



Southwest Transportation Planning Region

Date: August 21, 2013 Time: 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Location: La Plata County Fairgrounds

2500 Main Avenue

Exhibit Hall (Upstairs Meeting Room)

Durango, 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)

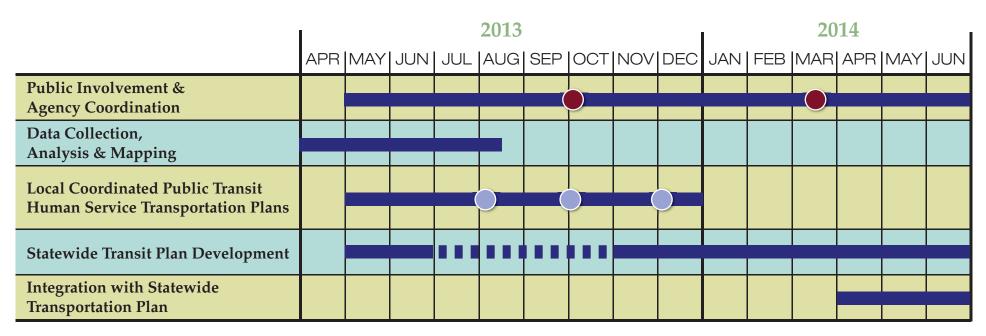
- CDOT DTR staff
- CDOT Region staff
- TPR staff
- Local / regional coordinating councils
- Key transit providers and human service organizations
- Other affected local stakeholders

- 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

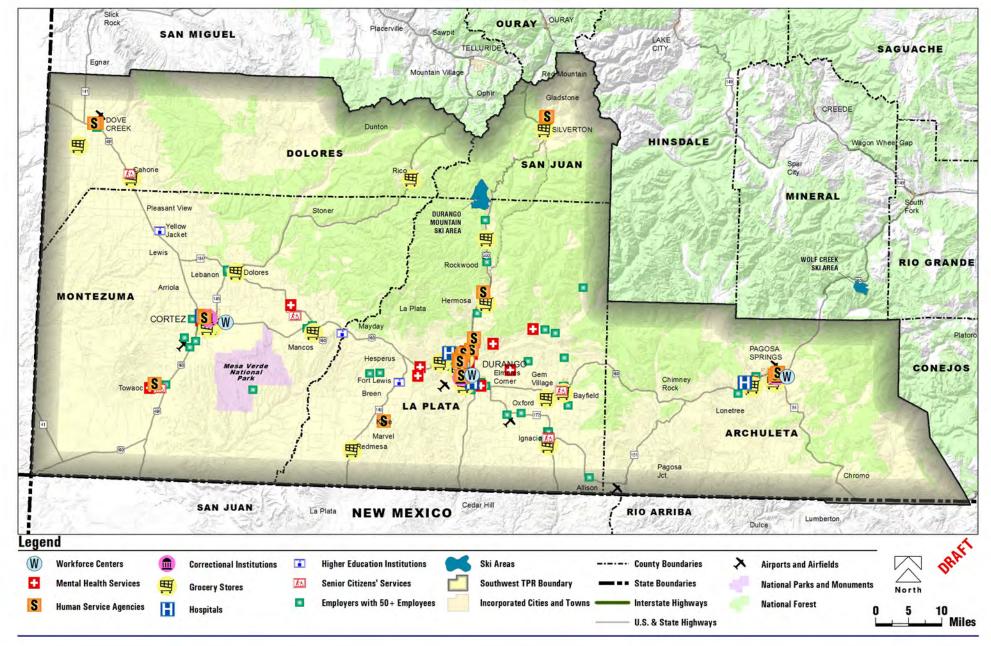
What value does transit coordination bring to the region?

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 ESRI data.







Southwest Transportation Planning Region – Activity Centers

Name	Туре	Location
Southwest Colorado Workforce Center	Workforce Centers	Cortez
Southwest Colorado Workforce Center	Workforce Centers	Durango
Southwest Colorado Workforce Center	Workforce Centers	Pagosa Springs
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
Costilla County Health Nurse	Human Service Agencies	San Luis





Name	Туре	Location
Costilla County Social Services	Human Service Agencies	San Luis
Montezuma County Jail	Correctional Institutions	Cortez
Durango County Jail	Correctional Institutions	Durango
Archuleta County Jail	Correctional Institutions	Pagosa Springs
Grocery Store at Bayfield	Grocery Stores	Bayfield
Piedra Store	Grocery Stores	Bayfield
Dunmiere	Grocery Stores	Cahone
City Market	Grocery Stores	Cortez
Safeway	Grocery Stores	Cortez
Dolores Food Market	Grocery Stores	Dolores
Frosty's Ag Market	Grocery Stores	Dove Creek
Albertson's	Grocery Stores	Durango
City Market	Grocery Stores	Durango
Durango Natural Foods Co-Op	Grocery Stores	Durango
Food Emporium	Grocery Stores	Durango
James Ranch Market	Grocery Stores	Durango
Natural Grocers by Vitamin Cottage	Grocery Stores	Durango
Spruce Mesa Foods	Grocery Stores	Durango
TBR Service	Grocery Stores	Hesperus
Ignacio Shur Valu Market	Grocery Stores	Ignacio
P & D Grocery	Grocery Stores	Mancos
City Market	Grocery Stores	Pagosa Springs
Joy's Natural Foods	Grocery Stores	Pagosa Springs
Old Town Market	Grocery Stores	Pagosa Springs
Mountain Top Fuel and Market	Grocery Stores	Rico
Silverton Grocery	Grocery Stores	Silverton
Southwest Memorial Hospital	Hospitals	Cortez
Mercy Regional Medical Center	Hospitals	Durango
Pagosa Mountain Hospital	Hospitals	Pagosa Springs
Upper San Juan Medical	Hospitals	Pagosa Springs
Fort Lewis College	Higher Education Institutions	Durango
University of Denver Graduate Program	Higher Education Institutions	Durango
Colorado State University	Higher Education Institutions	Hesperus
Pueblo Community College	Higher Education Institutions	Mancos
SW Colorado Research Center	Higher Education Institutions	Yellow Jacket
Pine River Senior Center	Senior Citizens' Services	Bayfield
Cahone Recreation Center	Senior Citizens' Services	Cahone
Durango Senior Center	Senior Citizens' Services	Durango
Region 9 Ombudsman Program	Senior Citizens' Services	Durango
SUCAP Senior Center	Senior Citizens' Services	Ignacio
Mancos Senior Center	Senior Citizens' Services	Mancos
Archuleta County Senior Center	Senior Citizens' Services	Pagosa Springs



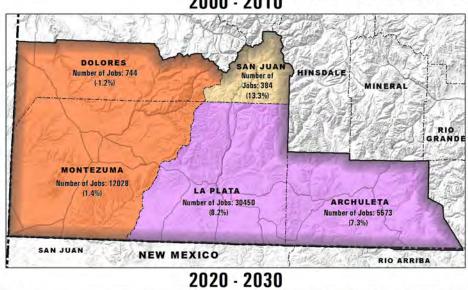


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Casa de los Arcos	Senior Citizens' Services	Pagosa Springs
San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging	Senior Citizens' Services	Pagosa Springs
Socorro Senior Living Apartments	Senior Citizens' Services	Pagosa Springs
Ute Mountain Tribe Senior Center	Senior Citizens' Services	Towaoc



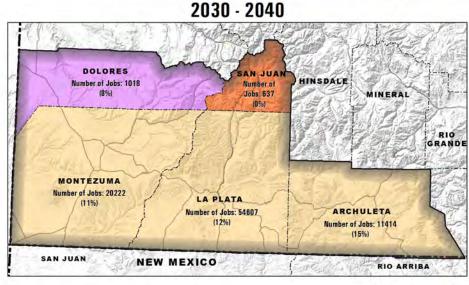
Job Growth from 2000 to 2040

2000 - 2010 Job growth based on 2012 estimates provided by the State Demographer's Office through the Colorado Department of Local Affairs.













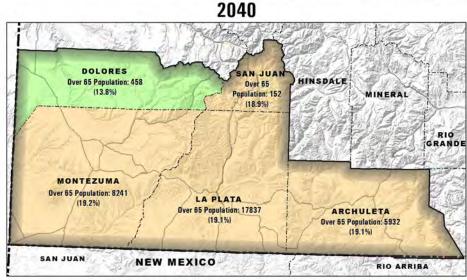
Projected Percentage of Residents Age 65+ for 2013, 2020, 2030 and 2040 Percentage is based on 2012 estimates provided by the State Demographer's Office through the Colorado Department of Local Affairs.

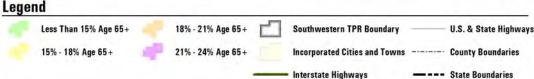
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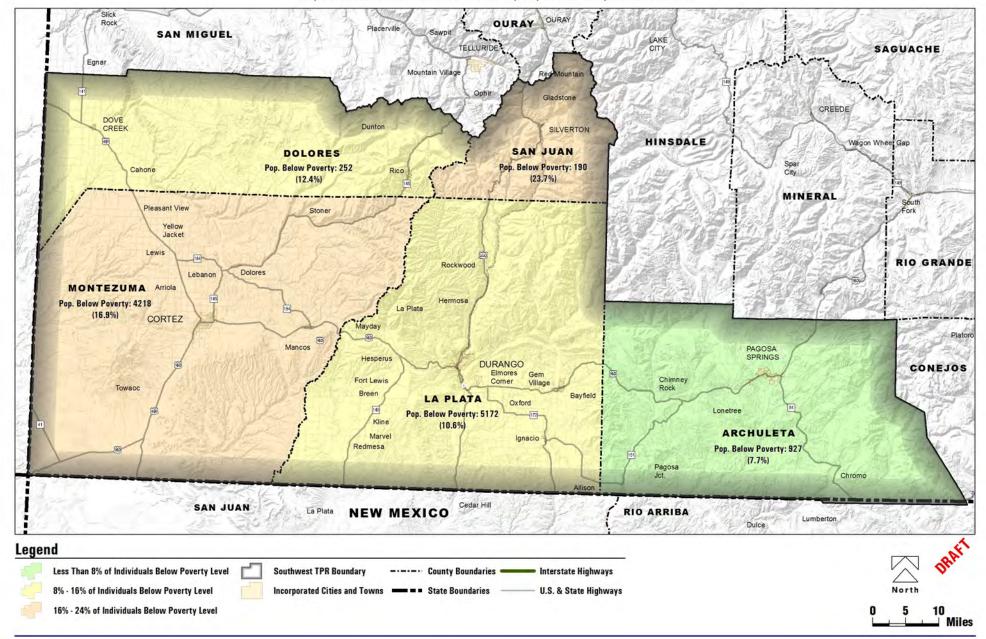






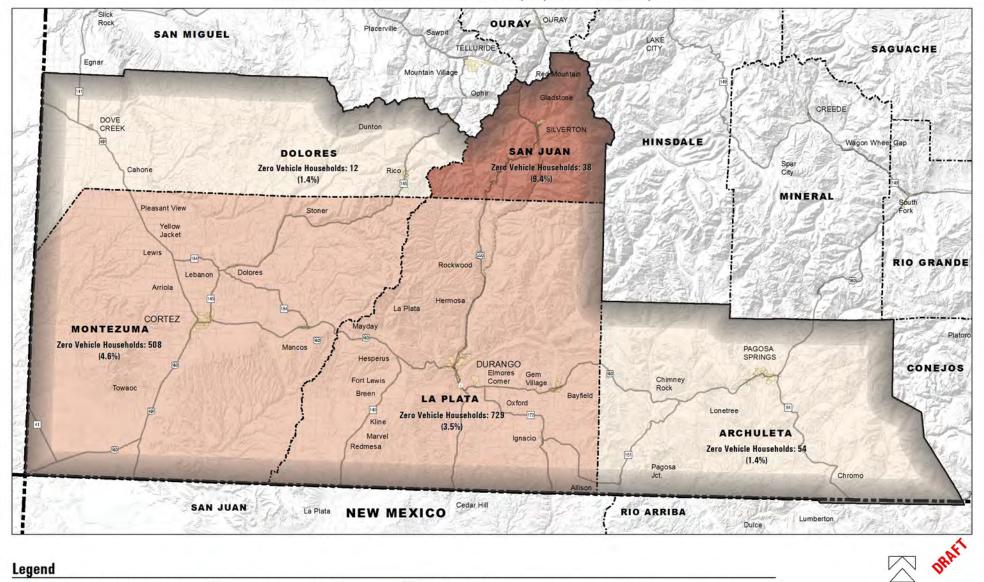
2011 Population Below Federal Poverty Level

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





2011 Percentage of Households with No Vehicle Zero vehicle household data extracted from 2011 U.S. Census American Community Survey Table 808201 - Household Size by Vehicles Available



Incorporated Cities and Towns -- State Boundaries

---- County Boundaries

Interstate Highways

U.S. & State Highways

Southwest TPR Boundary

Less Than 3% Zero Vehicle Households

3% - 6% Zero Vehicle Households

6% - 9% Zero Vehicle Households

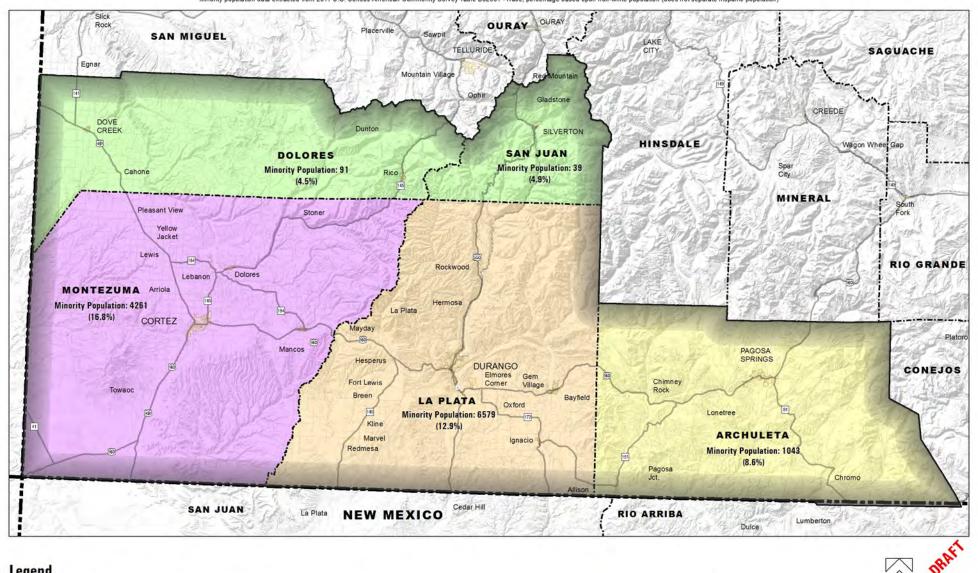
Greater Than 9% Zero Vehicle Households

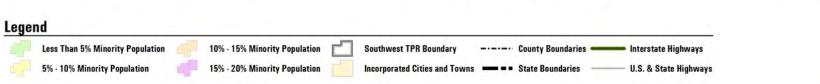




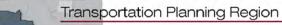
2011 Minority Population

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)



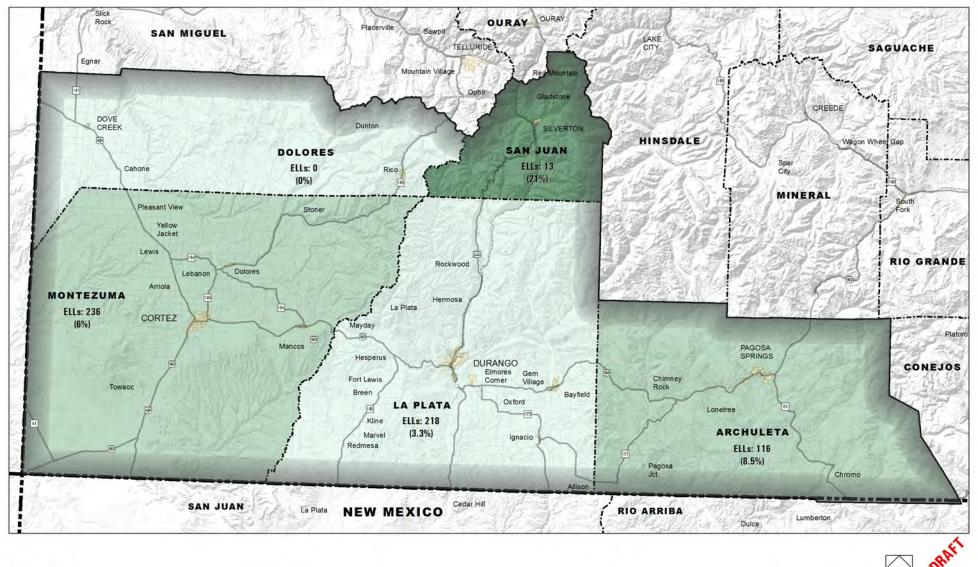


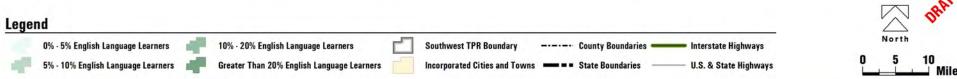




2012 K-12 English Language Learners (ELLs)

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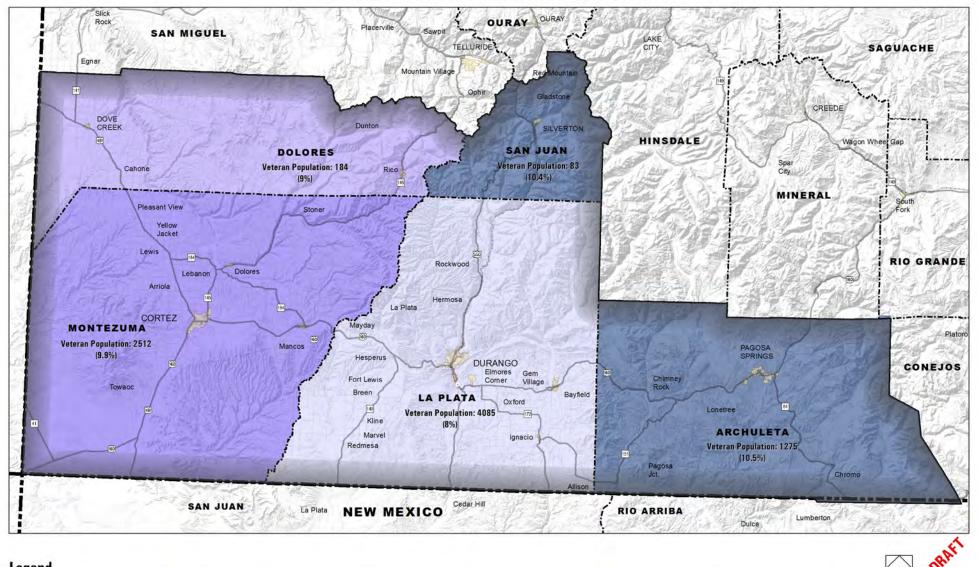


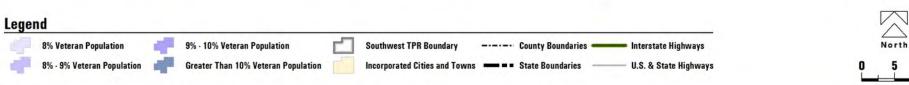




2011 Veteran Population

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

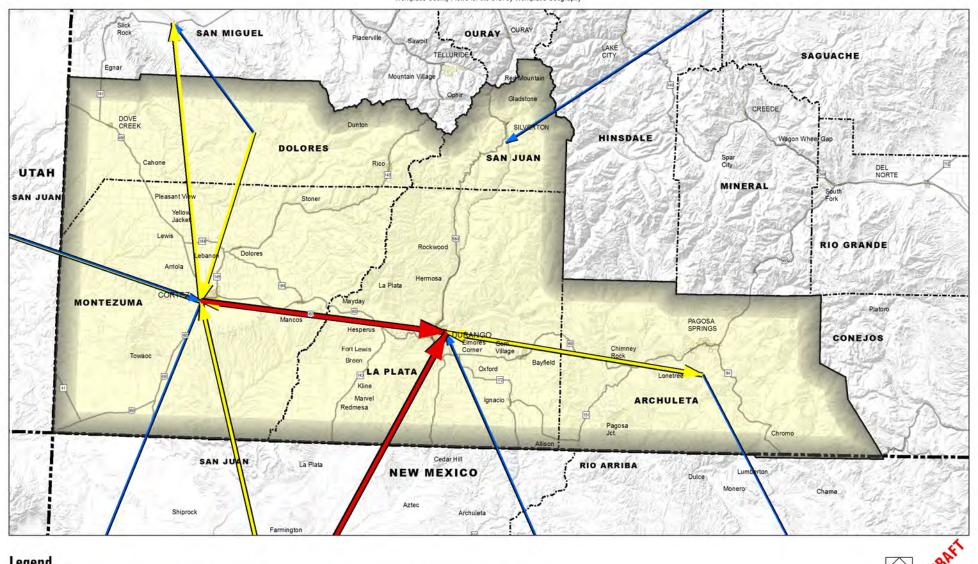


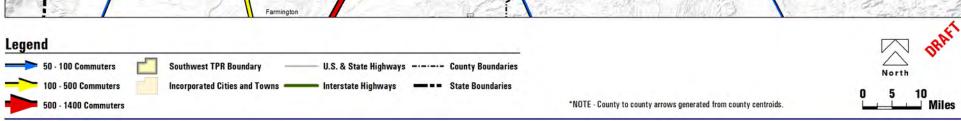






Employed Working Outside County of Residence *Note: Values are based on the 2006-2010 US Census American Community Survey (ACS) Metropolitan and Micropolitan Table 2 - Residence County to



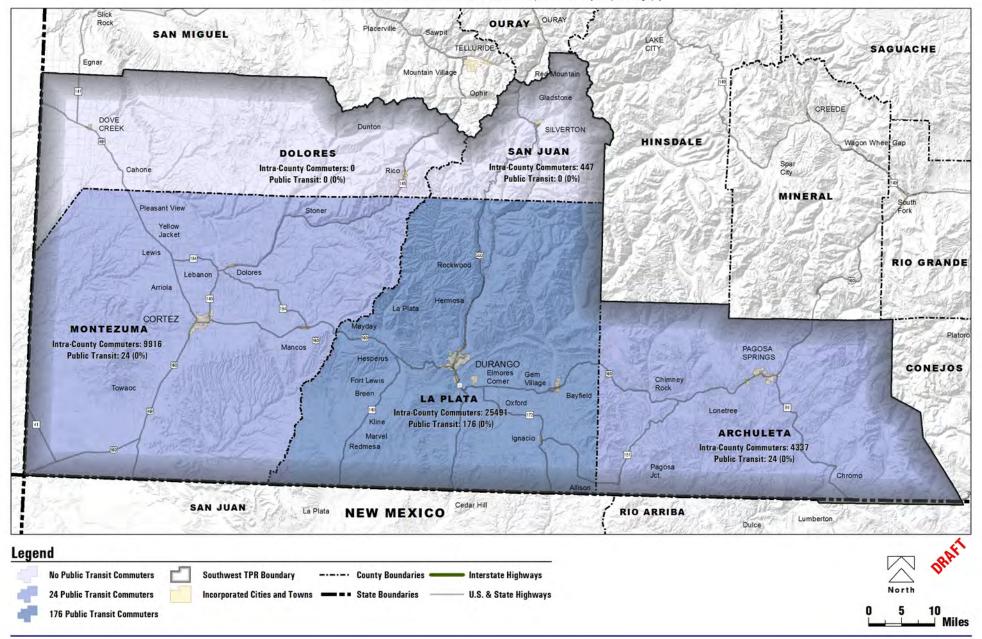






Intra-County Public Transit Commuters

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



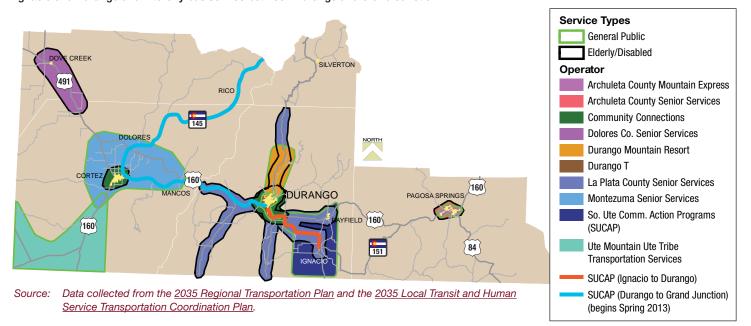




SOUTHWEST TPR

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 **Southwest 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 Southwest 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 Southwest TPR according to the 2008 Plans. Additional smaller providers not identified on the map include: American Red Cross, Church Services, Durango Transportation, Inc., Four Corners Health Care Center, Lodging Properties, Mesa Verde Company, Pagosa Taxi, Pine Ridge Extended Care Center, Regional Rideshare Program, San Juan Backcountry, San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging, School Districts, School to Work Alliance Program, Silverton Outdoor Learning and Recreation Center and Wilderness Journeys, Inc. The Southern Ute Community Action Program (SUCAP) provides regional service between Ignacio and Durango and intercity bus service between Durango and Grand Junction.



Key Issues Identified in the 2008 Plan

Public transportation should be given more consideration as an economically and environmentally viable alternative. There is increased congestion on US 160 and US 550 in and around Durango due to economic development and tourism.

- Need for better transit connections within communities and more public transportation regionally
- Need to establish intercity bus service from Cortez to Pagosa Springs
- Lack of regional intercity bus service for the region as a whole
- Expand service areas, frequency and service hours
- Look at public transportation opportunities to support tourism and second home market
- Need for better land use planning in coordination with transit services
- Need for service from Cortez to Durango along US 160
- Need for centralized dispatching
- Lack of general public transit service in Dolores and San Juan Counties

Plan Goals and Strategies

- Provide multimodal options for the region
- Maximize choices, options and incentives that reduce passenger vehicles at peak hours
- Encourage transit oriented development
- Conduct public education and outreach as well as incentives to encourage transit
- Consider future rail service for commerce, tourism, and economic development
- Encourage inclusion of transit-friendly options at the development review level

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Intermountain TPR Transit Projects

Pro	ects from the 2008 Local Plans		nente.	dess	ed stell
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Α.	Replace and purchase new vehicles for Archuleta County Senior Services (2)	À	$\dot{\Box}$	$\dot{\Box}$	$\dot{\Box}$
В.	Replace and purchase new vehicles for Dolores County Senior Services (3)	<u></u>			
C.	Replace buses for Durango Transit (2); purchase new wheelchair accessible vans (2) and new small buses (3)				
D.	Purchase a new minibus (1) and replace vehicles (2) for Montezuma Senior Services				
E.	Replace and purchase new vehicles for La Plata County Senior Services (3)				
F.	Replace and purchase new vehicles for Community Connections (2)				
G.	Purchase new buses (3) and replace vehicles for vanpool program (2) for SUCAP				
Н.	Construct a transit center for Durango Transit				
I.	Construct new bus shelters and a garage for buses (SUCAP)				
J.	Plan and construct a new regional park-and-ride facility (SUCAP)				
K.	Construct a new bus storage facility for Archuleta County Senior Services				
L.	Construct a new transit facility for Archuleta County Mountain Express				
M.	Construct a new transit facility for Montezuma Senior Services				
Ο.	Build additional bus stop shelters for Durango Transit				
Оре	erating:				
A.	Increase and expand Durango Transit fixed-route service				
B.	Expand services for Dolores County Senior Service agency from Dove Creek to Durango				
C.	Increase SUCAP service frequency for the Ignacio-Durango and Bayfield-Durango routes				
E.	Implement new vanpool service from Bayfield to Ignacio and create a new vanpool				
	coordinator position (SUCAP)				
F.	Implement new regional service from Cortez to Durango and from Aztec to Farmington to				
	Durango and Ignacio (SUCAP)				
G.	Increase service hours for SUCAP (additional 1,020 hours of service)				
Н.	Establish New Freedoms Senior Services program for escorted medical and shopping trips				
	from Ignacio to Durango				
I.	Expand services for La Plata County Seniors				
J.	Expand Archuleta County Mountain Express service between Pagosa Springs to Durango				
Cod	ordination:				
A.	Create a Coordination Council to help coordinate systems				
B.	Form a Rural Transportation Authority for Durango Transit				
C.	Investigate shared maintenance opportunities				
D.	Investigate shared vehicle storage facilities				
Pro	ojects from Other Plans				
A.	Replacement trolley for Durango Transit				
B.	Connectivity project for Arroyo Drive, 15th Street, and 25th Street/Junction Creek	_			
	in Durango	📙	Щ	Ц	
C.	Durango Transit bus barn design project				
D.	Regional operating funds for service from Ignacio to Durango	🔲			





Projects from Other Plans (cont.)

E.	Regional operating funds for service from Bayfield to Durango	
F.	Regional operating funds for service from Ignacio to Aztec (New Mexico)	
G.	Regional operating funds for service from Cortez to Durango	
Н.	Regional operating funds for service from Pagosa Springs to Bayfield	
I.	Capital funds for service from Durango to Walsenburg	
J.	Build a transit facility in Ignacio with enclosed storage for four buses plus covered storage	
	for six buses	
K.	Expand service between Pagosa Springs and Durango to between two and eight round	
	trips per day	
L.	Expand commuter bus service between Dolores-Cortez-Durango to between two and	
	eight round trips per day	

2013 CASTA Survey - Transit Priorities

Dove Creek / Cahone Dolores County Senior Services

1st Priority - Expand the transit fleet to meet existing demand

2nd Priority - Extend hours of service

3rd Priority - Build new facilities

Durango Transit, City of Durango

1st Tier Priorities

Increase frequency of service on existing routes

Extend hours of service

New system upgrades (bus pullouts, etc)

Use money to back fill short falls

2nd Tier Priorities

Increase number of days of service

Upgrade fleet with more efficient and technologically advanced vehicles

3rd Tier Priorities

Operate new routes in areas not currently served

Expand the transit fleet to meet existing demand

Invest in system upgrades (dispatch, etc.)

Build new facilities

La Plata County Southern Ute Reservation - SUCAP Road Runner

1st Priority - Increase frequency of service on existing routes

2nd Priority - Extend hours of service

3rd Priority - Use money to back fill short falls





Accomplishments

- Durango Transit completed the development of a new intermodal station in Durango using SB1 funds
- SUCAP will initiate intercity bus service between Durango and Grand Junction in the Fall of 2013.
- Multiple transit vehicles have been awarded to Archuleta County, SUCAP, and Durango Transit
- La Plata County was awarded FASTER Transit funding for a park-and-ride.
- Dolores County initiated a new demand response transit service from Dove Creek to Cortez and Durango