



# **Annual Performance and Expenditure Report**

**For the**

**FY 2006 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM  
IN THE ALBUQUERQUE METROPOLITAN PLANNING  
AREA**

**FISCAL YEAR 2006  
(JULY 1, 2005 TO JUNE 30, 2006)**

**MID-REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS OF NEW MEXICO  
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Following is an overview of the major tasks in the FY 2006 Unified Planning Work Program for the Albuquerque Metropolitan Planning Area and the work completed for those tasks. The report includes a breakdown of the planning funds expended by major task and the amount of funds remaining at the end of the year to be carried into FY 2007. This report is submitted in compliance with federal regulations outlined in 23 CFR 420.117(b)(1). The report covers the period between July 1, 2005 and June 30, 2006, which corresponds with the State of New Mexico Fiscal Year 2006.

Major MPO accomplishments in FY2006 include:

- Completed substantial development of the 2030 Metropolitan Transportation Plan – completion expected during spring 2007
- Completed an amendment to the 2025 Metropolitan Transportation Plan
- Completed amendments and administrative adjustments to the FY 2004-2009 and FY 2006-2011 Transportation Improvement Programs
- Completed the Triennial Federal Certification Review
- Made substantial revisions to the Congestion Management System
- Continued development of the Regional Transit District in the MRCOG area – established the RTD Board of Directors and began development of a service plan
- Continued work on the Commuter Rail initiative – received all rolling stock, finalized agreements with BNSF, service between Belen and Bernalillo began July 2006, completed the Alternatives Analysis and began the environmental and preliminary engineering for Albuquerque to Santa Fe segment
- Updated the MRCOG Land Use Analysis Model
- Finalized and implemented new policies and procedures for limited access roadways
- Facilitated acquisition of regional digital orthophotography
- Continued and expanded coordination efforts with member agencies, tribal governments, and the NMDOT

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## **PERFORMANCE**

### **Task 2006-1: MANAGEMENT & ADMINISTRATION**

**OBJECTIVE:** To manage the collaborative regional transportation planning environment in such a way that the information gathered and analyzed in 2006-2 is effectively utilized to make and implement sound decisions in an open and collaborative process.

#### **1.1 Program Management**

- Provided or arranged for presentations to MPO transportation committees regarding transportation issues
- Ensured that MTB and its pertinent advisory committees received information and briefings regarding transportation issues relevant to the metropolitan area
- Continued to coordinate with the RPO process for those portions of the MRCOG outside the MPA
- Coordinated and consulted with NMDOT and member agencies regarding funding issues, long range plans, transportation improvement programs and major corridor studies
- Conducted outreach to freight operators, inter-regional transit, rail providers, and air cargo carriers to include them in the transportation planning process
- Submitted quarterly reports for FY2006 to the State and FHWA and FTA as per agreement with the NMDOT
- The FY2007 Unified Planning Work Program was approved by the policy board on April 27, 2006 and submitted for approval to the NMDOT and federal partners
- Completed amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2004-2009 and FY 2006-2011 Transportation Improvement Programs as requested and under the quarterly amendment cycle
- Hosted the Triennial Federal Certification Review in April 2006

#### **1.2 MPO/NMDOT Liaison Program**

- Coordinated between MRCOG and the NMDOT Planning Division and District 3
- Chaired the Transportation Program Task Group (TPTG)
- Coordinated refinement of MPO/DOT contracting procedures and work authorizations
- Facilitated revisions to the Roadway Access Policies and modification procedures
- Facilitated discussion of transfer of responsibility for matching all planning funds statewide to the NMDOT
- Coordinated with the NMDOT to address continuing discrepancies between the AMPA TIP and the STIP
- Coordinated efforts of the Intersection Safety Emphasis Area team for the Comprehensive Transportation Safety Plan
- Facilitated federal/state/MPO involvement in violations of the metropolitan

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transportation planning process within the AMPA; coordinated for the MPO with the FHWA, EPA, and NMDOT; drafted modifications to Policy Board and Technical Committee bylaws with expected adoption of changes during 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter; discussion of process, issues, and outcomes is expected to take up a portion of the Triennial Federal Certification Review during April 2006 (4<sup>th</sup> quarter)

- Coordinated with FHWA Santa Fe Division office regarding transportation planning issues

### 1.3 Information Distribution

- Completed general updates and improvements to MRCOG website
- Began outreach efforts for the 2030 MTP
- Designed bicycle/pedestrian LOS poster
- Prepared materials for 2030 MTP Open House
- For 2025 MTP Amendment:
  - Created web pages, including comment forms
  - Designed ad for Open House
  - Prepared inventory of public comments
  - Researched whether other MPOs around the country have problems with member governments not following planning process
- Distributed Federal Certification Review Listening Session postcards and fliers to local libraries, neighborhood associations, and committee/Board members; distributed press release to local media
- Identified and contacted Key Stakeholders for Security and Economic Development
- Established a database of stakeholder and public involvement contacts
- Conducted a survey of voting and membership qualifications of similarly-sized MPOs
- Publicized Rio Rancho Open House for 2030 MTP
- Conducted briefings on the 2030 MTP to neighborhood associations, MPO committees, and other stakeholder groups

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**Task 2006-2: DATA, MAPPING AND TECHNICAL SERVICES**

**OBJECTIVE:** To maintain a high quality technical environment and provide accessible and pertinent information to the MPA transportation decision making process.

**2.1 Traffic Surveillance Program**

- Ongoing data collection efforts:
  - Traffic volume counts
  - Vehicle classification counts
  - Intersection turning movement counts
  - Bicycle and pedestrian counts
  - GPS travel time data collection
  - Special request counts as necessary
- Provided turning movement and traffic volume data to member agencies and the public as requested
- Transmitted 2004 VMT and Monthly Adjustment Factors to the City of Albuquerque Air Quality Division in support of annual submittal of CO inventory
- Generated supplemental statistics for 2004 Traffic Flow Map
- Began re-writing traffic counts manual
- Hired and trained new staff, as necessary
- Performed historical inventory of turning movement locations
- Generated 2006 traffic counts schedule for volume and vehicle classification data
- Generated 2005 Monthly Adjustment factors in preparation of 2005 Traffic Flow Map using monthly permanent counter data provided by NMDOT
- Transmitted various crash-related data to local member governments and private agencies
- Completed and produced the 2005 Traffic Flow Maps for the metropolitan planning area – final maps have been posted on the MRCOG web site

**2.2 Digital Orthophotography**

- Provided 2005 Santa Fe County digital orthophotography data to NM Resource Geographic Information System data clearinghouse website, to District 3-NMDOT, and Public Service Company of New Mexico
- Prepared and executed Memorandums of Agreement with cooperating agencies for the 2006 project
- Developed scope of work for the 2006 digital orthophotography project; requested and received cost estimates from the contractor; reviewed costs and selected 6” GSD photography as the product for acquisition in 2006
- Contracted for professional services for 2006 orthophotography data acquisition and production
- Provided 2004 imagery to USGS Water Resources

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### 2.3 Socioeconomic Data and Forecasting

- Completed interviews regarding current and future land use with private developers and local government planners; information was entered into the Land Use Allocation Model (LAM), in support of the 2030 MTP development
- Collected all active area and sector plans for areas within the MRCOG region and used them to incorporate land use plans and densities into the LAM
- Developed a population forecast for the interim years of 2010 and 2020 for the Village of Los Lunas in order to assist with the update to their comprehensive plan
- Initiated discussions regarding the 2010 Census
- Reorganized Socioeconomic data pages on web site
- Worked on combined list of building permits to correct errors in Data Analysis Serial Zones (DASZs), spelling, and street names
- Coded 176 plats involving over 900 street updates to the Address Coding Guide
- Generated initial 2030 data sets from LAM which will form the basis of a formal set of forecasts for the 2030 MTP
- Initiated meetings with Tribal Governments to discuss MRCOG population and employment forecasts for these entities
- Generated a DASZ data set for race and Hispanic origin variables and an income variable to use in environmental justice analysis
- Initiated preparations for local coordination of Census 2010 activities to ensure the best possible data for a basis of forecasting and transportation modeling
- Geocoded, formatted, and input building permit data into databases; provided data to various member governments and to the Bureau of Business and Economic Research
- Completed several land use scenarios to generate intermediate SE data sets in support of the 2030 MTP
- Circulated LAM output to planners for critical review; made necessary corrections
- Extracted and formatted census data for member governments upon request
- Provided forecast data to member governments to assist with the creation of area plans
- Examined Activity Centers as they relate to 2000 and 2004 employment for the Congestion Management Systems analysis
- Produced socioeconomic datasets for the 2030 MTP transportation analysis
- Created a draft 2030 socioeconomic forecast for the Department of Transportation to assist in their effort to develop a Long Range Transportation Plan
- Began documenting several methodology documents including the 2004 Socioeconomic Estimates, the 2030 Socioeconomic Forecasting Process, and a paper regarding the LAM Enhancements and calibration updates
- Identified employment centers for the 2030 MTP to evaluate projects and whether or not they address issues among the most commonly traversed and congested corridors
- Began the Population Estimate process for 2005 and 2006 with a regional data collection effort

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- Compiled the recently released Census Bureau 2005 Estimates by County – compared with other sources of estimate data

## **2.4 Travel Analysis and Forecasting**

- Performed travel forecast, analysis, and follow up for the following projects:
  - Volcano Heights Planning Study, City of Albuquerque
  - North 4<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Analysis, City of Albuquerque
  - Valencia County Regional Transportation Plan, Valencia County
  - North 4<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Analysis, City of Albuquerque
  - Paseo del Norte/I 25 interchange (NMDOT)
  - Quail Ranch development proposal (City of Rio Rancho)
  - US 550 Corridor Study (NMDOT and MRCOG)
- Performed travel forecast and analysis in support of the 2030 MTP

## **2.5 GIS Technical Services**

- Completed various scenarios for creating new scoring layers in support of calibrating the new Land use Allocation Model
- Transmitted various crash related data to the local member governments and private agencies
- Developed data and maps for Belen school bus routes, equestrian facilities, currently funded transportation projects, proposed transportation projects, and current county developments for the Valencia County Mobility Plan and public involvement
- Geocoded employee data for potential commuter rail ridership
- Completed orthophoto review of access locations for Coors Corridor Plan Update
- Created digital data for Los Lunas school bus routes supporting Valencia Mobility Plan
- Acquired and processed 2006 archeological resources and survey data from State Office of Cultural affairs
- Provided orthophotography and vector data to consultants for Commuter Rail Phase 2 Environmental Analysis
- Converted key transportation data to geodatabase data model
- Acquired 2005 satellite imagery for Rio Grande corridor from US Army Corps of Engineers
- Continued updating GIS traffic counts coverages to reflect the newly built roadway segments and signalized intersections
- Generated bike and pedestrian crash data in support of Bicycle/Pedestrian planning
- Updated functional classification data for the traffic counting coverages with the most recent functional classification data provide by NMDOT
- Produced metropolitan traffic flow map
- Performed mapping services including:
  - The Montaña Bridge Study showing historic district

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- Commuter rail showing Phase 2 alignment
- Los Lunas pedestrian facilities analysis
- Valley Vista Elementary School pedestrian analysis
- AMPA pedestrian facilities index
- 2030 MTP development
- 2025 MTP Amendment for Montaña Rd.
- Rio Grande Bosque Trails Extension and pilot projects
- Zoning Map for Town of Bernalillo
- Commuter rail station site locations
- Regional bikeway system facility update
- Equestrian routes in AMPA
- Updated Corrales Street Map
- Emergency services map for Village of Corrales
- Voting precinct map for Village of Corrales
- Hospital locations in Valencia County for United We Ride program
- Commuter rail transit connections
- Commuter rail school proximity analysis
- Bike and pedestrian accessibility for Southwest Area sector plan
- Existing and 2015 bikeway facilities networks
- 4<sup>th</sup> and Menaul TRAM analysis for City of Albuquerque
- Southwest Area sector planning for City of Albuquerque
- NM 313 ROW for Town of Bernalillo

## **2.6 Environmental Justice Analysis**

- Began coordinating the development of the EJ database to be used in the development of the 2030 MTP and the Environmental Justice Atlas and Data Book for the Albuquerque Metropolitan Planning Area
- Created an ArcView-GIS shape file with the estimated data for the EJ analysis based on the 2004 socio-economic estimates
- Compiled and produced materials and a PowerPoint presentation for the Federal Certification Review team
- Generated preliminary products for the base year of the 2030 MTP to determine the geographic distribution of the target population in the AMPA

## **2.7 Development Proposal Review**

- Provided written comments to member agencies as requested in support of the local development review processes

## **2.8 Study Team/Project Technical Support**

- Developed procedures for agency technical support requests; placed on MRCOG website

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- Provided technical data analysis and support to the following studies/projects:
  - North 4<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Study (City of Albuquerque)
  - Mid-Block Pedestrian and Bicycle Crossing Project (City of Albuquerque)
  - I-40/Washington Street Overpass Project (NMDOT-District 3)
  - New Mexico State Public Transportation Plan (NMDOT-Rail/Transit Bureau)
  - Volcano Heights Study (City of Albuquerque)
  - Montañero Road Corridor Study (City of Albuquerque)
  - Zacate Master Plan (Bernalillo County)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Street/Menaul Boulevard Intersection Reconstruction Environmental Analysis (NMDOT-District 3)
  - New Mexico State Pedestrian Safety Plan (NMDOT-Safety Bureau)
  - Lead Ave/Coal Ave/Zuni Road Study (City of Albuquerque)
  - Montañero Road/2<sup>nd</sup> Street to I-25 Widening Project (City of Albuquerque)
  - Coors Corridor Plan Update (City of Albuquerque)
  - Interstate 40/San Mateo Interchange (NMDOT)
  - I 40 Carlisle to Pennsylvania Environmental Assessment (NMDOT)
  - I 40 Big I (I 25) to Tramway Blvd EA update
  - Nob Hill/Highland Sector Plan (City of Albuquerque)
  - Paseo del Norte/I 25 interchange (NMDOT)
  - Quail Ranch Phase One (City of Rio Rancho)
  - US 550 Corridor Study (NMDOT and MRCOG)
  - I-25/Tramway and Alameda (City of Albuquerque)
  - Southwest Area Plan Update (City of Albuquerque)
  - Mesa del Sol Master Plan (City of Albuquerque)

## **2.9 Modeling Environment**

### 2.9.A Model Maintenance and Analysis

- Maintained modeling tools used by the MPO to complete major functions; considered upgrades and changes needed and included a Special Project in the FY 2007 UPWP

### 2.9.B Model Enhancements

- Completed updates and enhancements to the Land use Allocation Model (LAM) for the 2030 MTP
- Completed transition to new travel demand modeling software is pending

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**Task 2006-3: LONG RANGE PLANNING**

**OBJECTIVE:** To develop planning products for the long range time period that reflect the planning guidance of 2006-1 and the information gathered in 2006-2.

**3.1 Metropolitan Transportation Plan**

- Processed request to amend 2025 MTP to include re-striping Montañó Road from 2- to 4-general purpose lanes between Coors Boulevard and 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Albuquerque; held public comment period, open house meeting, and several committee and board meetings to discuss and consider the request
- Developed a “Pedestrian Composite Index” map to be used in future public involvement efforts
- Developed brochure, comment form for 2030 MTP
- Began outreach efforts for the 2030 MTP; made presentations to various neighborhood coalitions, chambers of commerce, and other interested groups:
  - Presented 2030 MTP briefings to TPTG, TCC, PIC and MTB throughout the year
  - Presented 2030 MTP briefings to:
    - Rio Rancho Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee
    - Rio Rancho City Council (open house)
    - Westside Coalition of Neighborhood Associations (3 meetings)
    - City of Albuquerque Planning Department
    - City of Albuquerque Environmental Planning Commission
    - Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Air Quality Control Board
    - Leadership Sandoval
    - South Valley/Southwest Mesa Coalitions of Neighborhood Associations (Open House)
    - Village of Corrales Mayor and Council
    - League of Women Voters (3 groups)
    - Quintessance Neighborhood Association
    - Albuquerque District 4 Coalition of Neighborhood Associations (2 meetings)
    - Albuquerque District 6 Coalition of Neighborhood Associations (2 meetings)
    - Albuquerque District 7 Coalition of Neighborhood Associations
    - Albuquerque District 8 Coalition of Neighborhood Associations
    - South Valley Coalition of Neighborhood Associations
    - North Valley Coalition of Neighborhood Associations (2 meetings)
    - Federation of University Neighborhoods
    - Air and Waste Management Association
    - NMDOT District 3
    - NMDOT State Transportation Commission
- Developed socioeconomic analyses to provide year 2030 population, employment and land use forecasts to begin MTP scenarios
- Hosted Work Session for TPTG and various community representatives in which alignments for new projects were suggested and documented as a scenario

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- Conducted Stakeholder Coordination meetings with representatives for transportation security (federal and local officials)
- Compiled database of contacts for stakeholders for:
  - Freight and commercial access
  - Security
  - Environmental Justice and underrepresented publics
  - Environment and natural resources
- Developed 2004 base year, 2015 no-build, and 2030 unconstrained networks based on final 2004 socioeconomic (SE) and land use analysis, draft 2015 SE and land use scenarios, and initial 2030 population, employment and land use forecasts
- Conducted travel demand model runs and alternative scenario analysis for 2004, 2015, and 2030 scenarios using refined socioeconomic datasets and transportation network input assumptions from member agencies
- Analyzed performance data to develop 2030 scenarios for refinement and public participation
- Began coordination to develop financial estimates in cooperation with NMDOT, ABQ Ride (the City of Albuquerque transit provider) and local government agencies
- Incorporating new draft planning requirements from SAFETEA-LU in the development of the 2030 MTP

### **3.2 Bicycle/Pedestrian Planning**

- Attended NM-BPE meetings in Portales and Cloudcroft
- Proposed development of a Safety GIS querying tool to the NMDOT Planning Bureau and the Traffic Safety Bureau
- Continued statewide multi-agency efforts to bring pedestrian safety training opportunities to New Mexico:
  - Hosted an “Engineering for Pedestrian Safety” training workshop on December 13, 2005; event was a multi-agency effort between the FHWA New Mexico office, the NMDOT Planning Bureau, the NMDOT Traffic Safety Bureau, the UNM Hospital Department of Emergency Medicine, and MRCOG
- Participated on the multi-agency efforts to develop the New Mexico Comprehensive Transportation Safety Plan
- Developed materials and a PowerPoint presentation to be presented at the Federal Certification Review
- Continued work begun during FY 2006 to enhance the methodology of the Pedestrian Composite Index in collaboration with the Walking and Biking Advisory Group (WABAG)
- Continued to facilitate and guide the Walking and Biking Advisory Group (WABAG); collaborated to identify bike and pedestrian projects to be included in the 2030 MTP; drafted a series of policy statements for recommendation to the policy board and inclusion in the 2030 MTP
- Began a draft of the bike and pedestrian elements of the 2030 MTP

### **3.3 ITS Regional Planning**

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- Provided project-level input and Regional Architecture guidance to local ITS Development projects including:
  - The City of Albuquerque's Traffic Management System (ATMS)
  - The City of Rio Rancho's ITS Communications Plan
- Assisted the New Mexico Department of Transportation to develop a Request for Proposals (RFP) to update the Statewide and AMPA Regional ITS Architecture
- Assembled the ITS Subcommittee to solicit input on ITS project status for the development of an ITS Project Status Map and update as well as project input to the 2030 MTP; will conduct IDAS analysis as part of this effort
- Continued refinement of the ITS Implementation Plan update with input from the ITS Subcommittee:
  - Updated the map to reflect 2015 anticipated build scenario for use and input into the MTP 2030
  - Conducted cost/benefit analysis using the IDAS software package for projects included in the 2015 existing plus committed scenario of the MTP 2030 and not included in the original ITS implementation Plan
- Continued to update the Statewide and AMPA Regional ITS Architecture in close coordination with the NMDOT

### **3.4 Transit Planning**

- Transit Planning, as part of MPO long range planning efforts is integrated into the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Task 3.1

### **3.5 Air Quality Planning**

- Coordinated with the Transportation Conformity Technical Committee (TCTC) to review results of mobile source emissions and conformity analysis for the proposed 2025 MTP amendment to re-stripe Montañero Road from 2- to 4-general purpose lanes between Coors Boulevard and 4<sup>th</sup> Street; the project conforms with approved air quality plans
- Coordinated with the TCTC to discuss new conformity requirements and procedures resulting from the August 22, 2005, adoption of the Carbon Monoxide Limited Maintenance State Implementation Plan (SIP); as part of the new SIP, the MPO will no longer be required to demonstrate conformity with regional carbon monoxide mobile source emissions budgets, so long as measured levels of CO remain below 85% of the National Ambient Air Quality Standard; the Air Quality Control Board, the FHWA and the MPO will confirm the measured levels through letters that will be included in new and amended plans and TIPs
- Held an initial coordination with TCTC on the conformity process for the 2030 MTP and 2007-2013 TIP
- Coordinated with TCTC and Land of Enchantment Clean Cities State Coordinator for inclusion of alternative fuels policies and programs in the 2030 MTP
- Submitted CMAQ Report for FY 2005

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**Task 2006-4 SHORT RANGE PLANNING**

**OBJECTIVE:** To develop refined planning products for the near term to program and implement the plans and projects derived from the long range planning in 2006-3.

**4.1 Transportation Improvement Program**

- Federal approval of the FY 2006-2011 STIP allowed for the FY 2006-2011 TIP to become effective 10/1/2005
- Amended the FY 2006-2011 TIP during the quarterly amendment cycle in November, February, May, and August, 2006. At the time of this report, all TIP amendments have been approved as part of the STIP with the exception of the August 2006 amendment which is pending approval
- Began coordination to resolve discrepancies between the AMPA TIP and the STIP (see Task 1.2)
- Completed Annual Listing of Obligated Projects for FY 2005

**4.2 Congestion Management System**

- Continuing efforts that began in FY 2005 to restructure the CMS to better integrate into the planning process:
  - Continued developing a flow chart that describes how CMS program is integrated into the MPO planning process
  - Continued data collection and reporting
  - Continued coordination with local government agencies for strategy evaluation (Transit, TDM program, etc.)
  - Continued developing an application tool and data format to generate CMS statistics and speed summary data to be used in the development of the MTP and TIP
  - Continued discussions to determine a methodology for defining and evaluating CMS-recommended projects for the MTP and TIP; will use the TPTG, or a subcommittee of the TPTG, to review and approve CMS assumptions and methodology during the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter FY06
- Conducted CMS analysis of the 2030 MTP networks
- Developed materials and a PowerPoint presentation for the Federal Certification Review

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**Task 2006-5 SPECIAL STUDIES & PROJECTS**

**OBJECTIVE:** To develop planning products that reflect the information gathered in 2006-2 and the decision-making process of 2006-1 and provide input to the products developed in 2006-3 and 2006-4.

**5.1 Regional Transit District**

- Hosted Transit Oriented Development Financial Workshop
- Developed a scope of work for a service and financial plan request for proposals; issued a request-for-proposals for consulting services for the development of a Service and Financial Plan; evaluation committee met to score written proposals and conduct oral presentations; agreed to a scope-of-work and a contract for the Service and Financial Planning effort
- Held the first meetings of the Mid-Region Transit District Board of Directors

**5.2 Commuter Rail Service**

- Awarded a bid for the construction of the first stations in early September 2005; work commenced on some of the stations sites in late October 2005; some stations were operational when service began; work continues on uncompleted stations
- The MRCOG selected a contract operator to run and maintain the trains
- The MRCOG and the NMDOT finalized agreements with the BNSF; processed an amendment to the FY 2006 AMPA TIP to purchase rail right-of-way
- State Attorney General's opinion regarding purchase of the rail line from BNSF was completed
- Finalized discussions for bus transit connections to the commuter rail with City of Albuquerque, the City of Rio Rancho, and Sandoval County
- Finalized preparations for Phase I service implementation scheduled to begin July 14<sup>th</sup> (service began July 14, 2006, with operations between Albuquerque and Bernalillo; some issues still pending; service between Belen and Albuquerque is expected to open before the end of calendar year 2006)
- The Alternatives Analysis study for potential commuter rail service between Albuquerque and Santa Fe concluded the detailed level of screening and recommended a Locally Preferred Alternative for public and MPO board approvals; the third round of public meetings were held in the Town of Bernalillo and the City of Santa Fe to review the study results and present the preferred alternative (the extension of commuter rail service along the existing Burlington Northern Santa Fe line and the new Community District alignment through Santa Fe County to the existing Santa Fe Southern Railway into central Santa Fe); both metropolitan transportation boards approved the recommended alternative unanimously
- Began environmental and preliminary design stages for the Albuquerque to Santa Fe phase, based on the results of the Alternatives Analysis; selected consultants for the environmental work; efforts are ongoing

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### **5.3 United We Ride – New Mexico**

- Hosted presentations by:
  - North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, and Department of Transportation representatives
  - Minnesota Department of Human Services
- Began development of a scope of work for consultant services for preparation of an implementation plan for a coordinated transportation system in the MRCOG area; issued a request-for-proposal for consultant services to assist in the development of a United We Ride implementation plan; selected a consultant; negotiated and signed a contract for professional services for the development of an implementation plan
- Conducted interviews with transportation funding agencies, transportation providers, and managed care organizations
- Prepared a draft base line conditions report
- Held a staff information meeting on June 28 – presented SAFETEA-LU coordinated transportation planning requirements, preliminary base line information, and a background on the Albuquerque area JARC plan

### **5.4 Valencia County Mobility Plan**

- The Valencia County Mobility Plan was completed, reproduced for distribution, and an electronic copy was published on-line at MRCOG's website

### **5.5 Rio Grande Bosque Trail Extension**

- Continued coordinating planning efforts to extend a multi-use trail along the Rio Grande Bosque; planning efforts included:
  - Executed a Joint Powers Agreement with NM State Parks for the project
  - On-going coordination with local jurisdictions and stakeholders to:
    - Refine the scope of work for the project
    - Identify alignment alternatives and begin to develop a blueprint for the regional trail concept
    - Identify potential pilot projects
- Hired consultants to assist with alignment analysis and other aspects of the blueprint and design of selected pilot projects
- Worked with consultants to finalize alignment analysis and develop design of Rio Rancho pilot project
- Began public outreach in Valencia County and in Rio Rancho.

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**PERFORMANCE**

Final FY 2006 UPWP Budget

FUNDING SOURCE	TOTAL	FY 2006 BUDGET	FY 2005 CARRY OVER
FHWA (85%)	\$1,439,383	\$859,077	\$580,306
COG LOCAL (15%)	245,288	146,397	98,891
FTA GRANT (80%)	168,228	168,228	-
COG LOCAL (20%)	42,057	42,057	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,894,956</b>	<b>\$1,215,759</b>	<b>\$679,197</b>

Final FY 2006 UPWP Expenditures

TASK	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	PERCENT
Task 2006-1	\$276,550.45	26.91%
Task 2006-2	\$334,779.84	32.58%
Task 2006-3	\$215,418.83	20.96%
Task 2006-4	\$120,220.61	11.70%
Task 2006-5	\$80,606.40	7.84%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,027,576.13</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Funding Summary

	FHWA	FTA
Federal Planning Funds Authorized in FY 2006	\$1,439,383.00	\$168,228.00
Local Match	\$245,288.11	\$42,057.00
<b>Total Funds Available in FY 2006</b>	<b>\$1,684,671.11</b>	<b>\$210,285.00</b>
Total Federal Funds Expended in FY 2006	\$698,293.55	\$168,228.00
Total Matching Funds Expended in FY 2006	\$118,997.58	\$42,057.00
<b>Estimated Carryover Funds for FY 2007 (FHWA Only)</b>	<b>\$741,089.45</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

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## **SUMMARY**

The Mid-Region Metropolitan Planning Organization met its goals for all major planning tasks during FY 2006. The MPO is taking advantage of interim SAFETEA-LU guidance by extending the completion date for the 2030 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Once it is finalized, the 2030 MTP and the attendant TIP will comply with all SAFETEA-LU requirements.

The UPWP was revised three times during FY 2006 to accommodate changes in federal funding as those changes occurred. No changes in scope were made to the FY 2006 UPWP after its adoption. There is a larger than normal differential between the available planning funds and the expenditures because of changes in the SAFETEA-LU legislation which changed the formula by which planning funds are computed. As a result, the Mid-Region MPO enjoys a substantial amount of carryover funds with which to accomplish FY 2007 UPWP tasks.