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RE: MRMPO Comments for Development Review Board Applications Scheduled for February 10, 2021

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The following staff comments relate to transportation systems planning within the Albuquerque Metropolitan Planning Area (AMPA). Principal guidance comes from the *2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan* (MTP) and the maps therein; *Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for FFY 2016-2021*; the *Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Regional Architecture*; and the *Roadway Access Policies* of the Transportation Coordinating Committee (TCC) of the Metropolitan Transportation Board (MTB).

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MRMPO has no adverse comments.

For informational purposes:

- Central Ave is functionally classified as an Existing Principal Arterial in the project area.
- Central Ave is part of the Target Scenario Transit Network. Connecting people and places with transit can have a significant impact on encouraging active transportation and alleviating congestion on key corridors.
- Appendix G of the MTP recommends the following as it relates to the subject application:
    - Adopt mixed-use and higher-density zoning along transit corridors to support ridership
    - Encourage a mix of land uses (retail, housing, entertainment, etc.) and multimodal facilities in appropriate locations to encourage shorter and more active trips

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by e-mail at bborg@mrcog-nm.gov.