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<u>AGENDA</u>

Farmington Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee Meeting

Council Chambers Bloomfield City Hall 915 N First St. Bloomfield, NM

September 15, 2011 1:30 p.m.

AGENDA FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING September 15, 2011 1:30 PM

This meeting will be held in the Council Chambers, Bloomfield City Hall, 915 N First St., Bloomfield, New Mexico.

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MINUTES FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION JOINT POLICY & TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING JULY 27, 2011

Policy Members Present: Sherri Sipe, City of Aztec

Dan Darnell, City of Farmington Gayla McCulloch, City of Farmington Dr. Jim Henderson, San Juan County

Policy Members Absent: Pat Lucero, City of Bloomfield

Technical Members Present: Mike Huber, City of Aztec

Brad Ellsworth, City of Bloomfield Cindy Lopez, City of Farmington Nica J. Westerling, City of Farmington Dave Keck, San Juan County

Staff Present: Mary L. Holton, MPO Officer

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

Staff Absent: None

Also Present: Miguel Gabaldon, District 5 Engineer

David Martinez, Assistant District Engineer Ray Matthew, Planning Liaison, NMDOT David Fuqua, City of Bloomfield Adrian Garcia, City of Bloomfield Larry Hathaway, San Juan County

1. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Henderson called the meeting to order at 10:07 am.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made by everyone in attendance.

3. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 16, 2011 POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Ms. Sherri Sipe made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 16, 2011 Policy Committee meeting. Mr. Darnell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. <u>APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 23, 2011 TECHNICAL COMMITTEE</u> MEETING

Mr. Mike Huber made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 23, 2011 Technical Committee meeting. Ms. Westerling seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. <u>DISCUSS STRATEGIES AND PARTNERSHIPS FOR MAINTENANCE OF STATE</u> HIGHWAYS BETWEEN NMDOT DISTRICT 5 AND THE LOCAL ENTITIES

FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION Agenda Item

Subject: State Road Maintenance Partnership

Prepared by: Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner

Date: July 19, 2011

BACKGROUND or PREVIOUS WORK

- MPO staff, the City of Aztec, and San Juan County met in February to discuss improvements to NM 173.
- Aztec and San Juan County suggested that the local governments pass resolutions to illustrate the poor conditions of state-owned facilities.
- A suggestion from the Policy Committee has been that the entities seek to develop a JPA with the state in which the local governments perform the maintenance and receive reimbursement from NMDOT.
- Aztec, Bloomfield, San Juan County, and the MPO have passed resolutions requesting NMDOT make necessary repairs to state highways within their jurisdictions.
- At the May 26 Technical Committee meeting, District Engineer Miguel Gabaldon and Assistant District Engineer Dave Martinez discussed maintenance issues with the members.
- Road maintenance projects have been identified for locations in the MPO.

CURRENT WORK

- A Joint Policy/Technical Committee meeting will be held on July 27 to discuss a maintenance partnership between District 5 and member entities.
- Another objective of the meeting is to determine maintenance strategies between District 5 and the entities.
- MPO staff has made administrative adjustments to the TIP for maintenance projects on US 64, NM 516, and US 550 that had been identified by NMDOT.

RECOMMENDATION

 It is recommended that the Policy and Technical Committee discuss strategies and partnerships for maintenance of state highways between NMDOT District 5 and the local entities.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Delmagori stated that the primary reason for the Joint Meeting was to discuss road maintenance strategies and partnerships with NMDOT District 5. Mr. Delmagori

reviewed the history of this issue which began with initial discussions on the maintenance of state highways throughout the MPO Region. The discussion was initiated by the City of Aztec and San Juan County with regards to NM 173. The discussion then evolved to include all of the state highways in the area and the need for maintenance to and repair of many of them. Both the Policy and Technical Committees agreed that this was a concern that needed to be addressed. Individual entities passed resolutions that were submitted to NMDOT requesting that necessary repairs be made to state highways within their jurisdiction. The Farmington MPO also passed a resolution and subsequently received a response from NMDOT.

Mr. Delmagori stated that at the May 26 Technical Committee meeting, Miguel Gabaldon and Dave Martinez with District 5 were present and discussed the maintenance issue with the members. Mr. Gabaldon stated District 5 understood the entities' frustration and that budget shortfalls were creating difficulties for everyone. Mr. Gabaldon spoke of potential strategies and partnerships. Today's Joint Committee Meeting is the opportunity to further discuss these issues and to develop ideas and strategies. Mr. Delmagori reported that since the meeting in May, District 5 will be seeking fiscal year-end closeout money for several road maintenance projects in this area: US64 in and around the Troy King intersection; NM516 from Aztec and heading west for several miles toward Farmington; and another potential project on US 550 from mile markers 159-161 (northeast Aztec area).

Mr. Gabaldon began the discussion by saying that NMDOT has added four projects for San Juan County to the STIP for the federal year-end closeout. Each District within the State will be receiving approximately \$10,000,000 for pavement preservation or pavement rehabilitation projects. The projects identified for San Juan County for 2011 are:

- NM 516 from mile marker 7 to 12 (just West of Oliver Street) to begin in October;
- US 64 at Harper Hill to pave from Troy King to NM 170 (due to increase in project cost, the concreting of this intersection may not happen this year, but would be completed at a later date).
- Two other projects proposed for FY2012 are NM 516 and US 550 in Aztec from Oliver to NM 173.
- US 64 through Hogback.

Dr. Henderson asked which roads had been identified in the resolution sent to NMDOT. Mr. Delmagori stated the resolution was more general in nature and, although particular highways were identified, specific sections of those roads needing maintenance were not spelled out. Dr. Henderson asked if the NMDOT was proposing to do any work on NM 173. The road is narrow with no shoulders, heavily travelled, and unsafe in its current condition. Dr. Henderson encouraged NMDOT to give thought to apportioning funds to repair and maintain this roadway as it is used heavily by tourists, oil and gas, and business travel. Dr. Henderson also commented on the oil and gas revenues generated in San Juan County and the failure of the State to appropriately allocate resources back into this area. Ms. McCulloch added that at the State Transportation Commission meeting it was discussed that NMDOT does not receive any oil and gas revenues as part of their funding. She asked Mr. Gabaldon where pressure needed to be exerted to get funding back into this area. Mr. Gabaldon stated that all oil and gas revenues go into the State's general fund and NMDOT receives only road funds and does not receive any money from the general fund. He recommended contacting the State legislators prior to their special session in October. NMDOT is hopeful that the State Legislature will devote a severance tax for the maintenance of State highways. Mr. Gabaldon stated that with the significant revenues generated by the oil and gas industry within this region, it is easy to

understand the condition of the roadways. He added that NMDOT is scheduled to do patch work on NM 173 and NM 511 with chip sealing scheduled for late August. The chip sealing and pothole repair will be in-house projects, while the four projects mentioned earlier will be the large projects. Ms. Westerling offered the City of Farmington's assistance with these projects, but Mr. Gabaldon expects that District 5 will complete them as noted. He added that going forward and in identifying future projects, District 5 will be looking to work hand-in-hand with each of the local entities.

Mr. Gabaldon said that potential entity agreements in the past had become bogged down with NMDOT's legal division. One of those agreements was to use San Juan County's striping crew as NMDOT does not have their own crew and has to contract out this work. He hopes that agreements with the entities can be negotiated, but he needs to be sure NMDOT can support any agreement before it is made. Mr. Huber asked how the entities can work to break this attorney log jam. Mr. Gabaldon said these legal issues must first be resolved in-house and then NMDOT needs to ensure they have the funding available before they go forward with any entity agreement. He would like to get something in place with the entities by October so we can be ready for next spring. Ms. Sipe asked if there was anything the cities could do to help get the agreements in place. Mr. Gabaldon said to continue to communicate with NMDOT. They, in turn, will work with their general counsel to get the legal issues worked out.

Mr. Gabaldon stated he would like to have something in place to present at the next MPO Policy or Technical Committee meeting. Mr. Darnell asked if having the District 5 commissioner involved would assist Mr. Gabaldon in getting the agreements worked out. Mr. Gabaldon believes that the process already has a good start with the pending San Juan County agreement. He would like to sit down with each entity to develop separate plans and identify that entity's available resources. Mr. Adrian Garcia asked what the NMDOT employees would be working on if local crews take over the local road repair and maintenance. Mr. Gabaldon reported that the State crews would then take over work in the more rural areas. Mr. Gabaldon added that NMDOT has a materials inventory, but their challenge has been with people since the patrol yards are experiencing a 40% crew reduction in Bloomfield and a 60% crew vacancy in Farmington. Mr. Martinez said NMDOT is now combining crews to address immediate issues. NMDOT is looking to bring in crews from other areas that would address a specific issue such as mowing. This crew would do the mowing in all areas and they believe this could be an effective way to address maintenance issues. Dr. Henderson commented that San Juan County uses prisoners to clean up roadways in the County. Mr. Keck added that they have four prisoner crews working every day on either State or County roadways. NMDOT and San Juan County have discussed the possibility of capital replacement for items such as trailers or pickups that are being used for this cleanup. This is one of the potential agreements awaiting action.

Ms. Sipe commented that with unemployment rates being so high she was surprised that NMDOT would have so many vacancies. Mr. Gabaldon stated this was because of a hiring freeze and vacancies that occurred over the past 12-18 months. He also commented on NMDOT's employment requirements, lower wages resulting in retention issues, and an extensive hiring process which can take up to 3-4 months to complete. Ms. McCulloch asked if there was an expiration date with the NMDOT's contract with the City that might impede getting necessary work completed. Ms. Westerling commented that it is ongoing with no expiration date and that supply needs are reviewed as necessary. Mr. Gabaldon clarified that it was not a contract but a maintenance agreement with an informal review process. Dr. Henderson stated that the entities here appreciate their working relationship with District 5. He believes that NMDOT, the entities, and the MPO cooperate well, understanding each other's issues, and are working together to maximize resources.

Mr. Delmagori stated the maintenance projects for this year's fiscal closeout and potentially into 2012 have been discussed. He asked if the MPO could assist in project selection in compiling another maintenance priority list for the current STIP. He asked if this list should be discussed during the normal TIP priority update or at some other time during the year. Mr. Gabaldon reported that there are still major challenges with the Federal highway funding reauthorization and the House has a bill that could severely affect the STIP. He would like to set up a workshop for the entities to present a 10-15 year history of road maintenance for each entity's roadways and also provide a look at what will need to be completed in the next five years. NMDOT is concerned with the outcome of the House transportation bill which could shake up all future plans.

Dr. Henderson commented that our road issues are complicated by the fact that both State and Federal governments are involved. He wondered how we can strengthen our voice and make it more effective and encourage FHWA representatives to coordinate with local representatives when making decisions. Mr. Gabaldon said his experience is at the State level only and being a small state our voice is often not heard.

Mr. Delmagori recapped the maintenance discussion. NMDOT hopes the special legislative session will dedicate some money to road maintenance that could be used for the upcoming fiscal years; agreements are in place with San Juan County and the City of Farmington and any future projects would be addressed on a project by project basis; there is a willingness from all parties to share resources, manpower, and equipment; Mr. Gabaldon will set up a workshop to review the road maintenance status over the past 5-10 years and then from that a potential maintenance priority list will be developed through the MPO process.

Mr. Gabaldon asked to have District 5 added to the agenda for the September Technical Committee meeting. He will compile the data and meet with the entities between now and then and provide a status update for the Technical Committee in September.

ACTION: NMDOT and the entities discussed maintenance issues, strategies, and partnerships. NMDOT will schedule a workshop for the entities and then provide an update to the Technical Committee at their September meeting.

6. MPO MAJOR THOROUGHFARE PLAN

FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION Agenda Item

Subject: MPO Major Thoroughfare Plan

Prepared by: Martin Lucero, Associate MPO Planner

Date: July 19, 2011

BACKGROUND or PREVIOUS WORK

 The Farmington City Council directed staff to hold a series of public meetings to review alternatives for the Northeast Farmington area and its connection to

- proposed regional routes.
- Staff held three meetings in March and April.
- The original connections and two alternatives were discussed with the public.
- Comments from the public meetings identified two additional alternatives.
- Staff presented the four alternatives to the Farmington City Council during two subsequent City Council Meetings.
- The City of Farmington approved Alternative #3 to the MPO Major Thoroughfare Plan.

CURRENT WORK

- During the presentations at the Farmington City Council meetings, the following questions were posed:
 - o Does the MPO envision Glade Road being paved in the future?
 - o What type of facility does the "proposed" designation signify?
- Staff evaluated the MPO Major T-Plan based on these two questions.
- The MPO needs to determine if there is a regional significance to Glade Rd.
- Staff has developed an amended Alternative #3 based on the function of the proposed collectors in the Glade Run Recreational Area and the anticipated facility type and construction.

ANTICIPATED WORK

Staff will seek approval of the MPO Major T-Plan from the member entities.

BACKUP MATERIAL

- Maps of Alternative #3 and the proposed amended Alternative #3.
- Reasons for the proposed amended Alternative #3.

RECOMMENDATION

- It is recommended that the Policy Committee and the Technical Committee
 - a. Discuss Alternative #3 as presented for northeast Farmington as part of the MPO Major Thoroughfare Plan.
 - b. Review the proposed amended alternative.
 - c. Receive recommended approval of Alternative #3 as presented or the amended alternative for the MPO Major T-Plan from the Technical Committee.
 - d. Receive approval of Alternative #3 as presented or the amended alternative for the MPO Major T-Plan from the Policy Committee.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Delmagori stated that development of a MPO Major Thoroughfare Plan had been identified as part of the long-range plan in April 2010 and then throughout the summer and fall work commenced to develop the plan and gather data. The MPO Major T-Plan provides a regional planning tool to be used for future planning purposes for all individual entities as well as the DOT.

The overall MPO Major T-Plan was approved by the Policy Committee in September 2010. The MPO was directed to focus in on the northeast Farmington area and how existing roads connect to proposed future regional corridors, especially the northern route that would become a secondary route to NM 516 to help handle future traffic and not channel all traffic to NM 516. Alternative #1 was approved by the Policy Committee in January 2011. This Alternative proposed that the northern route go over the top of the Foothills area and connect to College

Blvd so that traffic with no reason to get to Main Street would have an alternate route. Alternative #2 was the same as #1 except it provided a potential connection to Glade Road. Glade Road would be upgraded to a paved facility to help disperse traffic.

After regional approval, the alternatives were presented to Farmington City Council. The City Council asked the MPO to take more time with the issue and to hold a series of public meetings. From these meetings, two more alternatives were developed. Alternative #3 was the same as Alternative #1 with the exception of the extension of Foothills which would not occur due to the bike trails in the area. Alternative #4 is the same as Alternative #2 except that it proposed to pave Glade Road further north and reduced the classification on Hood Mesa Trail extension into and out of Foothills.

Farmington City Council approved Alternative #3. Mr. Delmagori stated that now Alternative #3 is approved on the local side and Alternative #1 is approved on the regional side. One option is for the Policy Committee to adopt Alternative #3 wholesale which would replace the Policy Committee's action on Alternative #1 so that Alternative #3 is approved throughout. But Mr. Delmagori noted that another issue has been identified regarding what the MPO saw as the future of how Glade Road may function. Mr. Delmagori stated that because Alternative #3 was approved by Farmington City Council, there may be no reason from the MPO perspective to have Glade Road on the MPO map. It has no connection other than to Pinon Hills, there is very little development out there, and the consensus was that the Glade Area was a unique recreational area and it should be preserved as is. With this information, if the MPO pulls Glade Rd from the Major T-Plan, then there are no obligations at the regional level to upgrade Glade Road.

Ms. Westerling asked that if the road is removed from the Plan it cannot then receive any Federal or State money to potentially pave it in the future. Mr. Delmagori said that this was correct. Ms. Westerling believed this was a major consideration for the future of this road. Mr. Darnell added that most of this is BLM owned and maintained and they will make the final decision about this road. Mr. Delmagori replied that the MPO has to work with the State on classifying roads and they do not want to have unpaved roads in their system. If Glade Road is identified as a collector, it would make it eligible for Federal funding; however if it is kept unpaved and shown on the map as a regular, local road the regional significance is removed. Mr. Lucero added that the amended plan also removes east-west connections in the Glade area such as Lions Trail and Dustin.

Mr. Darnell asked about the road shown on the map that starts in Flora Vista and goes north to the Glade and if it was an intersection with Glade Road. Mr. Delmagori said this road could create a connection from the MPO area to LaPlata Highway and the road connects with Glade and crosses the river to NM 170. These roads currently exist and are county or oilfield maintained. They are shown on the map because they are currently being used. Mr. Delmagori stated that another reason for having these roads on the map is to preserve the right-of-way.

The MPO staff is seeking approval of one version of Alternative #3 from both the Technical and Policy Committee members. If Alternative #3 is taken wholesale, the only change is to the extension of Hood Mesa Trail. It is currently a minor arterial, but after conversations with City Council and further MPO consideration, Staff is recommending it be reduced to a proposed collector to show a transition from the existing neighborhood into new development. The other option is to take the amended Alternative #3 which would keep everything in the Northeast Farmington area including the collector status for Hood Mesa Trail extension and Glade Rd and

all of the collectors in the Glade area would be removed as shown on the City's thoroughfare plan.

Mr. Darnell stated that the amended Alternative #3 made sense as a way to move traffic through the community but off of NM 516. It would help create a growth network for 15-20 years from now and yet preserve other areas for future generations. Ms. Lopez stated that she does not want to see the proposed extension of Dustin and the others collectors taken off the map. Even if they don't tie to the Glade area, we need to be able to provide extensions to future development. Mr. Darnell added that we need to be careful to preserve the Glade area. Having a potential connection to the Glade threatens this unique area. Ms. Westerling commented that she believes that both can be done – that we can preserve the Glade and utilize it by providing safe access which she believes is currently missing. Ms. Lopez anticipates that BLM's plan for the area will have some improvements and that the Glade extension could be removed for now until we know what BLM plans for the area, but retain the Dustin extension. Ms. McCulloch agreed that the Glade needs to be preserved, and was agreeable to leaving the north Dustin section on the map, but removing the Glade section. Ms. Westerling added that should Glade Road ever be paved, the road would not be located where it is now because of engineering issues with the blind curves as well as drainage problems. Mr. Keck stated that BLM can grant an easement to the County for this lesser maintained road.

Mr. Darnell reiterated the need to be cautious and ensure the Glade stays as a recreational area. With political pressure, land swaps, and new faces, unplanned changes can happen overnight.

ACTION: Mr. Keck made a motion to approve the amended Alternative #3, which also removes Glade and the small tip of the Dustin from the MPO Major Thoroughfare Plan map and keeps the "L" shaped portion of Dustin and Lions Trail. Ms. Westerling seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Darnell moved that the Policy Committee adopt the plan as passed by the Technical Committee. Ms. McCulloch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Delmagori said this information would be given to the City's Planning staff to get the City's thoroughfare plan revised accordingly. Ms. Lopez said they hope to present this at the next City Council meeting in August.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION Agenda Item

Subject: Information Items

Prepared by: Martin Lucero, MPO Associate Planner

Date: July 19, 2011

INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. Transit Data Collection Activities. The MPO has hired two summer interns to gather transit data from the Red Apple Transit. Staff has gathered boarding and alightment information for all the internal routes and data from the regional routes is anticipated to be gathered in the coming weeks. Surveys have been administered to collect additional transit information. Further data will be obtained through the September.
- b. Transportation Reauthorization. An update on recent news relating to transportation reauthorization will be provided to the committee members at the meeting.
- c. Other.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Delmagori handed out a summary from AMPO on what the Senate has proposed for the transportation reauthorization bill.

Mr. Delmagori reported that there is another round of TIGER III funding. Pre-applications are due August 22nd and final applications are due October 31st. Mr. Lucero added that the Pinon Hills project might qualify for some funding through this process because it is programmed to receive \$3,000,000 in the STIP. Ms. Westerling stated the City is planning to make application for this funding.

10. BUSINESS FROM THE CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS AND STAFF

DISCUSSION: Ms. McCulloch asked about the Red Apple Transit surveying work being done this summer and would Staff be able to provide unique rider information. Mr. Delmagori said that along with gathering boarding and alightment information, the MPO summer interns are handing out rider surveys. From several questions on the survey, Staff hopes to derive the unique rider information. Mr. Lucero commented that with the amount of data being collected, Staff will hopefully be able to identify patterns and identify ridership with more accuracy. Ms. Westerling asked if the purpose was to identify the unique rider or repeat rider. Ms. McCulloch is interested in knowing how many individual people are using the system. She added that substantial funds are being spent for perhaps a small number of riders and could there potentially be a better transit option. Mr. Darnell asked when some of the recommended changes might be implemented. Mr. Delmagori reported that Mr. Bob Campbell had said he was willing to take another look at recommended options and some changes could take place during this fiscal year. Mr. Lucero said the interns' activities are also revealing the stops that are infrequently used stops which could be adjusted. Their work is helping to obtain the needed data to support the study's recommendations.

Dr. Henderson spoke on the need for all to be involved in promoting San Juan County and to work to provide a positive impression for those who may potentially be looking to move to this area. With approximately 5,000 lost jobs, it is more urgent than ever to be involved in the economic development of our community.

11. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

DISCUSSION: Mr. Ray Matthew reported that the best case scenario for the continuation of Federal road funding is for the current bill to continue at the current levels. He is hopeful that this will be the case even though federal gas tax receipts are coming in lower due to the recession and because of heightened fuel prices and fuel-economic cars. The Planning Division believes funding will fall somewhere between the House and the Senate bills. Mr. Matthew recommended that local governments implement any federally funded projects in a timely manner or the money could go away.

12. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Dr. Henderson adjourned the meeting at 11:53 a.m.
Dr. James C. Henderson, Policy Committee Chair
Cynthia Lopez, Technical Committee Chair
June Markle MPO Administrative Aide

Subject: FY2012 UPWP Budget Amendment

Prepared by: Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner

Date: September 8, 2011

BACKGROUND or PREVIOUS WORK

- The MPO prepared its FY2012 Budget based on initial funding estimates from NMDOT for FHWA PL and FTA 5303.
- Work Authorizations have been received by the MPO with official amounts for PL and 5303 funding.
- The MPO will continue to receive a base amount of \$175,213 in federal PL.
- Federal PL funding for the traffic count program will remain at \$10,680.

CURRENT WORK

- Special PL obligation funds are being provided to the MPO and the federal portion is \$76,544.
- The MPO will have \$11,734 in FY2011 federal PL carryover.
- The MPO is receiving a base amount of \$23,096 in federal FTA 5303 funding.
- In addition, the MPO federal portion of the Unexpended 5303 funds is \$6,729.
- The additional federal amounts and required matches are increasing the MPO budget from \$294,173 to \$358,175.
- Overall, the MPO budget will increase by \$64,002.
- The MPO anticipates using the additional federal funds primarily for corridor studies identified in the FY2012 UPWP.

ATTACHMENTS

The FY2012 UPWP Budget Amendment.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Policy Committee approve the amendment to the FY2012 UPWP Budget.

Farmington MPO FY2012 Budget		ated FY 2012 Budget (Apr	 uthorized FY2012	Ob	ecial PL bligation/ expended	EV	2014 DI	Final	FY2012
Fund Source	IVIPO	2011)	mounts	One	5303		rryover		Budget
FHWA PL - Federal Share	\$	175,213	\$ 175,213	\$	76,544	\$	11,734	\$	263,491
FHWA PL Required Match	\$	29,858	\$ 29,858	\$	13,044	\$	2,000	\$	44,902
FHWA PL Total	\$	205,071	\$ 205,071	\$	89,588	\$	13,734	\$	308,393
FHWA PL Traffic Counts - Federal	\$	10,680	\$ 10,680					\$	10,680
FHWA PL Required Match	\$	1,820	\$ 1,820					\$	1,820
FHWA PL Traffic Counts Total	\$	12,500	\$ 12,500					\$	12,500
FTA 5303 - Federal Share	\$	23,000	\$ 23,096	\$	6,729			\$	29,825
FTA 5303 Required Match	\$	5,750	\$ 5,774	\$	1,682			\$	7,456
FTA 5303 Total	\$	28,750	\$ 28,870	\$	8,411			\$	37,281
Federal Share of FY2011 MPO Budget	\$	208,893	\$ 208,989					\$	303,996
Local Required Match	\$	37,428	\$ 37,452					\$	54,179
Local Overmatch Total	\$	53,349	\$ 47,732					\$	
MPO Grand Budget	\$	299,670	\$ 294,173					\$	358,175
Maximum Total Local Contribution									
(Match & Overmatch)	\$	90,777	\$ 85,184					\$	54,179
Maximum Aztec Share (10%)		9,078	\$ 8,518					\$	5,418
Maximum Bloomfield Share (10%)		9,078	\$ 8,518					\$	5,418
Maximum Farmington Share (60%)		54,466	\$ 51,110					\$	32,507
Maximum SJ County Share (20%)	\$	18,155	\$ 17,037					\$	10,836
Notes:									
The MPO carried over \$11,734 in federal PL									
The Special PL Obligation and Unexpended The Special PL Obligation, Unexpended FTA 53									

Subject: Red Apple Transit Data Collection **Prepared by:** Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner

Date: September 8, 2011

BACKGROUND or PREVIOUS WORK

- The MPO and Red Apple Transit worked with LSC Consultants to determine future transit needs and make recommendations for expansion options.
- LSC Consultants developed recommended options for both the regional and Farmington routes for modifying and expanding the existing system.
- Development of the transit study illustrated the need for transit data collection.
- The information will be used to further justify the recommendations made in the Red Apple Transit Study.
- Two interns were hired for the summer to collect transit passenger data.

CURRENT WORK

- All of the routes (Farmington and regional routes) have been tracked twice this summer.
- Passenger counts and transfer information have been taken at key bus stops, such as Orchard Plaza and the Civic Center.
- All of the routes are being counted again in September and October to see how ridership changes with school in session.
- Staff is summarizing the data to determine trends and primary origins and destinations.
- Staff is analyzing ridership patterns to help determine the number of unique riders.

ATTACHMENTS

Staff will present some of its findings on September 15.

ANTICIPATED WORK

- Staff will evaluate the collected data for any correlations between social economic factors and riders.
- Staff will evaluate the need within this region for a transit system.
- Staff will try to estimate the number of unique riders on the Red Apple.
- Staff will give presentations to councils and commissions.

RECOMMENDATION

 It is recommended that the Policy Committee receive a report on Red Apple Transit data collection activities.

Subject: 2011 Traffic Count Program

Prepared by: Martin Lucero, MPO Associate Planner

Date: September 8, 2011

BACKGROUND

- The 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.
- The 2011 Traffic counts are the second year of the three year cycle.
- Counts that were not approved last year or were affected by road construction will be counted in 2011.
- The MPO expects to take 87 volume counts in 2011.
- The MPO anticipates that speed and class count information will be provided for 27 of the 87 count locations.

CURRENT WORK

- The traffic count list was reviewed and approved by the Policy and Technical committees in May and June.
- The Technical Committee reviewed the traffic count locations at their August 25th committee meeting and found no conflicts with the approved list.
- The MPO will work with TRA to schedule the counts in early October.
- It is anticipated that the 2011 Traffic Counts will be returned to the MPO by early November for review.
- The MPO will submit the 2011 Traffic Counts to NMDOT prior to the January 2012 deadline for approval.

ATTACHMENTS

The 2011 traffic count location list.

RECOMMENDATION

 Staff recommends that the Policy Committee receive a report on the 2011 Traffic Count Program.

TCDS_ID	MPO_ID	Name	Posted Route	From	То	Located At:	Area	Func Class
FM_11	30-4	30th	FL4396	Butler	Knudsen	Between Northridge and Carlton	Farmington	MNAR
FM_12	30-5	30th	FL4396	Knudsen	Sullivan	Approximately 400' east of Knudsen	Farmington	MNAR
FM_23	Apa-4	Apache	FL4391	Auburn	Dustin	Between Behrend and Allen	Farmington	MNAR
FM_24	Apa-5	Apache	FL4391	Dustin	Butler	East of Court Ave	Farmington	MNAR
FM_20	Apa-1	Apache	FL4391	US 64/W Main	Palmer	Between Hicks and Palmer	Farmington	MNAR
FM_28	AubS-1	Auburn Ave S	FL5376	Murray Dr/ NM 5001	US 64/Broadway	Between Pinon and Maple	Farmington	
FM_36	But-3	Butler	FL4387	Main St	Vine/Apache	Between LaPlata and Apache	Farmington	
FM_37	But-4	Butler	FL4387	Vine/Apache	Ute	North of Comanche	Farmington	MNAR
AZ_41	Cha-1	Chaco St	FL4184	NM 516	Park Ave	Approximately 300 ft west of Ash St.	Aztec	MNAR
AZ_42	Cha-2	Chaco St	FL4184	Park Ave	US 550	Approximately 100' E of Park Ave	Aztec	MNAR
FM_45	Col-1	College Blvd	FL4390	Windsor	Pinon Hills Blvd	Between Windsor and Messina Dr	Farmington	MNAR
FM_46	Coop-1	Cooper	FL5383	Butler	Sullivan	Between Chaco and Laguna	Farmington	
SJ 197	3000-4	CR 3000	453000	CR 3100	CR 3008	Approximately 500' East of CR 3100	County	MNAR
SJ 196	3000-3	CR 3000	453000	CR 350	CR 3100	Approximately 1500' East of CR 350	County	MNAR
SJ_51	350-4	CR 350	453500	CR 3000	NM 516	Animas River Crossing	County	COLL
SJ_54	3535-1	CR 3535	453535	NM 516	End of Road	Approximately 1200' N of NM 516	County	COLL
SJ_199	5500-2	CR 5500	455500	CR 5510	US 550	At CR 5315	County	MNCL
SJ_56	5500-1	CR 5500	455500	US 64	CR 5510	San Juan River Crossing	County	MNCL
SJ_58	5580-1	CR 5580	455580	CR 5569	CR 5584	At CR 5578	County	COLL
SJ_202	6100-2	CR 6100	456100	CR 6575	CR 6400	West of CR 6545	County	MJCL
SJ_201	6100-1	CR 6100	456100	US 64	CR 6575	At CR 6645	County	MJCL
FM_208	Dus-5	Dustin Ave.	FL6530	38th	Pinon Hills Blvd	Between 38th and Skyline	Farmington	MNAR
FM_204	Dus-1	Dustin Ave.	FL6530	Apache	Ute	South of Mohave Ave	Farmington	MNAR
FM_205	Dus-2	Dustin Ave.	FL6530	Ute	20th	Between 17th and 18th	Farmington	MNAR
FM_63	Eng-2	English	FL5392	Largo	NM 516/E Main St	Approximately 500' S of E Main	Farmington	COLL
FM_67	FairV-2	Fairview	FL5386	20th	Cliffside	North of 20th	Farmington	
FM_69	Farm-2	Farmington Ave	FL5387	20th	30th	Approximately 400' S of 30th	Farmington	COLL
FM_210	Foot-2	Foothills	FL5945	Crestwood	Rinconada	Between Tarry Terrace and Greenwood	Farmington	COLL
FM_71	HMesa-1	Hood Mesa Tr	FL5323	Pinon Hills Blvd	Anasazi Trail	Approximately 1000' north of Pinon Hills Blvd	Farmington	COLL
FM_74	Hut-3	Hutton	FL4393	Cliffside	30th	Approximately 200' N of Cliffside	Farmington	MNAR
FM_72	Hut-1	Hutton	FL4393	Main St	20th	At Lark Ave	Farmington	
FM_75	Hyd-1	Hydro Plant Rd	FL5388	Murray Dr/ NM 5001	McCormick School Rd	At Laguna St	Farmington	COLL
FM_77	Lake-2	Lake St	FL4384	Pinon St	US 64/Broadway	Between Animas and Maple	Farmington	
AZ_81	LtPlt-1	Light Plant Road	FL4190	Riverside Dr	NM 516	South of NM 516	Aztec	COLL
FM_87	Main-5	Main St	FL4357	Butler	Scott	Approximately 100' west of Cochiti Ave	Farmington	PRAR
FM_89	Main-7	Main St	FL4357	San Juan Blvd	Browning Pkwy	Approximately 400' east of San Juan Blvd	Farmington	PRAR
AZ_94	MesaV-2	Mesa Verde	FL4181	Chuska	Blanco	At Chaco St	Aztec	COLL
FM_96	Mil-1	Miller	FL4359	Murray Dr/ NM 5001	US 64/Broadway	Animas River Crossing	Farmington	COLL
FM_100	Mur-3	Murray Dr/NM 5001	NM5001	Miller	US 64/Broadway	Approximately 300' east of Bluffview Ave.	Farmington	
SJ_99	Mur-2	Murray Dr/NM 5001	NM5001	Pinon St	Miller	Animas River Crossing	County	PRAR
FM_101	NavE-1	Navajo St E	FL5398	Butler	Vine Ave	Approximately 600' west of Vine	Farmington	COLL
FM_102	NavE-2	Navajo St E	FL5398	Vine Ave	Main St	Approx. 500' North of Main	Farmington	
FM_104	NavW-2	Navajo St W	FL5397	Municipal Dr	Four Corners Airport	East of McHenry	Farmington	
SJ_106	170-2	NM 170	NM0170	Pinon Hills Blvd	CR 1424	Approximately 4000' north of Pinon Hills Blvd	County	PRAR
SJ_109	173-2	NM 173	NM0173	CR 2950	NM 575	Approximately 2.5 mi east of US 550	County	MJCL
AZ_108	173-1	NM 173	NM0173	US 550	CR 2950	Approximately 400' west of Sabena St.	Aztec	COLL

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SJ 110	371-1	NM 371	NM0371	CR 7100	Old Fruitland Hwy/ NR 36	Approximately 500' south of NR 36	County	MNAR
SJ 111	371-2	NM 371	NM0371	Old Fruitland Hwy/ NR 36	Murray Dr/ NM 5001	San Juan River Crossing	County	MNAR
FM_216	516-12	NM 516	NM0516	30th	Largo	South of Hudson	Farmington	PRAR
SJ_117	516-6	NM 516	NM0516	CR 350	Oliver Dr	East of CR 350	County	PRAR
FM_218	516-14	NM 516	NM0516	English	Pinon Hills Blvd	Approximately 500' east of Sierra Vista Dr	Farmington	PRAR
FM_217	516-13	NM 516	NM0516	Largo	Shopping Center	East of Beckland Dr	Farmington	PRAR
AZ_119	516-8	NM 516	NM0516	Lt Plant Rd	Ruins Rd	Approximately 200' East of Lt Plant Rd	Aztec	PRAR
FM_112	516-1	NM 516	NM0516	Morningstar Dr	Main St	Animas River Crossing	Farmington	PRAR
AZ_118	516-7	NM 516	NM0516	Oliver Dr	Lt Plant Rd	West of Swire	Aztec	PRAR
FM_219	516-15	NM 516	NM0516	Pinon Hills Blvd	Country Club	Between Pryor and Schmitz	Farmington	PRAR
AZ_120	516-9	NM 516	NM0516	Ruins Rd	Chaco St	Animas River Crossing	Aztec	PRAR
FM_115	516-4	NM 516	NM0516	Shopping Center	English	Approximately 200' west of English	Farmington	PRAR
FM_215	516-11	NM 516	NM0516	So Side River Rd	Morningstar Dr	Approximately 300' south of Morningstar	Farmington	PRAR
AZ_122	574-2	NM 574	NM0574	CR 3072	NM 516	Approximately 500' N of Lydia Rippey Rd	Aztec	COLL
AZ_121	574-1	NM 574	NM0574	CR 3095	CR 3072	At CR 3077	Aztec	MNCL
FM_127	PHB-2	Pinon Hills Blvd	FL4356	30th	Butler	Approximately 4900' northeast of 30th	Farmington	PRAR
FM_129	PHB-4	Pinon Hills Blvd	FL4356	College	NM 516/E Main St	Approximately 500' west of English Road	Farmington	PRAR
FM_126	PHB-1	Pinon Hills Blvd	FL4356	NM 170	30th	LaPlata River Crossing	Farmington	PRAR
FM_132	Pin-3	Pinon St	FL5360	Behrend	Orchard	At Allen St	Farmington	MNAR
FM_130	Pin-1	Pinon St	FL5360	Lake St	Lorena	Approximately 600' east of Lake	Farmington	MNAR
FM_131	Pin-2	Pinon St	FL5360	Lorena	Behrend	Between Auburn and Behrend	Farmington	MNAR
FM_139	SanJ-1	San Juan Blvd	FL4389	Butler	Scott	Approximately 600' W of Scott	Farmington	MNAR
FM_150	Sun-1	Sunset Ave	FL5393	20th	30th	Between 25th and 26th	Farmington	COLL
FM_151	Sun-2	Sunset Ave	FL5393	30th	Twilight	South of 32nd St	Farmington	COLL
SJ_155	TwPk-3	Twin Peaks Rd/ CR 6480	FL5321	CR 6200	CR 6500	Between CR 6481 and CR 6479	County	COLL
BL_158	550-4	US 550	US0550	CR 4900	S Rio Grande Rd	Approximately 3 miles N of CR 4900	Bloomfield	PRAR
AZ_160	550-6	US 550	US0550	NM 516	NM 173	Between N Rio Grande and Sabena	Aztec	PRAR
AZ_159	550-5	US 550	US0550	S Rio Grande Rd	NM 516	At Zia St	Aztec	PRAR
BL_155	550-1	US 550	US0550	Sullivan Rd	US 64	San Juan River Crossing	Bloomfield	PRAR
SJ_179	64-14	US 64	US0064	CR 4800	CR 4785	Approximately 1 mile E of CR 4800	County	MNAR
SJ_163	64-2	US 64	US0064	CR 6700	CR 6800	Between CR 6700 and CR 6825	County	PRAR
FM_165	64-4	US 64	US0064	NM 489 (CR 6100)	NM 170	Approximately 3000' east of CR 6100	Farmington	PRAR
BL_177	64-12	US 64	US0064	US 550 N (First St)	CR 4899	Approximately 1 mi east of US 550 (First St)	Bloomfield	PRAR
FM_169	64Bdwy-3	US 64/Broadway	US0064	Butler/Pinon St	Scott Ave	West of Ivie Ave	Farmington	PRAR
FM_170	64Bdwy-4	US 64/Broadway	US0064	Scott	Murray Dr/ NM 5001	Animas River Crossing	Farmington	PRAR
FM_181	Ute-2	Ute St	FL5361	Dustin	Butler	At Monterrey	Farmington	
FM_180	Ute-1	Ute St	FL5361	Gladeview	Dustin	Between Allen and Orchard	Farmington	COLL
BL_222	WBla-1	West Blanco	FL5875	Frontier St.	Bergin Ln	Approximately 200' West of Frontier St	Bloomfield	COLL
BL_223	WBla-2	West Blanco	FL5875	US 550 N (First St.)	Frontier St.	Between 5th and 4th	Bloomfield	COLL
FM_186	Wind-1	Windsor Dr	FL5367	College Blvd	Beckland Dr	Between Knollcrest and Holiday	Farmington	COLL
AZ_187	Zia-1	Zia St	FL4180	Ash St	Mesa Verde Ave	Between Main Ave and Church	Aztec	COLL

Subject: Transportation Reauthorization **Prepared by:** Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner

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BACKGROUND or PREVIOUS WORK

- SAFETEA-LU has been extended through Continuing Resolutions for the past few years.
- SAFETEA-LU is currently set to expire on September 30, 2011.
- Congress is expected to extend the current bill through January 31, 2012 which will maintain current funding levels.

CURRENT WORK

- Both the House and Senate are drafting bills for reauthorization.
- The House is calling for a 6-year bill at about \$230 billion.
- The Senate is proposing a 2-year bill at \$86 billion.
- Full details are provided in the status report from AMPO.

ATTACHMENTS

Transportation reauthorization update provided by AMPO on September 7.

ANTICIPATED WORK

 Monitor the impacts of extensions and proposed reauthorizations on federally funded projects in the MPO and in the State.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Policy Committee receive a status report on transportation reauthorization.

Washington Update - September 7, 2011

Congress has returned to Washington this week to resume business on a host of budget and spending measures, but most importantly it will focus on policies that reduce the high unemployment number and put people back to work. During the August recess, the President and many members of Congress have spoken to the employment benefit that will result from rebuilding of America's deteriorating infrastructure. We expect Congress to pass an extension of both surface transportation programs and aviation programs in the coming weeks. Debate on FY12 appropriations will resume and the select committee on deficit reduction will begin hearings on how to reduce the debt and budget deficit.

<u>Transportation Reauthorization</u>: As AMPO has reported in the past, the infrastructure committees in both chambers of Congress continue to work with their leadership to secure time in the House and Senate to debate multi-year bills. House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Mica will continue to pursue a 6-year bill at roughly \$230 billion, while Senate Environment and Public Works Committee Chairman Boxer will push forward with an \$86B 2-year bill (The Senate bill is highways only. Transit and safety are the responsibility of other Senate committees and we have not seen their legislation yet.) Senator Boxer's bill is \$12B short in funding due to the decrease in gas tax receipts and the end of the Recovery Act funding. Chairman Baucus, who leads the Senate Finance Committee, is tasked with coming up with the shortfall but has not revealed how he will pay for the \$12B shortfall.

SAFETEA-LU Extension: House and Senate staffs have draft bills of the SAFETEA LU extension. Chairman Boxer announced her intent to pass a 4-month extension till the end of January 2012 at current levels (\$43B – the amount of contract authority prior to the final 2011 appropriations bill). A draft of the Senate extension was released yesterday and, based on a preliminary reading, it would extend surface transportation programs through the end of January 2012 at the \$43B annual level, but also includes a \$3.130 rescission of unobligated balances of spending authority on September 1, 2012. This is very similar to the rescission that was included at the end of SAFETEA-LU in 2009.

Chairman Mica has stated this may be the last extension he supports. More details of the House extension will be provided when details are released.

Congressional Budget Office (CBO)/ Transportation Extension: New CBO Highway Trust Fund projections were released August 30. These reflect the lower highway funding baseline level established as a result of the final 2011 appropriations, which cut annual highway contract authority to \$39.9B. Contract authority under transit remained flat.

<u>Senate Extension</u>: Chairman Boxer is subject to a point of order on her transportation extension that funds highways above \$39.9 billion and would need 60 votes to waive the point of order. This point of order results from the Budget Control Act (BCA) passed just before Congress left in August. The BCA requires the Senate Budget Committee to limit spending to the new baseline. However, because Chairman Boxer's extension includes a \$3.130B rescission, when scored (how much the bill actually costs over the year), the bill will net out for the year at just under the \$39.9B level and, therefore, will not violate the BCA.

<u>House Extension</u>: The House-passed budget reduced Chairman Mica's spending to just under \$28B in 2012 for highways to reflect better stewardship of the HTF (limiting spending to what is received from gas tax receipts). We expect the Mica extension to reflect the lower spending totals included in the House budget, but we do not know if the distribution of funding will reflect an across the board cut on all programs (Highways and transit, specifically. Safety programs may be held harmless).

The debate on the extension represents a preview of the upcoming fight over transportation spending in the multi-year authorization.

The President has requested a "clean" extension (basically just change the dates – no new policy) of surface and aviation legislation.

<u>FY12 Appropriations</u>: The House HUD/Transportation appropriations subcommittee is set to mark-up a bill on September 8th. This bill establishes the annual obligation limitation for spending from the highway trust fund (how much the federal government is willing to spend that year).

There will be a continuing resolution (CR) at the end of the fiscal year funding the entire federal government (DOD and DHS may move separately). Since the Senate is not expected to pass all the annual FY12 bills, it is very likely that Congress will pass one or several CR's until after Thanksgiving and possibly into December.

Subject: Information Items

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INFORMATION ITEMS

- **a. MPO Quarterly Meeting.** The next MPO Quarterly will be hosted by the Santa Fe MPO. A Policy Committee representative has been invited to attend the discussions on Reauthorization and impacts to state transportation funding. There will also be an open forum to discuss other areas of concern.
- **b. MPO Major Thoroughfare Plan.** MPO staff is seeking approval of the MPO Major T-Plan by Aztec, Bloomfield, and San Juan County during the month of September.
- c. Small MPO Peer Exchange on Traffic Modeling. Joe Delmagori attended this discussion on modeling needs and capacities for small MPOs in Washington DC on August 29-30. The meeting was hosted by FHWA.
- d. FHWA Training on Environmental Justice and Performance Measures. Staff attended this training in El Paso on August 3-4. The training outlined elements of environmental justice that need to be in the MTP and Public Participation Plan. Examples of performance measures were discussed in anticipation of potential requirements that might be in the new federal transportation bill.
- e. FY2011 UPWP Performance & Expenditure Report. The year-end report that summarizes MPO planning work and budget expenditures has been provided to NMDOT, FHWA, FTA, and the local entities. It is available on the MPO website.
- f. Other.