

NM 264 ALIGNMENT STUDY MILEPOST 0 TO 16

OVERVIEW

The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT), in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration, is conducting an Alignment Study on NM 264 in McKinley County from the Arizona/New Mexico state line to the US 491 interchange near Yah-Ta-Hey. The purpose of the study is to document existing conditions and develop highway improvement alternatives. NM 264 serves as a key corridor to the Navajo Nation, connecting communities to Window Rock, Arizona, and serves as a connection to US 491.

The corridor improvements will be completed in segments. Funding has been programmed for the first construction segment (Segment 1), which will run from milepost 10 to 14 and is currently under design.



PROJECT SCHEDULE

Spring/ Summer 2022	Fall 2022	Fall/ Winter 2022	Winter 2022/2023	Spring 2023	Fall 2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish the need for improvements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Virtual public meeting #1 Identify improvement alternatives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate improvement alternatives Prepare draft Alignment Study document 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Virtual public meeting #2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Select preferred alternative(s) Completion of NM 264 Alignment Study 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anticipated start of construction for Segment 1 (CN 6101221)

EXISTING CONDITIONS

The study phase will document the existing conditions, identify traffic and safety areas of concern, investigate sensitive cultural and biological resources, seek public and agency feedback, identify improvement alternatives and arrive at a proposed improvement alternative.

Existing conditions include:

- **Poor pavement condition**
- **Roadway embankment erosion**
- **Right-of-Way limitations**
- **Lack of median drainage system**
- **Non-compliant pedestrian access routes**
- **Significant sediment deposits**

POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS



Improved roadside barriers



Improved turnouts/access



Updated lane striping and pavement markings



Improved drainage infrastructure



Upgraded ITS infrastructure (broadband fiber)



Upgraded signage



Improved bicycle and pedestrian facilities

WHERE ARE WE NOW?

We are currently establishing a need for improvements and identifying highway improvement alternatives. Once highway improvement alternatives are identified and evaluated, the study team will present the alternatives to the public for review and input.