

Paseo del Norte High Capacity Transit Study

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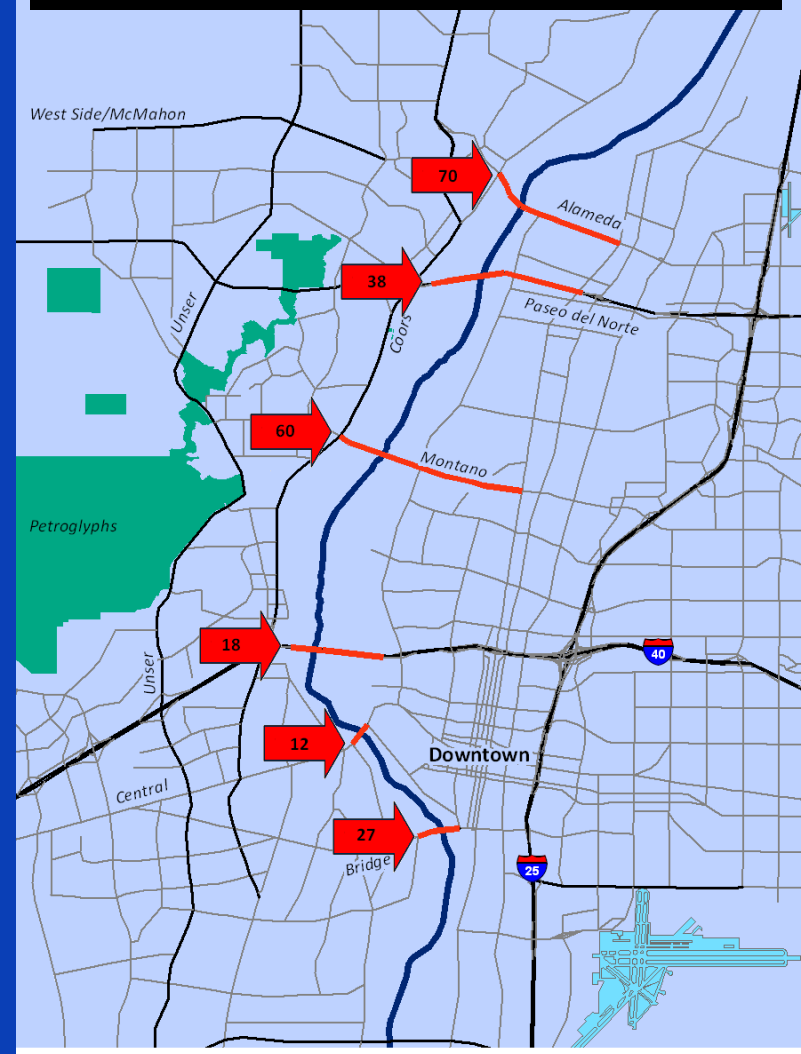
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River Crossing Delays

- Employment will still be concentrated on east side of the Rio Grande
- Capacity deficiencies will result in extreme congestion - over an hour on some Rio Grande bridges (MRCOG travel model)
- MTP Mode share goals – river crossing trips by transit
 - 10% by 2025
 - 20% by 2035
- Transit “set aside” – starting FY 16
 - 25% of federal discretionary funds dedicated to transit projects that provide service on river crossing



Minutes to Traverse Highlighted Segments
2035 AM Peak Hour, Eastbound



Paseo del Norte HCTS

Project Goal:

To identify a high capacity transit system using the Paseo del Norte river crossing to link the northwestern Albuquerque metropolitan area with the Jefferson St corridor (Journal Center) and other activity centers east of the Rio Grande.



Paseo del Norte HCTS

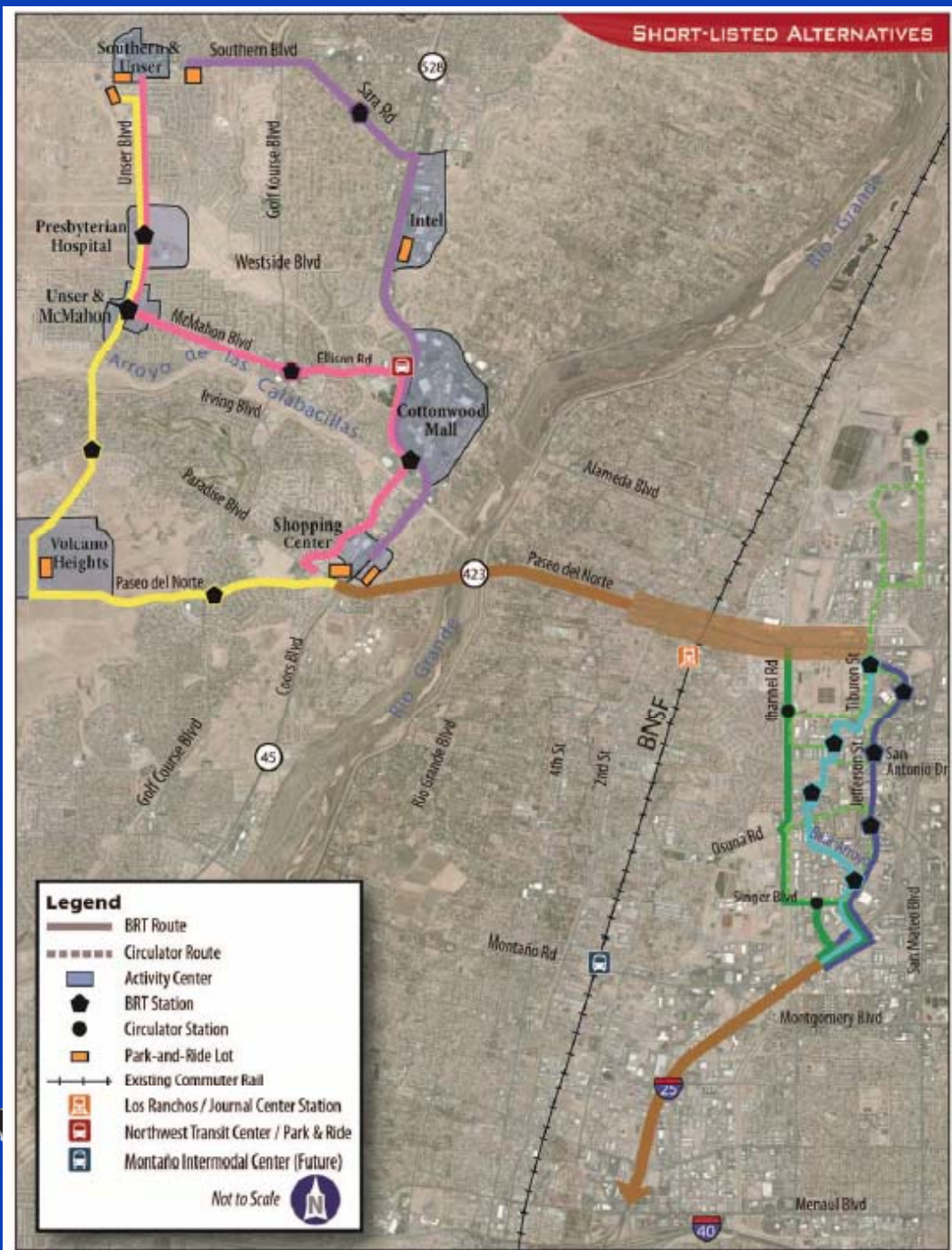
Objectives

- Enhance capacity across Rio Grande.
- Develop an alternative to single-occupancy vehicle travel.
- Increase mobility options
- Integrate Paseo HCT system into existing transit network.
- Encourage transit-supportive land uses and more sustainable development patterns.
- Promote economic development in study area.
- Identify a flexible system capable of phased implementation



What Does High Capacity Transit Mean?



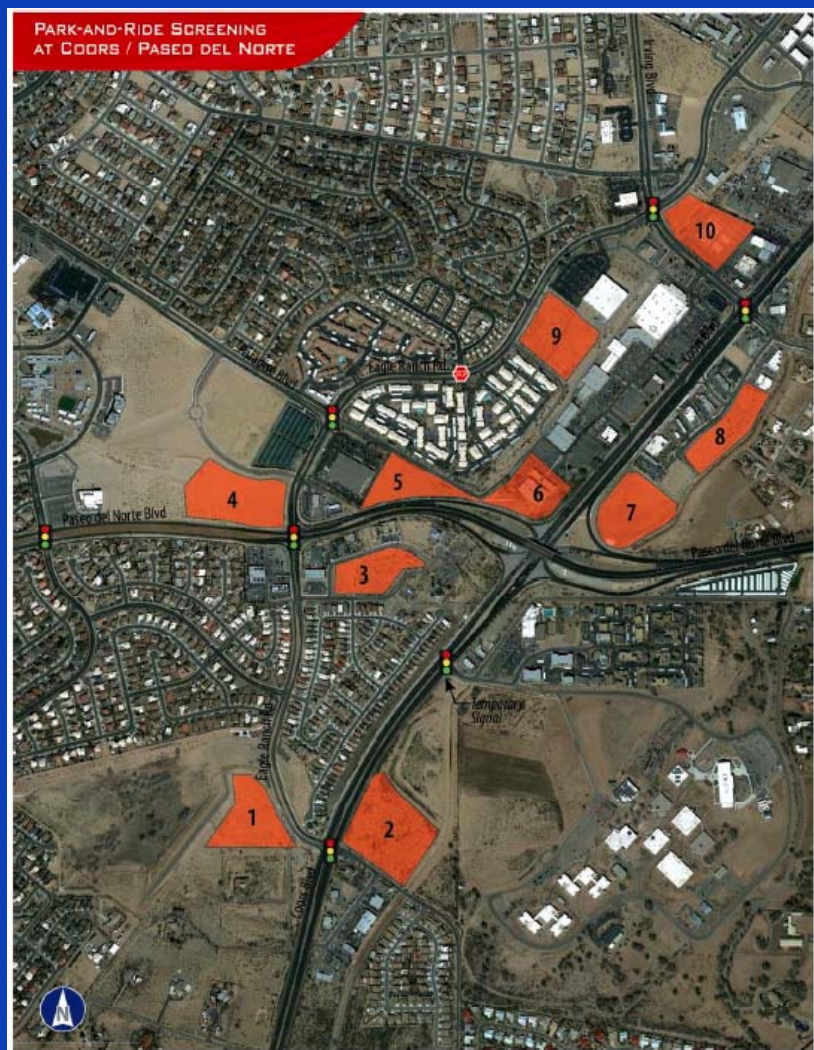


Potential Park and Ride Locations



Park-and-Ride Lot Location Unser/Southern Intersection	
A	along west side of Unser Boulevard (in right-of-way), south of Cabezon Boulevard
B	southwest corner of Cabezon Boulevard and Unser Boulevard
C	along west side of Veranda Road between Southern Boulevard and Cabezon Boulevard
D	along Premier Parkway in southwest quadrant
E	along south side of Southern Boulevard, west of Veranda Road
F	north side of Southern Boulevard, west of Unser Boulevard, east of Veranda Road
G	northwest of intersection at Unser Boulevard and 5th Street
H	on Western Hills Drive, south of Southern Boulevard, east of Unser Boulevard





Park-and-Ride Lot Location Unser/Southern Intersection	
1	southwest of intersection at Eagle Ranch Road and Coors Boulevard
2	northeast of intersection at Eagle Ranch Road and Coors Boulevard
3	east of Eagle Ranch Road, south of Paseo del Norte Boulevard
4	northwest of intersection at Eagle Ranch Road and Paseo del Norte Boulevard
5	north of Paseo del Norte Boulevard, west of Coors Boulevard, east of Eagle Ranch Road
6	northwest of intersection at Coors Boulevard and Paseo del Norte Boulevard
7	northeast of intersection at Coors Boulevard and Paseo del Norte Boulevard
8	north of Paseo del Norte Boulevard, east of Coors Boulevard, behind businesses
9	along Eagle Ranch Road south of Irving Boulevard, north of Paseo del Norte Boulevard
10	northeast of intersection at Eagle Ranch Road and Irving Boulevard, west of Coors Boulevard

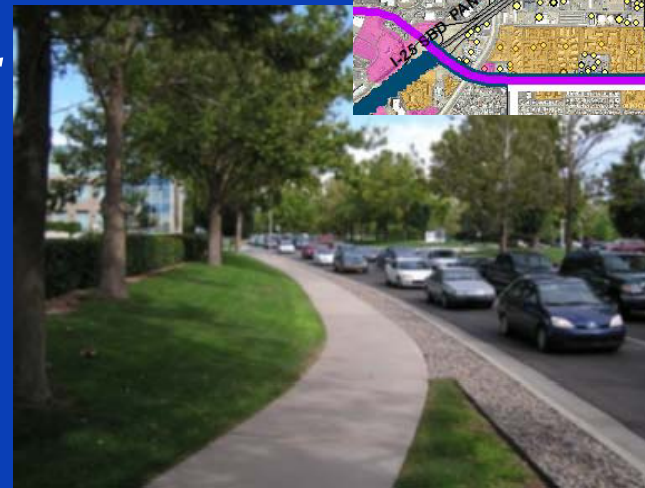
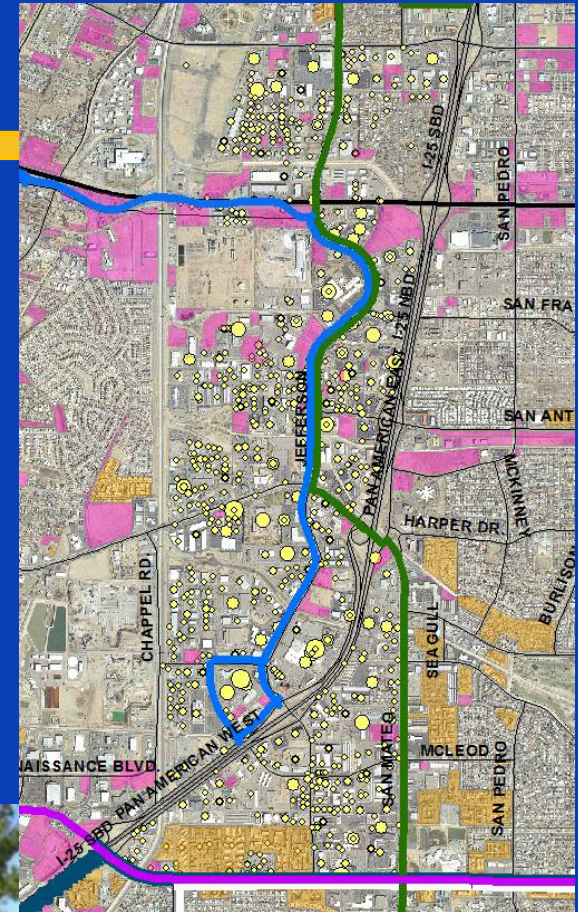


Journal Center

- Jefferson St – landscaped parkway
- Campus-style business park
- 30,000 employees
- 54 businesses with >100 employees
- 4.2 mi² in area

Transit Service

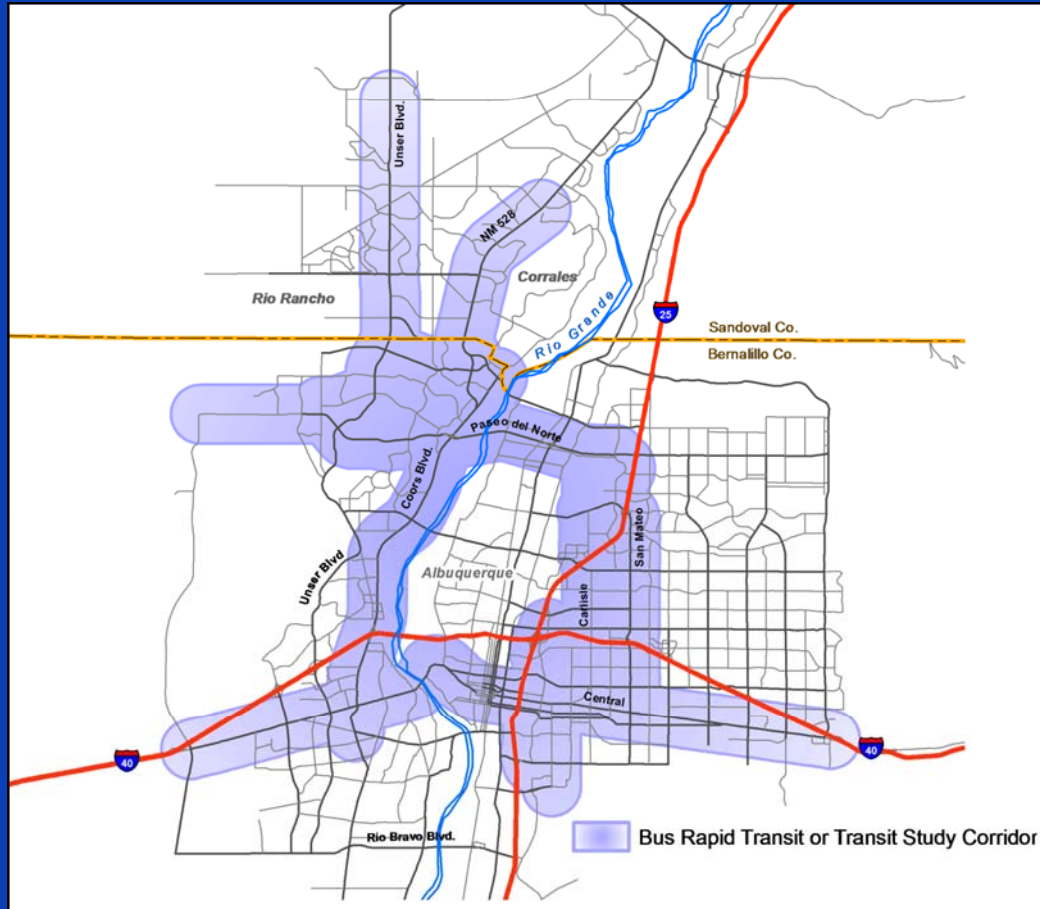
- 251/551 Rail Runner -Commuter (Blue)
- 140/141 San Mateo (Green)



Next Steps

- Ridership
- Engineering considerations
- Integration with ABQRide service
- Capital costs
- Operating costs
- Public comments
- Etc.





Regional transit planning efforts:

- Central Ave. AA
- PDN HCTS
- Coors Blvd. Corridor Plan
- UNM / CNM / Sunport
- Others..



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YELLOW ROUTE



Northwest Alignment

Yellow Route

PINK ROUTE



Northwest Alignment

Pink Route

PURPLE ROUTE



Northwest Alignment

Purple Route