

CITY OF SANTA FE

SANTA FE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION



PUBLIC INPUT MEETING NOTICE

TO DISCUSS THE OPENING OF ZIA STATION TO RAIL RUNNER SERVICE

Date:Monday March 14th, 2011Time:5:30PM to 7:30PMLocation:Capshaw Middle School, 351 West Zia Road, Santa Fe, NM

Background:

The Santa Fe Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Transportation Policy Board approved the location of the Rail Runner Station at Zia Road at their Meeting on December 13th, 2007. The motion language did not link the opening of the station to any possible future development of the adjacent property. The motion language did specify that "*Zia be on-line before train operations begin…*" and "*that the Zia Station be specifically and narrowly tailored that would minimize auto traffic.*" The station platform was constructed prior to the start of Rail Runner service between Albuquerque and Santa Fe, but has never been opened. For the Station to open the City needs to make a request to the New Mexico Department of Transportation for it to be opened. It is up to the City to determine what process they need to go through to make the request: City Manager request, Council Resolution, etc.

District 4 Councilor Matthew Ortiz requested that a public process on the opening of the Zia Station be conducted and that City Staff report back to the City Council the outcome. The City Manager asked the MPO Staff to facilitate the public process. MPO and City Staff have developed a conceptual plan to show how pedestrian, bicycle, transit and automobile access could potentially be temporarily accommodated to facilitate the opening of the Station to Rail Runner Service. It should be emphasized that this is a conceptual plan and we are looking for your input on this idea and opening the station in general.

The comments received during this public process will be reported to the City Council in April. The Council will then make a determination on whether or not to proceed with the opening of the station.

If you have any questions or comments prior to the meeting, please contact **Keith Wilson, MPO Senior Planner** at <u>kpwilson@santafenm.gov</u> or **505-955-6706**.

