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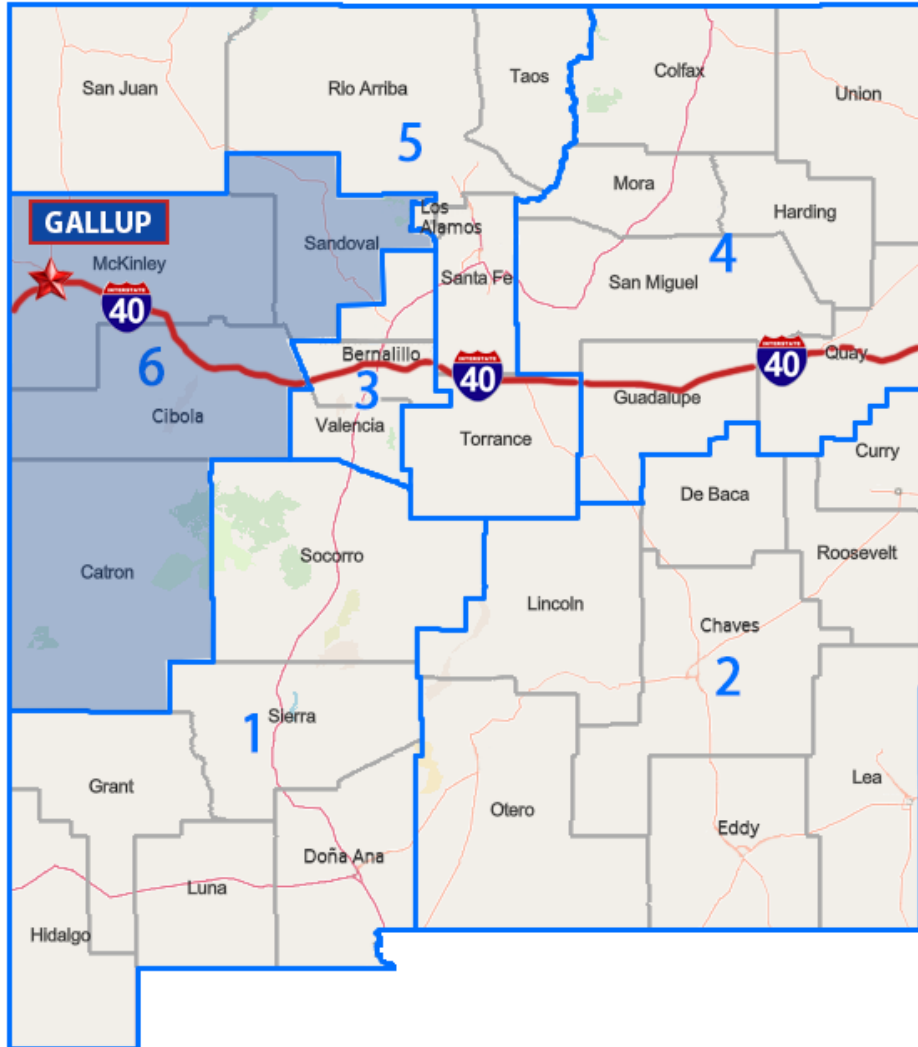


I-40 Road and Art Panel Improvements in Gallup Mile Post 17.92 – 22.12

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Project Overview



Interstate 40 (I-40) runs west and east from Arizona to Texas.

The NMDOT, in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration, is planning improvements to I-40 within a four-mile stretch between milepost 17.92 and 22.12, within the urban area of Gallup, New Mexico. The project is located within the NMDOT District 6.

The goal is to enhance safety and operations and bring the corridor up to current design standards.

Project Area

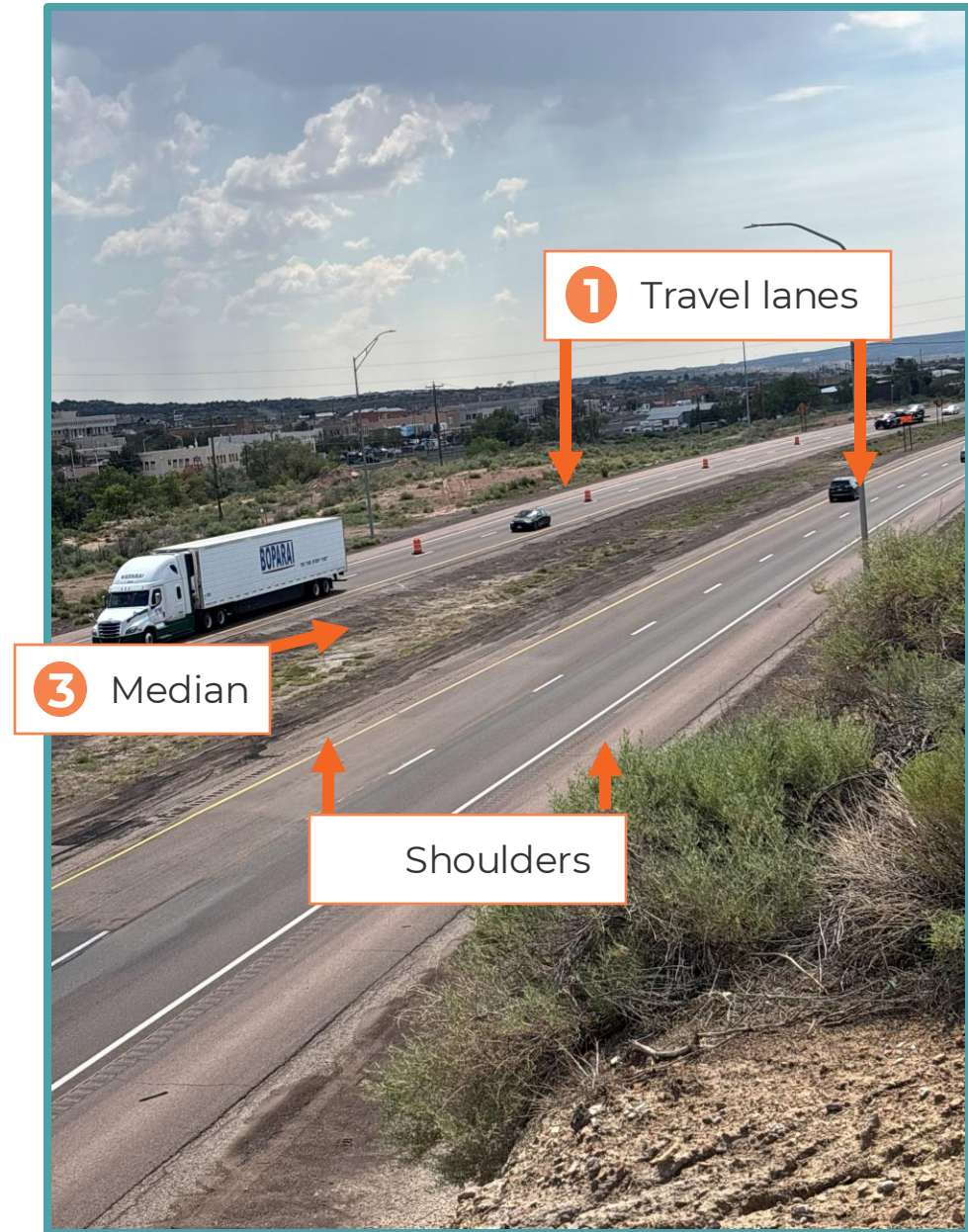


The project includes rebuilding and repairing sections of the roadway, upgrading drainage structures, and replacing roadside barriers. In addition, repairs would be made to failing concrete slope paving on both sides of I-40 between milepost 21.18 to 21.84. The existing art panels within the slope paving will be replaced with new ones that match the originals.

Existing Conditions

What does the current roadway look like?

- 1 I-40 in the project area has two eastbound travel lanes and two westbound travel lanes, each 12 feet wide.
- 2 The inside shoulders are about 4 feet wide, and the outside shoulders are about 10 feet wide.
- 3 Between the directions of travel, there's an earthen median varies from 28 to 52 feet wide.



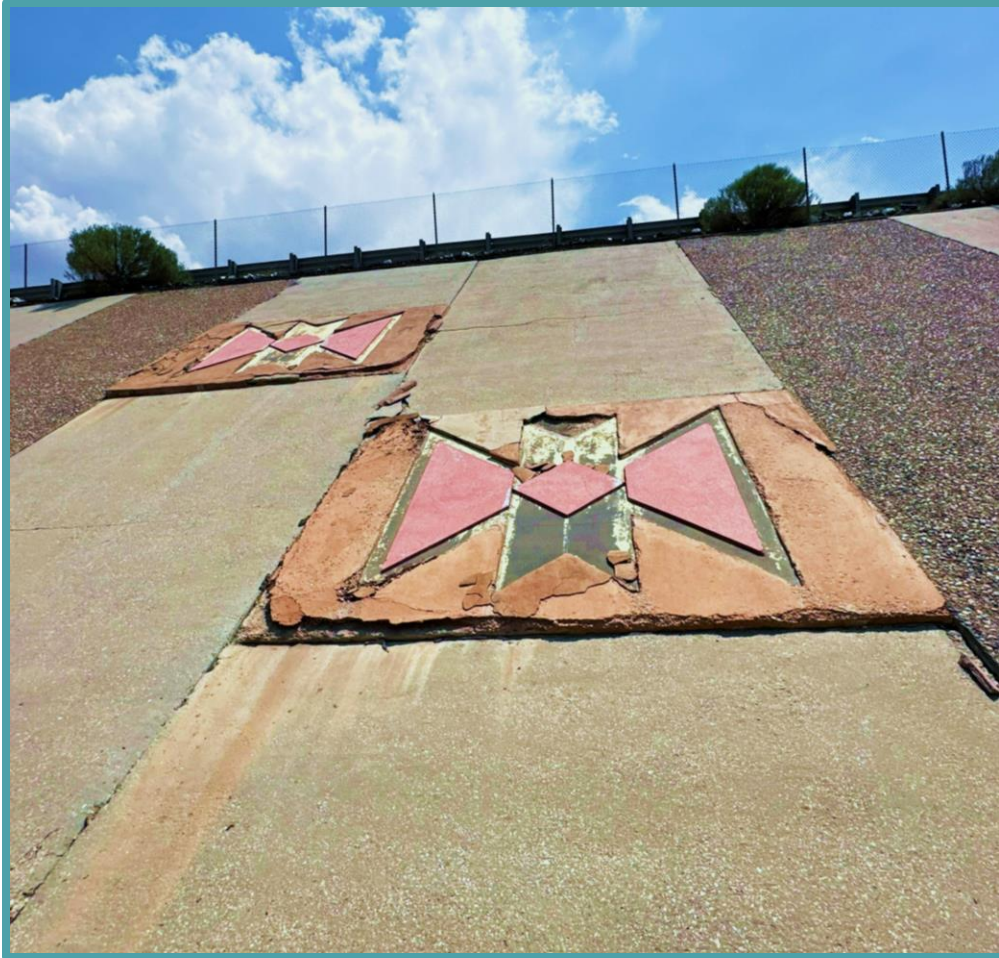
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What does the current roadway look like?

- 4 Existing pavement is deteriorating with visible cracking and rutting.
- 5 Existing roadside barriers do not meet current design standards.
- 6 Interior 4-foot shoulders are acceptable for a two-lane roadway. However, a broader study of I-40 between Arizona and Albuquerque recommended 12-foot inside shoulders to enhance safety and provide space for temporary travel lanes during incidents, routine maintenance, and construction activities.



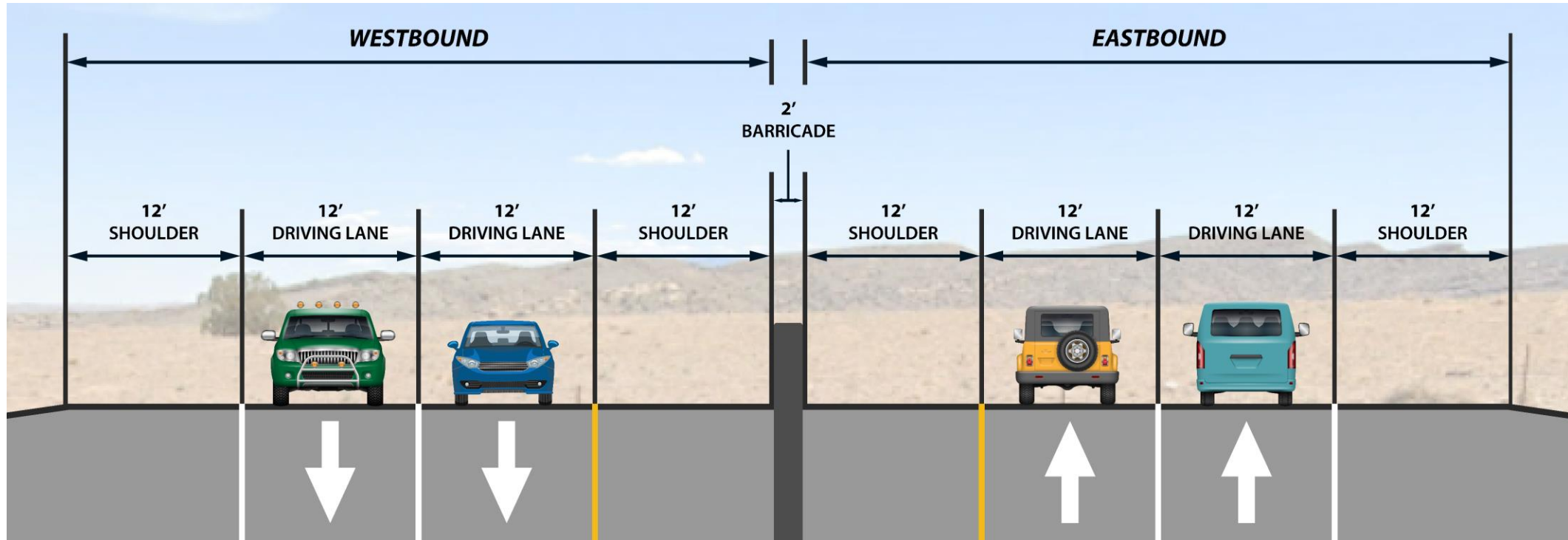
Existing Conditions



Sections of existing concrete slope paving east of the US 491 interchange to approximately 500 feet east of the bridge over 2nd Street include symbols and designs inspired by local traditions and culture, reflecting the history, identity, and heritage of the Tribal Nations in the Gallup region. These panels are deteriorating due to age and prolonged exposure to the elements and roadway environment.



Improvements



MILEPOSTS 17.92 to 21.18 and 21.84 to 22.12

- Reconstruct the roadway pavement.
- Widen interior shoulders to 12 ft wide.
- Replace guardrail and concrete barriers to meet current standards.

Improvements

MILEPOST 21.18 to 21.84

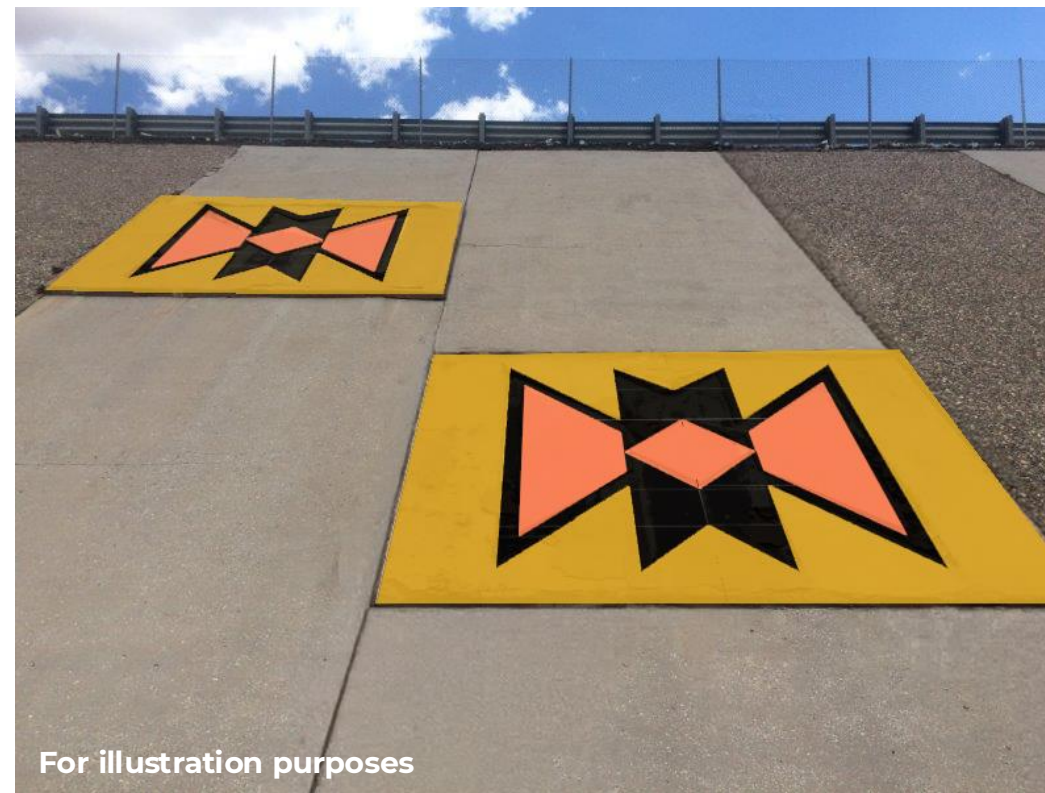
- Rehabilitate the pavement.
- Rehabilitate the interior 4-ft shoulders.
- Replace guardrail and concrete barriers to meet current standards.
- Repair failing concrete slope paving.



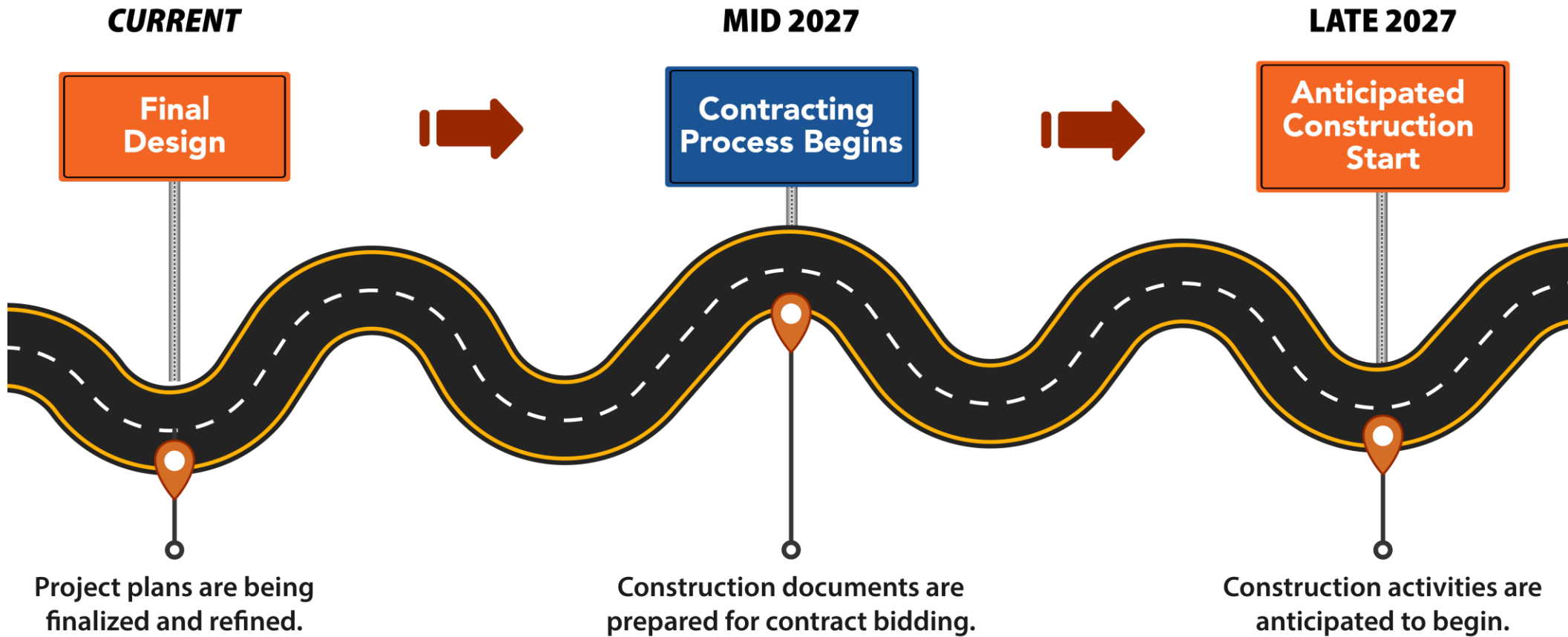
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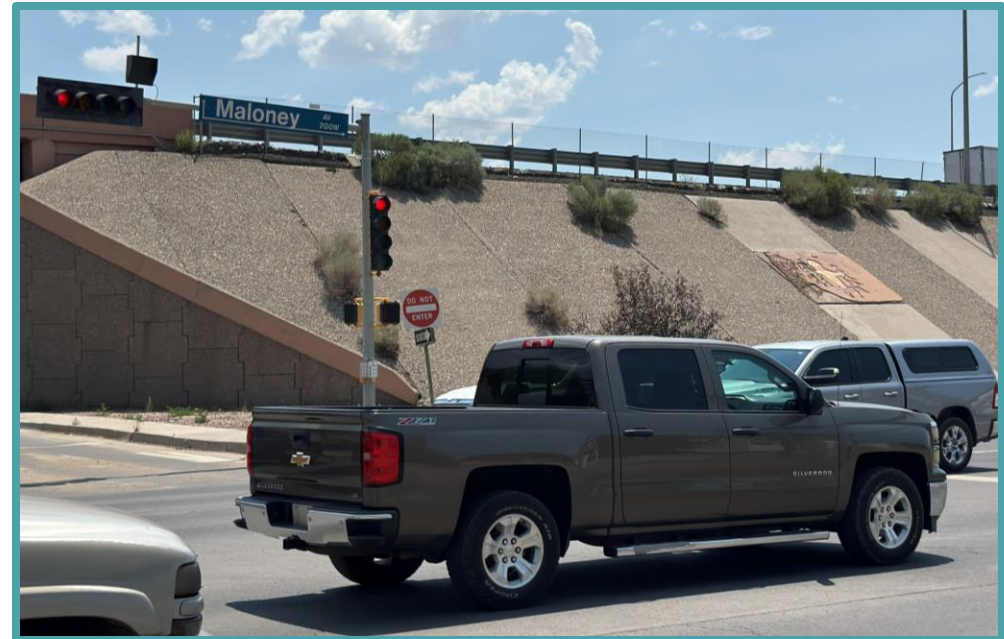


Project Timeline



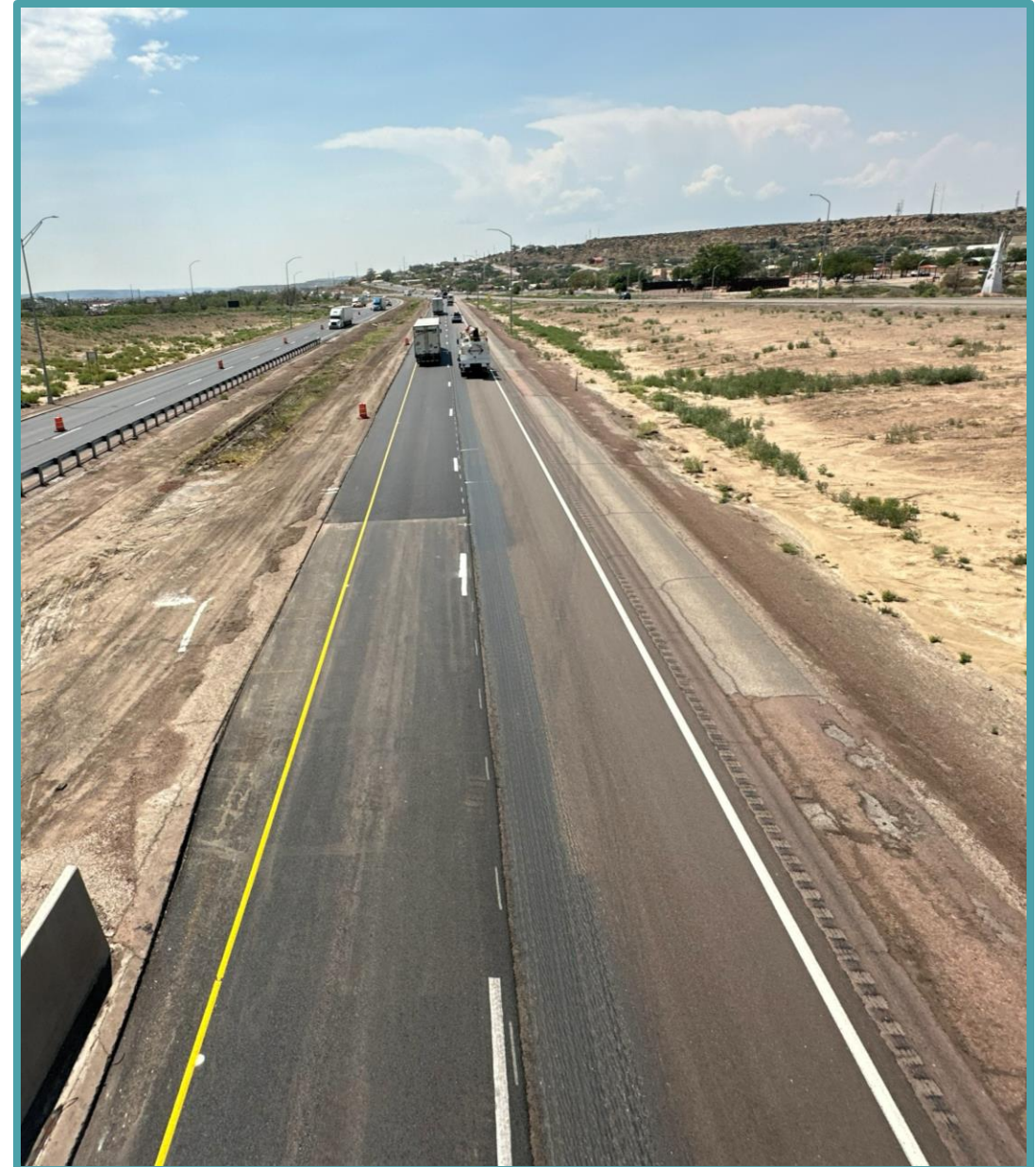
Driver Impacts

- Motorists should expect minor delays as work progresses from west to east along project limits.
- Nighttime paving operations will require reducing I-40 to a single lane in certain areas.
- Eastbound Maloney Avenue will be reduced to one lane during artwork replacement.



Driver Impacts

- Throughout construction, entrance and exit ramps at the US 491 interchange will be closed in phases to accommodate reconstruction activities.
- Clearly signed detours will direct motorists to use Maloney Avenue and the Miyamura Interchange, maintaining access while minimizing disruptions to local and regional travel.



Driver Impacts

- Safety remains the highest priority throughout construction.
- Drivers are encouraged to remain alert, follow posted traffic control devices, reduce speeds in work zones and use caution when traveling through active construction areas to protect both workers and fellow motorists.





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