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Press Release

New Mexico 2040 Statewide Long-Range Multimodal Transportation Plan

Santa Fe — The Year 2040. It sounds so far away. Why even think about it? But, when the goal is making sure our transportation system meets our future needs, the time to start planning is now.

The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) has begun a comprehensive and collaborative process to develop a 2040 Statewide Long-Range Multimodal Transportation Plan (SLRP). The plan will provide a vision for how New Mexico's transportation system can support the well-being of our residents and visitors now and in the future. The plan will be developed over a year-and-a-half period and will answer four basic questions:

1. Where are we now? What is the existing condition of the transportation system?
2. Where do we want to go? What is the vision for the future of the system?
3. How are we going to get there? What investments will help us achieve the vision?
4. What will it take? What resources – staff and financial – are required?

Federal transportation law requires public involvement to be a hallmark of our plan development process. To achieve this goal, NMDOT will build much of the plan's content from the ground up. Our goal is to reach out to a wide range of individuals, groups, businesses, and other government agencies to generate ideas and better understand our state's transportation issues and challenges. One way we'll be doing that is by holding a series of public meetings (please see attached list). We have also established various electronic venues for communicating information and receiving public input. These include a Twitter account (@NMtransplan), a website (www.newmexicotransportationplan.com), and an email address to receive public comment (nmtransplan@gmail.com).

While our view is set at the horizon – where we'll be in 2040 – we know that the reality of transportation for you is how you are affected today. Please join us as we begin to examine the existing and future needs of transportation in New Mexico.

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2040 Statewide Long Range Multimodal Transportation Plan (SLRP)
List of Upcoming Presentations on SLRP at Publicly Noticed Meetings

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April 4, 2014 (Friday) -- Bernalillo, Sandoval (urban), and Valencia Counties

Presentation on SLRP to Mid Region Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC)

Location: Mid Region Council of Governments (809 Copper Avenue NW, Albuquerque)

Time: Meeting starts at 1:30 p.m.

Note: This will be one item among several on the agenda.

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April 9, 2013, 2014 (Wednesday) – Cibola, McKinley, and San Juan Counties

Presentation on SLRP to Northwest RTPO Policy Committee

Location: Chu Chu's Restaurant (1344 Highway 53, Zuni)

Time: Meeting starts at 10:00 a.m.

Note: This will be one item among several on the agenda.

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April 10, 2014 (Thursday) – Sandoval (rural), Santa Fe (Edgewood only), and Torrance Counties

Presentation on SLRP to Mid Region Rural Transportation Planning Organization Policy Committee

Location: Mid Region Council of Governments (809 Copper Avenue NW, Albuquerque)

Time: Meeting starts at 9:30 a.m.

Note: This will be one item among several on the agenda.

April 16, 2014 (Wednesday) – Albuquerque

Public Gathering for NMDOT 2040 Statewide Long Range Multimodal Transportation Plan (SLRP)

Location: Indian Pueblo Cultural Center (2401 12th St NW, Albuquerque)

Time: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Note: This is the primary public event we will be holding to kick off the long range planning process. It will provide the single best opportunity for the public to learn why we are developing this plan, learn what will be happening over the coming months, and contribute input at an early stage of the plan's development process.



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April 22, 2014 (Tuesday) – Dona Ana (rural), Sierra, and Socorro Counties

Presentation on SLRP to South Central RTPO Policy Committee

Location: City of Elephant Butte Council Chambers (103 Water Ave, Elephant Butte)

Time: Meeting starts at 10:00 a.m.

Note: This will be one item among several on the agenda.

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April 25, 2014 (Friday) – Bernalillo, Sandoval (urban), and Valencia Counties

Presentation on SLRP to Mid Region Metropolitan Transportation Board (MTB)

Location: Mid Region Council of Governments (809 Copper Avenue NW, Albuquerque)

Time: Meeting starts at 10:00 a.m.

Note: This will be one item among several on the agenda.

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May 01, 2014 (Thursday) -- Dona Ana County (urban)

Presentation on SLRP to Mesilla Valley MPO Technical Advisory Committee

Location: Dona Ana County Commission Chambers (845 Motel Boulevard, Las Cruces)

Time: Meeting starts at 4:00 p.m.

Note: This will be one item among several on the agenda.

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May 07, 2014 (Wednesday) – Rio Arriba, Taos, Los Alamos, and Santa Fe (rural, except Edgewood) Counties

Presentation on SLRP to Northern Pueblos RTPO Policy Committee

Location: TBD (visit <http://ncnmedd.com/NPRTPOMeetings.html> for more information)

Time: Meeting starts at 10:00 a.m.

Note: This will be one item among several on the agenda.

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May 13, 2014 (Tuesday) – Catron, Grant, Hidalgo and Luna Counties

Presentation on SLRP to Southwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee

Location: Southwest New Mexico Council of Governments (1203 North Hudson Street, Silver City)

Time: Meeting starts at 10:00 a.m.

Note: This will be one item among several on the agenda.

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May 14, 2014 (Wednesday) -- Dona Ana County (urban)

Presentation on SLRP to Mesilla Valley MPO Policy Committee

Location: Dona Ana County Commission Chambers (845 Motel Boulevard, Las Cruces)

Time: Meeting starts at 1:00 p.m.

Note: This will be one item among several on the agenda.

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May 22, 2014 (Thursday) --Aztec, Bloomfield, Farmington, San Juan County

Presentation on SLRP to Farmington MPO Technical Committee

Location: San Juan County Commission Chambers (100 S. Oliver St., Aztec)

Time: Meeting starts at 10:00 a.m.

Note: This will be one item among several on the agenda.

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May 22, 2014 (Thursday) -- Bernalillo, Sandoval (urban), and Valencia Counties

SLRP displays at open house for Mid Region Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Location: Mid Region Council of Governments (809 Copper Avenue NW, Albuquerque)

Time: 10:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Note: As part of its public outreach efforts, Mid Region Metropolitan Planning Organization will host this open house. Informational boards will be on display and staff will be on hand to discuss any transportation issues and answer questions. Stop by at any point in the day to learn more about either the statewide or metropolitan long-range transportation plans.

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May 27, 2014 (Tuesday) -- Santa Fe

Presentation on SLRP to Santa Fe MPO Technical Coordinating Committee

Location: City of Santa Fe, Market Station Offices (500 Market Street, Suite 200, Santa Fe -- in Railyard)

Time: Meeting starts at 1:30 p.m.

Note: This will be one item among several on the agenda.

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May 28, 2014 (Wednesday) -- Colfax, Guadalupe, Harding, Mora, Quay, San Miguel, Union Counties

Presentation on SLRP to Northeast RTP Policy Committee

Location: TBD (visit <http://ncnmedd.com/NERTPOMeetings.html> for more information)

Time: Meeting starts at 10:00 a.m.

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May 29, 2014 (Thursday) – Santa Fe

Presentation on SLRP to Santa Fe MPO Transportation Policy Board

Location: City of Santa Fe, Market Station Offices (500 Market Street, Suite 200, Santa Fe – in Railyard)

Time: Meeting starts at 4:00 p.m.

Note: This will be one item among several on the agenda.

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June 19, 2014 (Thursday) –Aztec, Bloomfield, Farmington, San Juan County

Presentation on SLRP to Farmington MPO Policy Board

Location: Commission Chambers, Aztec City Hall (201 W. Chaco St., Aztec)

Time: Meeting starts at 1:30 p.m.

Note: This will be one item among several on the agenda.

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June 26, 2014 (Thursday) – Chaves, Curry, DeBaca, Eddy, Lea, Lincoln, and Otero Counties

Presentation on SLRP to Southeast RTPO Policy Board

Location: Roswell Public Library, Bondurant Room (301 N. Pennsylvania, Roswell)

Time: Meeting starts at 10:00 a.m.

Note: This will be one item among several on the agenda.

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June 26, 2014 (Thursday) – Catron, Grant, Hidalgo, and Grant Counties

Presentation on SLRP to Southwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization Policy Board

Location: Southwest New Mexico Council of Governments (1203 North Hudson Street, Silver City)

Time: Meeting starts at 10:00 am

Note: This will be one item among several on the agenda.