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Public Outreach Summary

NM 264 Alignment Study Milepost 0 to 16

CN 6101220

New Mexico Department of Transportation

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Introduction

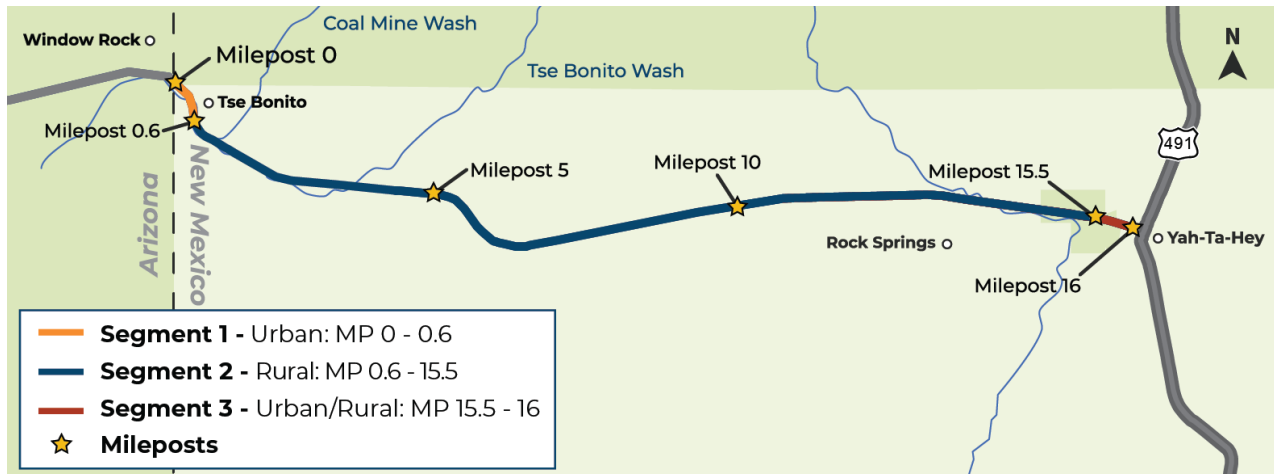
N.M. Highway 264 (NM 264) is a 16-mile highway that extends west to east from the New Mexico/Arizona state line (milepost 0.0) to the US 491 interchange near Yah-Ta-Hey (milepost 16.0) in McKinley County. It serves as a key corridor to the Navajo Nation, connecting communities to Window Rock, AZ, located five miles across the Arizona border. NM 264 also connects to US 491, eight miles north of Gallup. The NMDOT, in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration, is conducting the NM 264 Alignment Study (Study) and identifying why improvements to this highway are needed. The purpose of the Study is to document existing conditions and develop highway improvement alternatives for the corridor. Once the Study has been completed, the improvements will be prioritized, and as more funding becomes available, the work will be completed in phases.

NM 264 Alignment Study Milepost 0 to 16

The purpose of the project(s) would be to improve the roadway's condition and life expectancy, improve drainage conditions, address substandard roadway geometry, add multimodal facilities, implement access management, and improve overall safety. Each alignment study alternative was evaluated based on purpose and need, traffic operations, safety, existing access and land use, right-of-way and environmental impacts, constructability, and construction cost. Based on the alternatives evaluation and community input received early in the study process, the following alternatives are recommended to advance into the next phase:

- **Segment 1 - Urban Section (Milepost 0.0 to 0.6) - Tse Bonito**
 - Includes reconstruction of the existing roadway to include four, 12-foot (ft) travel lanes, a 16-ft two-way left-turn lane, 6-ft bike lanes, curb and gutter, and 6-ft-wide sidewalks. Other improvements would include improved crosswalk signal timing and the addition of lighting at the Alma Dr. signalized intersection.
- **Segment 2 Rural Section (Milepost 0.6 To 15.5)**
 - Includes reconstruction of the existing roadway to include four, 12-ft travel lanes, an 8-ft flush median, 8-ft outside shoulders, and rumble strips. Other improvements would include updated signs and striping with left-turn lanes to adjacent properties.
- **Segment 3 Urban-Rural Section (Milepost 15.5 to 16.0) – Yah-Ta-Hey**
 - Includes reconstruction of the existing roadway to include four, 12-ft travel lanes, 8-ft outside shoulders, a 16-ft two-way left-turn lane, and rumble strips. Other improvements would include updated signs and striping with left-turn lanes at major intersections.

Figure 1: NM 264 Alignment Study Limits



Public Involvement Process

NM 264 is a unique corridor, including both rural and urban segments, that provides key access for the Navajo Nation between Arizona and New Mexico. Due to this, there is a wide variety of stakeholders we must reach through these efforts including groups such as tribal communities, commuters, emergency services, schools and school transportation, agencies, and the traveling public among others. Ultimately, the goal of these public involvement efforts is to continue to identify these stakeholders' concerns and values to help guide the development of potential improvements along this corridor.

Public and agency coordination for this study began in the summer of 2022 with initial scoping letters being distributed to agencies and organizations in July of 2022. Following the initial coordination with agencies and the community, the study team planned and implemented a second virtual public meeting to review the alternatives developed and the study team's recommendations and solicit feedback. A summary of those efforts for the second virtual public meeting is highlighted below.

Second Virtual Public Meeting

The study team, including NMDOT staff, held the second virtual public meeting on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at 6 p.m. via Zoom. To participate, the public was invited to log in to the meeting using the Zoom application, web browser, or via telephone.

The meeting focused on an overview of the study area, the preliminary purpose and need, existing roadway conditions, and the proposed highway improvement

alternatives and recommendations developed. Nineteen participants attended the virtual meeting. Comments and questions were accepted live, following the presentation. All questions and comments provided at the second virtual public meeting were recorded and are included in Appendix C.

Notifications

Copies of all the notifications can be found in Appendix A.

Newspaper Advertisements

The team developed and distributed two newspaper advertisements for this meeting. The newspaper advertisements provided an overview of the study, invited the public to attend the second virtual public meeting, and provided information on how to provide their comments. The advertisements – which also included the date, time, and log-in information for the meeting – were distributed in the following publications:

- Navajo Times (April 27, 2023)
- Gallup Independent (May 2, 2023)

Meeting Notification Poster

The study team distributed virtual public meeting fliers electronically to key stakeholders such as other agencies and tribal chapter houses, which included details on how to attend and participate in the virtual public meeting. Other agencies and tribal chapter houses included the Navajo Nation, Navajo Nation Division of Transportation, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Navajo Nation Chapters, Gallup-McKinley County Schools, Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments, and Bureau of Land Management.

Direct Mailer

A direct mailer was sent to 6,970 addresses in the study area to inform residents and property owners of the virtual public meeting. The mailer was distributed on May 2, 2023. The mailers were sent to the following postal codes within the study area:

- 86515- PBOX
- 87375- PBOX
- 87305- PBOX
- 87301- H033

Press Release

NMDOT distributed a press release to their local media list on May 11, 2023, that included details of the study and how to participate in the virtual public meeting.

Local Radio Stations

Copies of the direct mailer were provided electronically to local radio stations within the study area via email on May 2, 2023. The emails were sent to the following radio stations:

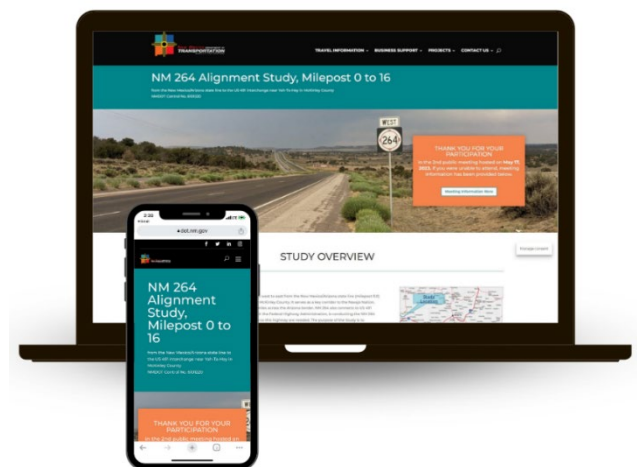
- KXXI 93.7 FM
- KYAT 94.5 FM
- KGLP 91.7 FM
- KTNN 660 AM/101.5 FM
- KHAC 880 AM
- KGAK 1330 AM

Social Media

Social media posts were developed for NMDOT accounts, including details on how to participate in the virtual public meeting, how to comment, and how to watch the recording of the virtual public meeting.

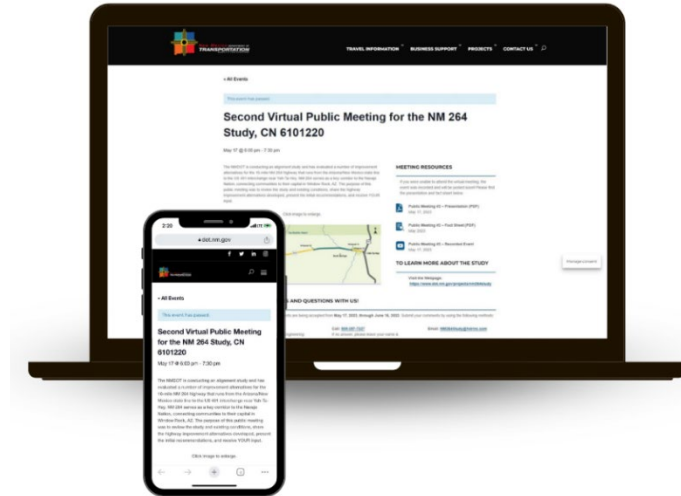
Project Webpage

The study webpage www.dot.nm.gov/projects/nm264study/ was updated in May 2023 and included information about the study and a link to the event webpage with full meeting details.



Event Webpage

An event webpage was created at www.dot.nm.gov/event/nm264publicmeeting2/, which included information about the study, how to log in and participate in the meeting, and how to provide comments on the study. Following the meeting, the recording of the event was also placed on this webpage to allow the public to watch the meeting at their convenience and continue to provide comments through June 16.



Public Meeting Materials

Copies of all the public meeting materials can be found in Appendix B.

Presentation

A PDF of the presentation was made available to the public through the study webpage in May 2023. In addition to the presentation, a link to the recording of the virtual public meeting was posted to the study webpage in May 2023, following the second virtual public meeting.

Fact Sheet

A fact sheet was posted to the webpage and provided information on the study, a map of the study area, and a study timeline.

Public Comments

A summary of all comments, responses, questions, and answers can be found in Appendix C.

Public comments were accepted from May 17 through June 16, 2023, in the following ways:

- Live at the virtual public meeting
- Study webpage: www.dot.nm.gov/projects/nm264study/
- Email: NM264Study@hdrinc.com
- Phone: 505.357.7327

- Mail: NM 264 Alignment Study C/O Victoria Romejko, HDR Engineering, 2155 Louisiana Blvd NE, # 3000, Albuquerque, NM 87110

In total, sixteen comments were received throughout the study period which focused on safety, drainage, access, lighting, and pavement. Ten of these comments were received during the second virtual public meeting and six were received during the comment period.

Virtual Meeting Questions and Answers (Q&A) and Comments

Ten questions and comments were submitted by attendees during the virtual public meeting and were responded to by the study team on May 17, 2023. The questions and comments pertained to highway safety, drainage, access management, lighting, congestion, and project funding.

Appendix A – Public Meeting Notification

Newspaper Advertisements

Meeting Notification Poster

Direct Mailer

Banner

Press Release

Radio Station Emails

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Appendix C – Public Comments

Virtual Meeting Q&A and Comments

Additional Public Comments



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Learn more and share your thoughts!

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NMDOT invites you to participate in the second virtual public meeting for this study on **Wednesday, May 17, 2023, starting at 6:00 p.m. (MDT)**. The purpose of this meeting is to go over the alternatives developed and the study team's recommendations. We would like to receive your input on the alternatives considered.

We Want to Hear from You!

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Study Area Map



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Join the live virtual public meeting on your computer, smart phone or tablet by using the link below, or by calling in on your telephone:

ONLINE OR CALL-IN

- Link: bit.ly/NM264P2
- Webinar/Meeting ID: 993 9247 0879
- Phone: 1-408-638-0968
- Password: 906367



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You're Invited to a Virtual Public Meeting

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Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor
Ricky Serna, Cabinet Secretary

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 11, 2023

Second Virtual Meeting Scheduled for NM 264 Alignment Study
NMDOT seeks public comment

MILAN – 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. NM 264 serves as a key corridor to the Navajo Nation, connecting communities to Window Rock, AZ and serves as a connection to US 491.

NMDOT will be hosting a virtual public meeting on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the NM 264 alignment study and answer questions. The purpose of this meeting is to review the study and existing conditions, discuss the highway improvement alternatives and initial recommendations, and receive input from the community. To request meeting assistance, language translation, or ADA accommodations, contact Victoria Romejko at NM264Study@hdrinc.com or call (505) 357-7327.

To join online: <https://bit.ly/NM264P2>.

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Comments can be shared during the public meeting or submit before June 16, 2023, using the following methods:

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For more information about the study visit: <https://www.dot.nm.gov/event/nm264publicmeeting2/>
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Delane D. Baros, District-6 PIO | Delane.Baros@state.nm.us | 505 240 1392

Romejko, Victoria

From: NM264 study
Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2023 4:52 PM
To: NM264 study
Cc: Gisler, Steven, DOT; Ross, Kristi; Mullins, Jennifer, NMDOT
Subject: Please Share! NM 264 Alignment Study- Virtual Public Meeting #2 on Wednesday, May 17
Attachments: NMDOT Social Media Plan- NM 264 Alignment Study.zip; NMDOT_NM264_Public Meeting 2_Poster.pdf

Greetings,

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Attached is a copy of the poster and social media posts about the upcoming virtual meeting. We would appreciate it if you could share these details about the meeting with your listeners. Thank you in advance and let us know if you have any additional questions.


NM 264 Study Team
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Victoria Romejko
Senior Communications Coordinator

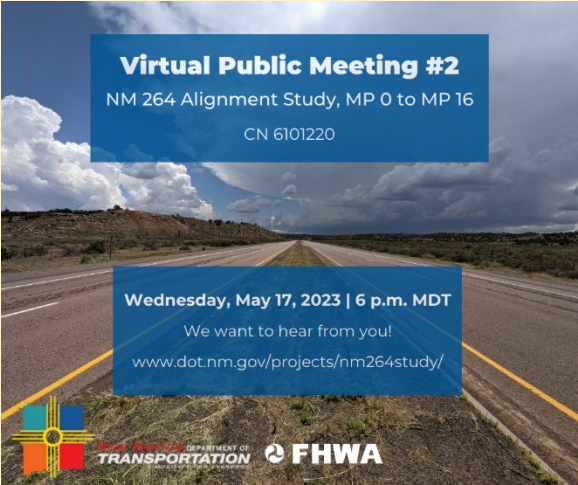

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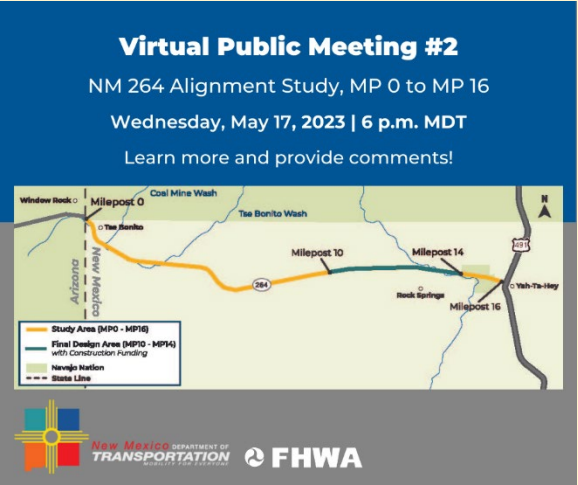

- #NMDOTcares
- #NM264Study

Date	Content	Social Account	Graphic/Image
Twitter Posts			
5/2	Learn about the NM 264 Alignment Study. Join us for a virtual public meeting on Wednesday, 5/17 @ 6 PM MDT to learn more about the alternatives & ask questions: www.dot.nm.gov/projects/nm264study/ . #NMDOTcares #NM264Study	Twitter	 A graphic for a virtual public meeting. It features a background image of a desert landscape with a 'NEW MEXICO WELCOMES YOU' sign. Overlaid on the image are two blue text boxes. The top box says 'Virtual Public Meeting #2', 'NM 264 Alignment Study, MP 0 to MP 16', and 'CN 6101220'. The bottom box says 'Wednesday, May 17, 2023 6 p.m. MDT', 'Join Online: bit.ly/NM264P2', 'Join by Phone: 408-638-0968', 'Webinar ID: 993 9247 0879', and 'Password: 906367'. At the bottom left are the New Mexico Department of Transportation and FHWA logos.



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Date	Content	Social Account	Graphic/Image
5/4	The NM 264 Alignment Study Team will be holding a 2nd public meeting on 5/17 @ 6 PM MDT to discuss & answer questions about the study alternatives on the 16-mile highway between the AZ/NM border & US 491. More info: www.dot.nm.gov/projects/nm264study/ . #NMDOTcares #NM264Study	Twitter	 A graphic for a virtual public meeting. It features a blue sky with clouds over a desert landscape with a road. A blue box at the top contains the text: "Virtual Public Meeting #2", "NM 264 Alignment Study, MP 0 to MP 16", and "CN 6101220". A second blue box below it contains: "Wednesday, May 17, 2023 6 p.m. MDT", "We want to hear from you!", and the website URL. Logos for the New Mexico Department of Transportation and FHWA are at the bottom.
5/8	We want feedback on a key connection between the AZ/NM state line & Yah-Ta-Hey! Join the NM 264 Alignment Study virtual public meeting on 5/17 @ 6 PM MDT to learn about the study alternatives & provide comments. Visit www.dot.nm.gov/projects/nm264study/ . #NMDOTcares #NM264Study	Twitter	 A graphic titled "We Want to Hear From You!". It features the same desert landscape background. A blue box at the top contains: "We Want to Hear From You!", "NM 264 Alignment Study, MP 0 to MP 16", and "CN 6101220". A second blue box below it contains: "Provide your feedback through June 16.". Logos for the New Mexico Department of Transportation and FHWA are at the bottom.



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5/10	On Wednesday, 5/17 @ 6 PM MDT, NMDOT will be hosting a virtual public meeting on the NM 264 Alignment Study. Join us to learn more about the study process & ask questions about this key connection between NM and AZ: www.dot.nm.gov/projects/nm264study/ . #NMDOTcares #NM264Study	Twitter	
5/16	The second virtual public meeting for the NM 264 Alignment Study starts TOMORROW @ 6 PM MDT. Participate via bit.ly/NM264P2 (Password: 906367) or call 408-638-0968 (Webinar ID: 993 9247 0879) #NMDOTcares #NM264Study	Twitter	



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5/22	<p>Missed the virtual meeting? Check our study website at www.dot.nm.gov/projects/nm264study/ to watch the recorded presentation and provide your comments. #NMDOTcares #NM264Study</p>	Twitter	 A graphic for the NM 264 Alignment Study. It features a blue semi-transparent box with white text over a background image of a desert landscape with a road. The text reads: 'NM 264 Alignment Study (CN 6101220)', 'Watch the virtual public meeting recording at:', and 'www.dot.nm.gov/projects/nm264study/'. Logos for the New Mexico Department of Transportation and FHWA are at the bottom.



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5/25	Don't forget to provide your comments on the NM 264 Study! Comments will be accepted through 6/16. Learn more at: www.dot.nm.gov/projects/nm264study/ . #NMDOTcares #NM264Study	Twitter	
5/31	REMINDER: Your feedback is important! Comment on the NM 264 Alignment Study by 6/16 via our website www.dot.nm.gov/projects/nm264study/ . #NMDOTcares #NM264Study	Twitter	



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6/15	Tomorrow is the last day to submit your comments on the NM 264 Alignment Study. Provide feedback on our website at www.dot.nm.gov/projects/nm264study/ before the deadline. #NMDOTcares #NM264Study	Twitter	



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5/4	<p>Do you drive the NM 264 between the Arizona/New Mexico state line and Yah-Ta-Hey? We want to hear from you! Join us for a live virtual public meeting on Wednesday, May 17 at 6:00 p.m. MDT to learn more about the alternatives considered in the NM 264 Alignment Study.</p> <p>TO JOIN ONLINE, VISIT: bit.ly/NM264P2 TO JOIN BY PHONE, CALL: 408-638-0968 Webinar ID (Meeting ID for phones): 993 9247 0879 Password: 906367</p> <p>#NMDOTcares #NM264Study</p>	Facebook	

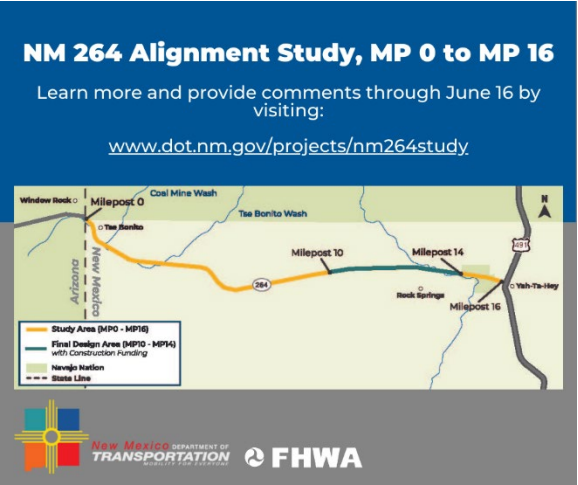

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5/8	<p>The New Mexico Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, is evaluating an Alignment Study for NM 264 between the Arizona/New Mexico state line and the US 491 interchange near Yah-Ta-Hey. We want your feedback! Take part in our virtual public meeting on Wednesday, May 17 at 6:00 p.m. MDT and ask your questions or share your thoughts. For more information: https://www.dot.nm.gov/event/nm264publicmeeting2/</p> <p>Don't miss your opportunity to hear directly from the study team and have your questions answered! #NMDOTcares #NM264Study</p>	Facebook	
5/10	<p>Next Wednesday, May 17 at 6:00 p.m. MDT, join the New Mexico Department of Transportation for a virtual public meeting on the NM 264 Alignment Study. Join members of the study team as they discuss the alternatives considered for this key 16-mile highway connecting Arizona and New Mexico near Yah-Ta-Hey and ask questions or provide your comments.</p> <p>More information here: www.dot.nm.gov/projects/nm264study/ #NMDOTcares #NM264Study</p>	Facebook	



NM 264 | Social Media | May 2023

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5/16	<p>Our virtual public meeting is tomorrow, Wednesday, May 17 at 6 p.m. MDT! Join us live to learn about the NM 264 Alignment Study in McKinley County from the Arizona/New Mexico state line to the US 491 interchange near Yah-Ta-Hey. The study team will be sharing information about the improvement alternatives and answering your questions.</p> <p>Join the meeting here: bit.ly/NM264P2 (Password: 906367) or join by phone by calling 408-638-0968 and using access code 993 9247 0879. #NMDOTcares #NM264Study</p>	Facebook	 A graphic for a virtual public meeting. It features a red banner at the top with the text "Virtual Public Meeting #2", "NM 264 Alignment Study, MP 0 to MP 16", and "Wednesday, May 17, 2023 6 p.m. MDT". Below the banner is a photograph of a road with a sign that says "EAST" and "264". The FHWA logo is in the bottom left, and the New Mexico Department of Transportation logo is in the bottom right.
5/17	<p>Can't make tonight's virtual meeting at 6 p.m. MDT? Check our study website at www.dot.nm.gov/projects/nm264study/ to watch the recorded presentation on the NM 264 Alignment Study and provide your comments. The recorded presentation will be posted shortly after tonight's meeting. Comments are being accepted through June 16! #NMDOTcares #NM264Study</p>	Facebook	 A graphic for the NM 264 Alignment Study. It features a blue banner at the top with the text "NM 264 Alignment Study (CN 6101220)". Below the banner is a photograph of a road with a sign that says "EAST" and "264". The FHWA logo is in the bottom left, and the New Mexico Department of Transportation logo is in the bottom right.


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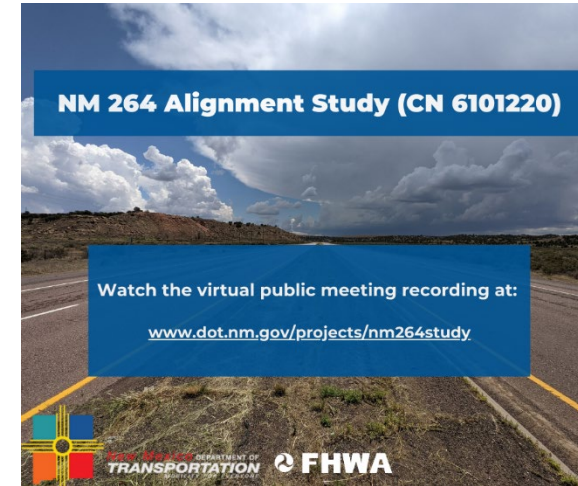
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6/7	<p>REMINDER: Your feedback is important! Comment on the NM 264 Alignment Study by June 16 in one of the following ways.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Email: NM264Study@hdrinc.comCall: 505-357-7327Visit the project website: www.dot.nm.gov/projects/nm264study/USPS mail to: NM 264 Study C/O Victoria Romejko, HDR Engineering 2155 Louisiana Blvd NE, # 3000 Albuquerque, NM 87110 <p>#NMDOTcares #NM264Study</p>	Facebook	 A graphic featuring a highway scene with a large overhead sign for "EAST 264". A red text box at the top reads "YOUR FEEDBACK MATTERS!" followed by "NM 264 Alignment Study (CN 6101220)". Logos for the New Mexico Department of Transportation and FHWA are at the bottom.

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Date	Content	Social Account	Graphic/Image
6/15	Tomorrow is the last day to submit your comments to NMDOT on the NM 264 Alignment Study. To provide feedback before the June 16 deadline, visit our website at www.dot.nm.gov/projects/nm264study/ . #NMDOTcares #NM264Study	Facebook	

NM 264 | Social Media | May 2023


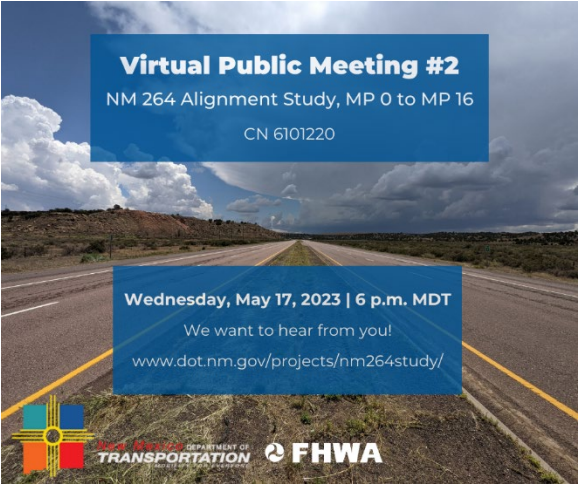
Suggested Graphics:





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Virtual Public Meeting #2
NM 264 Alignment Study, MP 0 to MP 16
CN 6101220


Wednesday, May 17, 2023 | 6 p.m. MDT
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Learn more and provide comments!



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NM 264 Alignment Study, MP 0 to MP 16

How to Comment:

- On the study website:
www.dot.nm.gov/projects/nm264study
- Call: (505) 357-7327
- Email Us: NM264Study@hdrinc.com




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LAST CHANCE TO PROVIDE COMMENTS!
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Facebook Event

The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT), in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration, is evaluating 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 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, AZ, and US 491. Join us for a second virtual public meeting to learn more about the alternatives considered and ask questions! Details are below!

TO JOIN ONLINE, VISIT: bit.ly/NM264P2

TO JOIN BY PHONE, CALL: 408-638-0968

Webinar ID (Meeting ID for phones): 993 9247 0879

Password: 906367

Can't make the meeting? Check back here for the meeting recording and share your thoughts anytime between May 17 and June 16, 2023, at www.dot.nm.gov/projects/nm264study/.

Event Photo:





The NM 264 Alignment
Study public meeting
will begin shortly.



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NM 264 Alignment Study

CN 6101220

Second Public Meeting

May 17, 2023

Welcome

- All participants have been muted to avoid background noise.
- This meeting will be recorded.
- Following the meeting presentation, we will take questions and comments online and by phone.
 - Instructions will be provided on how to participate.

Agenda

- Introductions
- NMDOT location study procedures
- Study location
- Study background and purpose
- Study overview
- Alternative recommendations
- Schedule
- Next steps
- How to provide input
- Question and answer

Introductions: Study team

NMDOT

- Priscilla Benavides, PE , Central Region Design General Manager
- Lisa Vega, PE, D6 District Engineer
- Gabriel Sanchez-Ramos, Engineer Intern
- Arif Kazmi, PE , D6 Assistant District Engineer
- Rais Rizvi, PE , D6 Technical Support Engineer
- Steven Gisler, Environmental Bureau

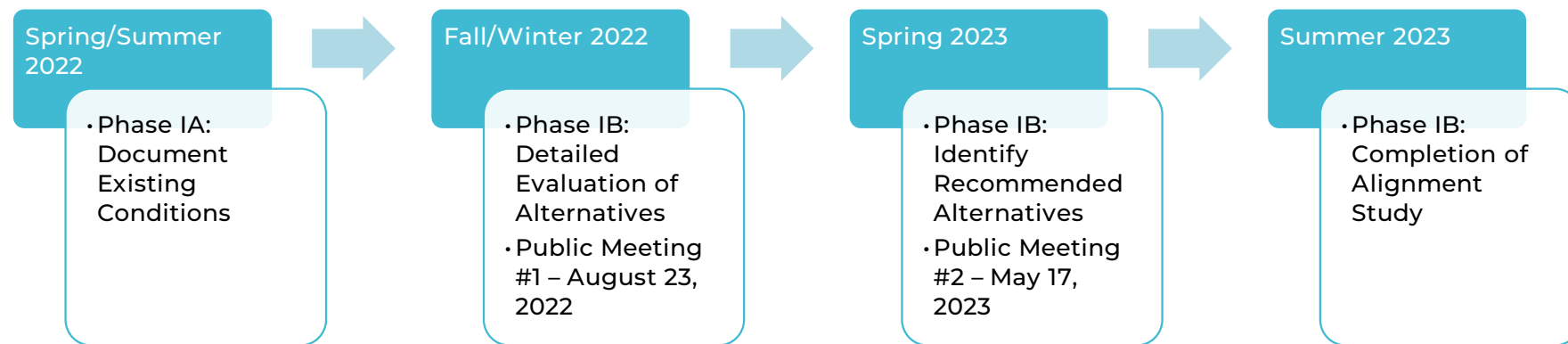
Introductions: Study team

HDR

- Ed Potthoff, PE, Project Manager
- Amanda Gutierrez, PE, Roadway Engineer

Study Area: MP 0 – MP 16 Alignment Study

NM 264 Project Study Outline



Public involvement occurs throughout the Evaluation/Environmental/Design process

Public Meeting #1 Overview

- Tuesday, August 23, 2022 at 6 p.m.
- Meeting purpose:
 - Provide study overview
 - Discuss preliminary purpose and need, existing conditions, and potential highway improvements
 - Seek public input
- Public comment themes:
 - Drainage concerns
 - Pavement improvements
 - Lighting
 - School bus access
 - Safety

A detailed summary of this meeting is available online via the project study website: www.dot.nm.gov/projects/nm264study



NM 264, AZ/NM State Line to Yah-Ta-Hey (MP 0 to MP 16)



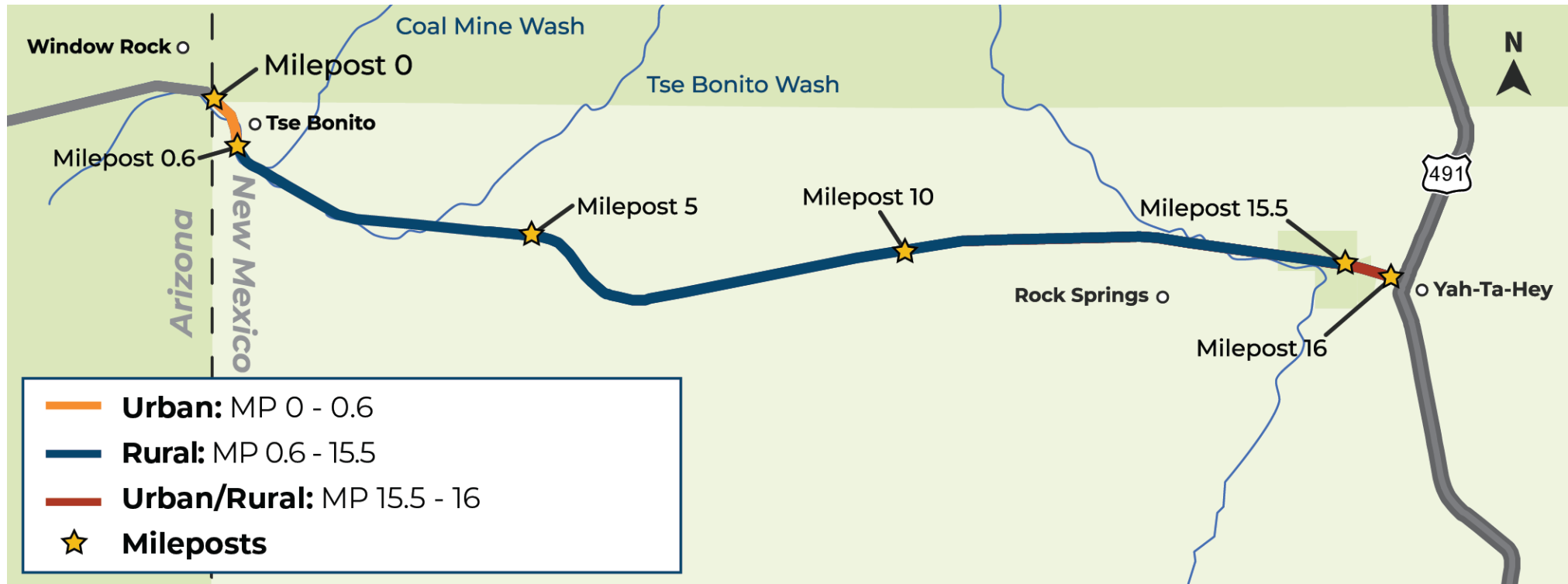
Alignment Study Location:

NM 264
MP 0 to 16



Begin
Study

End Study



Corridor Map

Purpose of the Alignment Study

NM 264 Alignment Study:

- Documented existing conditions
- Identified traffic and safety areas of concern
- Investigated sensitive cultural and biological resources
- Identified improvement alternatives
- Sought public and agency feedback

Developed and proposed recommended improvement alternatives

Alignment Study Overview



- **Purpose and Need:**
 - To address the existing roadway's conditions
 - To improve drainage conditions
 - To improve multi-modal access to the corridor
 - To improve safety

Poor pavement condition
Dated pavement striping



Existing Conditions

Substandard roadside guardrail



Significant sediment deposits



Pedestrian access routes don't meet current standards

Existing Conditions



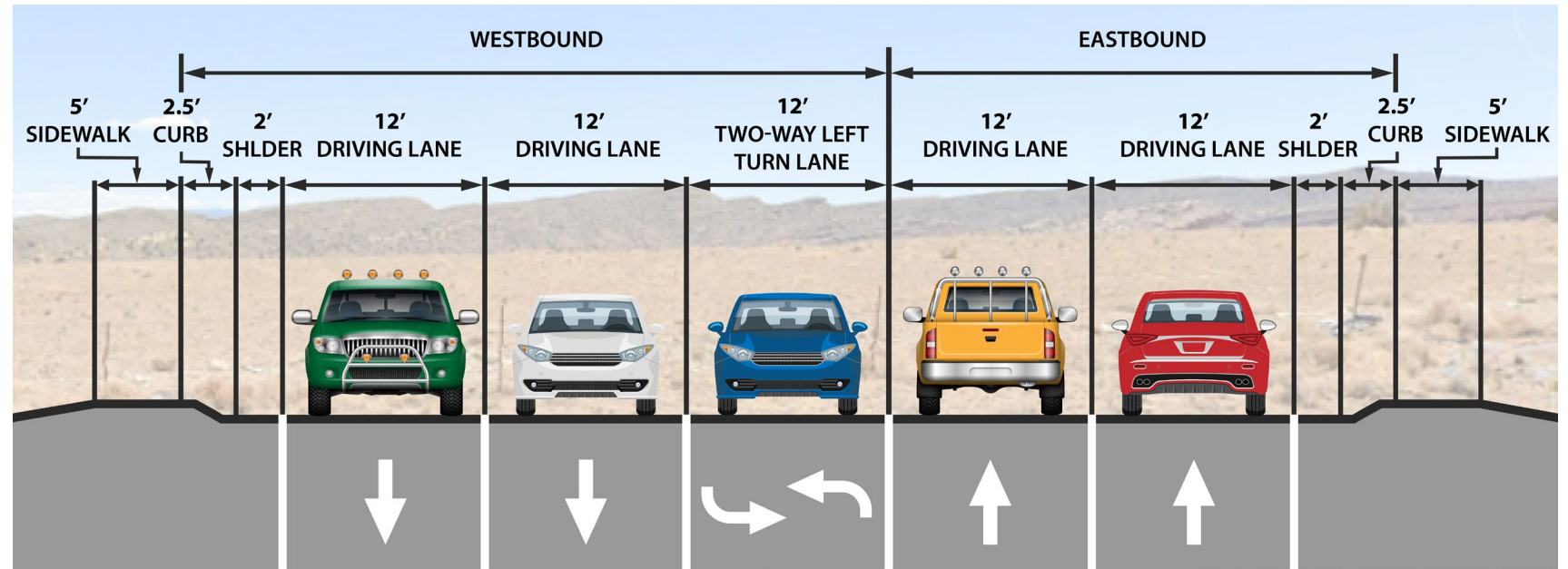
Roadside embankment erosion



Inadequate drainage capacity

Existing Conditions Typical Sections

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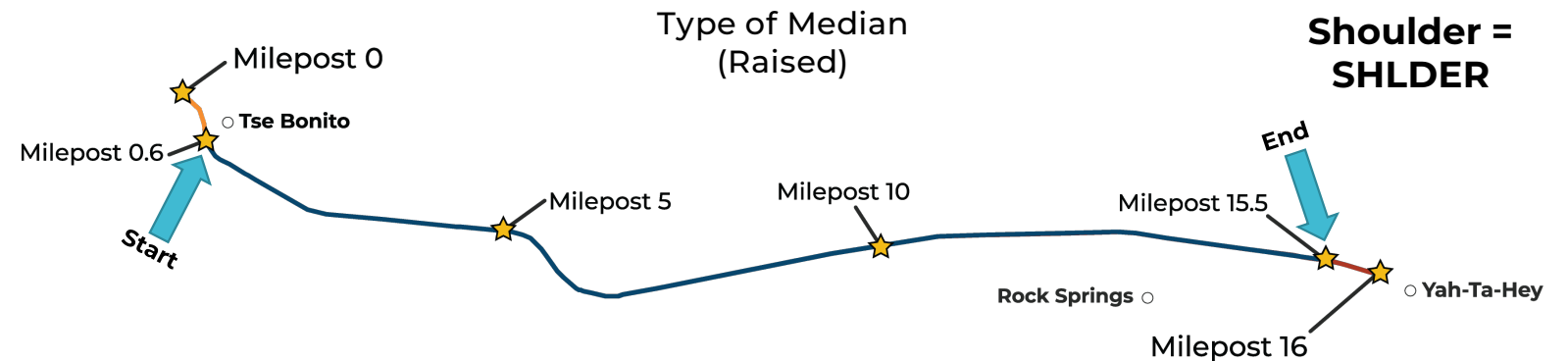
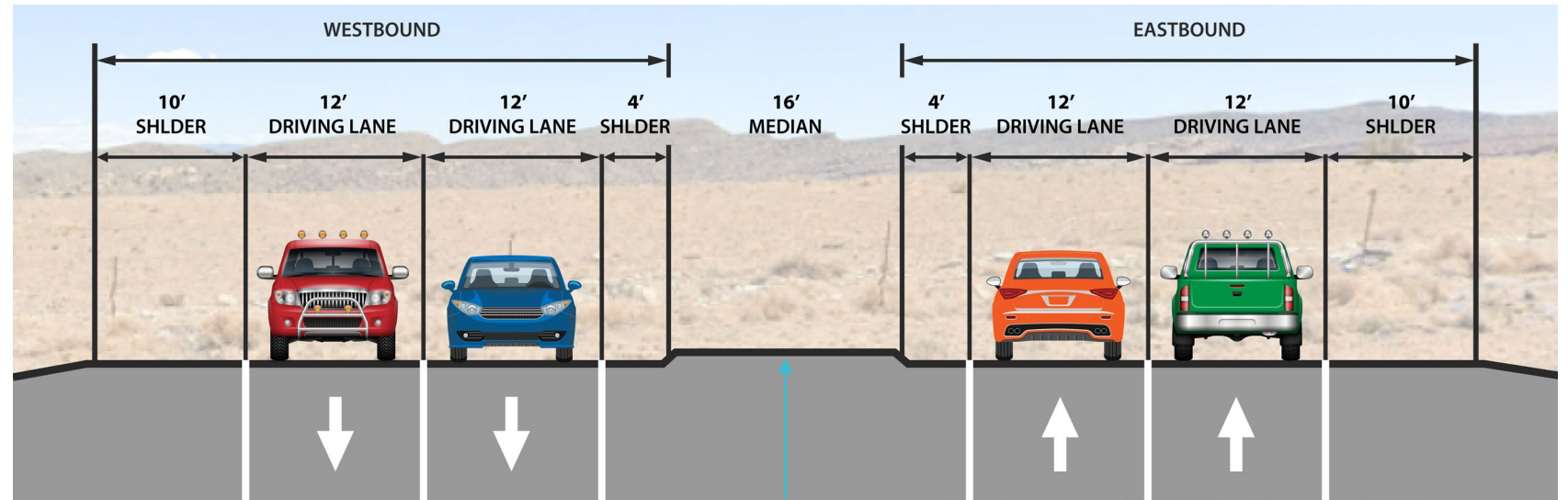


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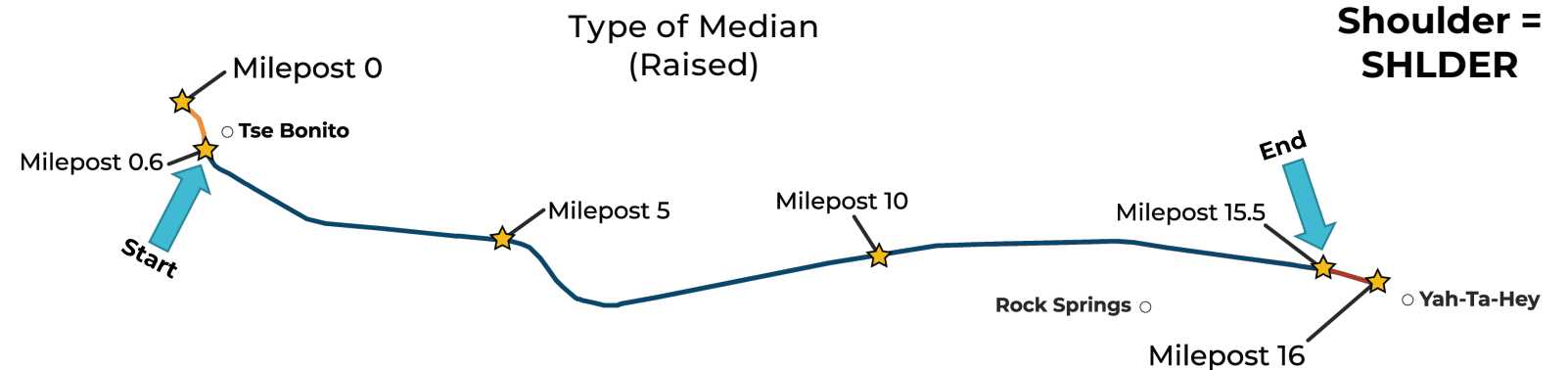
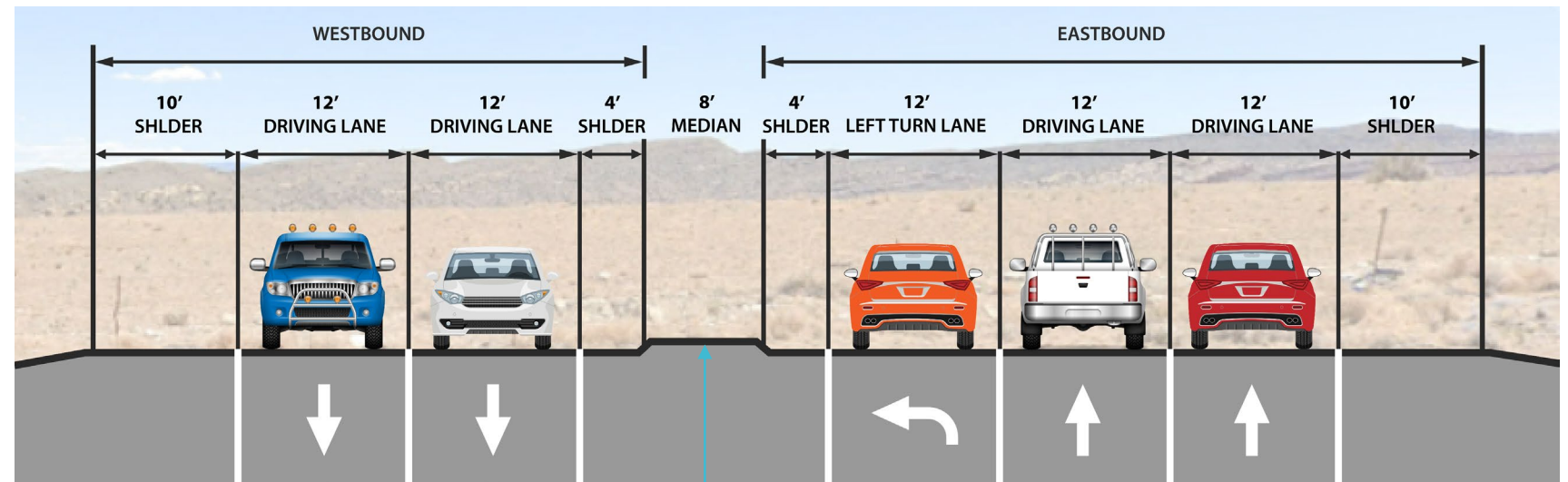
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Existing Conditions Typical Sections

Rural Section (MP 0.6 to MP 15.5)

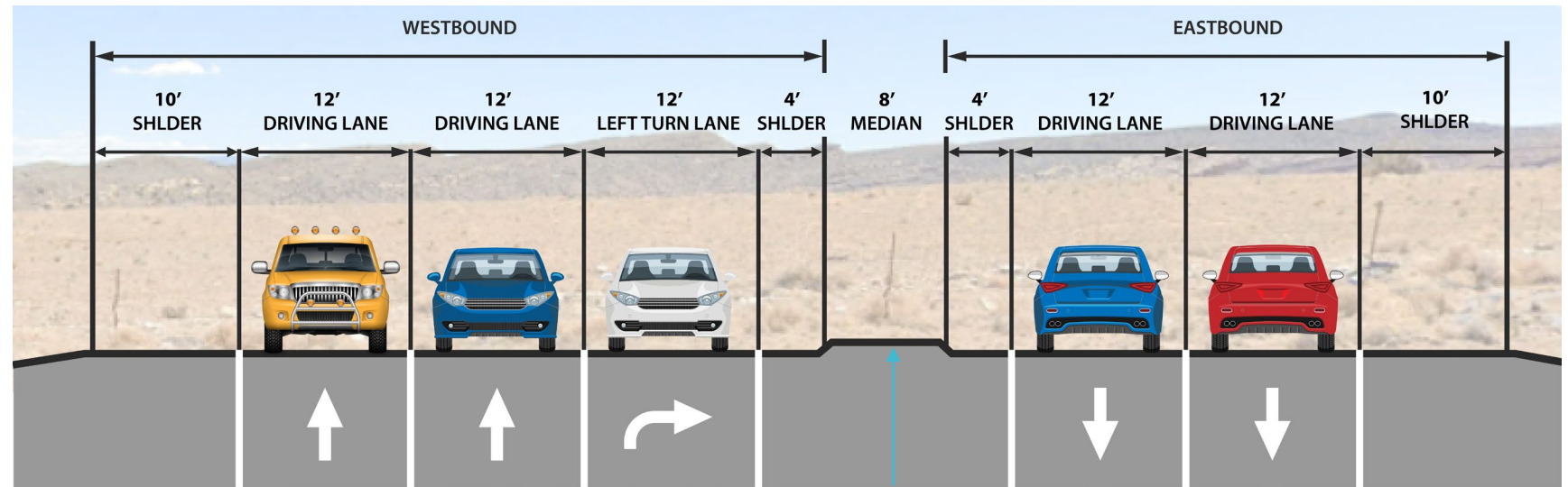
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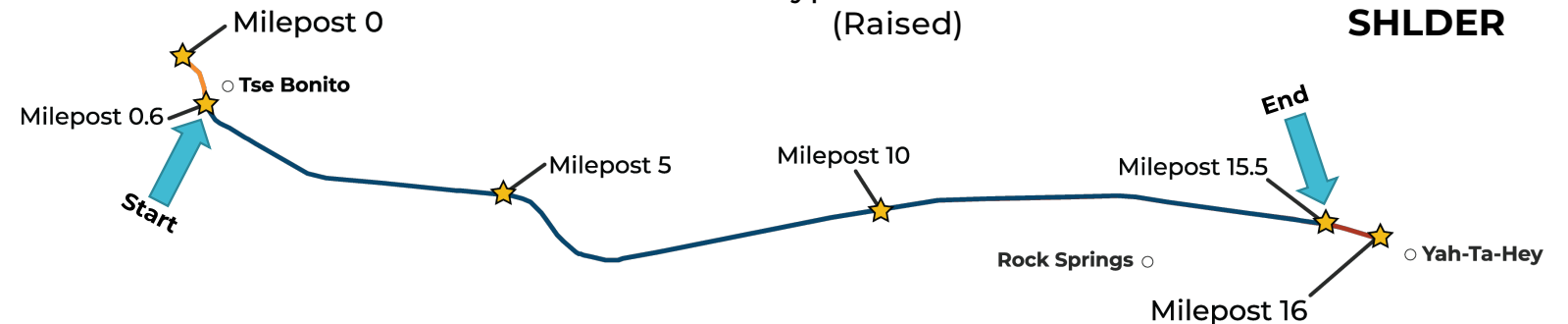
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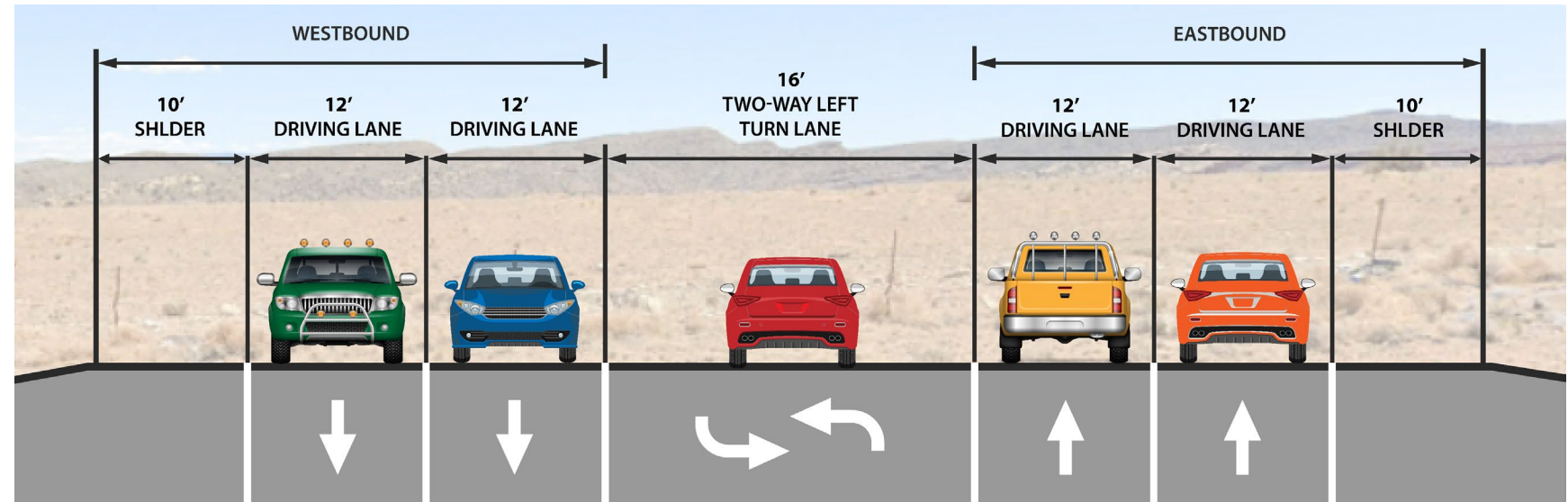
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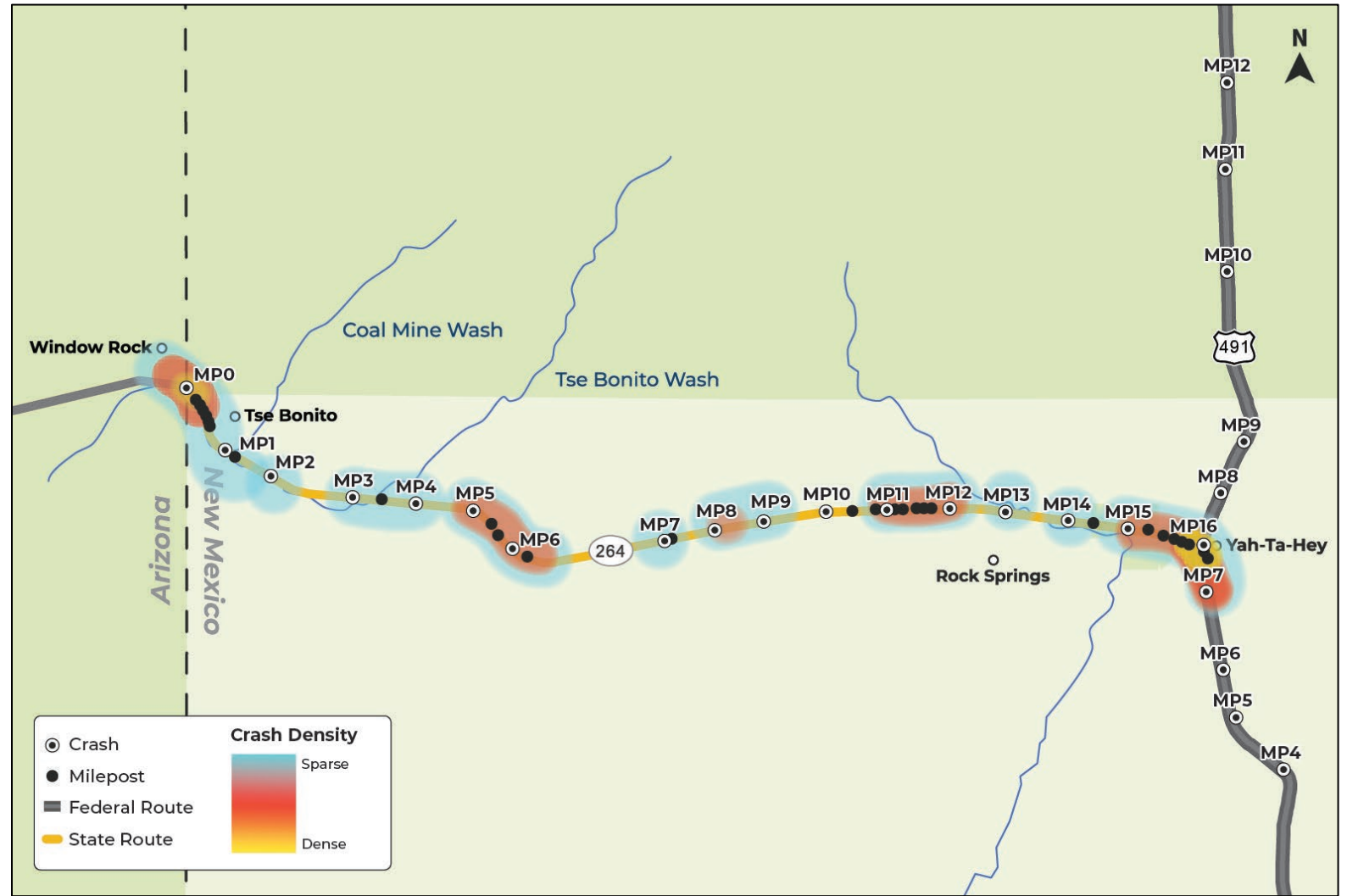
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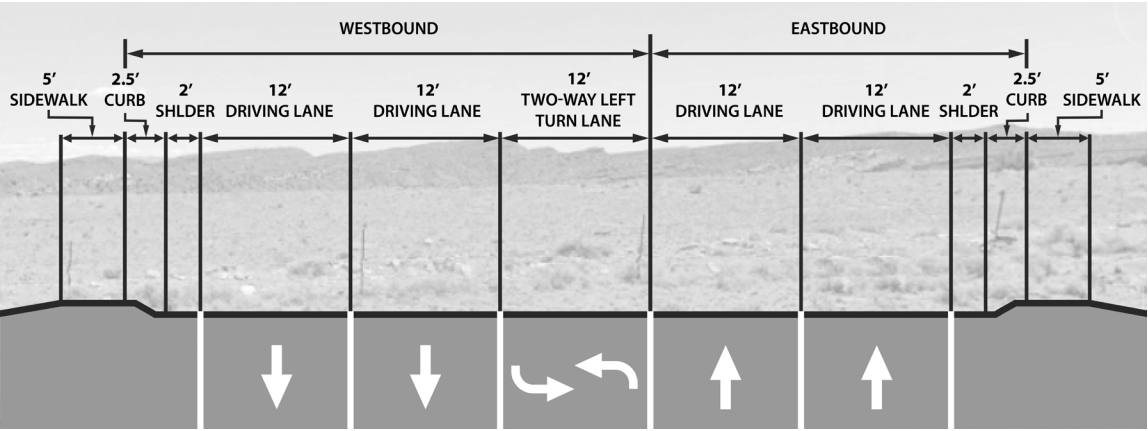


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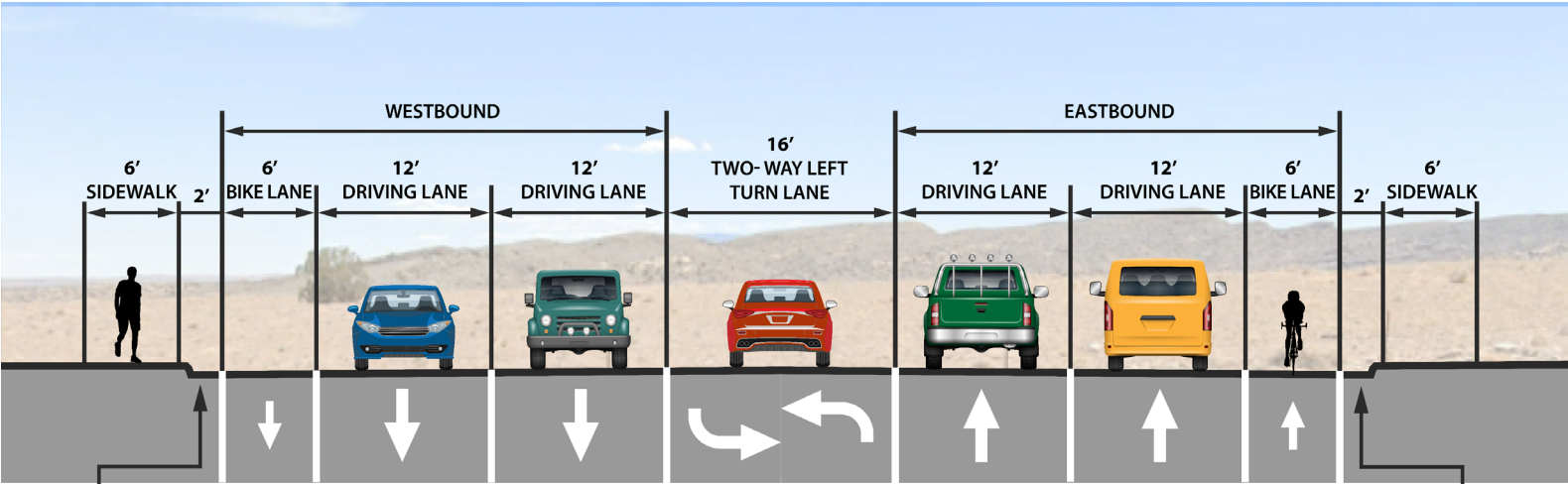
Development and Evaluation of Alternatives

- Developed initial alternatives
- Refined alternatives based on project needs
- Evaluated final alternatives
 - No Build
 - Urban – No Build Alternative + 6 Alternatives
 - Rural – No Build Alternative + 3 Alternatives
 - Urban/Rural – No Build Alternative + 4 Alternatives
- Establish Final Recommendations **(WE ARE HERE)**

Recommended
Urban
Alternative 3
(Tse Bonito)



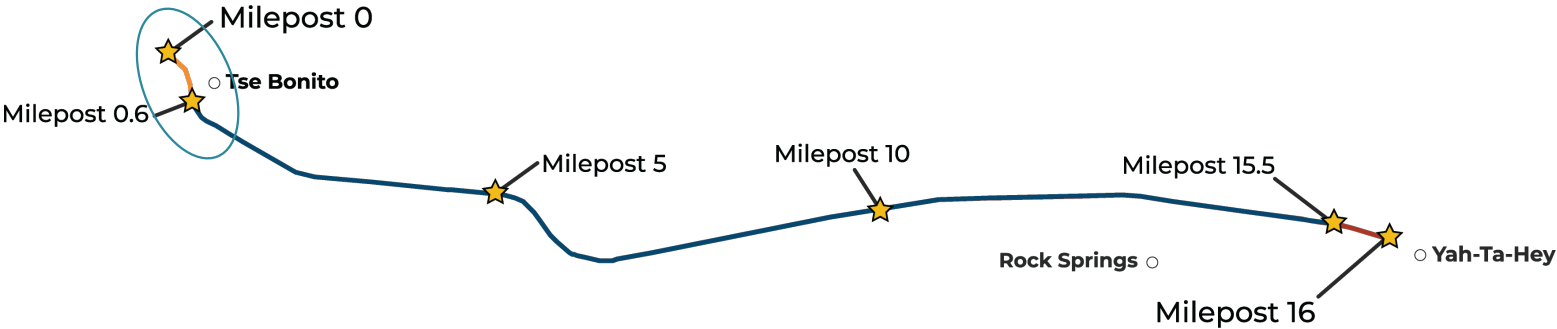
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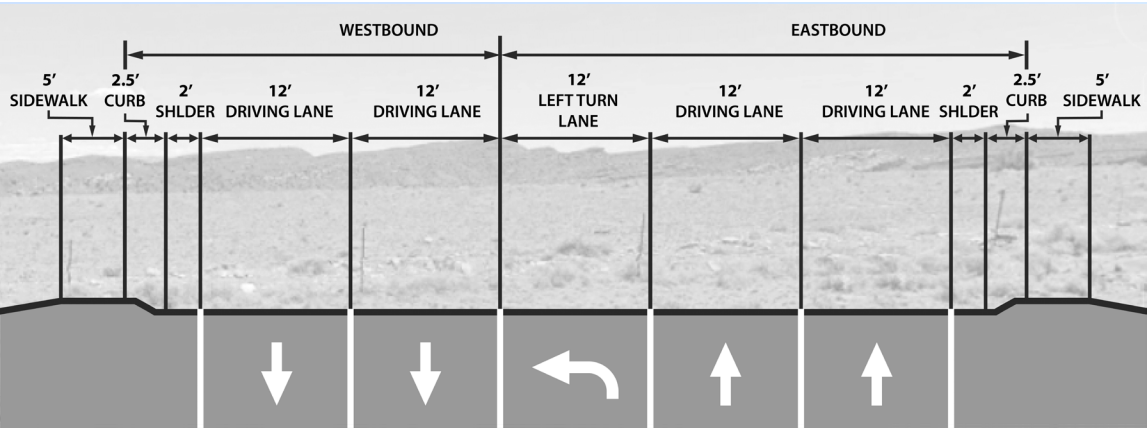
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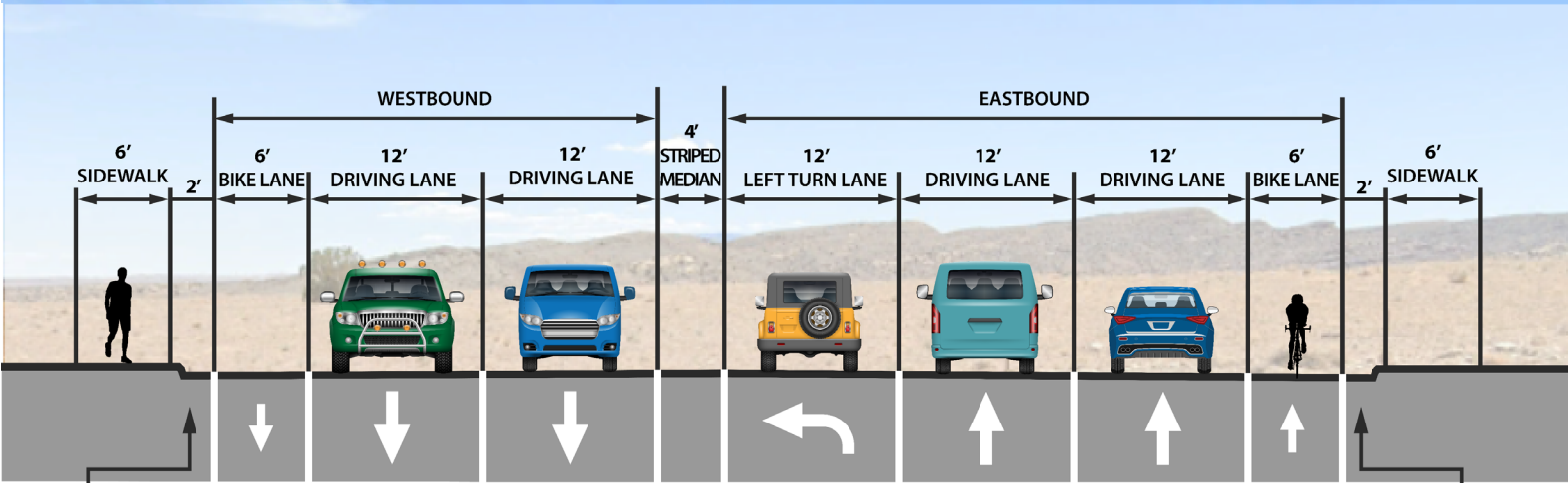
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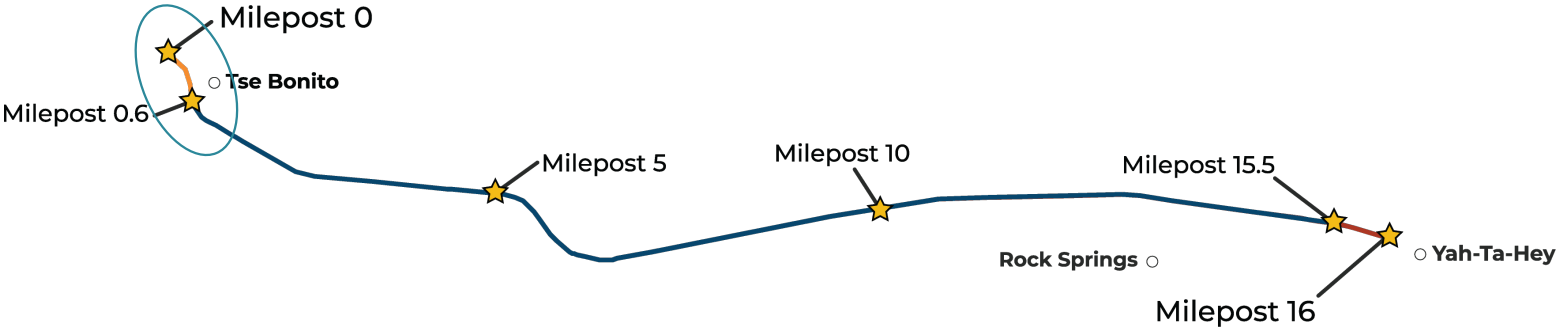
Recommended Urban
Alternative 3
(Tse Bonito -
Alma Drive
Signal)



Existing



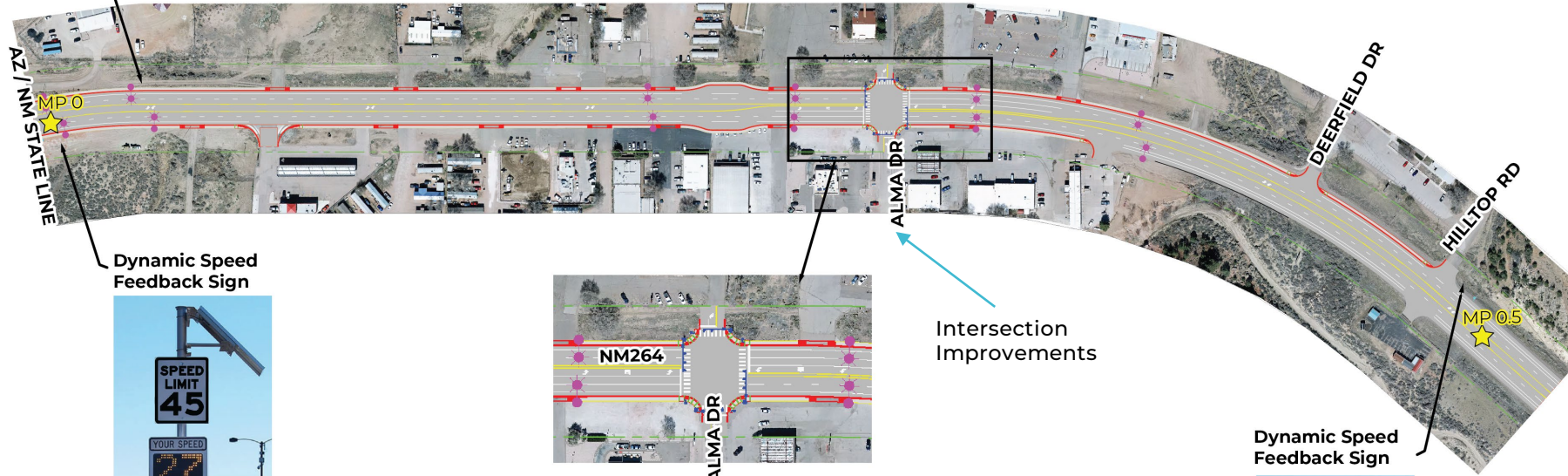
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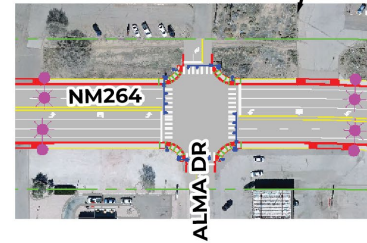
Recommended Urban Section Traffic Improvements



Proposed Roadway Lights



Dynamic Speed
Feedback Sign



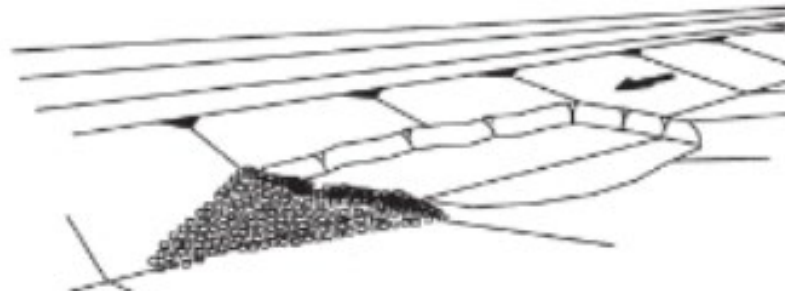
Intersection
Improvements

Dynamic Speed
Feedback Sign



Recommended Urban Section Drainage Improvements

- Replace turnout crossing culverts
- Build sediment traps and erosion control
- Reconstruct roadside ditch on north side of NM 264
- Update existing storm drainage system

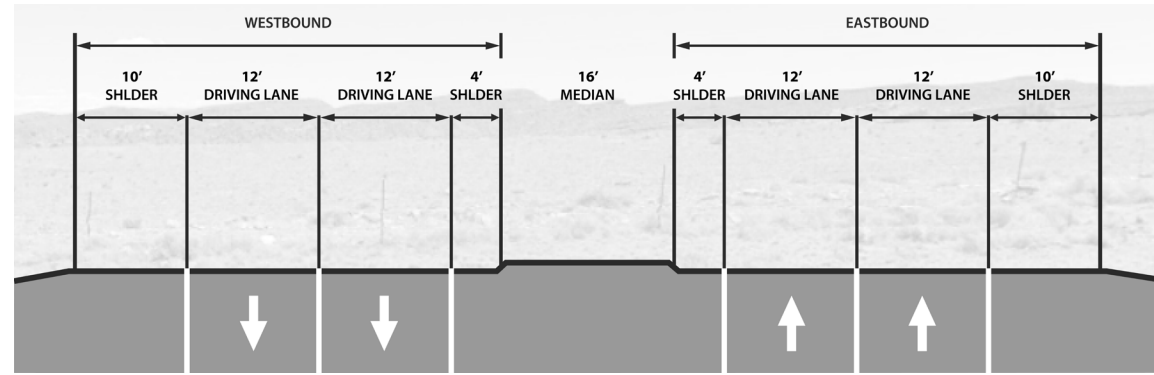


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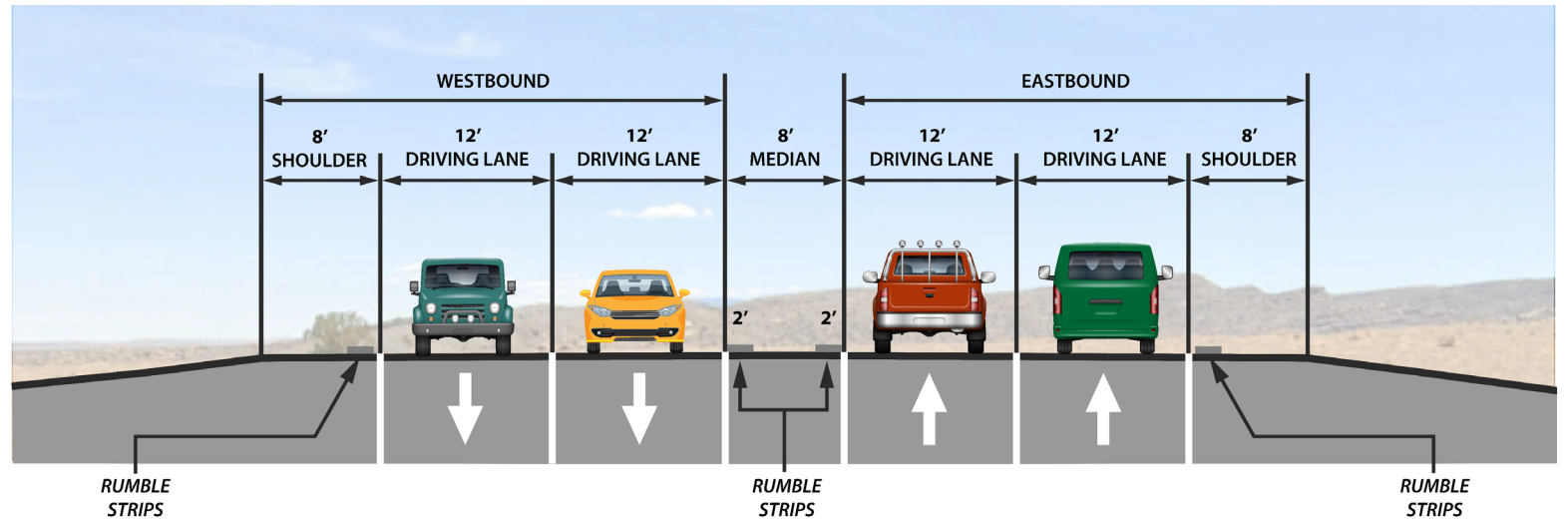


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Recommended Rural Alternative 4



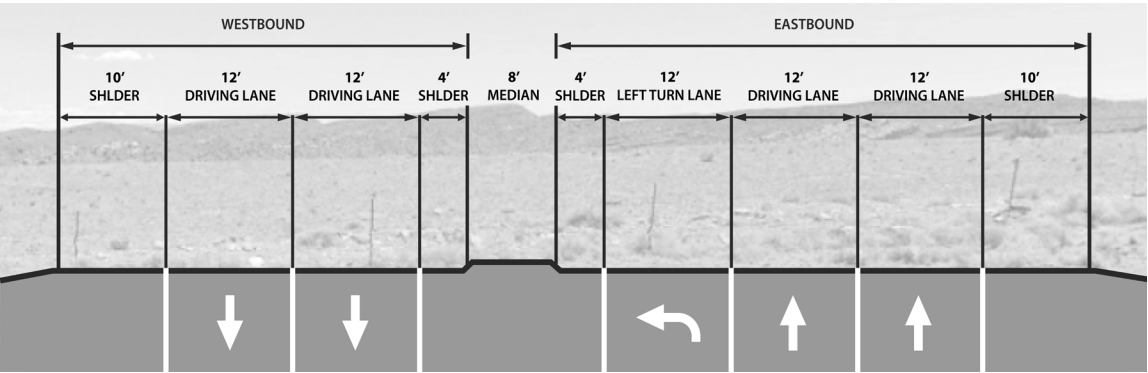
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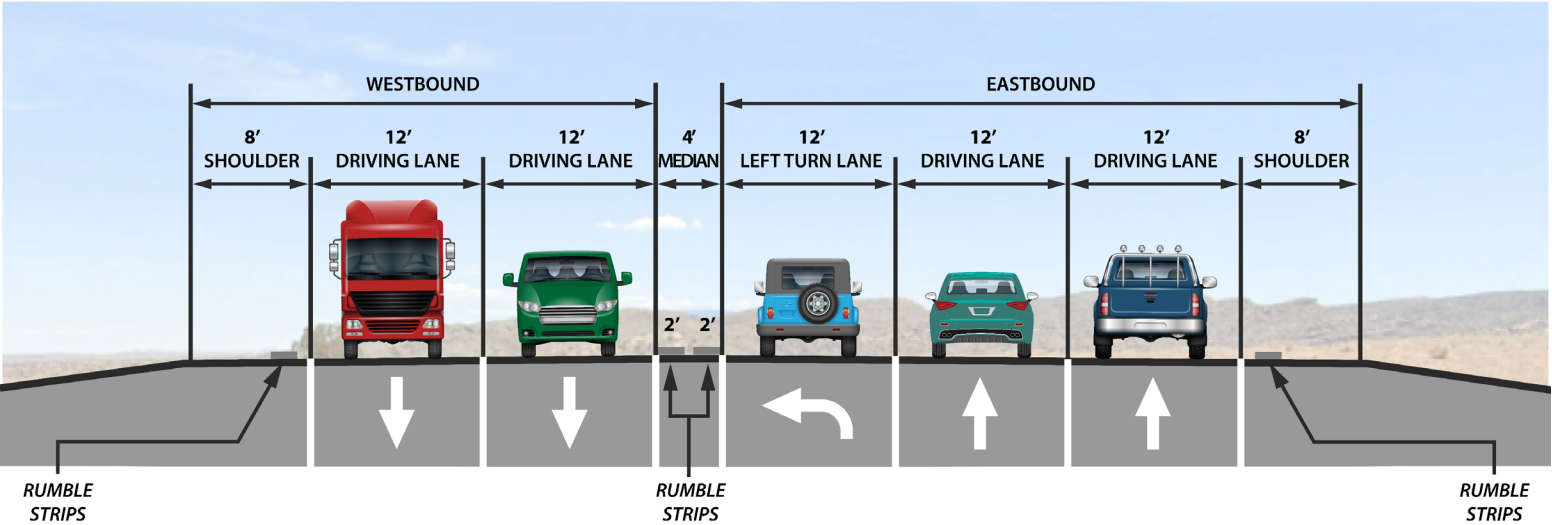
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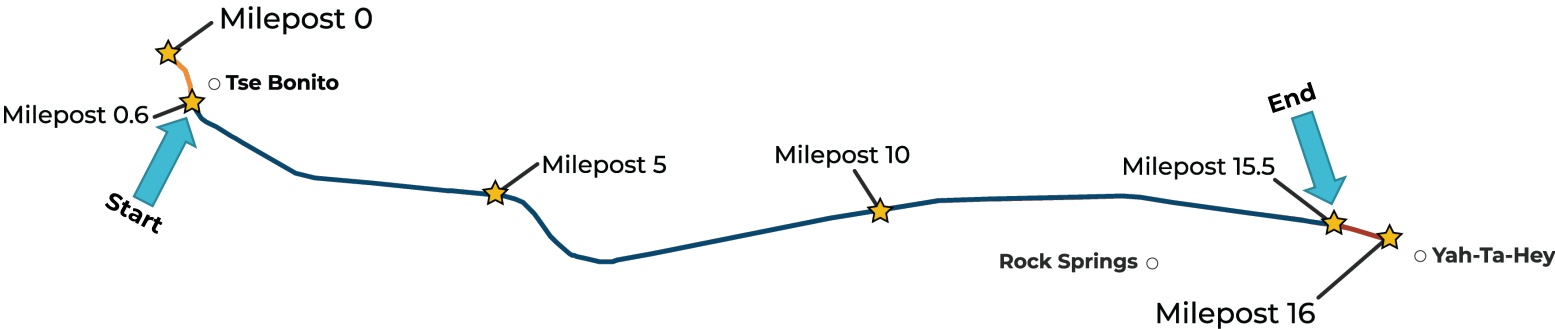
Recommended Rural Alternative 4 – Left Turn Locations



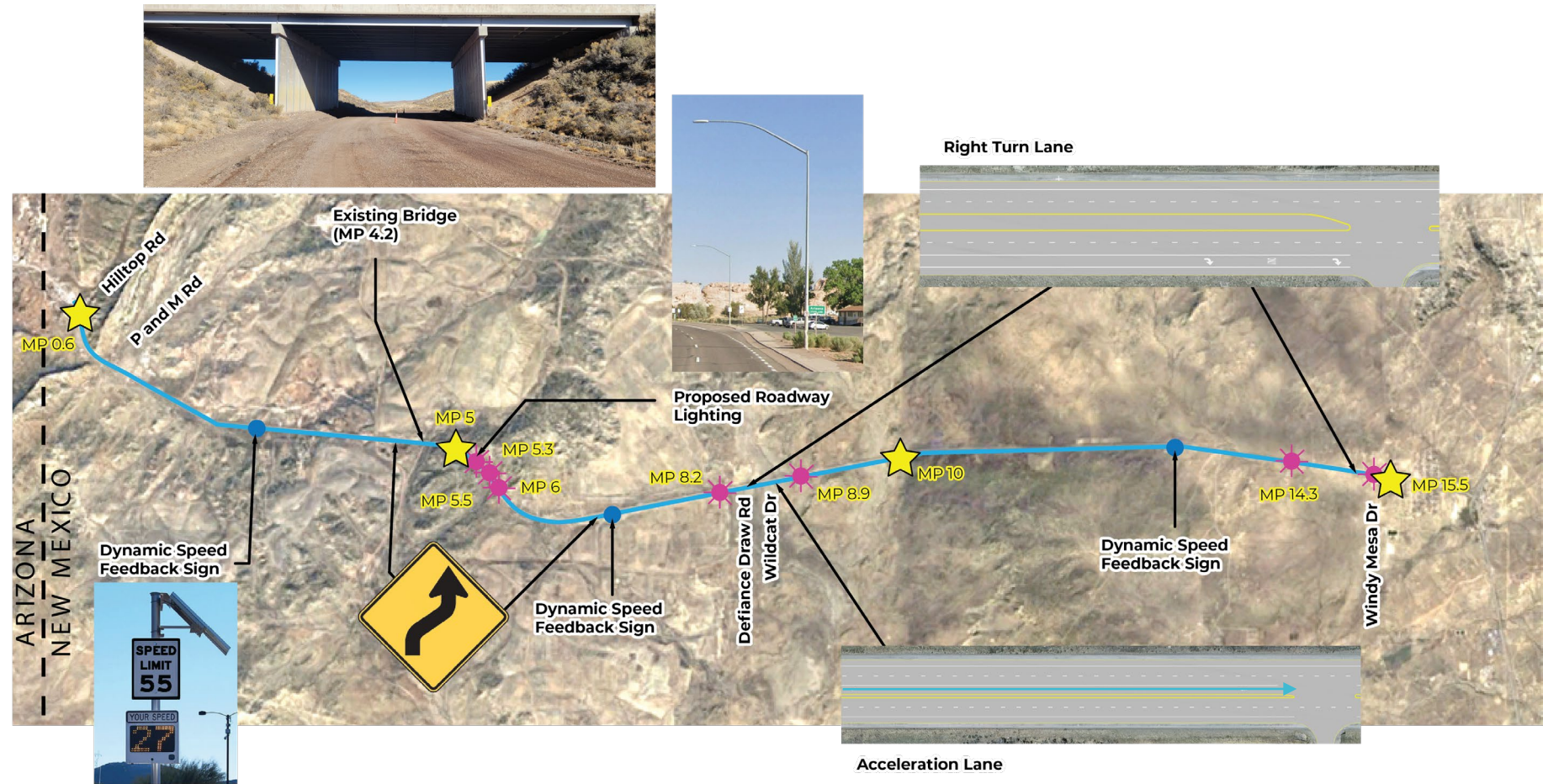
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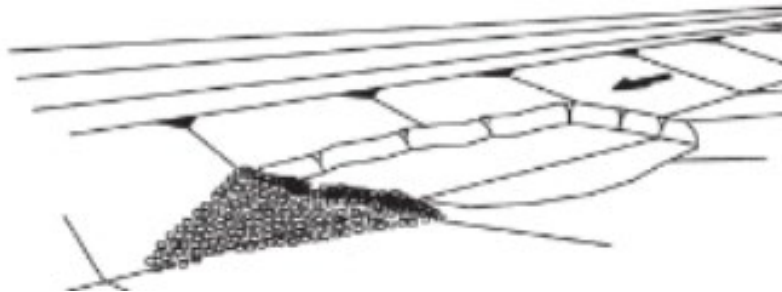


Recommended Rural Section Traffic & Bridge Improvements



Recommended Rural Section Drainage Improvements

- Replace existing turnout crossing culverts
- Build roadside ditches and apply erosion control
- Reconstruct drainage culverts

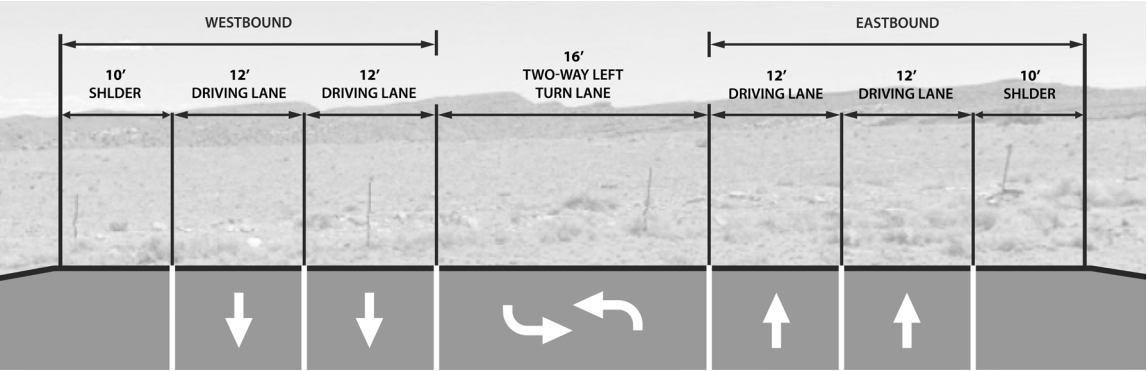


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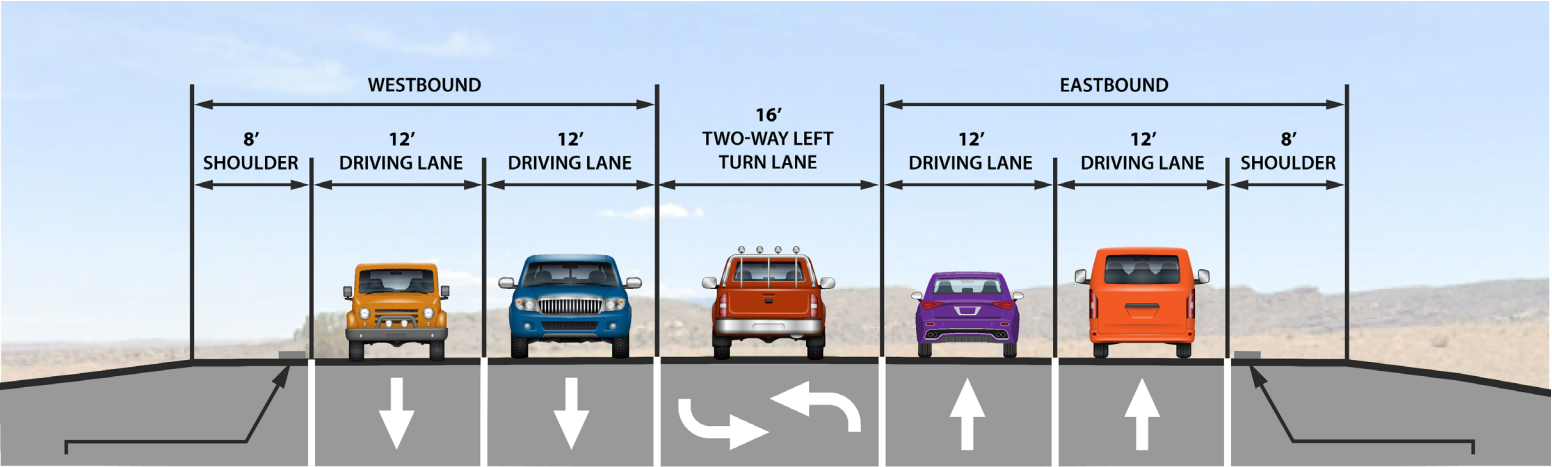


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Recommended
Urban/Rural
Alternative 3
(Yah-Ta-Hey)



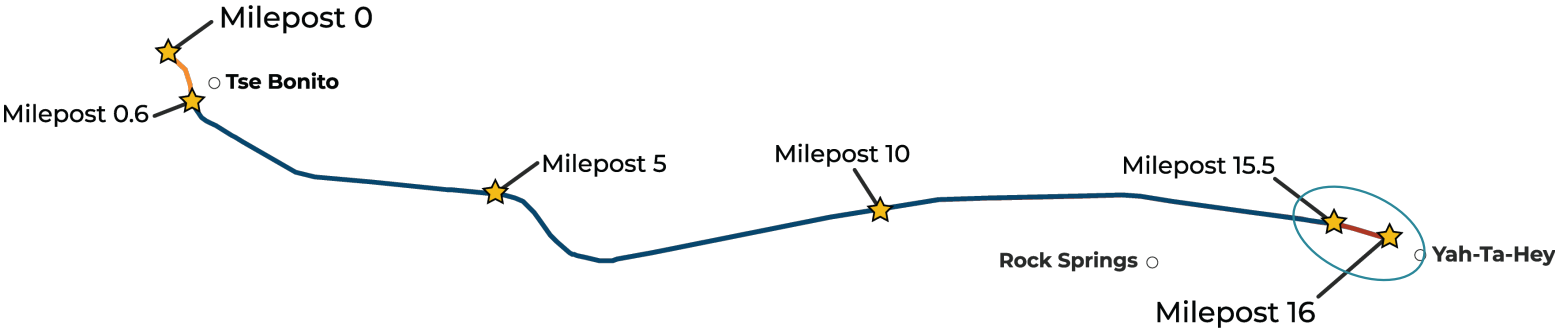
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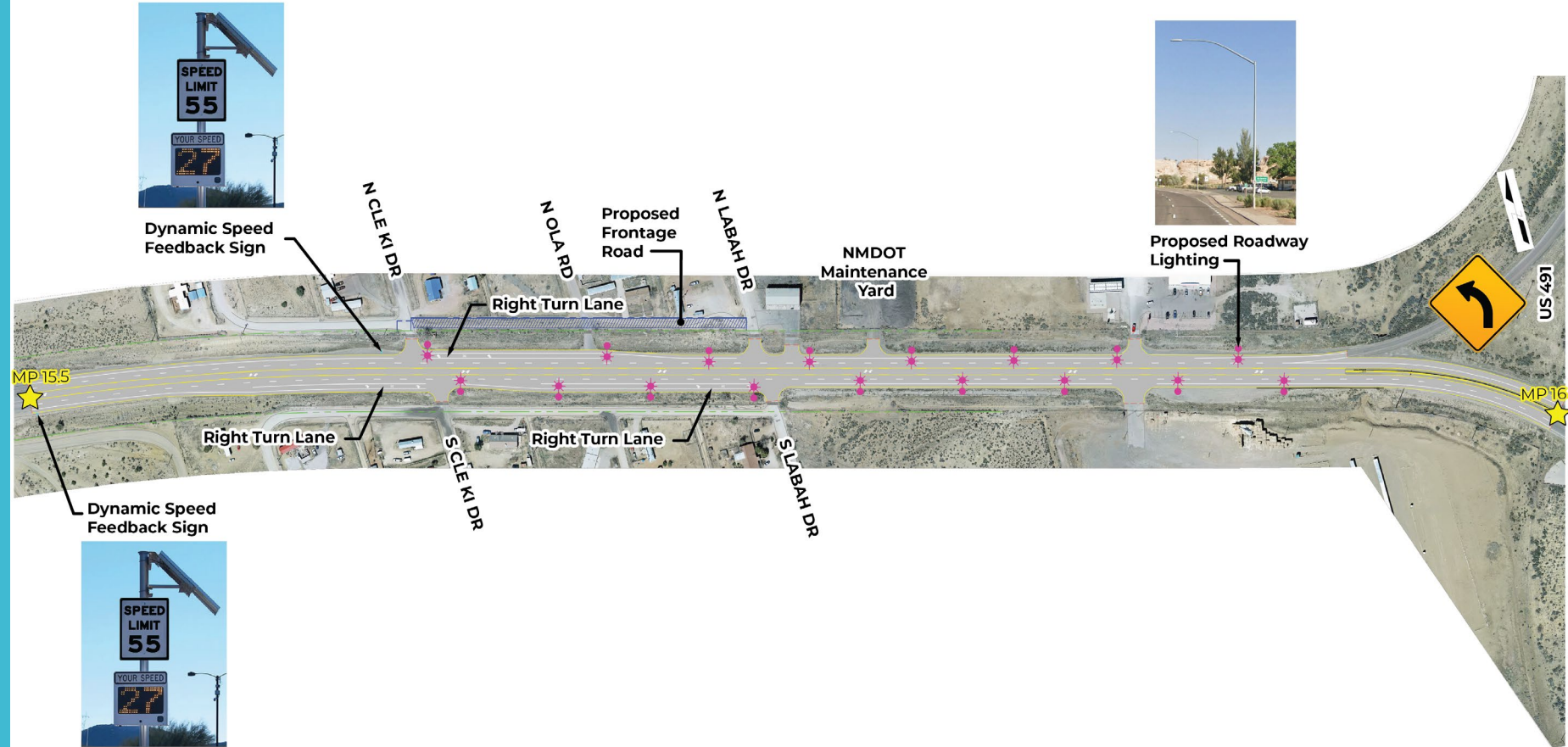
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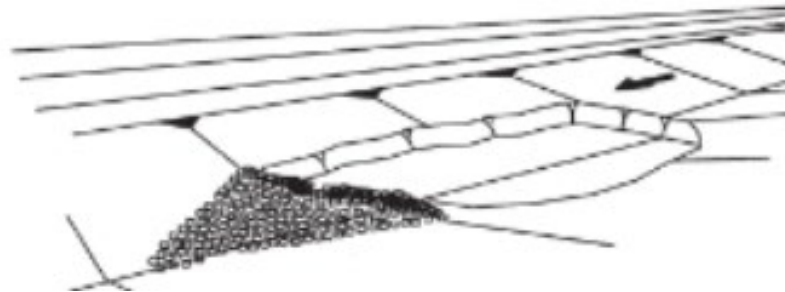


Recommended Urban/Rural Section Traffic Improvements



Recommended Urban/ Rural Section Drainage Improvements

- Replace all existing turnout crossing culverts
- Build roadside ditches and apply erosion control
- Reconstruct drainage culverts



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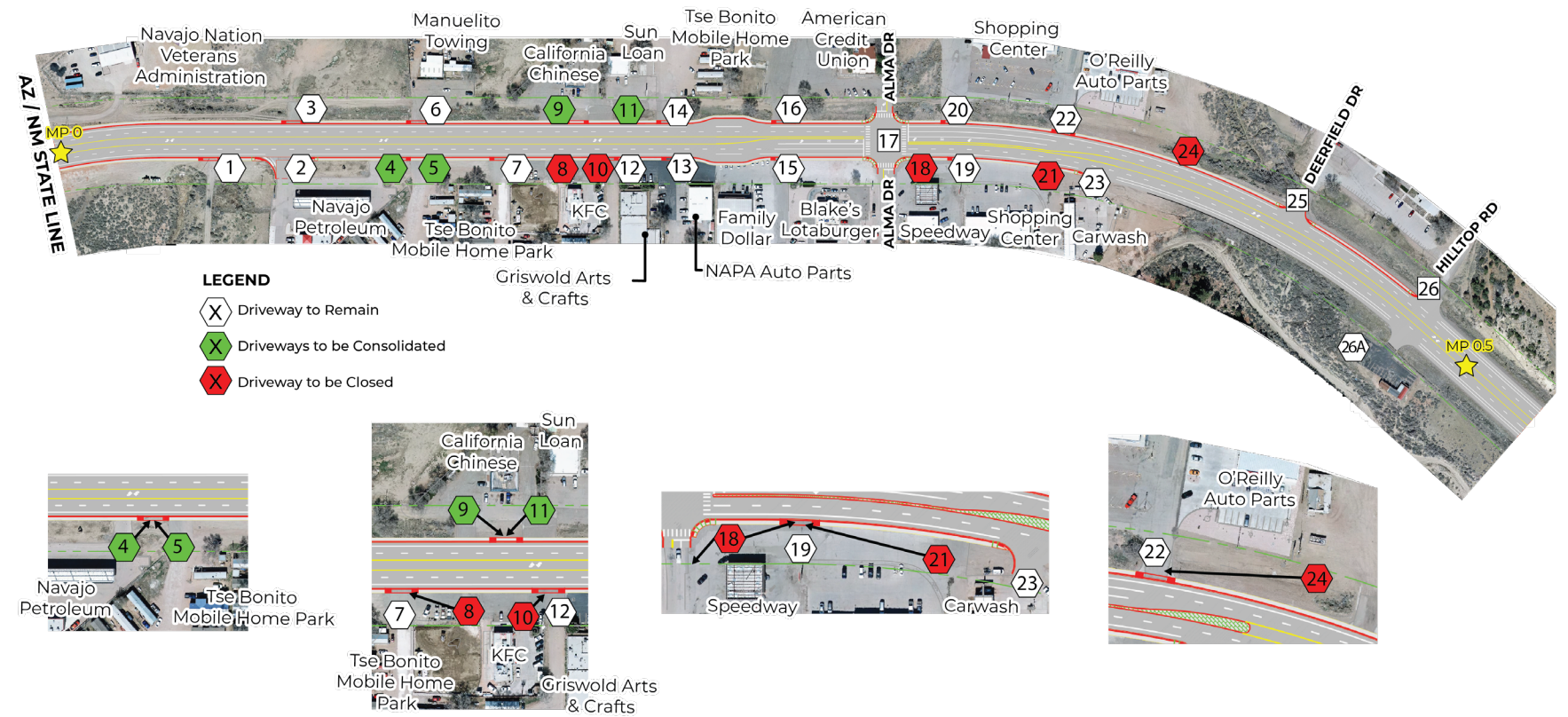
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Alignment Study Summary

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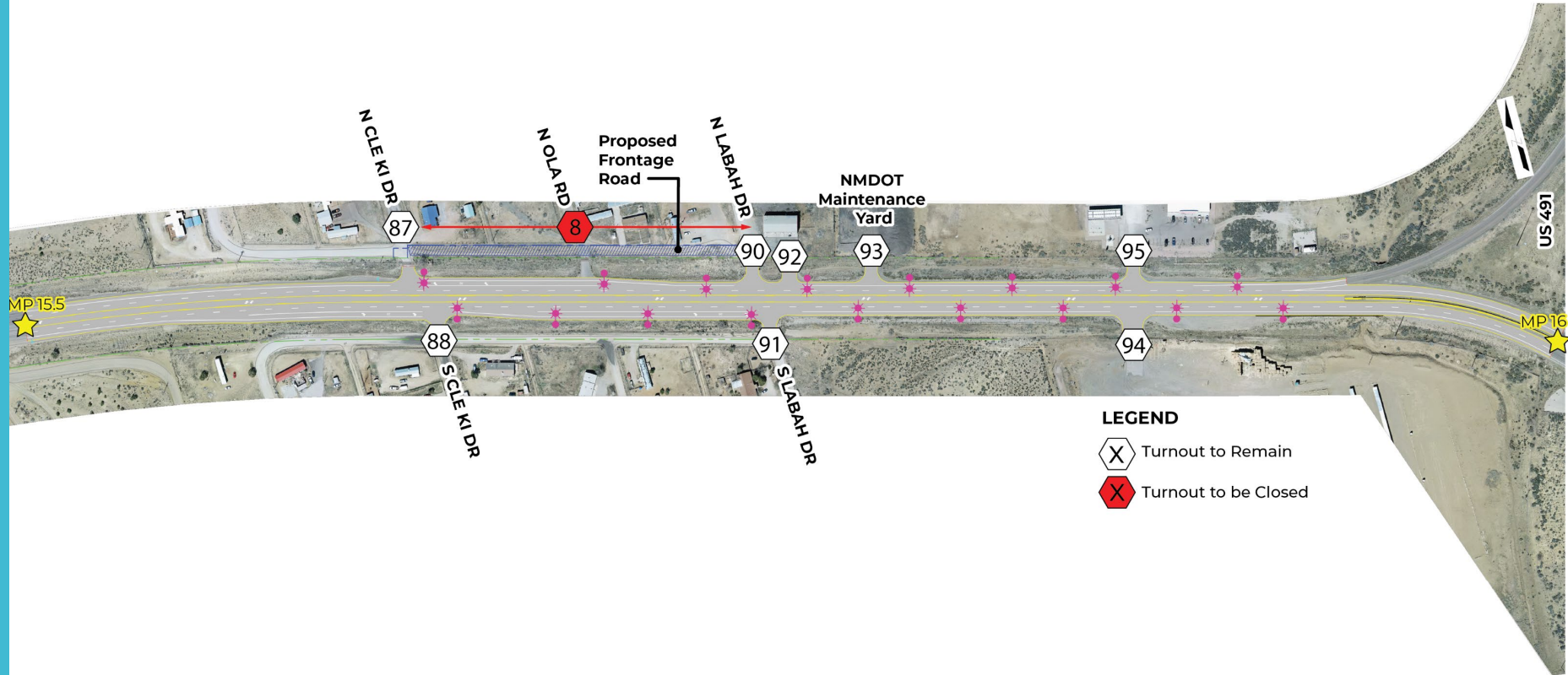
- Improve guardrails
- Improve pavement conditions
- Improve turnouts/access
- Upgrade signal at Alma Drive
- Update pavement striping
- Upgrade signage
- Addition of dynamic speed feedback signs
- Drainage infrastructure improvements
- Improve bicycle and pedestrian facilities

Recommended Access Consolidation – Urban Section



Segment 1 – Access Locations – Tse Bonito

Recommended Access Consolidation – Urban/Rural Section



Segment 1:

NM 264
MP 10 to 14



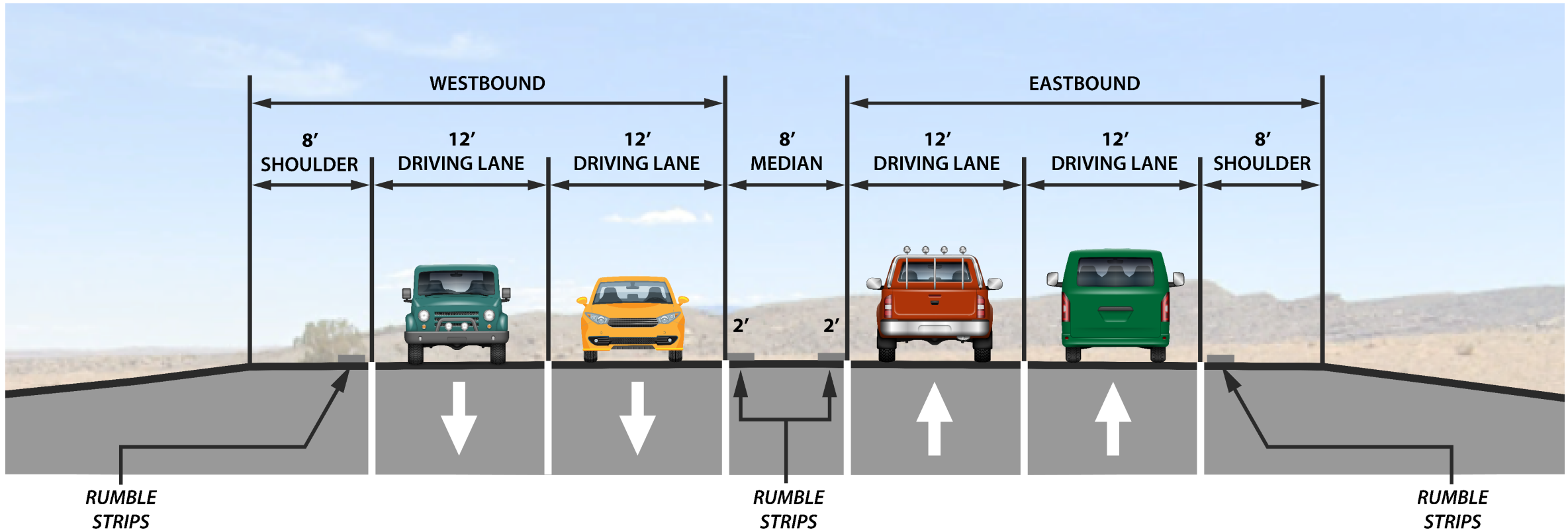
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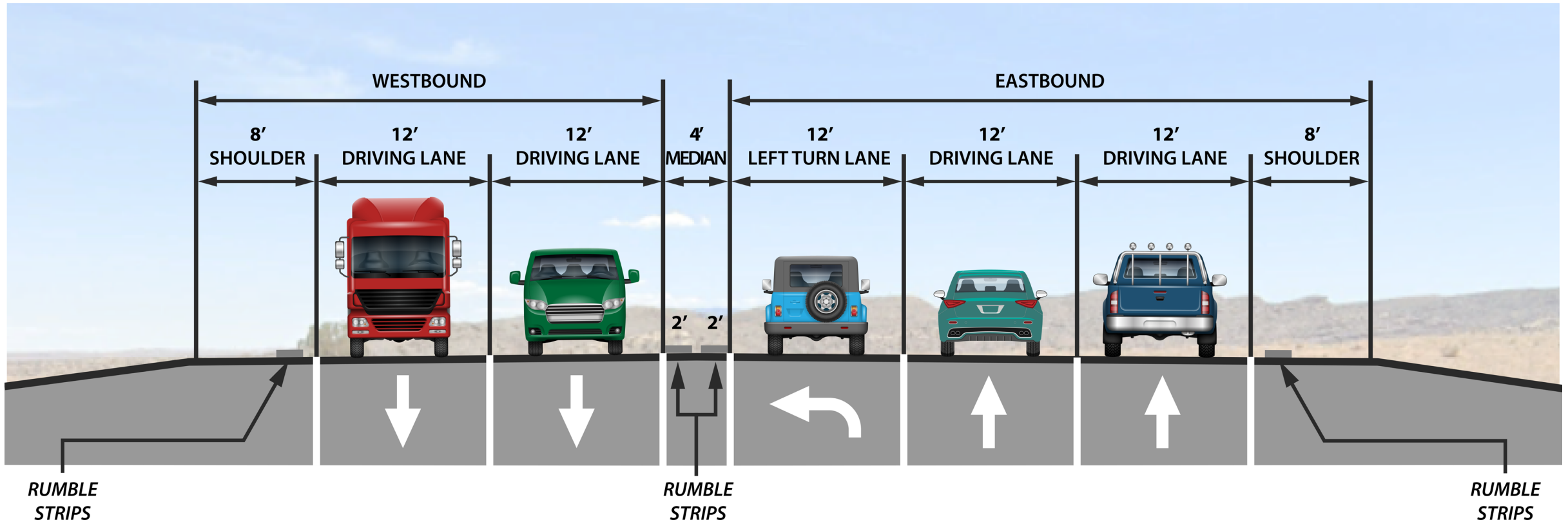
Segment 1: MP 10 – MP 14

Summer/Fall 2022	Summer 2022	Fall 2022 – Fall 2023	Spring 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase IC: Environmental Documentation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase D: Preliminary Design 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase II: Final Design 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction

- Proposed Improvements:
 - Reconstruction of existing pavement
 - Roadway geometry
 - Drainage improvements
 - Updating roadside guardrails, signing and pavement striping
- Maintenance of Traffic
 - Two-lane road access and turnouts maintained throughout project duration
 - Traffic at reduced speed with no road closures



Segment 1: Proposed Typical Section



Segment 1: Proposed Typical Section at Left Turn Locations

PROJECT SCHEDULE

Spring/ Summer 2022	Fall 2022	Fall/ Winter 2022	Spring 2023	Summer 2023	Spring 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establish the need for improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Virtual Public Meeting #1 – August 23, 2022• Identify highway 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 – May 17, 2023• Identify recommended alternatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Completion of NM 264 Alignment Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anticipated start of construction for Segment 1: MP 10-14 (CN 6101221)

Schedule

Next Steps

- Construct Segment, CN 6101221 (MP 10-14)
- Preliminary and Final Design for the remainder of the corridor
 - *No funding available right now for the construction of the remainder of the corridor*
 - *Likely constructed in phases*

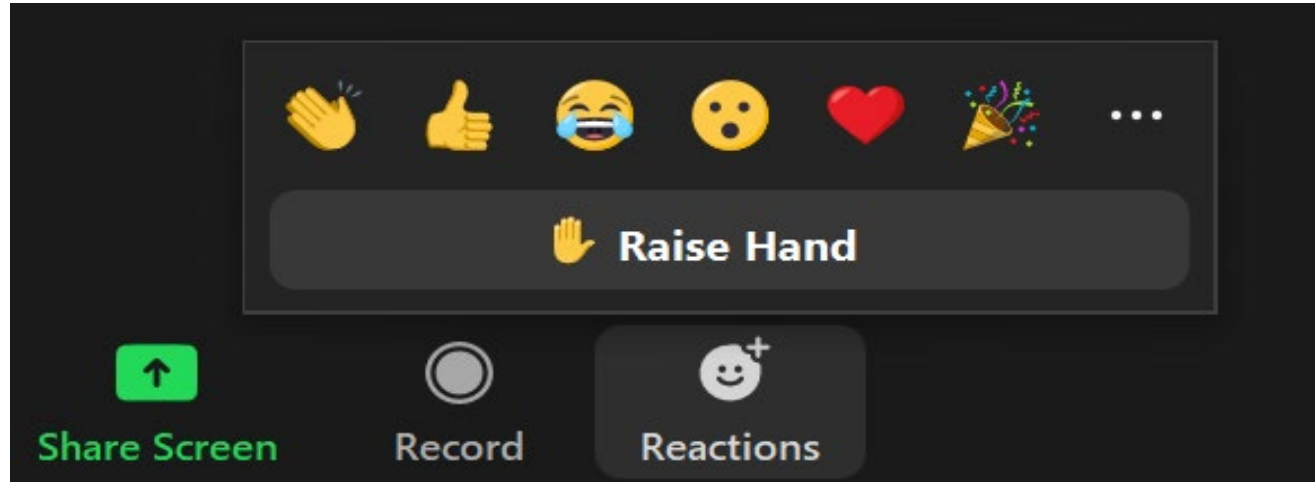
How to Provide Input

- Website Comments:
www.dot.nm.gov/projects/nm264study
- Call: 505.357.7327
- Email: NM264Study@hdrinc.com
- USPS Mail:
NM 264 Study
C/O Victoria Romejko, HDR
Engineering
2155 Louisiana Blvd NE #3000
Albuquerque, NM 87110
Comments should be received by June 16

Questions?

Raising Your Hand

To verbally ask a question, please raise your hand.

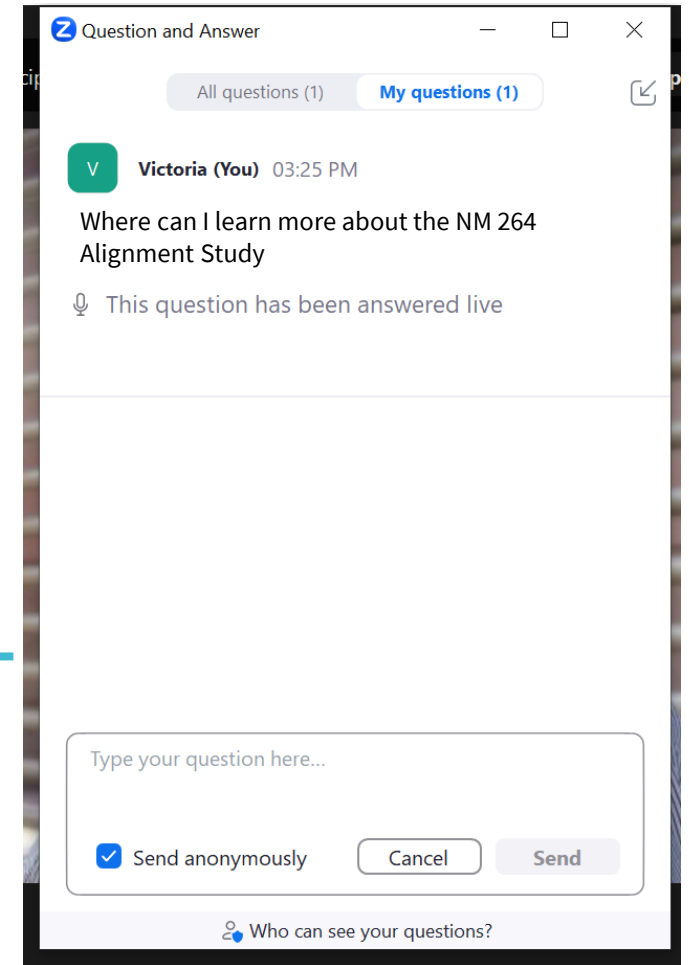
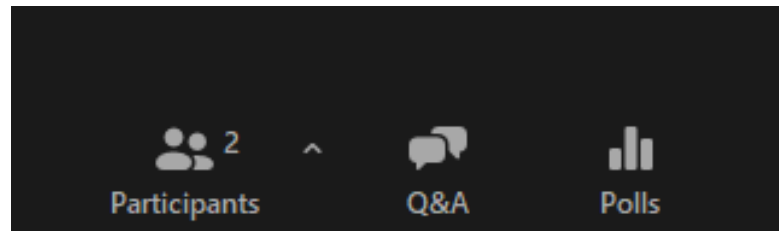


To raise your hand, select the “**reactions**” button and then select “**raise hand.**”

If you are joining by phone, press *9 to raise your hand. When your name is called, press *6 to un your line when prompted. When you are finished speaking, press *9 again mute to lower your hand.

Asking a Question

To type in a question, select the Q&A button



Enter your question into the *Question and Answer* box and click send.

NM 264 ALIGNMENT STUDY MILEPOST 0 TO 16

OVERVIEW

The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT), in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration, is evaluating alternatives and completing an alignment study for the 16-mile NM 264 highway that runs from the Arizona/New Mexico state line to the US 491 interchange near Yah-Ta-Hey. NM 264 serves as a key corridor to the Navajo Nation, connecting communities to their capital in Window Rock, AZ and serves as a connection to US 491.

Each alternative was evaluated based on purpose and need, traffic operations, safety, existing access and land use, right-of-way and impacts, environmental impacts, constructibility, and construction cost. For the purpose of the alternatives development, the study split the alignment into three sections:

- Urban: MP 0 - 0.6
- Rural: MP 0.6 - 15.5
- Urban/Rural: MP 15.5 - 16

Based on the alternatives evaluation and community input, the following alternatives are recommended to advance into the next phase of environmental studies and ultimately final design.

STUDY AREA BY SEGMENT



PROJECT SCHEDULE

Spring/ Summer 2022	Fall 2022	Fall/ Winter 2022	Spring 2023	Summer 2023	Spring 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish the need for improvements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual Public Meeting #1– August 23, 2022 • Identify highway 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 - May 17, 2023 • Identify recommended alternatives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of NM 264 Alignment Study 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anticipated start of construction for Segment 1: MP 10-14 (CN 6101221)

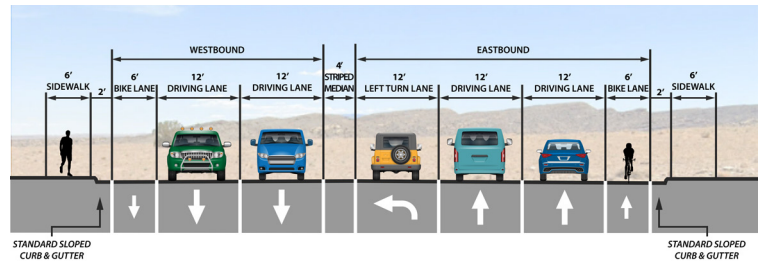
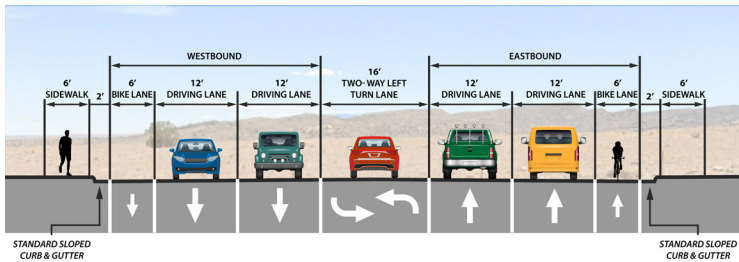
PROPOSED CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

- Improve guardrails
- Improve pavement conditions
- Improve turnouts/access
- Upgrade signal at Alma Drive
- Update pavement striping
- Upgrade signage
- Addition of dynamic speed feedback signs
- Drainage infrastructure improvements
- Improve bicycle and pedestrian facilities

RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS ALTERNATIVES

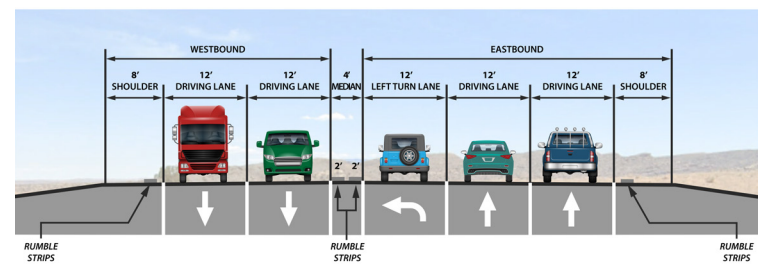
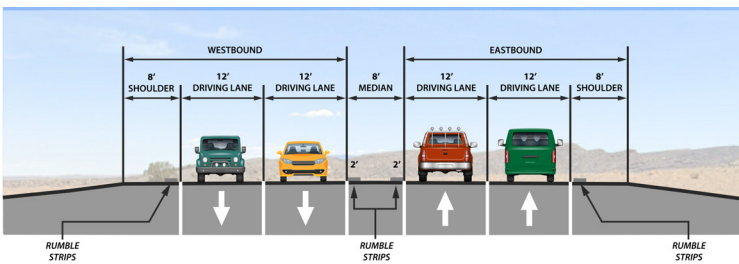
URBAN SECTION THROUGH TSE BONITO

NM 264 at Alma Drive

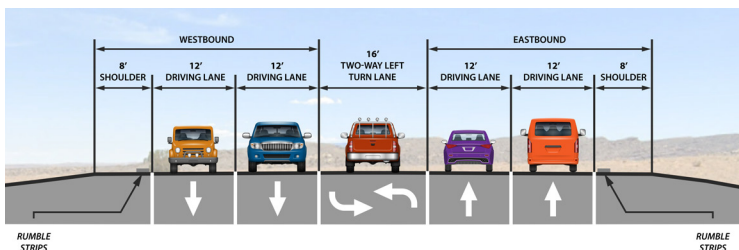


RURAL SECTION BETWEEN TSE BONITO AND YAH-TA-HEY

NM 264 at Left Turn Bays



URBAN/RURAL THROUGH YAH-TA-HEY



Virtual Public Meeting: Live Questions and Comments

May 17, 2023

Number	Question/Comment	Response
1	I originally asked the question about lighting, and I think there is more lighting than just mileposts 5.3 and 5.6 but those were what I remembered. I understand the answer to my question of why you're seeking to put lighting there. I would like to go on record and know how I can continue to oppose the lighting that is recommended or suggested in that area.	Ed Potthoff: So certainly, make the comment now. During the final design, there will be additional public meetings when that segment comes up and if the lighting is still recommended in that area, you certainly will have your chance to voice your opinion again. It will be included in the study document based on your input at this meeting, so it will be considered as part of that evaluation of the final design. I just want to emphasize that these are recommended improvements now, certainly when a final design happens things change within the corridor so that they'll look at additional details that may be in place at that time that aren't in place now. But you'll certainly have an opportunity to provide further input.
2	My name is Robert Moss. I am with Clayton Investment Company in Farmington, New Mexico. We own land that is in the urban segment in the first half mile at Tse Bonito. There	Ed Potthoff: So, the first thing you do is bring up a comment in a public meeting so we hear your concern. We will or the

	<p>was a comment made about one of the access points that was going to be eliminated. I believe it was access point #24. It's just to the east of O'Reilly Auto Parts and I believe the comment was that that access point belonged to O'Reilly Auto Parts and in truth, I don't believe that's true. I think that the access point is for land owned by Clayton Investment Company and so removing that access point would remove our access to that property there from the highway. So, I don't know, I guess my question is how does that get resolved if there is an issue with the landowner having a problem with access being removed and really having a detrimental effect on the value of the property?</p>	<p>project team will evaluate it, as part of the final design, all of the individual property accesses and if it is accessing a separate individual property, then that access would be maintained or would be recommended to be maintained.</p>
3	<p>Segment 1, will the pavement section be evaluated on life-cycle cost analysis?</p>	<p>Ed Potthoff: So, the pavement condition that's there now is so poor that it is anticipated that the recommendation is a full-depth reconstruction with a brand new pavement section. Any type of rehab would just essentially disintegrate based on the subsurface conditions that really reflect what we're seeing as far as the surface conditions right now.</p>
4	<p>I'm a resident in Tse Bonito so I just had a question about the, it looked like on the map or the slides, that the department was going to combine the turnoff into Navajo Petroleum and that trailer park. So my question is: was there consideration for school buses from Gallup-McKinley County, they usually turn at that turnoff where the Tse Bonito Mobile Home Park is and they would kind of I guess roundabout onto that dirt, it's like a dirt patch in front of the trailer park, I</p>	<p>Ed Potthoff: The recommendations that were provided were primarily due to the density of the turnout location. And so, I understand the issue of providing a loop for the school bus to go through there. One of the things we looked at was whether that loop could be maintained based on using the existing turnout at #2 that you see and</p>

	guess was that taken into consideration for the school buses that do pick up kids and drop off kids there in between the highway, the trailer park? I don't know if that was addressed or not.	then using that same combined access to complete that loop. Essentially, we have two turnouts at #4 and #5 that are very closely spaced together and really, it's just combining the two and not moving either one of them any significant distance.
5	I am interested in knowing why you are recommending lights at mileposts 5.3 and 5.6.	Ed Potthoff: Those specific locations I can't recall if they're due to geometry or due to other crash elements. But typically, those locations for additional lighting, especially in the rural areas, were due to low-level sight concerns, low-level lighting sight concerns.
6	You mentioned the erosion thing. It's been a big concern for myself and my neighbor, James Mariano, but nobody seems to be really looking at it. It is a really bad flood zone through there. I'm just hoping you guys are looking at that culvert that goes underneath the highway there and looking at the other side (inaudible). And that was my first concern. My second one, I know I'm going to ask just to get on the record, I do want a deceleration] lane on the eastbound lane, but it would look like Tse Bonito if you did it. But I do want that on the record. I would like a deceleration] lane on the eastbound lane, but I have been told I will not get it. Not really happy that you removed me by the host, so really a waste of my time tonight. Thank you very much.	Ed Potthoff: We certainly will note that. All of the drainage culverts in the corridor are being addressed and we recognize that locations as well as several others within the corridor that need to be addressed. And as Amanda went through the recommended alternatives the replacing of those drainage crossings was a significant part of the project, upsizing and really making sure that they maintain capacity and keep the sediment off the roadway and out of the pipe.
7	So, where I left off was on the P and M bridge that I heard was going to be improved, which I'm glad to hear. And	Ed Potthoff: Well, we certainly appreciate your input. We didn't fully get your

	<p>around that area, the last go-around I did comment that there in the wintertime when you're coming down that hill slope it's very dangerous. I did see that on the accident reports, it seemed like an area, so you know, it's good that the study came out to show that as well. And then the other area is by Yah-Ta-Hey. I think it's Zalegen (sp?) or Logan (sp?) Blvd., just not too far from the dollar store, Family Dollar store. There's a big tree there that is really in the way because I've mentioned last time that when the buses come out from that area early in the morning to work, that's really a dangerous site for them because they end up actually almost being on the road when they have to turn. So, I just wanted to bring that back to your attention once more and I thank you for trying to move forward with this project.</p>	<p>question through Tse Bonito, but the access consolidation element again is due to controlling the locations where cars enter the roadway. And it really is a traffic safety concern and really a big push, especially through areas like that. So, we certainly appreciate your input.</p>
8	<p>Can I get a copy of the powerpoint presentation?</p>	<p>Kristi Ross: Yes, a copy of the presentation will be available on the study website. We can through that study website in the chat so everyone has access to it, but a copy of this presentation, as well as a recording of this meeting, will be posted shortly after the meeting this evening.</p>
9	<p>Thank you again for the opportunity to provide this forum again. I had the chance the last go-around (inaudible) ...but I was looking at the Tse Bonito map that you had, and I agree with some of the at least two, two or three areas that I saw marked red (inaudible) ...because sometimes when you're driving through there, there's just...when there's congestion just as well that people are trying to figure out (inaudible).</p>	

The second thing just came out from back from word from Gallup (cuts out).

- 10 My comment on Tse Bonito was I'm glad to see a few reduced turnouts because today there are just too many that cause last-minute turns to the businesses.

Public Comments

Comment Period: May 2 – June 16, 2023

#	Date Received	Received Via	Question/Comment	Follow Up Response
1	5/10/23	Email	Residents from T&R to Gallup city limits are faced every day with drivers speeding and traveling over 55 mph. Drivers need to be slowed down with traffic lights along this stretch of highway specifically at the M&R Trading or Gamerco turnoff. It is far too dangerous for residents in this area to get onto or off the 491 highway. Please advise.	<p>Thank you for your interest in the NM 264 Alignment Study. We sincerely appreciate your feedback regarding this area. In an attempt to better understand your safety concern, are you referring to a specific location where drivers access 491 from NM 264? Please let us know.</p> <p>Thanks again,</p> <p>NM 264 Alignment Study Team</p>
2	5/17/23	Email	<p>Suggestion: stoplights projected at M&R Trading Post, Gamerco turnoff, and another projected stoplight between M& R TP and T&R Market.</p> <p>We need to slow down those drivers who are traveling at high rates of 70 mph as they descend down the hill, US 491 towards Gallup between Gas Max and M&R TP.</p>	<p>Thank you for this feedback. I'm adding this to our comment log and will share it with the project engineers.</p> <p>Best,</p> <p>NM 264 Alignment Study Team</p>

3	5/19/23	Comment Form	<p>NM Hwy 264 needs replacement ASAP. Too many potholes and vehicles swerving to avoid these big potholes. Some day soon vehicles are going to collide, side swipe trying to avoid the rough pot hole roads. I appreciate your including us in public opinion studies. ALL of NM Hwy 264 needs repaving with material that can handle long-term traffic and weight. Milemarker 0-.6 current existing design is fine the way it is. No need for walkways or side drainages. Just needs a working intersection light. The last TWO years have only been operative 20% of the time. Monday through Saturday we have flashing red light runners! Need the intersection light working. Mile marker .6-15.5 Figure 5 then 4 will work, provided use road material that can handle long term traffic. Figure 6 is too costly, just need good pavement, not any unnecessary lanes or expenses. Mile marker 15.5-16 Figure 7 will work., the current existing design. Please don't make us wait, for further studies. These roads from mile</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment regarding the NM 264 Alignment Study. We appreciate your feedback, especially as it concerns roadway safety. I'll pass this on to the project engineers for further review. Please stay tuned for project updates on the study site at www.dot.nm.gov/projects/nm264study/.</p> <p>Thanks again,</p> <p>NM 264 Study Team</p>
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4	5/29/23	Email	<p>Thank you for including the public in the alignment study and for your efforts to make the presentation clear.</p> <p>I spoke during the meeting about my concern for the proposed lighting at milepost 5.3 and 5.5. I will also mention MP 6 during this email.</p> <p>I have lived at MP 5.7 for 25 years and have been personally present and involved at many of the MVAs including two of the fatal crashes. My observations and concern for the proposed lighting begins with the pollution that it will create. We already have a serious energy problem in NM and using some of that energy to light the highway is</p>	<p>Thank you again for your patience. The project engineers from the NM 264 Alignment Study Team have reviewed your comments. I have broken out their responses into sections that focus on your specific concerns. Please see below.</p> <p>I have lived at MP 5.7 for 25 years and have been personally present and involved at many of the MVAs including two of the fatal crashes. My observations and concern for the proposed lighting begins with the pollution that it will create. We already have a serious energy problem in NM and using some of that energy to light the highway is not a good use of resources in my opinion. Speedy's already wastes enough electricity lighting the building and driveways polluting the night sky. During the meeting a specific reason was not given for the</p>

		<p>not a good use of resources in my opinion. Speedy's already wastes enough electricity lighting the building and driveways polluting the night sky. During the meeting a specific reason was not given for the proposed lighting but it was thought that it was recommended for geometry and crash reasons. Again, my involvement in the MVAs has never indicated that these could have been prevented by highway lighting. Most are alcohol related. The fatal at MP 5.7 in 1999 was a hit and run during daylight hours. The fatal that happened at approximate MP 6.1 also happened during daylight hours and included a drunk driver.</p> <p>The majority of accidents that happen at Speedy's are during daylight hours and involve the mistakes of drivers who do not acknowledge the serious hazard of the location. I believe the study would be better served by implementing the actions to follow and not lights. One, reduce the</p>	<p>proposed lighting but it was thought that it was recommended for geometry and crash reasons. Again, my involvement in the MVAs has never indicated that these could have been prevented by highway lighting. Most are alcohol related. The fatal at MP 5.7 in 1999 was a hit and run during daylight hours. The fatal that happened at approximate MP 6.1 also happened during daylight hours and included a drunk driver.</p> <p>Street lighting is recommended on NM 264 at MP 5.3 and MP 5.5 because there were crashes that occurred at these locations during dusk or dark / not lighted conditions in the most recent 5 years of available crash database. Poor lighting conditions at the time of the crash have contributed to the crash, and adding street lighting is one proven treatment that improves the condition. One of these crashes was alcohol-involved, but the other was not. Typically, we understand that there are not many roadway and traffic engineering solutions that can eliminate alcohol-related crashes however, adding light would draw more attention and make the object more visible to a driver driving under the influence. Our experience and research</p>
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				<p>www.dot.nm.gov/projects/nm264study for updates.</p> <p>Thanks again,</p> <p>NM 264 Alignment Study Team</p>
5	6/12/23	Email	<p>Alli fer Inc. owns 120 acres at the intersection of Highways 264 and 491. Our current access from Highway 491 via Yatahey Loop is good and provides adequate access for tenants, homeowners, Navajo Transit System and school buses, all of whom use the roadway. Drainage is a problem in this area. Historically, silt washes on to the roadway and settles. Water has built up along Yatahey Loop for a number of years, but in the last few years, large rain events have blocked Highway 491 just south of the intersection with 264 on several occasions. This wasn't always the case. I suspect the drainage system in place was adequate for many years, but has filled with silt gradually and has now become unable to drain the area. While maintenance might remedy the</p>	<p>We appreciate the input as we develop the project along NM 264. With respect to your property along US 491, our project terminates at the west end of the interchange with US 491. Although the indicated drainage problem is outside the limits of the current study area, we will forward the letter to the local maintenance patrol so they can be made aware of the concern and assess the need for action. As we move into final design our project will focus on not contributing any additional drainage impacts to the NM 264 and US 491 interchange. We will continue our public involvement as the final design continues and we look forward to continuing coordination to improve the drainage issues.</p> <p>With respect to your property in Tse Bonito, our current design maintains both of the driveways (labeled 20 and 22) at their current location. O'Reilly will still have</p>

		<p>problem, it is also possible that additional steps need to be taken to address the flooding. As an adjoining property owner, our company is happy to cooperate with drainage, detention and erosion efforts to keep the drainage working properly. Just let us know how we can help with the process. Feel free to contact our company if we can help with the process.</p> <hr/> <p>Our company owns 1580 Hwy 264, leased to Solid Rock Dialysis Clinic and C & R Insurance Agency just east of the Arizona state line at Tse Bonito. Your map describes our parcel as "Shopping Center". I am delighted to learn that NM DOT and others are working to improve the highway that provides access to our building and would like to make some comments and suggestions. We wish to maintain access to our parcel as proposed on page 35 of https://www.dot.nm.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/NM-264_Public-Mtg-2_Presentation_FINAL-reduced.pdf.</p>	<p>access via driveway 22 and their property is developed for that access. On the north side of Alma Dr., the design considered the option of frontage road access from that intersection however the required geometry did not allow for that access to remain within the available right-of-way. It is understood that any future development may require further adjustments to access location and design in order to properly accommodate the development and to ensure the safety of the roadway user. Bike lanes are recommended to provide additional multi-modal access to the corridor. NM 264 is a Tier 2 priority for bicycle facilities in the New Mexico Prioritized Statewide Bicycle Network Plan and bike lanes are recommended through the urban section based on the density of businesses in the area. Bike lanes are independent of sidewalks because sidewalks are designed for the slower speed of pedestrians and mixing bicycle traffic can be unsafe. We appreciate your input and look forward to continue working with you as the project progresses.</p> <p>As a part of the notification process, a direct mailer was developed and distributed</p>
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		<p>These are depicted as cutouts 20 and 22. These cutouts provide the only access to the dialysis clinic, the insurance agency, and to the O'Reilly Auto parts and have been in use for many years.</p> <p>When O'Reilly developed next door a few years ago, NMDOT removed an access point and limited O'Reilly's access only across land our company owns, and not directly to the street. The effect of this removal may have improved safety on highway 264, but it doubled traffic across our land. I have dealt with concerns from the dialysis clinic that drivers use the patient loading area as a roadway when exiting O'Reilly. The effect of closing access to 264 transferred the safety hazard off the highway and on to our patient loading facility.</p> <p>The light at Alma Drive makes sense as it pertains to access from south of 264. It serves Speedway, Blake's, the tax service, and many residences. Northbound, however, Alma Drive dead ends into the credit union (your cutout 17), with no further</p>	<p>through the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) Every Door Direct Mailing (EDDM). EDDM ensures mail pieces are delivered to every mailbox and PO box along a specified mail route so that residents and occupants receive these mail pieces more efficiently and mail does not get returned if there are any address inaccuracies, they are simply still placed in each mailbox. For this project, we selected all postal routes within a mile of the project area to try to capture all of those within the project area. For both virtual public meetings, an EDDM direct mailer was sent to 6,970 addresses in the study area to inform the surrounding community of the virtual public meeting. The mailers were distributed on August 2, 2022, and May 2, 2023. The mailers were sent to the following postal codes within the study area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 86515- PBOX • 87375- PBOX • 87305- PBOX • 87301- H033 <p>In addition, we published several other notifications through additional outlets to try to reach this community and notify them of the upcoming event, including</p>
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			<p>I wish to make a final point as to notification. Most of the property owners along this corridor do not have local mail service, so their mail goes to other addresses. I did not get notified of the first meeting and nearly missed the second meeting. The County Assessor's office has accurate addresses for property owners who pay property taxes, and these taxpayers should have input into decisions relating to access. Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can provide more information about the road improvements. I look forward to seeing the results of your hard work.</p>	
6	6/13/23	Email	<p>I attended the above-referenced public hearing on behalf of Clayton Investment Company Ltd. ("CIC"). CIC owns property along NM Highway 264 in the area referred to in the public hearing as "Urban" between MP 0 and MP 0.6. In the slide presentation at the public hearing, it was recommended that CIC's existing access point to its property, marked as #24 on the attached slide, be closed. Removing</p>	<p>We appreciate your input based on the public meeting. With respect to the access to the CIC property you included in your letter the recommendations provided were based on the current corridor development. It is understood that any future development may require further adjustments to access location and design in order properly accommodate the development and to ensure the safety of the roadway user. This project is currently in the planning phase and further input will</p>

		<p>this access point would deprive CIC from properly accessing its property from the highway and would further severely impair the marketability of the property. In fact, CIC is currently in active contract negotiations to sell its property to a buyer intending to develop the property as a retail facility. Removing the access to this property from NM Highway 264 would effectively terminate any possibility of retail development of CIC's property or of CIC effectively marketing the property to prospective retail purchasers. CIC would consider the removal of its access point to be a taking of its property and would seek just and equitable compensation for such a taking.</p> <p>Accordingly, CIC believes the appropriate course of action is to preserve its existing access to its property in order to preserve the property's marketable value and avoid a de facto taking.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments and for</p>	<p>be sought as the project moves into final design. Construction funding for this section of the project has not been identified so construction is not likely within the next few years. The current access recommendations will be revisited closer to the actual construction. As an alternative CIC can request a state access/driveway permit now in order to formalize approval for, and properly permit the existing driveway. At this point in time, the existing driveway is not permitted and therefore is not formally approved/recognized by the NMDOT. This will be required for any new development of this property in the future. The application can be found here Permit_to_Construct_Access.pdf (rtsclients.com).</p>
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