



San Luis Valley Transportation Planning Region

Date: August 20, 2013 Time: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Location: Alamosa County Offices - Commission Room

8900 Independence Way

Alamosa, Colorado

Agenda

Meeting Goal: Identify the region's transit and human service transportation issues/needs and provide information on project approach.

- 1) Welcome & Introductions (10 minutes)
- 2) Project Background (15 minutes)
- 3) Public Involvement Approach (10 minutes)
- 4) Key Elements of a Coordinated Transportation Plan (5 minutes)
- 5) Regional Planning (20 minutes)
 - a. Demographics
 - b. Intermountain TPR 2008 Plan Summary
 - i. Vision
 - ii. Goals & Objectives
- 6) Regional Transit Needs, Projects, and Priorities (50 minutes)
 - a. Immediate Needs
 - b. Long-Term Vision
- 7) Next Steps (10 minutes)
 - a. Project Correspondence and Information by Emails/Web
 - b. Feedback on Demographic Data/Maps
 - c. Surveys
 - d. Next Meeting Fall 2013
 - e. Anyone Missing?
- 8) Adjourn

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Work Plan

Public Involvement & Agency Coordination • Statewide Steering Committee • Transit Working Groups • Public Open Houses Integration **Statewide Transit Plan Development** Statewide with and Local Establish Long-Range Statewide Data Statewide Collection, Vision & **Transportation** Analysis & Goals Plan **Local Coordinated Public Transit / Mapping Human Services Transportation** Plans Development **Incorporate MPO Transit Plans & Local Human Services Coordinated Plans**

Project Management & Coordination

• Project Management Team

• Statewide Steering Committee

Coordination Meetings





Statewide Plan Goals and Objectives

- Develop a vision for an integrated transit system
- Develop policies that identify and support programs / projects to:
 - Increase availability and attractiveness of transit
 - Make transit more time-competitive
 - Maximize role of transit in the broader transportation system
 - Reduce vehicle-miles traveled and emissions
 - Coordinate service
- Communicate the value of transit





Guiding Principles for Transit Planning at CDOT

- When planning and designing for future transportation improvements, CDOT will consider the role of transit in meeting the mobility needs of the multimodal transportation system. CDOT will facilitate increased modal options and interface to facilities for all transportation system users.
- CDOT will consider the role of transit in maintaining, maximizing and expanding system capacity and extending the useful life of existing transportation facilities, networks and right-of-way.
- CDOT will promote system connectivity and transit mobility by linking networks of local, regional and interstate transportation services.
- CDOT will work towards integrating transit to support economic growth and development, and the state's economic vitality.
 CDOT will pursue transit investments that support economic goals in an environmentally responsible manner.
- CDOT will establish collaborative partnerships with local agencies, transit providers, the private sector and other stakeholders to meet the state's transit needs through open and transparent processes.
- CDOT will advocate for state and federal support of transit in Colorado including dedicated, stable and reliable funding sources for transit. Through partnerships, CDOT will leverage the limited transit funds available and seek new dollars for transit in Colorado.





The Statewide Transit Plan will Include:

- Ten local transit and human sevices coordination plans
- A vision for transit in Colorado
- CDOT's role in fulfilling the State's vision
- Policies, goals, objectives and strategies for meeting needs
- Visions for multimodal transportation corridors
- Demographic and travel profiles
- Existing and future transit operations and capital needs
- Funding and financial analysis
- Performance measures
- Public involvement
- Statewide survey of the transportation needs of the elderly and disabled





Local Transit and Human Services Transportation Coordination Plans will Include:

- Local vision, goals, and objectives
- Regional demographics
- An inventory of existing services
- Identification of needs and issues
- Prioritized projects and strategies
- Vision and framework for transit in 20 years
- Public involvement and agency coordination
- Funding and financial analysis





Team Structure

Statewide Steering Committee (SSC)

 A body of 25-30 members representing a wide range of federal, state and local planning entities, transit providers, advocacy groups and special needs groups.

- Meet on key milestones (approximately bi-monthly)
- Help establish vision, goals, strategies
- Provide advice on key issues
- Review draft plan documents
- Serve as conduit for informing and gathering input from constituents

TPR Transit Working Groups (TWG)

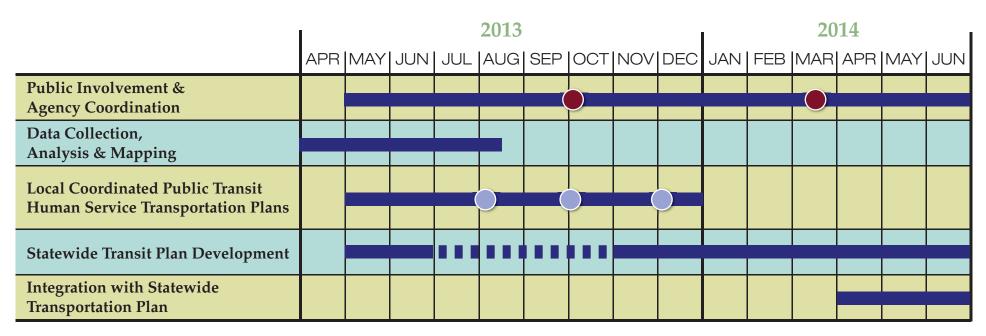
- CDOT DTR staff
- CDOT Region staff
- TPR staff
- Local / regional coordinating councils
- Key transit providers and human service organizations
- Other affected local stakeholders

- Meet approximately three times
- Help identify statewide and regional needs
- Advise team on development of local transit plans





Project Overview Schedule



Open Houses in each TPR

TPR Transit Working Group Meeting

The schedule of all open houses will be coordinated with the outreach program for the Statewide Transportation Plan. All meeting dates are subject to change.





What is a Coordinated Transit Plan?

Transportation coordination is a process between transportation organizations and providers to maximize the use of transportation resources through shared responsibility, management and funding of transportation services.

The purpose of this coordinated plan will be to:

- Provide a process where transit and human service providers can discuss issues
- Identify areas where enhanced coordination between transit and human services might be beneficial
- Establish a set of priorities and projects to improve mobility and access
- Move some priorities and projects into the larger regional and statewide planning processes to gain state assistance and/or funding; and
- Satisfy the requirements for a coordinated transit and human services transportation plan under MAP 21.

Why do we need to coordinate transit services?

In times of limited funding options, coordinated planning is one way to create added capacity and free up funding resources for baseline or enhanced transit services.

In addition, there may be changes in conditions, programs, and transit needs. Your region may benefit from a readjustment of services to help use resources most effectively.

As with any business or organization, it is helpful periodically to review processes and identify areas for greater efficiency. Your region may consider the following:

- A level of transportation service well below the level of need;
- Vehicles and other resources not utilized to capacity;
- Duplicative services in some areas of the community and little or no service in other areas;
- Variations in service quality among providers, including safety standards;
- A lack of overall information for consumers, planners and providers about available services and costs; and
- Multiple transportation providers, each with its own mission, equipment, eligibility criteria, funding sources, and institutional objectives, resulting in duplication of expenditures and services

If so, there is an opportunity to use this transit process to create dialog and work on strategies and actions that can make a difference to daily operations and, in turn, to the customers who are served.





What will this plan do?

Some of the objectives of this plan include:

- Review of the demographic profile and transit services within the region for any changes in recent years
- Establish a transit-human service coordination vision and subsequent goals and objectives
- Provide a prioritized list of goals that can be used to prioritize strategies and projects
- Move from a list of issues to action strategies that would enhance mobility and access

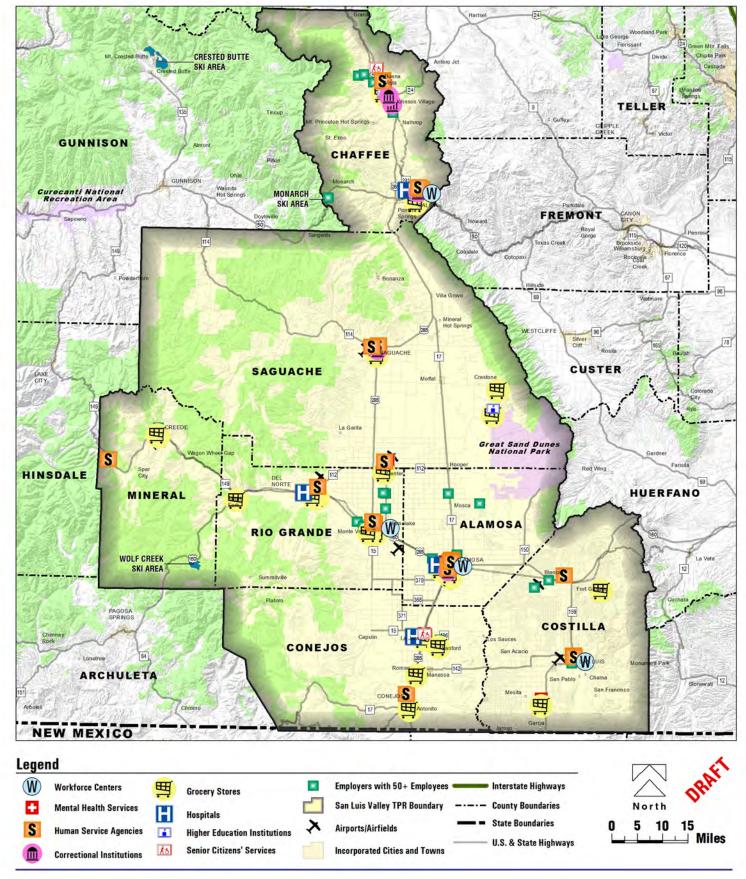
What value does transit coordination bring to the region?

There are several positive outcomes achieved through transit coordination that add value to a region, including:

- Reduces Cost Inefficiencies Higher quality and more cost-effective services can result from more centralized control and management of resources; reduced cost of capital and better use of capital investments; and matching customers with the least restrictive and least costly service that best meets their needs for a particular trip.
- ▶ Improves Cost Efficiency, leading to reduced costs per trip Coordinated transportation services often have access to more funds and thus are better able to achieve economies of scale. They also have more sources of funds and other resources, thus creating organizations that are more stable because they are not highly dependent on only one funding source.
- Improves quality of life and cost savings Coordinated services can offer more visible transportation services for consumers and less confusion about how to access services. It can also provide more trips at lower cost. This improved mobility can enable people to live independently at home for a longer period of time.
- **Promotes diverse travel options** For many people, receiving transportation services such as taxis, vans, buses or other options is not a choice, but rather a necessity. Coordinated transportation services can often provide the most number of choices from which a traveler can choose.

Major Activity Centers and Destinations

Business locations derived from 2011 FSRI data







San Luis Valley Transportation Planning Region – Activity Centers

Name	Туре	Location
Alamosa Workforce Center	Workforce Centers	Alamosa
Monte Vista Workforce Center	Workforce Centers	Monte Vista
Salida Workforce Center	Workforce Centers	Salida
San Luis Satellite Workforce Center	Workforce Centers	San Luis
Ascension Counseling	Mental Health Services	Alamosa
E. Susan Young Consulting	Mental Health Services	Alamosa
Elinor Bethke RMNS CNS	Mental Health Services	Alamosa
San Juan House Counseling Center	Mental Health Services	Alamosa
San Luis Valley Counseling	Mental Health Services	Alamosa
San Luis Valley Mental Center	Mental Health Services	Alamosa
Tu Casa Domestic Violence	Mental Health Services	Alamosa
Alice Sherron Mental Health Counseling	Mental Health Services	Buena Vista
Crossroads Counseling	Mental Health Services	Buena Vista
West Central Mental Health	Mental Health Services	Buena Vista
San Luis Valley Mental Health Center	Mental Health Services	Center
SLV Family Resources	Mental Health Services	La Jara
Monte Vista Mental Health Center	Mental Health Services	Monte Vista
Stillriver Center for Wellness	Mental Health Services	Salida
West Center Mental Health Center	Mental Health Services	Salida
Adelante Family Services	Human Service Agencies	Alamosa
Alamosa County Child Support	Human Service Agencies	Alamosa
Alamosa County Public Health	Human Service Agencies	Alamosa
Alamosa County Social Services	Human Service Agencies	Alamosa
Alamosa Food Stamp Program	Human Service Agencies	Alamosa
Alamosa Meals on Wheels	Human Service Agencies	Alamosa
Habitat for Humanity	Human Service Agencies	Alamosa
La Puente Home Inc.	Human Service Agencies	Alamosa
Outreach Services	Human Service Agencies	Alamosa
Family Resource Center	Human Service Agencies	Blanca
Chaffee County Social Services	Human Service Agencies	Buena Vista
Habitat for Humanity	Human Service Agencies	Buena Vista
Saguache County Food Stamp Program	Human Service Agencies	Center
Conejos County Social Services	Human Service Agencies	Conejos
Mineral County Public Health	Human Service Agencies	Creede
Rio Grande Social Services	Human Service Agencies	Del Norte
Family Resource Center	Human Service Agencies	Monte Vista
Monte Vista Community Center	Human Service Agencies	Monte Vista
Saguache County Public Health	Human Service Agencies	Saguache
Saguache County Social Services	Human Service Agencies	Saguache
Chaffee County Health Nurse	Human Service Agencies	Salida
Chaffee County Public Health	Human Service Agencies	Salida
Chaffee County Social Services	Human Service Agencies	Salida
WIC Program	Human Service Agencies	Salida





Name	Туре	Location
Costilla County Health Nurse	Human Service Agencies	San Luis
Costilla County Social Services	Human Service Agencies	San Luis
Alamosa County Jail	Correctional Facilities	Alamosa
Correctional Industries Ranch	Correctional Facilities	Buena Vista
Corrections Dept. Facility	Correctional Facilities	Buena Vista
Saguache County Jail	Correctional Facilities	Saguache
Chaffee County Jail	Correctional Facilities	Salida
Antencio's Market	Grocery Stores	Alamosa
City Market	Grocery Stores	Alamosa
Safeway	Grocery Stores	Alamosa
Valentino's Food Mart	Grocery Stores	Alamosa
Valley Food Co-Op	Grocery Stores	Alamosa
Walmart Supercenter	Grocery Stores	Alamosa
Hometown Food Mart	Grocery Stores	Antonito
City Market	Grocery Stores	Buena Vista
Skeff's Food Center	Grocery Stores	Center
Kentucky Belle Market	Grocery Stores	Creede
Tomkins Gift and Gas	Grocery Stores	Creede
Crestone County Store	Grocery Stores	Crestone
Crestone Mercantile	Grocery Stores	Crestone
Jack's Market	Grocery Stores	Del Norte
Organic Peddler on the Edge	Grocery Stores	Del Norte
Fort Market	Grocery Stores	Fort Garland
Jack's Market	Grocery Stores	La Jara
Manassa Market	Grocery Stores	Manassa
Jack's Market	Grocery Stores	Monte Vista
Larray Corporation	Grocery Stores	Monte Vista
Safeway	Grocery Stores	Monte Vista
Saguache Town Market	Grocery Stores	Saguache
First Stop	Grocery Stores	Salida
Safeway	Grocery Stores	Salida
Simple Foods Market	Grocery Stores	Salida
Walmart Supercenter	Grocery Stores	Salida
Duran's	Grocery Stores	San Luis
Sanford County Store	Grocery Stores	Sanford
Rainbow Grocery	Grocery Stores	South Fork
San Luis Valley Medical Center	Hospitals	Alamosa
Rio Grande Hospital	Hospitals	Del Norte
Conejos County Hospital	Hospitals	La Jara
Heart of the Rockies Medical Center	Hospitals	Salida
Adams State College	Higher Education Institutions	Alamosa
Rocky Mountain Prevention	Higher Education Institutions	Alamosa
Trinidad State Junior College	Higher Education Institutions	Alamosa
Colorado Mountain College	Higher Education Institutions	Buena Vista
Colorado College at Baca	Higher Education Institutions	Crestone
Crest Academy	Higher Education Institutions	Salida





Name	Туре	Location
Alamosa Senior Citizens Inc.	Senior Citizens' Services	Alamosa
Area Agency on Aging	Senior Citizens' Services	Alamosa
Mountain Haven Estate	Senior Citizens' Services	Buena Vista
Neighbor to Neighbor Volunteer Service	Senior Citizens' Services	Buena Vista
Northerners Senior Citizens	Senior Citizens' Services	La Jara
Area Agency on Aging	Senior Citizens' Services	Salida
Salida Senior Center	Senior Citizens' Services	Salida

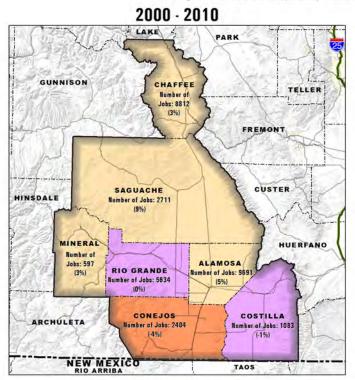
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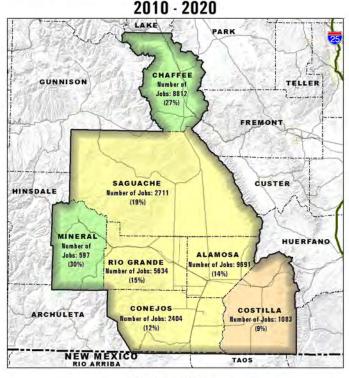


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Job Growth from 2000 to 2040

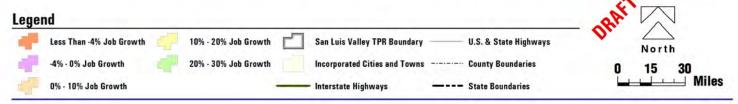
Job growth based on 2012 estimates provided by the State Demographer's Office through the Colorado Department of Local Affairs.









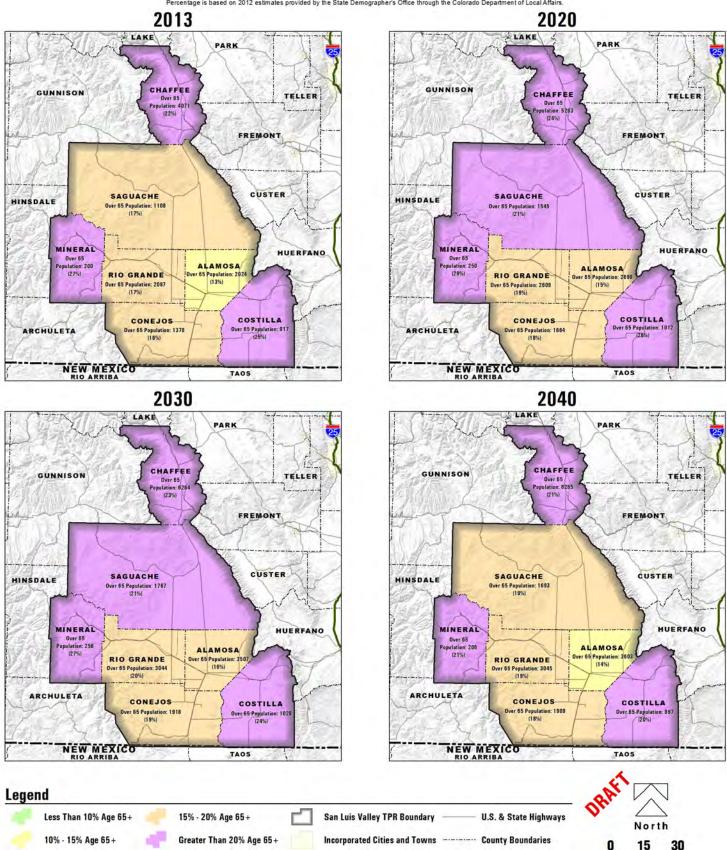


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Projected Residents Age 65+ for 2013, 2020, 2030 and 2040



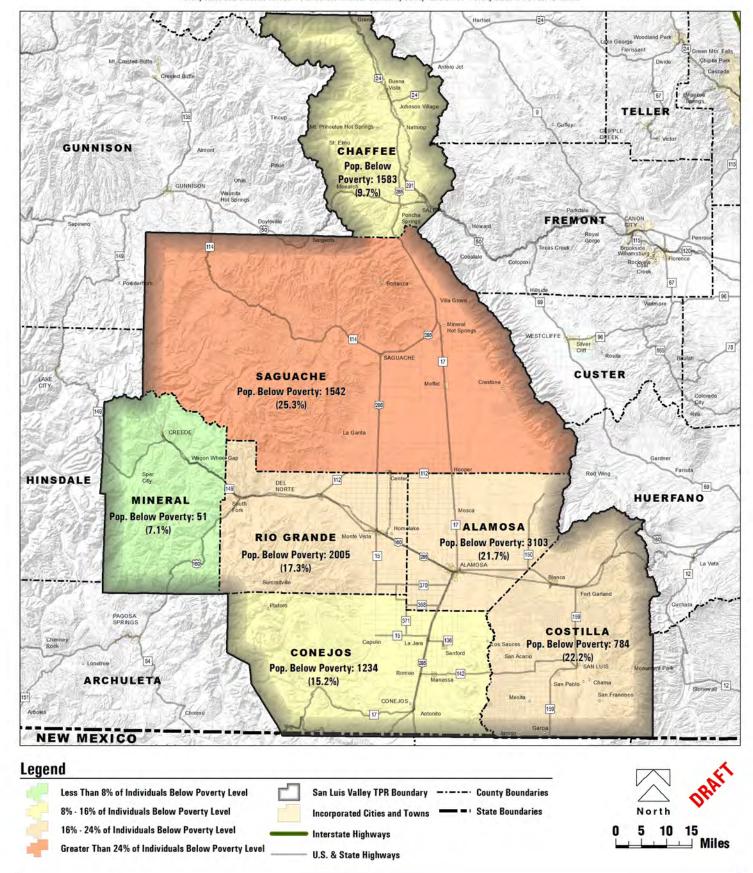
Interstate Highways

---- State Boundaries



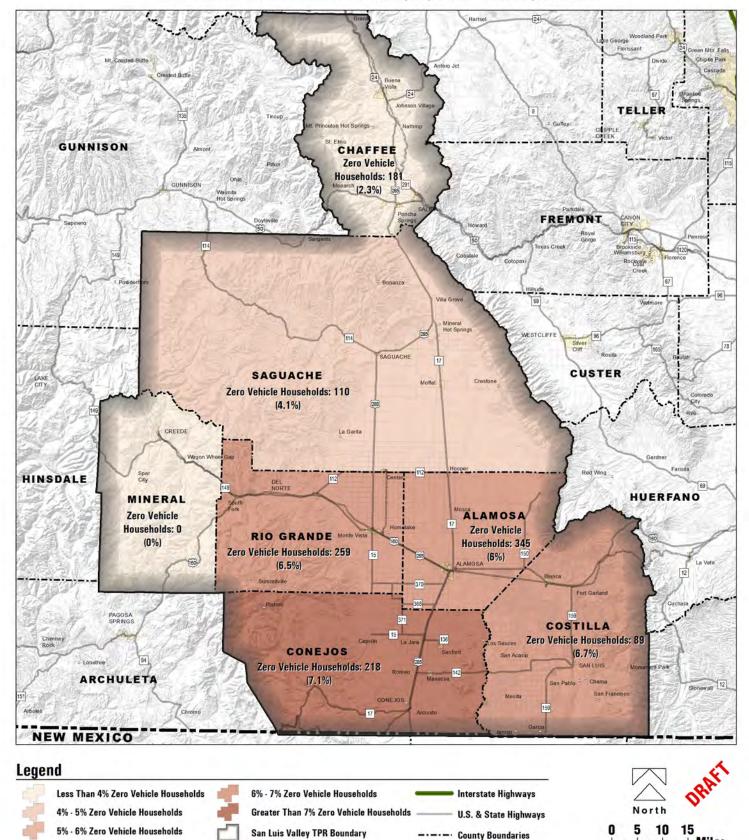
2011 Population Below Federal Poverty Level

Poverty status data extracted from 2011 U.S. Census American Community Survey Table S1701 - Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months



2011 Percentage of Households with No Vehicle

Zero vehicle household data extracted from 2011 U.S. Census American Community Survey Table B08201 - Household Size by Vehicles Available

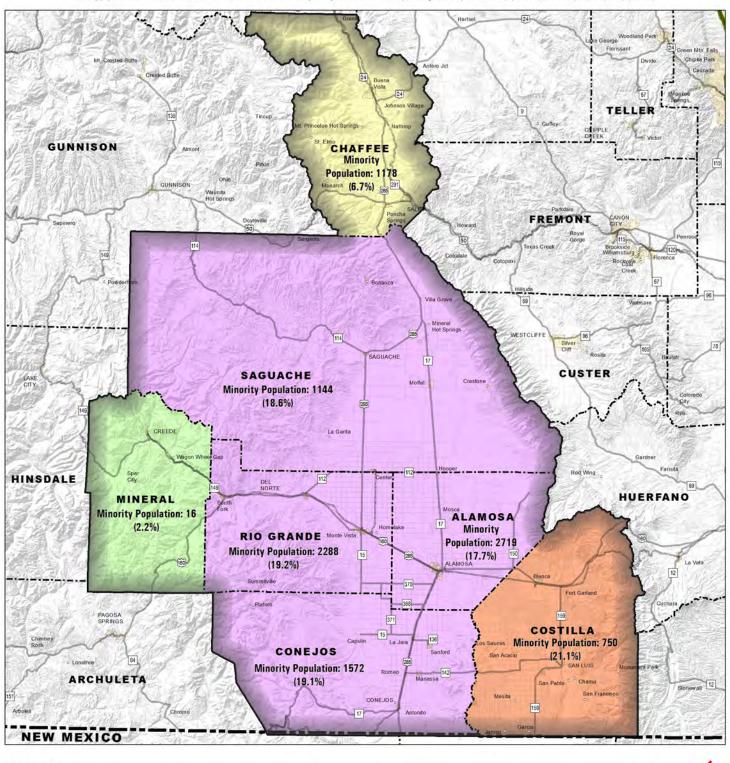


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Incorporated Cities and Towns

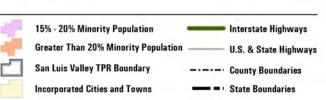
2011 Minority Population

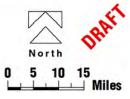
Minority population data extracted from 2011 U.S. Census American Community Survey Table B02001 - Race: percentage based upon non-white population (does not separate hispanic population)





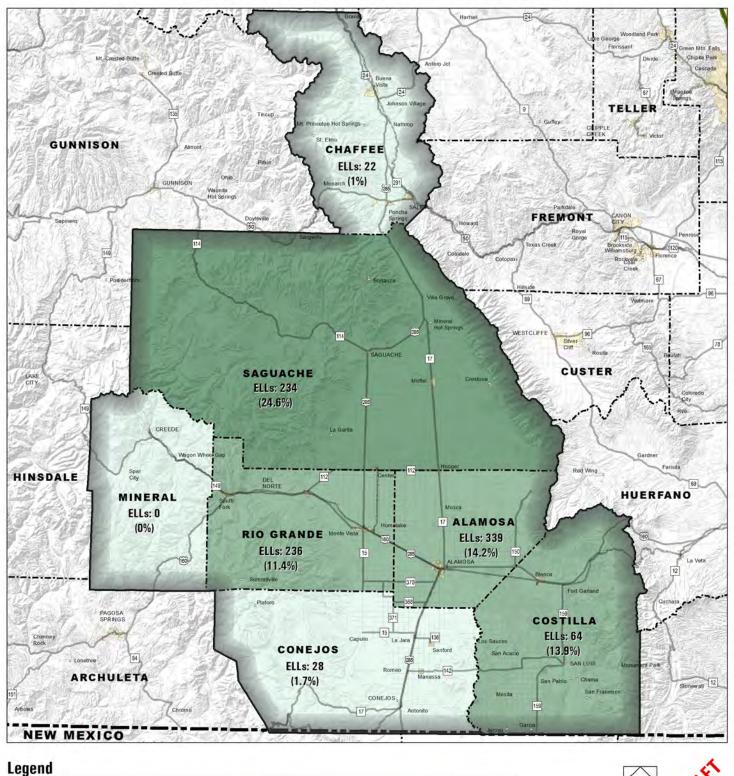








2012 K-12 English Language Learners (ELLs)





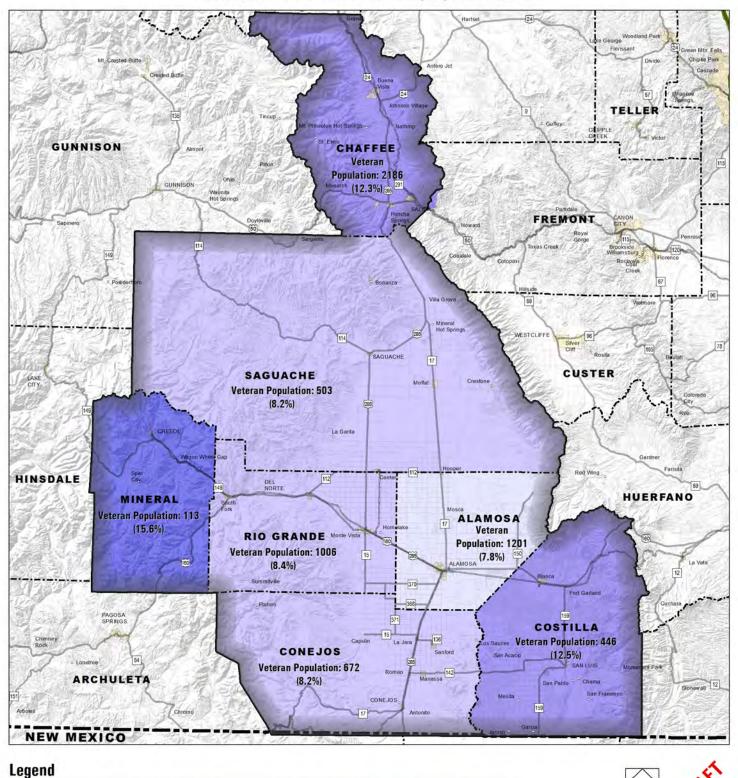
0% - 5% English Language Learners 5% - 10% English Language Learners

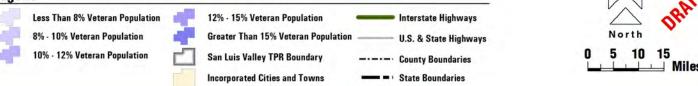
10% - 20% English Language Learners Greater Than 20% English Language Learners San Luis Valley TPR Boundary Interstate Highways **Incorporated Cities and Towns** U.S. & State Highways - County Boundaries ■ State Boundaries



2011 Veteran Population

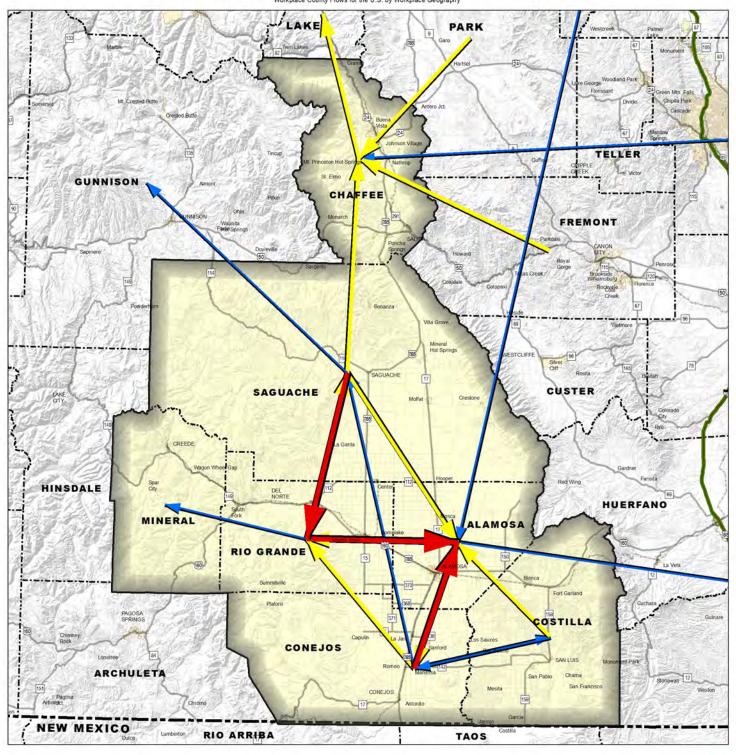
Veteran status data extracted from 2011 U.S. Census American Community Survey Table S2101 - Veteran Status







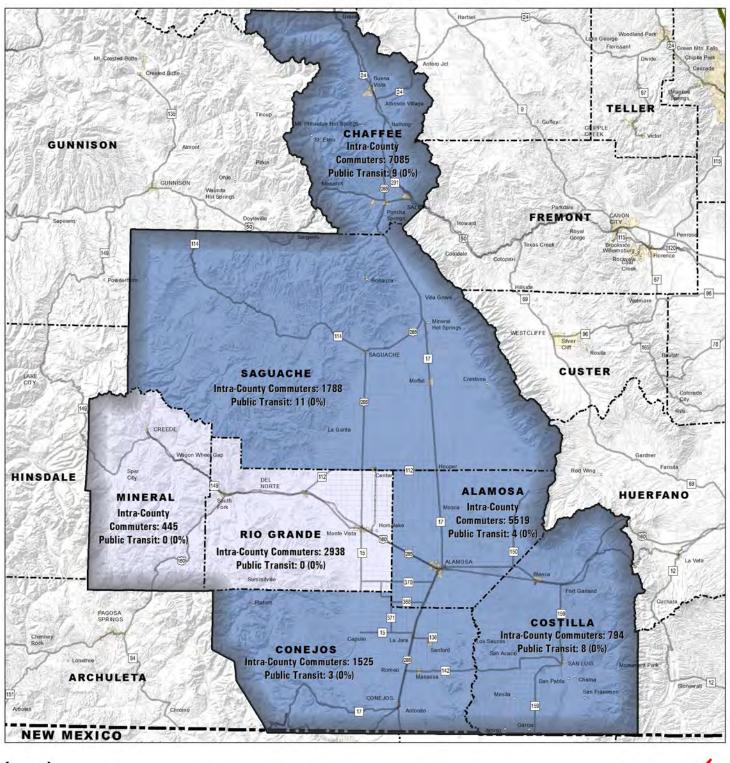
Employed Working Outside County of Residence es are based on the 2006-2010 US Census American Community Survey (ACS) Metropolitan and Micropolitan Table 2 - Residence County to Workplace County Flows for the U.S. by Workplace Geography

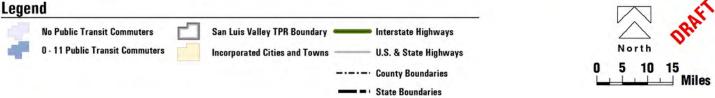




Intra-County Public Transit Commuters

*Note: Values are based on the 2009 ACS Table S0804 - Means of Transportation to Work by Workplace Geography









SAN LUIS VALLEY TPR

The following information provides a brief summary of transit providers, transit services and key issues from the 2008 Local Transit and Human Service Transportation Coordination Plan and Regional Transportation Plan for the **San Luis Valley Transportation Planning Region**. The information included in this summary is not intended to be inclusive of all current providers and services as over the course of the next year the local plans will be updated and integrated into the San Luis Valley Regional Transportation Plan as well as the Colorado Department of Transportation's first ever comprehensive Statewide Transit Plan.

This map identifies some of the known service providers and service areas within the San Luis Valley TPR according to the 2008 Plans. Additional smaller providers not identified on the map include: Alamosa Bus Company, Antonito Senior Center, Conejos County Hospital, Colorado State Veterans Center, Evergreen Nursing Home, Head Start, Little Stinker's Taxi Cab Service, Mountain Meadows Nursing Home and San Juan Care Center. The San Luis Valley TPR also has intercity service provided by Black Hills Stage Line with daily service to Denver from Alamosa.

Source: Data collected from the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan and the 2035 Local Transit and Human Service Transportation Coordination Plan.

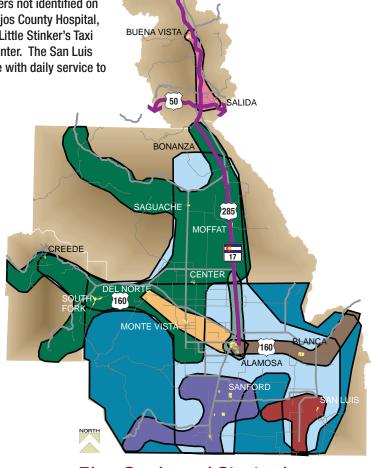


Key Issues Identified in the 2008 Plan

A desire for increasing public transportation and providing alternative modes to driving passenger vehicles has been identified. The need has been expressed for eventually providing mass public transportation within the TPR, which would connect to the Great Sand Dunes National Park, Alamosa Wildlife Refuge, and Fort Garland.

- Provide general regional transit service on US 160 to the Front Range and US 285 to the Pikes Peak Region
- Provide service to rural populations in Mineral and Chaffee Counties
- Provide public transportation to connect local area attractions, such as the Great Sand Dunes National Park
- Expand hours and days of service
- Need for future commuter rail service through the Valley
- Alamosa and Chaffee County need multimodal or intermodal facilities
- Need for general public transit service in Alamosa
- Provide and enhance regional and intercity bus service along US and State Highways throughout the Region
- General public transit services are needed throughout the region (SH 150, US 50, SH 160)

Project Website: www.coloradodot.info/ programs/transitandrail/statewidetransitplan



Plan Goals and Strategies

- Improve transportation linkages and modal alternatives for commerce, tourism and transportation dependent populations
- Plan for additional intercity bus services and demand-responsive transit for the entire region
- Develop transportation alternatives for the elderly and other transit dependent populations
- Improve connections to other Colorado regions and states
- Maintain the existing transportation system in the most efficient manner possible
- Support the provision of State funds for the provision of public transportation services
- Support improved and sustainable quality of life for the region's diverse population





Intermountain TPR Transit Projects Projects from the 2008 Local Plans

Pro	ects from the 2008 Local Plans	nenter dess ed atel
Cap	oital:	Implementer Deferred Liminates
Α.	Replace and purchase new buses for Blue Peaks (18)	
B.	Replace and purchase new vehicles for Northerners Senior Citizens (3)	
C.	Replace vehicles for Tri-County Senior Center (2)	
D.	Replace vehicles for Red Willow, Inc. (3)	
E.	Replace and purchase new buses for Chaffee Shuttle (2)	
F.	Purchase wheelchair accessible vans for SLV Transportation (3)	
G.	Purchase new vehicle for Rocky Mountain SER (1)	
H.	Construct a new bus storage facility for Chaffee Shuttle	
I.	Construct a multimodal facility in the San Luis Valley region	
Оре	erating:	
A.	Develop a general public transit service in the City of Alamosa	
B.	Develop general public transit service in the community of Salida	
C.	Expand service for Tri-County Senior Center (additional 600 annual revenue hours)	
D.	Expand service for Chaffee Shuttle (additional 1,000 annual revenue hours)	📙 📙 📙
E.	Expand service for Blue Peaks (additional 1,000 annual revenue hours)	
F.	Expand service for Red Willow, Inc. (additional 4,000 annual revenue hours)	
G.	Implement new general public regularly scheduled regional service from San Luis Valley to	
	Pueblo, Trinidad, and Colorado Springs	
Н.	Implement regional service to the Front Range, Intermountain, and Gunnison Valley	
I.	Create flex-route service between the region's major activity centers based in Alamosa	
Cod	ordination:	
A.	Hire a Lead Transit Coordinator position for the San Luis region	
B.	Develop an interagency agreement to operate the regional service and general public service	
C.	Investigate a Coordination Council to help coordinate transportation systems	
D.	Establish vehicle sharing with local agencies to provide additional trips	
E.	Investigate the practicality of nursing homes taking possession of older	
	wheelchair-equipped vehicles	
F.	Share responsibility for maintaining lift-equipped vehicles	
G.	Coordinate regional trips to Pueblo and Colorado Springs	
H.	Develop a centralized dispatching center for trips throughout the region	
Pro	ojects from Other Plans	_
A.	Planning study to determine feasibility of rail in Fremont County	
В.	Rail operating funds for service between Buena Vista and Canon City	
C.	Regional operating funds for service from Salida to Buena Vista to Leadville	
D.	Regional operating funds for service from South Fork to Del Norte to Alamosa	
E.	Regional operating funds for service between San Luis and Alamosa	
F.	Regional operating funds for service between Fort Garland and Alamosa	





2013 CASTA Survey - Transit Priorities

Alamosa / Blue Peaks Developmental Services, Inc.

1st Priority - Use money to back fill short falls

2nd Priority - Upgrade the transit fleet with more efficient and technologically advanced vehicles

3rd Priority - Invest in system upgrades (dispatch, etc)

Accomplishments

• CDOT continues to provide funding to Black Hills Stage Lines for daily intercity bus service between Alamosa and Denver, with a connecting route between Salida and Pueblo