



Santa Fe Metropolitan Planning Organization



MPO SELF-CERTIFICATION

Adoption of the Santa Fe Metropolitan Planning Area Urban Area Adjustment Approved on September 28th, 2023 by the Santa Fe MPO Transportation Policy Board

MPOs are required by federal regulation to establish their own Metropolitan Planning Areas (MPAs) which must, at a minimum, encompass the entire existing urbanized areas as defined by the U.S. decennial Census plus the contiguous area expected to become urbanized with a 20-year forecast period for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. This process was last completed following the 2010 decennial census and the MPA was updated then. The MPO is recommending no change to this work, i.e. the MPA already encompasses the contiguous area expected to become urbanized with a 20-year forecast period for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Meanwhile, the encompassed “Urban Area” (UA) was updated by the 2020 decennial census. This designation, while included in the MPA, is separate because it defines whether a road segment is appropriate for “urban” or “rural” funding. While States have the option of using census-defined UAs, NMDOT guidelines ask that MPOs adjust the UA’s in order to decrease ambiguity in traffic counts, functional classification, funding sources, etc. The MPO in coordination with the NMDOT has made such adjustments. These can be scrutinized on the draft map: <https://arcg.is/nGmeO> which is expanded from the Census UA boundary according to NMDOT guidelines. After adoption, the boundary will be submitted to NMDOT for approval and subsequently submitted to FHWA for approval by December 15, 2023

Jamie Cassutt, Chair- Santa Fe MPO TPB

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