

---

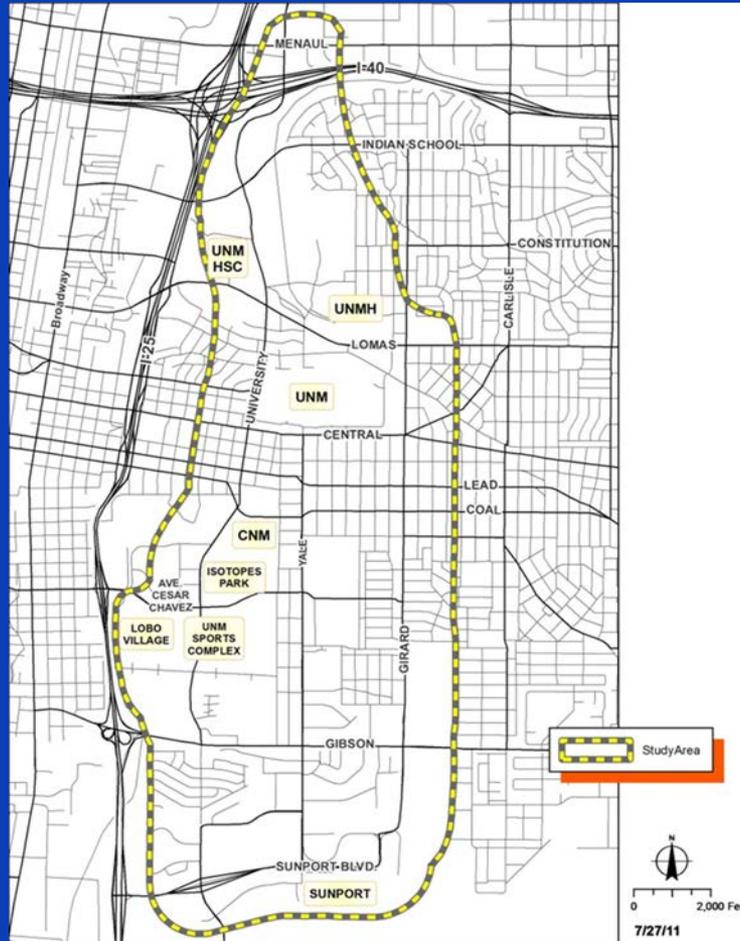
# UNM / CNM / Sunport Transit Project



Project Kick Off Meeting  
June 25, 2010



# Project Background



# Project Background



**University of New Mexico  
Central New Mexico Community College**

**TRAVEL DEMAND MANAGEMENT STUDY**  
**Phase I Findings: Travel Characteristics and Opportunities**

Mid-Region Council of Governments  
March 16, 2011

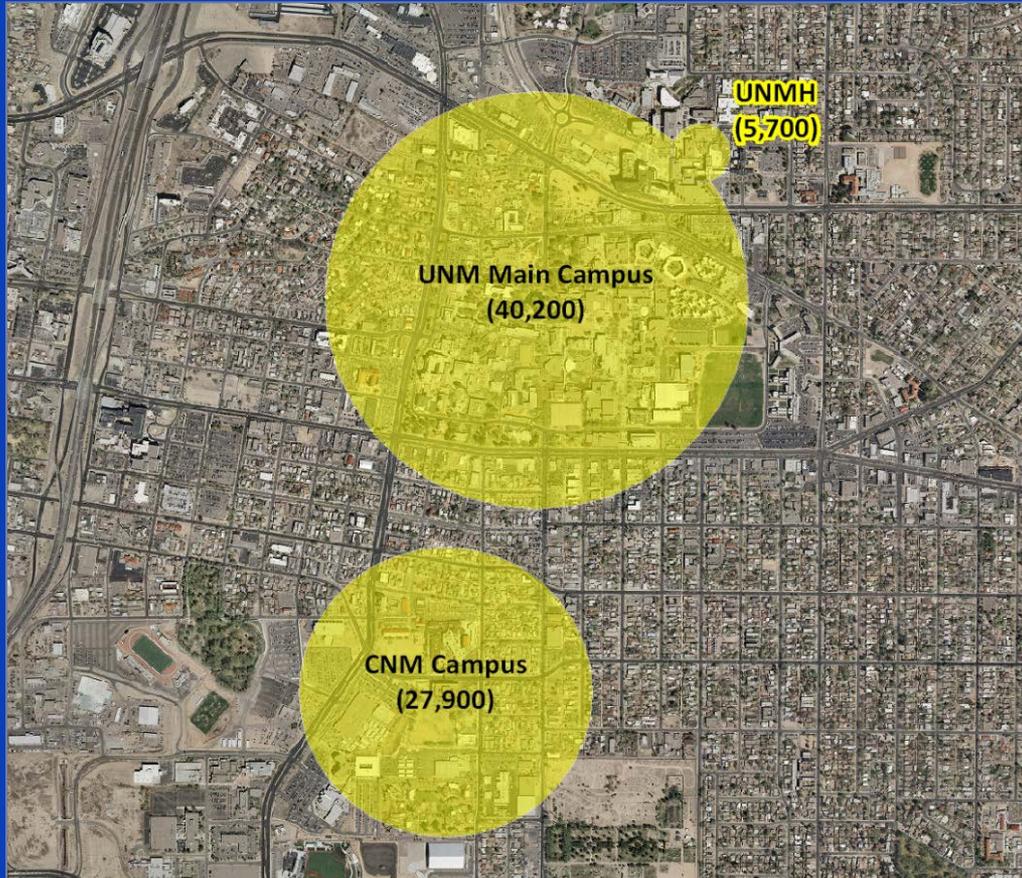


with



# Project Background

The Area is the largest Activity Center in Albuquerque



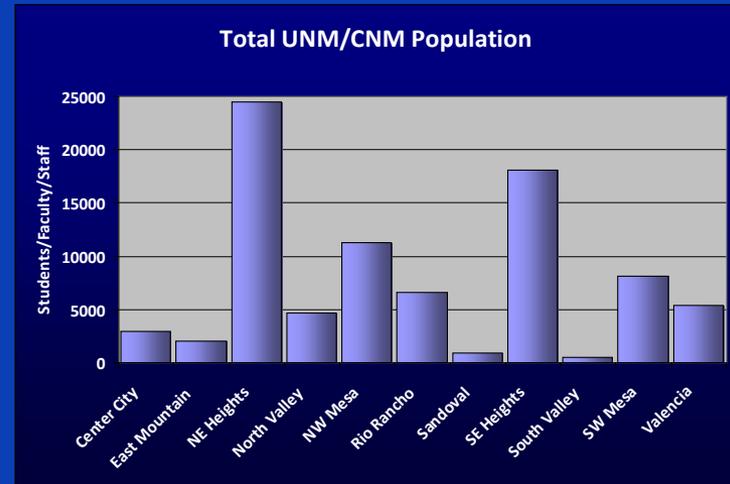
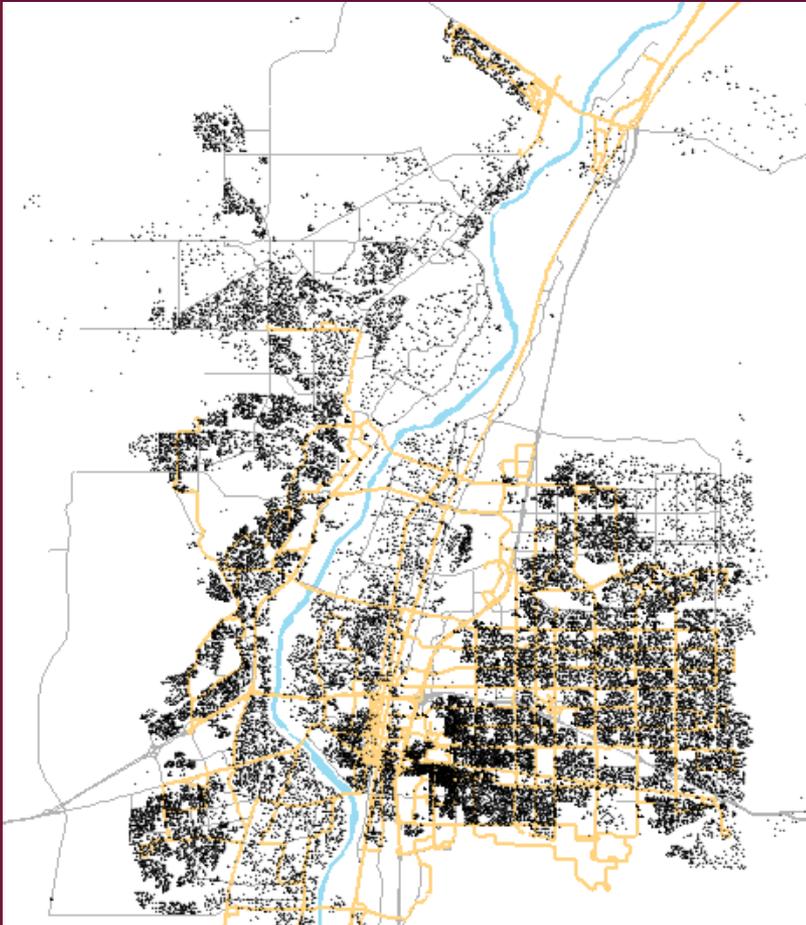
Daytime Population at UNM and CNM:

- While everyone doesn't travel every day or at the same time, total population in area is 74,000
- Daytime populations at UNM and CNM are about comparable.



# Project Background

People travel to the area from all parts of the Region



# Project Background

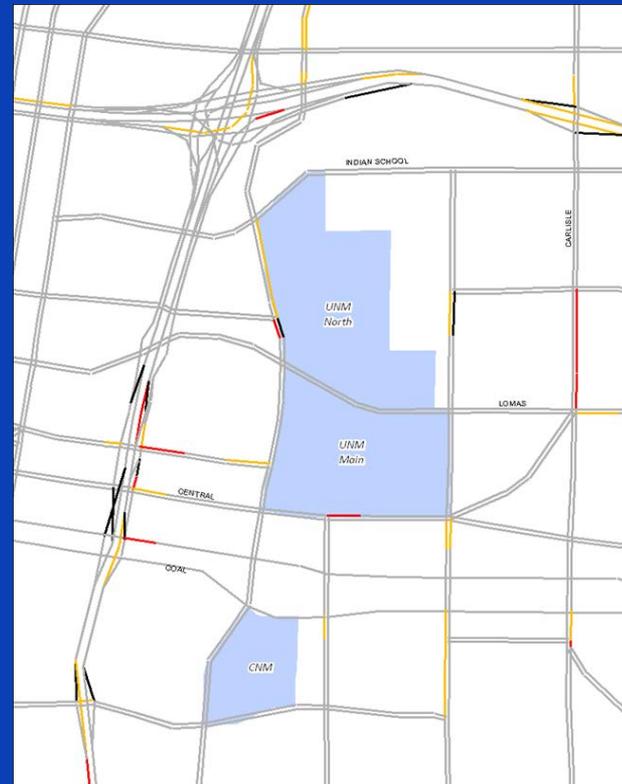
and the impact of this travel..



- Total University/CNM VMT: 1.297 million
- 5.32% of all VMT in the Region

## 2015 PM V/C (volume-to-capacity)

- All major arterials will operate over capacity on some sections in the university district
- Some streets will be approaching capacity in the off-peak direction



# Project Background

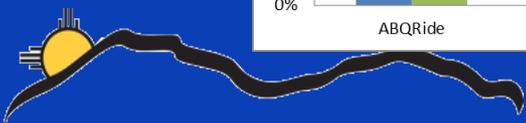
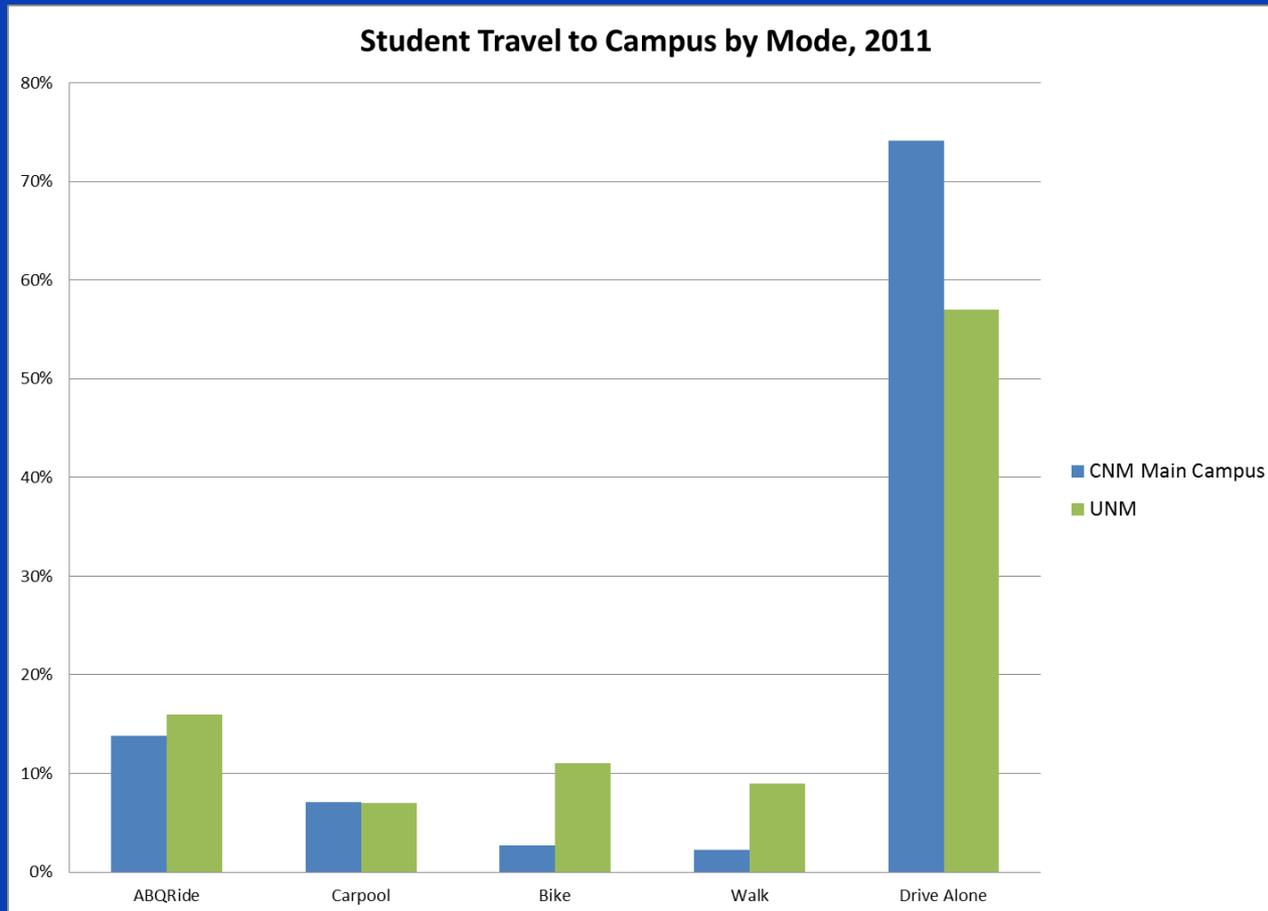
this travel is impacting neighborhoods

- Roadway congestion
- Traffic through residential areas / streets
- Special event / activity parking
- The desire for more pedestrian and bicycling facilities



# Project Background

There are very high rates of people walking, biking and taking transit to the campuses.



# Project Background

ABQRide plays a big role in getting people to campus

ABQRide Average monthly  
ridership (FY 2011):

UNM 81,344

CNM 84,406

165,750

16.7% of ABQRide total

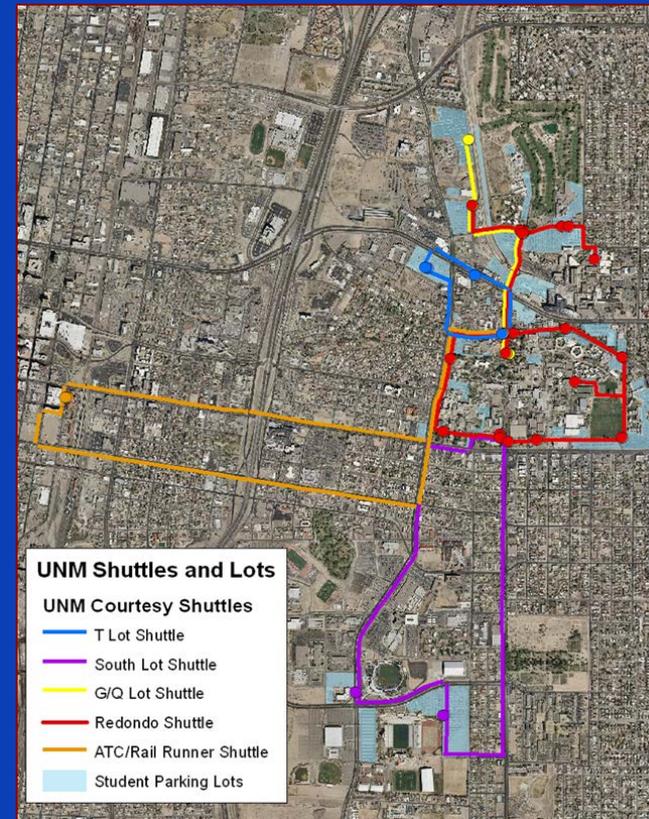
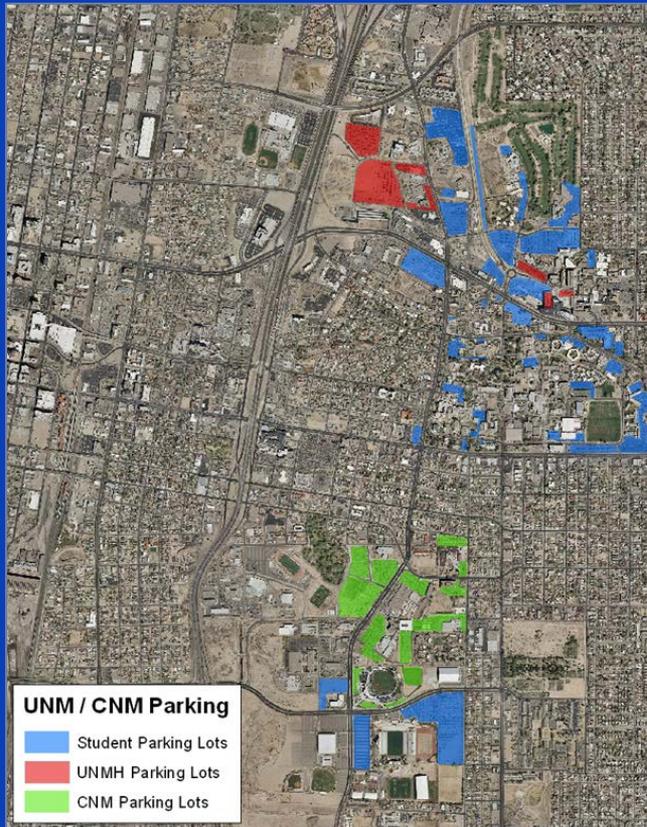
Total ridership:  
(FY 2012 through May):

1,959,911



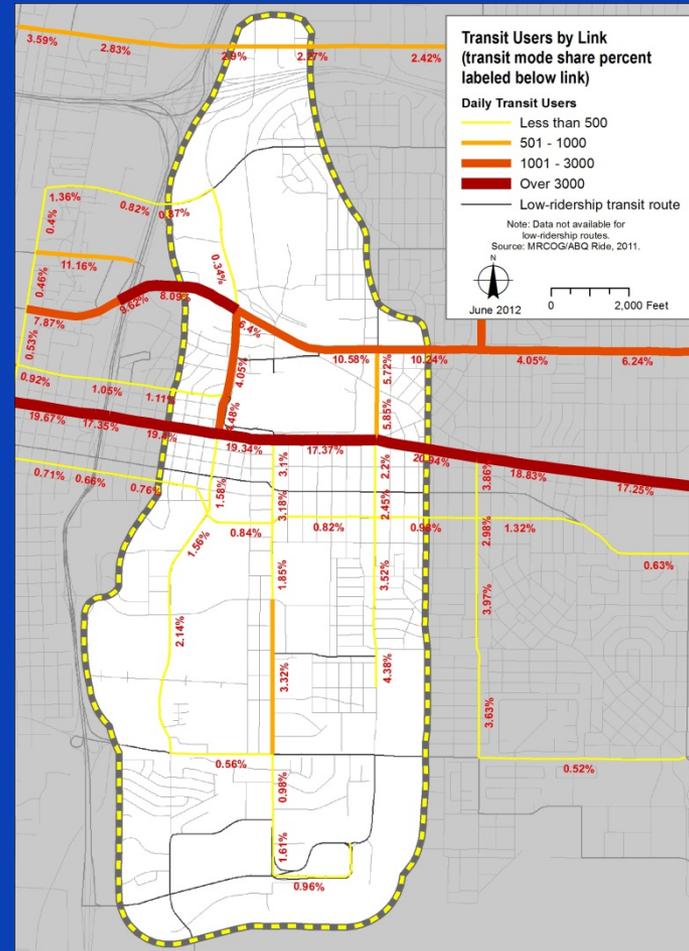
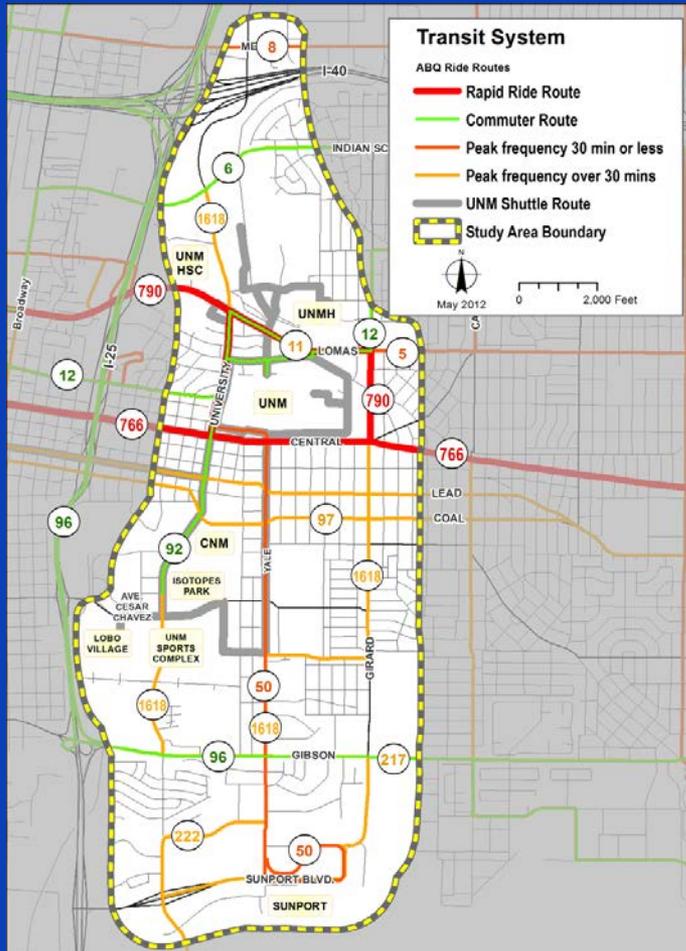
# Project Background

And UNM Parking and Transportation services moves large numbers of people within the study area every day



# Project Background

We identified factors shaping travel in the area..



# Project Background

New development is shaping the area's transportation needs



# Project Background

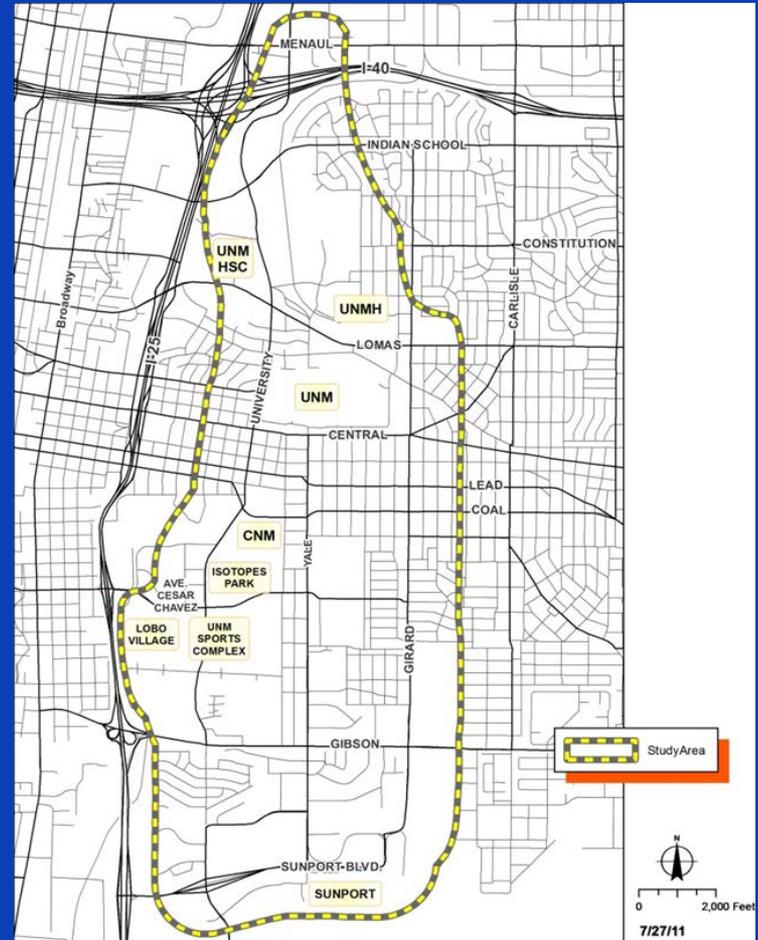
Future development and projects will continue to shape transportation needs – and opportunities



# UNM / CNM / Sunport Transit Study

## Scoping Study Recap

- Largest activity center in the City
- Existing conditions / plans create unique, walkable, section of the city
- Significant development is planned: UNM dorms (south and main campus), UNMH expansion, CNM renovations
- Very high alternative mode use rates
- “Premium” transit service works very well
- North / south transit connections lacking



# Project Background

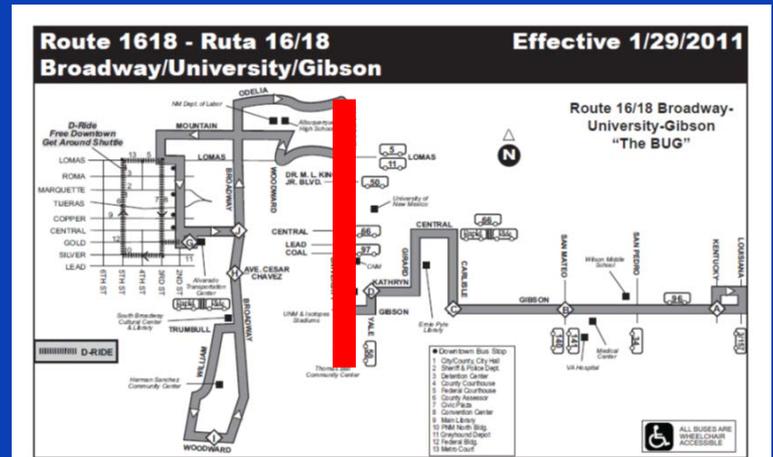
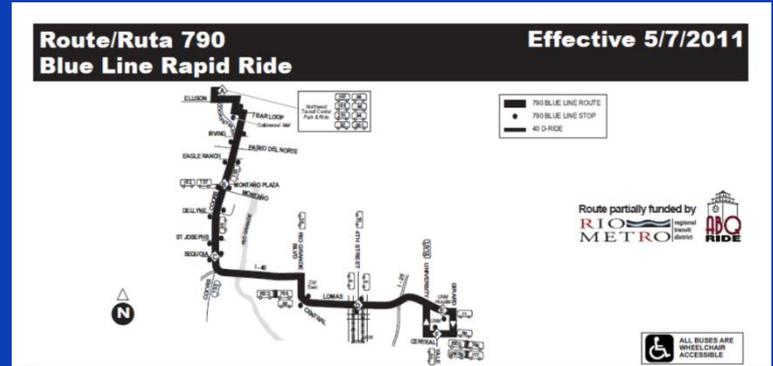
The Scoping Report helped secure two grants:

FHWA (TSCP) – to improve the efficiency of transportation, to provide efficient access to jobs, service, and centers of trade, etc.)

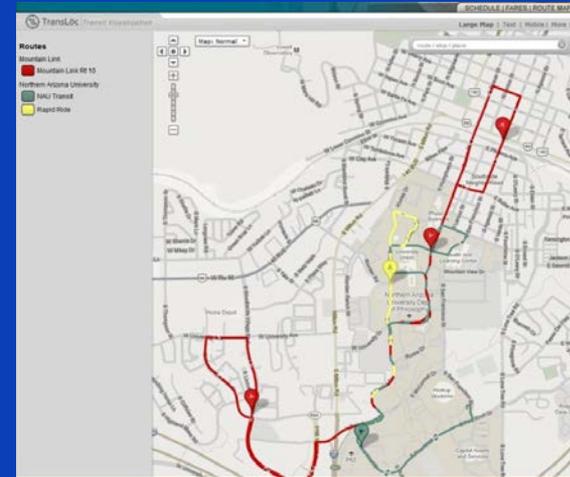
FTA 5339 Program – to evaluate all reasonable modal and multimodal alternatives and general alignment options to address transportation needs in a defined travel corridor.



# Next Steps



# Next Steps



# Next Steps

---

What is the Goal of this study?

- Ultimate goal is to **identify** and **implement** a transit/parking/land use strategy that serves the institutions, residents, businesses, and other stakeholders within the study area.



# What next..

---

- Emphasis on UNM and CNM area but will serve the larger area
- Opportunity to address a number of issues identified in Phase I and provide a more rational transportation and land use framework for the future.



# Next Steps

---

## How does the Alternatives Analysis Advance the Broader Goal?

- AA will identify the relevant issues and needs within the study area and will identify, evaluate, and select a preferred strategy for the area
- AA is requisite for federal funding grants under the Federal Transit Administration New Starts/Small Starts program



# Next Steps

---

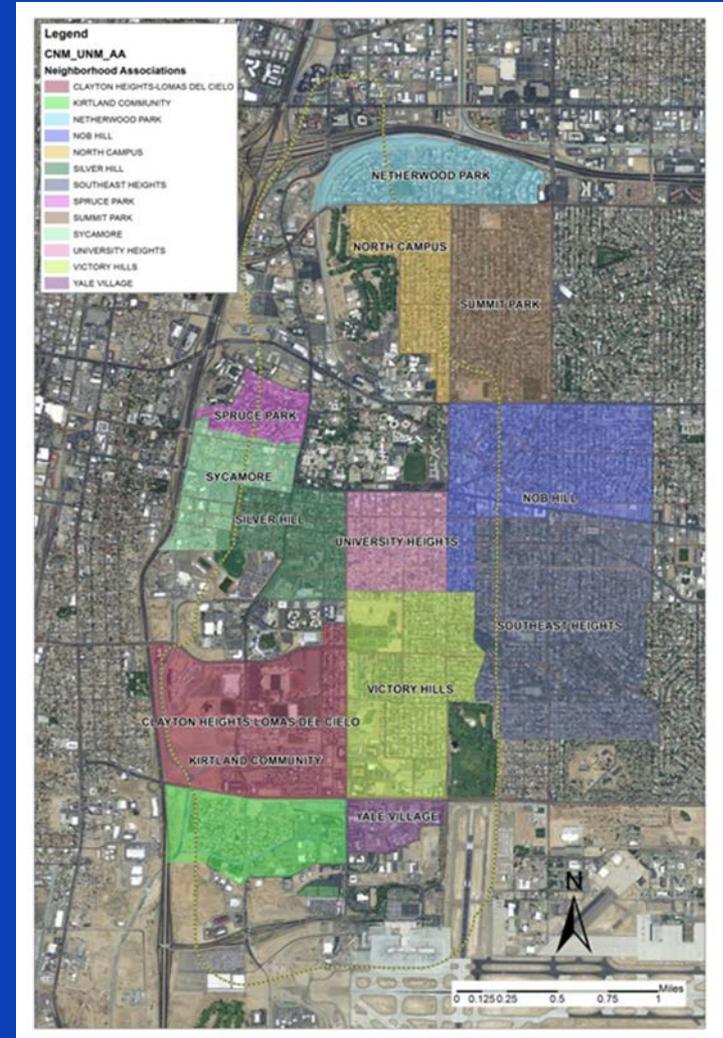
AA will be conducted in three major phases

- Step 1 – Identification of the purpose and need to the that can be addressed with transit, parking, and land use strategies and investments
- Step 2 – Identification of possible strategies to consider and a screening evaluation to select the most promising strategies
- Step #3 – In-depth evaluation of the remaining strategies
- Step #4 – Selection of a preferred alternative (combination of strategies)



# Next Steps

- Identification of Purpose and Need
  - Identification of parking, transit, and land use issues and opportunities within the study area
  - Identification of relevant issues and concerns of stakeholders including institutions, neighborhoods, businesses, agencies, etc.
  - Approximately 4 months in duration
  - Extensive stakeholder involvement



# Next Steps

Stakeholder Involvement Schedule	Jul-12	Aug-12	Sep-12	Oct-12
General Community Meetings	★			
Small Group Meetings				
Neighborhoods			★	
Businesses			★	
Institutions		★		★
Technical Committee Meetings		★		★



# Next Steps

---

## Identification of Potential Strategies and Screening Evaluation

- Identification of parking, transit, and land use strategies
- Initial screening evaluation to select the most promising strategies
- Combination of strategies to form parking/transit/land use alternatives
- Approximately 4 months in duration
- Extensive stakeholder involvement



# Next Steps

Stakeholder Involvement Schedule	Nov-12	Dec-12	Jan-13	Feb-13
<i>General Community Meetings</i>	★			
<i>Small Group Meetings</i>				
Neighborhoods			☼	
Businesses				☼
Institutions			☼	
<i>Technical Committee Meetings</i>	☼		☼	



# Next Steps

---

- Analysis of Alternatives
  - Development of specific routes, park and ride lots, and land use elements for each alternative
  - In-depth analyses of cost, performance, impacts, benefits, and other factors of each alternative
  - Approximately 4 months in duration
  - Extensive stakeholder involvement



# Next Steps

---

- Selection of Preferred Alternative
  - Refinement of preferred alternative
  - Vetting of findings and recommendation to stakeholders
  - Approximately 3 months in duration
  - Extensive stakeholder involvement (insert schedule and list of stakeholder meetings in slide)



# Next Steps

---

To identify an alternative that can be implemented, the AA will critically evaluate each alternative by:

- Purpose and need
- Ridership – current and projected
- Costs – capital and operations
- Fiscal plan
- Environmental impacts
- Others as identified



# Future steps..

---

- Environmental Review
- FTA application

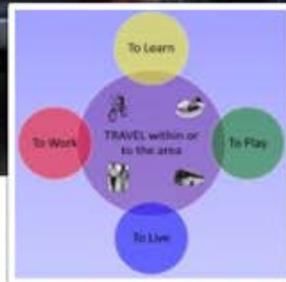




**UNM - CNM - Sunport Transit Study is on Facebook.**

To connect with UNM - CNM - Sunport Transit Study, sign up for Facebook today.

[Sign Up](#) [Log In](#)



## UNM - CNM - Sunport Transit Study

1 like

[Like](#)

### Community

The goal of the UNM - CNM - Sunport Transit Study is to identify a transit system that will improve accessibility to and mobility within the area.



[About](#)

[Photos](#)

[Likes](#)

Highlights ▾

[Post](#)

[Photo / Video](#)

Write something...



**UNM - CNM - Sunport Transit Study**

June 11

One of the outcomes of this study will be an Alternatives Analysis. An Alternatives Analysis is a report that we will develop

Likes

[See All](#)



**The University of New Mexico - UNM**

Education

[Like](#)



**University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center**

University

[Like](#)



**Central New Mexico Community College**

College/University · Trade School

[Like](#)

# UNM/CNM/Sunport Transit Project

---

For more information:

Tony Sylvester [tsylvester@mrcog-nm.gov](mailto:tsylvester@mrcog-nm.gov)  
(505)247-1750

[www.mrcog-nm.gov](http://www.mrcog-nm.gov) (Transportation page)

Let us know if your group would like a presentation or more information

