

ABQ Ride Planning

Multiple Inputs

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Constant Change

Overview

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ABQ RIDE Planning Section

Position	Grade	Filled	Vacant	Person
Marketing and Planning Division Manager	E-18	X		Keith Perry
Principal Planner	E-17		X	
Planner	M-15	X		Andrew de Garmo
Planner	M-15		X	
Route Analyst	M-15		X	

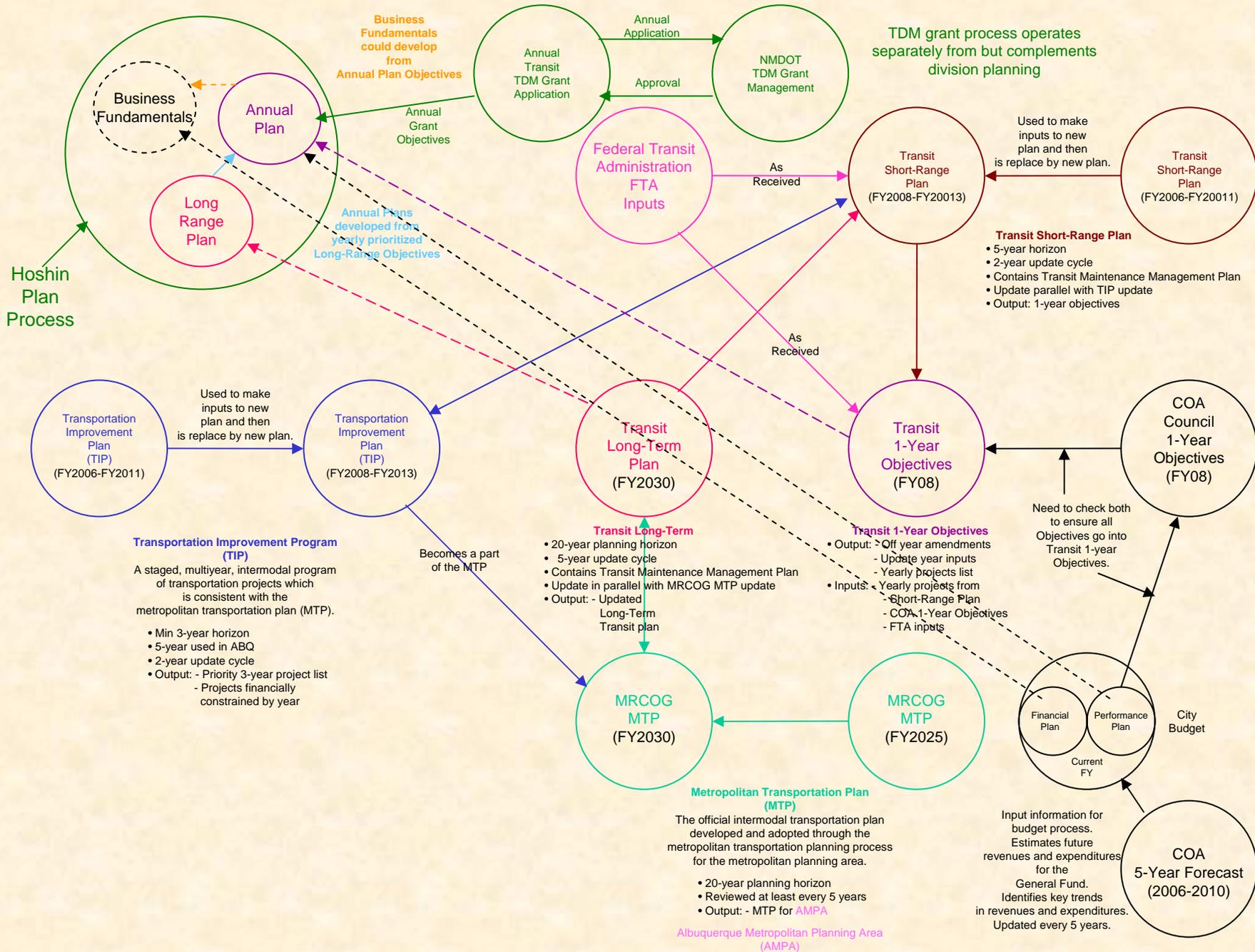
Planning Staff Functions

- Develop Department Programs
 - Fixed route structure
 - Develop routes and schedules for immediate implementation
 - Develop associated materials
 - Internal operations information
 - Public schedules and maps
 - Bus shelters
 - Park & Ride locations
 - Transit Oriented Development (TOD)
 - Future service and capital plans
 - Route structure
 - Facilities
- Participate in local & regional planning
 - City – EPC/DRB, sector plans, etc
 - MRCOG – TIP, MTP, other plans



Planning Inputs

Not Simple
or
Straight Forward



Planning Process In a Nutshell

- Federal
- State
 - TDM Grant
- MRCOG
 - MTP
 - TIP
- City
 - 5-year Forecast
 - Annual budget
 - 1-year objectives
- Department
 - Department specific programs
 - Current and future service and facility plans
 - Bus stops
 - Park & Ride locations
 - Transit Oriented Development (TOD)
- Daily Inputs

Current ABQ RIDE Projects

	Project	Available Funds	Progress
1	7-Bar Loop Park & Ride	\$2.5M	Bid Opening 29 Jan
2	Westside Transit Study	\$100K	RFP being developed
3	Central & Unser Park & Ride	\$2.5M	Land Acquisition Stage
4	Up-Town TOD	\$1.0M	RFP being developed
5	Wenonah & Tramway Park Ride	N/A	Joint Use MOA being coordinated
6	Westside Infrastructure (Rapid Ride Bus Stop Shelters)	\$1.5M	Environmental Requirements Evaluation Started
7	Bus Stop Sign Update	N/A	Sign contract being developed
8	Bus Stop Inventory	N/A	Data collection underway
9	Current Service Planning	N/A	On going
10	Future Service & Facilities Planning	N/A	On going
11	R-07-343: Multi-Jurisdictional Study	N/A	Just Beginning

Transit Dept Plans

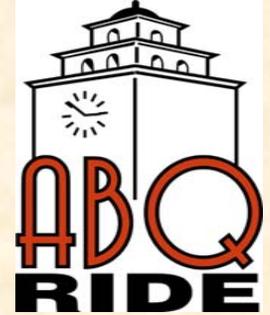
- Current
 - Regional Transit Authority – 1998
 - Short Range Transit Plan – 2006-2011
 - High Capacity Transit – 2000-2006
- Future
 - Short Range Transit Plan update
 - Westside Service Plan
 - Long Range Transit Plan

National Transit Trends

- Continued growth of
 - Light Rail Transit (LRT)
 - Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)
- Modern streetcars as relative “newcomer”
- Growing use of information technology to
 - Improve service
 - Get more info to customers
 - Make fare payment easier
- Neighborhood Circulators

Looking Ahead

- Challenges
 - Maintaining and improving service system-wide, especially high ridership corridors
 - Providing new service to major growth areas
 - Weighing alternative service strategies:
 - Limited service spread over extensive area
 - High quality service concentrated in core areas
 - Expanding successful Rapid Ride model
 - Attracting new riders with other new “products” – e.g. neighborhood circulators & modern streetcar
- Update Short Range Transit Plan
- Look ahead with a Long Range Transit Plan



Questions