



TECHNICAL COMMITTEE AGENDA

Farmington Metropolitan Planning Organization

**February 23, 2012
10:00 a.m.**

**Commission Chambers
Aztec City Hall
201 West Chaco Street
Aztec, New Mexico**

AGENDA
FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING
February 23, 2012 10:00 A.M.

This meeting will be held in the Commission Chambers at the Aztec City Hall, 201 W. Chaco Street, Aztec, New Mexico.

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MINUTES
FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2012

Technical Members Present: Mike Huber, City of Aztec
Brad Ellsworth, City of Bloomfield
Cindy Lopez, City of Farmington
Dave Keck, San Juan County

Staff Present: Mary Holton, MPO Officer
Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner
June Markle, MPO Administrative Aide

Technical Members Absent: Nica J. Westerling, City of Farmington

Staff Absent: None

Also Present: David Quintana, NMDOT District 5, via telephone
Larry Hathaway, San Juan County, Alternate
Dr. James Henderson, San Juan County

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Lopez called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 15, 2011 TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Mr. Huber made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 15, 2011 Technical Committee meeting. Mr. Ellsworth seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

Ms Lopez said the Annual Election would be held once either of the other Technical Committee members arrived and proceeded to the FY2013-2018 TIP agenda item.

3. RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE FY2013-2018 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Agenda Item

Subject:	FY2013-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
Prepared by:	Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner
Date:	January 16, 2012

BACKGROUND

- The TIP is a short-term program of projects expected to be completed in the next six years.
- The MPO updates the TIP on an annual basis.
- The TIP update process includes revising existing project information, adding new projects, and developing TIP priority projects.
- A Call for Projects was issued and projects were received.

CURRENT WORK

- Staff will present the current TIP at the January 26 Technical Committee meeting to discuss the projects.
- The current TIP priority lists will also be discussed.
- Aztec and Bloomfield have submitted new projects
- Staff is meeting with the entities, Red Apple, and NMDOT individually to update project information as necessary.

RECOMMENDATION

- It is recommended that the Technical Committee receive a report on the FY2013-2018 Transportation Improvement Program.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Delmagori said the beginning of each year brings the beginning of the TIP update cycle. About a month ago, the call for projects was issued and there was one project each from Bloomfield and Aztec. Any modifications or revisions to the TIP will actually begin in February. Over the next few weeks, Mr. Delmagori will meet individually with the entities and NMDOT to review each of their TIP projects.

Mr. Delmagori reviewed the federally funded list of projects for FY2012-2017 on the Regionally Significant Project List:

REGIONALLY SIGNIFICANT PROJECT LISTS

Aztec

The City of Aztec identified \$100,000 in local funding to help support the project design for the second pedestrian bridge over the Animas River. This bridge project has been funded for 2013 and 2014 with \$600,000 allocated for each year.

Mr. Delmagori stated that the STIP is showing the 2013 funding going to Main Street for other activities rather than the bridge. Mr. Huber added that the project wording was trail design from North Main up to the bridge and this was interpreted to include the bridge footings as part of the trail design. Mr. Huber said they were able to set the project schedule such that the two funding sources would overlap and they will be able to build the entire project. He added that it may be practical to review what was submitted as the purpose of the project to ensure everyone knows what this funding is to cover. Mr. Delmagori added that if an adjustment to the STIP is required following further discussion, Staff will work with NMDOT to get it resolved.

Bloomfield

Mr. Delmagori reported that the first of two Bloomfield projects is the Bergin Lane pedestrian improvement project for 2015 for \$1,000,000. Following discussion at the Policy Committee meeting on January 19, the City of Bloomfield is also considering possible landscaping of the stretch of US 64 currently under construction. Mr. Delmagori will be discussing this new project with the City of Bloomfield to determine how it fits into the current MPO TIP listing. Mr. Quintana said that if both the City of Bloomfield and MPO agree, it would be possible to use the TPE funding for the landscaping instead of the sidewalk project. Mr. Delmagori stated there needs to be further discussion and comparison of the construction of sidewalks vs. adding landscaping. He added that Mr. Pat Lucero, who sits on the Policy Committee and represents Bloomfield, had expressed his interest in the sidewalk project and his concerns for the safety of school children who would be using the new walkway. Mr. Quintana added that he thought the City of Bloomfield planned to address the pedestrian needs without using all of the funding. Mr. Ellsworth said the Bloomfield City Council is still discussing how to best use the funds.

The other Bloomfield project is funding for the recreational trail along the San Juan River. Mr. Ellsworth said the City's Parks Department is responsible for this project.

Mr. Keck arrived at the meeting.

Red Apple Transit

Mr. Delmagori stated the Red Apple Transit annual operating funds through the FTA 5307 Program will remain constant.

Farmington

Mr. Delmagori explained that the latest TIP Amendment changed the TCSP funding for the E. Pinon Hills Blvd. extension from FY2011 to FY2012. He added that in 2015, there is \$3,000,000 to use for intersection improvements at Pinon Hills and East Main St and the actual road construction down to Hubbard Street. Once completed this road will function as an outlet for the neighborhood and eventually be upgraded to an arterial once the bridge is constructed.

Mr. Delmagori reported that the City of Farmington also has funding for FY2013 and FY2014 for trail development in Lions Wilderness Park and there is TPE funding for FY2014 for pedestrian facilities along 20th Street to include adding sidewalks where sidewalks are currently missing.

Mr. Delmagori said that similar to Bloomfield, the City of Farmington is re-evaluating its TPE funds in FY2013 to construct sidewalks on Pinon Hills Blvd. Staff was just informed that the Farmington's Public Works Department will be discussing another potential project for consideration. Once that decision is made, necessary TIP and STIP amendments will follow.

Safe Routes to School

Farmington also has Safe Routes to School Phase II Infrastructure funds for construction of a sidewalk from Apache Elementary School to the intersection with Auburn Avenue.

NMDOT

Mr. Delmagori explained the NMDOT projects for the MPO:

- The intersection of NM 574 and Light Plant Road in Aztec;
- Phase III of US 64 will continue from where Phase II leaves off in Bloomfield and will head west towards Farmington. This project is funded in two-year increments at about one mile per phase;
- Phase IV of US 64 will pick up from Phase III in years 2014 and 2015.

San Juan County

Mr. Delmagori reported on the projects for San Juan County. The first project is \$450,000 for the Chaco Canyon Road (CR 7950).

The second project was part of the TIP Amendment #1 to move the earmark from FY2011 to FY2012 for the project on CR 7500.

The County also has bridge rehabilitation funds in FY2013 for CR 6675.

UNFUNDED PROJECT LIST

Mr. Delmagori reviewed the current Unfunded Project List which includes all the priority lists which are broken down by funding source as well as a general listing of all the other projects brought to the attention of the MPO. These additional projects are those which are waiting to move up in significance as other priority projects get funded. Some may also eventually be locally funded.

Bridge Priority

U-F10	E Pinon Hills Blvd
U-SJ12	CR 7150
U-B13	E Blanco Blvd. (Phase 1)
U-SJ7	CR 5500 (crosses San Juan River)

Safety

Mr. Delmagori commented that some of the projects that had been on the Safety list were removed because they received highway safety funding. Just a month or so ago, there was an additional round of applications considered for safety funding and Safety Project #2 - Light Plant Rd. and Safety Project #3 - intersection of CR 350 and CR 390 were submitted to NMDOT. Mr. Delmagori expects a decision on these projects from NMDOT in March or April at which time they could potentially move to the Regionally Significant Project List.

Surface Transportation

Projects on this list include:

- Remaining portion of the Pinon Hills extension;
- In correlation with the Pinon Hills extension above, there is the County portion along CR 3900;
- East Arterial Route in Aztec (Phases 1 and 2);
- Bergin Lane in Bloomfield (further road improvement);
- East Blanco Blvd. (Phase 1)
- Pinon Hills (widening of the 4 lanes from Butler west to 30th St.)
- US 64 - Phase 5

Transportation Enhancement (TPE)

- 5th St. in Bloomfield
- Wildflower Pkwy

Mr. Delmagori stated the remaining priority list is the General Listing of projects that entities would like to have considered in the future. Mr. Delmagori will also review this portion of the Unfunded Project List with each entity individually in the next few weeks.

ACTION: The report was received.

4. HOLD THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Agenda Item**

Subject:	Annual Election of Officers
Prepared by:	Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner
Date:	January 16, 2012

BACKGROUND

- At the first meeting of the new year, the Technical Committee selects the Chair and Vice-Chair from their membership who will serve until the next annual election.
- The Chair presides over the meetings and is responsible for the other duties outlined in the Committee Bylaws and Operating Procedures document.
- The Vice-Chair presides over the meetings in the absence of the Chair.

RECOMMENDATION

- It is recommended that the Technical Committee accept nominations and vote to elect the Chair and Vice-Chair.

ACTION: With four of five Technical Committee members present, the Annual Election of Officers was held. Ms. Lopez made a motion to nominate Mike Huber for Technical Committee Chair for the new year of 2012. Mr. Keck seconded the motion. There were no additional nominations. The vote was unanimous to name Mike Huber as Technical Committee Chair.

Ms. Lopez nominated Brad Ellsworth for the Vice-Chair of the Technical Committee. Mr. Keck seconded the motion. There were no additional nominations. The vote was unanimous to name Brad Ellsworth as Technical Committee Vice-Chair.

Mr. Huber took over the meeting as the new Technical Committee Chair.

5. RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE 2011 TRAFFIC COUNT PROGRAM

FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION Agenda Item

Subject:	2011 Traffic Count Program
Prepared by:	Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner
Date:	January 16, 2012

BACKGROUND

- For the 2011 traffic count program, there were 87 locations where counts were taken in October.
- Speed and class data was collected at 27 of those locations.
- The data was processed and reviewed in November and December.

CURRENT WORK

- The majority of counts show a decline in average daily traffic when comparing 2011 counts to previous counts.
- Of the 87 locations, 82 were accepted.
- The other 5 locations were not accepted due to exceptionally low volumes.

RECOMMENDATION

- It is recommended that the Technical Committee receive a report on the 2011 Traffic Count Program.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Delmagori said the actual traffic count was completed in October with the data processed and reviewed in November and December. Of the 87 locations, 82 were acceptable. The remaining five locations were not accepted due to exceptionally low volumes and staff could not determine any explanations as to why the counts were so low. Mr. Delmagori also noted that overall the counts were down and Staff believes that unemployment and other economic factors could play a part in why there was a decline in average daily traffic in the area.

Mr. Delmagori reviewed those counts that had a significant volume percentage change:

Foothills (Crestwood to Rinconada) - 41% decrease. Staff believes the decrease is due to the paving of College and Hood Mesa Trail. This improved access provides an alternate route for drivers to reach Pinon Hills or Main Street instead of using Foothills. The availability and use of another outlet seems to indicate that traffic is now being dispersed in the area.

Hood Mesa Trail (Pinon Hills to Anasazi) - 75% decrease. Mr. Delmagori stated that Staff has decided to accept the count of just over 100 cars even though it is a 75% decrease over the first count taken in 2006. This count has been re-taken in 2008 and 2009 with a resulting count of approximately 100-200 cars. Because these counts were so much lower than the 2006 count, they were originally rejected. Now, however, the trend shows that 100-200 cars are the norm and the count is considered accurate and acceptable.

Navajo E (Vine to Main St.) - 69% increase. Mr. Delmagori said that this location saw a significant increase of more than 1,000 vehicles. Staff believes this increase could be due to the new coffee shop and retail business in the parking lot near the count location.

West Blanco (Frontier to Bergin) - 50% increase. Mr. Delmagori reported that Staff believes this increase is due to the construction on US 64. Drivers are looking for alternate routes around the construction.

Mr. Delmagori said traffic counts will be taken again in September or October of 2012.

6. RECEIVE A REPORT FROM NMDOT

Mr. David Quintana reported that the project for pavement preservation of NM 516 and US 550 was let on January 20th to Four Corners Materials at a bid of \$3,400,000. The executed contract should be completed in approximately two-three months with construction beginning in May or June.

Mr. Quintana said the current construction on US 64 should be substantially completed by October 2012.

The next phase of the US 64 project is currently under final design. The final design review was conducted on January 11th; a PS&E review is scheduled for July, with an expected production date of August 2012. Bid opening would be in October with construction starting in January or February of 2013.

Mr. Quintana reported that NMDOT is writing the request for proposal to get a consultant on board for the final design of the next phase of US 64 which will take construction to mile marker 58. The project is funded for FY2014-2015 with \$8,300,000 funded for the project. Mr. Quintana said cost estimates are coming in slightly higher than expected, but the funding will be programmed as needed.

Mr. Quintana said the District is reviewing the previous intersection study of NM 371 and Navajo 36, as well as recent traffic counts taken prior to the casino opening. Representative Begay and Senator Pinto are trying to identify some funding during this current legislative session to address improvements to this intersection. Mr. Quintana added that some remedy is required for this intersection and NMDOT will be working with the MPO once some alternatives are identified.

Mr. Huber asked in what direction the resurfacing of NM 516 and US 550 would begin. Aztec has a beautification project beginning in the spring that they do not want to interfere with the resurfacing project. Mr. Quintana said he would have an answer to this question in about two months following the pre-construction conference. He said he would instruct the District's contact in Bloomfield, Mr. Herman Patterson, to include Aztec and San Juan County in the pre-construction conference so they can alert the contractor to the need for coordination.

7. RECEIVE THE CALL FOR PROJECTS FOR THE FY2013 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION Agenda Item

Subject:	FY2013 UPWP Call for Projects
Prepared by:	Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner
Date:	January 16, 2011

BACKGROUND

- Starting in February, the MPO will develop its annual work plan for fiscal year 2013 (July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013).
- The FY2013 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is anticipated to be approved on April 19, 2012 by the Policy Committee.
- Entities are asked to submit any new projects and other planning tasks to be accomplished by the MPO during FY2013 to staff by February 15, 2012.

CURRENT WORK

- Develop projects and planning tasks in February.
- Prepare the FY2013 UPWP budget based on PL and 5303 estimates from NMDOT.
- Review the work program with the Technical and Policy Committees.
- Approve the FY2013 UPWP in April.

RECOMMENDATION

- It is recommended that the Technical Committee receive the Call for Projects for the FY2013 UPWP.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Delmagori said that at the beginning of each year, the MPO begins development of the annual Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) which covers the MPO work from July 2012 to June 2013. In the next few weeks, Staff will send out a checklist of the current fiscal year's completed activities, items that are ongoing, and projects that still to be addressed. In another month or so, the MPO should receive estimates for the Federal PL and 5303 funds that will be available for FY2013.

Some of the ongoing yearly activities that will be part of the FY2013 UPWP are:

- Administrative activities
- Committee meetings, public participation, and presentations
- Quarterly Reports, Budgets, and Newsletters
- Annual Certification
- Development of FY2014 UPWP
- Annual List of Obligated Projects
- Safe Routes to School (SRTS) activities
- Traffic Count program
- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

New Activities that staff has identified include:

- Renewal of the Joint Powers Agreement and Committee Bylaws - expire in September 2012; begin working on revisions and changes this summer.
- Data collection activities for Red Apple Transit - anticipate hiring two interns again for the summer to collect transit data; by the summer months the new routes, which take effect on February 6th, should be fairly well established.
- Develop a Complete Streets Policy - Mr. Delmagori is in contact with the Albuquerque MPO who is working on a Complete Streets Policy. This could be something FMPO may want to consider. Mr. Delmagori will share information from Albuquerque as it is available.
- Finalize the update to the MPO/NMDOT functional classification databases - Staff submitted a long list to NMDOT back in the summer. Mr. Matthew has completed his initial review, and following another review by NMDOT, the classification list will be sent to FHWA for their approval of the changes. This could be wrapped up in FY2012, but may roll over into FY2013.
- Other actions outlined in the 2035 MTP.

Mr. Delmagori also stated that the MPO's Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) architecture has not been reviewed for several years, so this could be another activity for FY2013. Mr. Delmagori asked the entities to consider other projects that the MPO could assist them with. He will have a working draft of the UPWP prepared for the February meeting.

ACTION: The report was received.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION Agenda Item

Subject:	Information Items
Prepared by:	Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner
Date:	January 16, 2012

INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. **MPO Associate Planner.** A status report on the hiring process will be provided at the meeting.
- b. **City of Farmington Major Thoroughfare Plan.** A status report will be given at the meeting about the City of Farmington's public meetings to gather input on possible amendments to its Major T-Plan.
- c. **MPO Quarterly.** Joe Delmagori attended the MPO Quarterly meeting in Las Cruces on January 18.
- d. **Other.**

DISCUSSION: Mr. Delmagori reported that the search for the Associate Planner is continuing. The first round of telephone interviews began on January 25 with several more scheduled for next week. Mr. Delmagori plans to narrow the search down to two or three final applicants who will then be brought in for in-person interviews in February. He hopes to have someone hired and on board in March.

The City of Farmington has been holding public meetings on the major thoroughfare plan seeking comments and input on potential amendments to the City's plan. Two meetings were held the week of January 16th with two additional meetings upcoming in February.

Mr. Delmagori attended the MPO Quarterly Meeting in Las Cruces on January 18. The MPOs were informed that the NM division of FHWA wants to conduct a review of the planning process for each MPO. There were no details provided regarding what FHWA would be looking for, but a letter will be forthcoming describing the review process.

Also at the MPO Quarterly Meeting, there was discussion of the final draft of the TIP/STIP protocols. The Albuquerque MPO had some questions about the differences between amendments and administrative modifications. They are unhappy about some new information added to the protocols by FHWA and do not want to accept the new protocols. Mr. Delmagori will review the protocols and the Albuquerque MPO letter explaining their objections and will report back to the Technical Committee in February.

ACTION: The report was received

11. BUSINESS FROM THE CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS AND STAFF

There was no additional business from the Chairman, Members, or Staff.

12. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

There was no additional business from the floor.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Lopez made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Keck seconded the motion. Mr. Huber adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Mike Huber, Chair

June Markle, MPO Administrative Aide

**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Agenda Item**

Subject:	FY2012-2017 TIP Amendment #2
Prepared by:	Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner
Date:	February 14, 2012

BACKGROUND

- On February 9, 2012 the Farmington MPO advertised Amendment #2 to the FY2012-FY2017 Transportation Improvement Program.
- The amendment revises four projects as described in the attached notice.

CURRENT WORK

- The MPO is holding a 30-day public comment period from February 9, 2012 to March 12, 2012.
- A public hearing on Amendment #2 will be held during the February 23, 2012 Technical Committee meeting.

ANTICIPATED WORK

- Approve Amendment #2 to the FY2012-2017 TIP at the March 15, 2012 Policy Committee meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

- Public Notice describing Amendment #2.

RECOMMENDATION

- It is recommended that the Technical Committee hold a public hearing on and recommend approval of Amendment #2 to the FY2012-2017 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 FY2012-FY2017 Transportation Improvement Program.

Amendment #2 to the FY2012-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) revises four projects as follows:

- **US 64 Phase III (CN F100111)** – add an additional \$8,641,045 in NHS in FY2012 to the current amount of \$5,500,000 for a total of \$14,141,045. Also, decrease the NHS funding in FY2013 from \$2,500,000 to \$1,700,000. The new project total changes from \$8,500,000 to \$15,841,045.
- **CR 7500 (CN F100040)** – move the \$294,000 federal earmark from FY2012 to FY2013.
- **East Arterial Phase 1B** – program a \$588,000 federal earmark (CN F100050) and \$361,238 in TCSP funding (CN F100090) into FY2012 for this project in Aztec.
- **North Animas River Pedestrian Bridge (CN F100120)** – move \$600,000 in TPE in FY2013 (CN 5100200) into CN F100120 and show as a dual year funded project. Currently CN F100120 shows \$600,000 in TPE in FY2014. This control number will now total \$1,200,000 (\$600,000 in FY2013 and \$600,000 in FY2014).

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 Thursday, February 9, 2012 to Monday, March 12, 2012. 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, February 23, 2012** in the Commission Room at the Aztec City Hall, 201 W Chaco St., 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 FY2012-2017 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:	FY2013-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
Prepared by:	Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner
Date:	February 14, 2012

BACKGROUND

- The TIP is a short-term program of projects expected to be completed in the next six years.
- The MPO updates the TIP on an annual basis.
- The TIP update process includes revising existing project information and the priority lists, adding new projects, and developing a TIP Financial Plan.

CURRENT WORK

- Staff met individually with each member entity, NMDOT, and Red Apple Transit to review project information.
- Staff is making all needed adjustments to the TIP to reflect the updated information.
- Staff will work with the Technical Committee members to revise the priority lists as necessary.

ATTACHMENTS

- Draft FY2013-2017 TIP and draft priority list provided under separate cover to the Technical Committee members.

TIP SCHEDULE

MONTH	ACTION
January - February 2012	Call for Projects was made & Project Identification Forms were issued
February - March 2012	Entities reviewed project information; development of priority lists and TIP financial plan
Early March - early April 2012	30-day Public Comment period is advertised and opened
March 22, 2012	Technical Committee holds public hearing on and recommends adoption of TIP
April 19, 2012	Policy Committee adopts the FY2013-2017 TIP

RECOMMENDATION

- It is recommended that the Technical Committee review the draft FY2013-2017 Transportation Improvement Program and review the list of prioritized projects for the MPO.

**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Agenda Item**

Subject:	FY2013 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
Prepared by:	Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner
Date:	February 14, 2012

BACKGROUND

- The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is the fiscal year work plan for the MPO.
- The FY2013 UPWP describes planning activities and work products to be completed from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013.
- Staff provided a checklist that indicates the status of FY2012 planning activities.
- Staff has requested that the entities submit new activities for FY2013.

CURRENT WORK

- Staff has developed a draft UPWP showing activities that are expected to be included in the FY2013 UPWP.
- Staff will review and modify the list with the Technical Committee on February 23.
- The draft FY2013 UPWP Budget has been developed based on funding estimates from NMDOT.

ATTACHMENTS

- Draft FY2013 UPWP by program area and draft FY2013 budget are provided under separate cover to the Technical Committee members.

UPWP SCHEDULE

MONTH	ACTION
February 2012	Issued the Call for Projects
February - March 2012	Develop UPWP program areas
March 22, 2012	Technical Committee recommends approval of UPWP
April 19, 2012	Policy Committee approves the FY2013 UPWP

RECOMMENDATION

- It is recommended that the Technical Committee review the draft FY2013 UPWP and FY2013 UPWP Budget.

**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Agenda Item**

Subject:	STIP Policies and Procedures
Prepared by:	Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner
Date:	February 14, 2012

BACKGROUND

- The NMDOT has updated and revised its Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Policies and Procedures.
- The STIP protocols outline the requirements for the STIP, the procedures for management of the TIP/STIP, and a calendar of deadlines for making modifications to the TIP/STIP.
- NMDOT recently completed the final draft of the document.

CURRENT WORK

- The NMDOT STIP Unit reviewed the final draft with the MPOs at the Quarterly MPO meeting on January 18.
- A new timeline indicated when amendments are approved by the MPO boards and the State Transportation Commission.
- The document describes which projects must be included in the STIP and which modifications require an amendment or an administrative modification.
- TIP management and year-end closeout procedures are also explained

ATTACHMENTS

- Staff will provide copies of the STIP Policies and Procedures at the Technical Committee meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

- It is recommended that the Technical Committee receive a report on the revised STIP Policies and Procedures.

**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Agenda Item**

Subject:	MPO Major T-Plan Policy Document
Prepared by:	Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner
Date:	February 15, 2012

BACKGROUND

- The MPO approved a regional Major Thoroughfare Plan in 2011.
- The purpose of the regional Major T-Plan was to identify current road classifications, proposed classification changes, and proposed new road corridors.
- The Major T-Plan provided the local entities with a regional planning tool.
- Staff has requested that the entities submit new activities for FY2013.

CURRENT WORK

- The MPO Major T-Plan has shown that a policy document would be beneficial for the MPO.
- The document would establish guidance for development of the Major T-Plan and the process for making amendments.
- The document would also describe the relationship between the regional and local Major T-Plans.

ANTICIPATED WORK

- Develop a MPO Major T-Plan Policy Document.
- Review the document with the Technical and Policy Committees.
- Approve the Policy Document.

RECOMMENDATION

- It is recommended that the Technical Committee receive a report on the Major Thoroughfare Plan Policy document for the Farmington MPO.

**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Agenda Item**

Subject:	Transportation Reauthorization
Prepared by:	Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner
Date:	February 14, 2012

BACKGROUND or PREVIOUS WORK

- SAFETEA-LU has been extended through Continuing Resolutions for the past couple of years.
- SAFETEA-LU is currently set to expire on March 31, 2012.
- A full, multi-year reauthorization bill still needs to be passed by Congress.

CURRENT WORK

- The draft Senate bill MAP-21 was issued on November 3, 2011.
- The draft House bill American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act was issued January 31, 2012.
- MAP-21 is a two-year bill that provides \$109 billion for highway and transit projects and includes an MPO tier system based on population.
- The AEIJA is a five-year, \$263 billion bill for highway and transit.
- Core highway programs are reduced from seven to five.
- The bill will place emphasis on freight and safety improvements.
- Revising programs could possibly give states more flexibility to apply funds to the most needed projects.
- State DOTs and MPOs will need to incorporate performance-based measures and targets into the planning process.
- It is still uncertain if a tier system for MPOs will be part of the bill.

ATTACHMENTS

- Summary comparison of the two draft transportation reauthorization bills.

ANTICIPATED WORK

- Monitor the features of the proposed reauthorizations on federally funded projects, the planning process, and impacts to MPOs and state DOTs.

RECOMMENDATION

- It is recommended that the Technical Committee receive a status report on draft reauthorization bills MAP-21 and American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act.

Comparison of House and Senate
Draft Transportation Reauthorization Bills

Senate Proposal - MAP-21	House Proposal - American Energy & Infrastructure Jobs Act
Issued November 3, 2011	Proposed January 31, 2012
Two-year bill that provides \$109 billion for highway and transit projects	Five-year bill that provides \$262.9 billion
The proposed bill would consolidate federal programs from about 90 to less than 30	The legislation reforms and reauthorizes the SAFETEA-LU surface transportation law through FY2016
Core highway programs are reduced from seven to five	Consolidates or eliminates nearly 70 federal programs; Focuses on major themes of clearly defining the federal role in transportation and streamlining the project delivery process
Revising programs could possibly give states more flexibility to apply funds to the most needed projects	The bill contains no project earmarks
State DOTs and MPOs will need to incorporate performance-based measures and targets into the planning process	Allows for the continuation of all existing MPOs (includes keeping the current TMA threshold at 200,000 and above), yet sets a new urbanized area population threshold of 100,000 to be designated as an MPO in the future
There is a proposed tier system for MPOs based on population	Federal recognition for RPOs and requires state DOTs to cooperate and not simply consult
Criteria for keeping MPOs that are less than 200,000 include developing the MTP and TIP and having the capability of doing traffic modeling	Programs such as Transportation Enhancements and Safe Routes to School would be eliminated

**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Agenda Item**

Subject:	Red Apple Transit Update
Prepared by:	Joe Delmagori, MPO Planner
Date:	February 14, 2012

RED APPLE REPORT

- In 2011, Red Apple Transit reached 150,000 in annual ridership for the first time with a total ridership of 150,446.
- Ridership was up from the 2010 total of 139,467; an increase of 8 percent.
- The Farmington routes saw their highest ridership during the fall months.
- All the Regional routes saw an increase in ridership in 2011 when compared to 2010.
- Bloomfield ridership was highest during the spring and fall college semesters.
- Kirtland ridership was fairly constant for the first half of the year and reached its highest monthly total in December.
- Aztec ridership rose through the summer then leveled off for the last part of the year.

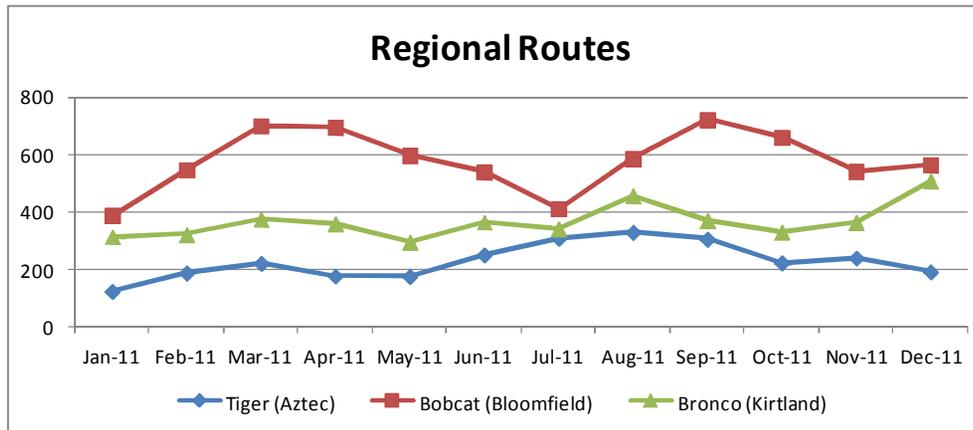
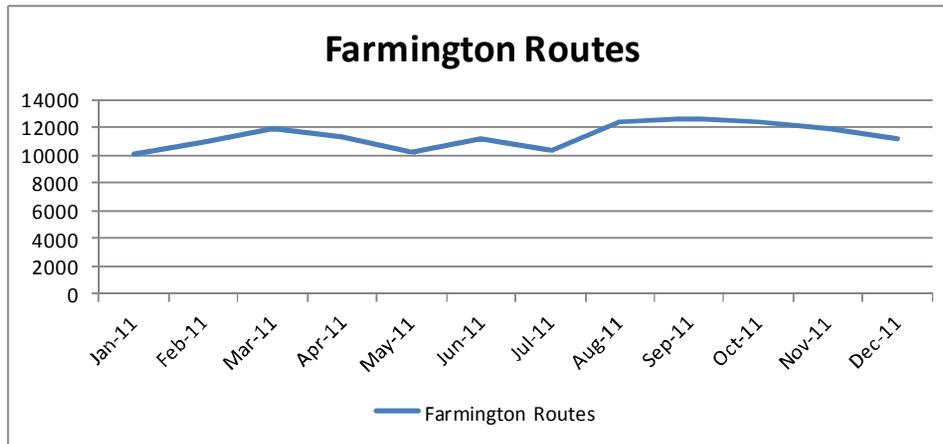
ATTACHMENT

- 2011 ridership summary for Red Apple Transit.

RECOMMENDATION

- It is recommended that the Technical Committee receive a report on the 2011 Red Apple Transit annual ridership.

	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Apr-11	May-11	Jun-11	Jul-11	Aug-11	Sep-11	Oct-11	Nov-11	Dec-11	Yearly Total by Route
Farmington Routes	10078	10884	11940	11265	10201	11219	10384	12352	12639	12347	11918	11133	136360
Tiger (Aztec)	124	187	222	177	176	251	309	329	305	223	240	192	2735
Bobcat (Bloomfield)	388	547	700	695	597	540	412	586	721	660	541	564	6951
Bronco (Kirtland)	314	322	374	359	296	365	341	456	371	331	364	507	4400
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**FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Agenda Item**

Subject:	Information Items
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INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. **MPO Associate Planner.** In-person interviews were held during the week of February 13. The hiring process is expected to conclude by the end of the month.
- b. **Other.**