



New Mexico DEPARTMENT OF  
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# Public Meeting #3

## Public Involvement Summary

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NM 264 Roadway Improvement Projects

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# Introduction

New Mexico 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. NM 264 connects to US 491, eight miles north of Gallup. A study evaluating the needs for the corridor was completed in 2023 and now NMDOT is working on the design plans for NM 264 between Arizona and Yah-Ta-Hey (NM 264 Roadway Improvement Projects). Ultimately, the corridor will be broken up into segments for design and construction as depicted in Figure 1.

**Figure 1: NM 264 Corridor Segments**



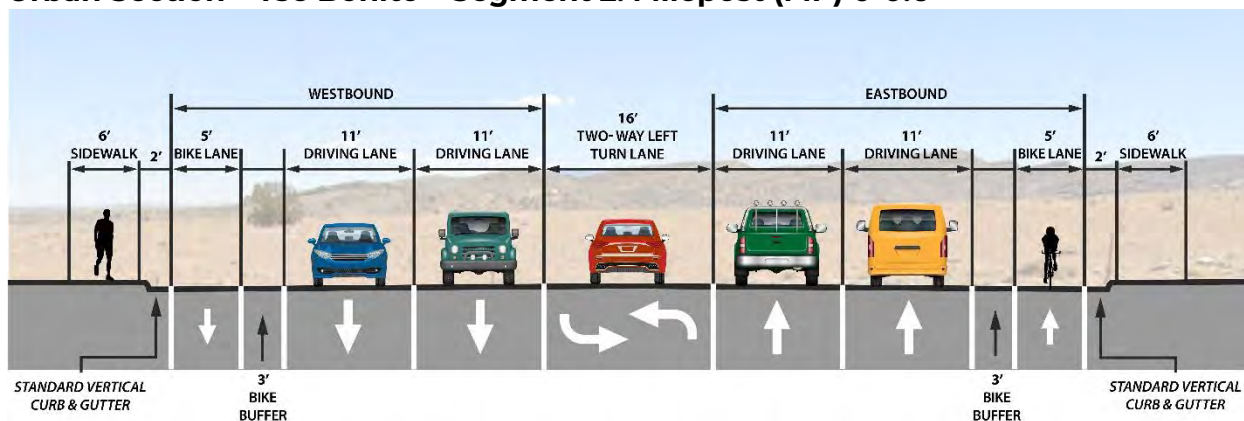
## NM 264 Roadway Improvement Projects

The purpose of the NM 264 Roadway Improvement Projects is to:

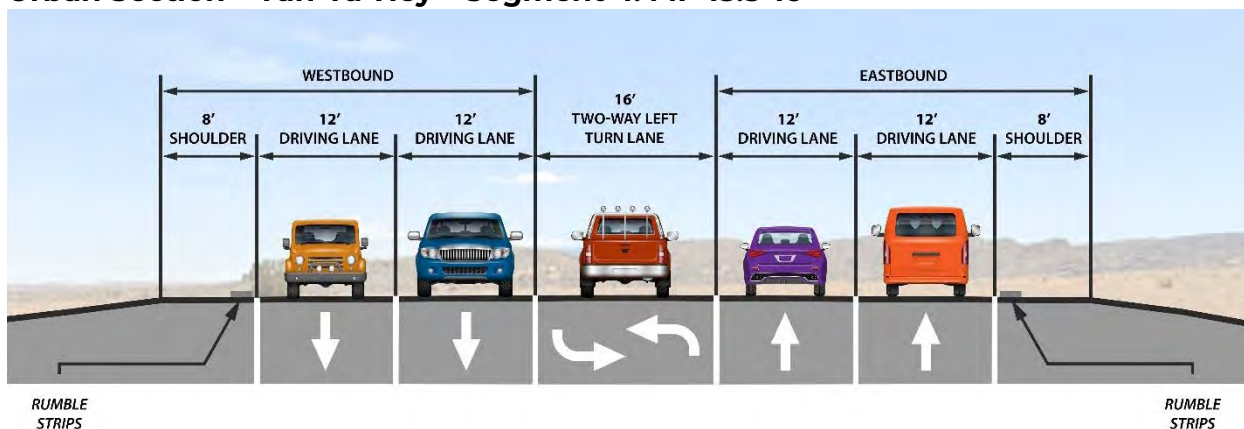
- Improve the roadway's condition and life expectancy
- Improve drainage conditions
- Address substandard roadway geometry
- Add multimodal facilities
- Implement access management
- Improve overall safety

Based on the alternatives evaluation and community input received in the study phase, the improvement designs found on the following pages have been recommended by the project team.

## Urban Section – Tse Bonito – Segment 2: Milepost (MP) 0-0.6

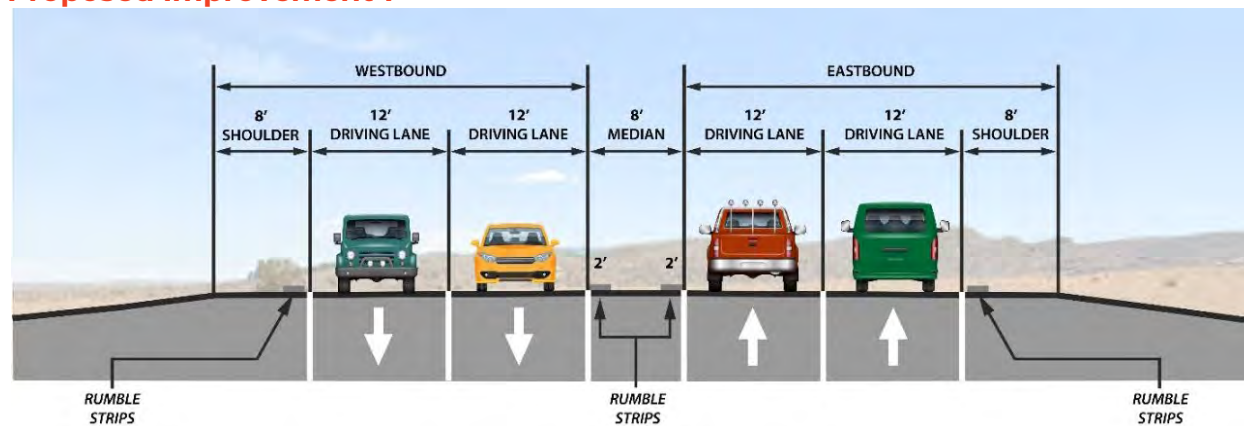


## Urban Section – Yah-Ta-Hey – Segment 4: MP 15.5-16



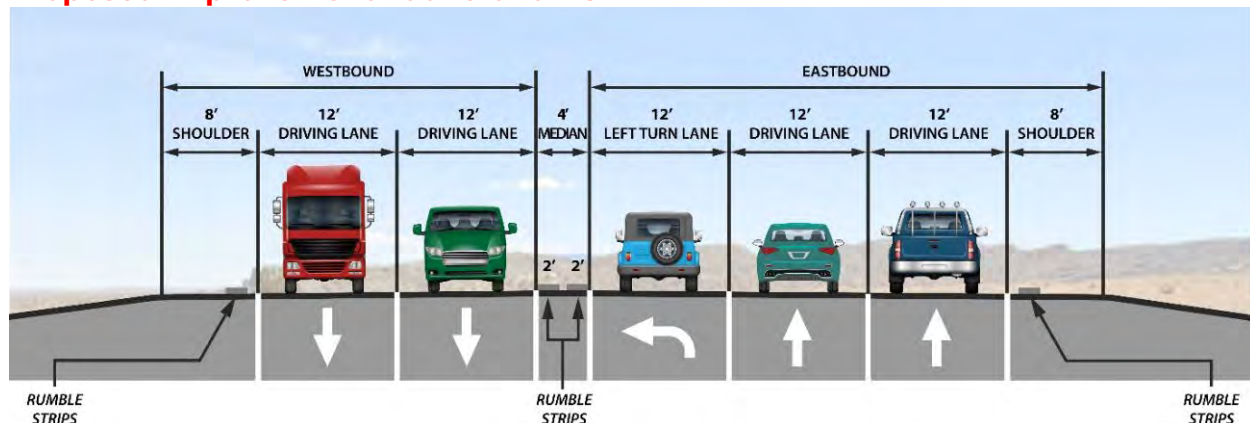
## Rural Sections – Tse Bonito to Yah-Ta-Hey – Segment 2: MP 0.6-5, Segment 3: MP 5-10, and Segment 4: MP 14-15.5

### Proposed Improvement 1





## Proposed Improvement 1 at Left Turns



## Public Involvement Process

NM 264 is a unique corridor, including both rural and urban segments, which 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 design plans for this corridor.

The study team, in collaboration with the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMTD) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), has developed a public involvement process throughout each phase to obtain public input containing comments, questions, concerns, and preferences on roadway improvements. A summary of those efforts for the open house is bulleted below.

- **Public Meeting #1** – held virtually on August 23, 2022, via Zoom, with three participants in attendance. The meeting focused on an overview of the study area, the preliminary purpose and need, existing roadway conditions, and proposed highway improvements.
- **Public Meeting #2** – held virtually on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, via Zoom, with nineteen participants in attendance. The meeting reviewed the alternatives developed, and the study team's recommendations, and solicited feedback.

## Public Meeting #3 – Open House

The open house for the NM 264 Roadway Improvement Projects occurred Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at the Navajo Division of Transportation from 3-7 p.m. The in-person, informal style open house included display boards of the proposed improvement designs and roll plots of Segments 2, 3, and 4 for viewing the proposed consolidation of driveways and turnouts. Segment 1 was not included as a display board or roll plot since roadway improvements are currently underway. Attendees were encouraged to ask the roadway design engineers questions regarding the segment designs. Screens and laptops were also made available to view the project areas for each segment via Google Earth.

## Public Meeting Notifications

The following section contains all public meeting notifications distributed prior to the open house. Copies of the meeting notifications can be found in Appendix A, *Public Meeting Notifications*.

### Newspaper Advertisements

The team developed and distributed two newspaper advertisements for this meeting. The newspaper advertisements provided an overview of the project, invited the public to attend the open house, and shared information on how to provide comments. The advertisements – which also included the date, time, and location for the meeting – were distributed in the following publications and dates:

- Navajo Times (February 29, 2024)
- Gallup Independent (March 5, 2024)

### Meeting Notification Poster

The project team distributed open house posters electronically to key stakeholders such as other agencies and tribal chapter houses, which included details on the time and location, and how to provide feedback on the projects. These stakeholders 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. The open house poster was also distributed electronically to local radio stations, including:

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

### Direct Mailer

A direct mailer was sent to 6,970 addresses in the study area to inform residents and property owners of the open house. The mailer was distributed to all individuals on or before March 5, 2024. Mailers were sent to the following postal codes near and within the study area:

- 86515
- 87375
- 87305
- 87301

### Radio Advertisement

A radio advertisement was developed in English and then translated and recorded in Dine for the local radio station, KGAK (1330 AM). The radio advertisement aired two times a day for two weeks, beginning March 5, 2024. The advertisement included the time, date, and location of the open house.

### Social Media

Social media posts were developed for the NMDOT Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/NMDOT>, which included the open house date, time, and location, and how to provide feedback on the projects. One post was published on Facebook the day before the open house on March 18, 2024.

### Banners

Two large banners announcing the open house and comment information were posted on NM 264 in Tse Bonito and Yah-Ta-Hey.



### Project Webpage

The study webpage <https://www.dot.nm.gov/projects/active-projects/nm264study/> was updated in February 2024 and included information about the projects and a link to the webpage with the full open house details.



## Public Meeting Materials

The following section contains all public meeting materials distributed during and after the open house. Copies of the meeting materials can be found in Appendix B, *Public Meeting Materials*.

### Display Boards and Roll Plots

Eleven display boards were produced for the open house to welcome attendees, present the selected roadway improvement designs for the corridor and information on how to provide comments. Two display boards included the proposed access consolidation (movement of driveways/entryways) for residents and businesses within the urban sections of NM 264. Attendees also had the opportunity to view roll plots showing driveways and turnouts along Segments 2, 3, and 4 and provide additional comments or recommended improvements through sticky notes.

### Comment Form

A comment form was created for the open house to collect feedback from attendees. It included space to list project concerns and additional feedback.

### Fact Sheet

A fact sheet was distributed during the open house and made available on the study webpage. The fact sheet included an overview of the project, a map of the project area, the proposed improvement designs, and a project timeline.

## Public Comments

In total, 27 comments were received throughout this public outreach period which focused on safety, drainage, access, lighting, and pavement. Twenty-three comments were received during the open house and four were received during the comment period.

**Public comments were accepted from March 19 through April 18, 2024, in the following ways:**

- Live at the open house or through the printed comment form
- Study webpage: [CN 6101220-NM 264 Study | NMDOT](#)
- Email: [i40manuelitointerchange@hdrinc.com](mailto:i40manuelitointerchange@hdrinc.com)
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The comments focused on various suggestions and concerns for the NM 264 corridor to improve safety while maintaining driver access within this 16-mile stretch of highway. Most comments addressed the current highway conditions as inadequate with the need for sustainable pavement construction, flood mitigation, lighting, and pedestrian safety. In addition to the highway's current issues, comments emphasized recommendations for access consolidation, roadway configuration, and signage with homage to veterans highlighting NM 264's namesake from the Navajo Code Talkers of WWII. The project team is currently evaluating the significant amount of feedback from the community to guide potential changes to proposed improvements on NM 264.

A full list of all comments and questions received during the comment period are listed in the tables below and as redacted versions in Appendix C, *Public Comments*.

## Public Comments – Open House Comment Forms

	Question/Comment
1	NM 264 is the Navajo Code Talker highway – it needs to be designated in our sidewalks, or signs, or interest points for tourists to see. Drainage – make sure there is more than 2% crown at the center – water, snow, and cinders need to drain. Fence – mesh fencing is desired to keep livestock and wildlife safe. Striping on the roadway needs to be economical and maintenance accessible for a contractor to come out in time to repaint. Budget sufficient. This NM 264 is Our main road into the largest tribal nation in the United States. Our culture, language, and tradition need to be a part of these projects. Please keep in mind future EV stations. Keep in mind our pedestrians, hitchhikers, and vendors in the area.
2	Milepost 5.5 deceleration lane needs to “safely” access my property. Drainage across (264) at 5.5 MP. Very nice open house!
3	My recommendation to the state is that the east entrance to Speedy's should be one-way only referring to an entrance. The west should become the only exit and can also be an entrance. This way the acceleration lane would avoid people entering the highway at a slow speed which is primarily all the honking that goes on and if that acceleration lane was extended down to your driveway it could be your deceleration lane.
4	<b>Segment 1: Milepost 10 to Milepost 14</b> Milepost 13.20 - Rock Springs Road Intersection



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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide a turning lane (sufficient distance) for vehicles to turn south from the east roadway lanes.</li> <li>2. Provide an acceleration lane for vehicles to enter the east roadway lanes.</li> <li>3. Provide a turning lane (sufficient distance) for vehicles to turn south from the west roadway lanes.</li> <li>4. Provide an acceleration lane for vehicles to enter the west roadway lanes.</li> <li>5. Provide new street lighting at the Rock Springs Road Intersection.</li> <li>6. Provide permanent signage.</li> <li>7. Install additional new cattle guards to widen the south entrance to forty-eight (48) feet for vehicles to exit and enter Rock Springs Road.</li> <li>8. Construct a new asphalt roadway with white markings for vehicles turning east and west to enter the roadway, and for vehicles to exit and enter the Rock Springs Road.</li> </ol> <p><b>Segment 2: Milepost 0 to Milepost 5</b>  Milepost 1.50 - Old Coal Mine Road Intersection</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide a turning lane (sufficient distance) for vehicles to turn north from the west roadway lanes.</li> <li>2. Provide an acceleration lane for vehicles to enter the west roadway lanes.</li> <li>3. Provide a turning lane (sufficient distance) for vehicles to turn north from the east roadway lanes.</li> <li>4. Provide an acceleration lane for vehicles to enter the east roadway lanes.</li> <li>5. Provide new street lighting at the Old Coal Mine Road Intersection.</li> <li>6. Provide permanent signage.</li> </ol> <p><b>Segment 2: Milepost 0 to Milepost 5</b>  Milepost 3.10 - Veterinarian Road Intersection</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide a turning lane (sufficient distance) for vehicles to turn south from the east roadway lanes.</li> <li>2. Provide an acceleration lane for vehicles to enter the east roadway lanes.</li> <li>3. Provide a turning lane (sufficient distance) for vehicles to turn south from the west roadway lanes.</li> </ol>

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Provide an acceleration lane for vehicles to enter the west roadway lanes.</li> <li>5. Provide new street lighting at the Veterinarian Road Intersection.</li> <li>6. Provide permanent signage.</li> </ol> <p><b>Segment 3: Milepost 5 to Milepost 10</b>  Milepost 5.30 - Speedy's Store Intersection</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide a turning lane (sufficient distance) for vehicles to turn north from the west roadway lanes.</li> <li>2. Provide an acceleration lane for vehicles to enter the west roadway lanes.</li> <li>3. Provide a turning lane (sufficient distance) for vehicles to turn north from the east roadway lanes.</li> <li>4. Provide an acceleration lane for vehicles to enter the east roadway lanes.</li> <li>5. Provide new street lighting at the Speedy's Store intersection.</li> <li>6. Provide permanent signage.</li> </ol> <p><b>Segment 3: Milepost 5 to Milepost 10</b>  Milepost 8.50 - Defiance Draw Road (Turn off to Tsa Ya Toh Community) Intersection</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide a turning lane (sufficient distance) for vehicles to turn south from the east roadway lanes.</li> <li>2. Provide an acceleration lane for vehicles to enter the east roadway lanes.</li> <li>3. Provide a turning lane (sufficient distance) for vehicles to turn south from the west roadway lanes.</li> <li>4. Provide an acceleration lane for vehicles to enter the west roadway lanes.</li> <li>5. Provide new street lighting at the Defiance Draw Road (Turn off to Tsa Ya Toh Community) Intersection.</li> <li>6. Provide permanent signage.</li> <li>7. Construct a new asphalt Defiance Draw Road and raise the new asphalt Defiance Draw Road elevation to the same elevation level as the New Mexico 264 Roadway at the Intersection.</li> <li>8. Install additional new cattle guards and re-install the existing cattle guards to widen the south entrance to forty-eight (48) feet for vehicles to exit and enter the Defiance Draw Road.</li> </ol>

	Question/Comment
	<p>9. Construct a new asphalt roadway with white markings for vehicles turning east and west to enter the roadway, and for vehicles to exit and enter the Defiance Draw Road.</p> <p><b>Segment 3: Milepost 5 to Milepost 10</b></p> <p>1. It is recommended to raise the roadway elevation and to install an additional new metal culvert. Provide flooding mitigation at milepost 9.5 to milepost 10.</p> <p><b>Other General comments:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide flooding mitigation at milepost 3.4 to milepost 3.6.</li> <li>2. Provide flooding mitigation at milepost 8.9.</li> <li>3. Provide flooding mitigation at milepost 14.90 to milepost 15.10.</li> <li>4. Repair and install new light bulbs for the existing six (6) tallest street light poles at the milepost 16 Interchange.</li> <li>5. It is recommended to inspect and develop future maintenance improvement projects on the New Mexico 264 road from milepost 0 to milepost 16.</li> </ol>
5	Traffic too fast in the morning people getting work. Tse Bonito wash part blocks off fence. Access all ok.
6	The overall redesign of the roadway. The road is going to be narrow than the existing and certain medians are going to be removed and replaced with rumble strip unless there's a study that shows a rumble strip is safer than the raised median. Are we narrowing the roadway due to cost and compromising on safety? Typically, when a road is reconstructed, there are added safety features. This project seems to decrease safety by eliminating and/or reducing the median or shoulder.
7	We need a streetlight at the corner of Route 54. Also, we need reflectors. Also, all the people that use the road need to pay 10 cents or something.
8	Merging on the West and East bound traffic needs pavement. 264 and N54.
9	Hopefully hire a company that would like to see the new pavement last at least 7-8 years, not 6 months to a year. Potholes fix ASAP. I have a lot of suggestions regarding the project. Cut at least 3-4 inches off to make it last.

Question/Comment	
10	Will the speed be the same? They need to add streetlights needs to put on the side of the road from the state line to Rim Rock. For there are a lot of people that work along the road. The other was about the asphalt. Yes, some are reused and the other half to waste. The one that goes to waste should be reused for all the dirt roads. It will help out with school buses and emergencies. If they were to put it all the dirt roads. Thank you for your time.
11	What about the trash on the side of the road? Fix all the potholes in the road. Need more cops on the road. Need lights from the state line to Rim Rock. Some animals and people walk on the side of the road. People need to slow down, and it needs to be enforced. The speed limit needs to be enforced. People need to slow down. People drive too fast and crazy.
Segment	Roll Plot Comments
2 (MP 0-5)	Lighting and turn lane reflectors at Tse Bonito Ridge Rd and P&M Rd
	Install pipe under 264 to relieve backwater on the north side at Tse Bonito Ridge Rd
	Access consolidation – insertion for labeling of new KFC and KFC parking lot (Driveways 1-2 to be closed)
	Access consolidation – suggestion to close access in front of the shopping center instead of Driveway 4 at the carwash
	Access
3 (MP 5-10)	Ice conditions at MP 6
	No streetlights wanted – light pollution
	30 acres or drainage
	Request deceleration lane for 10-70 (10-70)
	10'-28' ft shoulder at MP 9
	Heavy turn movements (esp. now) at Defiance Draw Rd as secondary access
4 (MP 14-16)	What happens to road millings at MP 16?

## Public Comments – Other Public Comments

	Date Received	Received Via	Question/Comment
1	3/5/24	USPS Mail	<p>I noticed no privys for men and women. I'm disabled and also many gas stations for wheelchairs! There are tight spaces, we have brain strokes.</p> <p>Are highways have small rest areas for vehicles and trash cans? Water, privys!</p> <p>Some I 40 have rest areas for travelers and truckers! I-40 has a good one! Before Flagstaff.</p> <p>We need help, it's very good you have write in; also a highway landline. Sexual abuse happens! The highway 87 North has a phone line to call for 911. Also, we need solar lights at intersections! We are from New Mex!</p>
2	3/14/24	USPS Mail	<p>I am writing to express my concerns about the condition of segments 2 and 3 of Hwy 264, which traverse through Crystal NM. As a resident of this area and a student at Dine College in Tsaile, AZ, I frequently rely on these roads to travel to Gallup, NM, for essential supplies. However, I find these segments to be exceedingly hazardous, posing significant risks to both vehicles and individuals who use them. The deterioration of these roads has forced many drivers to take evasive measures to avoid damage, exacerbating safety concerns.</p> <p>It is imperative that these roads receive proper maintenance to ensure the safety of all travelers, including the numerous buses that transport students from pre-K to high school. Given the importance of these routes to the communities they serve, I urge New Mexico and Arizona to prioritize their upkeep. This entails not just quick patch jobs, but the</p>



			<p>implementation of durable solutions that will withstand the rigors of various seasons. I sincerely hope that the necessary repairs will be carried out promptly and effectively, thereby providing safer travel conditions for all who rely on these vital thoroughfares.</p>
3	4/7/24	Email	<p>I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the NMDOT/NM 264 Roadway Improvement Projects public postcard I received in the US mail. Also, a big thank you to Patricia for her many years of public service to the people of New Mexico, especially McKinley County.</p> <p>I have seen and continue to see road improvement in our county. It seems there are more vehicles nowadays than there is money to maintain adequate use for travel. The beauty of roads also contributes to tourism and like our businesses, customer service is number one. When I travel outside our state, one of the first things I notice is the conditions and upkeep of the highways. Good management contributes to good clean highways. Our highways are also historical reminders like the historical Highway 66. Our highways are also reminders of important historical individuals who contributed to our country and precious freedom and democracy.</p> <p>This brings me to NM Highway 264. This highway in New Mexico is named after the famous Navajo Code Talkers of WWII. However, I believe the poor conditions of the highway do not fully honor the war heroes. I think the cleanliness, the conditions, and the upkeep of the highway should reflect that of an official military highway if we are to truly honor the Code Talkers. Today, I believe there are only 3 left on this Mother Earth. If we do not effectively coincide the two together, then our future children may question the integrity of</p>

			<p>our meaning of the freedoms we cherish and proper management and partnerships.</p> <p>I have also seen elk crossing in a wooded area near the former PNM mine. There should be a consideration for wildlife crossing in the planning, designing, and funding.</p> <p>Unquestionably, I believe many concerned individuals that see these concerns but do not take the time, effort, and courage to provide sincere input.</p> <p>Thank you greatly for reading this email, and I would appreciate a positive response.</p>
4	4/18/24	Email	I approve and support NMDOT's NM 264 Roadway Improvement Projects.

# Appendix A – Public Meeting Notifications

**Newspaper Advertisements**

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# Appendix B – Public Meeting Materials

**Display Boards & Roll Plots**

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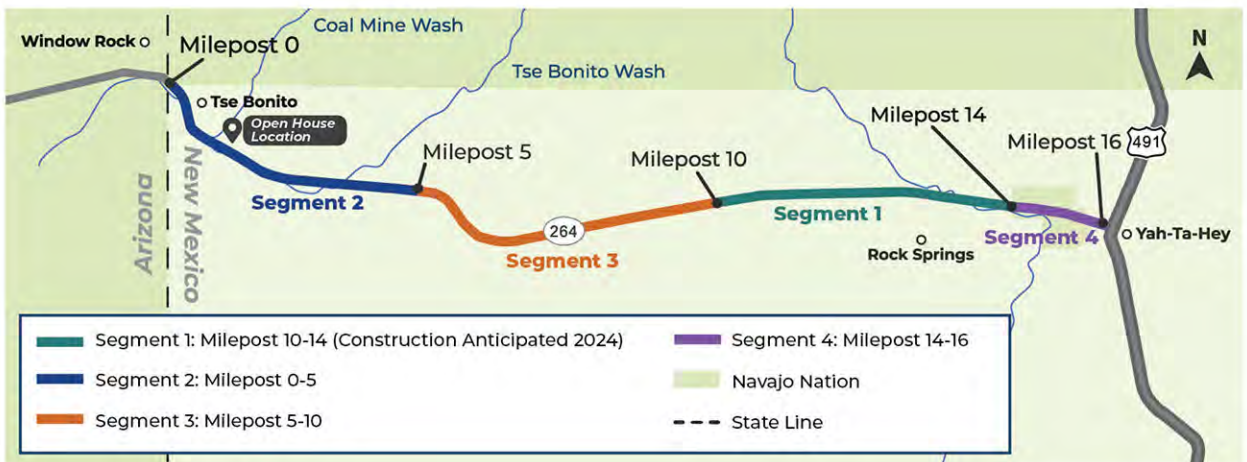
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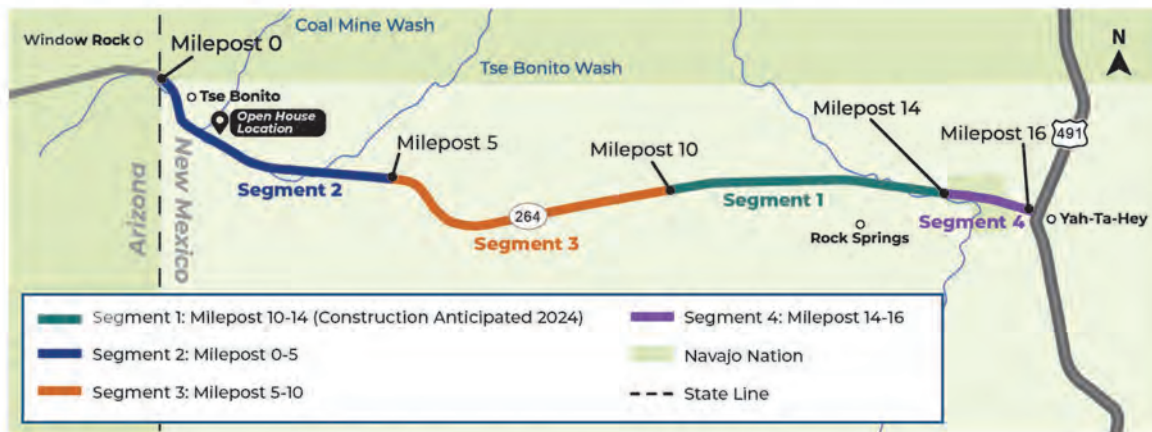
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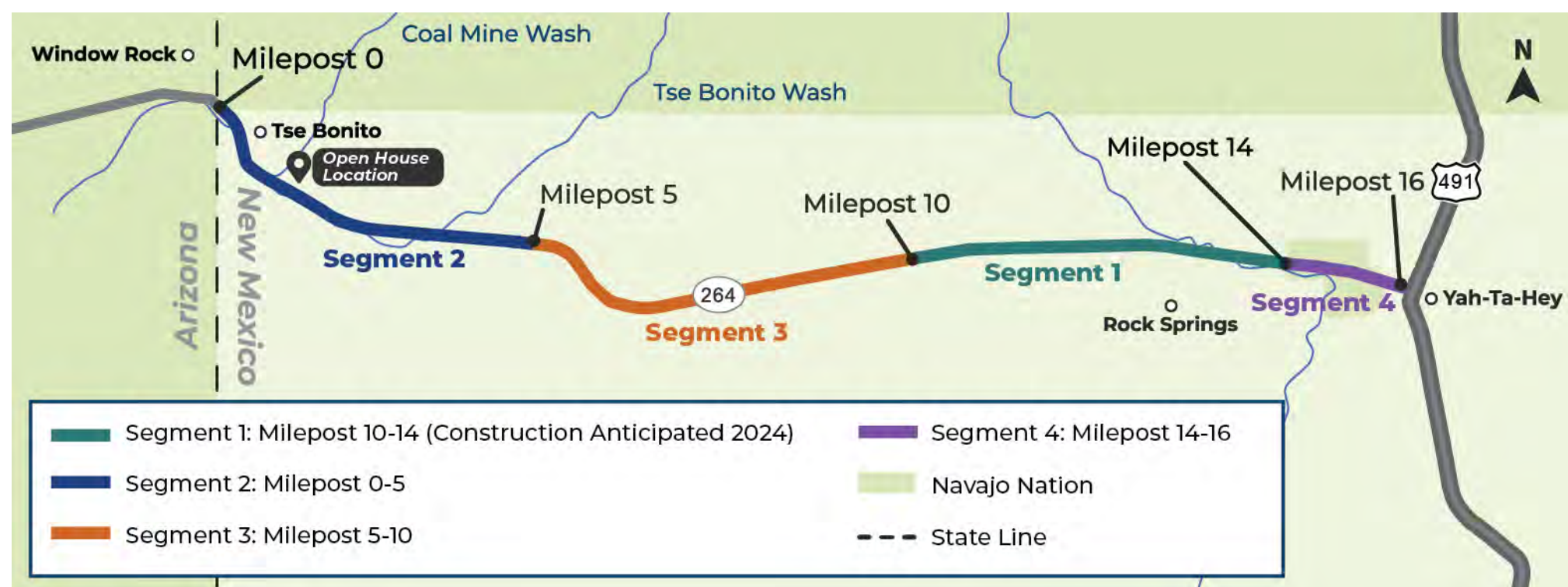
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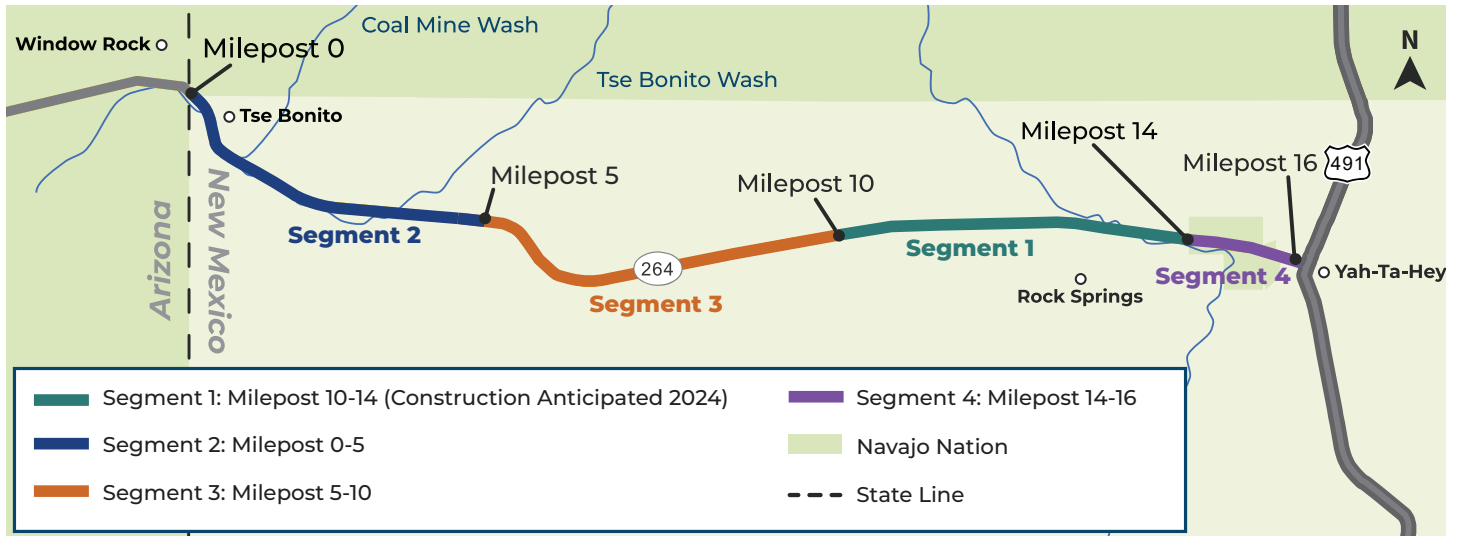
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Comments are being accepted on the NM 264 Roadway Improvement Projects from March 19 - April 18, 2024.

Your comments can be submitted in the following ways:

- **At the open house**
- **Email:** [NM264Study@hdrinc.com](mailto:NM264Study@hdrinc.com)
- **Call:** 505-357-7327
- **Website:**  
[www.dot.nm.gov/projects/nm264study](http://www.dot.nm.gov/projects/nm264study)
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## NM 264 Roadway Improvement Projects



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# NM 264 Roadway Improvement Projects

## Public Meeting 3 (Open House) – Radio Script

THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN COORDINATION WITH THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION, IS WORKING ON THE DESIGNS FOR THE 16-MILE CORRIDOR ON NEW MEXICO 264, BETWEEN TSE BONITO AND YAH-TA-HEY.

JOIN THE PROJECT TEAM FOR AN IN-PERSON OPEN HOUSE ON TUESDAY, MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup> FROM 3 TO 7 P.M. MOUNTAIN DAYLIGHT TIME AT THE NAVAJO NATION DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION LOCATED AT 16 OLD COAL MINE IN TSE BONITO.

THE PURPOSE OF THE OPEN HOUSE IS TO UPDATE THE PUBLIC ON THE DESIGN STATUS FOR THE CORRIDOR THAT WILL ULTIMATELY BE BROKEN UP INTO SEGMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION.

CAN'T MAKE IT? WE STILL WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU. SUBMIT YOUR QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS AND LEARN MORE BY VISITING THE PROJECT WEBSITE AT W-W-W DOT D-O-T DOT NM DOT G-O-V SLASH PROJECTS SLASH NM 264 STUDY, CALLING 505-357-7327, OR EMAILING N-M-2-6-4 STUDY AT H-D-R-I-N-C DOT COM.



NMDOT

March 18 · 🌐

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Open house tomorrow! Join us for an update on project designs for the NM 264 Roadway Improvement Projects in McKinley County from the Arizona/New Mexico state line to the US 491 interchange near Yah-Ta-Hey. The project team will be sharing information on corridor designs and answering your questions.

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

3:00-7:00 p.m. (MDT)

Navajo Nation Division of Transportation

16 Old Coal Mine

Tse Bonito, NM 87301

#NM264 #NMDOT #PublicMeeting #openhouse #DOT



**YOUR FEEDBACK MATTERS!**

NM 264 Roadway Improvement Projects  
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# Welcome

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**Project Website**

**Contact us!**



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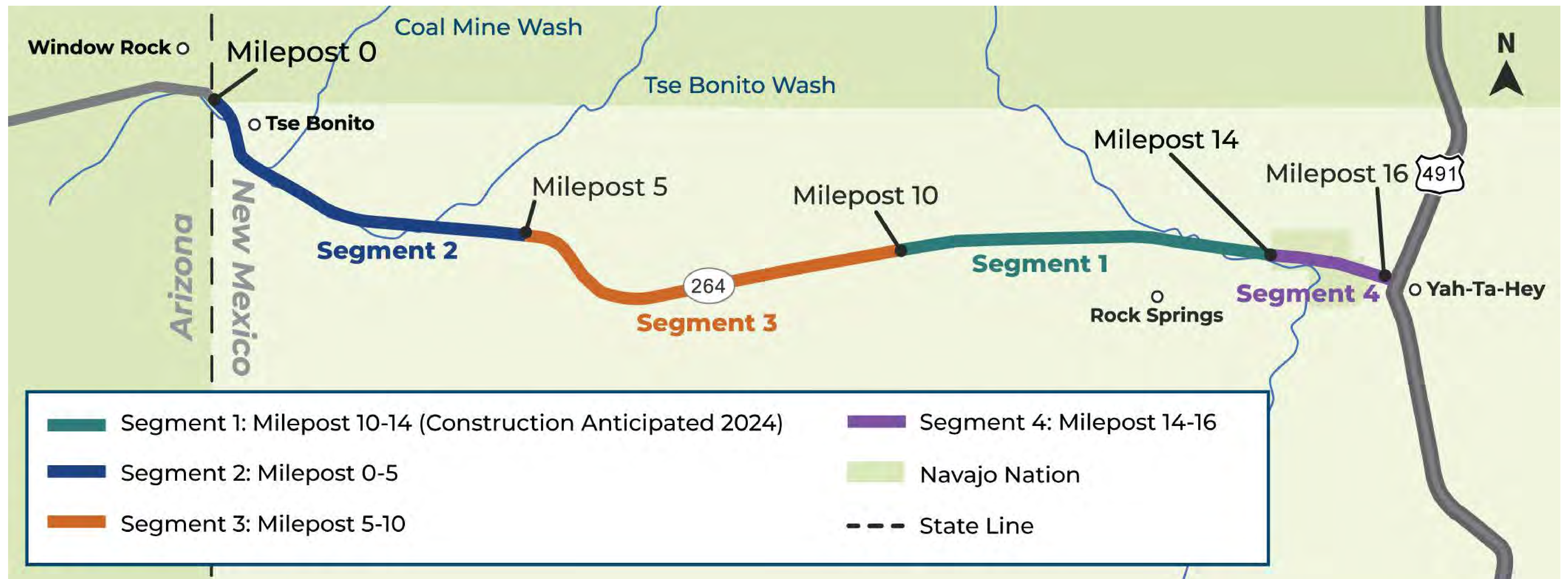


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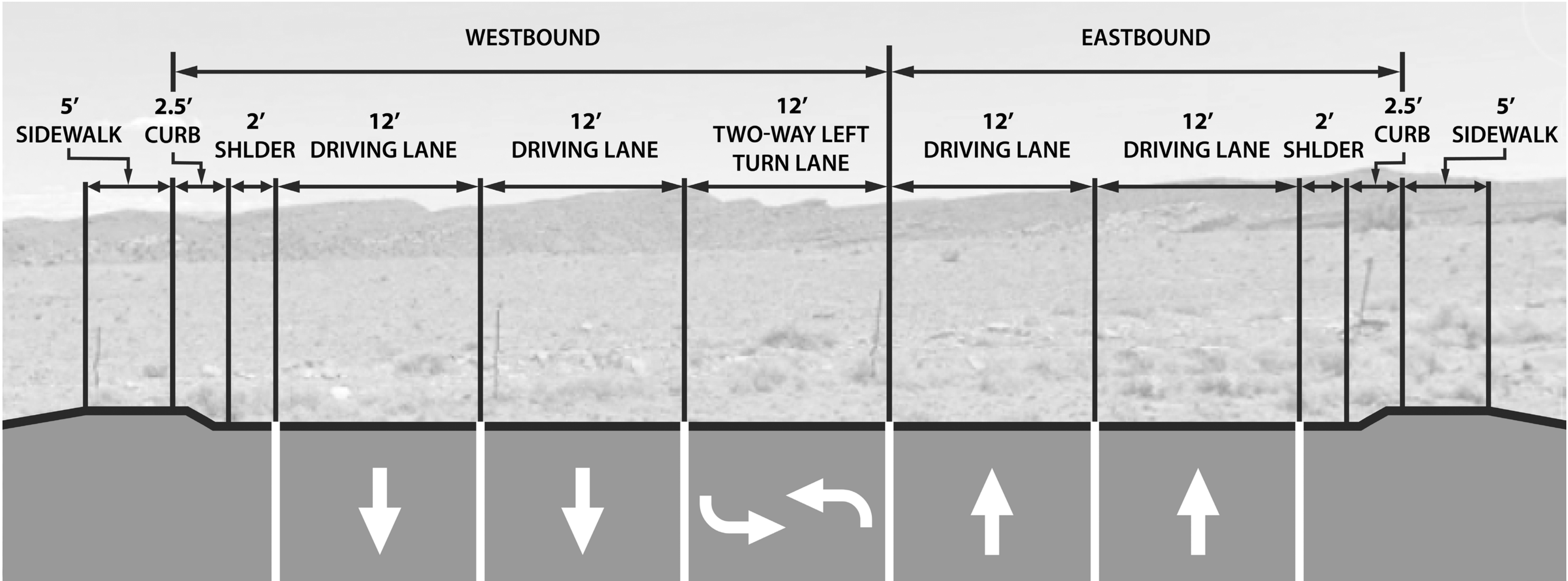
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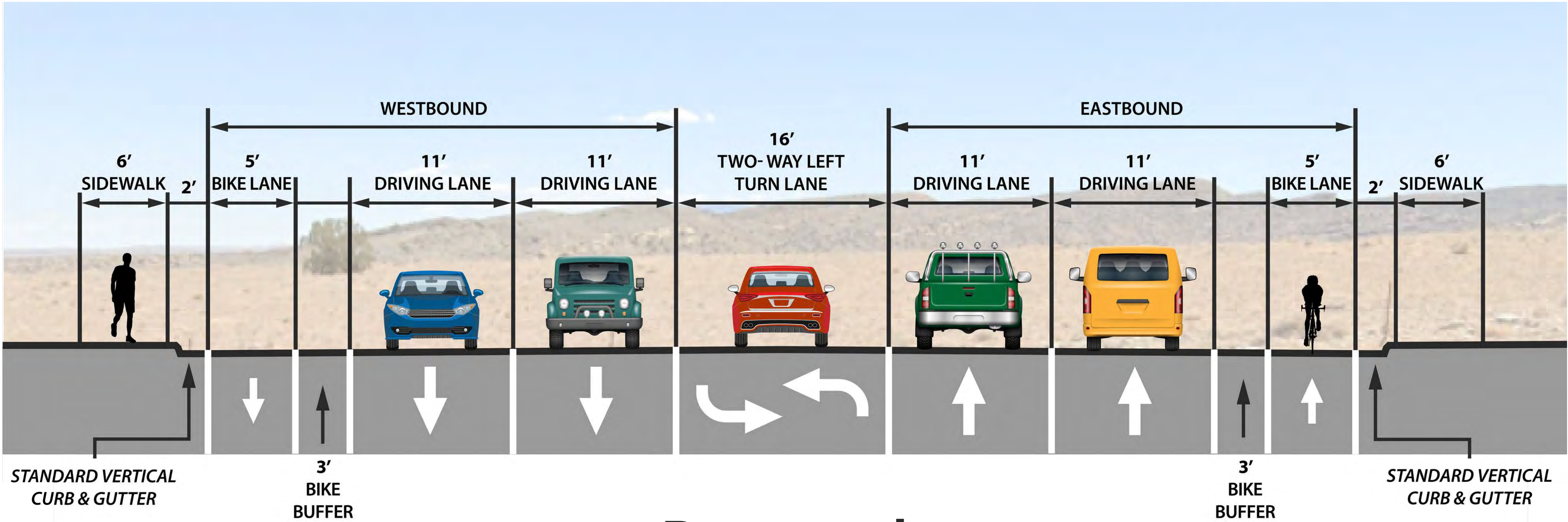


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## Proposed Typical Section – Segment 2 (MP 0-0.6) – Urban



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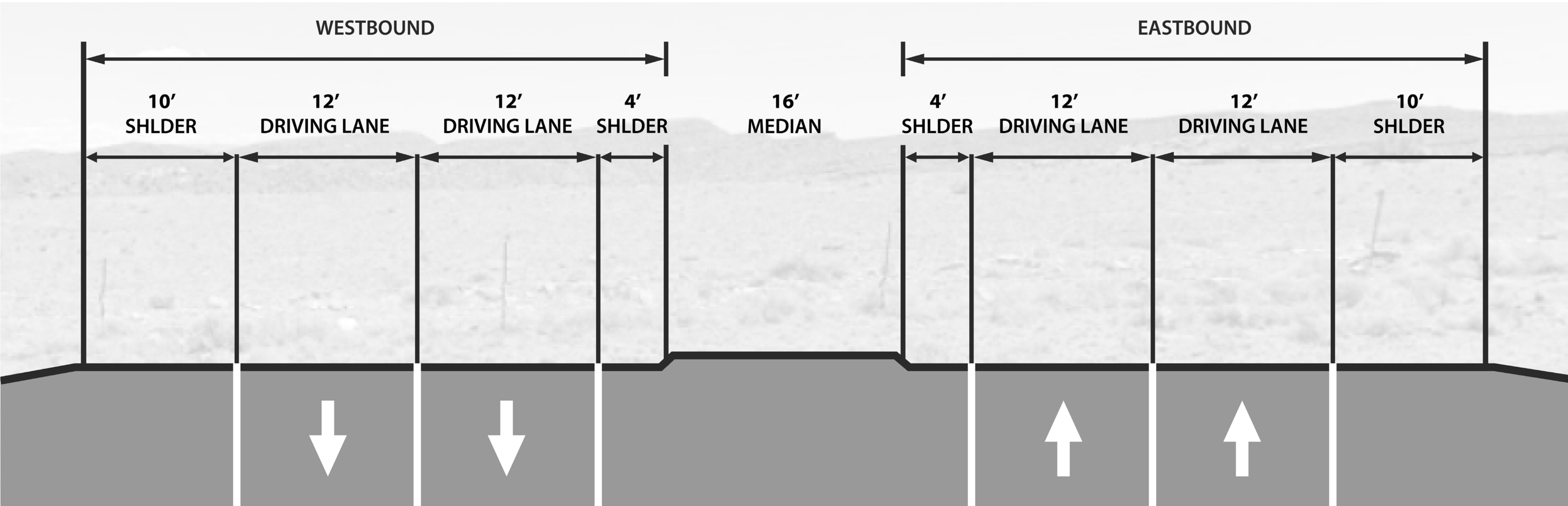


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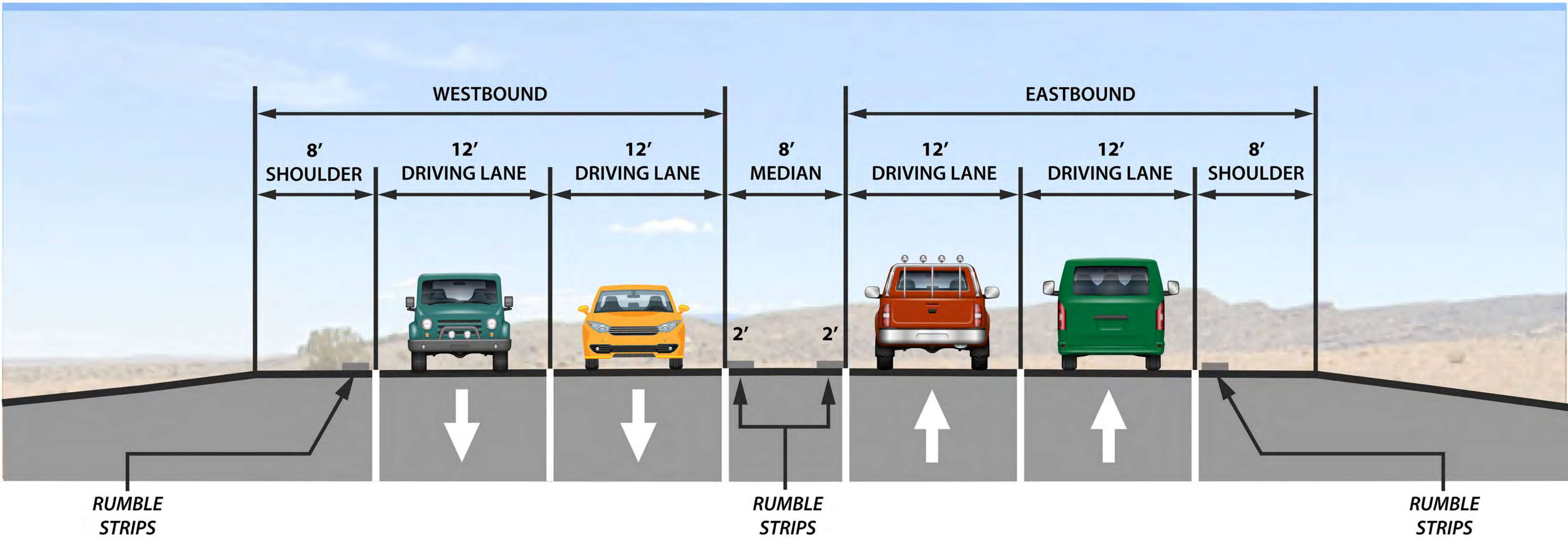


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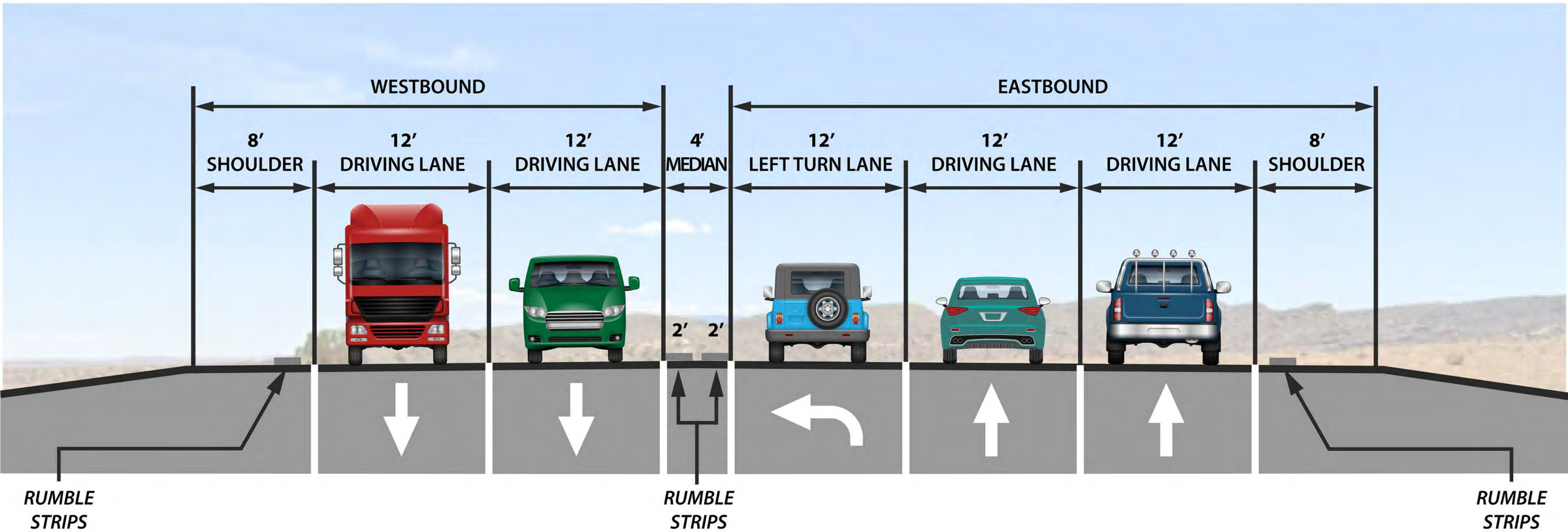
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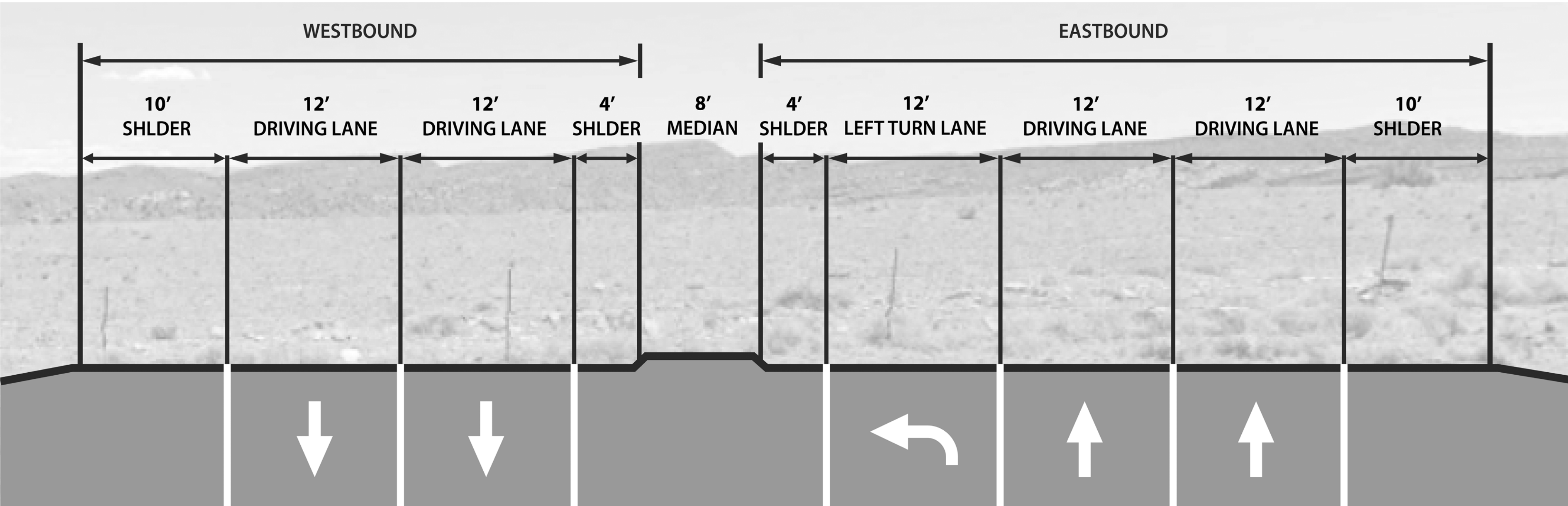


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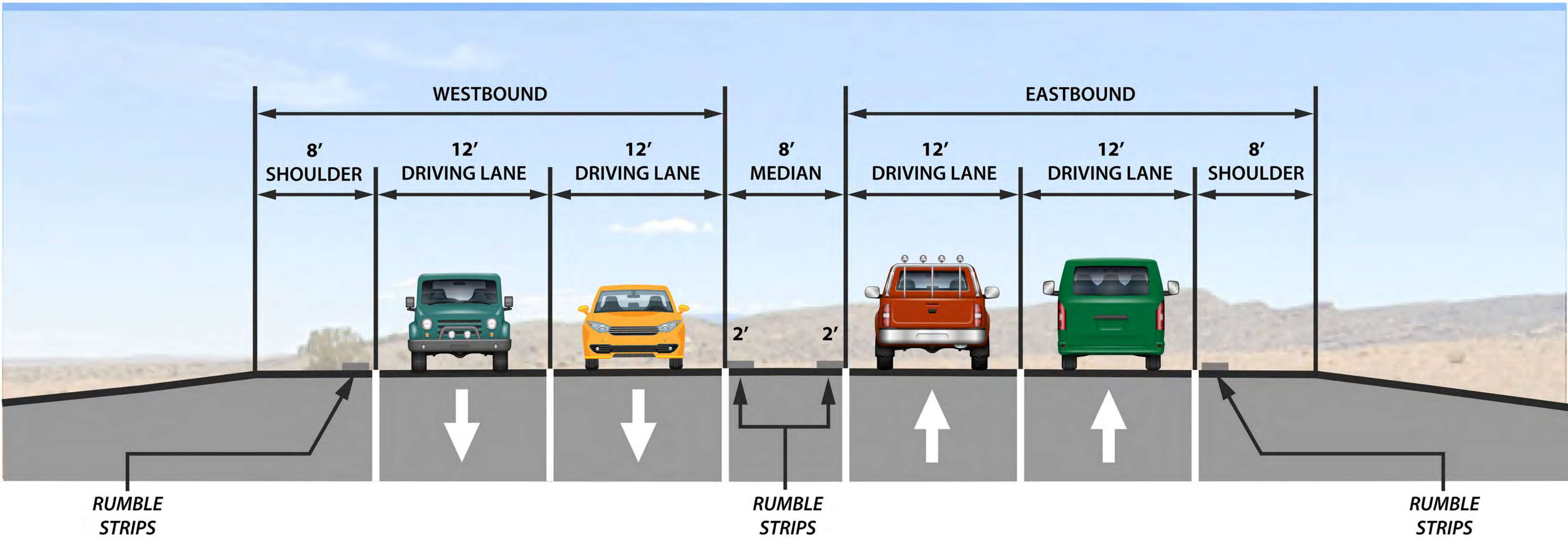


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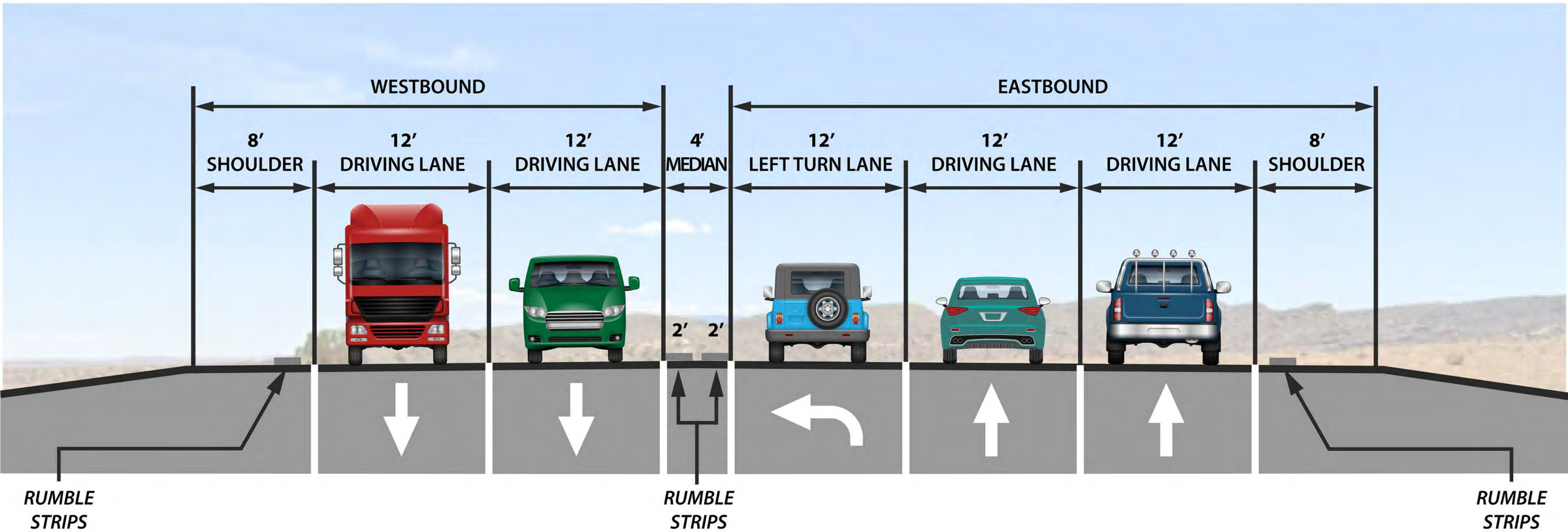
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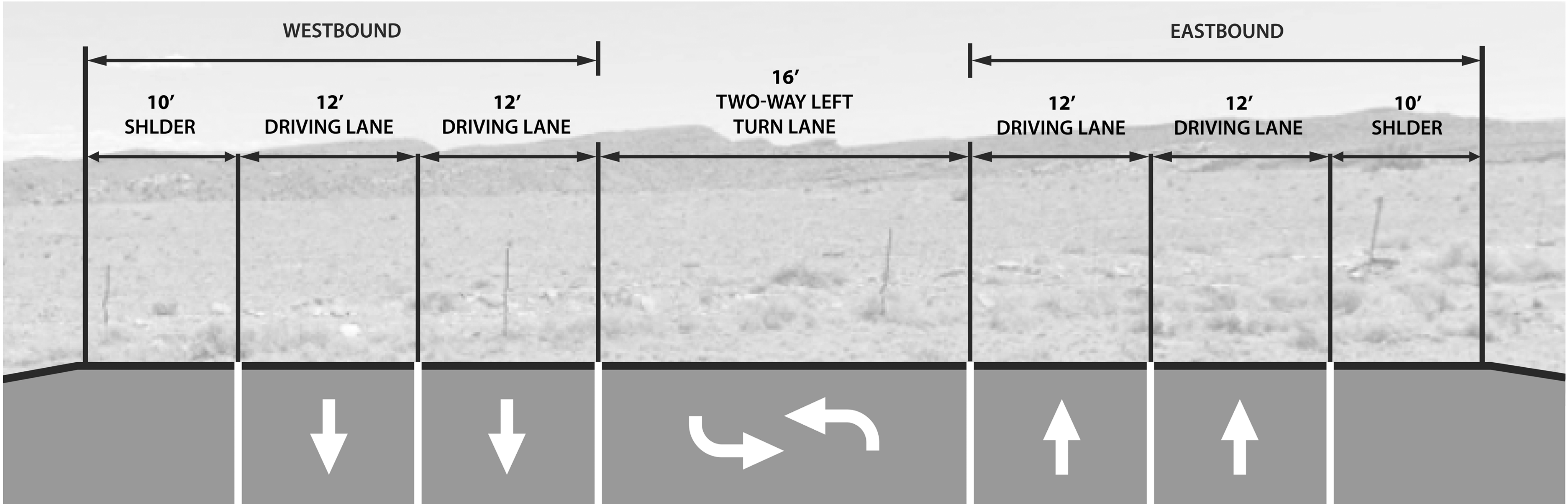


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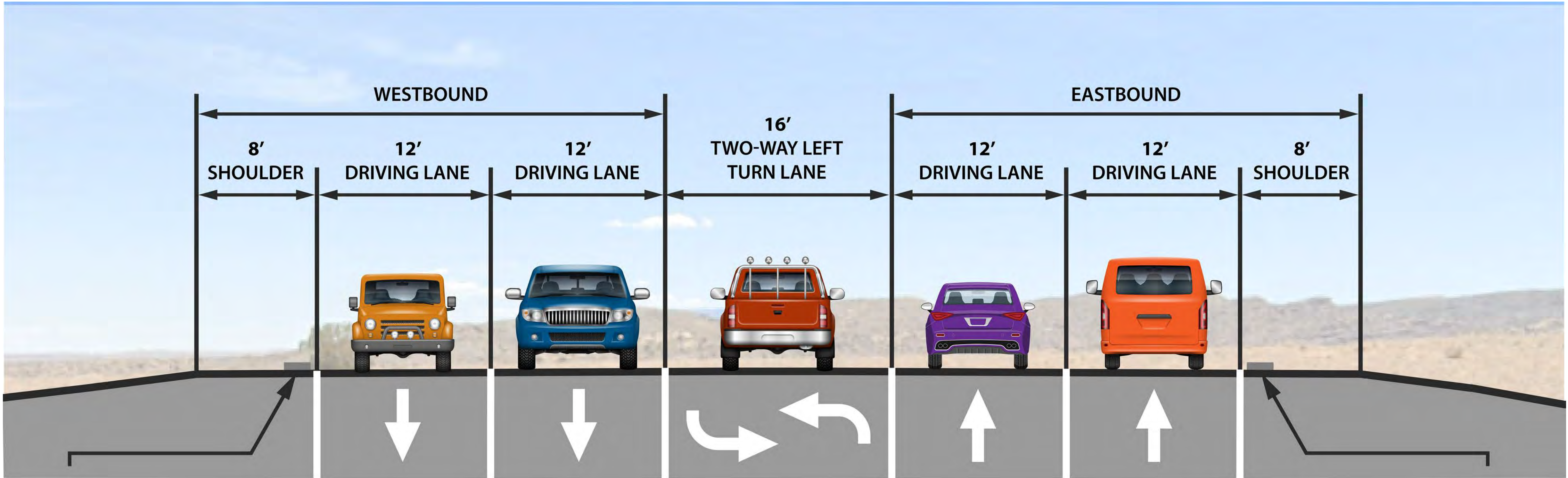


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## Proposed Typical Section – Segment 4 (MP 15.5-16) – Urban



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STRIPS

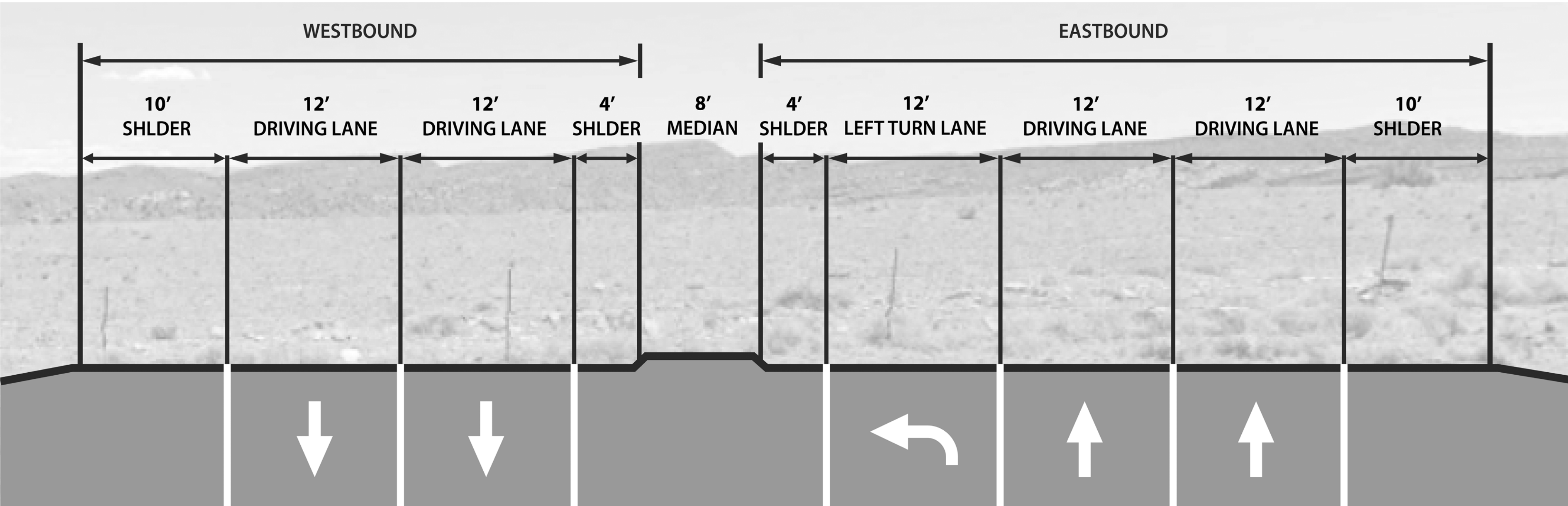
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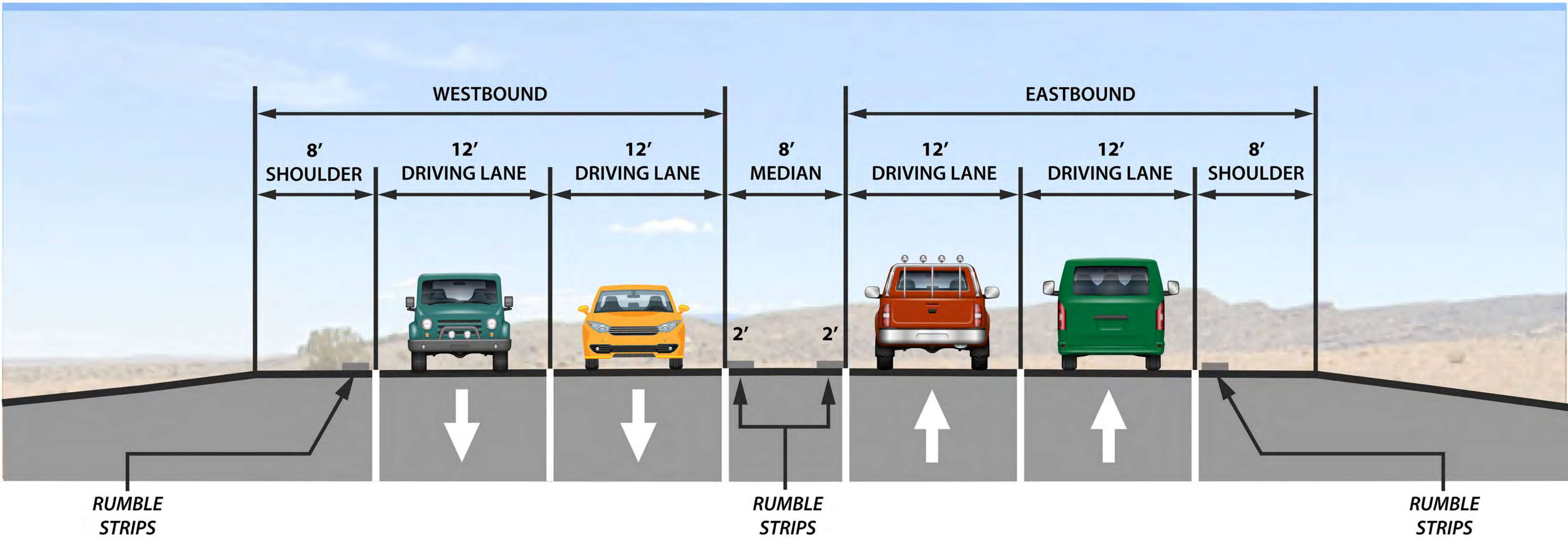


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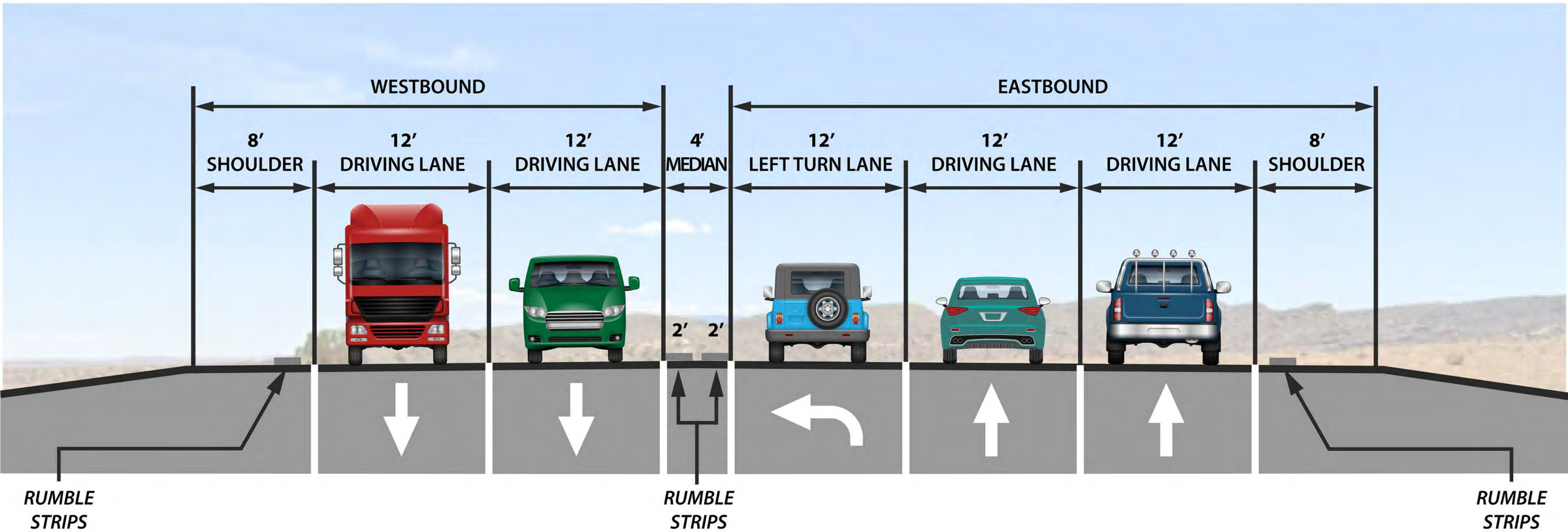
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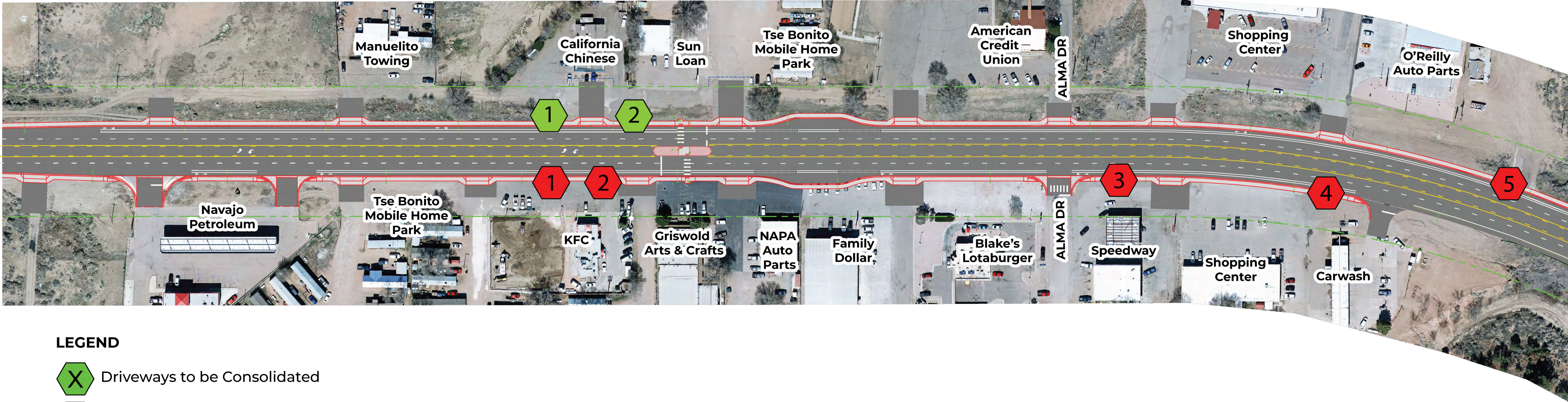


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## Proposed Access Consolidation – Segment 2



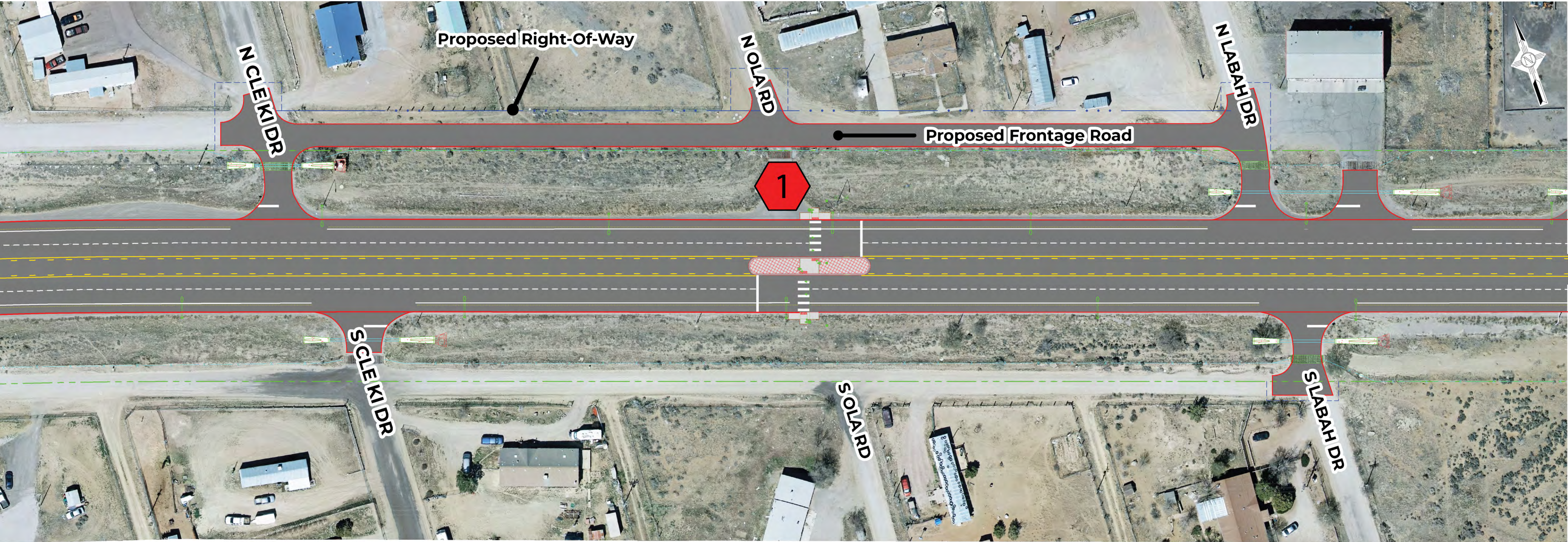
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-  Driveway to be Closed




# NM 264 Roadway Improvement Projects

## Proposed Access Consolidation – Segment 4



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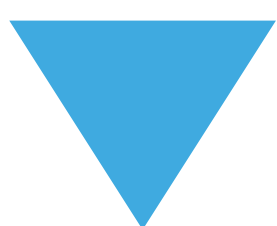
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# NM 264 Roadway Improvement Projects

## PROJECT SCHEDULE

**WE ARE  
HERE**



Spring/ Summer 2022	Fall 2022	Fall/ Winter 2022	Spring 2023	Summer 2023	Spring 2024	Summer 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Established the need for improvements</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Virtual Public Meeting #1 – August 23, 2022</li><li>Identified highway improvement alternatives</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Evaluated improvement alternatives</li><li>Prepared draft Alignment Study document</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Virtual Public Meeting #2 – May 17, 2023</li><li>Identified recommended alternatives</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Completed NM 264 Alignment Study</li><li>Started final design plan production for Segments 2, 3, &amp; 4</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Construction for Segment 1: MP 10-14 (CN 6101221)</li><li>Public Meeting #3 – March 19, 2024</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Complete Segments 2, 3, &amp; 4 final design plans</li></ul>

# NM 264 Roadway Improvement Projects

## How to Provide Input



**Scan  
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Please submit your comments  
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(in-person or online)

Ask a project team member!



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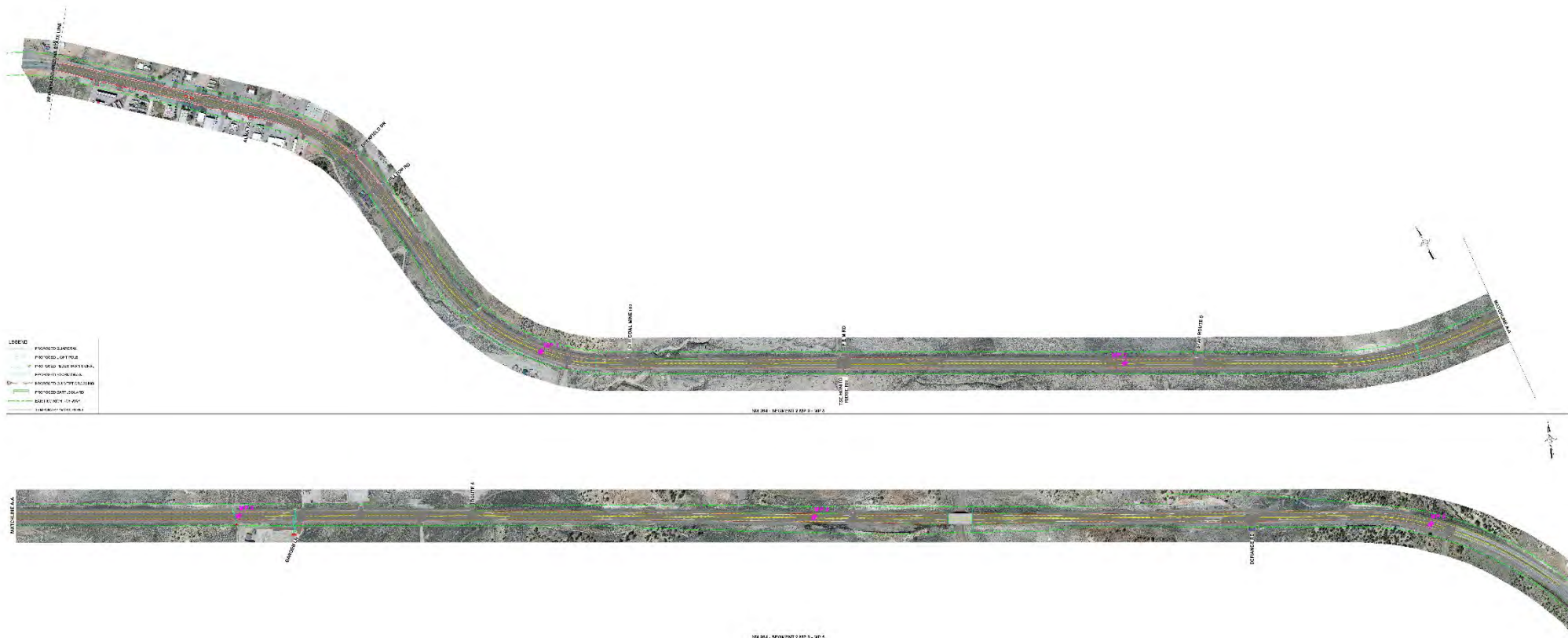


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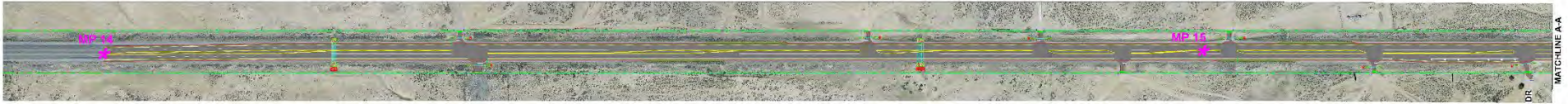
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MP4 SEGMENT 2 MP 5 - MP 6



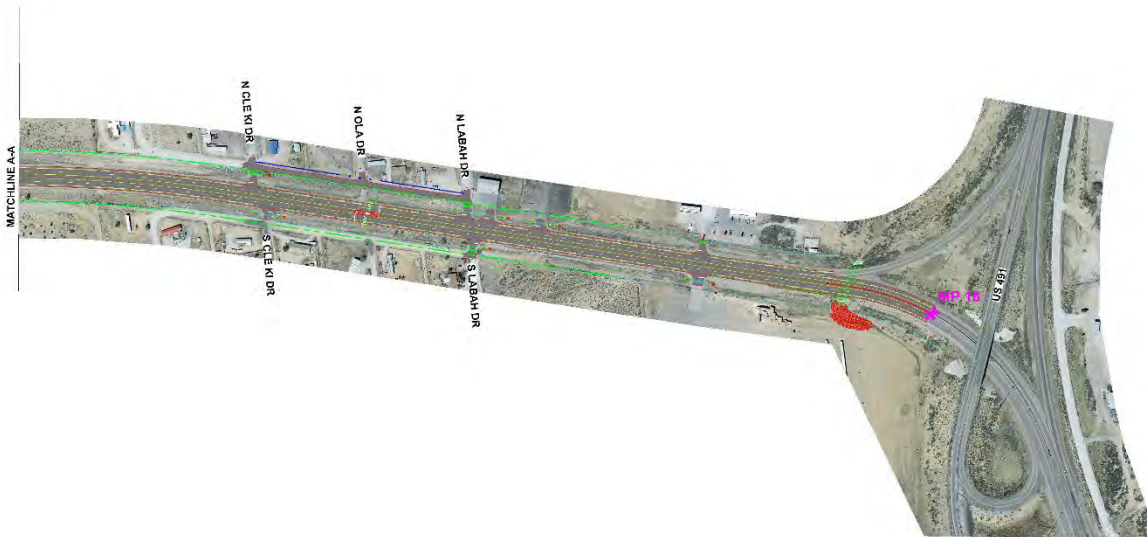




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- LEGEND**
- PROPOSED GUARDRAIL
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  - PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN SIGNAL
  - PROPOSED STORM DRAIN
  - PROPOSED CULVERT CROSSING
  - PROPOSED CATTLEGUARD
  - EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY
  - PROPOSED RIGHT-OF-WAY
  - TEMPORARY WORK PERMIT

NM 264 - SEGMENT 4 MP 14 - MP 16



NM 264 - SEGMENT 4 MP 14 - MP 16





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- ☐ Roadway Safety
- ☐ Other
- ☐ N/A

If you have concerns noted above, please specify:

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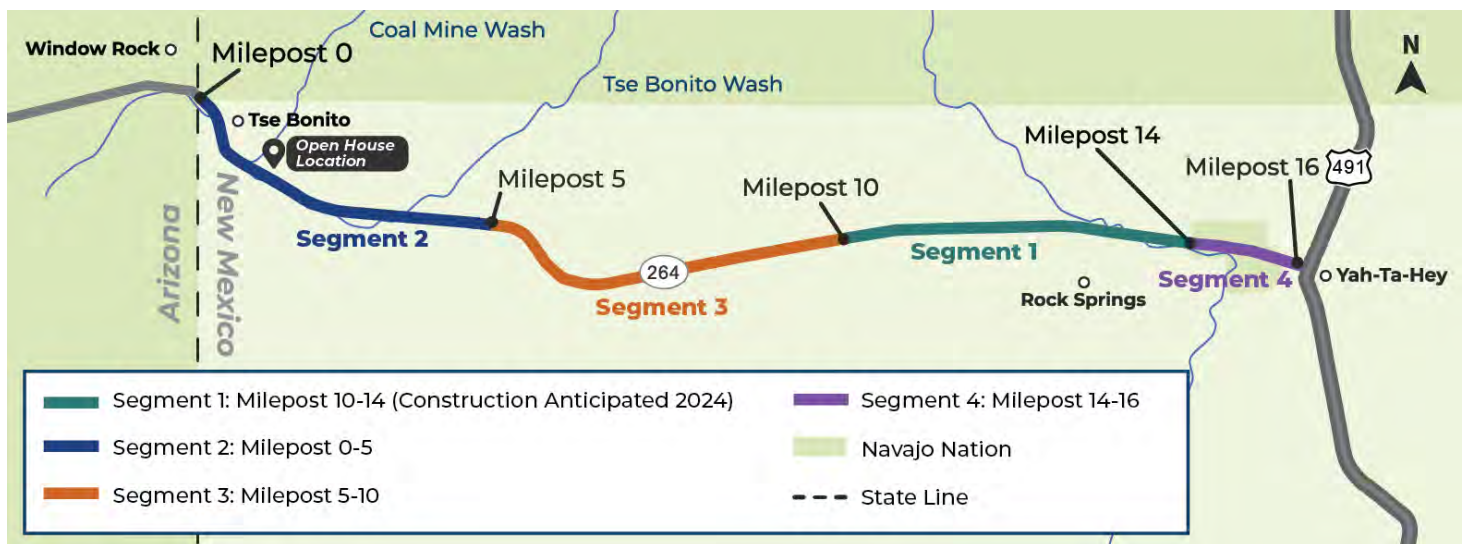


## NM 264 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

### OVERVIEW

New Mexico 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. NM 264 connects to US 491, eight miles north of Gallup. A study evaluating the needs for the corridor was completed in 2023 and now the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) is working on the designs for NM 264 between Arizona and Yah-Ta-Hey. Ultimately, the corridor will be broken up into segments for design and construction.

### PROJECT AREA MAP



### PROJECT SCHEDULE

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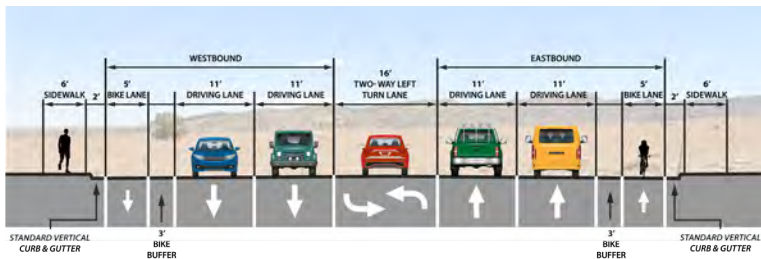
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## RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS

- Improve guardrails
- Improve pavement conditions
- Improve turnouts/access
- Update pavement striping
- Improve lighting\*
- Addition of pedestrian crossing signal\*
- Upgrade signage
- Addition of dynamic speed feedback signs\*
- Drainage infrastructure improvements
- Improve bicycle and pedestrian facilities

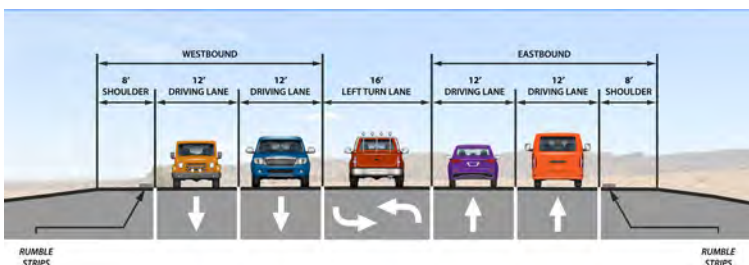
## RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENT DESIGNS

### Segment 2 (Milepost [MP] 0-0.6): Urban Section – Tse Bonito



- Expands roadway to widen two-way left turn lane
- Reduces lane width to decrease vehicle speeds
- Adds bike lane with a bike lane buffer
- Expands sidewalk width for PROWAG/ADA compliance
- Replaces damaged pavement
- Improves roadway drainage
- Improves lighting\*
- Addition of pedestrian crossing signal\*

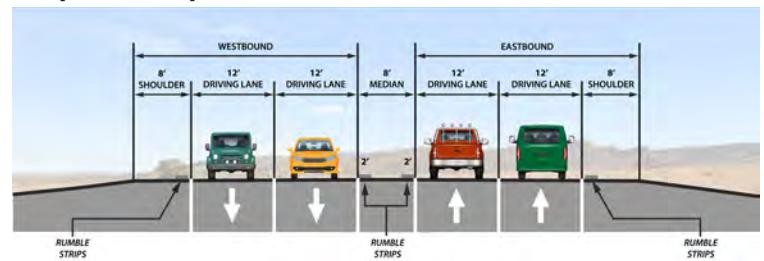
### Segment 4 (MP 15.5-16): Urban Section – Yah-Ta-Hey



- Replaces damaged pavement
- Improves roadway drainage
- Improves lighting\*
- Addition of pedestrian crossing signal\*

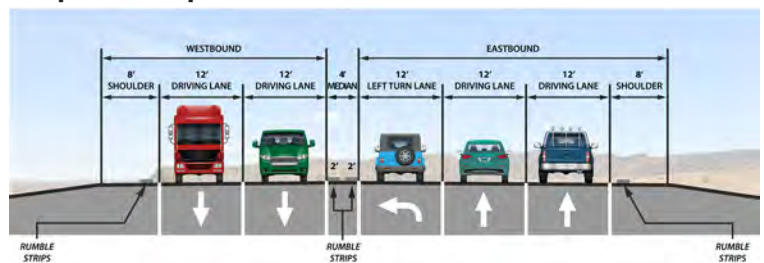
### Segment 2 (MP 0.6-5), Segment 3 (MP 5-10), and Segment 4 (MP 14-15.5): Rural Sections – Tse Bonito to Yah-Ta-Hey

#### Proposed Improvement 1



- Replaces raised median with at-grade striped median, including rumble strips
- Replaces damaged pavement
- Improves roadway drainage
- Improves lighting at specific intersections\*

#### Proposed Improvement 1 at Left Turns



- Replaces raised median with at-grade striped median, including rumble strips
- Lengthens left-turn lane, where feasible
- Replaces damaged pavement
- Improves roadway drainage
- Improves lighting at specific intersections\*

\*Installation dependent on further discussions with McKinley County on a maintenance agreement.





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- ☒ Drainage
- ☒ Roadway Safety
- ☒ Other
- ☐ N/A

If you have concerns noted above, please specify:

NM 264 is the Navajo Code talker highway - It needs to be designed in our sidewalks, or signs or interest points for tourist to see.  
Drainage - make sure there is more than 2% crown at the center - water, snow and cinders need to drain.  
Fence - mesh fencing is desired to keep livestock and wildlife safe.  
Striping on roadway needs to be economical and maintenance accessible for a contractor to come out in time to repaint. Budget sufficient.

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions regarding the proposed improvements for the NM 264 corridor?

This NM 264 is our main road into the largest tribal nation in the United States. Our culture, language and tradition needs to be a part of these projects.

Please keep in mind of future EV stations. Keep in mind our pedestrians, hitchhikers and vendors in the area.



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If you have concerns noted above, please specify:

mile post 5.5 decel Lane need to "safely" access  
my property.

DRAINAGE ACROSS (widened 264) @ 5.5 mp

**Do you have any additional comments or suggestions regarding the proposed improvements for the  
NM 264 corridor?**

VERY NICE OPEN HOUSE

My recommendation to the state is that the east entrance to Speedy's should be one way only referring to an entrance. The west should become the only exit and can also be an entrance. This way the acceleration lane would avoid people entering The highway at a slow speed which is primarily all the honking that goes on and if that acceleration lane was extended down to your driveway it could be your Decel lane





**Comments and concerns provided for incorporation to the New Mexico Roadway Improvement Projects:**

**Segment 1: Milepost 10 to Milepost 14**

**Mile post 13.20 - Rock Springs Road Intersection**

1. Provide a turning lane (Sufficient distance) for vehicles to turn south from the east roadway lanes.
2. Provide an acceleration lane for vehicles to enter the east roadway lanes.
3. Provide a turning lane (Sufficient distance) for vehicles to turn south from the west roadway lanes.
4. Provide an acceleration lane for vehicles to enter the west roadway lanes
5. Provide new street lighting at the Rock Springs Road Intersection.
6. Provide permanent signage.
7. Install additional new cattle guards to widen the south entrance to forty-eight (48) feet for vehicles to exit and enter the Rock Springs Road.
8. Construct a new asphalt roadway with white markings for vehicles turning east and west to enter the roadway, and for vehicles to exit and enter the Rock Springs Road.

**Segment 2: Milepost 0 to Milepost 5**

**Mile post 1.50 - Old Coal Mine Road Intersection**

- 1 Provide a turning lane (Sufficient distance) for vehicles to turn north from the west roadway lanes.
2. Provide an acceleration lane for vehicles to enter the west roadway lanes.
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5. Provide new street lighting at the Old Coal Mine Road Intersection.
6. Provide permanent signage.

**Segment 2: Milepost 0 to Milepost 5**

**Mile post 3.10 - Veterinarian Road Intersection**

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2. Provide an acceleration lane for vehicles to enter the east roadway lanes.
3. Provide a turning lane (Sufficient distance) for vehicles to turn south from the west roadway lanes.
4. Provide an acceleration lane for vehicles to enter the west roadway lanes

5. Provide new street lighting at the Veterinarian Road Intersection.
6. Provide permanent signage.

### **Segment 3: Milepost 5 to Milepost 10**

#### **Mile post 5.30 – Speedy’s Store Intersection**

1. Provide a turning lane (Sufficient distance) for vehicles to turn north from the west roadway lanes.
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### **Segment 3: Milepost 5 to Milepost 10**

#### **Mile post 8.50 - Defiance Draw Road (Turn off to Tsa Ya Toh Community) Intersection**

1. Provide a turning lane (Sufficient distance) for vehicles to turn south from the east roadway lanes.
2. Provide an acceleration lane for vehicles to enter the east roadway lanes.
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4. Provide an acceleration lane for vehicles to enter the west roadway lanes
5. Provide new street lighting at the Defiance Draw Road (Turn off to Tsa Ya Toh Community) Intersection.
6. Provide permanent signage.
7. Construct a new asphalt Defiance Draw Road and raise the new asphalt Defiance Draw Road elevation to the same elevation level as the New Mexico 264 Roadway at the Intersection
8. Install additional new cattle guards and re-install the existing cattle guards to widen the south entrance to forty-eight (48) feet for vehicles to exit and enter the Defiance Draw Road.
9. Construct a new asphalt roadway with white markings for vehicles turning east and west to enter the roadway, and for vehicles to exit and enter the Defiance Draw Road.

### **Segment 3: Milepost 5 to Milepost 10**

1. It is recommended to raise the roadway elevation and to install additional new metal culvert. Provide flooding mitigation at milepost 9.5 to milepost 10.



Other General comments:

1. Provide flooding mitigation at milepost 3.4 to milepost 3.6.
2. Provide flooding mitigation at milepost 8.9
3. Provide flooding mitigation at milepost 14.90 to milepost 15.10
4. Repair and install **new light bulbs for the existing six (6) tallest street light poles at the milepost 16 Interchange.**
5. It is recommended to inspect and develop future maintenance improvement projects on the New Mexico 264 road from milepost 0 to milepost 16.





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TRAFFIC TOO FAST IN RUSH MORNING PEOPLE LEAVING WORK  
75E BOUND WASH PART BLOCK WITH FENCE  
ACCESS ALL OK

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions regarding the proposed improvements for the NM 264 corridor?



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If you have concerns noted above, please specify:

*Need  
We light turn off to 54. Can't drive at night!  
What is the reason? On force - spot deal around  
please please mix the turn off to 54. almost had  
to r. accident.*

**Do you have any additional comments or suggestions regarding the proposed improvements for the  
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If you have concerns noted above, please specify:

The overall redesign of the ~~way~~ roadway  
The road is going to be narrow than the  
existing and certain median are going to  
be removed and replaced with rumble strip  
Unless theres a study that shows rumble strip is  
more safe than raised median.

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions regarding the proposed improvements for the  
NM 264 corridor?

Are we narrowing the roadway due to cost  
and compromising on Safety.  
Typically, when a road ~~constructis~~ is reconstructed  
there are added safety features. This project  
seem to decrease safety by eliminating  
and/or reduced median or shoulder



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If you have concerns noted above, please specify:

~~We need a traffic light.~~  
we need a street light at the  
corner of Route 54  
also we need reflectors  
Also all the people that use the road need  
to 10.cents or something ??

**Do you have any additional comments or suggestions regarding the proposed improvements for the  
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*\* Merging on the West and East bound traffic  
needs pavement 264 and N54*

**Do you have any additional comments or suggestions regarding the proposed improvements for the  
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Select all that apply.

- ☒ Traffic speed
- ☒ Accessibility
- ☒ Drainage
- ☐ Roadway Safety
- ☐ Other
- ☐ N/A

If you have concerns noted above, please specify:

Hopefully hire a company who would like to see the new pavement last at least 7-8 years not 6 months to a year. Potholes fix asap.

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions regarding the proposed improvements for the NM 264 corridor?

I have a lot of suggestions regarding the project cut at least 3-4 inches off to make it last.



New Mexico DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION  
MODIFIER FOR PARTIAL



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*Will the speed be the same - Speed?*

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions regarding the proposed improvements for the NM 264 corridor?

*Yes they need to add street lights needs to put on side of the rd. From State line to Rim Rock. For there are alot of people that walk along the rd.*

*The other was about the asphalt. Yes ~~some~~ <sup>some</sup> is reused and the other half to waste. The one that goes to waste should be <sup>raise</sup> use for all the dirt roads. ~~It~~ It will help out with School bus and ~~emergency~~ emergency. If they where to put it all the Dirt Roads.*

*Thank You for Time. :)*





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If you have concerns noted above, please specify:

*What about the trucks on side of road?*

*Fix all the pot hole in the road.*

*Need more cops on the road.*

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions regarding the proposed improvements for the NM 264 corridor?

*Need lights from the state line to Rimbach. There animals and people that walk on side of the road.*

*People need to slow down and it needs to be ~~infest~~ enforce*

*Speed limit needs to be more enforce. People need to slow down. People drive to fast and ~~be~~ crazy.*

March 14, 2024

Dear Victoria Romejko,

I am writing to express my concerns about the condition of segments 2 and 3 of Hwy 264, which traverse through Crystal NM. As a resident of this area and a student at Dine College in Tsaile, AZ, I frequently rely on these roads to travel to Gallup, NM, for essential supplies. However, I find these segments to be exceedingly hazardous, posing significant risks to both vehicles and individuals who use them. The deterioration of these roads has forced many drivers to take evasive measures to avoid damage, exacerbating safety concerns.

It is imperative that these roads receive proper maintenance to ensure the safety of all travelers, including the numerous buses that transport students from Pre-K to high school. Given the importance of these routes to the communities they serve, I urge New Mexico and Arizona to prioritize their upkeep. This entails not just quick patch jobs, but the implementation of durable solutions that will withstand the rigors of various seasons.

I sincerely hope that the necessary repairs will be carried out promptly and effectively, thereby providing safer travel conditions for all who rely on these vital thoroughfares.

[REDACTED]



3/5/24



Sir -

I noticed no privys for men & Women. I'm dis'able, & also many gas stations for wheel chairs! There are tight spaces, we have brain strokes;

Are hi ways have small rest areas for vehicles & trash cans ?? Water; Privys!

Some I do have rest areas, for travelers, & truckers!  
I-40 has a good one!  
before Flagstaff.

We need help, its very good, you have write in;

Also a hi way land line!  
Sexual abuse, happens!

The hi way 87 North has a phone lines to call for 911. also we need Solar sites at inter sections!  
We are from New Mex!



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Concerns About NM Highway 264  
**Date:** Sunday, April 7, 2024 12:34:17 PM

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Dear Sirs /Madams & Honorable Patricia Lundstrom,

[REDACTED]

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the NMDOT/NM 264 Roadway Improvement Projects public postcard I received in the US mail. Also, a big thank you to Patricia for her many years of public service to the people of New Mexico, especially McKinley County.

I have seen and continue to see road improvement in our county. It seems there are more vehicles nowadays than there is money to maintain adequate use for travel. The beauty of roads also contributes to tourism and like our businesses, customer service is number one. When I travel outside our state, one of the first things I notice is the conditions and upkeep of the highways. Good management contributes to good clean highways. Our highways are also historical reminders like the historical Highway 66. Our highways are also reminders of important historical individuals who contributed to our country and precious freedom and democracy.

This brings me to NM Highway 264. This highway in New Mexico is named after the famous Navajo Code Talkers of WWII. However, I believe the poor conditions of the highway do not fully honor the war heroes. I think the cleanliness, the conditions, and the upkeep of the highway should reflect that of an official military highway if we are to truly honor the Code Talkers. Today, I believe there are only 3 left on this Mother Earth. If we do not effectively coincide the two together, then our future children may question the integrity of our meaning of the freedoms we cherish and proper management and partnerships.

I have also seen elk crossing in a wooded area near the former PNM mine. There should be a consideration for wildlife crossing in the planning, designing, and funding. Unquestionably, I believe many concerned individuals that see these concerns but do not take the time, effort, and courage to provide sincere input.

Thank you greatly for reading this email, and I would appreciate a positive response.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [NM264 study](#)  
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Comment - I approve and support NMDOT's NM 264 Roadway Improvement Projects.

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