

Futures 2040: Metropolitan Transportation Plan



Futures 2040 is the region's long-range (20+ years) transportation plan. It looks at how we should invest in our transportation system to maintain and enhance mobility, quality of life, and economic growth. The plan supports coordinated transportation and land use planning to improve livability.

Futures 2040 will look at potential growth scenarios to compare and assess their impacts on our built and natural environments to help determine the best course of growth for our region.



Futures 2040 provides the long-range transportation vision for the region. It looks at and responds to the following issues:

- Projected population and employment growth
- How to accommodate future travel demand
- Issues related to transportation (e.g., air quality, freight, changing demographics, safety, health)
- The different ways we can grow—and ideally thrive—as a region through alternative growth scenarios



The Planning Area

The *Futures 2040* Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) planning area covers all of Bernalillo and Valencia Counties, Rio Rancho and parts of Sandoval County, including Sandia, San Felipe, Santo Domingo and Cochiti pueblos and part of Santa Ana Pueblo.

This planning area is referred to as the Albuquerque Metropolitan Planning Area (AMPA). The AMPA boundary was adjusted in 2013 to include newly urbanized areas (as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau) such as Belen.

The population of the AMPA is projected to grow to around 1.3 million by 2040. This will result in numerous transportation—and therefore livability—challenges for our region to meet.





AUTO



TRANSIT



PED



BICYCLE

Futures 2040, as required by federal law, plans for all transportation modes in the region including automobile, transit, pedestrian and bicycle. It will also include a companion document, *The Long Range Transportation System Guide*, which will provide guidance on designing streets for all transportation modes and for users of all abilities (e.g., seniors, youth, and people with disabilities).

The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Planning Process

The Mid-Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (MRMPO) leads regional transportation planning activities for this area with coordination from multiple stakeholders including local jurisdictions and agencies, the New Mexico Department of Transportation, and the public.

The MTP is updated every four years. The *Futures 2040* MTP is slated for adoption by the MPO's policy body, the Metropolitan Transportation Board, in April 2015. Between now and then, the MPO will endeavor to involve all stakeholders, including—and especially—the general public, in this regional transportation planning process.

Why the MTP is Important to You

The MTP identifies issues that need to be addressed and lays the framework for how we will respond to them. More than ever, we are now recognizing how our daily lives are affected by our transportation choices and also the impact those choices have on our personal well-being and the region's economic vitality.

Our region's well-being is shaped by the transportation decisions we make. Therefore, it is critical to bring as many voices to the table as possible in this planning process.

How to Get Involved

If you would like to get involved in transportation planning that affects your daily life and community, there are a few ways you can do this.

- Sign-up on our website for our e-newsletter, *Travel Times*, to receive information on upcoming meetings, open houses, public comment periods and other MTP-related news.
- Go to our website (mpo.mrcog-nm.gov) to learn more about MTP planning activities.
- Follow us on our Facebook page (search for '2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan).
- Contact us at mtpcomments@mrcog-nm.gov or 505-724-3627 with any questions or comments.