

ARROYO DE LOS CHAMISOS CROSSING PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE SUMMARY JULY 2023

Preliminary design layouts of the proposed improvements for the Arroyo de Los Chamisos Crossing project were shared with the public at an open house held on July 25, 2023. The visuals provided at the meeting are available on the project website ([Arroyo Chamiso Crossing | City of Santa Fe \(santafenm.gov\)](https://www.santafenm.gov/Arroyo-Chamiso-Crossing)).

Over 70 people attended the public open house reflecting a strong public desire to learn more about the proposed design. Overall, the feedback was positive with respect to project implementation.

Below is a synopsis of comments received as part of the public engagement process. The project team will consider the input in the refinement of the proposed improvements going forward.

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS:

- Rodeo de Santa Fe supports the project but opposes the roundabout's impact to its operations
- General support for the more direct route between Rodeo Rd and Cerrillos Rd, and resulting relief on other parallel streets
- Increased traffic/congestion on existing segments of Richards Ave
- Neighborhood cut-through traffic and the need for traffic calming along Richards Ave as well as in the Vista del Prado neighborhood
- Accessibility from minor streets along Richards Avenue more difficult
- Lack of traffic signals at Richards Ave/Siringo Rd
- Travel speed concerns
- Need for left-turn improvements at the Richards Ave intersections with Siringo Rd and James St

ADJACENT LAND USE:

- Additional vegetation and consideration of existing wildlife along the corridor
- Maintaining access and use to the disc golf course
- Noise impacts and need for mitigation
- Inquiries about the NM Game and Fish property adjacent to the corridor

BICYCLE FACILITIES:

- Appreciation for the integration of bicycle facilities
- Request for buffered bike lanes with bollards, where possible
- Support for keeping the existing emergency access road with a connection to the multi-use trail on the east side of the proposed new roadway segment just south of the Arroyo Pinos

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY:

- Need for enhanced pedestrian safety features at Siringo Rd, James St, and the proposed roundabout
- Support for sidewalks on both sides of Richards Ave
- Need for lighting in the proposed Arroyo de Los Chamisos trail underpass

