

2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan - Initial Public Survey

1. Introduction

We need to hear from you.

The Mid-Region Council of Governments is beginning work on the Long Range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). This plan will provide a vision for future transportation in the central New Mexico metropolitan area. We need to hear about your experiences traveling by car, train, bus, bicycle and walking. We also need to know what you think would benefit transportation in the region over the next 20 years. Please help us make this plan as effective as possible and complete this survey.

Your responses are completely confidential and will only be used to develop the MTP. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Jack Lord at 505-247-1750 or jlord@mrcog-nm.gov.

The survey has 24 questions and should take about 10 minutes to complete.

Please complete this survey by February 12, 2010. Thank you for your participation.

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2. General Transportation

* 1. The transportation system in our region consists of roads, buses, trains, sidewalks, trails and bicycle lanes & routes. How well do you feel the transportation system meets your travel needs on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being "Very well" and 5 being "Not well at all"?

1 (Very well)

2

3

4

5 (Not well at all)

* 2. Modes of travel are: auto, public transit, bicycling and walking. Would you say that you have many different viable modes of travel or very few options to choose from?

Many Different Options

Some Options

Very Few Options

No Opinion

* 3. What types of transportation would you like better access to? (select all that apply)

Bus

Train

Auto/Car

Bicycle

Walk

Other (please specify)

3. Traffic Congestion

4. In general, how often do you find yourself in traffic congestion in the MORNING when you go to work or school?

- Very Frequently
- On a Regular Basis
- Sometimes
- Rarely
- No Opinion

5. In general, how often do you find yourself in traffic congestion in the EVENING when you come home from work or school?

- Very Frequently
- On a Regular Basis
- Sometimes
- Rarely
- No Opinion

6. How serious would you say is the problem of traffic congestion in your daily commute area?

- Very Serious
- Serious
- Somewhat Serious
- Not Serious
- No Opinion

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7. Which of the following have you done to avoid traffic congestion?
(choose all that apply)

- Changed the time you leave
- Changed the route you take
- Changed jobs
- Changed where you live
- Worked from home
- Used carpools or vanpools
- Taken the train
- Taken a bus
- Walked
- Biked
- I have never made any changes to avoid congestion

Other (please specify)

4. Public Transit

8. What type of public transit have you taken in the past year? (choose all that apply)

- NM Rail Runner Express
- NM Park & Ride bus
- ABQ Rapid Ride
- ABQ Ride regular bus service
- Los Lunas Transit
- Belen Transit
- Sandoval Easy Express
- Torrance County TOGO
- SunTran, Rio Transit or other paratransit for people with disabilities or senior citizens.
- I have not used public transit in the past year
- Other (please specify)

9. What has been your destination when you used public transit this past year? (choose all that apply)

- I have not taken public transit this past year.
- Work
- School
- Shopping
- Personal Appointments
- Recreation/Entertainment
- Other (please specify)

10. What improvements to public transit do you see needed?

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5. Travel Condition Information

11. Which of the following have you used to receive travel information?

	I have never used.	I use once in a while.	I use on a regular basis.
Local radio station traffic reports	jn	jn	jn
Television news traffic reports	jn	jn	jn
Overhead dynamic message sign (example below)	jn	jn	jn
Accessing NMROADS.com or other travel condition websites	jn	jn	jn
E-mail or text-message notifications from NMROADS.com listserv	jn	jn	jn
Personal Digital Assistant (PDA) travel routing applications and/or services with cell phones	jn	jn	jn
Other (please specify)			

Example of an overhead dynamic message sign.



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6. Transportation Planning Issues

12. Planning for the next 20 years for the region, please prioritize the top four items from this list.

	1st Priority	2nd Priority	3rd Priority	4th Priority
Improve safety so that crashes are less severe and fewer.	ja	ja	ja	ja
Reduce traffic congestion.	ja	ja	ja	ja
Maintain and repair the existing transportation system.	ja	ja	ja	ja
Reduce air pollution.	ja	ja	ja	ja
Expand and enhance public transit.	ja	ja	ja	ja
Develop the system so that people can travel to centers of employment, education and commerce easily by public transit, bicycle and walking.	ja	ja	ja	ja
Expand and enhance the transportation system to better serve outlying developing areas.	ja	ja	ja	ja
Preserve open space and farmland.	ja	ja	ja	ja
Improve the transportation system to better serve the elderly and disabled.	ja	ja	ja	ja

13. Is there anything else you think is very important concerning transportation planning for the next 20 years for the central New Mexico region?

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7. Home Location

14. Please indicate which of the following best describes where you live now, and where you would like to live in the future.

	This best describes where I live currently.	I would like to live in an area like this in the future.
In an area that fully integrates employment, schools, shopping, etc. Public transit, walking and bicycling provide easy access for all daily needs. It is not necessary to own a car.	ja	ja
In an area that includes some employment, schools, shopping etc. Some daily needs are accessible by public transit, walking and bicycling. A car is used for some trips.	ja	ja
In a residential area that is separate from employment, schools, shopping, etc. A car provides the best access for daily needs. Public transit, walking and bicycling are limited.	ja	ja
In an outlying area that is distant from work, schools, shopping, etc. A car is necessary for daily needs. Public transit, walking and bicycling are not transportation options.	ja	ja

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8. Your Commute

* 15. Thinking back over the past year, how often did you use the following to get to work or school?

	Always	Usually	Often	Sometimes	Once in a while	Never
Drive Alone	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Carpool/Vanpool	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Public Transit (Rail Runner, Rapid Ride, bus)	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Bike	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Walk	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Work at Home	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn

Other (please specify)

16. How many miles do you travel to get to work or school? (one way)

- jn 0-5 miles
- jn 6-10 miles
- jn 11-15 miles
- jn 16-25 miles
- jn 26-35 miles
- jn Over 35 miles
- jn My commute varies significantly each day
- jn I work at home.
- jn Not applicable

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17. How much time does it take for you to get to work or school? (one way)

Less than 10 minutes

10 to 19 minutes

20 to 29 minutes

30 to 39 minutes

40 to 49 minutes

60 or more minutes

My commute varies significantly each day

I work at home.

Not applicable

18. Below is your opportunity to tell about anything else that you think is important concerning how you get around this region that you have not shared earlier.

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9. Demographic Questions

Responses to these questions will be used to see if we are capturing all segments of the population.

19. Have you provided your views in a transportation plan before?

Yes

No

20. Gender:

Male

Female

21. Age:

Under 18 years

18-25 years

26-35 years

36-55 years

56-65 years

over 65 years

22. What best describes your employment status?

Full time

Part time

Unemployed

Retired

Student

Stay at home parent

* 23. What is your home zip code?

ZIP/Postal Code:

* 24. What is your work or school zip code

ZIP/Postal Code: