



*Photo of roadway improvements along N. Broadway in Tor C, New Mexico.



PAVING & ROAD DIET

within Truth or Consequences

In 2021, NMDOT and the City of T or C partnered to develop a Multimodal Transportation Safety Plan. Additional partners included the Sierra County Road Department, T or C Police Department, City of Williamsburg, and T or C Municipal Schools. This inclusive, multidisciplinary collaboration identified key safety concerns and recommended targeted countermeasures to improve conditions for all road users.

Community engagement played a central role in shaping the plan's priorities. Input from the community highlighted several key goals: improving roadway safety for both residents and visitors through increased compliance with speed limits, enhanced pedestrian infrastructure, improved accessibility, upgraded striping and signage, and reduced intersection conflicts. One of the plan's major recommendations was the implementation of a road diet along the downtown corridor, specifically on Main Avenue and North Broadway Street, to address issues such as speeding and wrong-way driving.

Building on these recommendations, NMDOT completed a \$5.6 million paving and road diet project in spring 2025 along the I-25 Business Loop in T or C. The project covered approximately 5.5 miles, including Date Street, Broadway, and Main Street. Its primary goal was to improve public safety in downtown T or C by implementing the road diet to increase visual friction and lower vehicle speeds.

This safety initiative complements a recently completed mill and inlay project along Business Loop 11, which addressed pavement conditions and upgraded ADA ramps. While that effort focused on infrastructure improvements, the road diet project specifically targets traffic calming and enhances safety for all roadway users.

Project Website: <https://www.dot.nm.gov/t-or-c-road-diet/>

Explore FHWA Resources: <https://highways.dot.gov/safety/other/road-diets>

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Safety Enhancements on Main Ave. & Broadway St.:

- Pavement markings and signage
- Speed radar feedback beacons (future enhancement)
- Delineator systems (future enhancement)
- Minor geometric modifications
- Miscellaneous construction to support the new configuration

The previous design featured a two-lane, one-way roadway with parallel parking on both sides. The new configuration consists of a single-lane, one-way street that retains parallel parking on both sides and introduces a multi-use path for pedestrians and bicyclists along the curb on the right shoulder.

What is a Road Diet?

A Road Diet is a traffic calming strategy that reallocates roadway space to improve safety, enhance mobility, and support a better quality of life for all users. Typically implemented through low-cost measures like restriping, Road Diets reduce vehicle lanes to slow traffic, increase driver awareness, and create space for features such as bike lanes, pedestrian paths, or turn lanes.