

The Facilities Master Plan

What is it and how does it work?





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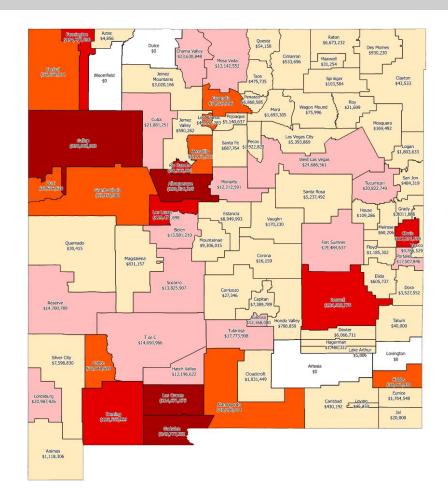
Putting Ideas



Into Action

New Mexico at a Glance

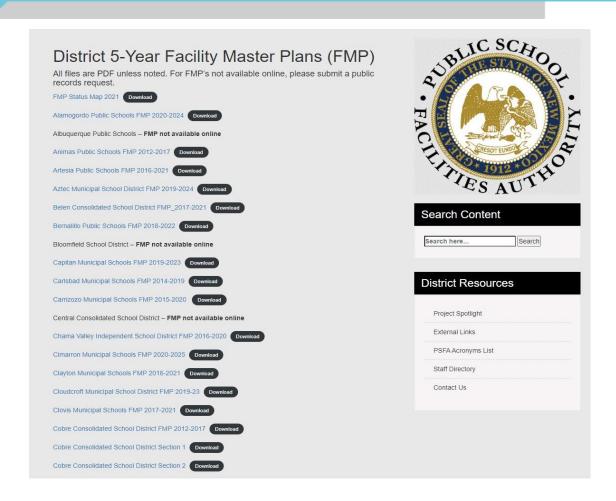
- 89 School Districts
 - Smallest: Vaughn
 - Largest: Albuquerque
- 100 Charter Schools
 - District authorized
 - State authorized



The Facilities Master Plan (FMP) is Authorized by State Statute

Section 22-24-5.B(11) NMSA 1978 States that a district seeking Public School Capital Outlay funding must submit a five year facilities plan

Any district/state authorized charter school seeking Public School Capital Outlay Council (PSCOC) funding must have a current five year facilities master plan



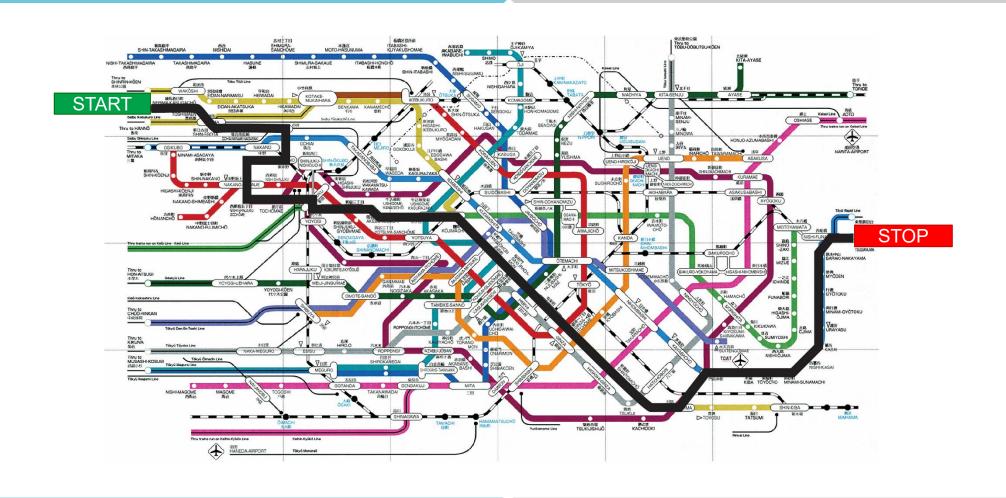
Facilities Master Plan Program

- 83 out of 89 schools districts have current master plans or in progress
- Both Constitutional Schools have master plans
 - NM School for the Deaf
 - NM School for the Blind and Visually Impaired
- All state-authorized charters have current master plans or in progress
- Annual funding cycle to help pay for the FMP cost at state/local split

Evolution of the Facilities Master Plan

- From laundry lists to solutions
- Charter schools combining elements of the educational specifications (since many are not in their permanent facility)
- New Mexico School for the Deaf/New Mexico School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (campus master planning)
- Greater detail in capacity and utilization
- Examination of new programs in NM schools
 - Pre-Kindergarten
 - Career/Technical Education
 - Teacher housing
 - Vacant/underutilized buildings with the potential for demolition

Where are we? Where do we want to go? How do we get there?



Why Plan for School Facilities?

- Scarce and competing financial resources
- District may be at a crossroads
 - Demographic shifts
 - Too much space
 - Too little space
 - Facilities that are old and unable to support changing needs of modern education
- Improving, upgrading, maintaining a school building or campus can be intimidating and overwhelming where to start?
 - Magnified when you have many school buildings and campuses to address

Benefits of the Facilities Master Plan

- Organizational management and budgeting tool
- All information and data on facilities in one place
 - Systems
 - Building condition
 - Capacity/Utilization
- Rigorous demographic and socioeconomic profile including trends and projections
- Data about facility use helps to organize existing or new space to accommodate program
- Anticipates and plans for change in educational program delivery as it relates to facilities
- Planning demonstrates a strategy behind facility improvement decision making in order to maximize taxpayer dollars

How does a Facilities Master Plan Work?

- Identifies short and long term district vision for its facilities
- Roadmap that guides district facility decision making based on data and input
 - What facilities only need general maintenance?
 - What facilities need renovation?
 - What facilities or systems need to be replaced?
 - How do we improve school security?
 - Do we need a new facility/Do we need to close a facility or demolish buildings?
- Identifies options, strategies, and resources to implement the vision

Plan Implementation

Planning Priorities

- Identifies priorities and options for each school and district facility and projects needed to meet priorities
- Assign financial resources to each project
 - GO Bonds, SB-9/HB-33, Public School Capital Outlay Award
- Integration of maintenance and capital planning
- Charter Schools use plan to assist in finding a suitable facility to accommodate their programs
- A facilities master plan is a living document that district should manage, review, and update annually

The FMP and PSCOC Process

FMP

- District prepares its five-year facilities master plan
- Based on data and input, district identifies FMP priorities for standards or systems projects
- School Board adopts FMP and secures funding for its share of project costs

Application

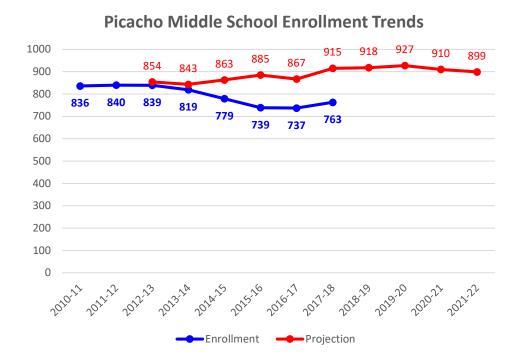
- For any FMP priority within eligible PSCOC funding pool, District may submit funding application
- PSFA and district work together to define the project scope and analyze the application
- Part of justification for project is inclusion in the FMP

Project

- PSCOC makes award to the district, which usually begins with Phase I Planning and Design work
- Project begins construction

Challenges Faced When Master Planning

- Enrollment projections can become obsolete
 - Especially if the district applies for funding during Year 5 of its FMP
- Public process Steering committees
 - Difficulty in utilizing a steering committee, particularly in rural districts
- Setting priorities not eligible for state assistance
- Checking a box vs actual use (plans that sit on shelves)
 - Plans need champions



From Planning to Completion



In Summary:

Value of a Facilities Master Plan

- Identifies the condition and needs of <u>all</u> the district's facilities
- Resources are limited maximizes the public dollar
- Decisions are based on data and input
- Builds upon district's strengths and addresses challenges
- Keeps the district focused in the event of leadership changes
- Rallies support for bond elections

"Better data = better decisions = better schools = students win"

-Quote from Alamogordo parent during its FMP process, 2014

Facilities Master Plan: Examples of Use

Lordsburg Municipal Schools

- Uses FMP to consolidate schools
 - Declining enrollment
 - Surplus Gross Square Footage
 - Re-built its high school at an appropriate scale and closed school

Clovis Municipal Schools

- Uses FMP to address rapid growth
 - Overcrowded elementary schools
 - Moved 6th grade to middle schools to create space in elementary schools
 - Built a new middle school

Facility Master Planning Resources

PSFA Website:

- Examples of FMPs for school districts/state chartered charter schools
- FMP Guidelines, Checklists, and Templates
- PSFA Geographical Information System

http://nmpsfa.org/?q=facility-planning

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