin Lucero, MPO Associate Planner
Date:	August 18, 2009

BACKGROUND

- Staff developed a future road network map that identifies potential future road improvements and proposed road classification changes.
- Staff worked with each individual entity to evaluate each proposed road change and classification.
- Staff held four public meetings in August to seek input on the future road network map and public input on road network priorities.

CURRENT WORK

- Model runs have been performed for the base year and future 2035 model year.
- Model has been calibrated for both the base year and 2035 model year using the newest adopted land use numbers.

ANTICIPATED WORK

- Calibrate midyear model for 2015.
- Perform model runs for the model year 2015.
- Prioritize road network based on evaluation categories, feasibility, and efficiency.

ATTACHMENTS

- Road network model runs provided to the members under separate cover.

RECOMMENDATION

- It is recommended that the Technical Committee receive a report on initial analysis of the proposed future road projects.

**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Agenda Item**

Subject:	MTP Update Transit Plan
Prepared by:	Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner
Date:	August 19, 2009

BACKGROUND

- The transit system will be analyzed as part of the MTP Update to ensure that transit service meets future demand.

CURRENT WORK

- A needs assessment for Red Apple has been started.
- Passenger counts on Red Apple were taken throughout the month of July to assist with origin-destination matrices for AM, mid-day, and PM peak periods.
- A summary report of the passenger counts has been completed; the report describes common connections and general observations of the transit system.
- Staff will discuss the passenger counts and some of the observed travel patterns at the Technical Committee on August 27.

ANTICIPATED WORK

- Make projections for future transit demand based on baseline Census data.
- Using the passenger count information, assess how transit service can be expanded.

RECOMMENDATION

- It is recommended that the Technical Committee receive a report on the Transit Plan for the MTP Update.

**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Agenda Item**

Subject:	Information Items
Prepared by:	Martin Lucero, MPO Associate Planner
Date:	August 18, 2009

INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. **Four Corners Air Quality Meeting.** The New Mexico Environmental Department will hold a meeting in Durango on August 27 to provide updates and discuss the final modeling report and its implementation.
- b. **Safe Routes to School Program Update.** Student arrival counts will be taken at Apache Elementary during the week of September 8, at McKinley Elementary during the week of September 15, and at Mesa Verde Elementary during the week of September 22.
- c. **MTP Public Meetings.** Staff held an information booth at the following public events to gather public input on the MTP Update: Farmers Market on August 11, Connie Mack World Series on August 12, and San Juan County Fair on August 14. A booth was also set up at San Juan College on August 26.
- d. **TIGER Grant Applications.** Applications are due on September 15, 2009.
- e. **Other.**