

# UNM / CNM / Sunport Transit Study



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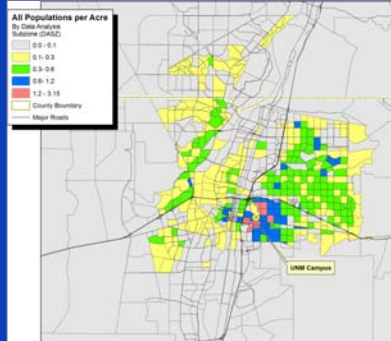
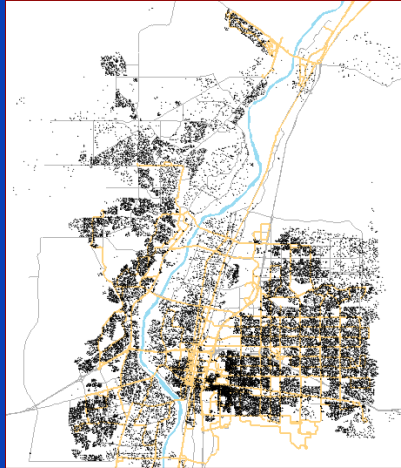
## Previous Work (Scoping Study)

- Largest activity center in the City
- Focuses on the area as whole (not the individual campuses)
- Very high alternative mode rate (43% 2010) - "Premium" transit works
- Existing conditions / plans create unique, walkable, section of the city
- Significant development planned : UNM student housing (south and main campus), UNMH expansion, CNM renovations
- Access and mobility are essential!



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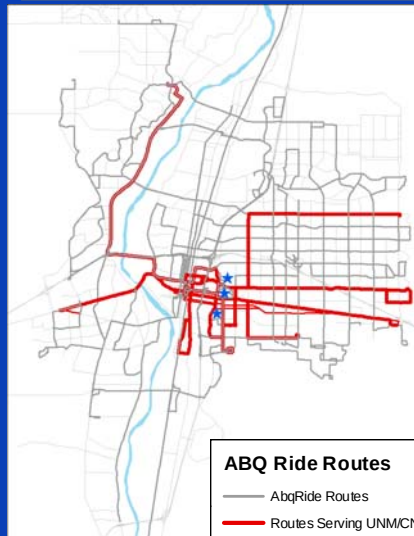
The study area is a regional destination



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



## Why Is A North/South Transit Connection So Important?



**ABQ Ride Routes**  
— AbqRide Routes  
— Routes Serving UNM/CNM  
— Rail Runner

### Current Service

- 8 Routes serving UNM:
  - 3 on Lomas (5, 11, 790)
  - 3 on Central (66, 766, 777, 790)
  - 1 on University (16/18)
  - 1 on MLK (50)
- 3 Routes serving CNM:
  - 1 on University (16/18)
  - 1 on Lead/Coal (97)
  - 2 on Yale (50)

Replicating East West Service To  
All Destinations Is Not Feasible



## What is the Goal of this Study?

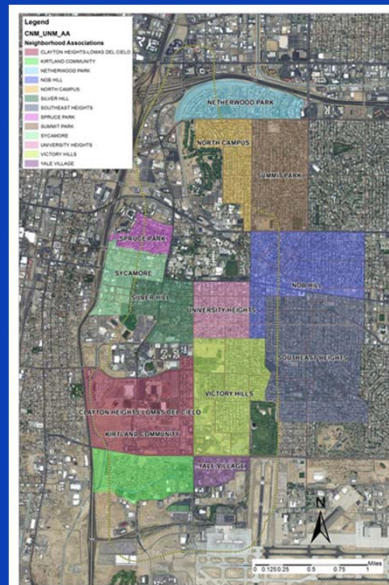
- **Identify and implement a transit/parking/land use strategy**
- Meet the transportation needs of the institutions, residents, businesses, and other stakeholders within the study area
- Following a “Alternative Analysis” process
- Preparing for a potential Federal Transit Administration Small Starts/Very Small Starts funding



## What We Are Doing Now

## Current activities:

- Identification of the project purpose and need
- Listening to stakeholders (institutions, faculty, staff, students, patients, etc.), neighborhoods, businesses, agencies, etc.)
- Data collection and analysis



## Big Issues – and opportunities:

- The hunt for parking
- Lack of N / S transit connectivity
- The “last ¼ mile” from the strong Central Ave transit corridor
- Absence of services (retail etc.) outside of central corridor
- Additional transportation options – and reduced parking demand – support UNM and CNM mission
- Direct transit access to all campus areas
- Land dedicated to parking
- Rapid regional growth
- No comprehensive strategy
- Significant new development planned!



## Future Growth & Development

### UNM Master Plan Goals:

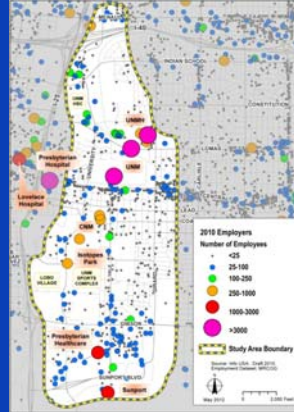
- Live, Learn, Work, Play - 24 hour campus
- More On Campus Housing
- Transition from surface to perimeter structured parking
- Gateways and commercial development
- Improved opportunities for walk, bike and transit access
- Transit connection between all three campus areas
- Infill, density and mixed use
- Financial incentives for faculty, staff and students to use alternative modes



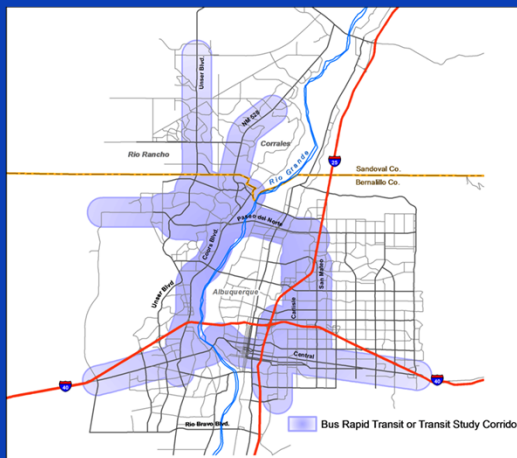
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### Other Developments

- Sunport is an important regional destination and growing employment base.
- South Yale
- Central BRT Project
- Girard Blvd. Complete Streets Master Plan



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### Regional transit planning efforts:

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

Future expansions in the regional transit system will increase the transit markets coming into this area.





## What are the opportunities?

There is an opportunity to:

- Improve traffic and parking issues
- Bring more people to the area in the future without creating significant new problems
- Attract quality investment to the area
- Improve access to education and health care
- Make the area safer and more vibrant
- To know your future..



## What We Have Heard So Far

- Significant traffic intrusions into neighborhoods and on campus
- Congestion is an issue
- Lack of services in several areas (CNM, UNM South, UNM North)
- Absence of signage
- Marginal transit connectivity especially from ABQ Ride premium routes to CNM, UNM North & UNM South
- Hours of transit service
- Safety concerns - especially after dark
- Parking permits are disincentive for transit usage
- Bike and pedestrian improvements needed



## Draft Goals & Objectives

### Developed From A Number of Sources:

- Scoping Study Findings
- Survey Data
- Stakeholder Meetings
- Public Forums
- Plans & Policies



## Draft Goals & Objectives

### Financial Feasibility and Operations:

- Cost-effective plan for improvements and operations
- Reliable and quickest transit travel times
- Meet the area's diverse transportation needs



### Transportation Policies:

- Encourage the use of alternative transportation
- Minimize negative impacts on the surrounding neighborhoods
- Efficient use of area parking facilities
- Ensure an adequate supply of parking
- Facilities for pedestrians and cyclists.



## Draft Goals & Objectives

### Land Use, Economic Development, and Sustainable Communities

- Transit supportive land uses and development
- Connectivity between housing and employment
- Builds on study area strengths
- Improves air quality and reduces greenhouse gas emissions
- Promote housing within the corridor



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### Mobility and Access:

- Access to destinations (UNMH, UNM North, UNM Main, CNM, and the Sunport)
- Travel choices for all populations
- Enhance connections to the regional transit system
- Accommodate future demand
- Provide an appealing alternative to the vehicle
- Connections with pedestrian and bicycle networks.
- Increased safety for non-motorized modes





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Questions for us?

And some questions for you...



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If there were better north-south transit service with easy access to CNM, would you use it? Where would you go and what sort of trips would you make?



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All the main uses in the area — the educational facilities, health care services, businesses, residential areas, Sunport, etc. — require easy access (people need to get to them). What does ease of access mean to you?



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As portions of the area are developed and redeveloped what transformations would you like to see? Can you think of an area of the City or some other place you have been to that would provide a good example of what you would like to see?



## UNM / CNM / Sunport Transit Study

What did we miss? Are we missing any major goals or objectives? If so, what thoughts do people have about what should be included?



## What Happens Next

Refine Goals & Objectives and Project Purpose and Need

- CNM Meeting
- UNM Meeting
- Online survey

Identify Suitable Measures

- Identification of possible strategies to consider and a screening evaluation to select the most promising strategies – alternative identification

Next Public Meeting – Late January



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