LOS LUNAS BOULEVARD
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Village of Los Lunas
Incorporated 1928
New Mexico
Small Community • Big Possibilities

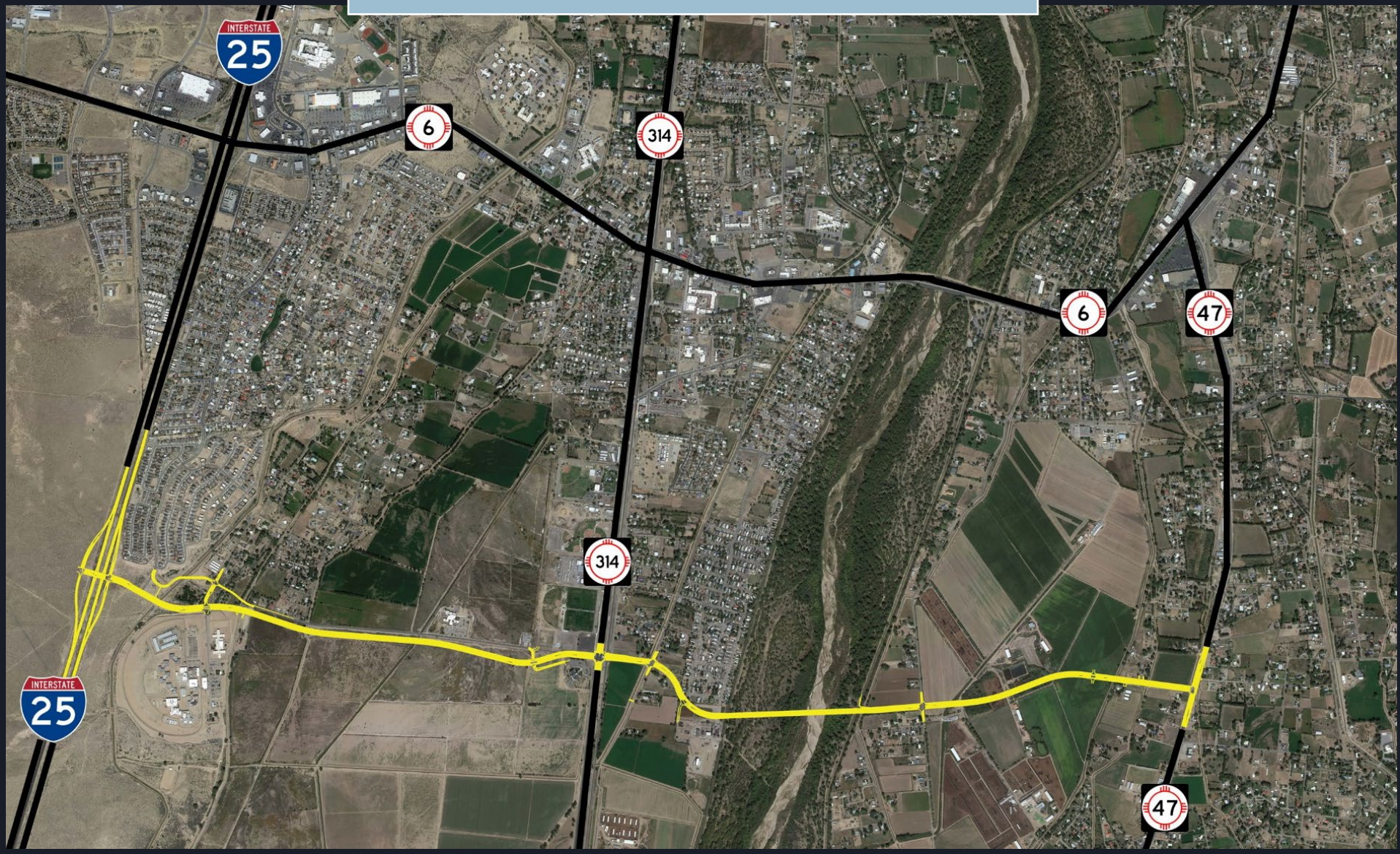
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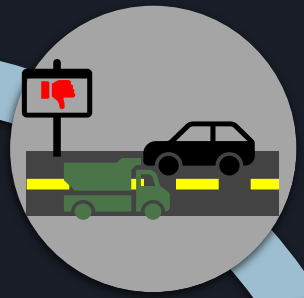
U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Highway Administration

INTERSTATE 25
LOS LUNAS BLVD

LOCATION



NEED



DEFICIENCIES OF THE EXISTING TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM



GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT



TRAFFIC & CONGESTION



EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICE

DEFICIENCIES IN THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

- Deficiencies have been identified in transportation system for the last 20 years
- NM 6 is the only east-west roadway connecting I-25, across the Rio Grande to NM 47 for 10.3 north and 10.5 south
- NM 6 lacks adequate capacity
- Opportunities to improve NM 6 have largely been exhausted

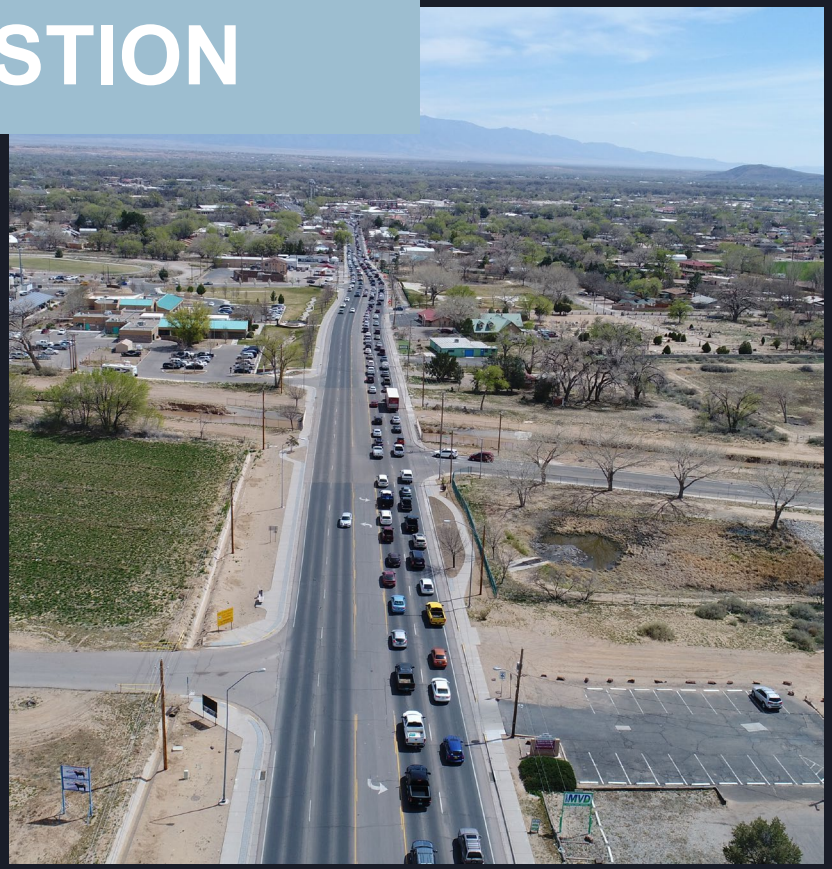


GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

- Growth and development are expected to increase in the region for both population and employment
  - West of I-25
  - East of the River
  - Along NM 47 and NM 314

TRAFFIC CONGESTION





NM 6 in 2035 Level-of-Service F

LOS LUNAS BLVD





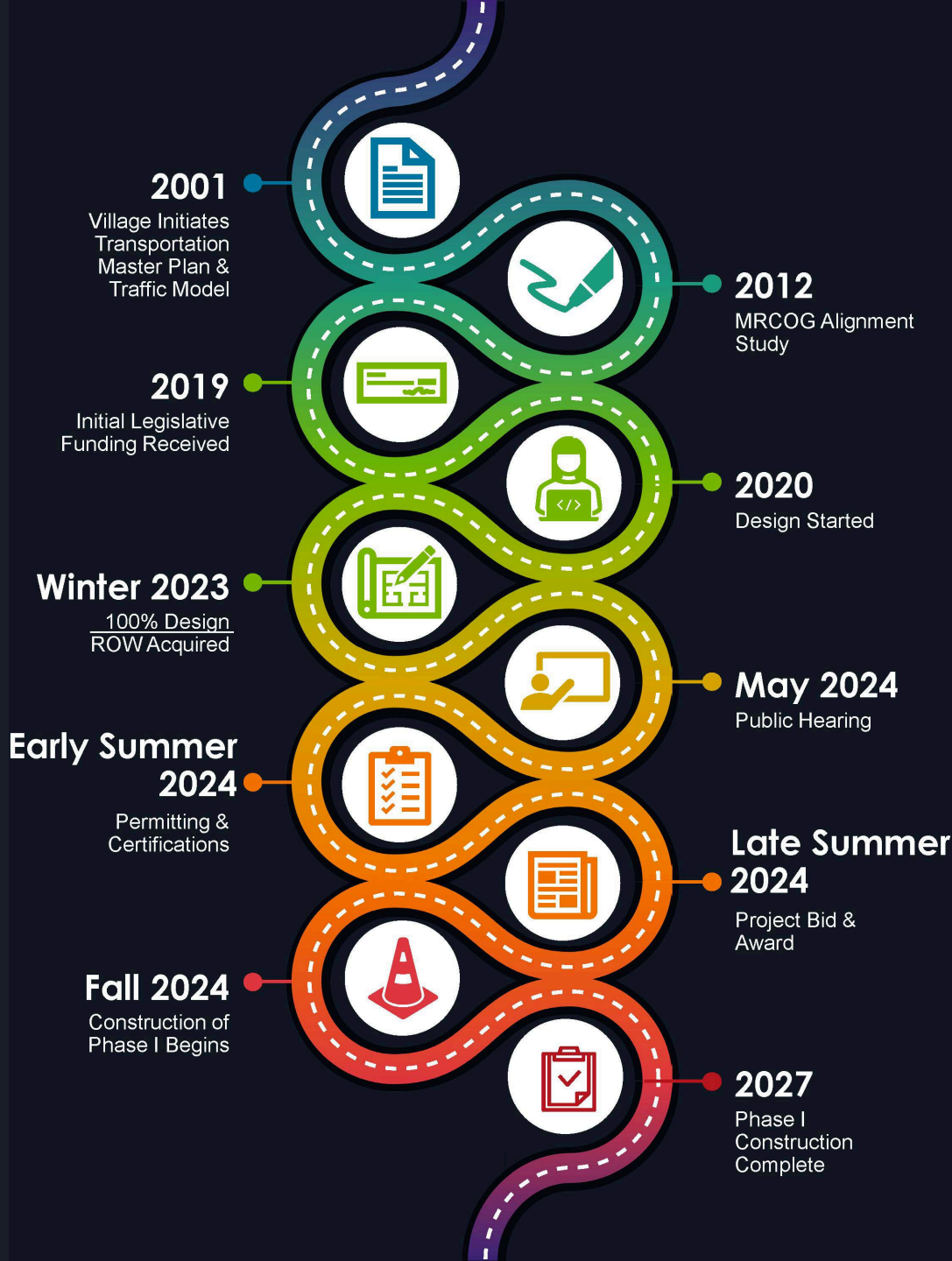
- No hospitals or trauma centers within Valencia County
- NM 6 Congestion and/or accidents can cause significant delays to emergency transport vehicles, police and fire



EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICE

THE PURPOSE IS TO ADDRESS TRAFFIC FLOW ON NM 6 BY ADDING A NEW ROAD BETWEEN I-25 AND NM 47. THE PROJECT AIMS TO ADDRESS TRAVEL DEMAND TO HIGH-GROWTH AREAS AND IMPROVE THE EFFICIENTLY OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES WITHIN NORTHERN VALENCIA COUNTY.

PROJECT HISTORY



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Alternatives Analysis Report

Los Lunas Corridor Study

CN: G2S7602 and A300960

Los Lunas, Valencia County, New Mexico

MR COG

August 2012



PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Most Recent public meeting was held in 2020 and the comments were primarily:

- Questions about access
- Support for the project
- Questions about phasing and scheduling
- Concerns about noise
- Concerns about impacts to adjacent property and agricultural lands
- Concerns/Questions about design or location of the corridor

ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESS

- Federally Funding necessitates compliance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
  - Considers: Social, Environmental, & Economic Factors
- Environmental Assessment (EA), developed collaboratively, involves key stakeholders:
  - The Village of Los Lunas
  - New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT)
  - Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
  - Valencia County
  - Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD)
  - U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
  - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
  - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
  - Pueblos of Laguna, Isleta, and Acoma

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA)

Technical Studies & Research:

Cultural Resources, Water Resources, Biology, Noise, Visuals, Hazardous Materials, Agency Consultation, & Public Involvement.

Project Discussions:

Project History, Purpose, Alternatives, & Preferred Option.

Relevant Findings:

Focuses on areas that are most relevant to the project.

Expected Outcome:

FHWA to issue Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), leading project to construction.



HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

- **Land Use**
  - Between Developed & Urban Land
  - Project Facilitates Urban Growth Consistent with Regional Plans
- **Farmland**
  - Directly Used
  - Irrigation system, access, & other farm infrastructure will be maintained
- **Socioeconomic Factors**
  - Enhances Community Facilities & Accessibility
  - Not expected to have adverse disproportionate impacts to minority and low-income populations
- **Right-of-Way & Relocations**
  - Federal Uniform Relocation & Real Property Acquisition Policies Act



HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

- **Visual Impacts**
  - Aesthetic enhancements are included in the project to mitigate impacts
- **Economic Impacts**
  - The project will reduce congestion & improve regional access
  - Generates direct jobs, wages, & business sales; economic multiplier effects; possible new building; & increased land values & associated property taxes
- **Multimodal Transportation**
  - Introduced a new east-west trail from I-25 to NM 47, crossing the river
  - Connects to north-south trails, linking Rail Runner Station & NM 6
  - Provides access to river channel trails

AIR QUALITY & NOISE

- **Air Quality**
  - Reduced travel times, increase average speeds, reduces carbon monoxide & greenhouse gas emissions
- **Noise Impacts**
  - FHWA TNM Model to Predict Future Noise Levels
  - Sound Walls at I-25 NB on Ramp & Chamisal/Desert Flower

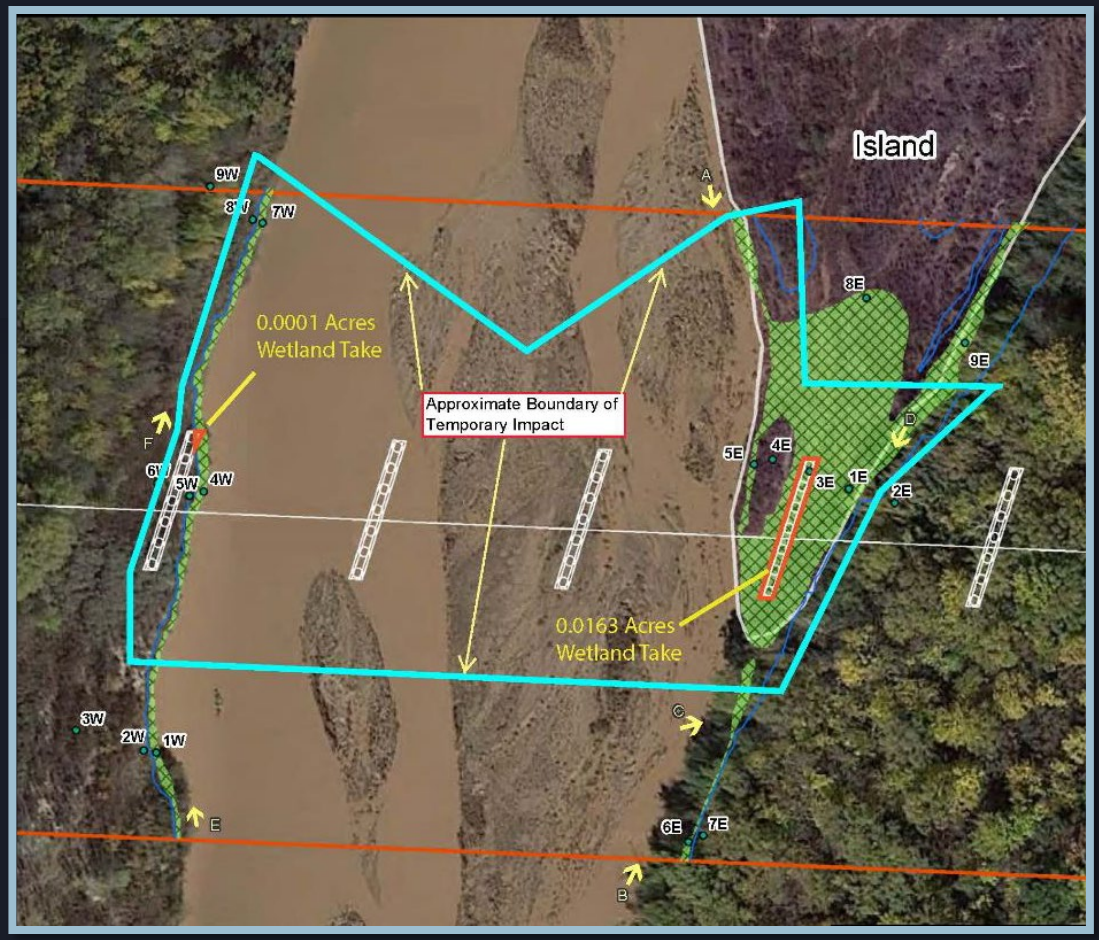

New interchange with 2 new I-40 bridges and ramps
Camino Rustica SW
Camino Rincon SW
Camino Cancun
Camelot Blvd SW
I-25
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Improved crossings of NM 314, BNSF tracks, and Los Lentes Rd.
Alignment wraps around neighborhood on Chamisal Ave. and Desert Flower Ave.
Los Lunas Wastewater Treatment Plant
Morris Rd SE
NM-314
Los Lentes Rd SE
Lisame Ct SE
Chamisa Ave SE
Juniper Ave SE
Heaton Loop SE
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NOISE STUDY

WATER RESOURCES

- Bridge pier construction permanently impacts small river channel areas & some wetlands
- Construction will temporarily impact additional waters and wetlands
- Protective Measures implemented to minimize impacts
- Requires Section 404 & 408 Permits from the USACE & Section 401 Water Quality Certification from the N.M. Environment Department



BIOLOGICAL & NATURAL RESOURCES

- **Vegetation**
  - Clear Zone width: 200 feet
  - Trees Removed: 216 Cottonwoods, 72 Willows
- **Threatened & Endangered Species**
  - Habitat for: Southwest willow flycatcher, yellow-billed cuckoo, Rio Grande Silvery Minnow
  - Impact assessment: Section 7 Consultation under Endangered Species Acr
  - Mitigation Measures: Water rights allocation, bird impact avoidance, tree replacement
- **Floodplains**
  - Majority of Valley floor is Floodplain
  - Road is elevated & will capture & store roadway runoff

CULTURAL & HISTORICAL RESOURCES

- **Cultural Resources**
  - 2 archeological sites
  - 17 historic linear features
  - 10 historic buildings
  - Several minor features
  - 1 archeological site will require mitigation
- **Tribal Consultation**
  - Pueblos of Isleta
  - Acoma
  - Laguna
- **Indian Trust Lands**
  - No Indian Trust Lands are affected by the project.

OTHER ISSUES

- **Hazardous Materials**
  - Minor issues found: Agricultural residues & removal of old structures
- **Section 4(f) Lands**
  - Special restrictions on park, recreational lands, wildlife refuges & historic properties in federal transportation projects
  - Los Lunas Sports Plex property will be minimally impacted
- **Construction Impacts**
  - Most construction off-line, except major intersections
  - River channel work during low flow, following conservation measures



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LOS LUNAS BLVD


CAMELOT BLVD
SICHLER RD
SHAWN DR
MORRIS RD
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NM 314
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PROJECT COST

- Total Project Construction Estimate approximately $234 million
- Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for Construction $154,317,389
  - Phase I Construction
    - Total Project - $139,508,819.61
    - Contingencies - $4,808,569.39
    - Construction Admin - $10,000,000

PHASE 1



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PHASE 2



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SCHEDULE

Public Hearing for EA May 2024

100% Stamped Plans Summer 2024

Bidding & Award Late Summer 2024

Phase I Construction Fall 2024

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COMMENTS

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The comment period ends June 12, 2024.