

UNM / CNM / Sunport Transit Study

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About the Project

The Mid-Region Council of Governments together with UNM, CNM and local jurisdictions is investigating transportation, parking, and land-use issues within the corridor bounded by the UNM North Campus south to the Albuquerque Sunport.

The project includes a number of key objectives:

- Improve north/south transit within the area.
- Investigate strategies to improve transit service to this area from other parts of the metropolitan region.
- Better organize and manage parking.
- Integrate future land development with the transportation system.

The study portion of the project is expected to take about 15-months to complete. The implementation of the selected strategies is expected to start soon after. The first portion of the study focuses on identifying current transportation issues, challenges, and opportunities as well as how the long range plans of UNM, CNM, and the City of Albuquerque will affect future travel and development. While there will be many opportunities during the course of the project for public input, early involvement is highly encouraged as it will be necessary to gather peoples' thoughts and concerns in guiding study priorities and outcomes.

Why the Project is Important

The southeast quadrant of Albuquerque contains several of the metropolitan area's largest and most active destinations. One of those is the UNM-to-Sunport corridor. This corridor includes the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center, the University of New Mexico's Main and South campuses, and the Main Campus of the Central New Mexico Community College. This area is also anchored on the south by the Albuquerque International Sunport as well as regional sports facilities including the Pit, UNM Football Stadium, and Isotopes Field. These two educational institutions and the UNM medical complex attract more than

75,000 people a day to this part of the city. The adjacent neighborhoods, businesses, and other activities in the area attract even more people and, together with the institutions, combine to make the UNM-to-Sunport Corridor the largest activity center in the City.

This area is projected to grow significantly over the next 20 years creating an even more complex and vibrant environment for those that live, work, study, or frequent the area. While the projected growth has been well-planned, there are significant challenges that need to be addressed including:

- traffic congestion
- traffic intrusions into surrounding neighborhoods
- more efficient parking for area businesses and institutions
- more efficient transit, pedestrian and bicycle system to serve the area and reduce the need for auto travel

Get Involved

We will have many opportunities for you to learn more about the project and to get involved. These opportunities include forums with neighborhoods, businesses, students, faculty and staff, and others with an interest in this area. If you wish to obtain frequent updates on the study you can follow the progress of the study and communicate with the Project Team by accessing the project website and/or Facebook page (see reverse side). There are many ways you can share your thoughts on this project with us. If you prefer you can send us an email or give us a call. If you are part of a group that would like a brief presentation on the study and the opportunity to provide us with input, let us know when your group meets and we will be happy to accommodate you with a visit and/or presentation. If you would prefer a more focused sit-down discussion, we can arrange that as well. We will also have quarterly community meetings that everyone is welcome to attend.



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Let Us Hear From You

As the study moves forward, specific proposals for transit and parking improvements will be developed. To get to this point it is important for us to understand as much as possible about your concerns and ideas. An important part of our initial information gathering is to know more about you and your association with the area, information such as:

- How do you get to the area?
- What are your biggest transportation related issues or concerns?
- What ideas do you have for improving the situation?
- What other suggestions or concerns do you have?
- What is the best way for us to stay in touch with you?

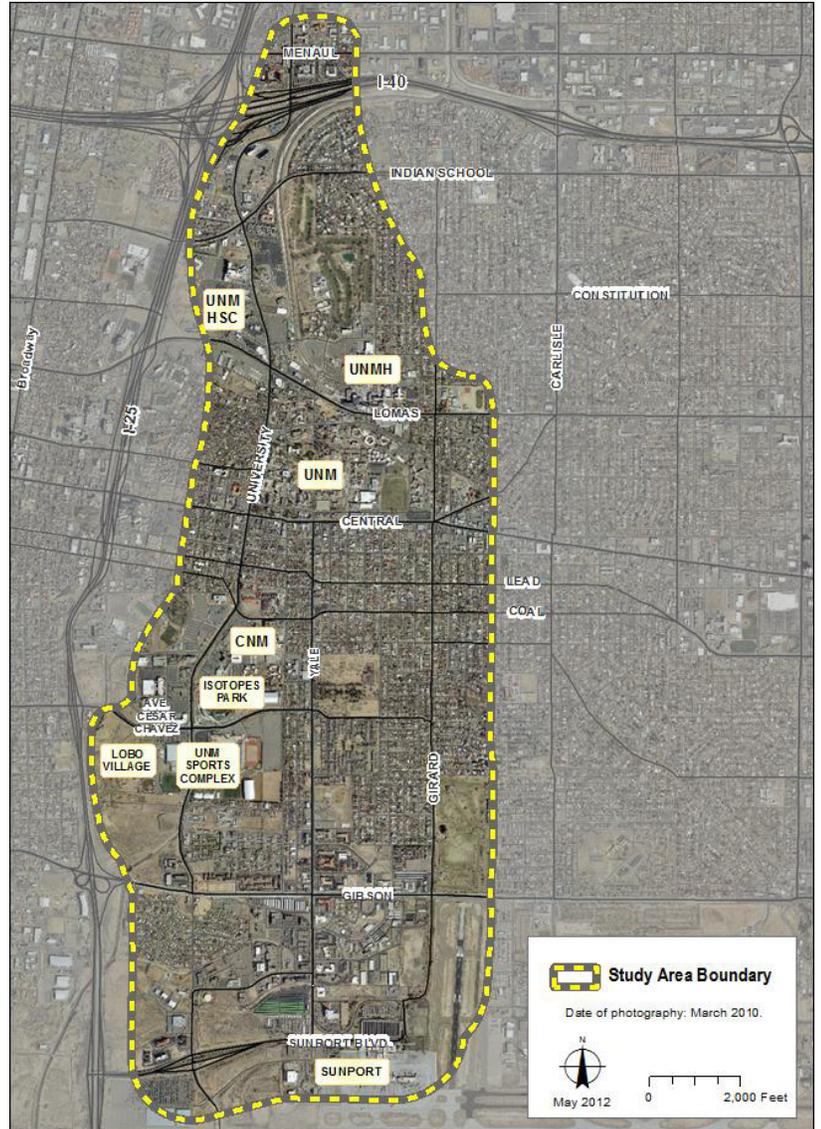
Mark Your Calendar!

Public meetings are scheduled to discuss the project and to seek input and ideas from area businesses, adjacent neighborhoods, and the faculty, staff, and students with UNM, UNM Hospital, and CNM. Two meeting dates are scheduled:

Date and Time: Monday, October 22, 2012
from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Location: Loma Linda Community Center
1700 Yale Blvd. SE

Or

Date and Time: Tuesday, October 30, 2012
from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm
Location: UNM Student Union Building
Lobo Room A & B



Contact Us

You can contact representatives of the project team using the following sources:

Web Site – www.mrcog-nm.gov

Go to the main page and look for the UNM/CNM/Sunport Transit Study link.

Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/transitstudy>

You can also contact Tony Sylvester, project manager, at:

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or

505-724-3635

Scan this QR code for a direct link to the project webpage.



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