



Goal 8: Governmental Excellence and Effectiveness

Desired Community Condition: **Leaders cooperate and coordinate with the other governments in the MRCOG region.**



Indicator: **Intergovernmental Collaboration**

Progress Rating: Local Trend: NONE National Comparison: NOT KNOWN

Indicator Description

This indicator provides qualitative information on intergovernmental collaboration in the area of the Middle Region Council of Governments (MR COG). Many of the efforts described in following table are collaborative efforts through the MR COG; others are initiatives of the Mayor and City Council to reach out to surrounding communities and governmental entities. The intergovernmental collaboration efforts have been organized by Goal.

Why is this indicator important?

More and more, many important issues can not be addressed effectively at the jurisdictional level. Air pollution does not respect political boundaries; nor does the condition of our underground aquifer; transportation systems have to interconnect to be effective; economies are regional at their smallest. Growth can not be managed at the City level alone. Given the political and structural problems that unification of governments has faced in the Albuquerque area, collaboration among governmental entities becomes the most available tool for governments to use to address issues that cross political boundaries.

Data Sources

Middle Region Council of Governments; City of Albuquerque Mayor's Office; City of Albuquerque Council Services Department

What can we tell from the data?

- Many varied initiatives are underway.
- MR COG is a viable forum to bring governments in the region together.
- Political leadership is important to the success and sustainability of these efforts.

GOAL AREA	PROJECT	GOVERNMENTAL COLLABORATION	JURISDICTIONS
Goal 1 Human and Family Dev.	Community Schools Task Force	Seeking ways to engage the community to support learning, school initiatives, provide facility access, etc.	APS and the City of Albuquerque (COA)
Goal 2 Public Safety	Emergency Operations Plan	Albuquerque's Emergency Operations Plan outlines coordination among the City and surrounding jurisdictions. Must be approved by jurisdictions by May 2005.	COA, Bernalillo County, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, and the Village of Tijeras
Goal 3 Infrastructure	Interstate 40 & Coors Boulevard Interchange Project	The City, NM Department of Transportation, Bernalillo County, and the city of Rio Rancho have worked together to greatly condense a complicated funding process so the I-40 & Coors Interchange project can proceed to construction by the winter of 2004-2005. These entities reprogrammed available funds and programmed future funds for repayment of a State Infrastructure Bank construction loan.	COA, New Mexico Department of Transportation, Bernalillo County, and Rio Rancho
Goal 3 Infrastructure	Regional Transit District	Representatives from governmental units within the Mid-Region Council of Governments area are discussing various options for forming a regional transit district.	MR COG cities and counties.
Goal 4 Sustainable Community Development	Planned Growth Strategy Implementation Task Force	Establish management committee to oversee the implementation of the PGS.	COA, Bernalillo County, APS
Goal 5 Environmental Protection	Regional Water Planning	Eighteen general and special purpose governmental entities worked for 6 years to prepare a Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan. This completed plan has been endorsed by the governmental entities.	Eighteen general and special purpose governmental entities
Goal 5 Environmental Protection	Regional Air Quality Improvement	Mayoral initiative to form Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreements to share information on air quality concerns and work with the City's Envir. Health Department.	COA, Towns of Los Lunas, Belen, Tijeras, and Bernalillo, Sandoval and Valencia counties
Goal 8 Governmental Effectiveness	Government to Government Partnering	Mayoral initiative to establish contacts and exchange technical assistance among City managers and administrators from Pueblo Tribes.	COA, Jemez Pueblo, Santa Ana Pueblo, Sandia Pueblo, Isleta Pueblo, Laguna Pueblo, and Acoma Pueblo.
Goal 8 Governmental Effectiveness	ABCGC	Joint committee of the City and County that oversees joint powers agreements, and jointly developed facilities and services.	City of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County
Goal 8 Governmental Effectiveness	Digital Orthophotography Project	Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, Isleta Pueblo, AMAFCA, Los Lunas, and the NM Department of Transportation have contributed funding for new orthophotographs. These photographs have a multitude of uses, including land use and transportation planning.	COA, Bernalillo County, Isleta Pueblo, Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority, Los Lunas, and the New Mexico Department of Transportation

