

Public Participation Plan

Farmington Metropolitan Planning Organization

Aztec, Bloomfield, Farmington, Kirtland,
and San Juan County, New Mexico

Farmington MPO - 100 W Broadway - Farmington, NM 87401

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Farmington Metropolitan Planning Organization Public Participation Plan

Introduction

Pursuant to 23 CFR 450.316, this Public Participation Plan guides the public involvement activities conducted by the Farmington Metropolitan Planning Organization (FMPO). The plan seeks to be inclusive to all community members and to encourage active public participation in assisting the MPO to identify and provide input on transportation issues, programs and projects at every stage of the MPO's planning process. Specific public involvement procedures are identified within this Plan for various MPO activities. Every effort is made to reach and encourage participation by all persons, including traditionally underserved populations, low-income persons, minority households, persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP), and persons with disabilities. Outreach methods and tools for public involvement are addressed in the Public Involvement section of this Plan.

Background

The Farmington MPO, initially formed in 2003, has the responsibility for the regional transportation planning for the MPO's planning area, which includes the cities of Aztec, Bloomfield, Farmington, the Town of Kirtland, and the urbanized area of San Juan County, New Mexico. Federal regulations require that an MPO be designated to carry out a comprehensive, continuing and coordinated transportation planning process for urbanized areas with a population of 50,000 or more. The Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments (NWNMCOG) is the administrative agent for the Farmington MPO, while the City of Farmington continues to serve as the MPO's Fiscal Agent. The Farmington MPO planning area map is depicted in Appendix A.

Committee Structure

As shown in Table 1, two committees provide guidance to the Farmington MPO. The Policy Committee, the governing body for the MPO, is also the forum for cooperative decision-making on transportation related matters. Consisting of nine (9) elected or appointed officials of local government and the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT), the Policy Committee provides policy guidance and direction for the urban transportation planning process. Representatives

of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), as well as the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) may also be appointed ex-officio (non-voting) members of the Policy Committee.

The Technical Committee is an advisory committee to the Policy Committee. The nine (9) members of the Technical Committee are selected from the staffs of each of the local governmental entities, Red Apple Transit, and the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT). Representatives from the FHWA and NMDOT may also be ex-officio members of the Technical Committee.

Table 1: Farmington MPO Committee Structure

	Policy Committee	Technical Committee
Voting Members		
City of Aztec	1	1
City of Bloomfield	1	1
City of Farmington	3	2
Town of Kirtland	1	1
San Juan County	2	2
New Mexico Department of Transportation	1	1
Red Apple Transit	0	1
Non-Voting		
Federal Highway Administration	Ex-officio ¹	Ex-officio ¹
MPO Officer	Staff	Ex-officio, Staff

¹Policy Committee may make appointments under the Joint Powers Agreement

Planning Goals

The Farmington Metropolitan Planning Organization, in cooperation with NMDOT, shall address the seven (7) National Planning Goals in the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, listed below, by establishing performance targets.

Goal Area	National Goal
Safety	To achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads
Infrastructure condition	To maintain the highway infrastructure asset system in a state of good repair
Congestion reduction	To achieve a significant reduction in congestion on the National Highway System
System reliability	To improve the efficiency of the surface transportation system
Freight movement and economic vitality	To improve the national freight network, strengthen the ability of rural communities to access national and international trade markets, and support regional economic development
Environmental sustainability	To enhance the performance of the transportation system while protecting and enhancing the natural environment
Reduced project delivery delays	To reduce project costs, promote jobs and the economy, and expedite the movement of people and goods by accelerating project completion through eliminating delays in the project development and delivery process, including reducing regulatory burdens and improving agencies' work practices

Meetings, Notices, Access

Federal and state laws set certain requirements and guidelines for public notice, public access to information, the provision of timely information, for all citizens, including the inclusion of traditionally underserved segments of the population. The

Farmington MPO will comply with all requirements and will take specific actions to promote active public involvement in transportation planning. These actions will include the posting of notices throughout the MPO's planning area, and providing notices, meeting agendas, proposed draft documents, and final documents in other languages, as requested in advance.

Open Meetings

Open public meetings are required where Federal-aid highway or transit projects are involved. The New Mexico Open Meetings Act requires reasonable notice to the public of meetings where public policy is formulated, public business is discussed, or authorized actions are taken. All meetings of the Farmington MPO Policy Committee and its advisory committees are subject to the provisions of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act. The following specific actions will be taken to ensure compliance with the Act:

1. The Policy Committee will meet at least quarterly, with the specific day, time and location determined by annual resolution. The regular Policy Committee meeting locations typically rotate among the member entities.
2. The Technical Committee will meet monthly, with the specific day, time, and location determined by annual resolution. The regular Technical Committee meeting locations also rotate among the member entities.
3. Through resolution, the Policy Committee and its advisory committees will make an annual determination of reasonable notice in compliance with Federal regulations.
4. Notices for special meetings of the Policy Committee and its advisory committees will be published in the Farmington Daily-Times at least three (3) days prior to the meeting date.
5. Meeting notices will be posted at least three (3) days prior to the meeting date at the Farmington Municipal Building, 800 Municipal Drive. Meeting notices will also be posted at additional locations, including those listed in Appendix B.
6. Notices will be available in alternative formats and languages, upon request.
7. Agendas and supporting documentation will be available for review at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the meeting.

Reasonable Public Access to Technical and Policy Information

Technical and policy information is used to develop plans and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Reasonable public access to that information will be made through the following specific actions.

1. The Farmington MPO staff will be available during business hours to discuss technical and policy information with citizens and other interested parties.
2. Through prior arrangement, Farmington MPO staff will be available to meet with groups during and outside of normal business hours.
3. The Farmington MPO will maintain a library of past and current transportation planning studies and materials that will be available for review during normal business hours.
4. Copies of materials will be available for the cost of reproduction and postage.

Inspection of Records/Availability of Proposed Documents

All Farmington MPO work products are available for public inspection. Inspection and availability of Farmington MPO documents will be as follows:

1. The Farmington MPO will follow the requirements of the Inspection of Public Records Act, 14-2-1 NMSA 1978. A copy is available by calling the MPO office and is online at:
<http://public.nmcompcomm.us/nmpublic/gateway.dll/?f=templates&fn=default.htm>
2. Draft or proposed documents and amendments will be available to the public free of charge at the Farmington MPO Office (100 W Broadway, Farmington), via telephone (505-599-1466), US Mail, email to/from the MPO, or can be downloaded online from the MPO's website.
3. Draft or proposed documents and amendments will be available for review at listed locations in Appendix B.
4. If requested from the public, documents or portions of documents will be transcribed into alternative formats or languages.

FTA Public Participation Requirements

As a recipient of federal transit planning funds and the developer of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the MPO must meet the following public participation requirements for the Program of Projects (POP):

- Make available to the public information on amounts available to the recipient under this section and the program of projects the recipient proposes to undertake.

- FTA 5303 planning funds will be made available in the annual Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP); any funding dedicated to capital purchases or operations of the transit system will be included in the TIP.
- Develop, in consultation with interested parties, including private transportation providers, a proposed program of projects for activities to be financed.
 - On an annual basis, the MPO will consult with Red Apple Transit and the NMDOT Transit Bureau to develop the Program of Projects (POP) as part of the annual TIP development process. Interested parties will have an opportunity to review the TIP during its development.
- Publish a proposed program of projects in a way that affected citizens, private transportation providers, and local elected officials have the opportunity to examine the proposed program and submit comments on the proposed program and the performance of the recipient.
 - Prior to adoption of any newly developed TIP, the MPO will hold a 30-day public comment period to solicit input on near-term transportation projects, including transit projects.
- Provide an opportunity for a public hearing in which to obtain the views of citizens on the proposed program of projects.
 - The public will have the opportunity to provide comments at a public hearing at either the MPO Technical or Policy Committee meetings.
- Ensure that the proposed program of projects provides for the coordination of public transportation services assisted under section [5336](#) of this title with transportation services assisted from other United States Government sources.
 - The POP will include capital and operating funding for Red Apple Transit that will be used to carry out public transportation services.
- Consider comments and views received, especially those of private transportation providers, in preparing the final program of projects.
 - Any comments received, whether from the transit provider or the public, will be reviewed by MPO staff and brought to the attention of the MPO Policy and Technical Committees. A summary of public comments will be included in the TIP.
- Make the final program of projects available to the public.

- Transit planning activities and projects that will be undertaken by the MPO will be included in the annual UPWP. The UPWP and the adopted TIP will be made available to the public on the MPO website and at the MPO office.

Environmental Justice and Title VI

The needs of those traditionally underserved will be sought and considered by the Farmington MPO.

Environmental Justice (EJ) is the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. The MPO will work to ensure that the transportation system considers the needs of all people and that minorities, low-income, elderly, and the disabled do not bear a disproportionate share of the negative impacts resulting from the transportation system.

EJ concerns and goals should be considered throughout all public engagement efforts, from project planning through construction and operation. This includes public outreach conducted during transportation planning and during the environmental reviews required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Through its public involvement efforts, the MPO will strive to achieve the following environmental justice goals:

- To avoid, minimize, or mitigate disproportionately high and adverse human health and environmental effects, including social and economic effects, on minority populations and low-income populations.
- To ensure the full and fair participation by all potentially affected communities in the transportation decision-making process.
- To prevent the denial of, reduction in, or significant delay in the receipt of benefits by minority and low-income populations.

Title VI states that no person shall, on the basis of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, denied benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. The MPO will ensure that the input and feedback from all people will be considered in the development of MPO planning documents and activities.

The following actions relating to Environmental Justice and Title VI are meant to reduce the barriers for participation in the decision-making process by low income, minority or disabled individuals.

1. When possible, public meetings will be held in locations that are convenient to low and moderate income neighborhoods and accessible to disabled populations. Such locations include community centers, senior centers and schools. Where possible, MPO staff will meet at the locations of businesses, neighborhood groups, stakeholders, and other agencies.
2. Upon request, all MPO work products and documents will be made available in alternative formats, including Braille, large type and languages other than English.
3. The following statement will be included in all MPO documents: The Farmington MPO does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in the provision of services. This document can be made available in alternative formats by calling the MPO Office at 599-1466 (voice) or 599-1168 (TTY).
4. The following statement will be included in all meeting announcements: *If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact the MPO Administrative Aide at the Downtown Center, 100 W Broadway, Farmington, New Mexico, at least one week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible. Public documents, including the agenda and minutes, can be provided in various accessible formats. Please contact the MPO Officer if a summary or other type of accessible format is needed.*
5. Agencies and organizations that represent low income, minority and disabled populations will be identified and included in MPO mailings.
6. The MPO will periodically evaluate Environmental Justice actions and Title VI requirements to ensure effectiveness of public involvement.
7. The MPO will produce a series of demographic maps illustrating income, race, health and other regional data that will inform the public of potential EJ areas.

Public Involvement – Outreach, Methods, and Activities

The Farmington MPO will use a variety of methods to encourage public involvement amongst all community members, including those without internet service and those with Limited English Proficiency (LEP). The efficacy of these methods and activities in keeping the public informed and encouraging participation will be evaluated continuously.

Low-Income, Minority, Language and Special Needs Participation Encouragement

The issue of the number of households and persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) in the community was researched to look at the language needs in the MPO's planning area. According to 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, the largest "Limited English speaking household" group at 890 households or 2.12%, "Other languages" would most likely include Navajo speakers because of the proximity of the Navajo Nation to the MPO's planning area. Navajo is historically a spoken and not a written language. A recent internet search indicates that no newspapers are currently published in the Navajo language and that the Navajo Nation continues to publish their public notices in the Navajo Times in English.

The next largest "Limited English speaking household" group at 617 households (approximately 1,858 persons) or 1.47% of all households in San Juan County speak Spanish.

Appendix D details language usage in San Juan County. This research provides the justification for printing required Public Notices in English and Spanish.

To specifically address the need and Federal requirement to encourage participation in the planning, development, and review of MPO documents by underserved populations, low-income persons, minority households, persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP), and persons with disabilities, the following steps shall be taken:

- Public hearing notices for draft and final documents will be published in English and Spanish in the local newspaper.
- All public hearing notices for draft and final documents will also be physically posted in public spaces in the Aztec City Hall, the Bloomfield City Hall, the Farmington City Hall, the Kirtland Town Hall, the San Juan County Administration Building, the Farmington Indian Center (to target Native Americans), the Sycamore Park Community Center (to target Hispanics and Low Income Families and Individuals), the San Juan Center for Independence (to target the Disabled), and the Bonnie Dallas Senior Center, the Bloomfield Senior Center, and the Aztec Senior Center (to target the Elderly). The timing of these postings will match the timing of the public hearing notices placed in the newspaper.

Mailing Lists, Email Lists

Mailing lists, including email lists, maintained by MPO staff will be used to notify interested parties of upcoming meetings, proposals, and other events. Mailing lists will include neighborhood associations, community groups, community-based organizations, non-profit organizations, business and professional groups, environmental groups, special interest groups, elected and appointed officials, affected agencies and interested citizens. The lists may be customized so that recipients receive only items of particular interest. At all public meetings, workshops, outreach meetings, and consultations, attendees will be given the opportunity to provide their email address so that they may be notified of any future notices regarding the development of MPO plans, documents, and Requests for Proposals.

The mailing lists will be updated continuously.

Newsletter

A newsletter will be produced at least twice a year. It will be distributed to all parties on the mailing lists. Each issue will contain staff contact information, meeting schedules, project highlights, results of technical activities, information on policy issues and decision making activities, and current planning project status reports. *The newsletter will be produced in the spring and fall.*

MPO Website

The Farmington MPO maintains a website (www.farmingtonmpo.org). The website is continuously updated to provide the most current information available. The Public Participation Plan is available on the MPO website. The website also includes:

- Meeting calendars, agendas, and minutes
- Proposed and Final MPO work products, maps, and publications
- The Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program
- Current MPO and advisory committee information
- Contact information
- Red Apple Transit studies and data collection activities
- Safe Routes to School activities
- Traffic count information

- Links to related agencies

Targeted Surveys

When appropriate, such as during the preparation of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, the MPO may use targeted surveys to assist in identifying the region's transportation needs, existing services available to meet those needs, assessing any gaps in meeting those needs, and developing strategies to address outstanding needs. Surveys will be provided in various locations and formats, and if requested, in various languages.

Visualization Techniques

The MPO will utilize user-friendly visualization techniques for describing transportation plans, corridor studies, and other documents. These techniques may include GIS for mapping proposed and existing projects, charts and diagrams, surveys, and the posted presentations. The MPO will continuously seek ways to improve its visualization techniques.

All Media, including Social Media

Members of the media are critical in getting information to the public on significant transportation activities and issues. The MPO will maintain ongoing communication with the media through various means, including press releases, interviews, and submitting articles to the local news media.

The Farmington Daily Times will be used as the primary print media for advertising transportation issues of interest to the general population. Other newspaper outlets may also be utilized.

Social media provides fast and convenient ways of communication, which could prove beneficial for the MPO and its interaction with stakeholders, interested parties, and the general public. The MPO will create and maintain a social media presence for engaging stakeholders and the general public regarding its work.

Public Service Announcements (PSAs)

Create and run public service announcements about the MPO's programs and its processes to inform, educate and promote public involvement.

National Bike Month, Take Transit Month

Use these national recognition months to promote the MPO and alternative modes of transportation. Activities may include resolutions, public service announcements, keynote speakers, neighborhood meetings or other activities.

MPO Logo

The Farmington MPO adopted a logo that assists the public in recognizing MPO products and activities. The logo is used on all products and publications of the Farmington MPO.



Consultation with Interested Parties

When developing or updating its plans, the MPO will make every efforts to consult with a variety of organizations and groups that are affected by or play a role in achieving an efficient transportation system. The list of interested parties shall include, but not be limited to:

- Local planning and engineering staffs
- NMDOT
- Local transit and paratransit providers
- Northwest NM Council of Governments (also acts as Northwest Regional Planning Organization)
- Bicycle and pedestrian organizations

- Disabled community
- School transportation providers
- Bureau of Land Management
- Local economic development groups
- Environmental protection agencies
- Airports
- Freight companies/ oil and gas industry
- Local Native American tribal governments
- Historic preservation organizations
- Safety/emergency dispatch
- Citizens Advisory Committees

To avoid potential conflict and as part of the consultation process, the MPO will review any available planning documents that have been developed by these agencies.

Public Comment and Response to Comments

Public comment forms will be available at meetings where specific issues are being presented at public meetings. The comment forms may be mailed or emailed to the MPO office or be given to MPO staff at the meeting.

Oral or written comments received through the hearing process will be included as an appendix to the document under review or will be summarized and presented to the adopting body. Public comments made to the MPO by phone or by email will be responded to in a timely manner and the comments will be archived by the MPO.

MPO Work Products

The intensity, scope, and duration of public involvement will vary depending on the MPO work product. The following section outlines the MPO's basic work product types and the minimum input, review, comment and hearing opportunities that will be offered before adoption.

Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) is a comprehensive plan of the transportation system that looks at least 20 years into the future. The Farmington MPO adopted the current MTP on September 24, 2015. Federal law requires that major updates occur at least every five years after it is adopted. The MTP must be prepared in accordance with 23 CFR 450.324, as amended, and the NMDOT Planning Procedures Manual, which is available upon request from the MPO staff..

The adopted MTP will be posted on the MPO website and made available at the MPO Office. Any amendments to the MTP will follow the process described above.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a short-term listing of projects expected to be constructed in the immediate future. A new TIP is adopted every two (2) years. As stated in 23 CFR 450.326, the MPO, in cooperation with NMDOT, the transit operator, and the entities, shall develop a TIP for the metropolitan planning area. The TIP shall include:

- All federally funded projects with regional significance
- Project details such as project description, termini, phases of the project, and funding source and year
- Financial information that demonstrates how the TIP will be implemented

The TIP development schedule and key steps in the process are provided in the NMDOT STIP Procedures Manual. The MPO's TIP may include additional information for the public, such as:

- Priority lists of projects categorized by funding source to be used for future programming.
- Locally funded projects

The NMDOT STIP Procedures Manual is available upon request from the MPO staff.

Public Participation Plan

The Public Participation Plan (PPP) will be updated in accordance to 23 CFR 450.316 at least every five years, in conjunction with the MTP, based on the following process:

The MPO will inform interested parties about the plan update process and will provide the draft PPP for their input.

- The comment period on the updated Public Participation Plan will last at least forty-five (45) days.
- The draft PPP will be made available for review at the MPO Office (100 W Broadway, Farmington), as well at additional locations, including those listed in Appendix B.
- Notices regarding the update and the public comment period will be posted in the local newspaper and on the MPO website.
- The updated Public Participation Plan will be presented to the MPO Tech Committee for review and recommendation to the Policy Committee, prior to the Policy Committee's adoption.

Policies and Standards

Policies and standards for supporting the multi-modal transportation needs in the region will be developed over time, often in conjunction with the development of the MTP or other planning documents. These policies and standards will be available for public review and comment during advertised Policy and Technical Committee meetings.

Area Studies and Corridor Plans

From time to time, the MPO will undertake area studies and corridor plans where there is a specific need of intensive study to determine potential transportation needs. Involving persons who might be affected directly by the study results will be accomplished through the following process:

- Notice will be sent by regular mail to those residing within or owning property within the study area and those 300 feet outside of the study area.
- At least one public input meeting will be held at a location convenient to the affected persons.
- The Technical Committee will forward their recommendation to the Policy Committee.
- The Policy Committee will adopt the area study or corridor plan.

Amendments to Adopted Documents

Amendments to documents such as the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program are occasionally necessary after they have been adopted. With the exception of emergency or exempt projects, amendments will use the following process:

The MPO will announce the proposed amendment to the MTP, TIP, or other MPO planning document at a Technical Committee meeting and through an advertisement in the local newspaper stating the availability of the amendment.

- The public comment period will last a minimum of 15 days.
- The TIP Amendment process will adhere to procedures outlined in the NMDOT STIP Procedures Manual.
- Amendments will be reviewed by the MPO Tech Committee for a recommendation to the Policy Committee for adoption.

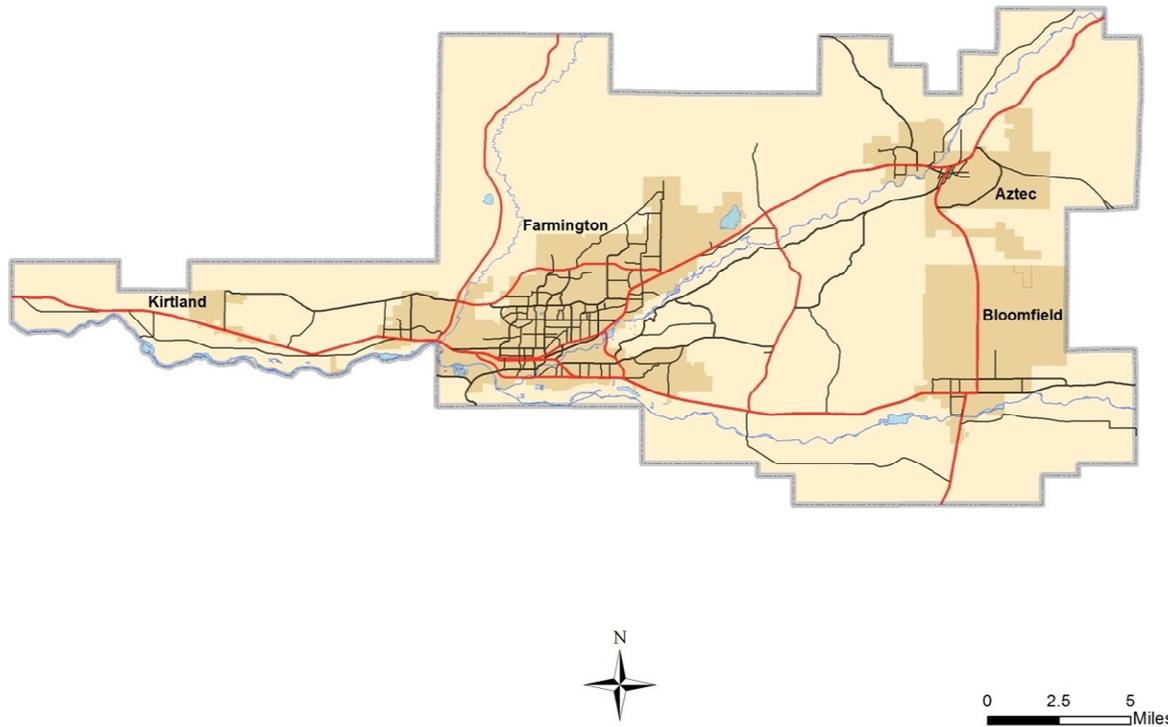
Amendments Exempt from the Public Involvement Process

Some amendments to adopted documents are exempt from the public involvement process. These include:

- Emergency projects, necessary for the safety and welfare of the citizenry;
- Minor revisions or technical amendments, such as:
 - Minor cost changes
 - Minor changes in project scope or cost shares
 - Splitting projects
 - Typographical corrections
 - Other administrative revisions (lead agency, contingency, funding source)

Appendix A: Farmington MPO Area Map

Farmington Metropolitan Planning Organization



Appendix B: Locations for Posting MPO Documents

The MPO will post meeting notices, public comment forms, and draft planning documents* at locations throughout the MPO's planning area to provide outreach to all citizens, especially targeting those persons who have been traditionally under-served. These locations include:

- Aztec City Hall*, 201 W Chaco, Aztec, NM **T**
- Bloomfield City Hall*, 915 N First St., Bloomfield, NM
- Farmington City Hall*, 800 Municipal Dr., Farmington, NM **T**
- Kirtland Town Hall*, 47 RD 6500, Kirtland, NM **T**
- San Juan County Administrative Building*, 100 S Oliver, Aztec, NM **T**
- Farmington MPO Office*, 100 West Broadway, Farmington, NM **T**
- Aztec Public Library, 319 S Ash, Aztec, NM **T**
- Aztec Senior Center*, 101 S Park, Aztec, NM **T**
- Bonnie Dallas Senior Center*, 109 E. La Plata St., Farmington, NM **T**
- Bloomfield Multi-Cultural Center, 333 S 1st Street, Bloomfield, NM
- Bloomfield Senior Center*, 124 Ash Ave., Bloomfield, NM 87413
- Bloomfield Public Library, 333 S 1st Street, Bloomfield, NM
- Farmington Civic Center, 200 W Arrington, Farmington, NM
- Farmington Indian Center*, 100 E Elm St, Farmington, NM **T**
- Farmington Public Library, 2101 N Farmington Ave, Farmington, NM **T**
- Sycamore Park Community Center*, 1051 Sycamore St, Farmington, NM **T**
- San Juan Center for Independence*, 1204 San Juan Blvd, Farmington, NM **T**
- San Juan County Housing Authority, 7450 E. Main St., Suite C, Farmington, NM **T**
- San Juan College, 4601 College Blvd, Farmington, NM 87402 **T**
- San Juan College-West Campus, 69 County Road 6500, Kirtland, NM **T**
- San Juan College-East Campus, 315 S. Ash, Aztec, NM
- San Juan College-30th Street Education Center, 3401 E 30th Street, Farmington, NM **T**
- San Juan College-S Hutton Campus, 800 S Hutton Road, Farmington, NM **T**

* denotes a location that will have draft planning documents available for review/**T** denotes Red Apple service is nearby

Please consult with Red Apple for specifics - Phone 505-325-3409

Appendix C: Public Review and Comment on this PPP

The Draft Farmington MPO Public Participation Plan will be opened for public review and comment on August 11, 2019, and will end on September 26, 2019. It will be noticed in the Farmington Daily Times and at the locations listed in Appendix B. The draft document will be available at the MPO office, the Aztec City Hall, the Bloomfield City Hall, the Farmington City Hall, the Kirtland Town Hall, the San Juan County Administration Office, the Farmington Indian Center, the Sycamore Park Community Center, the San Juan Center for Independence, the Bonnie Dallas Senior Center, the Bloomfield Senior Center, and the Aztec Senior Center, and on the MPO website. Public hearings were held on the draft document on September 11, 2019, and on September 26, 2019.

No Public Comments were received on the draft document.

Appendix D: Language Analysis

Language Analysis - 2019 Public Participation Plan		
HOUSEHOLD LANGUAGE BY HOUSEHOLD LIMITED ENGLISH SPEAKING STATUS		
	Farmington MSA	
	Households	Percent
Total Households:	41,999	
English only	25,042	59.63%
Spanish:	5,481	13.05%
Limited English speaking household	617	1.47%
Not a limited English speaking household	4,864	11.58%
Other Indo-European languages:	269	0.64%
Limited English speaking household	7	0.02%
Not a limited English speaking household	264	0.63%
Asian and Pacific languages:	188	0.45%
Limited English speaking household	34	0.08%
Not a limited English speaking household	154	0.37%
Other languages:	11,019	26.24%
Limited English speaking household	890	2.12%
Not a limited English speaking household	10,129	24.12%
If Public Notices are in English and Spanish Only, Estimate of Households that would be At Risk of not be informed of MPO Public Actions	931	2.22%
<p>Notes:</p> <p>Because the Other Languages Category is assumed to be predominately Navajo or other Native American Languages, due to the proximity of the Navajo Nation, the Farmington MPO will post public notices at the Farmington Indian Center where Navajo language assistance is readily available. Navajo is historically a spoken and not a written language. A recent internet search indicates that no newspapers are currently published in the Navajo language and that the Navajo Nation continues to publish their public notices in the Navajo Times in English.</p> <p>This table details language usage in the Farmington MSA/San Juan County. This research provides the justification for printing required Public Notices in English and Spanish.</p> <p>Estimates for household size from the 2013-2017 ACS include 3.01 persons for the Farmington MSA/San Juan County.</p>		

FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
POLICY COMMITTEE RESOLUTION NO. 2019-8

TO ADOPT FARMINGTON MPO'S 2019 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN (PPP)

WHEREAS, the Farmington MPO (FMPO) is the designated metropolitan planning organization for the municipalities of Aztec, Bloomfield, Farmington, Kirtland, and the urbanized areas of San Juan County; and

WHEREAS, the FMPO, in cooperation with the member entities and the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) have developed the 2019 Public Participation Plan (PPP) that guides the public involvement activities conducted by the FMPO for the next five years pursuant to 23 CFR 450.316.

WHEREAS, the plan seeks to be inclusive to all community members and to encourage active public participation in assisting the MPO to identify and provide input on transportation issues, programs, and projects at every stage of the MPO's planning process.

WHEREAS, specific public involvement procedures are identified within this Plan for various MPO activities. Every effort is made to reach and encourage participation by all persons, including traditionally underserved populations, low-income persons, minority households, persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP), and persons with disabilities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE POLICY COMMITTEE OF FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (FMPO):

That the Farmington Metropolitan Planning Organization (FMPO) hereby adopts the Farmington MPO 2019 Public Participation Plan (PPP).

PASSED, SIGNED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of September 2019.



ATTEST:

June E. Markle
June Markle, FMPO Administrative Assistant

Sean Sharer, FMPO Policy Committee Chairman

Legal Department

Approved as to form

By *Ellen Wayne*

Date *8-26-19*