

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Village of Los Lunas evolved historically as a farming community and maintains great pride in its rural character. However, annexation and development over the last thirty years have changed the Village from a quiet, rural place into one of the fastest growing municipalities in New Mexico.

The community is comprised of 1,000 businesses with annual retail sales of \$400 million. The largest employers, ranging from the Walmart Distribution Center to Home Depot, employ over 3,500 people.

Los Lunas has 1,170 acres of available commercial land complete with new infrastructure.

LOS LUNAS FACTS

- ☑ Fastest growing NM city since 1960
- ☑ Pop: 15,308 (52.6% growth since 2000) (Valencia County Pop: 76,284)
- ☑ Immediate trade area: 210,200 people
- ☑ 22 miles from Albuquerque, NM
- ☑ Albuquerque MSA: 902,797 people
- ☑ Rural/agrarian
- ☑ Access to major interstate (I-25)
- ☑ Access to international airport
- ☑ Commuter Rail System
- ☑ Access to Railroad

MAJOR STAKEHOLDERS:

- ◆ Federal Highway Administration
- ◆ U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- ◆ Bureau of Reclamation
- ◆ New Mexico Department of Transportation
- ◆ Mid-Region Council of Governments
- ◆ Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District

SUPPORT AND RESOLUTIONS FROM:



FUNDING REQUESTS

- ▶ Legislative
- ▶ Gubernatorial
- ▶ Congressional

Potential: U.S. DOT TIGER Grant

Los Lunas

I-25 Interchange

East - West Corridor



Small Community. Big Possibilities.



THE CHALLENGE

The need for a new I-25 interchange and east-west corridor is to improve traffic flow on NM 6 (Main Street); access to high growth areas within the study area; and the efficiency of emergency response within the Village of Los Lunas and surrounding areas. Currently, NM 6 is the only Interstate exit for Los Lunas and provides the only direct opportunity for Village and County residents to cross the Rio Grande.

The resulting congestion adversely affects commuter travel; access to area businesses, schools, and services located along NM 6; and the ability to respond quickly to emergency situations.

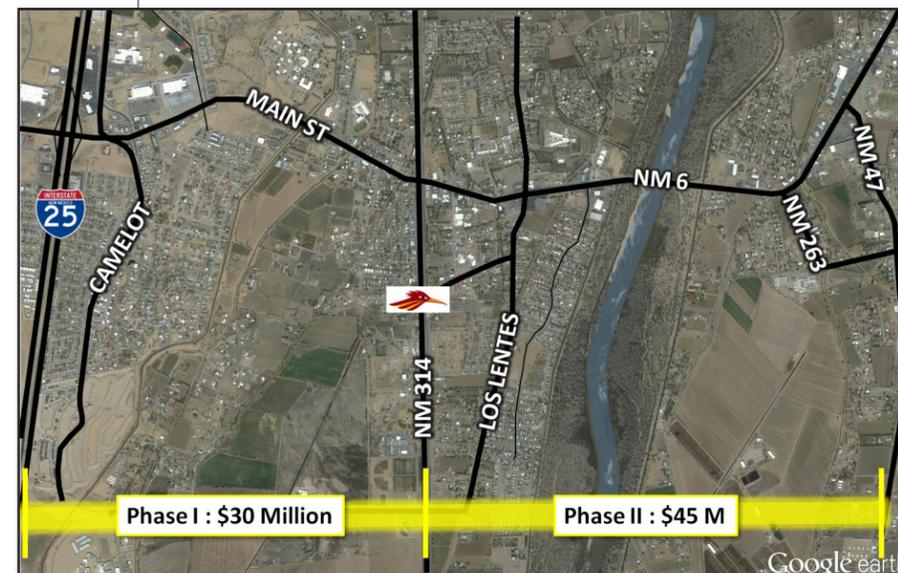
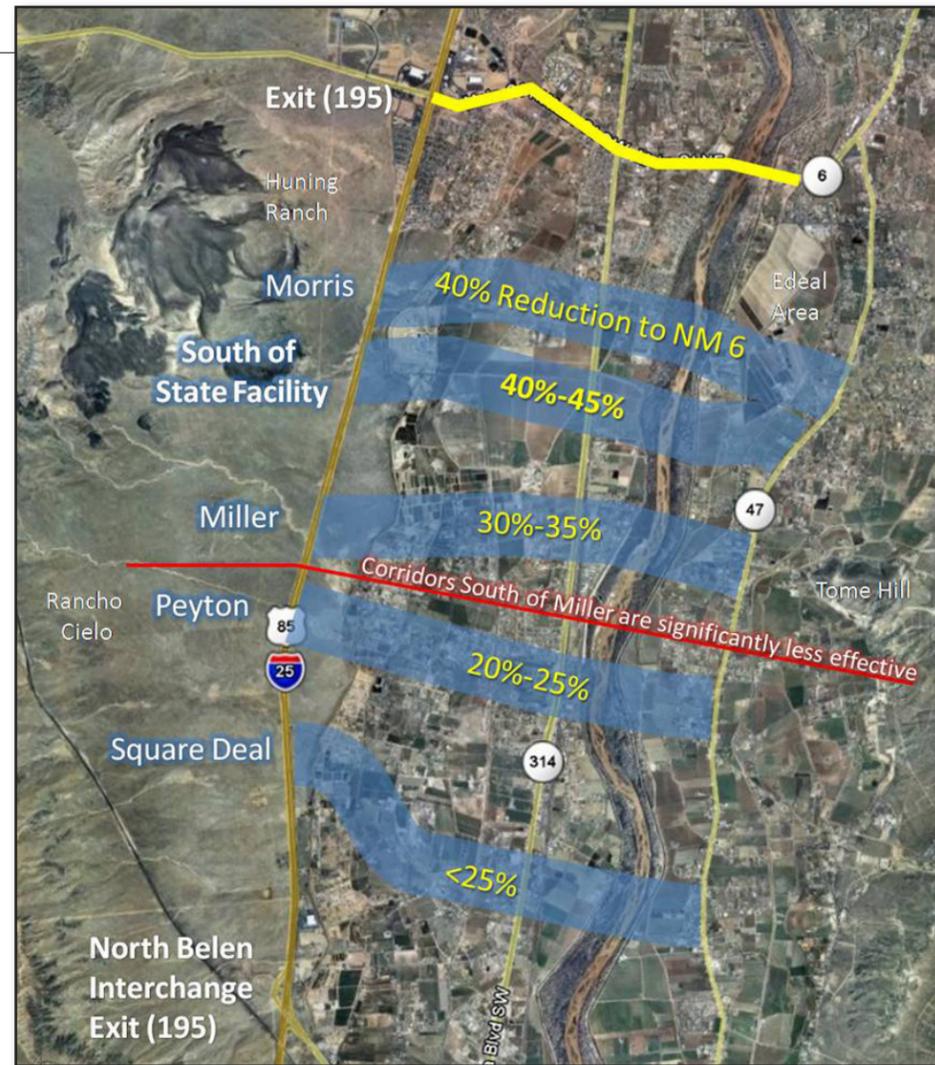
Approximately 40% of vehicles that travel on NM 6 do not stop in Los Lunas

THE SOLUTION

Recent studies conducted by the Village show that a new interchange south of NM 6 **would decrease eastbound NM 6 traffic by approximately 43%** if completed in its entirety from I-25 to NM 47. The Village would like to begin the design for construction of Phase I of the project estimated to cost \$30 million. This phase would include a new I-25 Interchange as well as an eastward extension to NM 314.

The Village has coordinated with the MRCOG to complete a corridor alignment study and has taken the initiative in acquiring right-of-way to move this project forward.

Route Alternatives



**Los Lunas Corridor
LOCATION AND STUDY AREA**

Los Lunas is located in the Rio Grande Basin in Valencia County. Isleta and Albuquerque are to the north and Belen is to the south. NM 6 services approximately 28,800 vehicles per day.

