

UNM / CNM / Sunport Transit Study

Goals and objectives for the UNM / CNM / Sunport Study were developed based on the previous feasibility study completed in 2011 and from stakeholder input obtained during and after that study. The goal of this study is to:

Identify and implement a transit/parking/land use strategy that meets the current and future transportation needs of the institutions, residents, businesses, and other stakeholders within the study area.

The objectives set to achieve this goal cover four areas:

1. Mobility and Access

- Improve transit access to key study area destinations.
- Improve connections within the study area to the regional transit system.
- Increase travel choices including those that provide an appealing alternative to the single occupancy vehicle.
- Develop stations and facilities that are well-connected to pedestrian and bicycle networks.

2. Land Use, Economic Development, and Sustainable Communities

- Encourage transit supportive land uses and development styles.
- Improve transportation options between housing (current and future) and employment destinations.
- Develop a transportation strategy that builds on the strengths of the study area.
- Support land use and transportation development that improves air quality and reduces greenhouse gas emissions associated with single occupancy vehicle travel.
- Identify opportunities and policies to increase housing within the corridor.

3. Transportation Policies:

- Identify transportation policies that encourage the use of alternative transportation modes.
- Minimize the negative impacts of traffic and parking on the surrounding neighborhoods.
- Identify policies that support the efficient use of area parking facilities.
- Ensure an adequate supply of parking for visitors and parking permit holders in the corridor.
- Identify policies that ensure the adequacy of supporting facilities for pedestrians and cyclists.

4. Financial Feasibility and Operations:

- Develop a cost-effective plan for improvements and operations.
- Provide reliable and competitive transit travel times within the corridor.
- Design operating characteristics that take into account the diverse needs and schedules of the area's institutions and the Sunport.

