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## MPO PLANNING UPDATE

Winter 2018/2019

### IN THIS EDITION

- Update on recent changes in the management of the MPO
- Update on Farmington MPO membership & Changes to FMPO Joint Powers Agreement
- FMPO 2019 Meeting Schedule
- Update on the 2019 Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan

### Town of Kirtland, NM

The cities of Aztec, Bloomfield, and Farmington, and San Juan County formed and have participated in the MPO through the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA). In December 2017, the Kirtland Board of Trustees voted to join the MPO. In order for this to occur, the JPA required revisions and approvals by each of the five local governments and the Secretary of the New Mexico Department and Administration. The revised JPA, to include Kirtland, was approved in June 2018 and became effective on October 1, 2018.



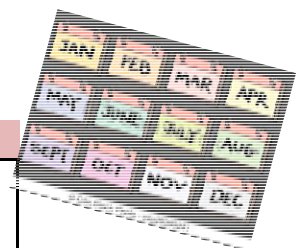
### Recent MPO Changes

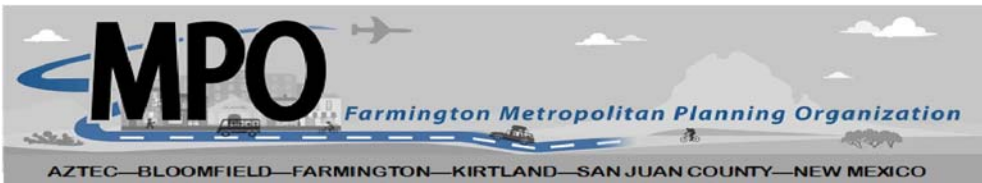
Beginning in October 2018, after coordination between the Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments (COG), the City of Farmington, and the New Mexico Department of Transportation, the COG took over as the administrative and management agency for the MPO. They are responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the MPO while the City of Farmington will remain as the fiscal agent for the MPO. The COG, located in Gallup, NM, provides a range of planning and technical assistance services on behalf of San Juan County and other entities in the northwestern New Mexico region, including the City of Farmington.

### 2019 MPO COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

Technical Committee	
1/9/19	Farmington City Hall
2/13/19	San Juan County
3/13/19	Bloomfield City Hall
4/10/19	Kirtland Town Hall
5/8/19	Aztec City Hall
6/12/19	Farmington City Hall
7/10/19	San Juan County
8/14/19	Bloomfield City Hall
9/11/19	Kirtland Town Hall
10/9/19	Aztec City Hall
11/6/19	Farmington City Hall
12/11/19	San Juan County

Policy Committee	
1/24/19	San Juan County
2/28/19	Farmington City Hall
	No Meeting
4/25/19	Kirtland Town Hall
5/23/19	Bloomfield City Hall
6/27/19	Aztec City Hall
	No Meeting
8/22/19	San Juan County
9/26/19	Farmington City Hall
	No Meeting
11/21/19	Kirtland Town Hall
	No Meeting





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### WELCOME to New MPO Staff & Committee Members

Along with new MPO Committee members, Mary Holton, AICP, was reassigned by the City of Farmington as the MPO Officer. Ms. Holton will also be training the succeeding MPO Officer and incoming MPO Planner. Her knowledge and experience with the MPO responsibilities and deadlines will streamline work for the MPO.

Additionally, a candidate for the MPO Planner position has been contacted and is expected to join the MPO in April 2019.

The MPO welcomed several new Policy and Technical Committee members throughout the last few months: Policy Committee members included: Julie Baird, John Beckstead, Mark Duncan, Sean Sharer, Glojean Todacheene; and for the Technical Committee: Dan Flack and Nick Porell.

### 2019 Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan



The Farmington Metropolitan Planning Organization (FMPO) has been engaged in planning the next generation of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure for the region surrounding the communities of Aztec, Bloomfield, Farmington, Kirtland, and nearby areas in unincorporated San

Juan County. This project will help the FMPO prioritize future bicycle and pedestrian improvements that will increase safety, create accessible routes, connect communities, and promote the health and wellness of all residents. There are also multiple economic benefits associated with walking and cycling, including tourism promotion and lower transportation costs for individuals.

The project was led by the staffs and stakeholders from the Cities of Aztec, Bloomfield, Farmington, Town of Kirtland, and San Juan County. Russell Planning & Engineering based in Durango, CO was hired to complete the plan.

The final FMPO 2019 Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan was recommended for adoption by the FMPO Technical Committee on February 13 and adopted by the Policy Committee on February 28, 2019.



### Current MPO Work Products

MPO Staff are currently working on the following tasks:

- FFY2019-2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment #2. The UPWP sets forth the tasks the MPO will undertake in a given fiscal year. This amendment is necessary at NMDOT's Transit Bureau has informed the MPO that FFY2017 and FFY2018 unexpended 5303 funds will carry-over for use in FFY2019. Estimated carry-over funds total \$116,208.73 (which includes \$23,241.74 in required local match).
- FFY2018-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #6 to revise two projects: San Juan County's CR 5500 Bridge Replacement (change in funding); and, City of Aztec's East Aztec Arterial Project, Phase II (move funding from FY18 to FY20).