

Long Range Transit Plan



City of Las Cruces

Community Development Interoffice Memorandum

To: Robert Garza, City Manager
From: Tom Murphy, Senior Planner
Subject: Long Range Transit Study/Plan Update
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Please be advised that Ms. Amanda Luecker, AICP, Project Manager from HDR Engineering, Inc., the consultant for the Long Range Transit Study/Plan (LRTP), is scheduled to provide to City Council and staff an update of the steps and progress regarding said study. Some of the discussion items anticipated during said update include how the study is considering corridors for transit related development and infrastructure investment. This very issue is very germane to the feasibility of providing efficient transit opportunities within our community, but also plays a strong role in furthering recommended actions identified within the 2009 Las Cruces Affordable Housing Strategies final report. As such, discussion is likely to delve into matters not only transportation related, but also into matters which speak to land use, employment and the role they play in defining necessary transit infrastructure.

Additionally, Ms. Luecker is expected to seek input into any known policy related areas that the collective Council may feel have not been duly considered thus far. For those policy related matters that have been raised, discussion might seek clarity on the direction Council may wish the study to take in defining and refining anticipated approach. The consultant will also explore how the LRTP can aid in obtaining funding opportunities are part of the Sustainable Communities offerings from HUD, DOT, and EPA.

In that the project is approximately 40%-50% complete, this update will help in defining the remaining steps that will be undertaken to produce a study that will help guide the City toward a continued enhancement of transit services in the community. Please be advised that in addition to consultant presence, staff will be in attendance to help answer any questions that may arise.

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