



New Mexico State Legislature

STATE CAPITOL
Santa Fe

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Mr. Charles Griego
Office of the Mayor
Village of Los Lunas
660 Main Street NW
Los Lunas, NM 87031

Dear Mayor Griego,

We continue to support the Village of Los Lunas in their regional effort to build a new I-25 Interchange and river crossing to NM 47, which would alleviate traffic on NM 6 and would serve most of Valencia County. The Village has been very proactive in requesting funding and has *spent several million dollars* over the last decade as the local lead on approximately eight different projects in an attempt to upgrade NMDOT intersection facilities on NM 6. The Village has completed these projects in an attempt to alleviate the increasingly dangerous congestion on NM 6; however, now respectfully requests assistance at the Federal level to complete this regional transportation facility. Following last year's state legislative session, \$55 million from state general funds were committed to the project to be administered by the New Mexico Department of Transportation. In addition to leveraging State and local funds, the Village has continued to apply for Federal funding and is currently applying for a U.S. Department of Transportation INFRA grant.

The Village of Los Lunas, in conjunction with the Mid-Region Council of Governments has completed a corridor study and has garnered regional support from many surrounding communities including Valencia County, the Pueblo of Isleta, Village of Bosque Farms, City of Belen, the Town of Peralta, and the City of Rio Communities. The area schools, local police and fire departments have also expressed support for this necessary project. The Village of Los Lunas has presented this regional priority to Congressional delegates, the New Mexico State Transportation Commission as well as the New Mexico House and Senate Transportation Subcommittees. In fact, the Village has been "work shopping" with the Mid-Region Council of Governments and the NM DOT on possible funding opportunities.

We realize this Interchange project is a regional issue, and as such, is a monumental task for the Village to undertake. Therefore, we pledge our legislative support and will work with other members of New Mexico's delegation to assist the Village. Together, we will find a way to fund, design, and construct this vital transportation project for central New Mexico.

Sincerely,



Alonzo Baldonado
Representative, State of New Mexico



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Senator, State of New Mexico



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Representative, State of New Mexico



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