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The Metropolitan Transportation Board formally adopts *Connections 2040 MTP*

The Metropolitan Transportation Plan aims to strengthen our region's multi-modal transportation network to meet expected growth over the next twenty years

On April 17, the Metropolitan Transportation Board unanimously approved adoption of the *Connections 2040 MTP*, establishing a framework for policy-makers and elected officials to guide transportation investments from Belen to Pueblo de Cochiti.

"Because our region's infrastructure needs continue to mount, the projects funded in this plan fill a critical gap in the regional transportation system," noted David Pannella, administrator of the Mid-Region Metropolitan Planning Organization. "We're ensuring the greatest return on public dollars while exercising fiscal constraint."

In all, this MTP includes an estimated \$11.46 billion in public and private funds that are available in the Albuquerque metropolitan planning area for maintenance, operations, and capital projects.

"This plan ensures that our roadways are safe and well-maintained," added Pannella.

The MTP supports the construction of a new river crossing in Los Lunas, in addition to reconstructing numerous interchanges on the interstate system. A full project list can be found in [Appendix A](#).

This MTP updates the region's preferred growth scenario, the Target Scenario. The Target Scenario envisions a future with bustling activity centers and transit nodes, where rural character is preserved, where there is a well-connected multi-modal transportation network, and where street design that considers all users is commonplace.

Heavily guided by input from member governments, regional stakeholders, and members of the public, the *Connections 2040 MTP* was refined by nearly 1,826 data inputs -- public comments, questionnaire results, and online gap map submissions -- from over 30 feedback opportunities. Efforts were made to meet people where they were and to reach groups that don't typically participate, such as young adults and low-income populations.

We invite you to read and reflect upon this updated long-range transportation plan, our regional blueprint for how we can make the needed improvements and connections for moving forward as we step aboard, walk, run, bike, fly, and drive into the future!

The [plan is available](#) at our website.

Regional Transportation News

NMDOT seeking public input for statewide Pedestrian Action Plan

NMDOT is undertaking a statewide Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (PSAP) that will identify strategies and action items to make roadways safer for people to walk along.

Currently, NMDOT is gathering stakeholder and public input via a survey and an online input map. We are hoping to reach as many New Mexicans as possible to account for their input in developing recommendations.



The survey and more information on the project can be accessed here: walksafenewmexico.com.

City of Albuquerque seeking nominations for Active Streets during COVID-19



On June 1, 2020, Albuquerque City Council adopted a resolution to create an Active Streets Initiative in Albuquerque (R-20-59). The goal of this initiative is to facilitate safe, socially-distanced outdoor recreation and increase space for walking and biking on neighborhood streets during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

This form is intended to provide the public with opportunities to share locations that they think Active Streets should be implemented. Note that this form does not guarantee that a proposed street or route will be implemented as an Active Street, but public input will help City staff identify appropriate locations.

Per R-20-59, the City may temporarily close certain roadways to vehicular traffic (except for local traffic, deliveries, and emergency vehicles), dedicating those roadways to recreational uses and safe, comfortable walking and biking. This will be done with temporary barricading that will be removed at the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Visit their [online portal to nominate](#) a street!

Upcoming Events

- Friday, July 3: MRCOG Offices Closed
- Thursday, July 9 (10:00-10:30 AM): MRCOG Executive Board Meeting.
- Friday, July 17 (10:00-11:30 AM): Metropolitan Transportation Board Meeting.

Please see the [Mid-Region Council of Governments website](#) for details and the full calendar of meetings.



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