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Annual Performance and Expenditure Report

FFY 2014

October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014

Format of this Report

The format of this report is based on agreement between all New Mexico MPOs and the NMDOT. It was agreed to utilize the last quarterly report which provides sequential updates on activities and add the end-of-year financial analyses to that report to create the Annual Performance and Expenditure Report. It should be noted that FY 2012-2013 was extended by adding a "5th Quarter" to the year in order to transition all metropolitan planning organizations' work programs from the State Fiscal Year to the Federal Fiscal Year.



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Incorporated into this Annual Performance and Expenditure Report, by reference, is the MRMPO 4th Quarter Report which is a cumulative quarterly report of all four federal fiscal year quarters which provides the progress and status of the all of the MPO's work elements, quarterly financial statements, and quarterly employee timesheet summaries.

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Federal Programs Status Report FFY 2014**

Metropolitan Planning

PO 188605

P314070 FHWA Mid-Region MPO PL

	Federal (85.44%)	Local (14.56%)	Total
Funds Avail. Work Auth. 1/22/2014:	926,074.00	157,814.00	1,083,888.00
1st Qtr ending 12/31/13 Invoice 14-124	245,190.84	41,783.46	286,974.30
2nd Qtr ending 3/31/14 Invoice 14-193	254,481.30	43,366.67	297,847.97
3rd Qtr ending 6/30/14 Invoice 14-260	228,088.99	38,869.10	266,958.09
4th Qtr ending 9/30/14 Invoice 15-082	198,312.87	33,794.77	232,107.64
Total Expenditures in All 4 Quarters	926,074.00	157,814.00	1,083,888.00
Balance of Funds	-	-	-

Local Government Assistance

PO 188606

P314072 SPR Funds

	Federal (80%)	Local (20%)	Total
Funds Avail. Work Auth. 1/22/2014:	152,800.00	38,200.00	191,000.00
1st Qtr ending 12/31/13 Invoice 14-124	4,216.22	1,054.06	5,270.28
2nd Qtr ending 3/31/14 Invoice 14-193	6,783.45	1,695.86	8,479.31
3rd Qtr ending 6/30/14 Invoice 14-260	7,590.52	1,897.63	9,488.15
4th Qtr ending 9/30/14 Invoice 15-082	10,735.63	2,683.91	13,419.54
Total Expenditures in All 4 Quarters	29,325.82	7,331.46	36,657.28
Balance of Funds	123,474.18	30,868.54	154,342.72

AMPA-Wide Comprehensive Regional Travel Survey

PO158755

A300780 STP-U Funds

	Federal (85.44%)	Local (14.56%)	Total
Funds Avail. Work Auth. 1/22/2014:	999,899.15	170,395.82	1,170,294.97
1st Qtr ending 12/31/13 Invoice 14-124	242,671.04	41,354.05	284,025.09
2nd Qtr ending 3/31/14 Invoice 14-193	255,848.99	43,599.74	299,448.73
3rd Qtr ending 6/30/14 Invoice 14-260	115,055.19	19,606.78	134,661.97
4th Qtr ending 9/30/14 Invoice 15-082	138,933.33	23,675.91	162,609.24
Total Expenditures in All 4 Quarters	752,508.55	128,236.48	880,745.03
Balance of Funds	247,390.60	42,159.34	289,549.94

Climate Change Scenario Planning

PO 181285

P300020 HPR Funds

	Federal (100%)	Local (0%)	Total
Funds Avail. Work Auth. 1/22/2014:	45,000.00	-	45,000.00
Supplemental WA Dated May 16, 2014	75,000.00	-	75,000.00
1st Qtr ending 12/31/13 Invoice 14-124	3,344.15	-	3,344.15
2nd Qtr ending 3/31/14 Invoice 14-193	10,107.31	-	10,107.31
3rd Qtr ending 6/30/14 Invoice 14-260	8,454.71	-	8,454.71
4th Qtr ending 9/30/14 Invoice 15-082	85,787.20	-	85,787.20
Total Expenditures in All 4 Quarters	107,693.37	-	107,693.37
Balance of Funds	12,306.63	-	12,306.63

Traffic Counts Program-STP-U

PO 188608

A300564 STP-U Funds

	Federal (85.44%)	Local (14.56%)	Total
Funds Avail. Work Auth. 1/22/2014:	259,631.00	44,244.00	303,875.00
1st Qtr ending 12/31/13 Invoice 14-124	53,419.70	9,103.36	62,523.06
2nd Qtr ending 3/31/14 Invoice 14-193	52,698.85	8,980.52	61,679.37
3rd Qtr ending 6/30/14 Invoice 14-260	31,772.68	5,414.45	37,187.13
4th Qtr ending 9/30/14 Invoice 15-082	50,774.98	8,652.66	59,427.64
Total Expenditures in All 4 Quarters	188,666.21	32,150.99	220,817.20
Balance of Funds	70,964.79	12,093.01	83,057.80

Traffic Counts Program-SPR

PO 188609

P314071 SPR Funds

	Federal (80.00%)	Local (20.00%)	Total
Funds Avail. Work Auth. 1/22/2014:	320,000.00	80,000.00	400,000.00
1st Qtr ending 12/31/13 Invoice 14-124	37,121.70	9,280.43	46,402.13
2nd Qtr ending 3/31/14 Invoice 14-193	36,620.78	9,155.20	45,775.98
3rd Qtr ending 6/30/14 Invoice 14-260	22,079.04	5,519.76	27,598.80
4th Qtr ending 9/30/14 Invoice 15-082	35,283.87	8,820.97	44,104.84
Total Expenditures in All 4 Quarters	131,105.39	32,776.36	163,881.75
Balance of Funds	188,894.61	47,223.64	236,118.25

Note - Per letter dated October 18, 2011, 42.6% of CTCP expenditures will be charged to SPR and 57.4% will be charged to STP-U

Congestion Management Program Travel Time

PO 188610

A300184 STP-U Funds

	Federal (80.00%)	Local (20.00%)	Total
Funds Avail. Work Auth. 1/22/2014:	175,692.00	29,940.00	205,632.00
1st Qtr ending 12/31/13 Invoice 14-124	9,426.27	1,606.35	11,032.62
2nd Qtr ending 3/31/14 Invoice 14-193	32,062.45	5,463.83	37,526.28
3rd Qtr ending 6/30/14 Invoice 14-260	133,787.04	22,798.92	156,585.96
4th Qtr ending 9/30/14 Invoice 15-082	416.24	70.90	487.14
Total Expenditures in All 4 Quarters	175,692.00	29,940.00	205,632.00
Balance of Funds	(0.00)	0.00	(0.00)

TCSP CNM UNM Study

PO 163445

A301130 TCSP Funds

	Federal (85.44%)	Local (14.56%)	Total
Funds Avail. Work Auth. 1/22/2014:	91,862.96	15,652.57	107,515.53
1st Qtr ending 12/31/13 Invoice 14-124	37,023.36	6,309.22	43,332.58
2nd Qtr ending 3/31/14 Invoice 14-193	20,176.90	3,438.39	23,615.29
3rd Qtr ending 6/30/14 Invoice 14-260	5,127.19	873.74	6,000.93
4th Qtr ending 9/30/14 Invoice 15-082	7,433.81	1,266.81	8,700.62
Total Expenditures in All 4 Quarters	69,761.26	11,888.16	81,649.42
Balance of Funds	22,101.70	3,764.41	25,866.11

Mid-Region Metropolitan Planning Organization
Summarized Statement of Expenditures
From 10/1/2013 Through 9/30/2014

General Ledger Category Group	Various Agencies' Funds for Ortho Imagery	City of ABO Funds for Uptown Study	City of ABO Funds for Paseo del Volcan Corridor Study	FHWA PL Funds	FTA 5303 Funds	SPR Funds for Local Gov't Assitance	RMRTD Funds for MPO Planning	STP-U Funds AMPA Wide Regional Travel Survey	Bernalillo County Funds for Complete Streets	HPR Funds for Climate Change - Scenario Planning Project	STP-U & SPR Funds for Traffic Count Program	STP-U Funds for Travel Time Program	TCSP Funds for CNM/UNM Transit Study	Total
Expenditures														
Salaries	0.00	0.00	0.00	517,434.20	87,103.60	21,026.83	18,206.49	11,705.41	8,967.04	17,890.76	162,519.36	0.00	16,619.82	857,614.73
Benefits	0.00	0.00	0.00	194,523.37	35,338.40	7,171.57	6,838.51	1,710.80	2,738.42	7,659.50	65,416.02	0.00	6,668.04	329,774.67
Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,711.96	2,942.59	466.59	0.00	0.00	13.28	0.00	3,602.74	91.02	6.00	25,834.18
Registration & Tuition	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,927.85	601.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,251.85	0.00	0.00	4,781.55
Membership Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,775.73	4,625.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,519.59	0.00	0.00	14,401.69
Computer Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,220.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,090.47	1,253.00	0.00	13,993.35
Office Equip - 501-1000	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,312.61	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	117.38	0.00	0.00	14,403.08
Capital Equip	0.00	0.00	0.00	35,730.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	117.38	0.00	0.00	35,847.38
Professional Contracts	124,970.65	55,344.16	74,900.00	61,114.28	18,445.40	0.00	0.00	853,222.48	8,000.00	75,000.00	44,992.86	198,204.17	50,363.11	1,564,557.11
Non-Professional Svcs	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,164.68	0.00	6,364.68
Telecommunications	0.00	0.00	0.00	368.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,117.79	0.00	0.00	1,485.95
Building Lease & Utilities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	504.44	0.00	0.00	504.44
Supplies under 500	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,418.10	0.00	32.41	3,780.60	0.00	356.54	0.00	15,093.62	0.00	0.00	20,681.27
Postage	0.00	0.00	0.00	630.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	37.34	0.00	0.00	29.32	0.00	0.00	697.55
Printing & Reproduction	0.12	0.00	0.00	12,643.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	725.04	0.00	670.34	0.00	0.00	14,039.02
Advertising	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,762.77	1,008.64	0.00	0.00	9,983.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,096.38	17,850.86
Publications	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,139.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,139.10
Vehicle Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,539.99	0.00	0.00	4,539.99
Misc Exp	0.00	0.00	0.00	226,765.34	36,702.98	7,959.88	7,792.40	4,085.93	1,920.04	7,143.11	75,233.18	2,562.81	6,896.07	378,782.01
Total Expenditures	124,970.77	55,344.16	74,900.00	1,111,678.64	186,769.42	36,657.28	36,618.00	880,745.03	22,720.36	107,693.37	384,698.95	208,275.68	81,649.42	3,312,292.61

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Expenditures														
Salaries & Wages	0.00	0.00	0.00	434,962.05	76,940.36	18,658.21	16,709.05	11,705.41	8,658.90	15,753.27	127,696.16	0.00	13,748.33	720,038.30
Vacation & Sick Leave	0.00	0.00	0.00	82,472.15	10,163.24	2,368.62	1,497.44	345.54	308.14	2,137.49	34,823.20	0.00	2,871.49	137,576.43
Accrual/Allocation														
FICA Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	31,988.19	5,563.66	1,399.89	1,251.53	228.79	654.01	1,248.60	9,353.21	0.00	1,014.48	53,041.45
State Unemployment Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,472.38	388.02	83.69	125.71	0.00	48.95	87.83	731.89	0.00	81.13	4,046.47
Workers Comp Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,683.78	297.31	72.50	64.98	10.34	33.05	60.58	729.59	0.00	52.68	3,020.92
Workers Comp Assessment Fee	0.00	0.00	0.00	86.55	13.96	2.29	3.02	0.49	3.37	2.18	28.75	0.00	2.11	144.17
Fringe Benefits	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,082.73	192.30	46.61	42.42	6.97	16.27	39.35	316.96	0.00	34.39	1,788.29
Dental Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,419.01	730.41	93.08	113.73	32.56	35.36	179.34	1,621.82	0.00	165.08	7,439.68
Life	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,488.15	638.20	155.17	139.85	27.02	60.21	129.86	1,013.37	0.00	112.22	5,794.94
Medical Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	62,402.46	11,227.99	1,358.43	1,590.77	458.74	497.07	2,554.81	24,611.07	0.00	2,301.73	107,710.41
Vision Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	691.71	124.39	15.34	1.60	5.04	5.58	29.46	292.33	0.00	3.21	1,176.59
PERA Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	78,035.45	14,632.18	3,571.40	3,173.58	539.55	1,254.56	3,012.48	24,182.84	0.00	2,626.07	131,811.97
Retiree Health Care	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,172.96	1,529.98	373.17	331.32	55.76	129.99	315.01	2,534.19	0.00	274.94	13,799.78
Registration & Tuition	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,927.85	601.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,251.85	0.00	0.00	4,781.55
Membership Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,775.73	4,625.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,401.69
In State Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,004.81	609.27	466.59	0.00	0.00	13.28	0.00	1,330.97	91.02	6.00	7,521.94
Out of State Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,707.15	2,333.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,271.77	0.00	0.00	18,312.24
Computer & Software Mainten.	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,220.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,519.59	1,253.00	0.00	13,993.35
Equipment - under \$5,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,312.61	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,090.47	0.00	0.00	14,403.08
Capital Purchases - \$5,000 +	0.00	0.00	0.00	35,730.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	117.38	0.00	0.00	35,847.38
Professional Services	124,970.65	55,344.16	74,900.00	61,114.28	18,445.40	0.00	0.00	853,222.48	8,000.00	75,000.00	44,992.86	198,204.17	50,363.11	1,564,557.11
Non-Professional Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,164.68	0.00	6,364.68
Telephone Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	461.94	0.00	0.00	461.94
Cell Phone Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	368.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	655.85	0.00	0.00	1,024.01
Utilities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	504.44	0.00	0.00	504.44
Office supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,418.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,093.62	0.00	0.00	16,511.72
Postage	0.00	0.00	0.00	630.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	37.34	0.00	0.00	29.32	0.00	0.00	697.55
Printing & Reproduction	0.12	0.00	0.00	12,643.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,983.07	725.04	0.00	670.34	0.00	0.00	14,039.02
Advertising	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,762.77	1,008.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,096.38	17,850.86
Books, Periodicals, Data	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,139.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,139.10
Fuel and Oil	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,571.79	0.00	0.00	2,571.79
Vehicle Repair & Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,968.20	0.00	0.00	1,968.20
Banquet	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Meeting Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	32.41	3,780.60	0.00	356.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,169.55
Misc Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,601.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,601.46
Indirect Cost Allocation	0.00	0.00	0.00	225,163.88	36,702.98	7,959.88	7,792.40	4,085.93	1,920.04	7,143.11	75,233.18	2,562.81	6,896.07	377,180.55
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Title VI Report for FFY 2014 (October 1, 2013 – September 30, 2014)

Pursuant to *Mid-Region Council of Governments and Mid-Region Metropolitan Planning Organization Title VI Plan* (page 3), an Annual Title VI Report is required to be appended to the Annual Performance and Expenditure Report.

Status Report

Lack of an independent Title VI Plan was noted as a “recommended action” in the 2010 Certification Review (Cert. Rev. #2b) and a “finding” in the 2012 review (#2 pg. 13). In response, MRCOG has developed a Title VI Plan and the Metropolitan Transportation Board approved the Title VI Plan on October 18, 2013 under resolution R-13-18 MTB.

Public Access

In FFY 2014, MRCOG used professional interpreters to translate the Title VI Plan into Spanish. There is a Title VI page on the MRCOG website in which is posted copies of Sample Title VI Complaint Forms, instructions for filing Title VI complaints, and the MRCOG Title VI Plan. The Title VI Plan, forms, etc. are available in both English and Spanish and are posted on our website.

Report of Title VI Investigations, Complaints and Lawsuits

No incidents were received or filed during this reporting period, therefore there were no investigations, complaints or lawsuits.

Summary of Public Outreach

MRMPO public outreach activities in FFY 2014 focused on the *Futures 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan*. In November 2013 we held public "kick-off" meetings for the 2040 MTP in Albuquerque, Los Lunas, and Bernalillo. Additional MTP and related outreach events were held between January 2014 and October 2014 for the following groups:

- ABQ Ride Transit Advisory Board
- East Gateway Coalition of Associations
- Kiwanis Club
- NMASLA Multi-Modal Event
- Bernalillo County Health Council
- UNM Sustainability Fair
- National Train Day
- La Montanita Earth Day Event
- South Valley Coalition of Neighborhood Associations
- MRCOG Open House
- Academy Hills Park Neighborhood Association
- ASCE – Northern NM Chapter
- ITE NM Monthly Meeting
- Urban Waters Partnership
- NAIOP, Rio Rancho
- NAIOP, Albuquerque
- Belen Community Center
- Bernalillo County Dia de los Muertos – Marigold Parade & Fair (held 11/2/14)
- Tribal Governments' Meeting (held 11/7/14)

Certain meetings were advertised in Spanish as well as English. In addition, a questionnaire was distributed to assess transportation needs in the MRMPO planning area. The questionnaire, which was still open as of December 31, 2013, was offered in Spanish and English.

Copy of Title VI Notice to the Public & Employees

Public Notification of Title VI

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Tracking of Responses to FHWA 2012 Review of NM MPOs Mid-Region MPO				
		NMDOT Response	FHWA Response	Status per FHWA
<p>The 2010 Certification Review and/or the 2012 Mid-Cycle Review is noted</p> <p>1a). Better Use of Agreements (2010 Cert. Rev. #2a)</p>	<p>MRMPO note: The following is the status of all findings listed in the 2010 Certification Review and the 2012 Planning Process Review. Date of status update is in bold text. There were no "corrective actions" identified in either document.</p> <p>MPO Responses</p> <p>July 8, 2013 - The MOA between MRCOG and NMDOT was updated December 23, 2010. An MOA was entered into between MRMPO/MRCOG the City of Albuquerque (ABQ Ride) and the Rio Metro Regional Transit District on January 21, 2011. September 2, 2014 - This recommendation from the 2010 Cert Review was completed upon update of the MRCOG-NMDOT MOA in December of 2010 and with the January 2011 execution of the MOA between MRMPO/MRCOG-ABQ Ride-RMRTD. November 25, 2014 - MRMPO does not understand why this recommendation from the 2010 certification review is still open. The recommendation suggested an agreement between the MPO, RMRTD and ABQ Ride. That was done in 2011. The MOA between NMDOT and MRCOG expires very soon (in December-2014 June 2015) . Although this was never part of the 2010 Certification recommendation, we have not yet received a draft MOA based on the new template being developed by NMDOT legal staff, per NMDOT's comments 9/3/2014.</p>	<p>3/31/2014</p> <p>3/31/2014- NMDOT is in the process of updating MOAs with all MPOs. NMDOT requested a copy of the MOA between MRCOG and transit providers ABQ Ride and RMRTD to review the MOA between MRCOG and the transit providers to ensure compliance with MAP-21. Until all MOAs are updated and reviewed for compliance with MAP-21, NMDOT recommends this finding remain open.</p> <p>6/9/2014</p> <p>NMDOT is in the process of updating MOAs with all MPOs and will have an updated MOA in place prior to the June 30, 2015 termination date of the current MOA. NMDOT recommends the MOA between MRCOG and Transit providers be updated to reflect current program contacts. NMDOT recommends this finding remain open.</p> <p>9/3/2014</p> <p>The MOA between MRCOG and NMDOT will be updated using anew template developed by NMDOT legal staff. The new MOA template is still in review and once finalized will be used to update agreements with all MPOs. Nothing materail has changed in the MOA between MRCOG, RMRTD, and ABQ Ride regarding transit and the 2011 MOA was in response to the 2010 Certification Review recommendation, only change potentially affecting the transit MOA is personnel changes has taken palce at the agencies. NMDOT recommends this finding remain open but also recommends a time frame and plan be developed for the closure of this finding.</p> <p>9/29/14- See finding 13) NMDOT comments. NMDOT GTG liaison will continue to monitor the MRCOG and transit provider MOA update. Once MRMPO and the transit providers meet to review the MOA status additional information will be provided to the finding. NMDOT recommends this finding remain open until MOA is updated or deemed satisfactory by MRCOG and the transit providers, or until FHWA-NM provides more specifics as to desired changes to the MOA.</p>	<p>(Insert date)</p> <p>5/14/14 This item has not been completed.</p>	<p>(Insert date)</p> <p>5/14/14: Open</p>

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<p>1b). Update the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) (2012 Rev. #1 pg. 11)</p>	<p>July 8, 2013 - MRCOG is currently searching for the current JPA which is likely a 30-40 year old document. If the original can not be located, a new JPA will be drafted by September 30, 2014. The process involves many jurisdictions and agencies. A tentative schedule will be developed and revised as necessary. December 19, 2013- We have found several copies of older JPAs, the newest from 1997. It appears that some of these JPAs were in effect concurrently (which doesn't seem to make sense). These have been recently reviewed by MRCOG's attorney. In the next two weeks MPO staff will be meeting with the attorney to discuss his review and the next steps to be taken to update our JPA. We would like to discuss this with NMDOT before the end of January 2014. March 7, 2014- NMDOT felt that a meeting on the JPA was premature. MPO staff met on March 4, 2014 with our attorney to review the JPAs found. It was agreed that the best course of action was to use the newest JPA found and revise it to create a new JPA. JPAs with tribal governments will be developed after developing the primary JPA. We propose to have a draft JPA for agency review by May 31, 2014. June 4, 2014- A first draft has been prepared and will be sent for review by June 30. September 2, 2014 - The draft was not sent by June 30 and will be sent by September 30, 2014. November 25, 2014 - A <u>very rough draft JPA/MOA</u> has been prepared for review internally by MRCOG's attorney.</p>	<p>3/31/2014</p> <p>Copies of the MRCOG JPAs on file at NMDOT were provided to MRMPO in an effort to expedite the JPA update as reflected in October 31, 2013 email from MRMPO to FHWA-NM (Rodolfo Monge-Oviedo) and FTA (Tony Ogboli). December 19, 2013, MRMPO sent a memo updating NMDOT of the status of FHWA findings and requested a meeting with NMDOT regarding the contents of the JPA update. In response NMDOT requested MRMPO draft a JPA and directed MRMPO to review FMPO and MVMPO's JPAs as examples. MRMPO's March 7, 2014 response to the FHWA 2012 Review of NIM MPOs is the first formal update to NMDOT regarding JPA development progress since the December 19, 2013 memo. NMDOT will continue to work with MRMPO on the development of an updated JPA and recommends this finding remain open.</p> <p>6/9/2014</p> <p>NMDOT will review the updated Joint Powers Agreement when provided.</p> <p>9/3/2014</p> <p>Page 11 of the MRMPO FFY15-16 UPWP indicates the JPA final draft will be completed in November 2014.</p> <p>9/29/14- NMDOT GTG liaison will continue to monitor the development of the updated JPA. Until updated JPA is in place, NMDOT recommends this finding remain open.</p> <p>3/31/2014</p>	<p>5/14/14 This item has not been completed.</p>	<p>5/14/14: Open</p>
		<p>9/22/2014 This items has not been completed</p>		<p>09/22/14 Open</p>

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<p>2). Title VI Plan (2010 Cert. Rev. #2b and 2012 Rev. #2 pg. 13)</p>	<p>July 8, 2013- MRCOG has developed a draft Title VI Plan utilizing the Puget Sound MPO's Title VI Plan which was listed as a "benchmark" plan by the FHWA during a training session held in El Paso in 2011. MRMPO expects to approved the final Title VI Plan in September 2013. December 19, 2013- The Title VI plan was distributed for review to NMDOT, FHWA and FTA on August 27, 2013. It was posted for a 45 day public review period. The Metropolitan Transportation Board approved the Title VI Plan on October 18, 2013 under resolution R-13-18 MTB. It has been posted on our website. March 5, 2014- The Title VI Plan was approved by the RTPO Board in February 2014; the MRCOG Board of Directors will vote on the plan at their April 2014 meeting. September 2, 2014 - The Spanish translation of the Title VI Plan is complete and posted online.</p>	<p>The MTB adopted an updated Title VI plan at the October 18, 2013 meeting, MRRTPO's Committee adopted the plan at the February 13, 2014 meeting, and the MRCOG Board of Director will approve the new plan in April, 2014. The new MRMPO Title VI plan fully complies with the intent of Title VI and 2012 Mid-Cycle FHWA review. The status of the Environmental Justice data, including a possible update to the EJ Atlas for the AMPA, will be reviewed during the April, 2014 Quality Assurance Review conducted by NMDOT. Pending the status of EJ Atlas, NMDOT recommends this finding remain open.</p> <p>5/21/2014</p> <p>The final approved MRCOG Title VI Plan, with resolutions, was sent via email to Damian Segura (Office of Equal Opportunity Programs, NMDOT) on 5/13/14 by David Pennella (Transportation Program Manager, MRMPO).</p>	<p>5/14/14 The Plan needs to be approved by OEOP</p>	<p>5/14/14: Closed</p>
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<p>3). Labor Distribution on Timesheets (2012 Rev. #3 pg. 16)</p>	<p>December 19, 2013 - Previously the separation of FHWA from FTA timesheet charges was done. Although the item was previously addressed, MRMPO is developing new timesheets which will track hours charged to the tasks listed in the UPWP. We plan on implementing the new timesheets in the first or second pay period of January 2014. March 7, 2014-Beginning with 2nd Quarter of FFY 2014, all employees charging to FHWA, FTA fund sources are using a new timesheet that tracks hours by UPWP task. We expect to implement electronic timesheets later in 2014. June 4, 2014- The new timesheets track staff hours by UPWP task and fund source being charged. The last quarter's summary of staff hourly charges was provided to NMDOT to show the system's capabilities. The electronic timesheet implementation has been delayed due to City of Albuquerque payroll system.</p>	<p>3/31/2014</p> <p>Prior to December, 2013 MRCOG had separated FHWA from FTA for UPWP planning funds on timesheets but are not in compliance with 2 CFR 225 time reporting requirements. At a December 6, 2013 meeting David Pennella provided the GTG liaison a draft of a new MRCOG Employee Time and Attendance Record tracking employee time by FTA and FHWA UPWP task and subtask. The new Employee Time and Attendance Record draft covers all areas of MRCOG and was implemented within MRMPO in the quarter beginning January 1, 2014. Copies of MRCOG Employee Time and Attendance Records will be reviewed as part of the Quality Assurance Review at the end of April, 2014.</p> <p>At the December 6, 2013 meeting David Pennella stated that MRCOG would implement electronic time keeping procedures using the new MRCOG Employee Time and Attendance Record beginning in April, 2014. An update on the status of the electronic time keeping will be requested at the April 2014 QAR to ensure compliance with FHWA findings and the new super circular 2 CFR 200. Until the new time keeping records and procedures are verifiably operationalized, NMDOT recommends this finding remain open.</p>	<p>4/28/14: Recommend NMDOT and MRMPO work together to close this finding by May 31, 2014, or provide a reasonable justification for why it is still open.</p>
		<p>5/20/2014</p> <p>The MRMPO's Quality Assurance Review was conducted on 5/01/14, attended by NMDOT (Jessica Griffin and Jason Coffey) and MRMPO (David Pennella). Time reporting procedures and MPO staff timesheets were reviewed and found to be in compliance with NMDOT PPM requirements, 2 CFR 200 and general timekeeping best practices. NMDOT recommends this finding be closed.</p>	
		<p>9/3/2014</p> <p>NMDOT recommends this finding be closed.</p>	<p>09/22/14 FHWA concurs with NMDOT's recommendation to close.</p> <p>09/22/14 Closed</p>

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<p>4). Procurement Checklist (2012 Rev. #4 pg. 16)</p>	<p>July 8, 2013- This item was previously addressed. A checklist was developed.</p>	<p>3/31/2014</p> <p>NMIDOT requested a copy of the Procurement Checklist and information about when the checklist was approved or went into use. Until procurement checklist can be verified, NMDOT recommends this finding remain open.</p> <p>5/20/2014</p> <p>The Mid-Region Council of Government's Procurement Policy was reviewed during the 5/1/14 Quality Assurance Review conducted by NMDOT staff (Jessica Griffin and Jason Coffey). MRCOG Financial Manager, Amy Myers, is reviewing the Procurement Policy to ensure continued compliance with Federal regulations including 2 CFR 200. MRMPO follows the MRCOG Procurement Policy for the execution of all contracts and purchase of equipment, services and supplies. NMDOT recommends this finding be closed.</p> <p>9/3/2014</p> <p>NMIDOT recommends this finding be closed.</p>	<p>4/28/14: Please verify that the procurement checklist exists and that verification of vendors against the EPLS is included on the checklist.</p> <p>09/22/14 FHWA concurs with NMDOT's recommendation to close.</p> <p>09/22/14 Closed</p>
<p>5). NMDOT approval of MRMPO's Indirect Cost Plan (2012 Rev. #5 pg. 16)</p>	<p>July 8, 2013-NMDOT approved the plan.</p>	<p>3/31/2014</p> <p>A summary of the MRCOG FFY15 Cost Allocation Plan and Indirect Cost Plan communication timeline between MRCOG and NMDOT shows that several draft versions were circulated but the CAP/ICP has not yet been approved by NMDOT and FHWA. The draft MRCOG FFY15 CAP/ICP was first sent to NMDOT on January 3, 2014; on January 22, 2014 MRCOG sent NMDOT a revised CAP/ICP.</p> <p>On February 18, 2014 Amy Myer of MRCOG emailed NMDOT a third draft of the FFY 2015 Cost Allocation and Indirect Cost Plan because the audit report was released and was now included in the CAP/ICP packet. The February 18, 2014 email was sent to; Jason Coffey (GTG Liaison), Jessica Griffin (GTG Supervisor), and Dave Pennella (MRMPO Manager). The CAP/ICP was reviewed by NMDOT and FHWA on March 7, 2014. Comments were then communicated to MRCOG/MRMPO via email from Jessica Griffin to Amy Myer, Dave Pennella, Thaddeus Lucero, Anne McLaughlin, and Jason Coffey on March 14, 2014.</p> <p>March 26, 2014, Dave Pennella emailed Amy Myer's response to the comments provided by FHWA and NMDOT, and attached the revised version of the CAP/IDC. NMDOT is reviewing the CAP/ICP and until a FFY 2015 Cost Allocation and Indirect Cost Plan is approved by NMDOT and FHWA, NMDOT recommends this finding remain open.</p>	<p>4/28/14: This finding is closed. It pertained only to the Indirect Cost Rate Plan for MRMPO's FY13 and technically was against NMDOT for not having approved the IDC on time. Once NMDOT approved that plan, this finding should have been cleared.</p> <p>4/28/14: closed</p>

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<p>6a). Public Involvement Effectiveness & MTB Structure (2010 Cert. Rev. #2c)</p>	<p>July 8, 2013- MRMPO has developed improved public involvement process during the development of the 2035 MTP and continues to enhance that process. Upon the completion of the 2010 US Census and the designation of the new Los Lunas UZA the Albuquerque Metropolitan Planning Area (AMPA) has expanded to include all of NMDOT District 3. Since 2010 the MPO has added new jurisdictions as voting members: Valencia County, City of Belen, Pueblo of Isleta, and the Pueblo of Cochiti. Other jurisdictions studying whether they will be voting or advisory members are: Pueblo of Santo Domingo, Pueblo of Santa Ana, Pueblo of San Felipe, Village of Bosque Farms, Town of Peralta and the new City of Rio Communities. March 7, 2014 - The MPO continues to reach out to communities, particularly the newest additions to the MPA/TMA. The MPO has a March 17, 2014 meeting scheduled with all tribal governments to review proposed Highway Functional Classification changes and to review TIP requirements for Tribal Transportation Program funds. September 2, 2014 - The MPO continues is public outreach efforts and believe we have fulfilled this recommendation from the 2010 review. It should be noted that the 2014 review commended the MPO for its efforts.</p>	<p>3/31/2014</p> <p>Efforts mentioned by MRMPO address only a portion of the 2010 Certification Review recommendation 2c. NMDOT's Quality Assurance Review in April 2014 will look closely at how public involvement is encouraged, tracked and incorporated into planning work products. MRMPO has made efforts to reach out to new MPO members but a formal evaluation of MTB member involvement has not been documented. The recommendation for peer exchanges relating to Board participation and other measures including quantitative and qualitative analysis of public involvement on the planning process remain underutilized. The MTB Public Involvement Committee's activities should be more clearly documented for the purpose of showing a direct connection between the public's involvement and planning process out comes. MPO Board member training requirements are included in the NMDOT Planning Procedures Manual and MRMPO will need to document and implement a MTB training plan. NMDOT recommends this finding remain open.</p> <p>5/20/2014</p> <p>The 5/1/14 Quality Assurance Review conducted by NMDOT staff, Jason Coffey and Jessica Griffin, with MRMPO staff, David Pennella included review and discussion of the effectiveness of MRMPO's public outreach efforts. MRMPO has directed considerable resources to public outreach in the form of public surveys, public presentations and workshops. All of these efforts have been targeted to include under represented populations in the AMPA and tailored to provide data to inform planning out comes, such as; the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Travel Time Program, Travel Demand Model and Land Use Modeling.</p> <p>The Draft FFY15-16 MRMPO UPWP specifically addresses Board member training. Subtask 1.7 states: "Board member training and workshops to educate policy board members and possibly other committee members as to their roles and responsibilities regarding the transportation planning process." The timeline for this subtask includes specific reference to Tribal Government Outreach taking place in February 2015. Subtask 1.7 satisfies the requirements of the PPM and the effectiveness of the training and outreach will be reviewed at the 2015 QAR. NMDOT recommends this finding be closed.</p> <p>9/3/2014</p> <p>NMDOT recommends this finding be closed.</p>	<p>09/22/14 FHWA concurs with NMDOT's recommendation to close.</p> <p>09/22/14 closed</p>
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<p>6b). Public Involvement Effectiveness & Documentation of Outreach to Low Income & Minority Populations (2012 Rev. #6 pg. 18)</p>	<p>July 8, 2013- This will be done during the development of the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan over the next two years. March 7, 2014- As part of the preliminary data collection for the 2040 MTP, the MPO has conducted a region wide travel survey with questionnaires sent to thousands of households. Both English and Spanish language versions were sent. The questionnaires were stratified by income groups, rural areas, and tribal areas with return requirements (min. number) for each group.</p>	<p>3/31/2014</p> <p>MPO should document throughout the entire 2040 MTP development process outreach activities to low income and minority populations. The efforts to reach low income and minority populations currently underway relate to the 2040 MTP and the AMPA Wide Regional Travel Survey. The April, 2014 NMDOT QAR will review the MPO's efforts, but until the results of these efforts can be evaluated and documented, NMDOT recommends this finding remain open.</p> <p>6/11/2014</p> <p>See MRMPO's comment dated 6/4/14 regarding public meetings help relating to the development of the 2040 MTP. The 2040 MTP update process will reflect the effectiveness of public involvement by demonstrating the descimation of MTP goals, scenarios and projects.</p>	<p>5/14/14 Public Involvement efforts are commendable but their effectiveness still need to be assessed.</p> <p>5/14/2014: Closed</p>
<p>7). Improve Overall Transparency of the Metropolitan Planning Process (2010 Cert. Rev #2d and 2012 Rev. #7 pg. 20)</p>	<p>July 8, 2013- MRMPO is constantly trying to improve the planning process. This will continue with development of the 2040 MTP. March 7, 2014- The MPO has developed <i>Travel Times</i>, a periodic newsletter, a Facebook® page, upgraded our website and held three public kickoff meetings for the 2040 MTP. June 4, 2014- three meetings and two open house events were held for the 2040 MTP in May. September 2, 2014 - scenario planning workshops were held. What document or event is suggested to close this recommendation? November 25, 2014 - same comment as above 9/2.</p>	<p>3/31/2014</p> <p>The 2040 MTP update is providing opportunities for public and stakeholder meetings and participation and the MPO appears to be prioritizing transparency of metropolitan planning processes in the current 2040 MTP update. Outreach efforts include the Travel Times newsletter, social media, and the ongoing development of web based interactive GIS mapping of TIP projects, but the effectiveness and impact of these efforts on the planning process outcomes are not yet documented and the online TIP mapping has yet to be implemented publicly. Once the online interactive GIS based TIP is publicly available and the effectiveness of current efforts to improve planning process transparency, including the 2040 MTP update, are evaluated the appropriateness of the current level of effort cannot be fully understood. The MPO has made progress in improving the overall transparency of the metropolitan planning process but continuing innovation and peer-to-peer collaboration is needed to ensure the highest level of transparency and effectiveness of the planning process is achieved. NMDOT recommends this finding remain open.</p> <p>6/9/2014</p> <p>Public attendance at the 6/22/14 2040 MTP Open House event at MRCOG demonstrated public awareness of MPO planning activities and provided an excellent opportunity for dialog, feedback and engagement for members of the public. Upcoming Scenario Planning Workshops scheduled, for 7/10/14 and 8/19/14, will provide regional stakeholders an opportunity for peer-to-peer exchanges relating to addressing the needs for integration of land use and transportation planning in the Albuquerque Metropolitan Planning Area. NMDOT recommends this finding be closed.</p> <p>9/3/2014</p>	<p>5/14/14 MPO has incorporated innovative techniques for the development of the 2040 MTP and to outreach stakeholders.</p> <p>05/14/14: Open</p>

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		<p>Scenario planning workshops were held on July 10 and August 27 at MRCOG to help evaluate scenarios for the 2040 MTP and as part of the Central New Mexico Climate Change Project. The workshops brought in a wide range of regional stakeholders and covered a wide range of relevant topics relating to transportation and land use planning. NMDOT recommends this finding be closed.</p>	<p>09/22/14 This finding needs to be updated with the 2014 Federal Certification Review observation.</p>	<p>09/22/14 Open as is updated with the 2014 Federal Certification Review observation.</p>
	<p>9/29/14- See finding 12) NMDOT comments. NMDOT recommends this finding be closed.</p>			

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<p>8). Visioning & Scenario Planning (2010 Cert. Rev. #2e) Incorporation of Visualization Techniques (2012 Rev. #8 pg. 21)</p>	<p>July 8, 2013- MRMPO is currently working on developing an online posting of the TIP which will be interactive with GIS. Other efforts will continue with the development of the 2040 MTP. March 7, 2014- Additionally, the MPO received a Climate Changes/Scenario Planning Grant from FHWA and has developed a work plan to incorporate the work being done by a consultant (hired by FHWA-Volpe) with the development of the 2040 MTP.</p>	<p>3/31/2014</p> <p>On June 27, 2014 the MPO held an all-day Scenario Planning workshop with peer presentations by the Fresno Council of Governments and the Nashville MPO. The workshop was sponsored by FHWA and engaged representatives from a broad range of stakeholders and agencies in the AMPA. The MPO received a grant from FHWA for Climate Change Scenario Planning and is currently working with the FHWA Volpe Center on the project. On March 7, 2014 during the MTP Steering Committee meeting the MPO emphasized that alternative scenarios will be an integral piece of the 2040 MTP update. The MPO is using the scenarios as a vehicle for engaging stakeholders and agencies within the AMPA in developing a clearly articulated vision for transportation planning in the region. NMDOT recommends this finding be closed.</p>	<p>5/14/14 This item is considered complete.</p> <p>5/14/14: Closed</p>
<p>9). Regional Security (2010 Cert. Rev. #2f) Emergency Response Coordination (2012 Rev. #9 pg. 24)</p>	<p>July 8, 2013- MRCOG is actively working on the development of a regional traffic management center which will bring agencies and first responders together to improve traffic flow and manage incidents. MRCOG will continue to work with all agencies and encourage greater regional participation and coordination. This is dependent upon interagency cooperation and commitments. March 7, 2014- a Memorandum of Agreement was approved between the City of Albuquerque, MRCOG, NMDOT, County of Bernalillo and the City of Rio Rancho for the design of the TMC facility.</p>	<p>3/31/2014</p> <p>MRMPO and the NMDOT ITS Bureau have a robust collaborative working relationship facilitated by the well-staffed interagency TCC subcommittee, the ITS Subcommittee. MRMPO has been engaged with member and partner agencies in the design of a Regional Transportation Management Center. Funding for the development and deployment of the RTMC is programmed in the 2014-2017 TIP in 2016 and 2017. The MRMPO Transportation Coordinating Committee's ITS Subcommittee worked with the NMDOT ITS Bureau, NMDOT LTAP, and FHWA to provide Traffic Incident Management Train-the-Trainer Workshops through the National Traffic Incident Management Responder Training Program. The Traffic Incident Management Train-the-Trainer Workshop is being offered in Socorro, NM April 29-30, 2014 and in Santa Fe, NM May 1-2, 2014. NMDOT recommends this finding be closed.</p>	<p>5/14/14 This items is considered complete.</p> <p>5/14/14: Closed</p>
<p>10). Emerging Issues (2010 Cert. Rev. #2h) Water Availability & the Metropolitan Planning Process (2012 Rev. #10 pg. 25)</p>	<p>July 8, 2013- MRMPO will be analyzing water availability in the development of the 2040 MTP and the various planning scenarios that will be developed as part of the MTP. MRMPO has received a Climate Change Scenario Planning Grant from the FHWA which will address water availability among other items. Currently (July 2013), the work schedule for this planning grant is being developed with FHWA, the Volpe Center and the MPO. March 7, 2014- The work plan has been developed and will incorporate the work being done by a consultant (hired by FHWA-Volpe) with the development of the 2040 MTP. Water availability is included. June 4, 2014- although this item is closed we have received some very interesting rainfall/precipitation projections from Sandia National Labs and forecasts of water availability from the Albuquerque-Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority. These will be incorporated into the final report and 2040 MTP.</p>	<p>3/31/2014</p> <p>At the March 7, 2014 MTP Steering Committee meeting, emerging issues and water availability were discussed as key components of the 2040 MTP update. The 2040 MTP update is focused on many issues including: revised demographic and economic projections, travel demand and transit ridership, congestion management, water availability and the analysis of alternative scenarios. The Climate Change Scenario Planning Grant MRMPO is currently working on with FHWA Volpe Center and the AMPA Wide Regional Travel Survey will provide data and generate scenarios aimed at addressing metropolitan planning, emerging issues and climate variability. NMDOT recommends this finding be closed.</p>	<p>5/14/14 This item is considered complete.</p> <p>5/14/14: Closed</p>

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<p>1.1). Performance Based Planning Process (2010 Cert. Rev. #2g)</p>	<p>July 8, 2013- MRMPO has developed a Project Prioritization Process Guidebook for Large Urban areas and a separate Project Prioritization Process Guidebook for Small Urban and Rural Areas. These two processes guide the selection of projects for inclusion in the TIP. Additionally, the Metropolitan Transportation Board established a mode-shift goal for trips crossing the river. By 2025 the goal is for 10% of river crossing trips to use transit and 20% by 2035. MRMPO will continue developing performance measures in cooperation with NMDOT and the transit agencies to implement MAP-21. March 7, 2014- MPO staff serve on State Long Range Transportation Plan (SLRP) committees which will be developing targets required by MAP-21. The MPO will modify its goals and targets once the statewide ones are established.</p>	<p>MRMPO has been actively engaged in performance based planning including evaluating the progress of targets set in the 2035 MTP. The MPO hosts Project Prioritization Guidebooks for Large/Small Urban and Rural areas on the public MRCOG website. The continuance and expansion of performance based planning in the 2040 MTP updated was highlighted at the March 7, 2014 MTP Steering Committee meeting at MRCOG. FHWA MAP-21 performance measure Notice of Proposed Rule Making will continue to be release over the next year and planning performance targets will be set for New Mexico as part of the NMDOT Statewide Multimodal Long Range Transportation Plan. Until all MAP-21 Performance Targets are established by NMDOT and FHWA, NMDOT recommends this finding remain open.</p>	<p>5/14/14 This items is considered complete. MPO has demonstrated willingness and capacity to develop, implemente, and track performance measures. The NRMMP providing specifics about performance management is out of the control of the MPO.</p>	<p>5/14/14: Closed</p>
<p>1.2). Demographics and Scenario Planning (2014 Cert. Recom. #1)</p>	<p>September 2, 2014 - The recommendation to include in the 2040 MTP the documentation of our demographic assumptions and our financial assumptions will be done. September 26, 2014 - Both the MPO and NMDOT are utilizing demographic data provided by the BBER. Per meeting with NMDOT, and the MPOs, on August 29, 2014 regarding revenue projections, it was agreed to program FFY 2016-2021 at FFY 2015 levels, then beginning in FFY 2022 levels will increase 1% per year through 2040 and NMDOT will provide funding levels for each FHWA category for FFY 2028 since the debt service will be restored. This will update the "restored" amounts provided by NMDOT to the MPO for the 2035 MTP. NMDOT will schedule a meeting with MPOs and transit providers to discuss each FTA funding category. November 25, 2014 - NMDOT scheduled a meeting for FTA funding, it was held on 11-17-2014. This issue of "restored" targets (due to the bonds being paid-off in 2027) for 2028 through 2040 has not been finalized.</p>	<p>9/29/14- Demographic, economic and scenario planning assumptions are being coordinated through the NMDOT 2040 Statewide Long Range Multimodal Transportation Plan (SRLP). The GTG liaison, SLRP project manager, freight planner are actively involved in the MRMPO 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Steering Committee. NMDOT Recommends is finding be closed.</p>		
<p>1.3). Communication and Cooperation (2014 Cert. Recom. #2)</p>	<p>September 2, 2014 - The recommendation states "MRMPO, the public transit providers and NMDOT identify effective ways to resolve their disagreements". MRCOG, ABQ Ride and Rio Metro are not aware of any specific disagreements and therefore we do not understand what is actually being recommended.</p>	<p>9/29/14- On Friday 9/26/14 GTG liaison Jason Coffey requested Dave Pennella, MRMPO Manager, meet with ABQ Ride and Rio Metro to review the status of the MOA. If the transit providers and MRMPO identify deficiencies or inaccuracies in the MOA an updated MOA will be developed. NMDOT and MRMPO have reached argeement on all issues relating to Cost Allocation Plan and Time Tracking records. The Cost Allocation Plan was approved August 2014 and MRMPO has implemented all requested time tracking methods. NMDOT recommends this finding be closed once the status of the MRMPO and transit providers MOA is resolved.</p>		

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<p>14). Metropolitan Plan Update (2014 Cert. Recom. #4)</p>	<p>September 2, 2014 - The recommendation is to include disposition of public comments, include discussion of funding deficit if it arises and include safety objectives. <u>The MPO currently answers all public comments received regarding the MTP and TIP.</u> MRMPO will be adding a low-revenue constrained scenario to our MTP in addition to the trend-revenue fiscally constrained scenario. Our current MTP already include safety issues, the 2040 MTP will do so as well. November 25, 2014 - same comment as above.</p>	<p>9/29/14- MRMPO will continue the practice of including all public comments received and responses in each new TIP and is addressing all comments received regarding the 2040 MTP update. MRMPO staff has participated in the SLRP Statewide Working Group for Plan Implementation, which is the group responsible for developing revenue projections for the SLRP and MPO's MTPs. This funding projections include a scenario for decreased revenue and the SLRP and MPO MTP's will address a scenario of constrained funding. MRMPO has developed performance measures for safety and began reporting on performance related to safety in the 2035 MTP. Safety performance measures will continue in the 2040 MTP and address all State and Federal performance targets. NMDOT recommends this finding be closed.</p>	
<p>15). Air Quality-CMAQ (2014 Cert. Recom. #5)</p>	<p>September 2, 2014 - The recommendation is to discuss the limited maintenance status for Carbon Monoxide which is to expire in June 2016 and discuss how CMAQ funds will be distributed. At the SLRP Revenue Projections meeting on August 29, 2014 the NMDOT and MPO agreed to keep CMAQ-Mandatory funds "as is" until a determination on Ozone nonconformity is made. November 25, 2014 - since NMDOT and MRMPO agreed to keep CMAQ-Mand funds "as is" until results of ozone levels is finalized, there is no further action to take at this time.</p>	<p>9/29/14- NMDOT's SLRP and subsequent updates will examine scenarios relating to CMAQ-Mandatory funding levels. GTG liaison will ensure continuing coordination between NMDOT and MRMPO on CMAQ funding and monitor the Air-Quality standards and reporting for Mid-Region. NMDOT recommends this finding remain open.</p>	
<p>16). Grant Administration (2014 Cert. Recom. #6)</p>	<p>September 2, 2014 - The recommendation is to discuss the option of a "Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG)" for the MPO's planning funds from FHWA and FTA. The MPO has researched and considered this option and, at this time, we have decided <u>not</u> to pursue a CPG. November 25, 2014 - we request closure of this finding.</p>	<p>9/29/14- MRMPO is not interested in pursuing a Consolidated Planning Grant. NMDOT recommends this finding be closed.</p>	
<p>17). Tribal Planning (2014 Cert. Recom. #7)</p>	<p>September 2, 2014 - The recommendation is to provide better outreach to tribal governments within the MPO planning area. The MPO will review its public participation plan and will work with tribal governments, the BIA, the CFLHD and the NMDOT Tribal Liaison to improve coordination with tribal governments. November 25, 2014 - a meeting with all tribal governments was held on 11-3-14. Additionally, we met with several individual tribal planners regarding TIP project proposals, MTP projects and other issues. MRMPO will be preparing the draft TTP project entries for the TIP so each tribal government can review how their TTP will be entered in the TIP.</p>	<p>9/29/14- MRMPO is actively working to improve outreach and coordination with tribal governments in the MPO area. GTG liaison will monitor the development of outreach plans for each tribal government.</p>	
<p>FYI 2014 Cert. Recomm. #3 regarding JPA/MOA is already listed as 1b</p>	<p>See 1b above</p>	<p>9/29/14- See finding 1b NMDOT comments.</p>	