

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Village of Los Lunas evolved historically as a farming community and maintains great pride in its rural character. However, annexation and development over the last thirty years have changed the Village from a quiet, rural place into one of the fastest growing municipalities in New Mexico.

The community is comprised of 1,000 businesses with annual retail sales of \$400 million. The largest employers, ranging from the Walmart Distribution Center to Home Depot, employ over 3,500 people.

*Los Lunas has 1,170 acres of available commercial land complete with new infrastructure.*

#### LOS LUNAS FACTS

- ✓ Fastest growing NM city since 1960
- ✓ Pop: 15,203 (52.5% growth since 2000) (Valencia County Pop: 76,480)
- ✓ Immediate trade area: 210,200 people
- ✓ 22 miles from Albuquerque, NM
- ✓ Albuquerque MSA: 902,797 people
- ✓ Rural/agrarian
- ✓ Access to major interstate (I-25)
- ✓ Access to international airport
- ✓ Commuter Rail System
- ✓ Access to Railroad

### MAJOR STAKEHOLDERS:

- ◆ Federal Highway Administration
- ◆ U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- ◆ Bureau of Reclamation
- ◆ New Mexico Department of Transportation

### REGIONAL SUPPORT:



### STATE/FEDERAL SUPPORT:



#### FUNDING REQUESTS

- ▶ Legislative
- ▶ Gubernatorial
- ▶ Congressional

U.S. DOT TIGER & FASTLANE Grants

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# Los Lunas

## I-25 Interchange

## East - West Corridor



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**THE CHALLENGE**

The need for a new I-25 interchange and east-west corridor is to improve traffic flow on NM 6 (Main Street); access to high growth areas within the study area; and the efficiency of emergency response within the Village of Los Lunas and surrounding areas. Currently, NM 6 is the only Interstate exit for Los Lunas and provides the only direct opportunity for Village and County residents to cross the Rio Grande.

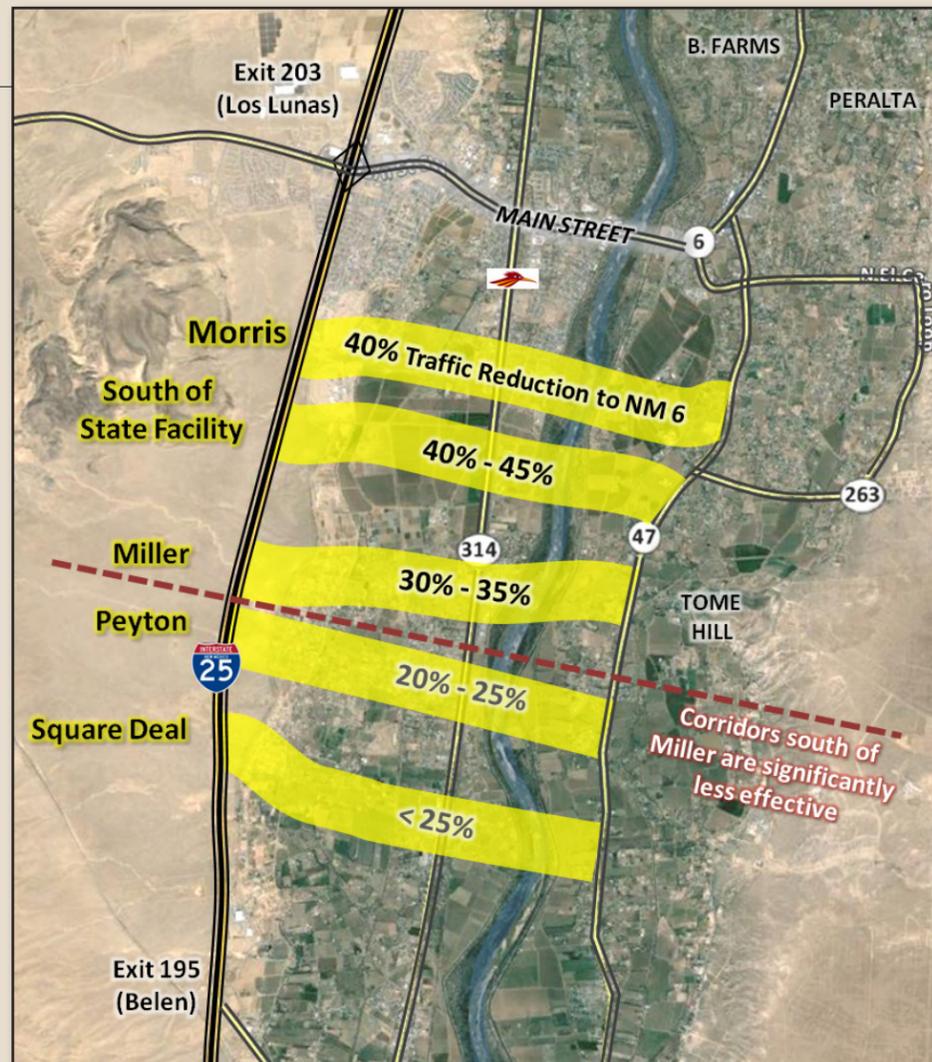
The resulting congestion adversely affects commuter travel; access to area businesses, schools, and services located along NM 6; and the ability to respond quickly to emergency situations.

**Approximately 43% of vehicles that travel on NM 6 do not stop in Los Lunas**

**THE SOLUTION**

Recent studies conducted by the Village show that a new interchange south of NM 6 **would decrease eastbound NM 6 traffic by approximately 43%** if completed in its entirety from I-25 to NM 47. The Village would like to begin the design for construction of Phase I of the project estimated to cost \$47 million. This phase would include a new I-25 Interchange as well as an eastward extension to NM 314.

The Village has coordinated with the MRCOG to complete a corridor alignment study and has taken the initiative in acquiring right-of-way to move this project forward.



NM 6 traffic reduction by route location



Estimated expenditures by phase

**In a public outreach survey, 78% of area residents felt NM 6 congestion was a regional problem**

**Los Lunas Corridor LOCATION AND STUDY AREA**

Los Lunas is located in the Rio Grande Basin in Valencia County. Isleta and Albuquerque are to the north and Belen is to the south. NM 6 services approximately 29,000 vehicles per day for an estimated County population of 80,000 people.

