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NMDOT Seeks Continued Public Input on Future of Transportation in New Mexico

Upcoming Public Workshops in Albuquerque and Las Cruces

Santa Fe - The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) seeks continued public input on the future of transportation in New Mexico. The purpose is to help the department update its Statewide Long-Range Multimodal Transportation Plan (SLRP). The plan will provide a framework to guide decision-making by both the NMDOT and its metropolitan and regional transportation planning partners.

The planning team has scheduled two identical public workshops in Albuquerque and Las Cruces during the first week of December. The workshops will give the public an opportunity to review and discuss three “plan alternatives” that the team has developed. The alternatives explore different possible approaches to addressing transportation issues and opportunities over a 25 year time period extending from 2016 to 2040.

In Albuquerque: Tuesday, Dec 2 at 5:30 pm at Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, Silver/Turquoise Rooms, (2401 12th St NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104)

In Las Cruces: Thursday, Dec 4 at 5:30 pm at Las Cruces City Hall, Rooms 2007 B & C (700 N Main Street, Las Cruces, NM 88001)

Purpose: (1) provide an overview of the plan; (2) review the plan vision and goals; (3) review initial plan alternatives; and (4) discuss choices for serving New Mexico’s wide-ranging and diverse transportation needs over the next 25 years.

Agenda for both meetings:

5:30 - 6:00 p.m.	Open House – Presentation boards on display
6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Presentation and Q&A
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Interactive Workshop

Transportation modes to be addressed: Cars, trucks, buses (transit, tour, intercity), trains (freight and passenger), pedestrians, bicycles, equestrians (crossings), aviation (airports, airport access), etc.

Transportation issues to be addressed: Ensuring public health, safety and security; ensuring a state of good repair; providing access, mobility, and connectivity for all; supporting economic vitality (freight movement; regional development, border considerations, rural/urban equity, and environmental justice); supporting visitor travel, recreation and tourism; coordinating with federal, state, and tribal planning efforts; protecting cultural resources, historic resources, landscapes, and the natural environment; and ensuring successful plan implementation and speeding project delivery.

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For general information on NMDOT Statewide Plan: Contact Claude Morelli, SLRP Project Manager, New Mexico Department of Transportation, (505) 660-3146, claude.morelli@state.nm.us.

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To request Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-related accommodations: Please contact Lesley Maurer with Parsons Brinckerhoff at least two days before the meeting: (505) 878-6523