

# New Interchange, Bridge Three To Four Years in the Future

Construction of an additional Interstate 25 interchange and road with bridge across the Rio Grande is at least two, and as much as three to four, years in the future.

Why will it take possibly until 2011-2012 to even start construction on these projects, if such projects are deemed necessary?

Because there are many steps which must be taken in the process until a bid can even be let to begin the building of an interchange and road with bridge.

And there is a possibility that an interchange and a road with a bridge might not be constructed.

Money was allocated in the GRIP 2 legislation passed by the legislature in 2007 "for acquisition of rights of way, planning and design of an interchange and arterial crossing" in the Los Lunas area.

GRIP stands for Governor Richardson's Investment Program which invests in transportation needs and projects across the state.

The legislation called for the Village of Los Lunas to be the lead agency for the project. In addition, the bill authorized \$2,031,300 for the project. The Village of Los Lunas will match that with \$1,093,77 which is anticipated to be 35 percent of the total project cost.

## **MRCOG Leads Project**

The Village of Los Lunas has asked the Middle Rio Council of Governments (MRCOG) to manage the project. MRCOG has the ability to act as a liaison between all local governments and can provide a neutral voice when issues need to be facilitated.

Loretta Tollefson, MRCOG Special Projects Manager, is overseeing the project. She has considerable expertise in mapping and economic forecasts and has worked in Valencia County and with Valencia County governments and citizens

on the Mobility Plan over the last several years.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) has been released as the first step in the process of seeking a consultant to assist with the project.

Responses to the RFP are due in early October with a contract expected to be awarded within a month after that. The contract will be awarded by MRCOG in consultation with village officials.

## **Public Process Starts January**

Once the contract is awarded then the public process is expected to begin in January, 2009, and the consultants will be asked to complete that process at least by summer, 2010.

Before construction can begin the following steps must be taken. These steps are required by federal and/or state mandates and must be accomplished in the correct order.

1. Perform an initial analysis of the need for an interchange. A good deal of this work has been accomplished through the creation of the Mobility Plan.

2. Identify alternatives including the alternative of not building the projects.

3. Narrow down the alternatives to only a few.

4. Create a more detailed and authoritative analysis of the alternatives identified as part of number three. This would include looking at the number of acres in the right-of-way, number of people that must be moved, environmental, archeological and cultural impacts and, of course, the estimated cost of these items.

5. Identify a preferred alignment. This would have to include a preferred profile of the facility with items such as number of lanes, needs for bicycle and pedestrians

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## **Village Phone Numbers**

Emergency.....	911
Administrative Offices.....	839-3840
Animal Control .....	839-3842
Fire Dept. (non-emergency).....	839-3847
Keep LL Clean & Beautiful.....	839-3842
Municipal Court.....	839-3844
Parks and Recreation.....	352-3584
Police Dept. (non-emergency).....	865-9130
Public Library.....	839-3850
Public Works.....	839-3840
Recycling Information.....	839-3840
Senior Citizens Center.....	839-3853
Solid Waste.....	839-3840
Street Maintenance.....	839-3840
Transportation Dept.....	352-3595
Water Dept.....	839-3841
Wellness Center.....	839-3859

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lanes, and the like.

6. If the build alternative is chosen then financing the construction is the next step. Both state and federal funds would be sought for the project..

A portion of the gasoline tax paid on every gallon goes toward highway improvements and some of this money could be sought. Legislative appropriations could also be requested.

### **County Has Internal Circulation Problems**

Loretta Tollefson points out that one of the reasons the village is funding this project is to address the internal circulation problems in Valencia County which force traffic to use Main Street/NM 6 through the village in order to get to destinations outside of the village boundaries.

In addition, the county does not have a good housing and employment balance so it is necessary to get people to jobs that may not be close to the people's residences.

Together, these facts justify the study of the potential for a new I-25 intersection and road with bridge.

Many people know about the GRIP money and think that an interchange and road with bridge will be constructed in the near future, said Tollefson, but the long study process is made necessary by state and federal regulations.

She added that the public will be involved every step of the way in the process. She urged everyone to attend public meetings and express their opinions about the project.

### **Lessons Learned From Previous Study**

Throughout the process, everyone involved will keep in mind the bridge study conducted several years ago in Valencia County. "Some lessons were learned from that experience," said Tollefson. "We intend to keep those lessons in mind as we proceed."

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ONLINE — Go To  
WWW.LOSLUNASNM.GOV  
AND FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS**

**TREK FOR TRASH**  
**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27 7 AM - Noon**  
**MEET AT THE VILLAGE**  
**ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**  
**DON PASQUAL AND MAIN STREET**



**LUNCH, AS WELL AS TRASH BAGS, WILL BE PROVIDED. PRIZES  
WILL BE GIVEN TO VOLUNTEERS THROUGH A RANDOM DRAWING.  
T-SHIRTS WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE FIRST 50 VOLUNTEERS.  
PLEASE DRESS APPROPRIATELY FOR THE WEATHER. IN CASE OF  
INCLEMENT WEATHER, THE CLEANUP WILL BE CANCELLED.**

**LET'S CLEAN UP  
Los Lunas TOGETHER**

# Business Licenses Issued

The following new business have been issued licenses by the Village of Los Lunas since about March 1. All addresses are Los Lunas and phone numbers are 505 unless otherwise noted.

A True Edge 1207 Festival Rd. NW 865-5238  
A.J. Ironworks #3 Zentner Rd. 263-4903  
A+ Accounting Inc. 2901 Juan Tabo Blvd. NE #10 Albuquerque 299-7722  
Accurate Escrow Co. of Valencia County, Inc. P.O. Box 838 565-2591  
After Hours I Care 1800 Main St. NE, Suite 2 803-4638  
All Around Accounting P.O. Box 611 Tome 866-1000  
Alpha Construction Services, Inc. Bernalillo 867-4700  
Angels & Artists, INC. 21 Terry Dr. 865-5133  
A-Plus Accounting & Tax Services, LLC 680 Primrose Ave. SW 263-0116  
Big "C'S" Pizza 3476 Hwy. 47 865-9972  
Bloom Hair Salon 3414 Hwy 47, Suite E 865-5400  
Bottled Plant Creations 614 Davis Place 553-8824  
Brandy's Hair Studio P.O. Box 651 261-6035  
Budget Septic Belen 710-4422  
Candles 'D' Lite 1141 Recreo Rd, NW 865-9015  
Clear View 3450 Wagon Wheel St. SW 206-1114  
Cross Country Propane III Bosque Farms 615-7696  
Culture Connection Inc. 120 Zuni River Circle SW 866-1816  
Custom Ornamental & Iron Art Rio Rancho (702) 353-1905  
D & R Internet Sales 379 Canal Blvd A101 507-0176  
Daniel Torres Insurance 2601-B Main St. SW 865-6250  
David & Sons Communication Peralta NM 866-5302  
De Tome Photography 512 Sandoval Rd. SW 459-6095  
Deborah Hester-Rael, CPA 1805 Applewood Ln. SW 866-5586  
Dee's Specialty Gifts P.O. Box 15772 203-1565  
EL Sarape 325 Main St. SW 550-3158  
Elite Mobile Advertising 1260 Blanca Ave. 450-5602  
Elizabeth Mora 959 Hwy. #314 565-8114  
Enchanted Care Solutions, LLC Albuquerque 797-6680  
Eye Associates of New Mexico 1603 Main St. SW, Suite B 865-6100  
Fancy Face Aesthetics and First Assist Services 944 Lucinda Dr. 235-0769  
Feel Good Naturally 353 Dennis Dr. NE 565-3686  
Feinest Photography 411 Kingsbury Circle 440-1460  
Firebird Construction Services, LLC Albuquerque 452-9009  
Francisco's Handyman Services 1612 Heaton Lp. 712-7008  
Franklin Building & Home Inspections 36 Tome Hill Rd. 261-0519  
Golden Touch Carpet Cleaning & Auto Services 1118 Serafin Ct. 550-3786  
Goober Rentals 3457-A Hwy. 47 315-9491  
Grace Through Faith Carriers, Inc. 1744 Bryan Dr. SW 440-5067  
Grandma Pat's Kids 267 Courthouse Rd. 916-0203  
Hydrogen-Go Green 444 Garden Ave. SW 565-5586  
J & J Enterprises P.O. Box 3225 565-9191  
J & L Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning 221 Colonial Ave. 453-6581  
Jego't McKenzie 1121 Mesa Loop NW 604-3781  
John Kirkpatrick Design Consultant P.O. Box 328 865-0111  
Joseph I. Leiva 601 Main St. SE Suite 13 565-4679  
Kilo Watt Electric Rio Rancho 379-6863  
Laurie Lujan Insurance Agency P.O. Box 1268 865-6648  
Logistical LLC 513 Taylor Rd. NE 865-6201  
Los Lunas Pit Stop 544 Main St. SW 865-9188  
Magnet Signs of Rio Rancho 980-6778  
Maple Leaf Fitness, LLC 1190 Festival Rd. 850-5719  
Mario's Tile 01 Serenity Ln. 550-2528  
Mirage Transport Albuquerque 301-9372

Mobile Counseling P.O. Box 2063 319-5559  
Nails Time 3457 Hwy. 47 St. F 865-5838  
Natural Balance Acupuncture, LLC P.O. Box 1016 400-8962  
New Leaf Technology 3421 High Plains St. SW 865-5760  
New Mexico Pools Albuquerque 839-7777  
New York Beauty Salon & Supplies Belen 203-2650  
New York Tattoo Shop 412 Main St. 203-2650  
NHW Transportation LLC P.O. Box 248 866-1671  
Niles McCall Consulting 1235 Coplen SW 866-9433  
Parallel Vision 260 Courthouse Rd. Suite 4 865-2098  
PDQ Lock & Key Services 1050 Cypress Ct.  
Performance Wheel 1200 Pandora Dr. SE 573-3038  
Philly Central 1603 Main St. St D J681-2103  
Premier Book New Mexico 2730 Firewheel Ave. SW 565-5904  
Premier Speech Language Pathology Services 711 Deer-brush Ct. SW 681-7997  
Preston Roberts Construction, Inc. 21 Frances Rd. 865-8175  
Quick Cleaning Services 09 Dogwood Ln. 304-6829  
Ray's Dance Party 4935 Juan P. Sanchez 315-3948  
RBL Enterprises P.O. Box 1225 916-0197  
Re/Max Gallery 526 Sun Ranch Village Lp. St A 866-2500  
Relative Progress 3017 Wagon Wheel. SW948-3051  
S & J Vending Isleta NM 235-7967  
Sandia Builders Rio Rancho 896-1166  
Santa Fe Jewelry, Etc. 901 Carnival Ct. 865-5038  
Security One 146 Carr St. 866-1539  
Steven's Leftovers, Etc. 604 Main St. 865-3300  
T.A.S. Beauty Services 916 Ladron Ave. 710-9496  
The Clean Bee 2282 Lonestar SW 916-0106  
The Hidden Sidhe 451 Little Wings Loop 573-3864  
The Restorer 1100 Canal Blvd, SW 565-8127  
Tillery Pontiac Buick GMC, LLC 2221 Autumn Brush Rd. 864-4409  
TNT Tech LLC 851 Soledad Ln. 866-6000  
Versa-Tile Flooring 1280 Camino del Rey 407-2573  
Vincent Financial Counseling Services 453 Garden Ave. 565-1639  
Walgreens Illinois (847) 315-3404  
Wood Pecker Embroidery 368 Verde Dr. 459-5750  
X-Factor Communications, Inc. Peralta (714) 935-9990

## Summer Youth Program Beautifies Village

The Village of Los Lunas Summer Youth Beautification Program ended a highly successful session August 8.

The thirty-eight students cleaned many areas throughout the village. The students cut, raked and bagged weeds with truckloads and trailers of weeds hauled off to the transfer station on a daily basis.

The students were divided into three groups and on the last day each group washed and cleaned the program vans for the next group.

Students were treated to pizza and free video games at Big "C's" Pizza place on the last day also.

Kara Rael and Curtis Heppler supervised the students who were expected to be punctual for work and follow orders.

Summer Youth Program coordinators Marie Marquez and Josie Navarette said they hoped the students found working in the program a learning experience.

Both expressed their thanks to the parents for all their help and support and wished the students a safe and rewarding school year.

# *Shop in Valencia County No Red Light Cameras No Speed Cameras or Traps Less Traffic than the Big City*

September is not too early to begin shopping for holiday gifts.

In fact, some people shop starting in January for gifts given in December.

And we all shop for something all year round. Do your shopping in Valencia County.

The gross receipts tax returns to our communities. Taxes are used to provide many of the services we enjoy such as police and fire service, road and sidewalk improvements and much more we take for granted every day.



## **San Antonio Park Opens**

Opening day at the village's newest park, San Antonio Park on Los Lentes north of Trujillo Road, brought out many people who enjoyed the park's amenities such as a playground, walking trail, tennis courts, an all purpose field and sheltered picnic tables.

# **Los Lunas Paintball**

**Two 20,000 Square Feet Fields  
with Inflatable Bunkers for Speedball Play**

## **Rent Equipment or Bring Your Own**

Paintball guns, paintballs, protection gear and other accessories available.

All players must sign waiver to participate

Players under the age of 18 must have parents or guardian sign waiver

Closed Monday through Thursday

Open Friday 2 - 7 pm. Saturday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Sunday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

1603 Highway 314 South of Daniel Fernandez Park Off Morris Road

## **Attend A Council Meeting!**

The Los Lunas Village Council meets twice a month in the council chambers in the Administration Building on the corner of Don Pasqual and Main Street.

Scheduled 2008 meeting dates are:

September 25 October 9 & 23

November 6 & 20 December 4 & 18

Meetings begin at 6 p.m. Once in a while meetings are canceled so check with village officials at 839-3840 to be sure a meeting has not been changed.

The agenda will be available at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the scheduled meeting from the bulletin board in the lobby of the Administration Building, at 660 Main Street NW, Los Lunas, NM; the Los Lunas Library located at 460 Main Street NE; and posted on the village website (address: [www.loslunasnm.gov](http://www.loslunasnm.gov)).

## **Need Information Fast! Check Out the Village Website**

**[www.loslunasnm.gov](http://www.loslunasnm.gov)**

## **VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

**Louis F. Huning Mayor  
Councilors**

**Cecilia CC Castillo Charles Griego  
Gerard Saiz Robert Vialpando**

**Municipal Judge Jeff Aragon**

**Village Administrator**

**Phillip Jaramillo Master Municipal Clerk  
Chief of Police Nick Balido**