



## **Be a part of CONNECT Santa Fe**

*The Housing and Community Development Department Hosts Open House*

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**SANTA FE, NM** --The City of Santa Fe's Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) announces an Open House – 4-6pm, May 20, 2015 at the City Offices in the Railyard (entrance next to REI).

HCDD is looking for input and strategic updates in four key areas: economic development, affordable housing, future land use and transportation. The CONNECT Santa Fe Open House will feature the following:

- Food by the acclaimed new restaurant Paper Dosa (bizMIX winner 2014)
- Interactive, community drawing on city maps
- Questions and information about revitalizing St. Michael's Drive
- The facts about Santa Fe. For example:
  - Did you know that one out of every five Santa Fe residents will be over age 65 by 2020?
  - Or that the healthcare sector surpassed retail as Santa Fe's biggest revenue source in 2010?
  - Or that roughly ¼ of Santa Fe's economy is real estate?
- The release of the 2015 Santa Fe Trends report

The Housing and Community Development Department works to ensure that Santa Fe continues as a diverse community that honors the past and embraces the future. The Department is made up of the following divisions:

- Office of Affordable Housing – works with the public, nonprofit, and private sectors to increase affordable housing opportunities for Santa Fe's low- and moderate-income residents, from the homeless to the homeowner.
- Economic Development Division - works to achieve long-term sustainable and focused economic growth by building a diverse, innovative economy with high-wage, high-impact jobs that provide opportunity and prosperity for the City's residents, businesses and entrepreneurs.

- Long Range Planning - integrates design, land use and transportation to create a sustainable future for Santa Fe.
- Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) - works cooperatively and collaboratively to move forward a sustainable, interconnected, multimodal transportation network that provides the Santa Fe region with safe and secure access for all users.

In conjunction, the MPO is hosting an Open House for Public Comment on the Santa Fe Metropolitan Public Transit Master Plan<sup>1</sup>. The deadline for comments is May 30, 2015.

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The 2010 Santa Fe Metropolitan Transportation Plan identified the need for more advanced planning in the areas of pedestrian, bicycle and transit facilities and services. As a result, the MPO has invested in the development of the 2012 Metropolitan Bicycle Master Plan and the pending Metropolitan Public Transit and Pedestrian Master Plans.

Key themes addressed in the Public Transit Master Plan include: Seamless Connectivity, Coordinated Marketing, Technology Assessment, Coordinated Operations Planning, and Connectivity with Bicycle and Pedestrian Modes, Environmental Justice & ADA Accessibility, Preparing for Future Growth, Economic Development, Route Modifications, Infrastructure Needs, Fare Policies, and Outreach.

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