

Appendix K – Common Acronyms

ADA – American with Disabilities Act

AMPA – Albuquerque Metropolitan Planning Area, the planning boundary for MRMPO

AV – Autonomous vehicles

AWDT – Average Weekday Daily Traffic

BRT - Bus Rapid Transit which is a level of bus service which copies several characteristics of light-rail.

CAV – Connected and autonomous vehicles

CFR – Code of Federal Regulations

CMAQ – Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality which is a category of Federal aid to states

CMP – Congestion Management Process

CNM – Central New Mexico Community College

CO – Carbon monoxide which is one of the pollutants generated by vehicle emissions

CO₂ – Carbon dioxide which is one of the greenhouse gases suspected of accelerating climate change

CRDC – Central Region Design Center of NMDOT

CV – Connected vehicle. Connected vehicle technology enables vehicles to communicate with other vehicles and infrastructure.

DASZ – Data Analysis Subzones. Small areas of geography used for transportation planning.

EJ – Environmental justice. Addresses how low-income and minority populations are affected by government actions.

EPA – U. S. Environmental Protection Agency

FAST ACT – Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act (current federal transportation law signed in 2015)

FEMA – Federal Emergency Management Agency

FHWA – Federal Highway Administration

FTA – Federal Transit Administration

FY – Federal Fiscal Year. In this document, unless otherwise noted, FY refers to the Federal Fiscal Year which begins October 1st and ends September 30th.

IDO – Integrated Development Ordinance. The City of Albuquerque’s zoning and subdivision regulations that govern land use and development within the City. The IDO became effective in 2018.

ITS – Intelligent Transportation Systems. A range of advanced technologies to assist roadway operations, enhance driver decision making, and improve the flow of travel.

LGTF – Local Government Transportation Fund, a category of state funding.

LRTS Guide – Long Range Transportation Systems Guide. LRTS is an appendix in the MTP that provides street design and right-of-way set aside guidance

LUTI – Land Use and Transportation Integration Committee. MRMPO committee that works on land use and transportation planning, including integration of the Target Scenario

M&O (a.k.a. O&M) – Maintenance and Operations

MAP-21 – Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (previous federal transportation law)

MPO – Metropolitan Planning Organization

MRCOG – Mid-Region Council of Governments which administratively houses MRMPO, the designated MPO for the Albuquerque Metropolitan Planning Area.

MRMPO – Mid-Region Metropolitan Planning Organization, a Division of MRCOG

MSA – Metropolitan Statistical Area

MTB – Metropolitan Transportation Board, the policy-making of the Mid-Region Metropolitan Planning Organization

MTP – Metropolitan Transportation Plan, the long-range transportation planning document required under 23 CFR 450.

NAAQS – National Ambient Air Quality Standards

NMAC – New Mexico Administrative Code

NMDOT – New Mexico Department of Transportation

NMRX – New Mexico Rail Runner Express commuter train service

O₃ – Ozone a pollutant attributed to both point source and non-point source pollution generators. Point source generators are facilities such as a coal-burning electric generating plant; non-point source generators are vehicles which emit pollutants (thus not from a single location).

PM – Performance Measure

PMT – Person Miles Traveled, the cumulative miles traveled by people in a certain time period on a selected route. This measure accounts for the actual number of people a highway, route or transit system moves. It is helpful comparing various modes of transportation and/or HOV and HOT lanes.

PPP – Project Prioritization Process or Public Participation Plan or Public-Private Partnership

RMRTD – Rio Metro Regional Transit District

ROW – Right-of-Way or Rights-of Way (plural)

RTPO – Rural Transportation Planning Organization

RTSAP – Regional Transportation Safety Action Plan

SIP – State Implementation Plan, a statewide plan that addresses air quality nonconformance issues in order to implement requirements of the Clean Air Act.

SOV – Single Occupant Vehicle

STIP – Statewide Transportation Improvement Program which is a statewide prioritized list of transportation projects covering a four year period. A STIP incorporates metropolitan TIPs “without modification” per Federal regulations.

STP-U– Surface Transportation Program-Large Urban, a subcategory of federal funds for large urban areas (in the AMPA that is the Albuquerque UZA) (a.k.a. STP-L)

TAP – Transportation Alternative Program, a category of federal funding for alternative modes of transportation such as bicycle and pedestrian projects.

TCC – Transportation Coordinating Committee. MRMPO committee that provides technical advice to the MTB.

TDM – Travel Demand Management. Efforts that reduce demand for vehicle travel.

TIP – Transportation Improvement Program which is a prioritized list of transportation projects for a metropolitan planning area covering a minimum four year period. All TIP projects must conform to the MTP. A TIP is to be incorporated into the STIP “without modification” per Federal regulations.

TNC – Transportation Network Companies (i.e., ride-hailing companies)

TPTG – Transportation Program Task Group. MRMPO committee that provides advice on the TIP.

TSM and **TSMO** – Transportation Systems Management and Operations. A set of integrated strategies that focus on operational improvements that can maintain and even restore the performance of the existing transportation system before any extra physical capacity or widening is needed.

TTP – Tribal Transportation Program, a category of federal funding for tribal governments.

UNM – University of New Mexico

UPWP – Unified Planning Work Program which establishes the planning work that will be undertaken utilizing Federal planning funds.

V/C – Volume/Capacity, which is the ratio of a roadway’s (or transit route’s) total usage compared to its maximum carrying ability in a defined time period.

VHT – Vehicle Hours Traveled, the cumulative amount of time spent driving by all motorists in a given day or period of time.

VMT – Vehicle Miles Traveled, the cumulative miles traveled by all vehicles in a certain time period on a selected route.

VHD – Vehicle Hours of Delay, the cumulative difference in time for all travelers between the posted speed limit and the observed or actual travel speed

ZEV – Zero Emissions Vehicle