



2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Questionnaire Results



Executive Summary

From October 2013 to January 2014, the Mid-Region Council of Governments (MRCOG) conducted a questionnaire to gather people's views on transportation in the Albuquerque Metropolitan Planning Area. This area includes southern Sandoval County (from Algodones continuing south), all of Bernalillo County and all of Valencia County. Results from this questionnaire will be incorporated in the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

There are significant differences in people's reported satisfaction with the transportation system based on how many options they felt they have, their age, and their views on congestion. Overall, 31.7 percent of respondents are satisfied with the current transportation system. If people felt that they have many transportation options, their satisfaction with the current transportation system increases by 10.9 percentage points to 42.6 percent. For those who are 65 years and older, their satisfaction rate is 9.6 percentage points above average, while Millennials (ages 18-34) reported satisfaction rates that are 6.2 percentage points lower than average. Not surprisingly, if people viewed congestion as less severe also have significantly higher than average satisfaction rates with 7.4 percentage points above average.

Similar to results from the 2010 questionnaire effort, the more people used or had access to a particular mode the more they desired improvements for that mode. The mode that most people selected for improvement is the bus (56.8 percent want bus improvements), followed by bicycling (46.0 percent want improvements for bicycling) and walking (45.4 percent want improvements to walking).

When asked what issues respondents encounter when taking various transportation modes, respondents cite poor driver behavior as the biggest driving issue (69.5 percent) followed by traffic congestion (60.3 percent). The top reported bicycling issue is that "it doesn't feel safe from traffic" (62.4 percent), the top walking issue is that "distance is too far" (60.3 percent), the top train issue is that "the schedule does not meet my needs" (49.0 percent) and the top bus issue is that it "takes too much time" (46.0 percent). Compared to their older counterparts, Millennials (18 to 34 years old) tend to view bus travel times as too long and walking distances as too far.

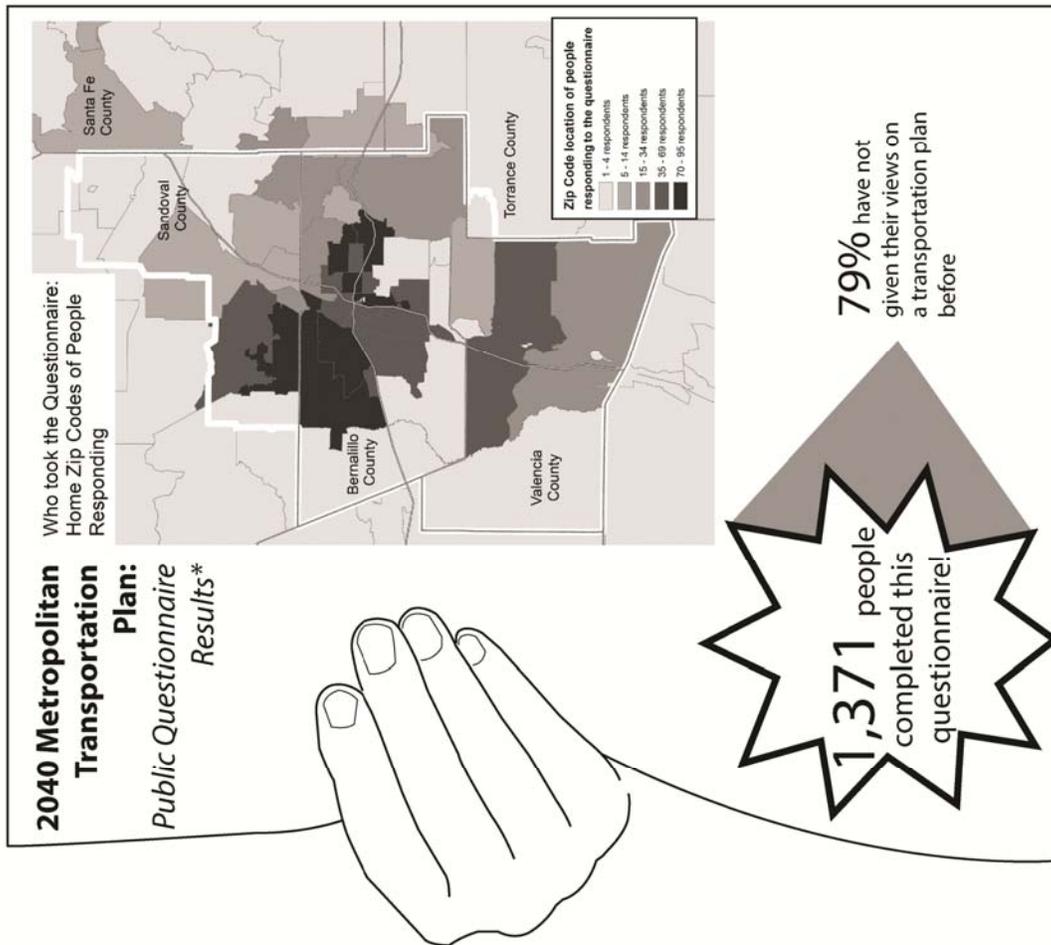
The questionnaire was conducted mostly online. English and Spanish versions of the questionnaire were available, as well as a paper/postal mail version. The wide-spread participation can be attributed to outreach to member governments, business and neighborhood associations, educational institutions, special interest groups and the mass media. There were 1,371 respondents to the questionnaire. Of the people responding, 79 percent had not provided views on transportation questionnaire previously

The information collected will be used in the regional transportation planning process led by the Mid-Region Council of Governments (MRCOG), which includes the development of the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). MRCOG would like to thank all the participants for taking the time to make their voices heard. Further opportunities for participation in the MTP process will be publicized on the MRCOG website (www.mrcog-nm.gov).

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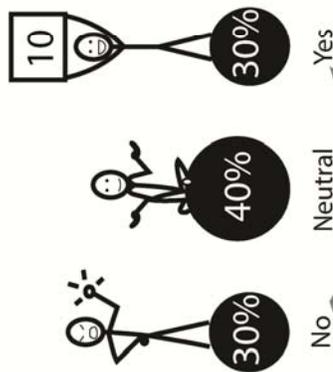
Public Views on Transportation in Central New Mexico



Which modes would you like better access to?

These respondents tended to live on ABQ's West Side or in Sandoval County

Does the existing transportation system meet your needs?



Satisfied respondents viewed congestion as less severe and felt they had many transportation options.



18-34 year-olds were less satisfied with the transportation system than other respondents.



*Questionnaires collected from October 2013 - January 2014

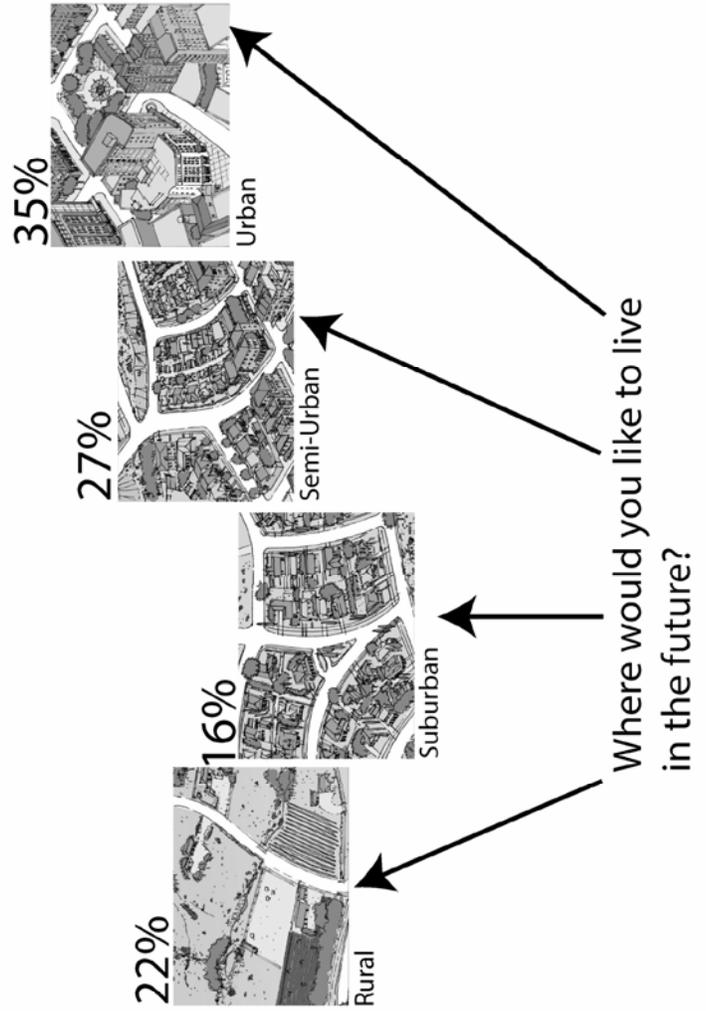
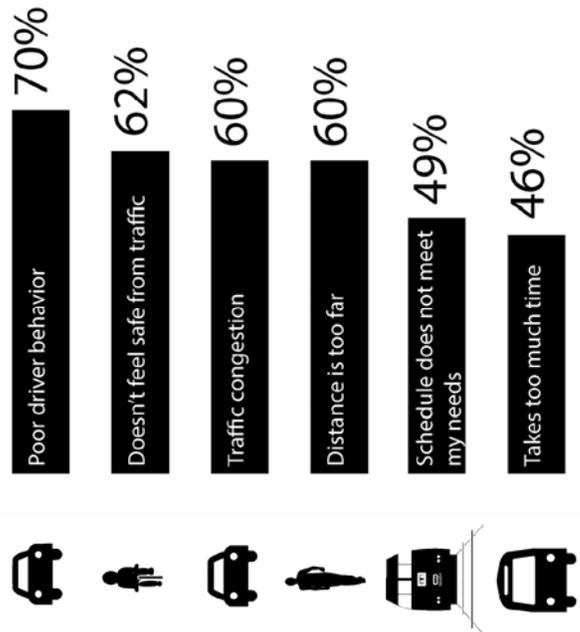
Top Challenges to Population Growth:

#1 Water availability

#2 Economic development

#3 Addressing congestion and providing better transportation options and connections

Top Issues for Driving, Bicycling, Walking, and Taking the Train or Bus:



Demographic Results

People were asked demographic questions to ensure that different segments of the population were being captured. The demographic profiles of questionnaire respondents were compared with the profile from the 2011 American Community Survey for the 3-county region of Bernalillo, Sandoval, and Valencia counties. The results show that as the plan progresses, efforts need to be made to better capture input from the Hispanic population, people with low household incomes and students.

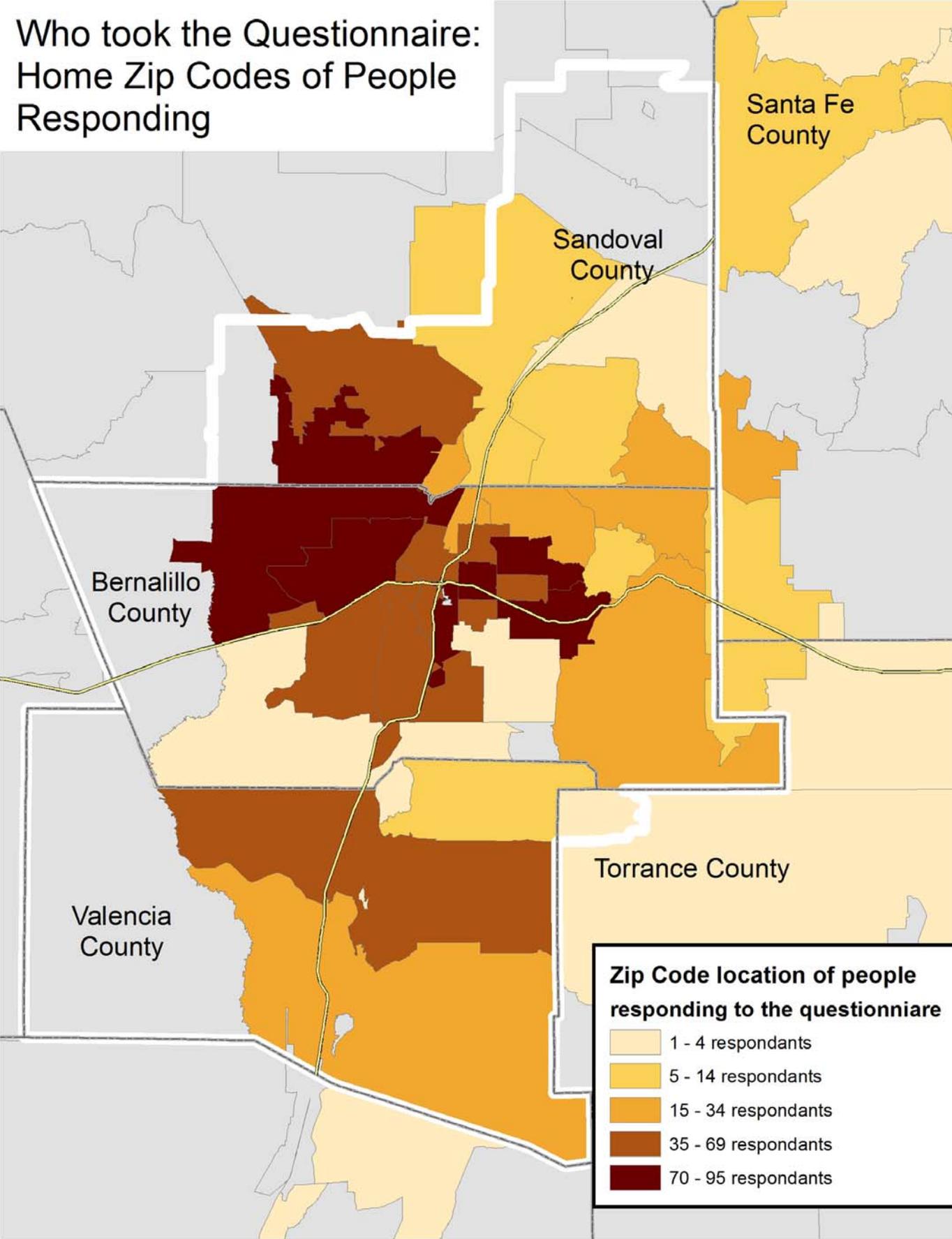
Gender	Questionnaire Respondents	3-County Region, 2011 ACS	Difference
Male	52.7%	49.3%	3.4%
Female	43.5%	50.7%	-7.2%
No Response	3.8%		

Age (18 years and older)	Questionnaire Respondents	3-County Region, 2011 ACS	Difference
18-24 years	3.7%	13.0%	-9.4%
25-34 years	15.8%	18.5%	-2.7%
35-44 years	14.5%	16.7%	-2.2%
45-54 years	23.0%	18.5%	4.6%
55-64 years	24.8%	16.6%	8.2%
65 years and over	14.4%	16.7%	-2.3%
No Response	3.8%		

Race/Ethnicity	Questionnaire Respondents	3-County Region, 2011 ACS	Difference
White/Caucasian	68.1%	41.5%	26.6%
Hispanic/Latino	18.1%	47.2%	-29.1%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	2.2%	5.2%	-3.0%
Black or African American	1.5%	2.2%	-0.7%
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.8%	1.7%	-0.9%
Two or more races, or other race, non-Hispanic	1.8%	2.2%	-0.4%
Prefer not to answer & No Response	7.6%		

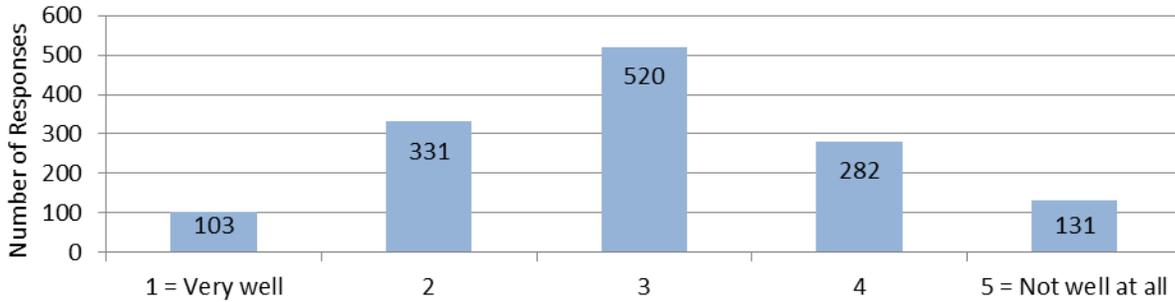
Household Income	Questionnaire Respondents	3-County Region, 2011 ACS	Difference
\$0-\$24,999	9.3%	28.9%	-19.7%
\$25,000-\$49,999	17.1%	25.2%	-8.0%
\$50,000-\$74,999	17.5%	18.0%	-0.5%
\$75,000-\$99,999	17.7%	10.0%	7.7%
\$100,000-\$124,999	12.8%	6.7%	6.0%
\$125,000-\$149,999	6.3%	4.1%	2.1%
\$150,000-\$199,999	7.7%	4.1%	3.7%
\$200,000 and up	2.3%	3.0%	-0.8%
No Response	9.4%		

Who took the Questionnaire: Home Zip Codes of People Responding



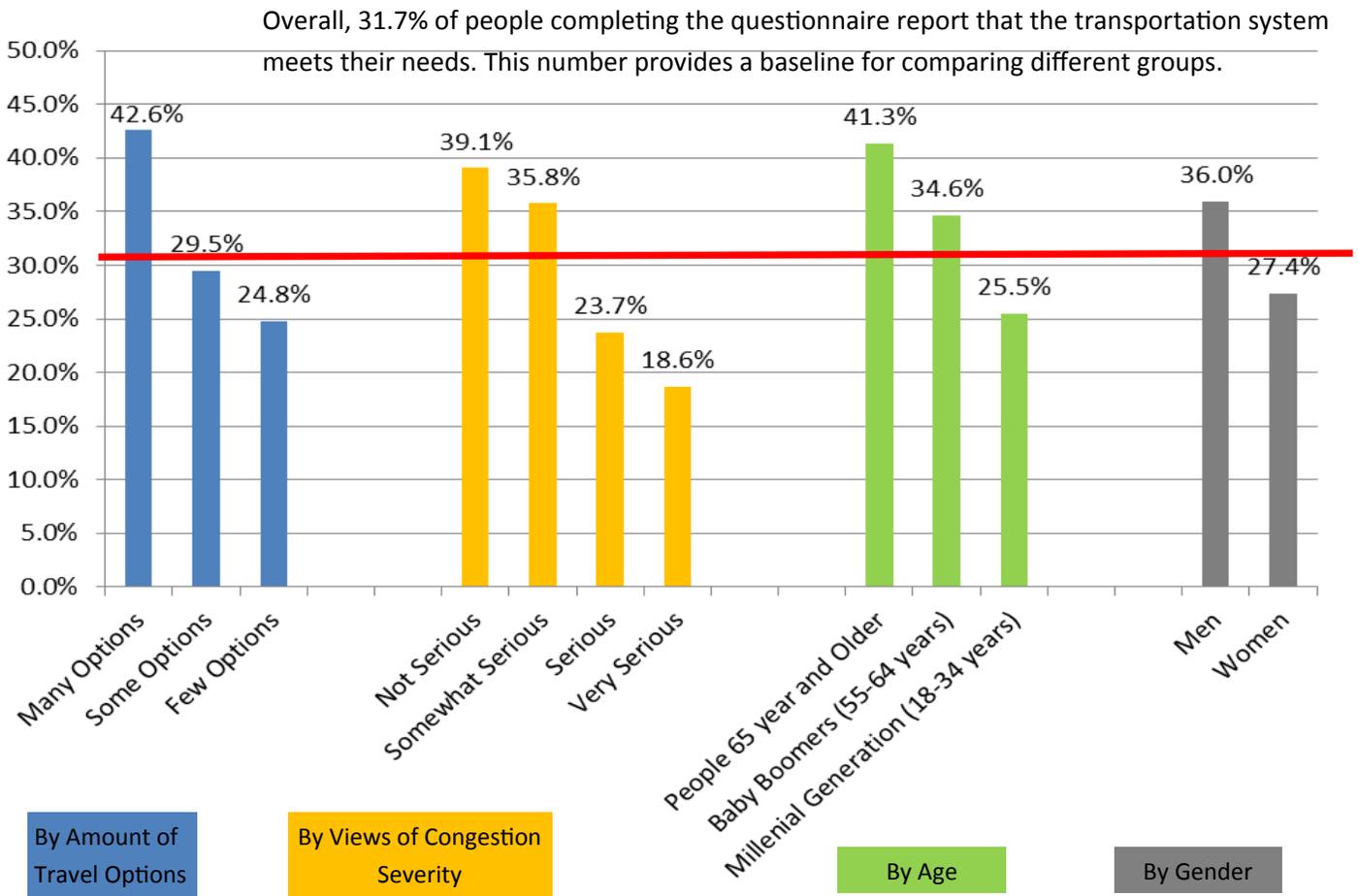
Satisfaction with the Transportation System

People were asked how well the transportation system meets their needs on a scale from 1 to 5 with 1 being “very well” and 5 being “not well at all.” Similar to the transportation questionnaire developed for the 2035 MTP, people’s overall responses resembled a bell curve and where a little over 30% of people responding felt that the transportation system met their needs in general (responded with a 1 or 2).



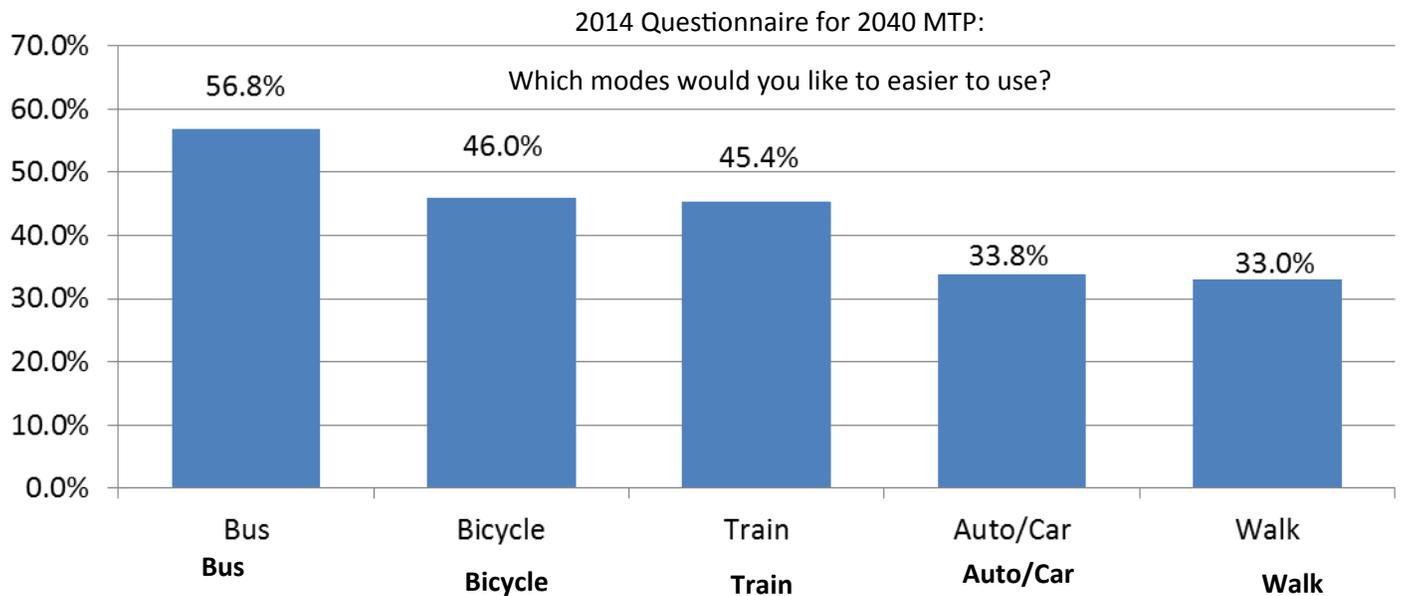
There were significant differences in people’s reported satisfaction levels based on how they view congestion, the number of options they have, their age and gender. These differences were found to be significant also after controlling for other factors. The following chart shows these groups and the frequency that they responded to the satisfaction question with a 1 or 2 indicating that the transportation system meets their needs in general.

Percentage of People Responding that the Current Transportation System Meets Their Needs



Which Modes People would like to be Easier to Use

People were asked which modes they would like to be easier to use. This question was worded slightly differently in the questionnaire conducted for the 2035 MTP asking what modes people would like “better access to.” Similar to results from the 2010 questionnaire effort, the more people used or had access to a particular mode the more they desired improvements for that mode. For example, people who had used some form of public transit in the past year also wanted improvements to the bus and train. People who live on Albuquerque’s Westside or Sandoval County want better access for cars.



Bus improvements was the most selected option. Groups that that wanted bus improvements over others were people who used public transit in the last year, people with lower incomes, and people living on Albuquerque’s Eastside.

People who felt like they had many options also wanted Improvements for bicycling. If people thought congestion was severe, they were not as interested in improving bicycling.

People who had taken public transit in the last year wanted easier access to the train. Women also wanted it to be easier to take the train. People living in Sandoval County or Albuquerque’s Westside were not as interested in improving train access.

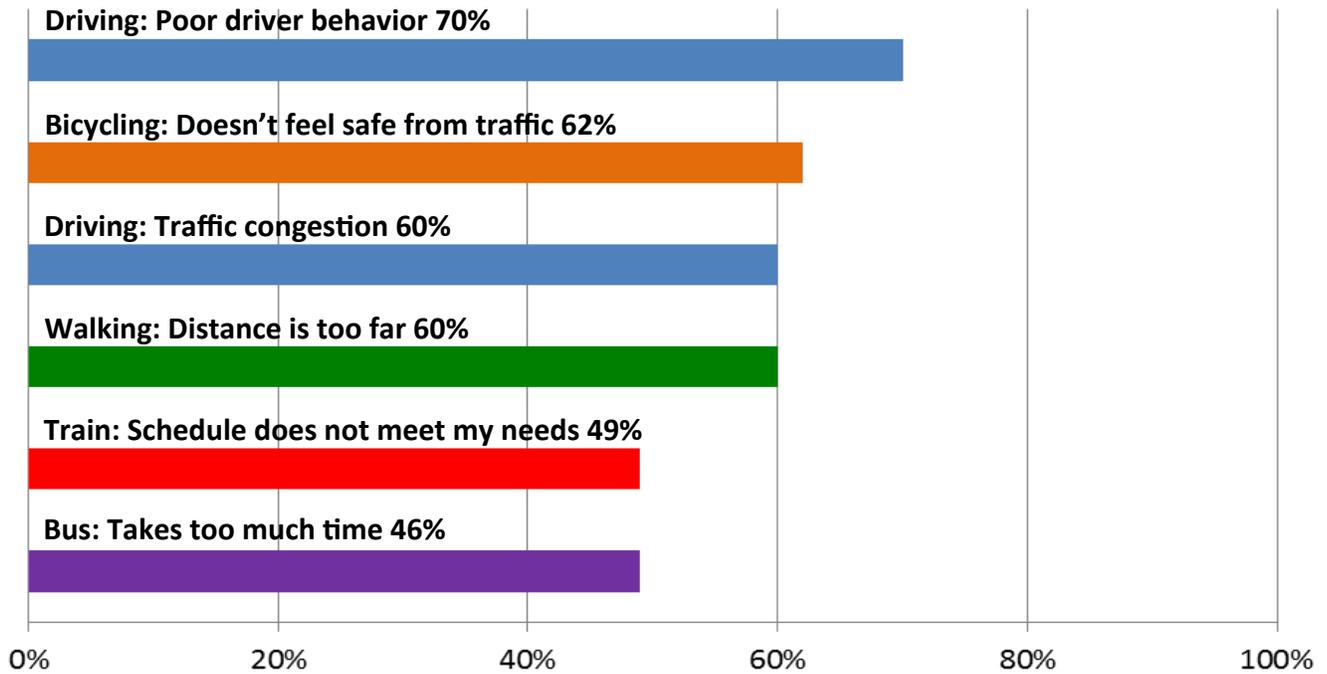
People who felt congestion was more severe, who live on Albuquerque’s Westside, or Sandoval Co. wanted better access for cars. People who felt like they had many transportation options and if they used public transit in the past year were not interested in improving car access.

People who felt congestion was less severe and people who used public transit in the last year wanted to improve walking. People who were not interested in improving walking were those who live in the East Mountains, and those who commute to Albuquerque’s Eastside from the Westside or Sandoval Co.

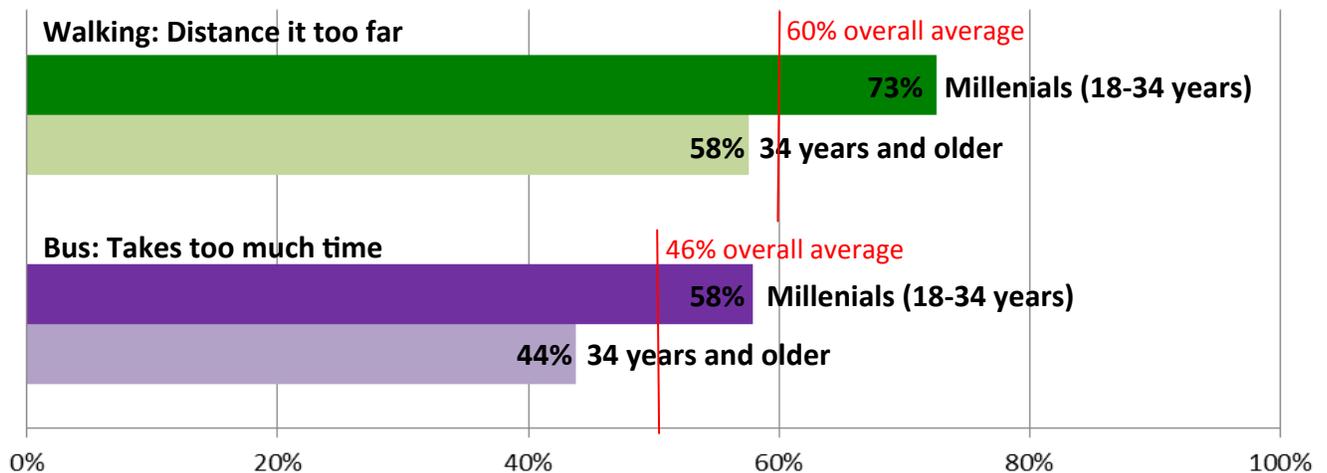
Reported Issues for Driving, Bicycling, Walking and taking the Bus or Train

People were asked about issues they encounter when taking different modes. Below is a chart showing the top issues for each mode or issues where 60% or more people responded. The number one issue overall was poor driving behavior.

Top Reported Issues when Driving , Bicycling , Walking , and taking the Bus or Train

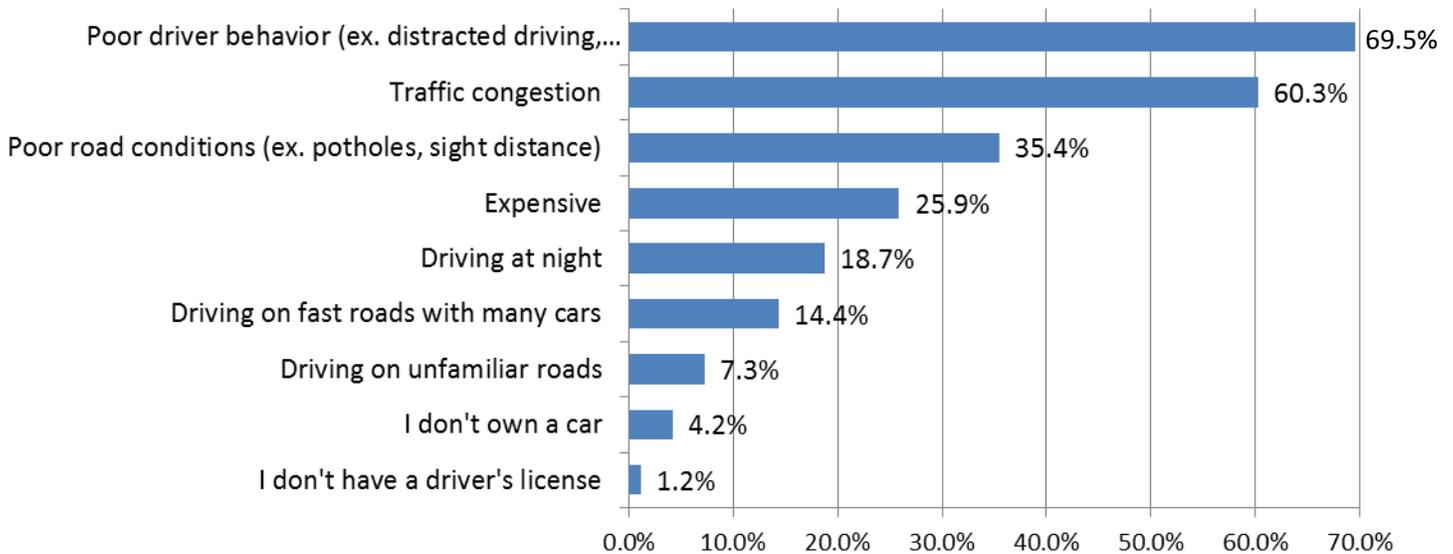


When testing for differences between groups of people and how they viewed the top issues the Millennial Generation (people from the age of 18 to 34 years old) tended to view bus travel times as too long and walking distances as too far. The following chart shows the differences between Millennials and their older counterparts.



Reported Issues for Driving

The following chart shows how people responded from list of issues related to driving. After poor driver behavior and congestion, the responses to other issues drops dramatically.



Open-Ended Responses

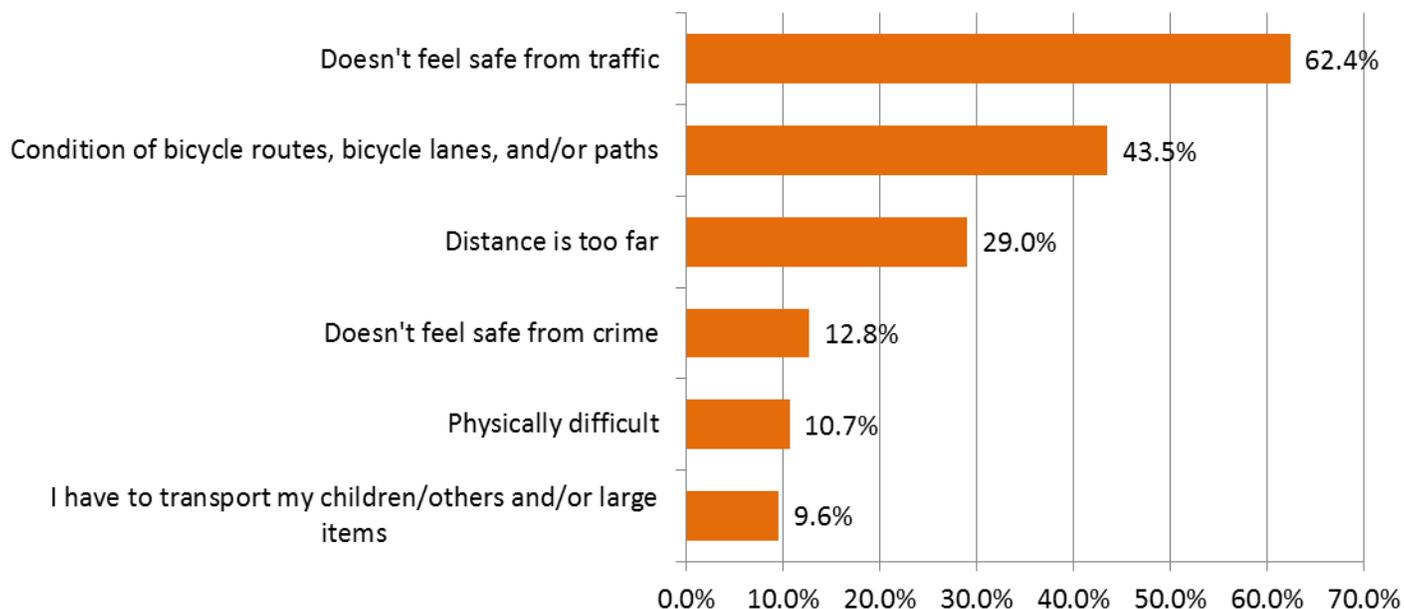
People taking the survey were also encouraged to write in issues that were not described in the question choices. There were 166 write-in responses. These responses were categorized as best as possible. See appendix A to read all the open-ended responses. The most frequently issues given involved sustainability, re-emphasized poor driving behavior, river crossings and signal timing.

Other less frequent topics included preferring other modes, people felt like their only option was driving, traffic congestion, more interstate access, construction, crash clean-up, road maintenance, bad bicyclist and/or pedestrian behavior, lighting, insufficient law enforcement, and parking.

Percent of Total Open-Ended Comments	Total Comments on this Topic	Topic	Sample Response
13%	22	Driving is not sustainable and more alternatives are needed.	"I would like to be more sustainable and use my own power or mass transit systems."
10%	16	Poor driving behavior	"Drivers speeding all the time!"
8%	13	River crossings	"There needs to be more ways across the river!"
8%	13	Signal Timing	"Traffic light timing does not adapt to off-rush hour traffic."

Reported Issues for Bicycling

The following chart shows how people responded from list of issues related to bicycling. After poor driving behavior, the second most common issue was not feeling safe from traffic when bicycling.



Open-Ended Responses

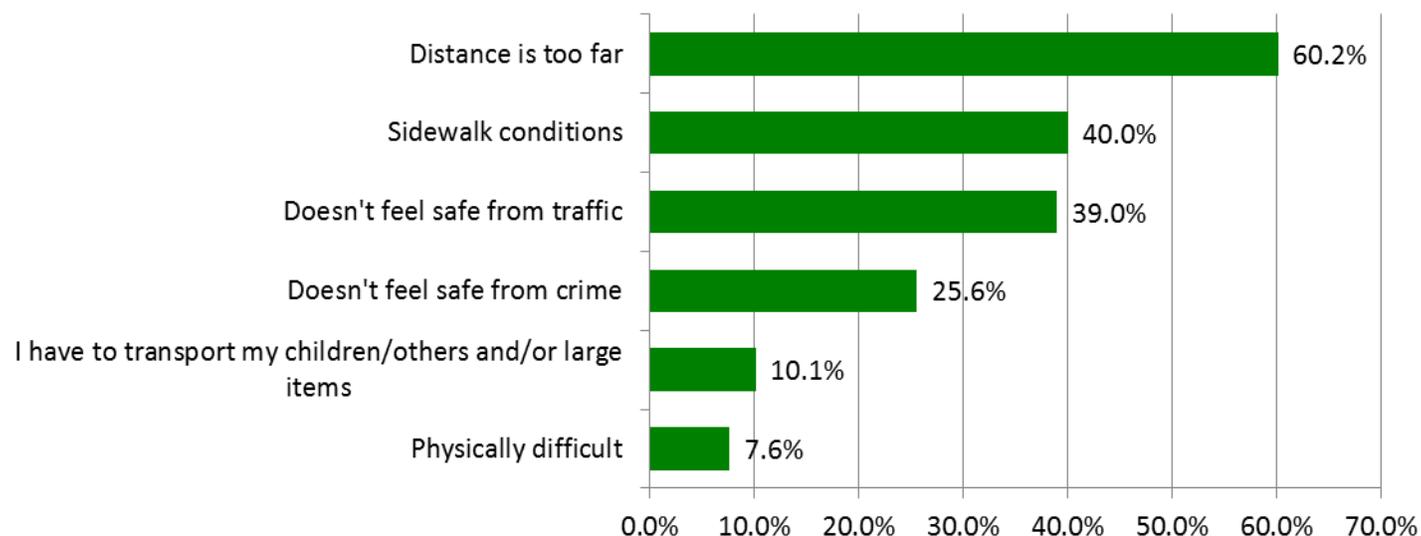
The most frequent open-ended response category was about gaps in the bikeway system, followed by a re-emphasis about safety from motor vehicle traffic and maintenance.

Other less frequent issues included bicycle parking/bicycle theft, crossing major roadways, narrow bicycle lanes and traveling with cargo. To read a full list of issues go to Appendix A.

Percent of Total Open-Ended Comments	Total Comments on this Topic	Topic	Sample Response
25%	44	Closing network gaps	<i>"Too many bike lanes and routes just end with nowhere to go, then continue a mile or two later."</i>
19%	34	Safety from traffic	<i>"Some trails are great, but bike lanes are scary with distracted drivers speeding by you."</i>
8%	14	Maintenance	<i>"glass, debris, parked cars in bike lane on road; goat heads on bike paths"</i>

Reported Issues for Walking

The following chart shows how people responded from list of issues related to walking. The top issue for walking was “Distance is too far.”



Open-Ended Responses

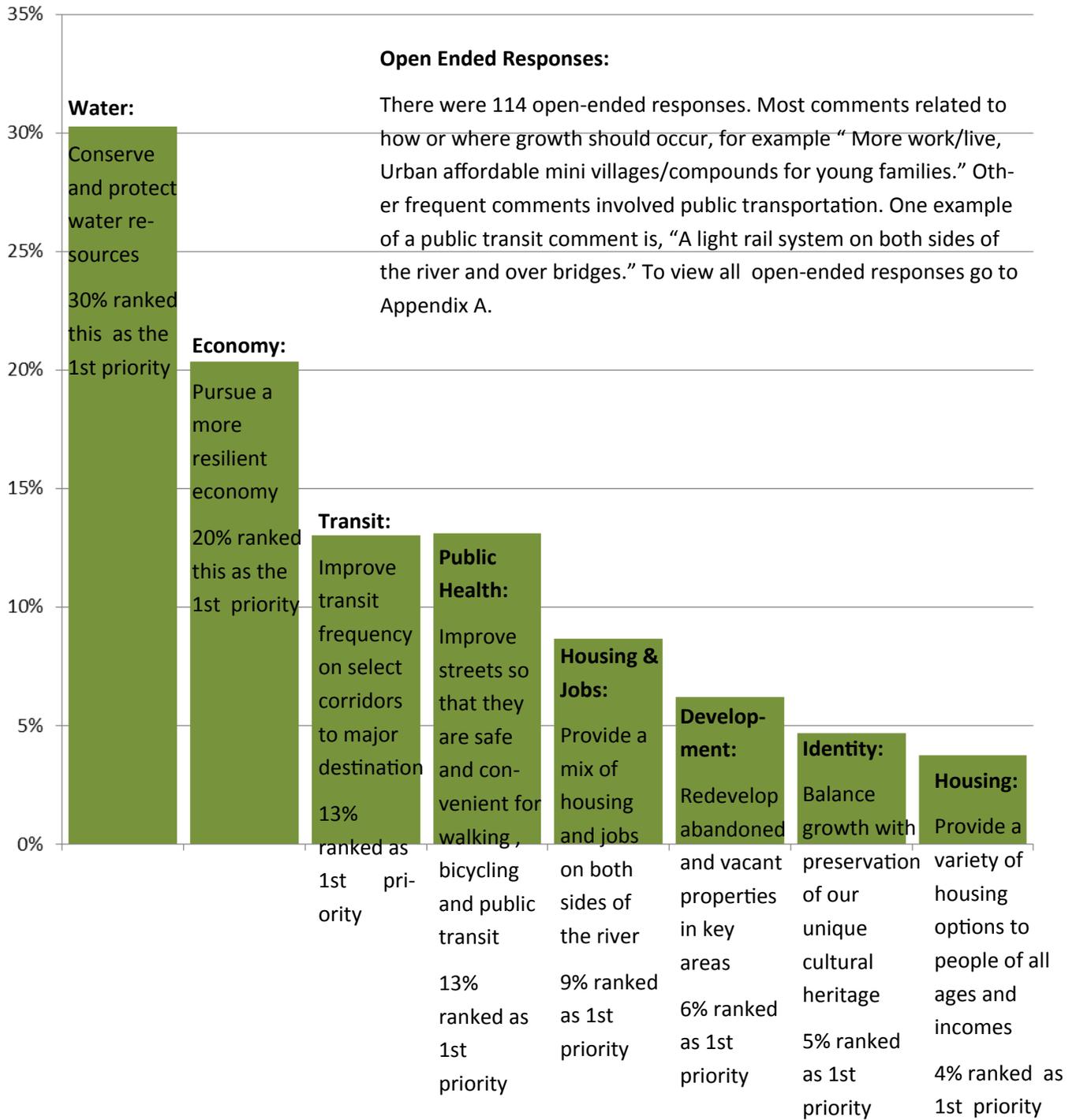
There were 198 written-in comments about issues with walking. The most frequent open-ended response category was about missing sidewalks or poor sidewalk condition followed by safety from traffic

Other less frequent issues included safety from traffic, distance, lighting, crime, and living in an auto centric area.

Percent of Total Open-Ended Comments	Total Comments on this Topic	Topic	Sample Response
17%	34	Missing sidewalks, unsuitable sidewalks	<i>"Many areas I walk in don't have sidewalks, e.g. Carlisle in many places, or the sidewalk is unsuitable for pushing stroller."</i>
10%	20	Safety from traffic	<i>"Intersections can be very dangerous, turning cars do not look for pedestrians."</i>
6%	11	Distance is too far	<i>"Shopping/grocery/library too far from me"</i>

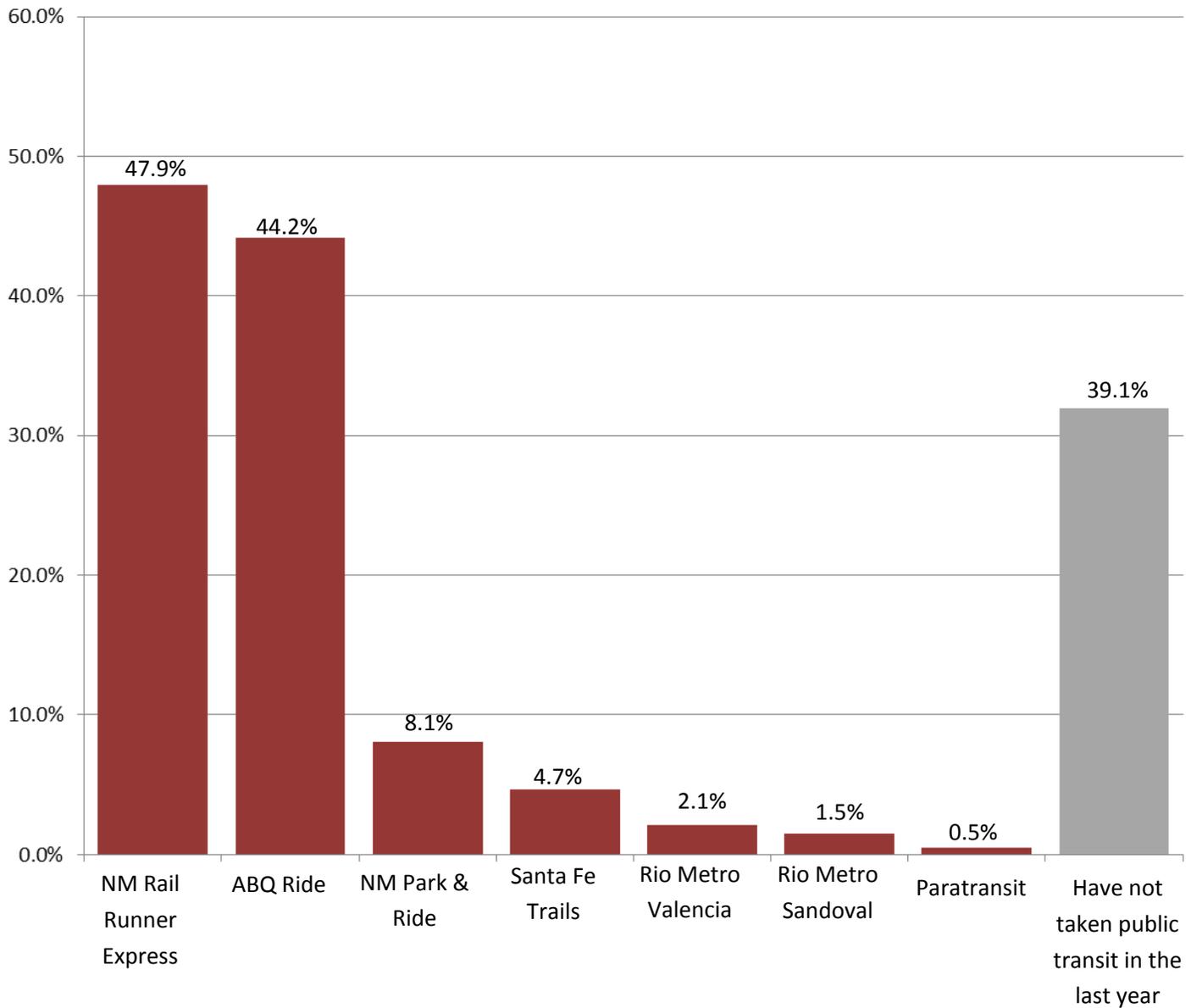
Future Challenges

People were asked to prioritize challenges facing the region as it grows. The initial list of challenges were generated in focus groups and then prioritized. Respondents were asked to prioritize the challenge list as well. Similar to the focus group prioritization people responding to the questionnaire saw water resources, the economy and transportation as leading challenges with water resources being the overwhelming leading priority.



Public Transit Taken Last Year

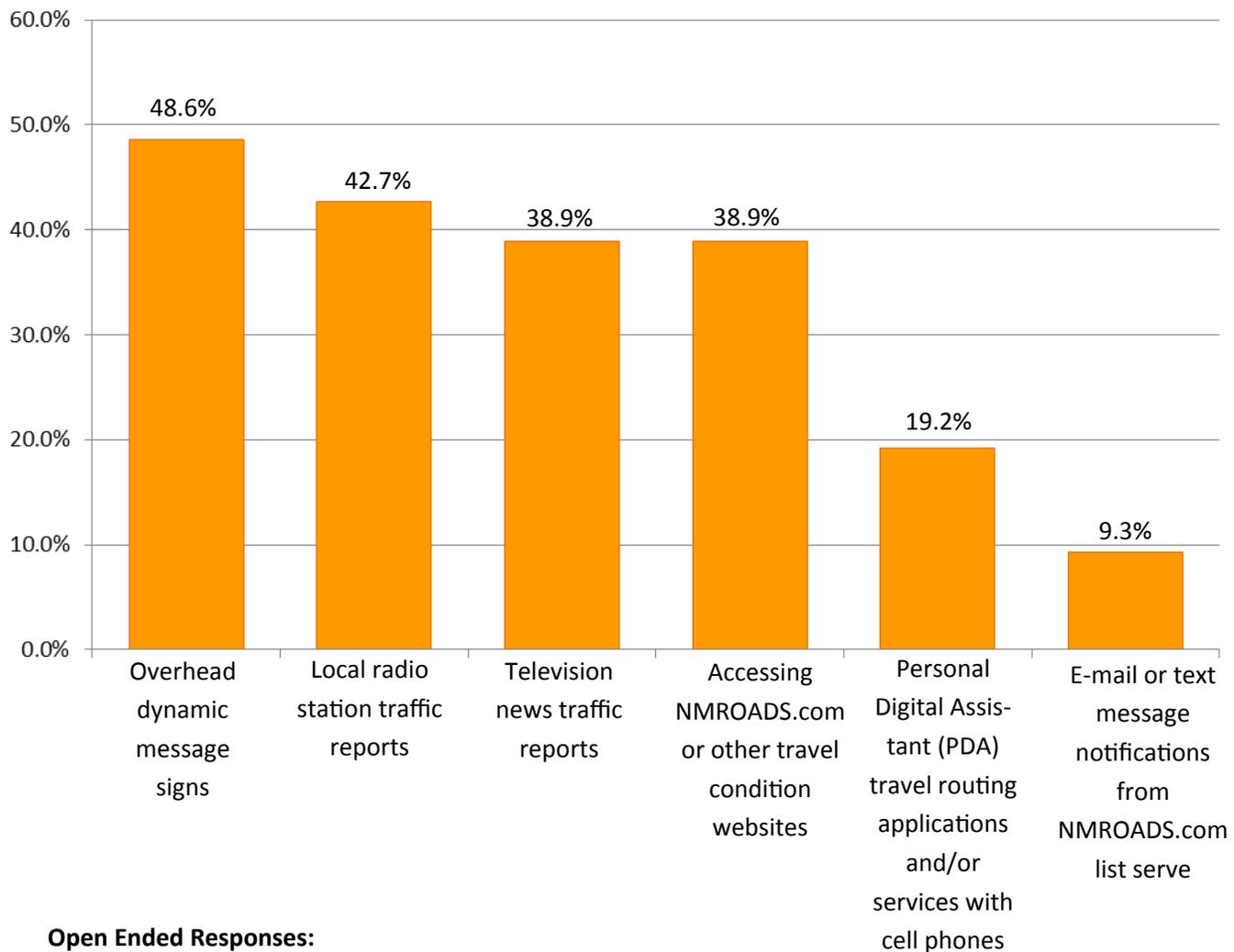
The following chart shows what public transit people responding to the questionnaire took in the last year. The most frequent response was NM Rail Runner Express. This is probably due to questionnaire being included in the Rail Runner newsletter.



Travel Condition Information

Transportation agencies are dedicated to inform the motoring public about travel conditions. Letting people know about delays due to traffic incidents, work zones, bad weather and special events is an important way to address non-recurring congestion that makes up 55% of traffic delays.

People were asked what forms of travel condition information they have used over the past year. Below are the results.



Open Ended Responses:

There were 66 open-ended responses. Most comments (12) related to using information other than NMROADS.com such as twitter from local news stations. The next most common comment (8) was related to frustration with dynamic overhead message signs such as learning about a traffic incident on the sign and discovering that it is resolved by the time they arrive to the location or difficulty reading long messages. To view all open-ended responses go to Appendix A.

Appendix A

Several questions included open-ended responses. These responses were categorized into themes and included in the main body of the report. However, the individual comments provide extra insight and are provided in this appendix.

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;I find no real PROBLEMS WITH EXISTING MODES

a combination of these

A system like the T in Boston

Access to Airports by train / bus

additional parking at Ellison and Coors

Aircraft

airplanes

Allow slow speed lane splitting for motorcycles

Amtrak to southeast U.S., to Denver, and to Austin, Texas

An alternative has to be thought of...(Car pooling..etc)

auto car ON WEST SIDE

Automobile

Better connections in to major business areas for out-of-ABQ train riders to get to their work place inside town. Also, either wider shoulders or lanes for bicyclists in rural areas like Placitas. I'm surprised more haven't died on highway 165.

bicycle access to the train station

bridges

BRT uptown/downtown direct (not central ave)

Bus Rapid Transit

bus rapid transit, light rail. Walking is easy, but distances large, and often not a very aesthetically pleasing option here.

Cable Car?

Can we make this [auto/car] more difficult?

Connecting Routes by more than 1 minute.

Cross walks on Central - Girard to Carlisle. It's dangerous, not calm, friendly

Direct shuttle to transportation hub from airport; other alternatives in transportation options from airport to metro area and surrounding counties.

elevated mono rail which would stop at major hot spots, airport, convention center, old town, unmc sports complex and somewhere on the west side of the city.

Equestrian

EV charging locations

Gas and Parking Space Efficient Scooters

Get the roads fixed - Lomas is terrible on the east side and have buses running more often on Lomas so we don't have to stand in the cold or in the sun to get back and forth to UNM

Governor has limited train times, making the convenience of the Railrunner, inconvenient

horse

I can catch the bus near the house but would like faster more direct routes to the malls

I live in Northern Meadows Rio Rancho and no Bus Svc

Include private sector transportation services like the Molina Bus Service in the International District

Light Rail

Like a way for me to drive my car onto the train to avoid bus use, which isn't feasible or timely.

Moped or ATV

more freeways from west side across the river

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More lanes or additional bridges over the river. There are 9 bridges in Espanola and only 7 between Bernaillo and Rio Bravo for the largest meto in the State.

Motorcycle

Need dedicated light rail

New ideas & approaches for mass transportation

no changes needed

None. If it becomes easier for people to commute to ABQ from Valencia County, pretty soon it will just be an extention of Albuquerque & we moved the Valencia Country to get away from city life. Let ABQ keeps it's people instead of turning our rural life into another suburb.

people with a disability and their mode of transportation

Public transit like street car or trolley

Public transportation throughout Sandoval County

Scooter

Streetcar

subway

The link to the following questions do not work

Too few bicycle lanes/paths, west side not well supported bus or train.

Trails (e.g., open space)

Use of strollers

Walking

we should have a metro

Additional Issues for Driving (166 comments)

[distracted driving, speeding] <-- big one! No signal, not looking b4 turning etc. We should require a high school diploma to receive a drivers license...

[traffic congestion] (Bridges due to NO good options). Air quality deterioration (Ozone/large particulates, worse since 1980's), Losing sense of the City (too much money dedicated to this mode), Development for 1/2 million more humans in this area is INSANE.

Abq drivers are terrible and NMDOT / City roads are poorly marked and maintained

Access to ABQ from East of the river in Valencia County (Monzano Expressway)

Age 76+, feeling less confident of myself when driving

air pollution

Albuquerque needs more expressways like Paseo Del Norte.

As someone who just moved here, it would be good for drivers from here to learn basic driving skills (better driver's ed), sidewalks and more accessibility in general would be nice on 528

auto/cars dominate as transport options and they should not. other forms needed

Better access to/from the east and west corridors, south of Bridge /Cesar Chavez Ave.

Better crosswalk designs are needed at congested intersections where there are transfer points on the ABQ Ride system. Too many pedestrians are jaywalking in order to make their connection bus.

bicycles not following driving rules for cars (doubling up in bike lane, encroaching traffic, not stopping at stop signs or stop lights)

Big trucks driving on 2nd St. South of Rio Bravo. Lack of turn lane from 2nd St E onto Rio Bravo

Bikes that dart out in front of you and pedestrians that do not know right of way laws and cross against a red.

Blocking too many lanes for tow trucks, courtesy patrol vehicle & emergency response

bus drivers regularly barrel thru downtown intersections

cannot get to the freeway without going through Albuquerque and or the town of Bernalillo.

Carbon emissions and supporting poor urban planning.

Cars are our biggest obstacle toward healthy and sustainable cities.

Choose not to drive when public transit is available.

Construction blocking many roads from any point to any other point

Construction projects (Big I, PDN/I-25, 550/I-25, Bernalillo)

construction/repair on adjacent byways. Example both San Mateo and Menaul blocked off for work at the same time at one of the busiest intersections does give options to get around construction.

Crossing the river at rush hour is always difficult.

Dangerous intersections

Additional Issues for Driving (166 comments)

Design of freeway

dirt roads between major arteries

Distance - 57 miles one way to work

Doesn't feel safe

Drivers speeding all the time!

Drivers turning into wrong lanes, not allowing others to make a lane change, too few bridges

Driver's under the influence; accidents delaying emergency vehicles due to congestion. Some road need road work.

Driving makes me unhappy, but is about the only way to get around ABQ

Elderly people driving extremely slow. It seems they're not even pushing on the gas pedal but idling down the road. People don't use blinkers anymore and stop signs have become pointless. Some stop signs should be turned into stop lights like at the one right by the County Line restaraunt. If seen people just blow right through it probably because they're distracted but I think they just don't think they need to stop.

Energy intensive / unsustainable

Environmental concerns, health concerns

environmental cost

Environmental issues play a big factor

extra fine if in accident while using phone

Getting older going to need bus access in the east mtns on N14

Getting through major arteries such as Paseo and Coors, Paseo and I-25; crossing the river.

having to support the oil industry

Health Condition (seizures)

Heavy truck traffic on Alameda Blvd.

Highway/road construction

huge medians, plantings that block visibility, short turn bays, no right turn bays

i do not have any issues

I don't have an issue other than gas is expensive

I have to drive 70% of the time.

I have to drive to get to most places since ABQ is so big.

I own a car, but it is old and I only drive it locally

I strongly prefer to use cars as little as possible for reasons of environmental concern.

I try to avoid driving during rush hour.

I want transportation options as convinient as automobiles.

I would like to be more sustainable and use my own power or mass transit systems

I would prefer more efficient options than 1-2 people in their own cars.

Additional Issues for Driving (166 comments)

In the event of an auto accident-Law enforcement need to be better prepared to allow traffic to flow around the scene.

Incomplete roads; roads don't go all the way through yet.

inconsiderate drivers!

inconsistent traffic rules on left turn lanes at intersections some post signs "left turn only with arrow" while others have a left turn arrow but no sign.

income prohibits costs of ownership insurance maintenance taxes etc.

Lack of cross-metro, limited access throughways, like Paseo del Norte or I-25/I-40

Lack of expedient routes in NE part of city, no freeways to ease congestion on surface roads

Lack of flexibility in access - no viable alternative routes

Lack of good traffic engineering to encourage smooth traffic flow.

Lack of police/law reaction to obvious illegal driver behavior

Lack of roads and dead end subdivisions.

Lack of routes crossing the river

lack of street lights in neighborhoods!

Lack of through streets in some locations within Rio Rancho and connecting Rio Rancho to Albuquerque

lack of timing in traffic lights. Residential streets with traffic light has higher priority than a 6 lane street.

landscaping that blocks drivers' view - especially at corners and in medians (for turns); drivers that drastically exceed the posted speed limit; erratic drivers; the timing of some traffic lights; the need for additional protected left turns (ex: Yale & Coal)

Legibility of street names

light timing is unsatisfactory

Lighting is poor on many roads. Some street sign names aren't very well lit/have small print. If most roads were better lit, driving on unfamiliar roads wouldn't be that much of an issue.

long delays on I-25 and I-40 from poorly managed clearing of accidents

Making a left turn onto most major streets in Albuquerque is difficult when not at a traffic light. Most people cross halfway, sticking out into traffic, and wait to finish the left turn. This is dangerous and, when I have to do it myself because of heavy traffic, terrifying.

My husband and I have a one car family.

Need freeway from I-25 to Northern Blvd

need more avenues of transportation.....train needs more stops...will bring in revenue

need more lighting in many areas (existing street lights out of order)

need more river crossings. westside access is so limited.

New Mexico allows co-dependent auto behavior

Additional Issues for Driving (166 comments)

Night driving with headl lights in the eyes by oncoming traffic in the Tijeras roads in the curves. Need a dedicated lane for 18 wheelers thru the mountains. Not sure why they didn't do this during the last upgrade.

No easy corridor to get from residence in northern Rio Rancho to Westbound I-40

No express way to Rio Rancho. Alameda is a joke

No issues with driving at work

No right turn lanes in the city. Why do I have to wait at the light to turn right?

No third lane on I-25 from Rio Bravo to Isleta Blvd

non-commuting recreational bicyclists on roads (highways) with NO shoulder holding up traffic afraid to go around them.

none

not enough access across the river between ABQ and Rio Rancho

Not enough lanes for the growing population.

not enough river crossings from Albq. to Rio Rancho and the Westside of Albq. We need at least 1 or 2 more river crossings!!!

Not enough ways across the river

not environmentally friendly

Not talking potholes - talking unpaved roads with canyons in them

older vehicle with high mileage already...

One bridge in Los Lunas makes for massive congestion; road work during rush hour does also.

One person / per car seems to be abusive and not smart.

One person in every car We can not build enough roads and bridges for 60000 plus vehicles to get to work every day.

Car pooling and light rail is the solution

Other drivers

parking

Parking downtown

Parking too hard to find and/or too expensive in congested areas (downtown, UNM)

People drive too slow and don't know how to push the gas.

plus the price of fuel

Pollution, contribution to climate change and negative impact on a livable urban streetscape.

Poor address signage on businesses, homes, street signs. Can't see or find addresses

Poor design on/off ramps on interstates and NOT ENOUGH BRIDGES TO THE WESTSIDE

Poor or non-existent signage and lighting

poor road connections and limited lanes on busy roads

Poor route planning, routes from Volterra to Sandia labs and up to freeway are convoluted and round-a-bout

Additional Issues for Driving (166 comments)

Poor signage, lack of traffic enforcement, safety of passengers

poor signs and poor road markings

poor traffic engineering and maintenance planning

Poor traffic management during accident, need for more bridge crossings, need for more river crossing options for trucks besides Alameda Blvd.

Poorly timed streetlights

prolonged construction projects

Rediculously wide medians with ugly landscaping reducing visibility

Reduce carbon footprint

Road designs are awful and the drivers are rude and clueless

Rules of the road don't get enforced in the ABQ metro area.

Semi Trucks driving in far left lane of freeway are an issue, and should not be allowed!

Shortage of bridges south of I40.

single lane roads where they should be 2 or 3 lanes each direction

Slow traveling speeds

Small city, but worse traffic than some larger cities. Light system does not allow traffic to flow, more restrictive.

speed limit too fast in school and business section of Corrales

speed traps where tickets are given unjustly, for violations not committed

speeding isn't as much of a problem as people blocking up traffic by going too slow.

Speeding, drunk driving (with few consequences) & reckless driving are huge issues in Santa Fe.

Sprawl

Stop making it easier for people to commute to Alb. If it's harder for people to commute to Alb., the crackpots will stay in ABQ.

stoplights are not timed well e.g., on Tramway, Spain will turn green and shortly after Academy will turn red

Street signs not visible

System forces thru traffic onto city streets...i.e. Central instead of I-40 Old Town to Atrisco because of 3 lanes on Central the need for more/wider lanes

The police shutting down Tijeras canyon for no apparent reason at all. Tens of thousands of people live on the east side and work in town, keep it open!

The poorly maintained roads in Rio Rancho, lack of paved roads.

The road system between Bern. Ct and Valencia Ct has always been bad. The population on the east side of Valencia has been ignored and that is where over 70% of the population lives. The west side of Alb.(Coors and Montano north to Rio Rancho) is a joke. Don't use those people for planning.

Additional Issues for Driving (166 comments)

There are too many cars on an overabundance of vehicular infrastructure in this sprawling burg. Time for more investment in better public transportation.

There are too many places I need to go that there is only one route to reach -- if there is an accident or other reason for that route to be unavailable, you might just as well turn around and go back home.

There is absolutely no reason that interstates and roads need to be totally shut down for hours. I've been many places in the country and traffic is kept moving. Train the police better!!!!

There needs to be more ways across the river!

This town doesn't have enough right turn only lanes, easy option to relieve traffic
too low speed limits

Too many traffic lights impeding flow; poorly timed traffic lights; poor access to freeway from NE heights.

Too many unpaved roads.

Traffic light cycles (Alternating left-turn arrows) and synchronization

Traffic light timing does not adapt to off-rush hour traffic

Traffic lights not in sync for speed limiting Comanche.

Traffic signal timing - difference on week ends and week days

traffic signals out of synchronization

Tramway stoplights are poorly coordinated

Unfortunately, you can't change driver behavior!

Use of petroleum, a limited resource, environmental consequences of producing & using gasoline.

walled in freeways, fenced in freeways with no emergency options to exit

We have one car for our family; we need other options!!! Transit, safe bike paths for children
we need more roundabouts

We need to reduce lanes of traffic and increase bus/train lanes to get people out of their cars.

When it rains, the roads don't drain well. I can't see the lanes for the glare and part of the road always turns into a pond.

winter road conditions

Would leave my car and use train more if there was a safe place to leave car overnight.

Would like to have an alternative from the Sandia Park (east mountains) into ABQ
would prefer transit system

Additional Issues for taking the Train (178 comments)

[schedule does not meet my needs] <-- Improving! And thank you! Need more TOD + mid-day trains

Actually, it does go to Santa Fe. We need light rail within the metro area. Need 15 year plan.

As an East Mountain person, no train exists that serves our area.

As they add stops, it detracts from the convenience of when it first became operational.

bad idea from the start, should have just added a lane to /Santa Fe

bicycle storage space on train

car break ins at parking lots huge problem

connections to work from station aren't convenient and schedule doesn't coincide with work start time

cost and available stations

Difficult to get to/from the station from my home

Difficult to reach stations by bicycle

Do not need

do not need to use the train

Do not use enough to give an accurate response

Do not use train

Does not go to enough east/west destinations

does not link up with regional buses, particularly from Santa Fe north

Does not service Socorro and the bus to belen is unreliable

Doesn't run late enough. Weekend service isn't early enough.

Don't have a train nearby

Dont have much occasion to use train.

Don't know enough about it

dont need it

Don't need or use the trains

Don't use but once a year to go to Santa Fe

don't use train

downtown station has only paid parking not free

Due to my current in-town Albuquerque location I really have no need to utilize the train.

esp. before the sun comes up and after it goes down when it is still dark. is car safe when it is unattended?

Excellent resource, use only occasionally to Santa Fe

Frequency! YOu can't run commuter rail unless it really functions like an anytime possibility - See Europe!

Fri and Sun schedule not condicive for needs. should run longer

Getting to the train station is not very practical. It gets me to my final destination however it is out of the way to get there.

Hardly any mid-day service anywhere!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I am a regular Rail Runner passenger (M-F). Suggestion: Add another passenger car to the #513 Southbound (heavily used by work commuters, and is very crowded), the current #513 only has two cars.

I am located far enough away from the station that it doesn't save time.

I don't generally need to go where the train goes, but I still think it is a good idea

I dont want a train

I have no need for this type of transportation

I have no train issues.

I have to drive to the stations - fairly long distances

I like the train

I live closer to my work than the closest station.

I live far from the train stations

I live near bernardo, and must drive to Belen to get the train

I lost a job in Santa Fe because the commute of car/park/train/walk was ridiculously long--like 5hrs. RT. RT

I love the Abq/Santa Fe route. It is wonderful. Maybe like to go more places

I love the rail runner!

I love the Rail Runner. I can bike to the Los Ranchos station in 15 minutes from my home. It's great that I can use my day pass to use the bus in Santa Fe. I feel SO much safer on the train than driving my car on I-25. (I rode the RR the day Santa was there - Standing room only. I believe there should be a limit of people allowed/train car.)

I love the train & would ride every day, but would still have to take the bus too.

I travel east-west and the train goes north-south

I use the train for events in SF, meeting with friends and family , lunch, shopping, fun

I use the train recreationally only. ie trips to Santa Fe. I like it.

I very much would like an 8 a.m. southbound train from SF to ABQ, which would greatly increase a Santa Fean's ability to spend more time in ABQ to visit museums, etc. and shop.

I want to commute home on weekends from NMSU in Las Cruces without losing 12 hours of homework time.

If I go to Santa Fe, I like to stop at the Outlets on Cerrillos Road, so cannot take the train easily for that

If the NMRR would add more stations in the South Valley it would be easier.

I'm genreally not going very far, just not practical

In Europe many trains going over 300 mph and are safer. Here they can't break 100. For shame.

It costs the state too much money to operate

It does not take me anywhere I neeeded to go.

It doesn't go all the way to Socorro.

It's hard to carry very much stuff to bus and/or train, and it is risky to leave a car near the RR stations.

Lack of connectivity to reasoned systems. Downtown/north UNM/Uptown BRT, NM 550 to Rio Rancho Light Rail, Railrunner track and train type are bad for long commutes with rocking trains and too heavy trains and slow speed because of it being diesel and not electrified train set...see Spain and AVE.

Lack of convenient stations in Albuquerque, lack of bus connectors

Lack of viable connections at ABQ Sunport. Too few trains.

limited schedule outside of congestion area

Living on the westside, train is not an option.

Love the Rail Runner

love the railrunner; please keep it and expand it

Misinformation from text messages, recieved following day

More late-night and express trains needed...the latter would also enable more stations to come online.

More mid-day trains, please.

Mostly that I don't need to take the train, just for fun to/from Santa Fe.

My destinations are all over the Metro area

My routine day to day travel doesn't need the train. For business use, the schedule is an issue.

N/A

need a subway

Need an earlier stop in Bernalillo in order to get to Kirtland via bus system. Over 20,000 people work at the base and seems like the train and bus schedule to not fit very well to accomodate many, many people who would use the transit system inbound from Rio Rancho at 550. Why not have a dedicated bus or two solely for the base from 550 and I-25. I would participate 90% of the time to avoid the traffic and poor drivers.

Need better and more public transportation infrastructure for rail. More stations and less time between arrivals.

Need better bus connections

need better options for bicycles, dedicated bike car with racks

Need car once at destination

need light rail east/west connection down central

Need more service between 9a-4P, and Saturday and Sunday

need more trains throughtout the day

Need other option inside the city - to and from the west side

need to add midday trains

need to increase frequency of trains

Needs more long range destinations (Denver, El Paso)

Never had the desire to ride the train except maybe to SF but have not done so

never used

No early schedule available for special events, like Baloon Fiesta

no east west line

No Issue

no issues

No issues - i use it for recreation/pleasure to go to Santa Fe

No or difficult bicycle access ie. Montano station, Roy Road/Sandia bikes vandalized

no rail spur going to east side of mountains

NO RESTROOMS at the stations

no shade, covered area for snow or rain while waiting after bus drops us off waiting for southbound train

No Tracks for the train to travel on: Once at the train station, I'm as close as I will get to my office.

no way of getting to train station

non auto access to the station

none

None - I only the train for recreational, but very nice!

None of the above, I use the train to visit Santa Fe and enjoy it.

none of these are issues for me

not an option

Not an option for for I travel

Not an option.

Not applicable

Not applicable as I live in east mountains and commute downtown.

not available

Not enough departures, especially early/late; Montañño station delayed

Not enough government support - Governor's office is trying to bleed the Railrunner to death

not enough trains on weekends

Not in the area I reside

Not many bus stops in Rio Rancho to take to the train.

Note: I ride the train 4 or 5 times a week to SF and back and none of the above are issues for me

Once Montano Station is in, will work better

one north/south train option doesn't meet the needs of the region - i live in the northwest

Only practical if you live and work by the train.

other riders are do not respect public concerns (people smoke on platform/cut in line,skateboard,etc)

parking at Rio Bravo/2nd St SW station is not safe - dark, no police, many break-ins

parking lot security

Parking safety

People won't ride buss connections to the train they are to slow without there own right of way.

Poor integration of bus and train schedules (particularly early in the morning)

Rail Runner is excellent alternative to SF. Too many stations (stops) reducing efficiency.

Rarely travel to Santa Fe or other places served by Railrunner.

RR shut down 9-4 during Int'l Balloon Fiesta. Really?!

Runner a good start- need LRT + street cars too; and lots of small neighborhood busses.

safety of leaving car at station

Schedule is a bit sparse in case I miss usual train.

Schedules are great for workers, but impossible for a day of shopping etc.

seems too far out of the way

Should not have been built

takes longer to get to a train station than it takes to get to work (from where I live)

The bus route in our neighborhood near La Cueva HS does not coordinate with train arrivals or departures.

The design of the El Pueblo station is terrible and is an insult to the community.

the economics fo the RailRunner are highly questionable in region of such low population density.

The only train I know is the Railrunner to Santa Fe - is there any other?

The Rail Runner is tailored too much for Santa Fe Commuters. I wish we could use the bus to get to train stops more effectively

the schedule often meets my needs but not always.

The seats are way too hard. They are uncomfortable.

The train doesn't run at convient times to catch airplane flights.

The train is fine. What a one sided question.

The train needs to run farther than Santa fe. It should run all the way to Las Vegas, we have a lot of people that commute from there for work everyday.

The train schedule is untenable for an 8am to 5pm schedule for someone living in Albuquerque and working in Santa Fe. 4 hours of my day are devoted to walking and taking the bus and train. The average person is not willing to do this, and it makes me unwilling to consider this career path for the long term. I do not feel like the RailRunner was a good investment when a park and ride service would have gotten me to my destination faster.

The train was a stupid idea. Has it broke even yet?

There is no option for east/west commuters it is a condescending north south option only

To far from station to point of origin.

too costly

too expensive

Too far away from my house - commute to Sandoval station is 9 miles each; drive to work is 22.

Too far to walk to the train from parking lot and doesn't feel safe

Train does not allow for the transport of animals even when in a proper carrier

Train does not go to a lot of destinations I want to go to.

Train goes north to south, I travel west to east. The train exists by my work, and does not go to my home!

Train is a waste of limited public funds. The train should be routed to transport passengers from Sunport more effectively.

Train is completely impractical for my in-town commute.

Train needs to head west of Metro Area

train seems set up to go from Santa Fe and back - when I need to do that I use it

train to Santa Fe is fine at those times I choose to use it

Uncomfortable train seating (bad back), polluting diesel deeds to be on renewables, track is in poor condition and not grade separated enough.

Use it on rare occasions, so having to figure out the schedule is sometimes difficult

vehicle safety at station parking lots

Very limited schedules, would like easier ABQ airport access via train

Walking from the bus station (downtown) to office (Broadway) is too dangerous with the people who approach you for money.

Waste of Money

Way too expensive and route restrictive - how do you move AFTER YOU GET OFF?

We don't have an adequate train system

Where I live the train and bus works well. Trains don't run all day only during commuter times. Should consider adding additional routes throughout the day for instance, weekend travel to Santa Fe could cause you to spend the entire day verse a couple of hours.

Wifi coverage while on the train is poor

WiFi never works

Would like to have a train stop to get to the future Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge

You need better weekend train schedules especially for people wanting to go to downtown Albq. during the evenings on weekends.

Additional Issues for taking the Bus (224 comments)

"Takes too much time" applies mainly when a transfer is needed, which can add 20 min of waiting.

#53 no Sun service, no late night service; not enough buses on Rio Bravo, no bus on Gun Club; in general, only Central has enough buses

[schedule does not meet my needs] <-- not nearly frequent enough

[schedule does not meet my needs] sometimes. Bus schedules shortened 5 years ago. Now must drive and park at Risen Savior pkg lot. I take the #31 Wyoming bus south to many places that I don't drive to.

A bit of a last resort for me. I don't mind bussing, but it doesn't always take me exactly where I need to go.

A few more busses later in the evening.

ABQ Ride issues/needs: 1. Need "Rapid Ride" on San Mateo 2. #8 Menaul bus "gimpy" and slow because west detour to 12th & Indian Pueblo Cultural Center.

Ads on the bus exteriors make them appear dangerous

Again, bus is fine if and when I choose to use it

Again, the bus is fine.

Am not a fan of public buses

As I grew up here I was shocked to find my bus runs the same schedule - perhaps bus should be non-profit.

As I live in Tijeras, I have never taken a bus.

Better schedule for N. 4th #10 bus. Later. Poor connectivity east-west from far north valley. Difficult to get to far NE and Rio Rancho.

Bike rack fills up quickly on the front of the bus.

Biking and/or walking is often a faster option

Bus in Los Lunas ends at 5:00pm - have to schedule with them the day before for a pick up

Bus only works for daily commuting. Doesn't work at all if I have meetings during the day.

bus service is great

Bus should run EVERY day, including holidays.

Bus stop is several blocks from me down a steep hill. If I shop, it's too far to carry items back up the hill.

Bus stop w/in 1/2 mile of my house but no sidewalk to walk part of distance. Bus Stop on West Side of Coors btwn Western Trail and Milne. No sidewalk between stop and Milne

bus system in Albuquerque is fairly good, overall.

Buses ahead of schedule only wait at stops downstream from my stops.

Buses are often not on schedule

buses that have handi cap lifts are always breaking down-

Can take four to five times longer than driving. Then, once I get to work, I have no easy options to get out for lunch, errands, etc.

Central buses are very crowded

Cities need buses. Rural areas don't need or want buses. If people want buses, let them move to ABQ.

Commuting for work in which I have out-of-office meetings around town...

Compared to Auto ease of going/ doing

Dependability

Desire shorter headways and longer service times

difficult to co-ordinate routes

Do not need

Do not use

Does "Takes TOO MUCH TIME" means "TOO LONG OF A WAIT" 45min. is TOO LONG TO WAIT FOR A BUS!!!

Does not service Corrales

doesn't pick up close to my home.

Doesn't travel to remote areas within Kirtland airbase (TA-V)

Don't go thru neighborhoods (need more small busses)

Don't know enough about it

don't know how to get schedule routes and times

Don't use buses

Drivers use cell phones while driving, some are discourteous to passengers

east-west and north-south route system requires transfers.

frequencies are too low; transfers become incredibly dicey/time-consuming

Frequency too low

Great service. Also have live bus tracking on my iphone.

Have not taken buses as they don't run at all hours.

have to drop kids off at school

Have to make many errands at work per day

Have you been to South Albuquerque? Where they only let three people in a barred up gas station building at a time?

Haven't yet been able to figure it out

Holidays are a big mess up

Home and work aren't located along flow of major bus routes

How about scheduling express bus route options during prime commuting times?

I don't have the sticker on my CNM ID card for free bus fare

I don't ride the bus

I don't ride the bus.

I find the bus service to be good.

I have no bus issues

I have to drive to get to the first bus connection

I have to go to "bus stop" half a mile away & I do it, but I don't like it

I have too many trips to various destinations every day. I couldnt meet my work demands via bus.

I haven't ridden the Park & Ride yet since the RR service extended to SF.

I like the train

I live in Belen. No bus from Belen to albuquerque

I live in Northern Meadows in Rio Rancho and would love to see Bus Services come here! Thanks!

I live in Rio Rancho; work at the Sunport

I live off Eubank south of Paseo but bus turns at Academy, making the bus less convenient

I live only a few miles from CNM and the VA in Barelmas, but the bus routes do not cross the freeway so I can't use them!

I live out of town

I live outside bus service areas.

I need my car for work during the day, so unfortunately the bus is not an option

I question whether park and ride parking is safe for one to leave a vehicle

I still drive--go when I want, no schedules to follow

I work at a major city employer, and it still requires transfers. No dedicated buses.

I work in Corrales - no bus goes there that I am aware of.

I worry about which bus to take

I would like a convenient way to get from NW Taylor Ranch to Route 96

I would ride the bus more if it was more available

if i travel north south or east west it works - butif I need to do both it is not workable with in my timme constraints

I'm a mile from the nearest bus stop

Infrequent stops at my work on University...every thirty minutes

It does not come up N14, needs to come to a location near Frost & Hwy 14

It is 2.5 miles to the nearest bus stop

IT IS NOT SAFE! I have witnessed violence

It is unfortunate that there isn't a bus from Ventana Ranch/VRW area to Coors Blvd

It would require two bus transfers to get from home to work via bus, with long wait times in between. limited schedule also a problem.

It's more difficult to figure out route/stops compared to systems that always stop at every station.

Its not always clear which bus is best to take - the app needs to be updated

I've never found a schedule or heard of a schedule for the Valencia County buses

KAFB bus routes need to provide for West side of base not just East

Lack of adequate early or late buses

lack of late night bus routes

lack of shelters & parking at ALL stops

limited routes / schedule

Limited routes between Rio Rancho and Albuquerque means that I have few options.

Limited space for bicycles. Poor bicycle policy when bike rack is full.

Lomas and Central line buses are too crowded. With characters from the Star Wars Cantina.

Long wait times on most routes

Low frequency along the routes useful to me.

Meets my every need, but I would rather drive

mile plus walk to/from station to work without connections. too much time to take connections. would be nice to have a shuttle to my work (CNM)

Miss connecting bus by 1 minute. REALLY!!!

more buses could be added to my route, 157

more direct bus routes from train stations to kirtland afb

More Rapid Ride routes and evening schedule expansions needed.

Must run later, long headways between buses, lack of high-speed RapidRide routes which MUST BE EXPANDED!

My auto is more convenient.

my bicycle is too long a frame for bus racks, and businesses need more bike racks, 4th street route should be extended to El Pinto

My destinations are all over the Metro

My health is good enough that I dont need Sun Van on a permanent basis but would appreciate being able to use it if I had a doctor's appointment or procedure that they didn't want me driving to or couldn't take the regular bus route.

My usual commutes are short enough that waiting on a bus seems illogical.

n/a

NE Heights is underserved by bus. I think City thinks NE people dont want bus service which is wrong. It's not practical except for recreation only when youve lots of time to waste

Nearest bus stop ~ 3 miles from home

nearest bus stop is 2+ miles from my home

nearest bus stop is over a mile away

Need an all day route from Westside up Alameda to other streets

Need better bus access to east mountains

need better infrastructure

Need car once at destination

need more busses!!!!!!!!!!!!!! expand the schedule and the routes!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

need more frequent RR / bus / Airport connections especially on weekends

Need more funds input into the infrastructure for more and late hours service. Especially direct routes from the Eastside to the Westside - river crossings!

Need more rapid ride/commuter/express type buses during morning and evening commutes on E/W routes, such as Lomas, Menaul, etc. Making fewer stops would improve travel time. They could run in conjunction with the regular routes.

Needs to run at higher frequency and 24 hours a day

Never take it - no issues

No bus comes anywhere near my house

No bus comes to my neighborhood

No bus from Kirtland AFB for the last train going South to Belen

No bus in my area Unser/Northern to get to train station

no bus issues to mention

No bus lines in Rio Rancho North of Southern Blvd

No bus route anywhere near my home.

no bus route near my home.

No bus service available from Corrales

No bus service in Corrales - must go to Ellison bus depot to catch a bus.

no bus service in Valencia county

No bus service in Valencia County that goes where I need to go

No bus service to the Sunport after 8pm on weekdays, and NONE at all on Sunday!!

no bus service when I get off work

No bus service where I live; I'm almost at work by the time I get to a bus route

no buses in Los Lunas

No Drop off near work

No easy way to go North from Victory Hills or Nob Hill.

no issues

No opinion on this one. I have not tried riding the bus since my college days

No programs to encourage rich or middle class to ride

No service on N. Tramway; not enough bicycle transport capacity.

none

None of the above, I use the bus 80% of the time.

Not a close bus stop nearest one about 2 miles from my house

not always enough bicycle space

Not an option.

not available

not available for Rio Rancho unless you catch it and ride it to Albuquerque. I would like to see bus service from HWY 528 beginning at HWY 550 to Southern and Unser

Not clean ! Stuff spilled on seat/seat in unknow stuff.

Not enough buses at peak times to/from work and classes. How about running an extra bus at those times that could overtake the real bus and/or pick up missed passengers, even if only 3 minutes later. Have buses running continually, so if you miss one, you know another is on it's way like in Europe. I know you try to coordinate buses, but having to wait parked in a bus while we're ahead of schedule seems counterintuitive.

not enough buses in Rio...to go to other parts of town

Not frequent enough buses on Bridge...would love to see a Bridge bus that goes to both college campuses.. with frequent runs, especially in the 6:30 to 8 a.m. and 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. time slots and on holidays

Not many bus stops in Rio Rancho.

Not much coverage late in the evening, weekends, holidays

Not used

occasional safety concerns at bus stops

Only available in my area during commuter times; don't believe available during the weekends or through the day and therefore, doesn't leave options to catch near home to say Walmart, mall or back.

out of comfort zone

Poor access to bus stops - in adequate sidewalks, not wheelchair accessible, not safe

Rapid Ride routes almost exclusively serve the Central corridor. The lack of Rapid Ride service is particularly dismaying on Montgomery, though the absence of any significant north-south connection is a glaring hole in the current Rapid Ride service.

Reside on the WS - ridden the bus to and from the fair & balloon fiesta, otherwise driven my car

Roads are in poor shape - bus travel is teeth jarring

Route transfers add too much time

Scary patrons

SCARY PEOPLE ON BUS SOMETIMES

Service hours are too short. Time between buses on certain routes is too long.

site at community center wants me to park in the back where there is limited lighting. sometimes no lighting. not safe to walk by myself in the dark. also my car does not seem to be safe in the unlighted unsupervised area.

sometimes I have to trip chain. closest bus stop is kind of far away

Stops at Coronado Mall. Not much in Rio Rancho

The 12th Street bus goes north on 12th to Griegos, west to Rio Grande, and south back to the bus station. Why does the service not run in both directions? Why is it not a neighbourhood commuter, taking riders to the post office, to the library branch, to the stores at 4th and Griegos in a timely way?

The 766 used to be a bus that was occupied by people going to work. Now most of the people are either homeless, going to the court downtown and discussing their jail time, or drunk. I get really tired of the obnoxious behavior and filthy condition of the bus.

The ABQ Ride systems in Albuquerque should be faster and run longer hours.

The bus passes near me twice a day---we can't use it if it doesn't come around.

The bus route in our neighborhood near La Cueva HS does not coordinate with train arrivals or departures.

The bus smells and is not a rapid means of transport. We need more trains with shorter bus rides

The bus stops are practically nonexistent in RR! There needs to be more places to get the bus and more places in RR that it goes to.

The bus, #5, is too crowded during peak hours. Central needs more buses that run late on the weekend.

The closest bus stop is 7 miles away and doesn't have park and ride.

The current park and ride from the east mountains is really just for base employees

The drivers are angry and not helpful for transfer to another buss

The North/South buses do not run as long as East/West making it difficult to take the bus home when working late.

Have to have someone pick you up on a main East/South road. One hour apart is not convenient for transfers.

The park and ride buses are expensive to ride especially when compared to the heavily subsidized train

The system is not set up for easy routing - often involves multiple hour-long waits

There are no buses that go out to Rio Rancho city hall and ALL the businesses that are also out there (UNM North, HP, new hospital, Santa Ana Star Center) this is totally ridiculous!!!! Many people could use a bus to get to and from work and school out there!!!!

There is no all-day east-west connectivity north of Montgomery

There is no bus service available where I live.

there is no bus service in the far NE Heights. There is no bus service east/west on Paseo del Norte, Alameda. No bus service up/down Tramway. There is too much focus on Centrtral.

There is no bus stop near my neighborhood. By the time I've driven to the bus stop I'm half way to work.

There is no service on "South 14" 337

There is only private bus service in Los Lunas and it is only local.

There seems to be no buses that can quickly connect the east and west sides of Albuquerque

Timing from Rio Rancho to I-25 and Candelaria makes it unworkable for 7:30AM arrival

too dark at bus stops at some places - bus driver can't see you

Too limited Sat.-Sun. schedules.

too long of intervals between buses, esp. N-S in NE hts (wyoming)

too many business give bus passes to crazy homeless people to get rid of them, then they hassle you on the bus.

Security is needed

TOO MANY DRUNKS AND HOMELESS ON TEH BUSSES

Too many ghetto people on the bus.

Too many transfers

Too many weirdos on the bus

too much focus on Central Ave. Until the bus is as easy as using the auto, never obtain true level of service.

too much time waiting for transfer; sometimes buses are cancelled and I'm stranded

Transfers from an east west line to a north south bus route take too much time especially if you don't have an hour and a half to ride to work on the bus.

trying to visualize the cost savings of a weekly/month pass versus how often I'll fall back on my car b/c I want to get across town (several transfers eat up the time)

Until routes and schedules are as convenient as getting into a car, won't attract ridership.

Use it on rare occasions, so having to figure out the schedule is sometimes difficult

very little bus service inside Ventana Ranch in comparison to largely dense population here

walking distance to bus stop

Who does a schedule that has an Uptown 766 bus make it into downtown ABQ Alvarado station at EXACTLY the same time as the train leaves???

Why not explore to have a dedicated bus/shuttle solely for Kirtland AFB from 550 and I-25. I would participate 90% of the time to avoid the traffic and poor drivers. Transfer from RR to bus system to Kirtland is not ideal. Takes over 1.5 hours to the base using the two systems.

Would like bus system that would allow dogs to ride with owners, at least on some busses. even charge a fare

Would like to have a bus stop to get to the future Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge

Would prefer more frequent buses

Additional Issues for Walking (198 comments)

[doesn't feel safe from traffic] <-- Traffic calming! MUCH more important than sidewalks. SPEED KILLS.

Abundance of dog poo on sidewalks, which weren't cleaned up by dog owners.

agressive pan-handlers downtown

air pollution from traffic

As a rural resident, my only walking is hiking.

Bad driver behavior at crossings

Biggest concerns: vehicles speeding and running red lights

City sprays herbicides on/near sidewalks several times per year.

Commute is 9 mi.

Corrales is a rural community and 4-way stopo is 5 miles.

Crossing I-25 at US 550 is difficult crossing the on ramps

Crossing streets can be difficult at major intersections

Crossings are hazardous with insecure signal timings you are still crossing when auto traffic is given "go"

Doesn't feel safe from ANIMALS (non-compliance to leash laws)

Dont walk anywhere

Don't walk much on sidewalks

downtown albuquerque may not be the best/safest to walk in the dark

Drivers don't see peds in crosswalks; walkers must be vigilant.

Especially at night!

Frequently, pedestrian access seems to be an afterthought. Cars can often go where pedestrians cannot.

Generally, not enough time.

Have you been to South Albuquerque? Where they only let three people in a barred up gas station building at a time?

Heavy herbicide overspray along the Alameda Drain asphalt trail makes walking along the narrow Matthew sidewalk closed in by tall wooden Matthew Meadow subdivision fences on one side and speeding Matthew traffic an equally unattractive choice.

High curbs plus driveway curb cuts means that sidewalks are awkward to use. Like many people, I walk in residential streets rather than on sidewalks.

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I can walk for exercise but am unable to carry groceries or other packages a long distance.

I can walk to the #10 bus stop from my house in 15 minutes-which is excellent. Speeding cars are dangerous.

I have a bicycle so walking is a slower option that I am less likely to use.

I have nerve problems with my feet - walking isn't a good option for me

I have no issues with walking

I live only a few miles from CNM in Barelax, but there are no safe ways to cross the freeway corridor as a pedestrian.

I need to walk by an unsafe county road, Meadow Drive.

I walk frequently when distances are less than about two miles.

I walk recreationally. I'm happy with things like they are.

I walk when I can if not over 2 miles

I work 25 miles away from home.

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If you want to get run over by a car/bus. NM has the highest pedestrian deaths in the US. It's OK to walk as long as you are willing to take the risk that when the driver makes a mistake the walker always pays the price.

Inadequate Sidewalks- nil to nonexistent

Infrastructure makes walking difficult. Drivers don't yield to peds in crosswalks.

injuries make walks more than 1/4 mile against medical orders

intersections can be very dangerous, turning cars do not look for pedestrians.

Interuptions in the sidewalk trail

It's becoming rather cold...

lack of safe sidewalks

Lack of services walking distance from my home

lack of sidewalks

Lack of sidewalks from Huning Ranch East on Route 6. Lack of crossing near Huning Ranch.

lack of sidewalks, not safe

Lack of streetscape amenities (landscaping, shade)

lack of walkable commercial zones

Lots of panhandling all over town. If people are truly desperate and I expect many are, then there needs are not being met by other programs in the community for food, shelter and detox. and/or meds.

Many areas I walk in don't have sidewalks, e.g. Carlisle in many places, or the sidewalk is unsuitable for pushing stroller.

Many places in Rio Rancho have sidewalks but they are irrelevant for walking between businesses. For example, the corner of Northern Blvd. and Rockaway in Rio Rancho, and trying to cross 528 at Rockaway.

Many roads are dirt roads with out sidewalks.

many streets do not have sidewalks so you have to step in the street

Most "sidewalks" are difficult to walk on because of the undulating nature of driveway cuts. Only those neighborhoods with "devil strips" (buffer between sidewalk and street) provided a level sidewalk surface suitable for walking.

most businesses, office etc are not in walkable distance; need walkable neighborhoods that are not auto centric

Mostly - no sidewalks/lighting.

MUST MAKE CENTRAL SAFE TO WALK, SHOP. WAKE UP !! ABQ deserves REAL walk/shop safe route like any REAL city.

N/A

Need car once at destination

no issues

No side walk from San Antonito school to Frost Rd, North on Hwy 14

no side walks or edge of road

no sidewalk in my neighborhood, few street lights

No sidewalks at all in between schools and neighborhoods

No sidewalks in Corrales

No sidewalks in many neighborhoods

No sidewalks in my neighborhood (north valley). Many crossings are very wide. Streets too wide and too fast.

Additional Issues for Walking (198 comments)

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- No sidewalks where I'd be walking!
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- No street lights
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- Nobody knows what an unmarked crosswalk is. I've nearly been hit by squad cars.
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- none
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- none of the above
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- None, really.
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- not enough sidewalks in rural areas
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- Not enough street lights and wildlife (coyotes)
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- nothing pleasant to look at while I'm walking because of poor design of urban fabric, not much has been dedicated to the public realm
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- Off-road trail network has too many gaps; trails too narrow to handle peds and bikes
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- Only related to walking to work. 12+ miles. Otherwise, trails and sidewalk everywhere in albuquerque. Great program.
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- Other than just exercise, in the neighborhood This mode does not fit my needs
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- overcome wth bushes
-
- pedestrian pathway are not buffered or considered important. walking should be a pleasant natural experience away from what noise, traffic, dirt, billboards. Paths are not even considered in the built environment, paths should be planned events as are roads.
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- Physically difficult because of poor road and intersection design & poor driver behavior
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- Retired - walk for my pleasure in areas away from traffic - West Mesa, trail walking, etc
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- Rio Rancho has few or no sidewalks.
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- Roads are not properly kept. Too many uneven areas
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- SF needs more sidewalks; SF needs to educate people not to park their vehicles on the sidewalks or otherwise block them.
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- Shopping/grocery/library too far from me
-
- sidewalk does not exist
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- Sidewalk structure (multiple vehicle ramps with steep grade)
-
- Sidewalks too narrow, not enough buffer from vehicles
-
- Sidewalks were not designed for pedestrians
-
- some sections of sidewalk are missing route is incomplete.
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- Sometimes not well design for pedestrians
-
- takes too much time to get to where I need to go
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- the bulk of my problems walking occur on Kirtland. There is little lighting on the few walkways available on the west side of the base which results in walking in the street to avoid rolling an ankle in the rocks
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- The Cerrillos/St. Francis intersection is very dangerous for walkers/biciclists
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- The City of Albuquerque needs more lighting in the South Valley. It's too dark and unsafe.
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- The removal in recent years of crosswalks from significant pedestrian crossings, most particularly on Yale Avenue at Silver. The removal of any crosswalks on Central at the State Fairgrounds is also an immense disservice to that neighborhood.
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- The weather
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- There are few sidewalks.
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- There are no easements between the sidewalk and the road in most of my neighborhood, even on very busy streets.
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- There are streets with NO sidewalks!
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There aren't enough things to walk to here

too close to the street

too far to carry purchases

Too hot in the summer - would like more shade.

too much time to walk

traffic signal timing - conflicts between pedestrian signals and protected left turns (ex: Yale & Central)

Walking can be boring. Nothing interesting to look at along the way.

Walking does not even work for running a business.

Walking is fine.

Walking is good exercise. More people should walk. And if they are stupid enough to cross streets unsafely, it's just natural selection.

Walking to and from bus stops is through some sketchy areas.

we don't have sidewalks in our neighborhood

Wider sidewalks are important

would love more walking areas

Additional Issues for Bicycling (179 comments)

[doesn't feel safe from traffic] <-- Complete Silver Bike Blvd as part of Central Complete St. Plan!

[doesn't feel safe from traffic] Damn painted line not enough. Better to ride FACING traffic.

[physically difficult] <-- lame excuse for most of us! Other issue: Connectivity. Rio Rancho/AMAFCA concerns: Lack of connection from Intel area on 528 south to NW transit center. It's out of the way to go E. to Corrales Rd. and then back. AMAFCA needs to provide access - I had to trespass on their property to get over to sidewalk on the west side of 528/Coors Bypass.

Again, it's becoming rather cold...

Anything over 3 miles is physically difficult. Drivers here hug the curb which translates to driving in the bike lane. These are scary drivers. There seems to be a lack of education

appreciate the bike network, but don't have a bike

asshole drivers

Bicycle lanes end randomly - ex User lane ends at Paseo Del Norte

Bicycle trails/lanes/routes are planned for recreational cyclists, not commuters

Bicycling is fine.

Biggest problem is lack of safe bike lanes and or lanes prematurely ending (very common in ABQ)

bike lanes at intersections should be striped such that traffic turning right does not have to cross cyclist's path

bike lanes often randomly end

Bike lanes too small in Corrales & must ride too close to the road.

Bike lanes will end randomly making it difficult near intersections. And some bike lane conditions are very bumpy and dirty making it very difficult to ride with a road bike.

bike parking

bike paths shared with streets are a joke. Its fine as long as you are willing to put your life in danger knowing that when an aggressive or careless driver makes a mistake you will pay the price with your life.

Bike route best in a city I've ever seen.

Bike routes are not continuos. It's fine for recreation, not practical for work

Bike routs are getting better thank you

Bike trail/road network has significantly improved in 20 years. Thank you. Keep incorporating bike lanes during road upgrades and new road construction.

Cannot use for work, must have vehicle

Changing clothes is a problem - I can't always show up in biking clothes.

Corrales 'Road shoulders not maintained.

Crossing I-25 at US 550 is difficult crossing the on ramps

Difficulty of biking across major streets; lack of consideration of cyclists' needs when planning/building/widening roads

Do not bicycle

do not bike

do not have a bicycle

do not own a bicycle; no bike paths along Main St in Los Lunas

do not own bicycle

Do not ride

Doesn't go where I want it to go, ie North Valley at Canedlaria to North Diversion Channel bike path

Dogs.

Don't bicycle

Additional Issues for Bicycling (179 comments)

don't bike

Don't have a bicycle

Don't have a bicycle.

Don't have a bike any more

Don't own a bicycle

Don't own a bicycle!!!

Don't own a bicycle. Last bike I had was stolen.

Don't own a bike

don't own a bike and never will

don't own a bike, too old

Driver's tend to lack awareness of and courtesy for cyclists. Perhaps they don't quite know how to drive when cyclists are on the road or perhaps they just don't care. There have been way too many cycling fatalities in Albuquerque due to careless drivers.

Drivers that don't respect cyclists. Poor prosecution of driving offenders

Excellent mode! Can't carry any cargo.

Far, removed from access to taxis, roads, etc. If flat or bike wreck, bad weather, injury, or illness. Bike got stolen off of the front of the bus.

For recreational couldn't be better

gaps in the bike path/lane network; lack of maintenance to reduce goathead punctures

glass, debris, parked cars in bike lane on road; goat heads on bike paths

GREEN PAINT Bike Lanes like Portland

Have to travel on busy street with no shoulder to get to nearest bike path.

Have you been to South Albuquerque? Where they only let three people in a barred up gas station building at a time?

Hostile drivers, poor infrastructure. Not enough bike trails.

I bicycle frequently. Albuquerque is improving in this area.

I bicycle primarily for exercise too much to carry during errands, shopping etc.

I bike but not on streets

I bike quite often on the diversion trail, the new road underpasses are great, but the wood bridges by century rio area need work, and I took a decent fall when one of them was icy - the one before Osuna where you have to make a quick right hand turn after. The trail could also stand to be cleaned up a bit- especially weeds and goat heads.

I commute from Barelmas to CNM and the VA, but there are no routes that cross the freeway corridor.

I currently ride my bike to work 2 times a week. Car drivers do not see you and do not respect people riding bikes. With the low volume of bike riders people are not used to bike traffic. Albuquerque has made big improvements to bike lanes and bike paths but still is hard to stay away from dangerous automobile traffic. Until it is safer to ride a bike through the city not many are going to do it.

I do not bicycle.

I do not bike

I do not use a bike.

I do not use bicycle; SF drivers are too careless and rude; and bicyclists ride on sidewalks rather than the street where they belong (children excepted), and a huge majority of them not obey rules of the road.

I don't bicycle very much.

Additional Issues for Bicycling (179 comments)

I don't bike

I don't even have a bike right now, mostly because it would be too far and unsafe for me to commute, and I don't have time to use it for recreational riding on safe paths.

I don't have a bicycle nor do I want one

I don't have a bike

I don't have the skills to bicycle safely and don't own a bike

I don't know how to maintain a bicycle; also weather concerns

I don't own a bicycle

I don't own a bicycle.

I don't own a bike.

I don't ride a bicycle

I don't use a bicycle and probably won't

I don't use a bicycle except along the ditches & the levees. People shouldn't be riding their bicycles in traffic; that's just stupid.

I don'y like biking

I hate biking

i have no bicycle

I have no bicycle access.

I have no-where to safely store a bicycle when not in use

I haven't ridden in years and am not going to start in a place that only gives 90 days for killing cyclists

I never feel afraid because of crime (maybe I should!) Cars park in bike lanes. Texting! Everyone is on the cell phone. Speeding, congestion. Goat heads, trash, broken glass, potholes, in bike lanes.

I prefer to travel by bike - however routes in University area can be dangerous - bike path is good but is in poor repair.

I tried biking. I got hit by a car and ended up in the UNM Trauma Center.

ice in winter, paths not maintained.

I'd like to use my bicycle for errands and shopping, but there are very few bike racks at shopping centers, strip malls, stores, government offices, etc. There are few safe places to leave a bike where it won't get stolen, damaged, or interfere with foot traffic. Need better bike routes for commuting, shopping, etc. Many bike lanes peter out and it's difficult to get across town. The freeways and UNM are big obstacles. The proposed 50-mile route around the city is not a good option- can't get to work or errands. Focus on making it difficult to drive, as has been done in other cities and countries.

In many places, bike lanes are so narrow they don't seem to be bike lanes at all. As an aside, it was extremely disappointing to see the humongous median put down Menaul in the Northeast Heights last year, when there would have been room for very generous, safe bike paths on both sides of the street instead.

inability for a bike to trigger traffic-light change.

Inconvenient to carry appropriate work clothes

insufficient bike racks on central corridor

Keeping my bike maintained (flat tires)

Lack of bicycle lanes and lack of respect of bicyclers.

lack of bicycle routes/lanes on 528. Too close to traffic.

Additional Issues for Bicycling (179 comments)

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- Lack of commuter bike trails between Bernalillo and Santa Fe.
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- Lack of connection among bike routes; eg: Silver Bike Boulevard bisected by I-25 and Railroad.
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- lack of safe areas to ride
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- love to bike, do not like biking when its cold (I have business meetings, hard to go when in a suit)
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- Major concern is bike lanes that don't continue through major intersections - they end & then resume on the other side AND bike lanes that just end with no prior notice -- These are safety issues!; Glass on bike lanes, especially after trash pick up day; Goatheads on trails especially after weed trimming has occurred;
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- many repaved roads do not repave the shoulder leaving dangerous conditions for bicycles.
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- Maybe a system to catch buses for uphill (eastbound) and easy ride downhill (westbound)?
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- more businesses need bike racks
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- motivation
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- motorist attitudes toward cyclists make it dangerous
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- n/a
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- N/A (Won't be bicycling in ABQ! Experience with drivers vs. pedestrian traffic ... indicates bicycling is, essentially, suicide!
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- N/A Don't know how to ride a bike
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- na
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- Need more biking infrastructure
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- Need more connections between bike routes. Neither cars nor bikes seem to know the rules of the road (who has right of way).
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- Need more exclusive bike trails.
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- Need more links between bike paths!
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- Need more paths and better defined cycle lanes also more respect from drivers
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- Need more separated bike lanes to keep cars and bikes away from each other
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- no bicycle
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- No bike path from San Antonito school to Frost and is very dangerous with just 2 lanes and people have no respect for pedestrians or bikes
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- No longer own a bicycle - to many ghost bicycles throughout Abq to want to ride anymore
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- No sidewalks or bike trails & no street lights
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- no trails...share the road is available....but dangerous.
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- none
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- Not an option.
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- Not applicable
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- Not enough bicycle paths and routes
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- not enough bike lanes/paths/routes
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- Not enough roads with bike lanes. Bike trails aren't always maintained, like the one on Eubank near the base.
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- Not enough streets that I can safely ride on without fear of a traffic accident.
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- Not much of anything I need within walking or biking distance except drug store. Wish I had grocery within 1/2 mile from house. Would walk alot if that was the case.
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- not regarded as legitimate transportation by police and other residents
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- Nothing, I love the bike trails they are perfect for my needs
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- Often need a car at/for work; City does not keep goatheads off bike trail.
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One pet peeve is the construction signs that are often placed in bicycle lanes and left there long after the construction has been completed.

options for locking are limited in many places. there is a general lack of driver and rider education on safety and etiquette.

path does not connect with airport where I work

physical condition makes riding more than 1/2 mile against medical orders

Physically difficult because there is not a good way to get into & out of downtown safely and securely

Please fix the pot holes in the bike lane on Comanche westbound between Eubank and Louisiana

Police don't support cyclists

Poor connectivity, not safe at auto crossings

protected bike lanes please

quality of road surfaces and bike paths are not good; too many bumps, holes, etc

Require greater connectivity in the bicycle network.

road conditions aren't the best for bikes

roads too narrow;

Route not direct enough

Routes are not connected in many areas.

Routes generally good but directional signposts needed

Same as walking does not work for running a business.

See #7 comment

Sidewalks should accomodate moving bicycles and walkers. The roads of ABQ are not wide enough for bicycles and cars.

Some trails are great, but bike lanes are scary with distracted drivers speeding by you.

some trails/routes end abruptly leave one in traffic, not enough access points on some trails.

Sometimes not well design for bicycle safety

The bike lanes south of Rio Bravo are FILTHY! It's not mechanically safe to ride my bike in the lane.

The bike routes we currently have aren't being properly maintained from graffiti and vandalism. There are also many drunkards and crack dealers along many of the routes I use.

The complete lack of safe bicycle lanes in this city is shameful. The "bicycle corridor" on Silver does not cut it or help in any way on my commute. Drivers are physically aggressive to bicyclists to the point that I fear for my life if I get on my bike on the road. Please consider adding green lanes and putting forth educational campaigns to drivers along the lines of the motorcycle safety campaign that is already in place.

The condtion of the bike/multi-use paths could be better maintained.

The nearest bike lane is quite far from my house.

The trail we have are in good shape. we need more connected routes. off from streets

The weather

There are very few East- West Bike only routes/trails, I would love to be able to ride my bike to the new train station at Montano but don't feel safe riding in the bike lane on Coors and Montano, because of the traffic.

There is a huge hill I would have to climb on the trip home, after a 12 hour day, is not an option!

time to travel necessary distance too geat

too many bike lanes and routes just end with nowhere to go, then continue a mile or two later

Too many of my friends have been injured by cars and my spouse

Additional Issues for Bicycling (179 comments)

Too many of my friends have been injured by cars while cycling and my spouse discourages my bicycle commute.

Too old to ride a bike

too slow

too-narrow lanes, dangerous lanes along parked cars, trash/obstacles in lanes

Unpaved roads

Very convoluted bike path system- no straight route to destination. Drivers do not always stop at stop signs or obey traffic laws so fear of being hit is very high.

We desperately need a few well placed separated cycle tracks. And please connect the gaps in the current bike route system.

We need more bike lanes. example, Montgomery doesn't need to be three lanes wide, take one back for bike/bus lane to make bus faster and safe for bikers.

We need more bike paths and lanes that are interconnected.

Weather

Would like extension of I-40 bike path from Eubank to Louisiana.

wouldn't feel safe in Albuquerque - see too many bicyclers not following rules of road; they make me nervous and I wouldn't want to be biking near traffic.

Open Ended Responses to Challenges with Future Growth (113 Comments)

[Respondent chose both economy and development as second choices]

[Respondent entered 3 first choices: Water, Economy, and Transit]

[Respondent entered 3 responses for each choice... First choice: Water, Economy, Housing and Jobs, Second choice: Public Health, Transit, and Housing, Third choice: Development, and Identity.]

1st choice: switch from "growth" driven to "sustainable" economic model

1st: Bus Services for Northern Meadows in Northern Rio Rancho, NM

3rd Choice. Focus on basic services (Police, Fire, and Street Maintenance).

A light rail system on both sides of the river and over bridges.

A real challenge is your insistence that the river is some sort of dividing line, the real line is the mountains. There are multiple routes across the river, Tijeras canyon is the only route between the east side and the west side. Rt 66 is not an alternate route as once I-40 is stopped because of an accident then rt 66 flows for about 15 minutes more before it becomes thoroughly congested.

balance growth to resources, please do not over develop

Balance in growth with preservation of unique cultural heritage is a prerequisite for all aspects of dealing with growth.
beatification, conservation

Birth control in the water system. There should be a push for better economic development in the rest of the state not just Albuquerque. Encourage growth and jobs in other areas. Limit growth in Abq.

Build critical multi modal expressway on the West Metro area to create new semi truck accessible industrial sites in the West Metro area and to allow north-south high speed traffic to stay near the houses on the West Side versus forcing West Side traffic to connect to existing I-25 via overcrowded river crossings. The West Side will never have the job to housing balance it needs without a truck rated expressway like I-25 to open up the industrial and office job sites needed. The Paseo del Volcan north-south expressway was planned almost 40 years ago to facilitate the orderly development of transportation, jobs, and housing. I hope this highway gets built for the sake of the East Metro and West Metro areas before the right of way is lost.

Create REAL AND ENFORCEABLE rules and regulations for development, building, and distribution of costs and do not allow exceptions for any reason. No offsets of variance in rules by developers. Development must pay for itself up front, including infrastructure. Current residents should not have to assume costs that developers do not want to pay. Water charges must be brought in line with costs - no subsidies for heavy users, instead charge more for ALL heavy use, especially commercial and government.

Creating density in core areas which will make public transportation a more viable option for many people.

Crime

Decrease sprawl

Decrease traffic congestion in Bernalillo (Hwy. 550), on Alameda and on Paseo Del Norte by building at least 1 or 2 more river crossings to Albq. Westside and to Rio Rancho.

development of green corridors and low carbon foot print is important - if Albuquerque - becomes Denver or Phonex - it will be bad for everyone.

discourage water-intensive industry & favor local agriculture

Education

Education/salaries. Don't buy into Common Core and stop throwing money into education without fixing it. Teachers need to be fired if they are not doing their job.

Open Ended Responses to Challenges with Future Growth (113 Comments)

Eliminate "island" of new development. They make it difficult to plan transit routes that don't zig-zag in and out of neighborhoods. Through streets between housing developments is the key.

Enforce traffic laws.

Enhanced law enforcement to monitor and more focus on homeless and vagrants who panhandle and disrupt activities.

Established development patterns create only unworkable sprawl. For any transit other than the car to work, we need to create a framework for greater density and mixing of uses. Rewrite the zoning code, stop the sprawling westside development. We have enough single-family detached housing... let's build something else.

Expand major streets and avenues to the the right a way limits that was designed to provide for 4 and 6 lane streets to reduce congestion and decrease pollution.

Expand Rail Runner service area (if possible) and increase train frequency.

First Choice: Development of stronger families and Christian values is the bedrock of building a better society. Everything else can be built upon that (lowering crime, helping others less fortunate, etc.)

First Choice: Do not allow development until meaningful long-range transportation solutions are made feasible, e.g., row procurement for a connected, Grid-oriented street system. (I'm looking at you, Westside.)

First priority is to preserve/ conserve natural and open spaces, corridors and arroyos, in a near-wild state both inside and outside the cities. without wild spaces people lose out.....

Forget "Identity". We already impede our economy with concerns about our "unique cultural heritage". Start thinking about Albuquerque as a SMALL city instead of a "big city" and look to other small cities for ideas rather than to big cities. Want to improve the area around the Rio Grande? Look at Farmington instead of San Antonio!

Fully limit growth by imposing Boulder type limits on permits annually. Don't want an additional 200k households. Use what we have and renew the areas

Get MRGOG out of Agenda 21

grow the cultural focus of the rank and file to 21st Century so that persuing any and all of the goals listed above doesn't have to be such a hard sell to an ignorant, undereducated, underemployed and self-absorbed population.

Hard to select as a hierarchy, as I believe strongly that they're all closely intertwined!

hard to select just three, many of these are important

Having some natural areas that are close by and that are accessible and kept natural.

Housing is also extremely important. If we don't prioritize water, it will dictate its conservation to us by simply disappearing.

I don't have a problem with housing and jobs being separate - as long as there are easier routes to get to-and-from work and home.

I don't want a community with water costs skyrocketing and you can't water outdoors. I don't believe we have to pursue a GROWTH SCENARIO to be 1.3 million regional or metro growth SLOWDOWN scenarios. How do we drop growth rate? that IS my first choice. What is another way to drop rates of growth. Limit water zones (energy and climate change impact as well)

I feel it is crucial to keep an agricultural, riparian green belt along the Rio Grande for the good of the entire community. Continuing the acequia system and local farming is a key of this community's future health.

Open Ended Responses to Challenges with Future Growth (113 Comments)

I live Downtown ABQ. I would like to see more industrial development to promote small and artisan manufacturing in vacant warehouses.

I live in Belen and as much as I understand preserving cultural heritage. The city is on the verge of becoming a ghost town.

I think all of these things should be considering growth, you just can't have homes and no services/jobs/stores/transportation/planning.

I think we could benefit from some type of intercity transit system such as a light rail system. I also think that ABQ is getting big enough for Diamond Lanes on the freeway; a carpool lane.

I would combine development with housing/job mix--more urban gardening with schools, senior centers, or neighborhood watch groups? the last three options combine into my fourth priority

Improve 4th Street, re-strip all roads in NW part of City. Put readable address signs on all homes and buildings in City and Village of Los Ranchos, fill up empty stores and shopping centers

Improve access for handicap and elderly

improve east west access between the North Valley Area and Rio Rancho with additional river crossing points. This would reduce traffic congestion on existing crossing points with a significant impact on traffic reduction.

Improve education- this place is going nowhere without better schools, improved graduation rate. Why would anyone want to bring a good business here without a good pool of potential employees?

Improve transit frequency all around. The problem with the current system is the provincial thinking that has gone into its development and management. Why is there no exit lane at the Broadway exit of 25, because this exit isn't part of the "select corridors." Why do so few people living South of Albuquerque use the rail runner? Because there are limited options when using the train. Only three runs in the morning and four total in the afternoon. the 513 is usually overcrowded when it reaches the Sun Port station during college sessions because the two cars used are insufficient to the riders there.

Improving public safety and reduced violent crime should be first--this would help attract economic development and sustainable growth.

Increase public transportation to all the airports in the area and enhance cross transportation (shuttle busses) between Rail Runner and these airports

Increase the options of transportation for people with disabilities, There is no way to get from the airport to a hotel. Airport and hotel transportation units should serve everyone not just those who can walk according to ADA yet no one has addressed this issue.

Increase wages.

Intelligent design of zoning areas to reduce crime.

Kids should be able to walk to schools and libraries. Arroyos should be made into pedestrian and bicycle corridors. Pedestrian-friendly zones are desperately needed.

Kind of a jumble of choices. From transportation view, river crossings (more of 'em) are needed. Where one lives is neat if it is near work, but if household has more than one worker then chances of extra workers being close to their jobs isn't likely.

Less government including NMCOG

Let ABQ grow & leave Sandoval & Valencia counties alone! And BTW, white people who have been here for generations have a unique cultural heritage also. For example: the Hubbells, not the Gutierrez-Hubbells. There is no such family as the Gutierrez-Hubbells. All the PC stuff is really ticking a bunch of us generational native New Mexicans off!

Open Ended Responses to Challenges with Future Growth (113 Comments)

Limit growth due to lack of water

Limit growth due to water, air and transportation issues. Do a better job of economic development in areas outside of Albuquerque.

Look in to Seattle's and Portland's public transit systems. People are most happy in those environments, why can't we get that here??

Make ABQ like any REAL city w/ flashing cross walks every other block on Central. Girard to Carlisle. It's a no brainer and the city will be "one horse" no shop and stop pit stop to Santa Fe until this gets done.

Minimize time it takes to get from any point in abq to any other by bus. Stop obsessing with adding yet another means of public transit on Central.

mixed urban development will be necessary to place jobs and services near residences, while this isn't a big problem in the NE, on the West side it is a huge problem, even in the area around downtown where so much residential construction is taking place--where are all those new residents going to purchase food and diapers--without leaving their neighborhoods and creating traffic congestion? linking the West side to the schools and hospitals on the East side should not require going through Alvarado unless Alvarado is already on a direct route. Extending the 16/18 bus and other NE routes across the freeway corridor to link with the few SW bus routes would help a lot.

More work/live. Urban affordable mini villages/coumpounds for young families.

Move buses to a spoke and grid system rather than a grid, From my Far NE Heights home, I can conveniently walk to to bus lines but they both deliver me to east Central where I never need to go.

Need freeway from I-25 to Northern blvd

Need more roads/bridges over river.

NM leads the nation in all negative indicators, Crime, Unemployment, teen pregnancy etc. This has to be addressed. (third choice)

NO MORE POPULaTION GROWTH .as PROJECTED IT IS INSANE. Need urban growthboundaries and refocus on infill and redevelopment of existing areas

no system. should all be working together.

Not in favor of growth that includes building more and bringing in people from out of state

Please add a straight connecting road from Juan Tabo north to central. Also, please get rid of trailer park area on West side of Juan Tabo near the volterra bridge and install a connecting road from top of bridge to the Eubank KAFB gate!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

PReserve natural resources Provide transport like Monorail around city. Ensur that there are many jobs.

Preserve our environment and green spaces

Preserve the BOSQUE !! It is a vital natural environmnet attribute of Albuquerque and the Central NM region, is critical for wildlife, and it is beautiful and gives residents a place to escape the urban environs to enjoy nature and the river. It is so very important that it is not "commercialized" by any plans for "river walks" with adjacent businesses, etc. What has always been a draw for newcomers to live in Albuquerque is the river and the bosque. Please protect that!!

Property tax increases

Protect the quality of life here by developing more and better public transportation, not just paving everything; developing clean industry, and cluster housing

Provide additional parking spaces for Scooters

Open Ended Responses to Challenges with Future Growth (113 Comments)

Really what is important to me is to build some bridges. Stop treating neighboring communities as a burden on Albuquerque systems. The bridges are packed every morning and evening. It is time to start getting serious about building more, faster, wider bridges!

RECYCLING!!

Redevelopment of abandoned and vacant properties in older neighborhoods will necessarily require the improvement of public transit and amenities for non-automobile transportation. Moving away from development on the westside and refocusing attention in existing neighborhoods is vital for Albuquerque to be attractive to people and the companies that will want to hire them.

Redevelopment? or just "development?" 2 different things!

reduce crime

remove homelessness services from central business district--promote Innovate ABQ

remove medians, install center turn lanes, increase speed limits, add lanes, add right turn lanes, add turn out bays for buses, install traffic circles to replace 4 way stops, remove traffic calming features, time traffic lights

Restrict development to existing urbanized areas and limit sprawl

Rio Rancho does not have a public transit system. there needs to be a bus service that runs around the city on a regular basis. ABQ goes to the walmart but not much more. how do you get to the city hall or to Lowes, Intel, Movie theater

Roadway expansion

Safety and crime is my number one concern. I hesitate going many places because I don't feel safe once there.

Second Choice: Improve and maintain civil infrastructure. The infrastructure deficit hinders all our efforts to develop all of the above concerns.

Stop the Sprawl!

The county needs to consider a hospital on the N-14 corridor so we have access when the roads to Abq are closed. An ideal location would be the new commercial zone at Frost and Hwy 14 to get quick service from the Mtns, frost coridr, and N-14 as far as Madrid.

The South Valley is too dark at night and results in a high number of individuals being hit or near-hit while they walk at night to the nearest store or gas station.

The water and ecosystem in this state is way overburdened. Growth should be discouraged.

There are lots of homes for sale in older areas of town but when an owner turns them into rental properties they become trashed.

Third Choice: Health care -- need more not for profit facilities of all kinds.

This "anticipated" growth is not from god. It can be managed, even discouraged. Such growth can never be handled without more rail, more neighborhood transit, and land use changes leading to much less need for motor transportation of ANY kind.

This link does not work

Valencia County seems to be left out of the choices. Improving that road structure is my number 1.

Vast majority of NM employment is through the govt. Labs, KAFB, university, and rural areas. What happens when a politician decides to shut down our nuclear stockpile? That is the main reason LANL/SNL/KAFB exist. It is good that we have them but we need other high-tech employment in the area. Fast internet speeds would help (we have gigabit fiber in downtown but not other areas). New Mexico used to have an internet exchange (NMIX), and CABQ was a great participant, but it shut down for political reasons (e.g., UNM never got on board).

Open Ended Responses to Challenges with Future Growth (113 Comments)

Water and a resilient economy are also very important, but since there are only three choices, I couldn't select them. water, water, water. There is already not enough. Urban sprawl will only make it worse.

We need more bridges crossing the Rio Grande. I remember the Montano Bridge ordeal, but this will become a necessity over time. I suggest extending Gibson and Osuna across the river, as well as working with Sandia Pueblo to provide Rio Rancho access across I-25 between Tramway and Bernalillo. Another suggestion is to convert existing streets to thoroughfares similar to Paseo del Norte or Tramway are. I suggest, in the long term, making Unser and possibly Montgomery 50mph zones with exits and on ramps. In addition, public transportation needs to greatly improve. People only take public transport because they can't drive for whatever reason. Public transport needs to become a viable option.

We need non-service related jobs. The Albuquerque area is crying out for high tech, industrial, and well paying jobs.

We need to be able to attract and keep people in the 25-45 age range, young professionals who want to raise families here. These are the people NM is hemorrhaging. So why have you not listed our schools, which are horrid, as a challenge to this region? Our horrible schools are one of the main reasons young professionals leave NM.

Where are our expressways? We need more than just Paseo and the interstates. We will be a city of 1.5 million in 20 years and have no expressways in the current metro. We need a combo of expressways and light rail.

Who is coordinating traffic lights along Lomas eastside? Traffic is stopped at lights and then for streets beyond until the next light, there is no traffic. Wouldn't it make more sense to keep traffic moving through all intersections at the posted speed rather bottling up groups trying to get through during rush hour. I can sometimes drive from Tomasita to San Mateo without stopping, but other times it seems that all the lights are red at each block. Also, the Catholic Church school at Morningside and Lomas slows down the flow and there are NEVER any kids in sight - they are all dropped off on Morningside! Wish we could do away with those 15 mile an hour lights!!!

Widen major roads, demolish most medians and put back center turn lanes, demolish traffic calming features, raise speed limits, install right turn bays, time traffic lights, ,enforce use of bicycle lanes where present, hold bicyclists to traffic laws install turn outs for bus stops

Work with Sandia Pueblo to provide no access road between Highway 25 and Highway 528 in Rio Rancho to move traffic through ABQ's Westside and Bernalillo exchanges is my number one recommendation. Connection to 528 at northern would be central for Rio Rancho access.

Other Ways to Receive Travel Information (65 responses)

511
(Congestion isn't an issue: short bicycle commute on low-traffic roads)
821-1111 for time and temp and forecast
ABQ Bus app
ABQ Journal daily traffic reports
ABQ Ride and Rail Runner websites
albuquerque journal
aWkould like easily accesible info even with out PD. with live updates radio helpss at times.
BMW Traffic info which I think pulls from NMDOT and traffic cams
bus schedules, not available as needed.
Call Chaco Grill in Cuba, NM
Car Navi system.
Construction notices in the Road Warrior column of the ABQ Journal
Dynamic signs are needed near on-ramps. I can't take an alternate route once I'm on the freeway and see the notice of an accident and traffic's already backed up.
email from County officials
E-Mail Fron NM Rail Runner
Email, texts and overhead signs are all dangerous to use while driving. Poor ideas that are fads. I don't have time to look at websites.

emails, texts and so forth are dangerous - who has the time to check websites - electronic signs are distractions
Friends and family alert me
Garmin GPS
Garmin traffic notifications
google maps
Google Maps on my smartphone
Google maps provides the most up to date traffic information; radio stations are unreliable and NM roads is very difficult to read
GPS system in automobile
I avoid driving whenever possible, so traffic is rarely an issue for me.
I check google traffic conditions.
i dont
I generlly just pay attention.
I know my environment and my transportation needs and feel it ismy responsibility to meet them
I would definitely sign up for NMROADS listserve
internet & The Weather Channel
Internet weather reports. Google maps
Itelligent Transportation System....
My Garmin has traffic that works in the bigger cities
Never heard of NMROADS list serve
News paper
newspaper
Nixle alerts
NMROADS.com website is TERRIBLE. Not updated when necessary.
none

Other Ways to Receive Travel Information (65 responses)

None. I live in the central city and don't have many traffic problems.

Overhead signs are never up to date, need to be updated more often.

paper maps!

phone book and brochures

Project websites [I use once in a while]

Railrunner service alerts. NM State Police alerts

Satellite updates to my car's navigation system - regularly

Sharp eyes + no cell phone (or booze)

Sirius radio/NAV updates

smartphone

texts/twitter from KOAT.com

The dynamic message signs are slow and often the problem reported already has been addressed. Old technology?

Inattentive staff?

The signs (example below) are a waste of taxpayers money. The times to the exits don't change according to road conditions & who cares anyway? You'll get there when you get there. Sometimes the signs mention accidents, sometimes they don't. And sometimes the signs mention accidents that have already been cleaned up. So whoever's in charge of these things...

the use of electronic devices in cars should be minimized for obvious reasons to include legal ones

These travel info options are not efficient, not updated

traffic alerts on KOB's iPhone app

traffic conditions websites tend to be very inaccurate

traffic warning signs (all kinds) are often too long and confusing

tried to use paseo125 messaging service but not working

Twitter

Waze, Google. [overhead dynamic message sign] are a great idea! Wish they also provided alt. route info...

Where's My Bus application

word of mouth

Appendix B

Questionnaire Instrument

2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan - Public Questionnaire

1. Introduction

We need to hear from you!

The Mid-Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (MRMPO) of the Mid-Region Council of Governments (MRCOG) is beginning work on the Long Range Metropolitan Transportation Plan – *Futures 2040*.

This plan will provide a vision for future transportation in the central New Mexico metropolitan area. We need to hear about your experiences traveling by car, train, and bicycle and walking. We also need your opinion about challenges in the region over the next 20 years. Please help us make this plan as effective as possible by completing this questionnaire.

Your responses are anonymous and will only be used to develop the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Julie Luna at 505-724-1750 or jluna@mrcog-nm.gov.

This questionnaire has 21 questions and should take about 12 minutes to complete. Please complete the questionnaire by Friday January 31, 2014. After completing the questionnaire, please mail it to:

Mid-Region Council of Governments
809 Copper Ave NW
Albuquerque NM 87102

A web-based version of the questionnaire is available at:

www.surveymonkey.com/s/MTP2040TransportationPlan/

Thank you for your participation!



2. General Transportation

1. The transportation system in our region consists of roads, buses, trains, sidewalks, trails and bicycle lanes & routes. How well do you feel the transportation system meets your travel needs on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being "Very well" and 5 being "Not well at all"?

- 1 (Very well)
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5 (Not well at all)

3. Transportation Options

2. Which modes of travel would you like to be easier to use? (select all that apply)

- Auto/Car
- Train
- Bus
- Walk
- Bicycle
- Other (please specify)

3. Are the following transportation modes easy or difficult options for you to use?

	Easy Option	Possible Option	Difficult Option	Not an Option
Auto/Car	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Train	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bus	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Walk	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bicycle	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

4. Transportation Issues

4. Which of the following are auto/car issues for you?

- Traffic congestion
- Poor driver behavior (ex. distracted driving, speeding)
- Poor road conditions (ex. potholes, sight distance)
- Driving at night
- Driving on fast roads with many cars
- Driving on unfamiliar roads
- Expensive
- I don't own a car
- I don't have a driver's license

Other (please specify)

5. Which of the following are train issues for you?

- Schedule does not meet my needs
- Takes too much time
- Difficult to get to/from the station to my final destinations
- It does not take me anywhere near where I want to go
- Lack of parking at the station
- I have to transport my children/others and/or large items
- Doesn't feel safe

Other (please specify)

6. Which of the following are bus issues for you?

- Schedule does not meet my needs
- Takes too much time
- Difficult to get to/from the bus stop to my final destinations
- It does not take me anywhere near where I want to go
- Lack of parking at Park and Ride
- I have to transport my children/others and/or large items
- Doesn't feel safe

Other (please specify)

7. Which of the following are issues for you when walking?

- Distance is too far
- Sidewalk conditions
- Doesn't feel safe from traffic
- Doesn't feel safe from crime
- I have to transport my children/others and/or large items
- Physically difficult

Other (please specify)

8. Which of the following are issues for you when bicycling?

- Distance is too far
- Condition of bicycle routes, bicycle lanes, and/or paths
- Doesn't feel safe from traffic
- Doesn't feel safe from crime
- I have to transport my children/others and/or large items
- Physically difficult

Other (please specify)

5. Traffic Congestion

9. How serious would you say is the problem of traffic congestion in your daily commute?

- Very Serious
- Serious
- Somewhat Serious
- Not Serious
- No Opinion

6. Public Transit

10. What type of public transit have you taken in the past year? (choose all that apply)

- NM Rail Runner Express
- ABQ Ride (City of Albuquerque bus service)
- Rio Metro Valencia
- Rio Metro Commuter Bus (Sandoval County)
- NM Park & Ride Bus
- Santa Fe Trails Bus
- SunVan, Rio Rancho Paratransit or other paratransit for people with disabilities or senior citizens.
- I have not used public transit in the past year.
- Other (please specify)

7. Home Location

11. Please indicate which of the following best describes where you live now, and where you would like to live in the future

	This best describes where I live currently.	I would like to live in an area like this in the future .
 <p>1. Rural – Outlying area that is generally distant from employment, schools and shopping. A car is necessary for daily needs.</p>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
 <p>2. Suburban – Residential area that is separate from employment, schools and shopping. Public transit, walking and bicycling are limited.</p>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
 <p>3. Semi-Urban – Moderate mix of employment, schools and shopping, etc. Some daily needs are accessible by public transit, walking and bicycling.</p>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
 <p>4. Urban – A mix of employment, schools, shopping etc. Public transit, walking and bicycling provide easy access for daily needs.</p>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

8. Future Challenges

The Central New Mexico Region is anticipated to grow by approximately 200,000 new households by the year 2040. In this section we ask you to evaluate the challenges expected from this growth.

12. From this list of challenges, please select three that are the most important to you.

	First Choice	Second Choice	Third Choice
Water: Conserve and protect water resources	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Economy: Pursue a more resilient economy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Development: Redevelop abandoned and vacant properties in key areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public Health: Improve streets so that they are safe and convenient for walking, bicycling and public transit	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Transit: Improve transit frequency on select corridors to major destinations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Housing: Provide a variety of housing options to people of all ages and incomes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Identity: Balance growth with preservation of our unique cultural heritage	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Housing and Jobs: Provide a mix of housing and jobs on both sides of the river	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please specify)			

9. Travel Condition Information

13. Which of the following have you used to receive travel information?

	I have never used.	I use once in a while.	I use on a regular basis.
Local radio station traffic reports	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Television news traffic reports	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Overhead dynamic message sign (example below)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Accessing NMROADS.com or other travel condition websites	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
E-mail or text-message notifications from NMROADS.com listserv	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Personal Digital Assistant (PDA) travel routing applications and/or services with cell phones	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please specify)			

Example of an overhead dynamic message sign.



10. Demographic Questions

Your answers to these questions will be used to see if we are capturing all segments of the population.

14. Have you provided your views in a transportation plan before?

- Yes
- No

15. What is your gender?

- Male
- Female

16. What is your age?

- Under 18 years
- 18-24 years
- 25-34 years
- 35-44 years
- 45-54 years
- 55-64 years
- 65 years and over

17. Which race/ethnicity best describes you? Please mark all that apply.

- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Asian/Pacific Islander
- Black or African American
- Hispanic/Latino
- White/Caucasian
- Other (please specify)

18. What is your approximate average household income?

- \$0-\$24,999
- \$25,000-\$49,999
- \$50,000-\$74,999
- \$75,000-\$99,999
- \$100,000-\$124,999
- \$125,000-\$149,999
- \$150,000-\$174,999
- \$175,000-\$199,999
- \$200,000 and up

19. What best describes your employment status?

- Full time
- Part time
- Unemployed
- Retired
- Student
- Stay at home parent

20. What is your home zip code?

ZIP/Postal Code:

21. What is your work or school zip code? If not applicable, please enter "NA".

ZIP/Postal Code: