

Presentation to the Urban
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Transportation Planning in the Albuquerque Metro Area



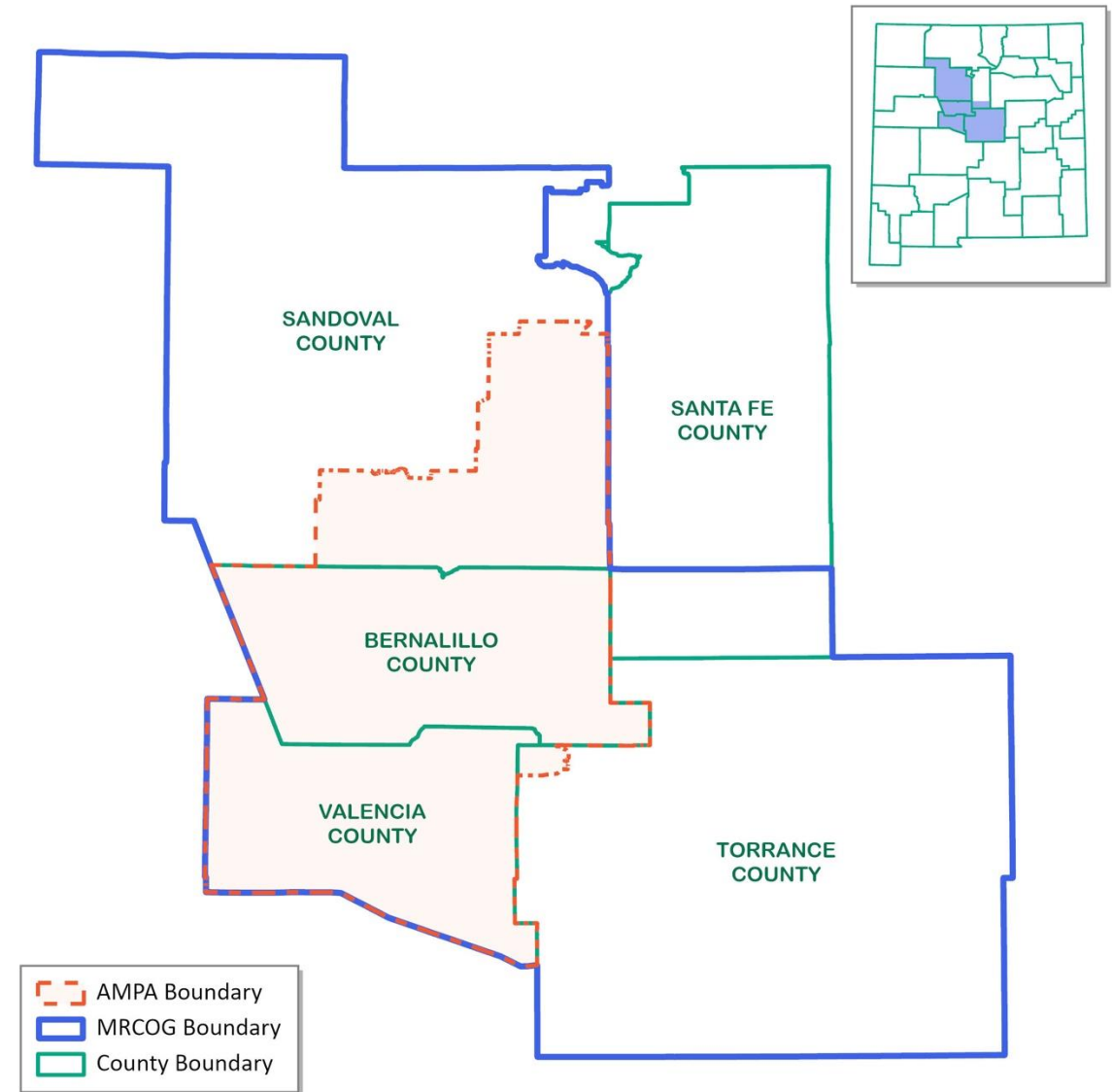
Who is MRCOG & MRMPO?

MRCOG

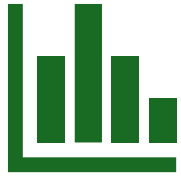
- Established by state statute in 1969
- Land Use, Water, Economic Development, Workforce and Transportation Planning
- Governing Board composed of policy leaders

MRMPO

- Created by Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973
- Required in urban areas over 50,000 people
- Dedicated funds for federal transportation planning
- Based on the 3-C planning process (continuous, cooperative, comprehensive)



What do we do?



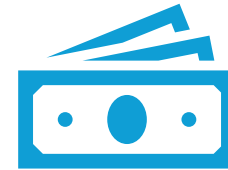
Data

Land Use & Travel Forecasts
Community Profiles
Maps & GIS
Aerial Imagery



Plan

Long Range Transportation Plan
(MTP)
Short Range List of Transportation
Investments (TIP)

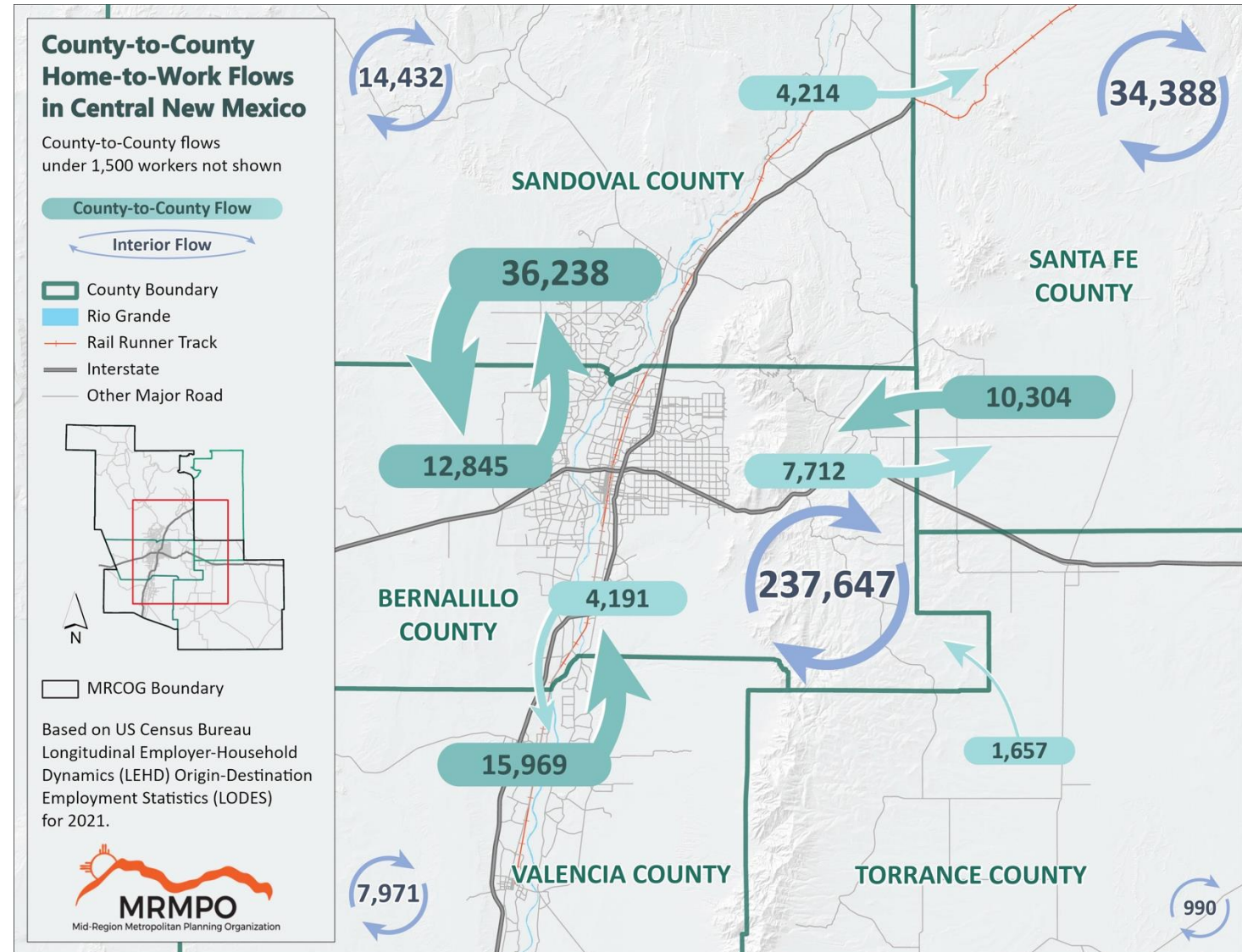


Fund

Allocate Federal Funds
Project Selection Process

Why Regionalism?

- Commuter Flows
- Water Basins
- Airsheds
- Economic Systems



What is the MTP?



- The region's long-range transportation plan
- Updated every 5 years
- Anticipates transportation needs over the next 20 years
- Includes strategies and projects to help the region meet our transportation needs
- Must be financially constrained

**MRMPO does not propose or construct projects*

Collaborating Agencies

MRMPO works closely with local and Tribal governments, agencies, and the public on the MTP.

• **Local Governments**

- City of Albuquerque
- City of Belen
- City of Rio Communities
- City of Rio Rancho
- County of Bernalillo
- County of Sandoval
- County of Valencia
- Town of Bernalillo
- Town of Peralta
- Village of Bosque Farms
- Village of Corrales
- Village of Los Lunas
- Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque
- Village of Tijeras

• **Tribal Governments**

- Navajo Nation To'hajiilee Chapter
- Pueblo de Cochiti
- Pueblo of Isleta
- Pueblo of Laguna
- Pueblo of San Felipe
- Pueblo of Sandia
- Pueblo of Santa Ana
- Pueblo of Santo Domingo

• **School Districts**

- Albuquerque Public School District
- Belen Consolidated School District
- Bernalillo Public School District
- Los Lunas Public School District

- Rio Rancho Public School District

• **Specialized Agencies**

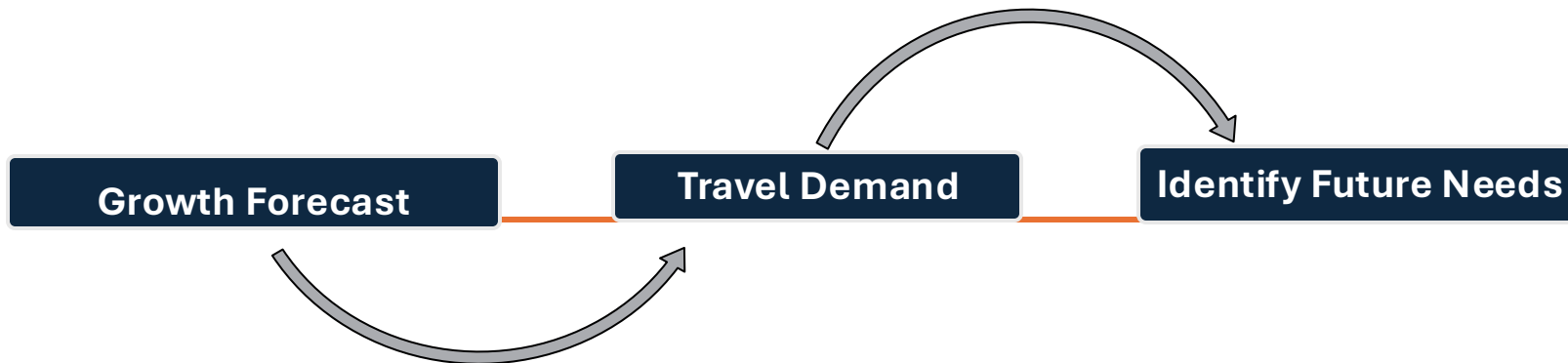
- Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo and Flood Control Authority
- Eastern Sandoval County Arroyo and Flood Control Authority
- Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District
- Southern Sandoval County Arroyo and Flood Control Authority

• **Transit Operators**

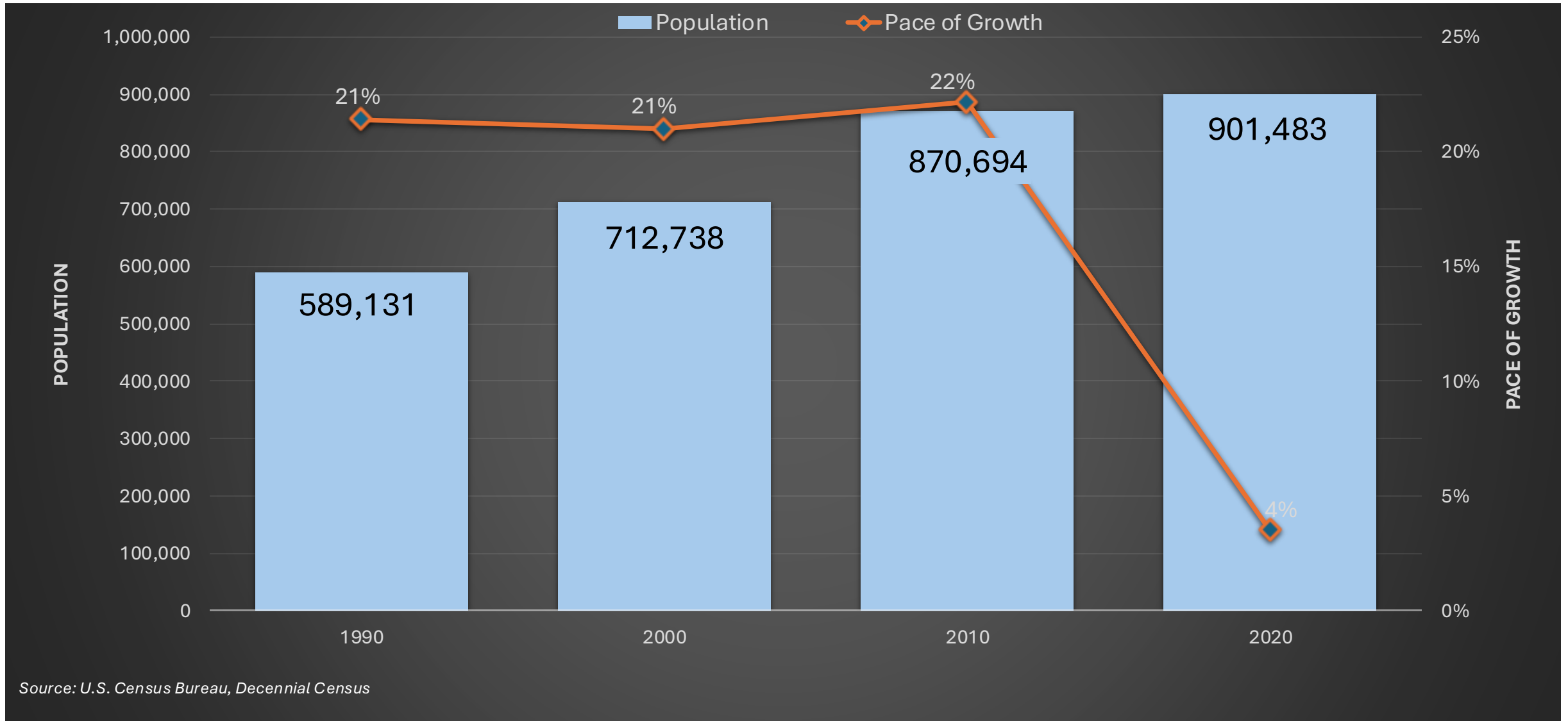
- ABQ Ride
- Rio Metro Regional Transit District



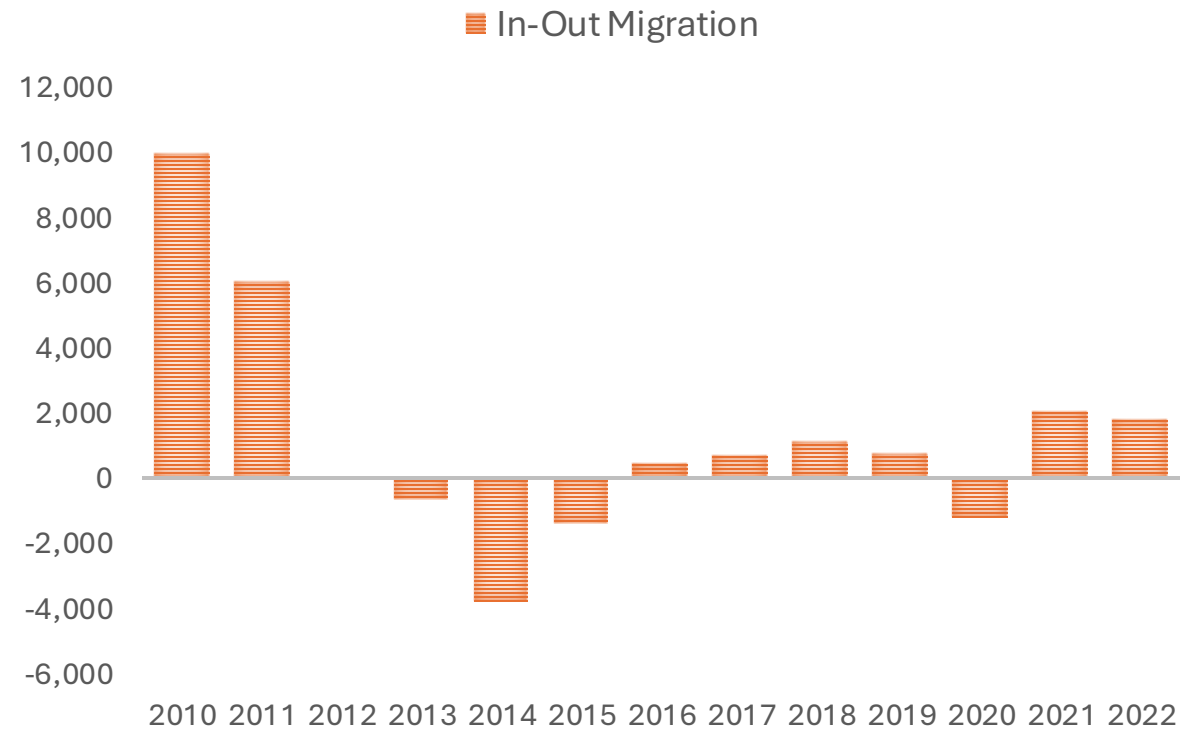
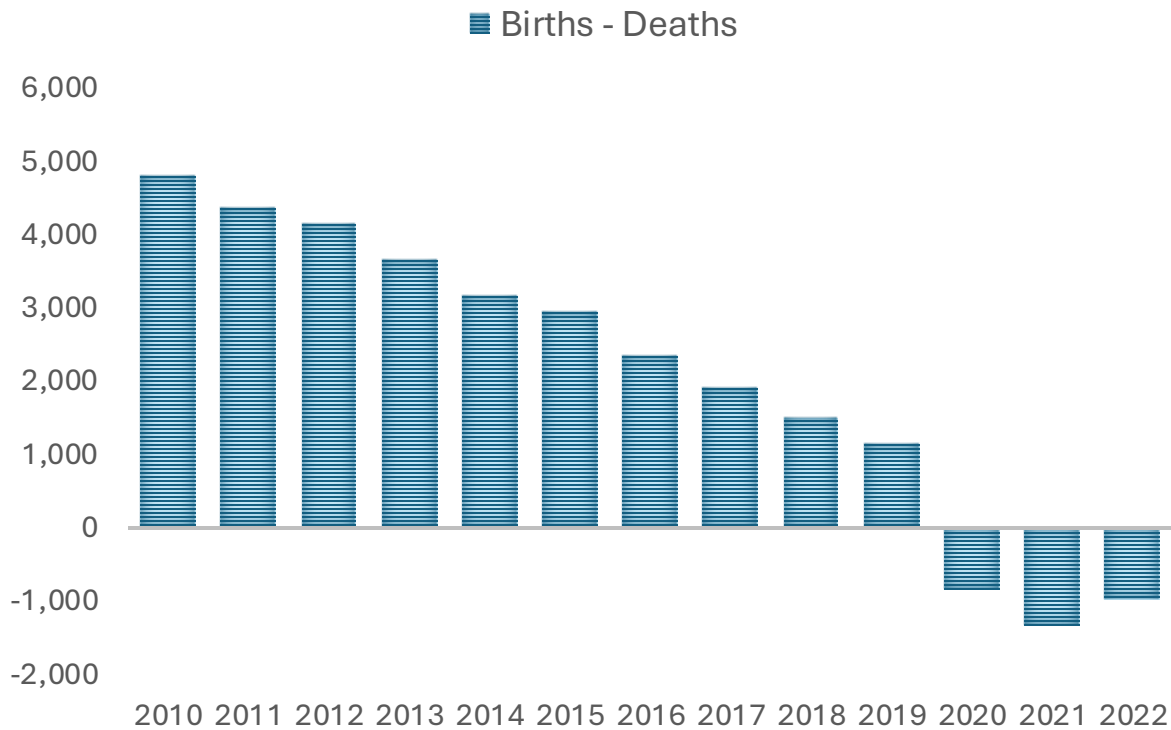
Existing Conditions



Population Growth has Slowed

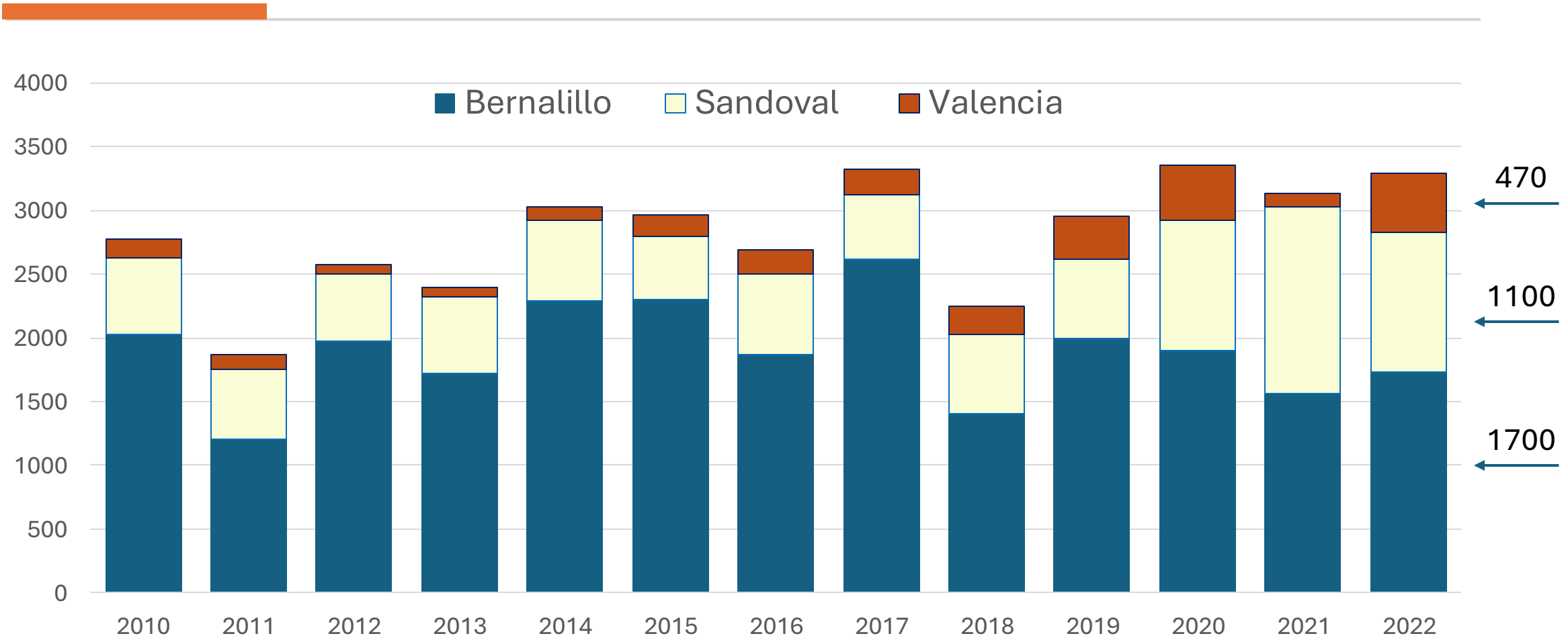


Drivers of Growth Trend Downward



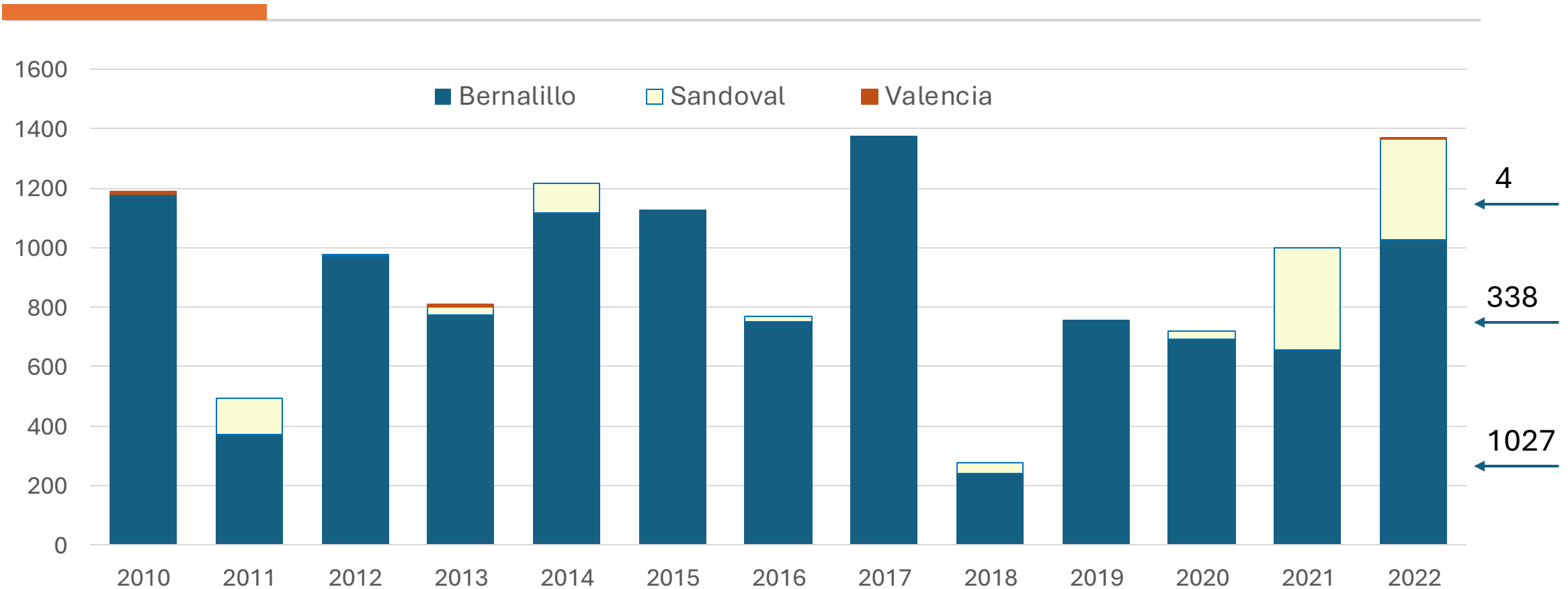
Source: US Census Bureau, New Mexico Department of Health

Housing Construction Remains Steady



Source: Building Permits collected by MRMPO from the individual permitting entities

Multifamily Represent 1/3rd of New Units

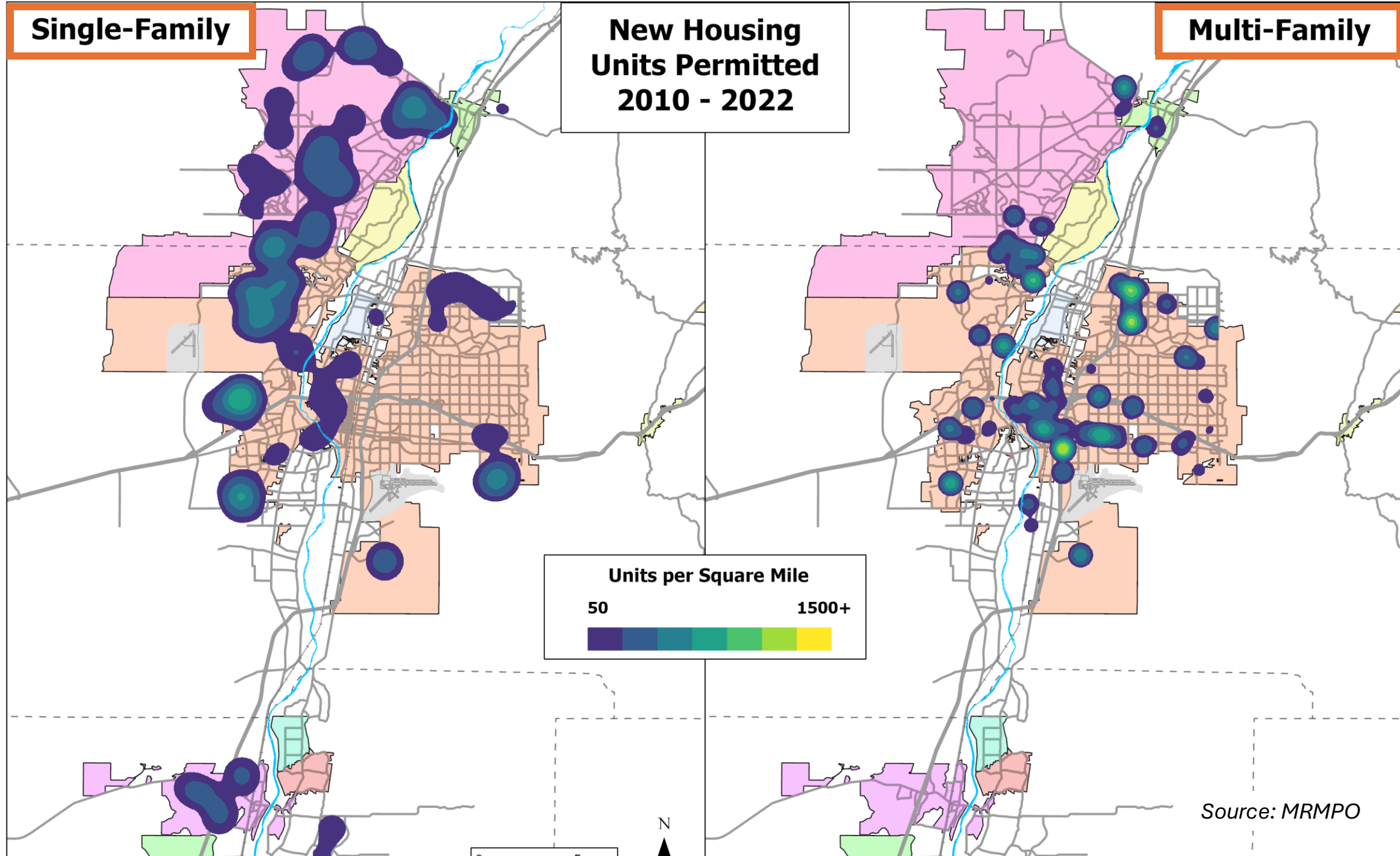


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Single-Family

**New Housing
Units Permitted
2010 - 2022**

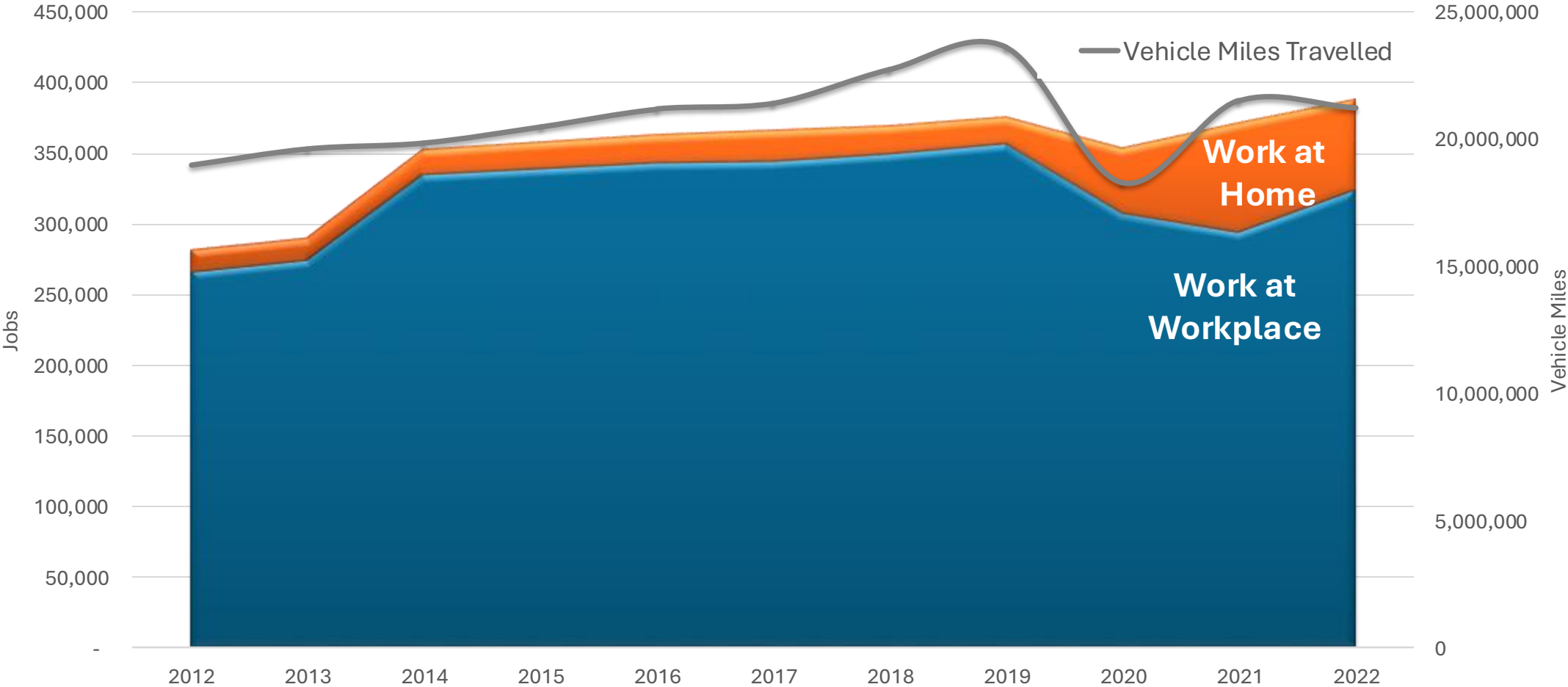
Multi-Family



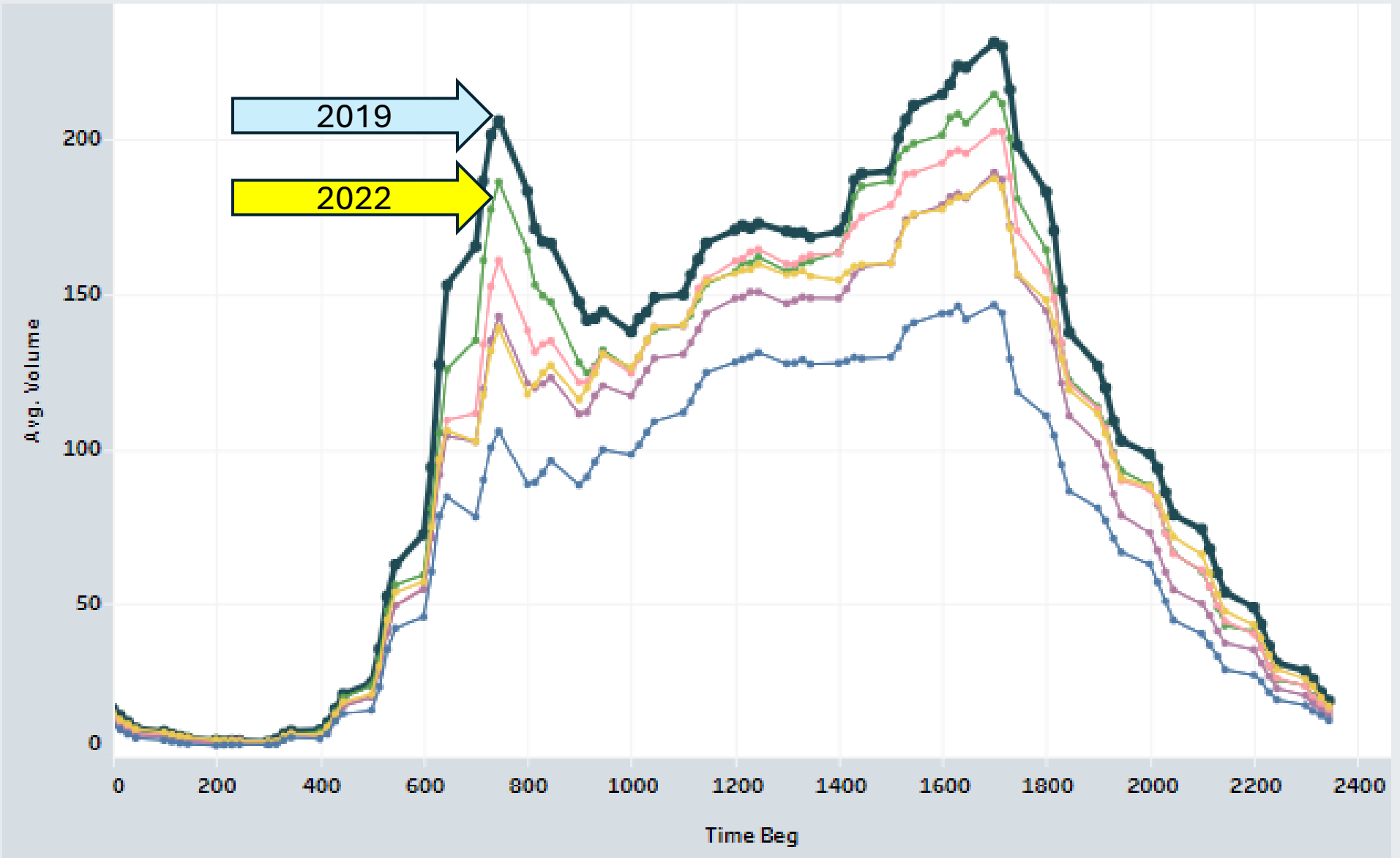
Employment Exceeds Pre-Pandemic Levels

Industry	Q1 2024 Employment	Q1 2019 Employment	5 Year Change #	5 Year Change %
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	39,433	34,169	5,264	15.4%
Health Care and Social Assistance	61,880	57,490	4,390	7.6%
Transportation and Warehousing	13,490	9,192	4,298	46.8%
Construction	30,117	26,130	3,987	15.3%
Retail Trade	43,823	42,859	964	2.2%
Educational Services	6,880	5,945	935	15.7%
Manufacturing	17,563	16,836	727	4.3%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	6,750	6,308	442	7.0%
Accommodation and Food Services	40,056	39,634	422	1.1%
Finance and Insurance	13,229	12,973	256	2.0%
Other Services (except Public Administration)	12,134	12,002	132	1.1%
Government	76,814	76,765	49	0.1%
Utilities	1,202	1,155	47	4.1%
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	287	293	-6	-2.0%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	6,524	6,546	-22	-0.3%
Wholesale Trade	11,670	11,697	-27	-0.2%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	2,187	2,241	-54	-2.4%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	3,279	3,724	-445	-11.9%
Admin and Support, Waste Mgmt & Remediation	25,840	26,474	-634	-2.4%
Information	5,712	7,089	-1,377	-19.4%
Total Employment	418,870	399,522	19,348	4.8%

Travel Remains Well Below Pre-Pandemic Levels

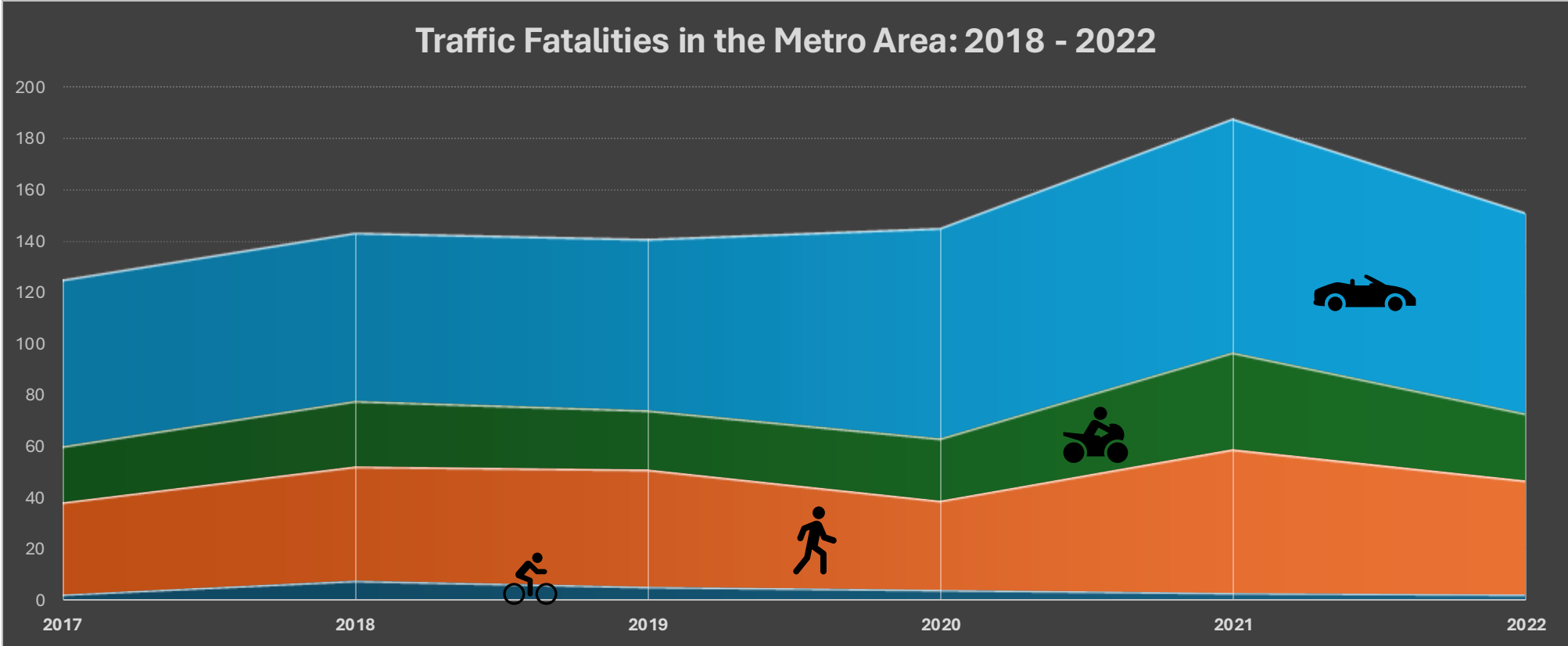


Average 15-minute Volumes by Time of Day
Sites = Covid Tracking Sites Only



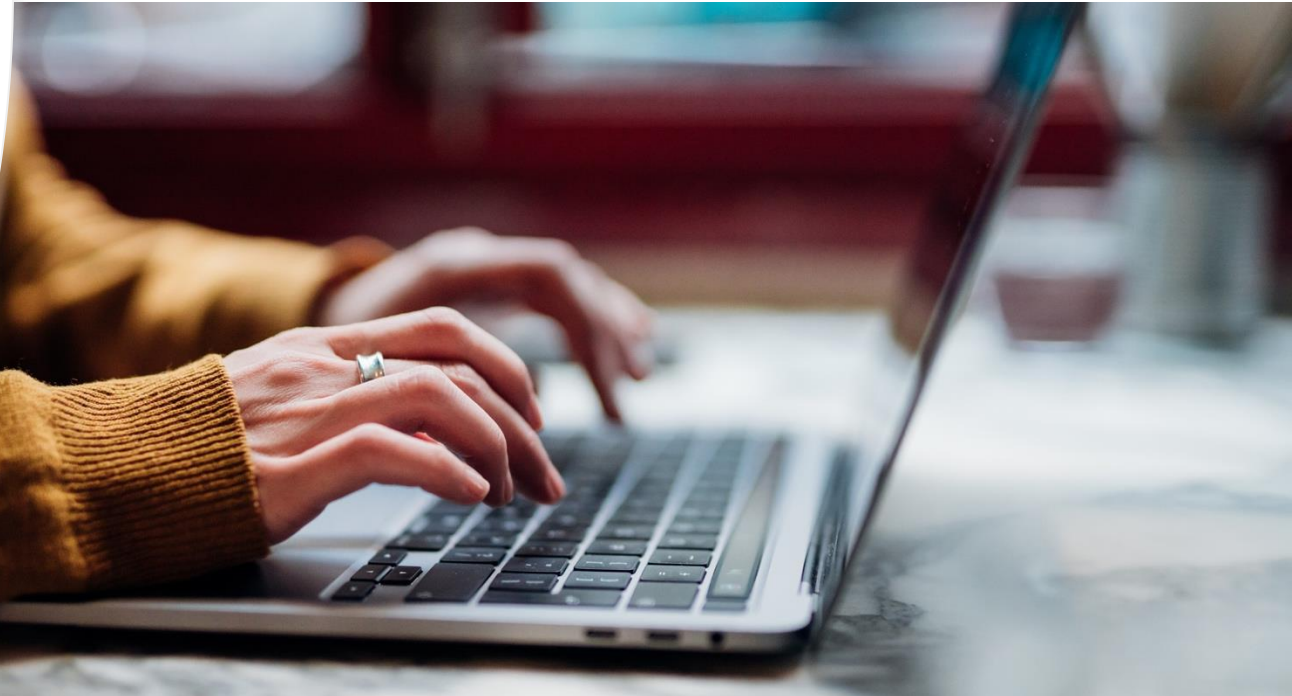
Peak Hour
Demand
Remains
Lower

Traffic Fatalities Continue to Rise





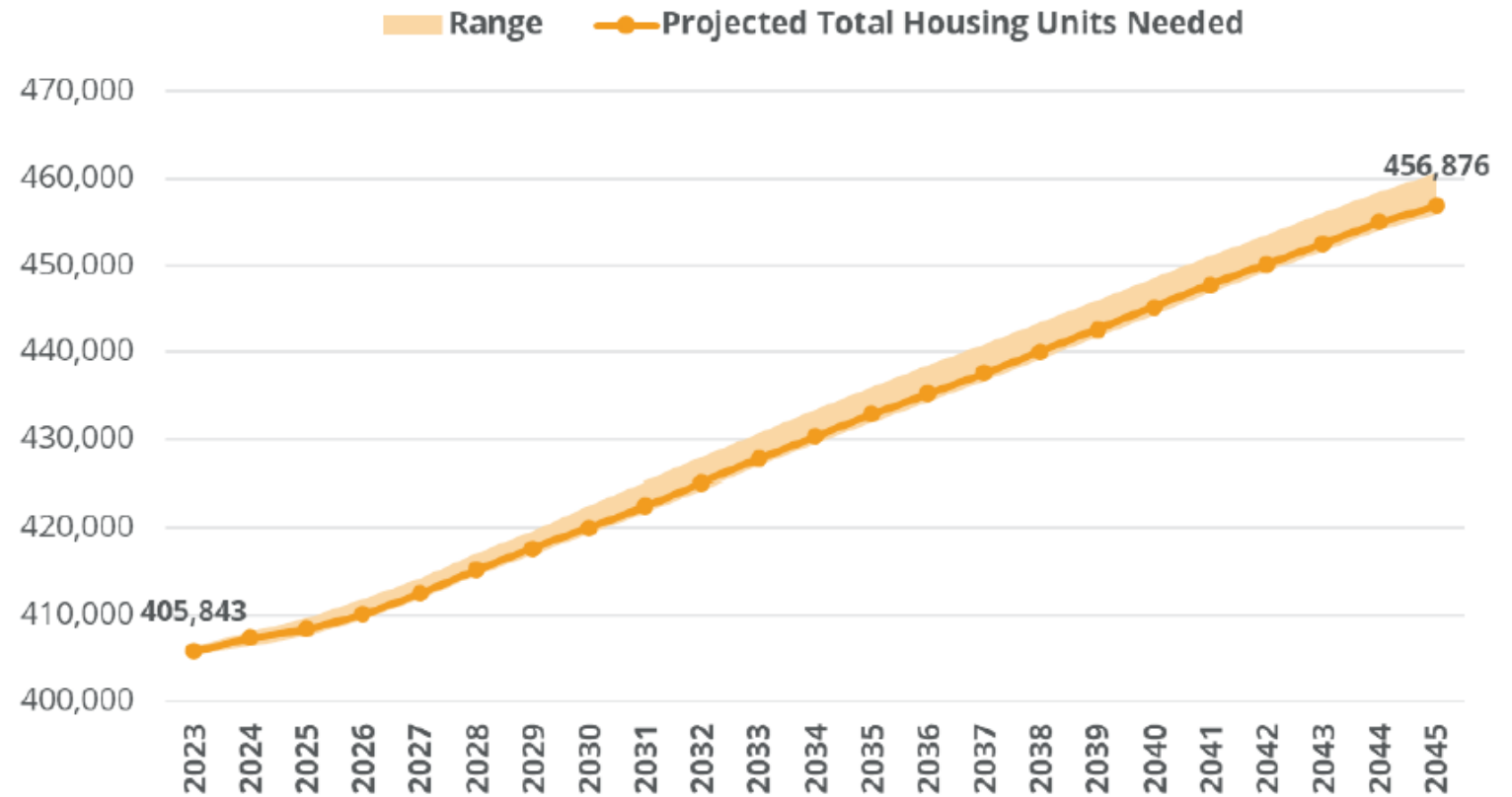
Looking Forward



Anticipate Sustained Housing Demand

- Between 55,000 and 59,000 new units needed
- 33 percent of people 65 and over live alone

Housing Units Needed to Accommodate Projected Households, Region, 2023-2045



Note: The dark yellow line shows the average of the six different estimates, and the shaded range shows the minimum and maximum estimates.

Source: REMI, Bureau of Labor Statistics, QCEW, ACS 5-year estimates, and Root Policy Research.

Anticipate Economic Growth

Healthcare

Film Studios

I-40 Tradeport Corridor

Energy, Solar, Broadband

Explore a Higher Growth Scenario



Economic migration – New workers bring their families for new job opportunities.



Quality of life migration – Remote workers, retirees leave bigger more expensive cities for amenities, lower home prices

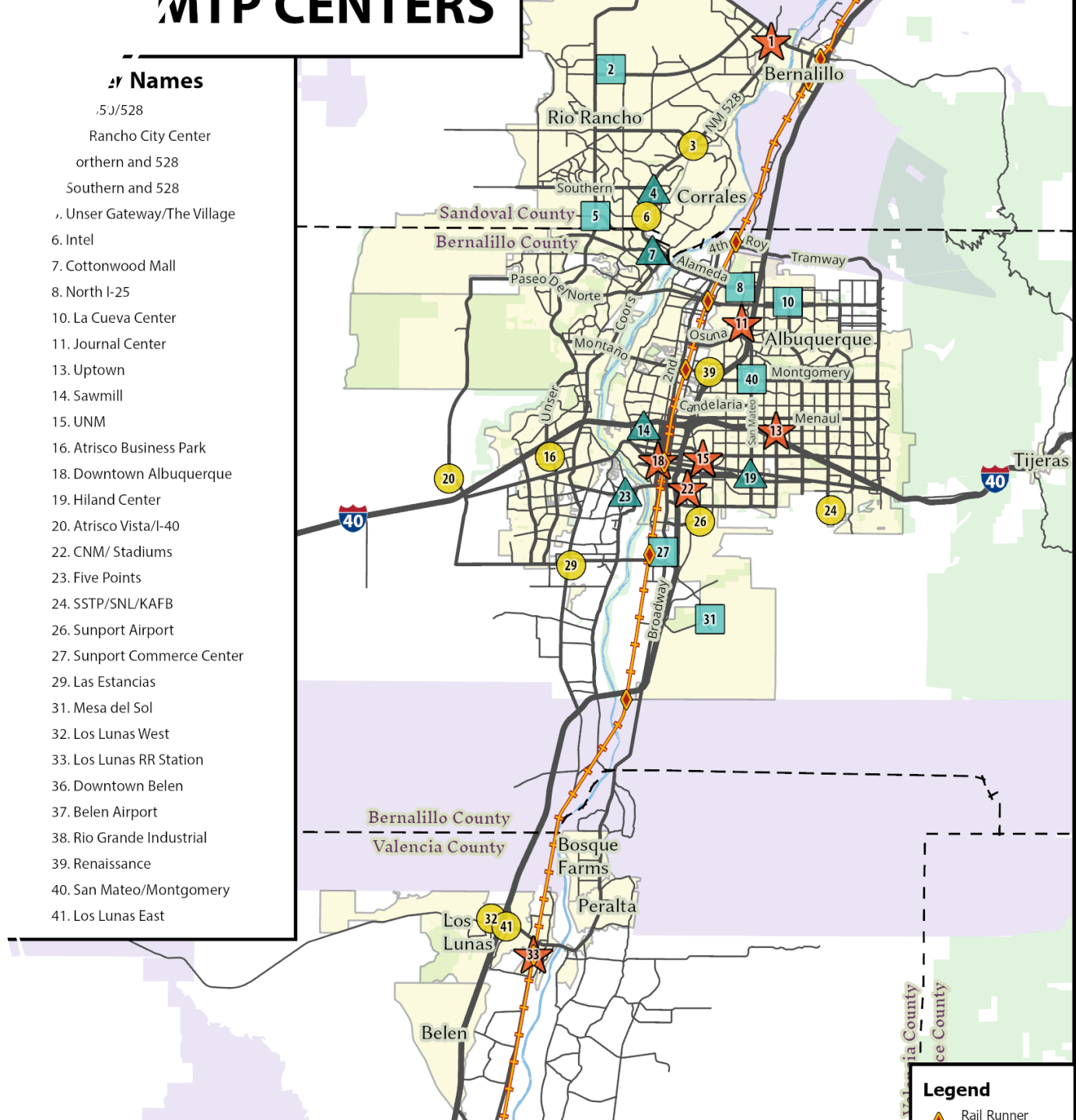


Climate migration – Lower risk for natural disasters, families relocating from extreme heat, flooding, and wildfires.

MIP CENTERS

Invest in Activity Centers

- Economic Catalysts
- Multimodal Connections
- Rural Preservation



Names

1. 5J/528
2. Rancho City Center
3. Northern and 528
4. Southern and 528
5. Unser Gateway/The Village
6. Intel
7. Cottonwood Mall
8. North I-25
10. La Cueva Center
11. Journal Center
13. Uptown
14. Sawmill
15. UNM
16. Atrisco Business Park
18. Downtown Albuquerque
19. Hiland Center
20. Atrisco Vista/I-40
22. CNM/ Stadiums
23. Five Points
24. SSTP/SNL/KAFB
26. Sunport Airport
27. Sunport Commerce Center
29. Las Estancias
31. Mesa del Sol
32. Los Lunas West
33. Los Lunas RR Station
36. Downtown Belen
37. Belen Airport
38. Rio Grande Industrial
39. Renaissance
40. San Mateo/Montgomery
41. Los Lunas East

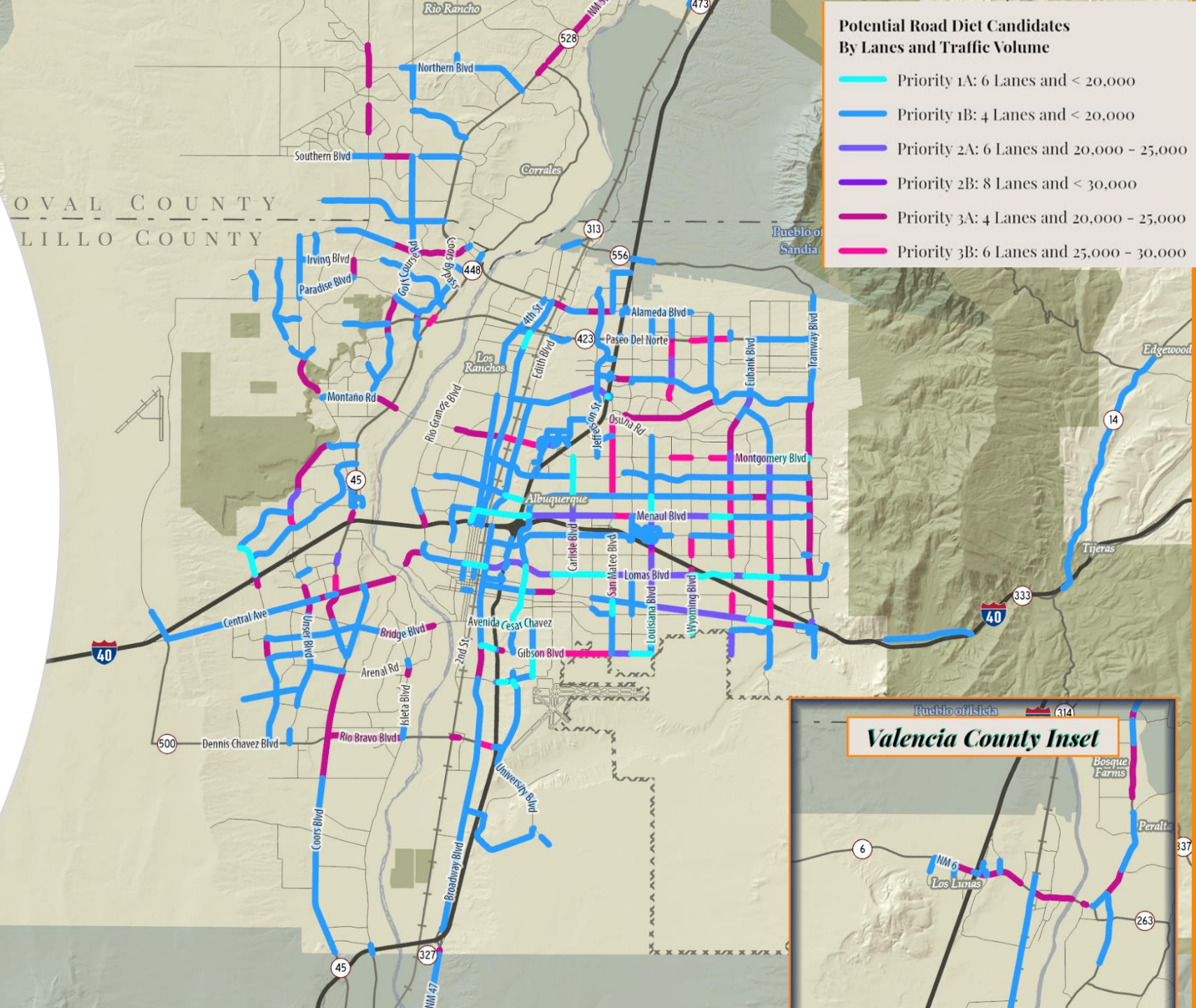
Legend

▲ Rail Runner

Evaluate Road Diet Candidates

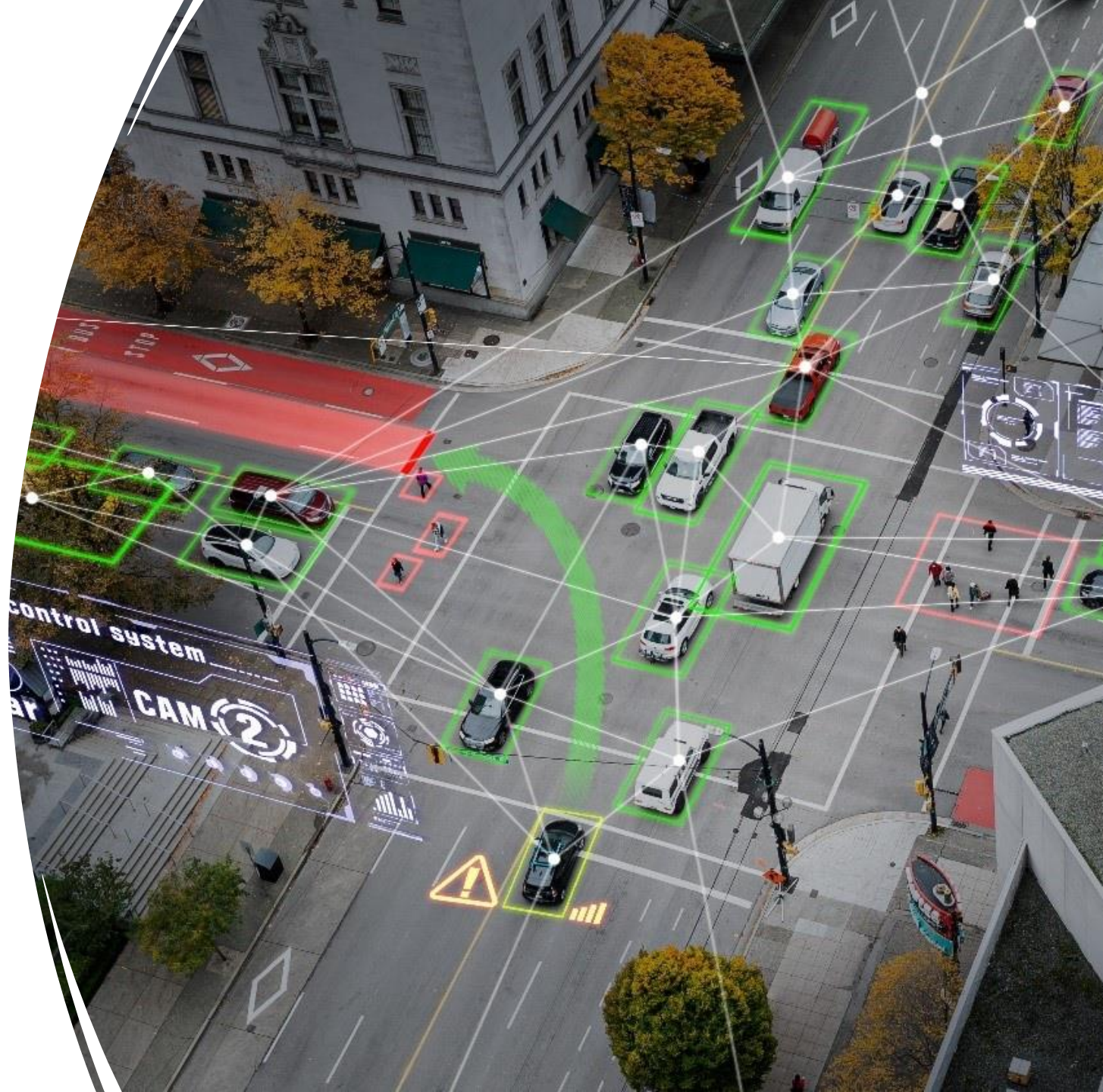
Some corridors were designed to handle higher volumes than they are serving

** **Further analysis required...*



Optimize Advanced Technologies

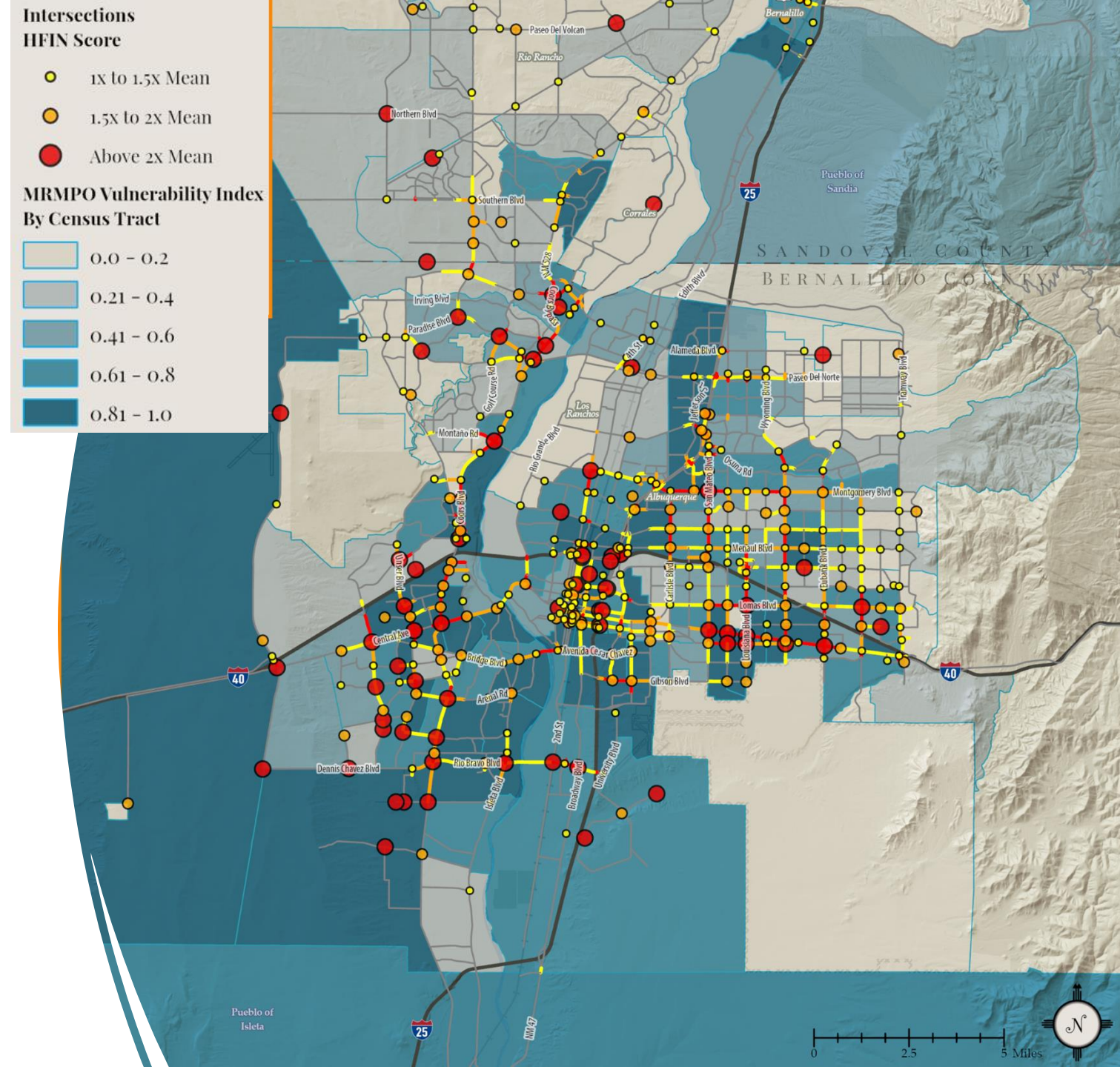
- Smart sensors and communications help us improve traffic flow and safety by notifying users of potential conflicts *before* they happen



Assess Equity

Evaluating transportation-related impacts on vulnerable communities

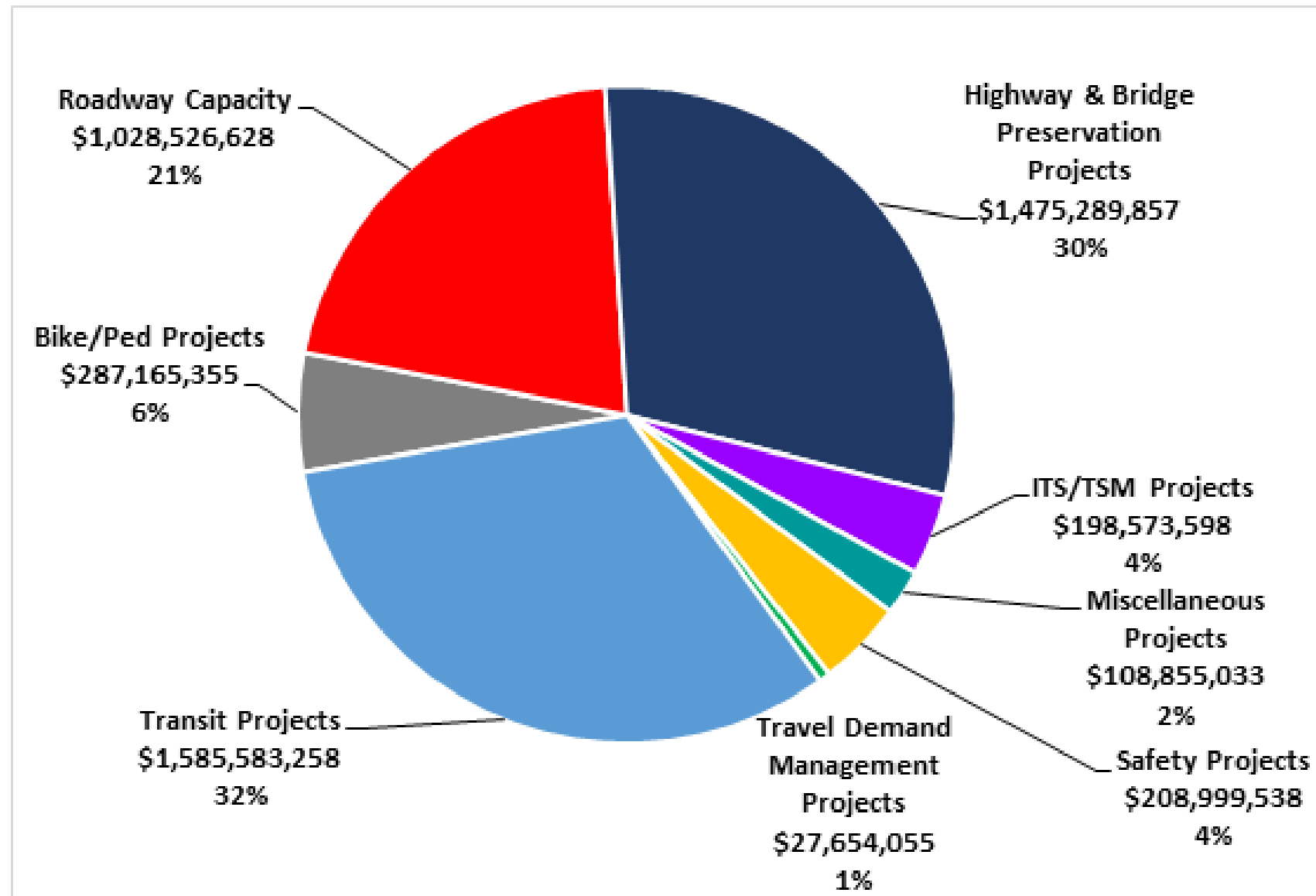
- Safety
- Access
- Public Health

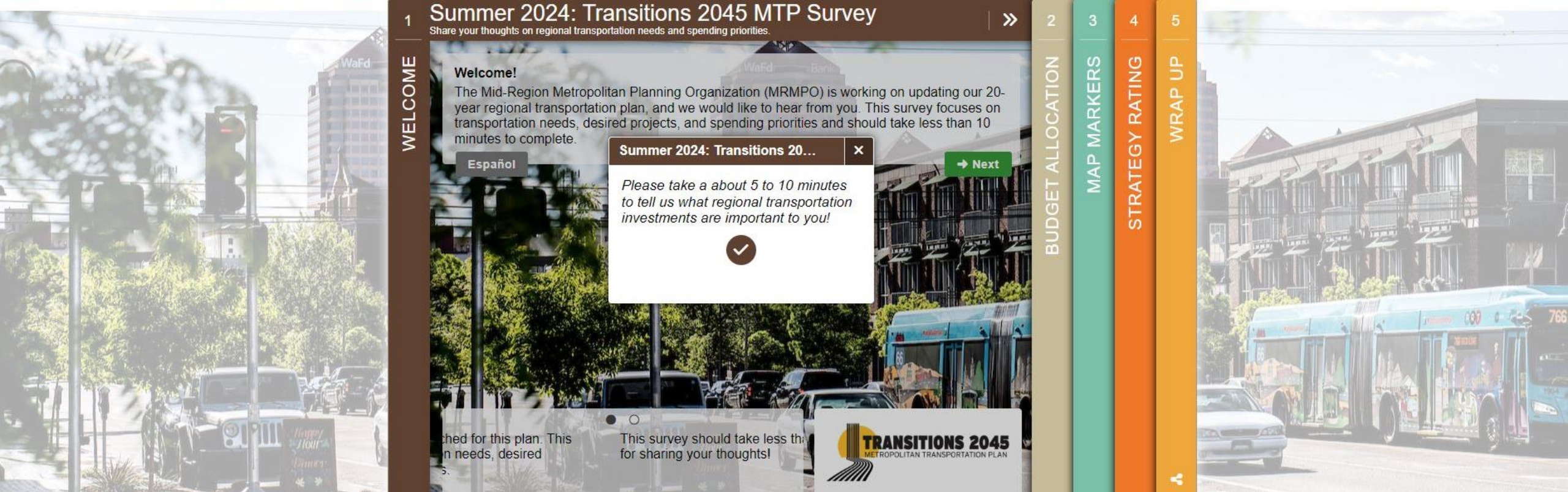


Invest in a Multimodal Transportation System

- \$5 Billion over 20+ years
- Publicly funded projects

2040 Connections MTP





We Want Your Feedback!

- Budget
- Dream Projects
- MTP Strategies
- **Survey open until August 30th**