



Mid-Region Council of Governments
Metropolitan Transportation Board's
TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Friday, April 3, 2020
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Luke Smith, *Chair*

Richard Meadows, *Vice Chair*

AGENDA

Meeting held via teleconference due to public health emergency. Call-in information below.

Call to Order

A roll-call of those in attendance will be done. The presence of a quorum will be noted.

Approval of the March 6, 2020 Agenda

Approval of March 2020 Action Summary deferred until public health emergency if over

PUBLIC COMMENT AND REPORTS

Public Comments

Anyone who wishes to address the TCC must call-in and identify themselves.

Reports

- ◆ Staff

ACTION ITEMS

Tab 1
R-20-03 MTB

Recommendation to MTB on Adoption of Connections 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. The vote on this item will be by roll-call vote.

Link to document <http://www.mrcog-nm.gov/503/Connections-2040-MTP>

Adjournment

NOTES

Next Meeting: Friday, May 1, 2020 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Mid-Region Council of Governments
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(505) 724-3616

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R-20-03 MTB

ADOPTING *CONNECTIONS 2040 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN* FOR THE ALBUQUERQUE METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA

MPO Staff Analysis: Staff recommends approval of the 2040 MTP.

Background: During the past two years the MRCOG transportation staff has engaged in a comprehensive process of technical evaluation and public involvement to develop the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) update. The TCC has been provided with periodic briefings over the last two years regarding the development and status of the *Connections 2040 MTP* update.

The *Connections 2040 MTP* is a regional multi-modal plan that outlines projects and programs to be undertaken through 2040. By federal law, the Metropolitan Transportation Plan is required to be updated every five years and must be in place before any federal transportation funds can be spent in the region. **The previous MTP adoption by MTB occurred on April 17, 2015. Therefore, the *Connections 2040 MTP* must be adopted by the MTB on April 17, 2020. This ensures that we maintain conformity with all federally mandated planning procedures identified in 23 CFR. A lapse in the approval date of the MTP could result in adverse impact in any revisions to the current Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and other federally required MPO documents outlined in 23 CFR.**

The *Connections 2040 MTP* conforms to all applicable Air Quality Plans and the AMPA is currently in conformity with all National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

A First Draft of the *Connections 2040 MTP* for public review and comment was released on January in 2020 and three public meetings were held January 15th, 22nd, and 30th 2020 in the Town of Bernalillo, Belen and Albuquerque respectively.

The Final Public Review Draft of *Connections 2040 MTP* is available for review online at www.mrcog-nm.gov and a final public meeting and virtual open house was held March 25, 2020. The official thirty day public comment period began March 3, 2020 ending April 8, 2020. All questions and comments have been addressed and will be available upon request.

TPTG Review

The TPTG has been invited to participate in approval of the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan at the April 3, 2020 TCC teleconference meeting. The March 31, 2020 meeting was cancelled due to the public health emergency.

TCC Review

The TCC recommends approval of the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

1 RESOLUTION

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4 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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8 MID-REGION METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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12 MID-REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS OF NEW MEXICO

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16 **ADOPTING**

17 ***CONNECTIONS 2040, METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN***
18 **(Connections 2040 MTP) FOR THE**
19 **ALBUQUERQUE METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA**

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21 WHEREAS the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act and Moving
22 Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) of 2012 and the Safe,
23 Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act-A Legacy for Users
24 (SAFETEA-LU) of 2005 requires metropolitan planning organizations to develop a long
25 range intermodal/multimodal financially constrained transportation plan for each
26 metropolitan area; and

27 WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Board (MTB) is the metropolitan
28 planning organization (MPO) for the Albuquerque metropolitan planning area (AMPA);
29 and

30 WHEREAS, a draft document of *Connections 2040 Metropolitan Transportation*
31 *Plan* has been developed under the direction of the MTB in consultation with local
32 government staff, the New Mexico Department of Transportation, and operators of

1 public transportation, and with input from various groups and members of the general
2 public; and

3 WHEREAS, the approved Connections 2040 MTP will replace Futures 2040 MTP
4 for the AMPA; and

5 WHEREAS, *Connections 2040 MTP*, identifies transportation facilities for the
6 AMPA to the year 2040 and includes a financial plan which demonstrates how the plan
7 will be implemented and is shown to be fiscally constrained; and

8 WHEREAS, the *Connections 2040 MTP* was developed in accordance with
9 federal metropolitan transportation planning process requirements, as prescribed in Title
10 23, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 450 (23 CFR 450) and other relevant regulations,
11 including requirements for interagency consultation, financial constraint, and public
12 participation; and

13 WHEREAS, the MTB is responsible for local approval and adoption of
14 *Connections 2040 MTP*; and

15 WHEREAS, approval and adoption of the *Connections 2040 MTP* defines the
16 intent of the MTB regarding future transportation facilities in the AMPA and provides
17 direction for development of future Transportation Improvement Programs; and

18 WHEREAS, the *Connections 2040 MTP* includes several appendices including,
19 *Long Range Transportation System Guide (LRTS)*, and an *Illustrative List of Projects*
20 among others.

21 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Metropolitan Transportation Board
22 of the Mid-Region Metropolitan Planning Organization, a division of the Mid-Region
23 Council of Governments of New Mexico, that:

