## GET INVOLVED

**www.mrcog-nm.gov** is a valuable resource for those wanting to know what is going on at the MRCOG and throughout the region. Our meetings are open to the public and we've made all of our data available as well. We invite you to take advantage of all we have to offer—most of it is only a click away on our website.

**Census Data**
- Population
- Employment
- Income
- Housing
- Commuting to work
- Census tract maps

**Transportation**
- Crash data
- Traffic Flow Maps are available for Bernalillo, Valencia, Sandoval, Torrance, and southern Santa Fe counties. Maps show average annual traffic volumes on major roadways.
- Current roadway functional classification maps
- Long- and short-range transportation plans
- Planning maps (roadway, bicycle/pedestrian facilities)
- Intelligent Transportation Systems

**Agriculture**
- Local Foods Maps (local food markets, retailers, and restaurants, local events)
- Extensive resource listings for farmers, gardeners, and consumers

**Land and Water**
Local land use plans

**Workforce**
Access services and resources for job seekers and employers

**Economic Development**
- Listing of major employers in the region
- Listing of economic development agencies

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# MID-REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

## WHO WE ARE & WHAT WE DO

# ABOUT MRCOG

The Mid-Region Council of Governments (MRCOG) is a governmental agency that covers Bernalillo, Sandoval, Torrance, and Valencia counties as well as southern Santa Fe County in central New Mexico. Elected officials from this region serve on MRCOG's Board of Directors and provide guidance. MRCOG's staff consists of professionals from a variety of disciplines.

MRCOG helps the region plan for anticipated growth by being an expert resource and data clearinghouse, and by providing a forum for individual communities to collaboratively address issues of regional importance.

Downtown Albuquerque in Bernalillo County

Jemez Springs in Sandoval County

Agricultural lands in Torrance County

Los Lunas Transportation Center in Valencia County

# OUR PROGRAMS

## TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

MRCOG provides rural and metropolitan transportation planning for the four-county area. This includes traffic data collection, analyses of current conditions, and forecasts of future conditions.

MRMPO is the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Albuquerque Metropolitan Planning Area. MRRTPO is the Rural Planning Organization for the rural parts of the four-county area. Both are responsible for performing federally-required transportation planning in collaboration with local governments and the public.

MRMPO

MRRTPO

2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

MPO e-newsletter: Travel Times

## RIO METRO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT

The Rio Metro Regional Transit District is the primary regional transit provider for Bernalillo, Sandoval and Valencia counties, offering transit service between municipalities and across county lines. Rio Metro manages the New Mexico Rail Runner Express commuter rail and operates and/or funds select bus routes in the three-county area. Rio Metro's services also provide links to other statewide destinations and transportation markets including Santa Fe, Taos, and Socorro. The agency's top priority is providing service that enables customers to access regional destinations.

RIO METRO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT

**www.riometro.org**

New Mexico Rail Runner Express

@RioMetroAlerts

e-newsletter: NM Rail Runner Express

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

MRCOG staff provides professional planning assistance and technical services to local governments. MRCOG also maintains an active role in education and training programs for local governments.

In addition, MRCOG assists local governments with their comprehensive plans, land use ordinances, water planning, and special studies. MRCOG provides demographic data for grant applications, such as Community Development Block Grants.

Salt Missions Trail Scenic Byway

## WATER PLANNING

MRCOG's Water Resources Board is an advisory body committed to strategic management of water resources in the Middle Rio Grande and Estancia Basins. They meet on a quarterly basis.

## WORKFORCE

The Workforce Connection of Central New Mexico is dedicated to developing this region's economic strength by providing businesses and job seekers a comprehensive, integrated system of employment, education, and training services.

WCCNM's Business and Career Centers allow employers to access pre-screened job applicants, and to obtain support setting up a job fair. Job seekers can get their skills assessed for job placement, get help with resume writing, job searching, and interview techniques, and learn about educational opportunities.

New Mexico Workforce Connection

**www.wccnm.org**

New Mexico Workforce Connection Central Region

@NMWorkforce

e-newsletter: Business Connection

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The four-county MRCOG area is a designated Economic Development District. MRCOG assists with preparation of EDA funding applications, and prepares a summary of the region's economic conditions with recommended activities for growth and development in a report known as the *Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy*.

Economic development staff work closely with the many economic development organizations and local governments in the region—providing vital statistical data and technical assistance to identify community development needs.

ALBUQUERQUE REGIONAL INNOVATION HUB INGENUITY CENTRAL

Ingenuity Central

@ingenuitycentrl

## AGRICULTURE

The Agriculture Collaborative is dedicated to improving the sustainability and profitability of small and medium-scale agriculture in the region. The collaborative hosts workshops and monthly meetings, and produces an e-newsletter in an effort to connect entrepreneurial farmers and keep people better informed about local foods and agriculture in our Central New Mexico region.

Agriculture Collaborative

**www.localfoodnm.org**

Local Food in New Mexico

@LocalFood_NM

e-newsletter: Local Food Connections