

Public Meeting #1

Overview and Project Details

The City of Santa Fe hosted a public meeting open house for the Bishops Lodge Road Reconstruction project that was held from 5:30pm to 7:30pm on Thursday June 22nd in the Santa Fe Convention Center located at 201 W. Marcy Street.

The goal of this first public meeting was to provide project information to the community, as well as gather input to help improve the safety, accessibility, and equity along the approximately 2.82 miles from Paseo de Peralta north to the Santa Fe city limits (project area).

Notification Efforts

To comply with the City of Santa Fe Early Neighborhood Notification (ENN) process, as well as to inform the community most likely to be affected by any potential modifications to Bishops Lodge Road, a deliberate effort was made to contact residents regarding the first public meeting.

MEETING INVITATIONS

The GIS Coordinator for Santa Fe was contacted to help obtain a list of parcel information for homeowners located within 300 feet of the project area. **Figure 1** shows the meeting invitation that was sent to the homeowners within the study area. A total of 298 letters were mailed out on June 10th which provided a brief project overview and details about the first public meeting.

NEWSPAPER AD

An ad was also placed in the Santa Fe New Mexican newspaper which gave the project name and public open house date, time, and location. The newspaper ad ran from June 14th through June 22nd. **Figure 2** depicts the newspaper proof which was provided by the Multimedia Sales representative from the Santa Fe New Mexican Newspaper.

MEETING NOTICE SIGNS

Two physical public meeting notice signs were also created and placed at Fort Marcy Park and the northern Santa Fe city limit locations. Each one of the signs showcased the project name, public meeting date, time, location, and contact information. **Figure 3** showcases a photograph taken of the meeting notice sign.

Attendance Information

The first public meeting had a total of 60 people in attendance. Of those 60, 31 people provided their contact information on the sign-in sheets to receive further information/details on the project. It was noted that the open house meeting format was a success because attendees were able to freely venture the room and review information at their leisure, which led to increased participation and comments. An informational flyer (**Figure 4**) was available for the attendees of the public meeting which provided additional project details including a summary of three specific issues: vehicular crashes, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, and speeding.

Comments

COMMENT TYPE

Comments have been collected in a variety of ways. For those who attended the in-person meeting, a map was provided, and attendees were encouraged to leave comments on the map describing concerns and issues. 80 comments were provided on the map. In addition to the map, a comment card was provided at the meeting, resulting in 41 comments. 16 comments were received via email, and 3 comments were provided using the available QR code (**Figure 5**). To date, a total of 140 individuals have provided comments.

COMMENT OVERVIEW

There were eight categories that the comments were divided into: Traffic and Safety, Speeding, Pedestrian, Multi-Modal, Wildlife, Noise, Landscaping, and Other. These categories were created to help identify the biggest concerns of the residents. The Comment Category graphic (**Table 1**) shows that currently the highest concern amongst respondents is vehicular speeding within the project area, which is showcased by 39 total comments. The second highest category has 36 people indicating they had concerns relating to pedestrians. Traffic and Safety, Other, and Multi-Modal categories shared the next top concerns for respondents. The least number of comments were given to the Landscaping, Noise, and Wildlife categories.

Table 1: Meeting 1 Comment Category Overview

Comment Category							
Traffic and Safety	Speeding	Pedestrian	Multi-Modal	Wildlife	Noise	Landscaping	Other
28	39	37	20	4	4	15	28

COMMENT SUMMARY

Reviewing the comments from all available sources, the respondents all have favorable and realistic concerns about the project area. In order to summarize the concerns, we established categories by which to quantify. These categories are:

- Traffic and Safety: Addressing visibility, line-of-sight, lack of turn lanes, driveways, intersections, truck traffic and cut through traffic.
- Speeding: Addressing high speeds, drag racing, enforcement, and speed bumps.
- Pedestrian: Addressing lack of sidewalks, shoulders, crosswalks, and a trail system.
- Multi-Modal: Addressing the lack of safe facilities for bicyclist.
- Wildlife: Addressing the need to consider wildlife crossing.
- Noise: Addressing noise from vehicles and trucks.
- Landscaping: Addressing the existing character and old growth trees.
- Other: Addressing drainage and flooding, utilities, easements, and impacts of widening.

Overwhelmingly, concerns about speeding and illegal street racing are a top concern. Several respondents thought that speed bumps would be a great way to help slow traffic. The only “negative” comments came towards the lack of response from City Police in combating the people who are illegally racing along Bishops Lodge Road. Several other comments suggested that the speed limits should not exceed 35mph along the entirety of the study area.

Apart from the issues with speeding, there also are several concerns about larger vehicles that produce a lot of noise. Semi-trucks, concrete, and other commercial trucks are said to be very loud and very frequent along the study area. Many respondents requested that these types of vehicles not be permitted to use Bishops Lodge Road and use an alternative route.


Every single person who mentioned bicycling noted that bike lanes would be widely accepted if introduced into the project area. There was not a single negative comment regarding the idea of having bike lanes on either side (or both) of the corridor. There was a written comment regarding adding rumble strips between potential bike lanes and existing traffic.

Unlike bike lanes, sidewalks had a several opposing comments. Some of the comments indicated that adding sidewalks would ruin the aesthetic of the area and suggested an alternative to introduce a pedestrian walkway made from color-matched crushed rock instead. 80% of the respondents who mentioned sidewalks were in favor of adding sidewalks to the study area. One comment wanted bicycle and pedestrian sidewalks to extend past the city limits to Bishops Lodge Resort.

At the Camino Encantado intersection, many respondents indicated that it was very dangerous because the angle of the roadway makes it a blind turn/egress, and the traffic heading southbound on Bishops Lodge Road is normally traveling at high speeds. There was also a similar comment regarding the intersection of Morales and Bishops Lodge Road as well.

Other comments were mainly surrounding improving existing landscaping/beautification, adding animal crossing/signage, and drainage/flooding concerns below existing roadway. Several respondents suggested burying the overhead electrical lines to both help with the aesthetics of the neighborhood, and to possibly prevent a fire if the overhead lines were to be compromised by weather.

Figure 1: Bishops Lodge Meeting Invitation



PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

Bishops Lodge Road Reconstruction Project

Paseo de Peralta north to the Santa Fe City Limits

WHAT: The City of Santa Fe will be hosting a Public Open House to provide information and solicit input from the community on the Bishops Lodge Road Reconstruction Project, approximately 2.82 miles from Paseo de Peralta north to the Santa Fe City Limits. The purpose of this NMDOT-funded project is to improve 1) safety; 2) accessibility; and 3) equity, which we will need your help to accomplish.

WHEN: Wednesday June 22, 2022
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

WHERE: Santa Fe Convention Center
Coronado Room
201 W. Marcy Street
Santa Fe, NM 87501

WHO: Everyone is invited to stop by anytime between 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. City Staff and Project Consultants (Wilson & Co. & NV5) will be there to answer your questions and gather your input, comments or suggestions critical for improving safety, accessibility and equity on Bishop’s Lodge Road.

For more information, please contact:

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Bishops Lodge Rd Reconstruction Project

— Bishops Lodge Rd - Project Area
Project Length: 2.82 Miles

— Santa Fe City Limits

End of Project - City Limits

Beginning of Project - Paseo de Peralta

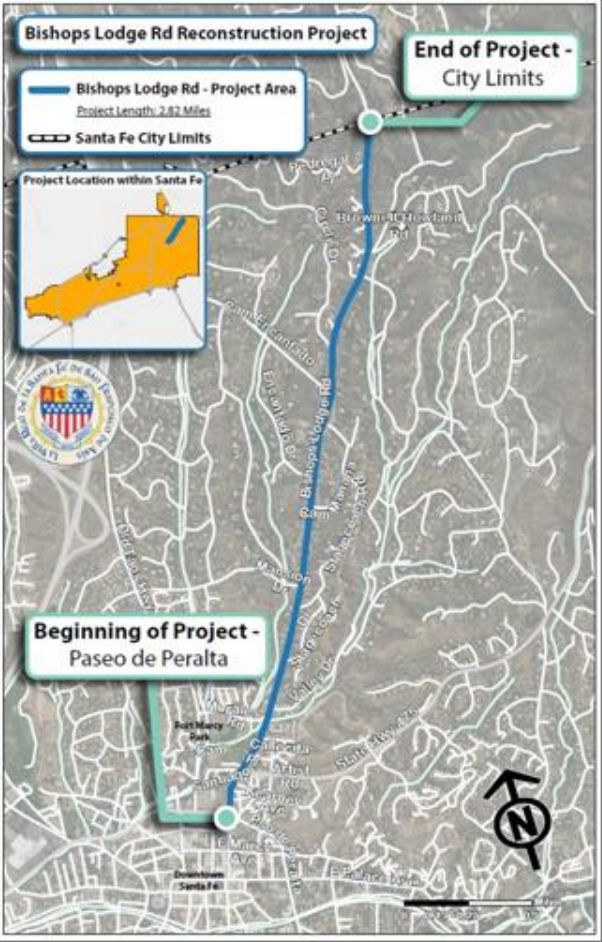


Figure 3: Santa Fe New Mexican Newspaper Proof



Figure 2: Bishops Lodge Public Meeting Notice Sign




Figure 4: Public Meeting 1 Informational Flyer




Bishops Lodge Road Reconstruction Project

Public Meeting #1 - 6/22/2022 - Informational Flyer
 Santa Fe Convention Center - Coronado Room
 201 W. Marcy Street - Santa Fe, NM 87501

Project Details and Site Location

The Bishops Lodge Road Reconstruction Project is a New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) funded study that will look to improve overall safety, accessibility, and equity along the approximately 2.82 miles from Paseo de Peralta north to the Santa Fe city limits.



Vehicular Crashes

Between January 2016 and December 2020, there were 31 total crashes reported within the Bishops Lodge study area. The highest density of crashes occurred within .25 miles from Paseo de Peralta Intersection.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities

Currently, there are no sidewalks or dedicated bicycle lanes along approximately 2.4 miles between the northern Santa Fe City Limits south to Muales Road.

Speeding

The speed limits are at their highest along the areas without dedicated bicycle lanes and sidewalks. Volume traffic counts indicated that nearly all traffic was speeding during the time data was being collected.

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Figure 5: Comment Form QR

