



## Mid-Region Council of Governments of New Mexico

### Mid-Region Council of Governments Wants to hear from you about Transportation

**On-line survey makes it easy for people to weigh in on future of transportation in region**  
*(Albuquerque, NM - January 13, 2010)* Just like the Olympics, the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) is completed once every four years. At the Mid-Region Council of Governments (MRCOG), planners, data analysts and cartographers are swinging into action to update the plan for the 2035 time frame. However, unlike the Olympics, the Metropolitan Transportation Plan is not a spectator sport. It requires public participation.

The Metropolitan Transportation Plan provides a vision for transportation in the region on the 20+ year horizon. Key factors used to develop this plan include municipal goals, projected population, job growth, and public input.

The MRCOG is interested in learning how people view the current transportation system as well as hearing about people's ideas for future improvements. "The MRCOG Metropolitan Transportation Board is responsible for developing the MTP and we want to hear from our constituents." states Debbie O'Malley, Metropolitan Transportation Board Chair.

The Metropolitan Transportation Plan is in the early development stage and will not be completed until June 2011. "However, now, in the early stages of the Plan's development, we want to gather people's opinions who live and travel in the region." said Dewey Cave, MRCOG Interim Executive Director. The central New Mexico metropolitan region extends beyond Albuquerque and Rio Rancho. This metropolitan area also includes all of Bernalillo County, southern Sandoval County from Algodones on south, and the Village of Los Lunas in Valencia County.

The MRCOG is currently conducting an online survey. People are encouraged to take the survey by February 12, 2010. Visit [www.mrcog-nm.gov/content/view/364/1/](http://www.mrcog-nm.gov/content/view/364/1/). Paper versions of the survey can be requested by calling 505-724-3639.

Future public meetings and forums will be held throughout the development of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. In addition, neighborhood associations, business organizations, and similar types of groups can arrange for MRCOG staff to give presentations to their groups about the Plan.

MRCOG is a multi-county governmental agency that provides planning services to the communities it serves in the areas of transportation, agriculture, workforce development, employment growth, land-use, water, and economic development.

**For more information visit:** [www.mrcog-nm.gov/content/view/364/1/](http://www.mrcog-nm.gov/content/view/364/1/) **or contact:** Jack Lord, Transportation Program Manager, 505-724-3632 or [jlord@mrcog-nm.gov](mailto:jlord@mrcog-nm.gov).

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