

Meeting Notes from Public Meeting #3 July 20, 2011

Public meeting #3 for the Zuni Road Study was held on Wednesday, July 20, 2011. The meeting was held at the Cesar Chavez Community Center and was attended by approximately 45 people, including area residents, City of Albuquerque staff, and District 6 City Councilor Rey Garduño. A flyer and other materials from this meeting, including the presentation slides, are included in Appendix A of the Zuni Road Study report. The purpose of the meeting was to review the activities of the Zuni Road Study, to show the recommended alternative, and to gather comments and answer questions from the public.

The presentation shown at the meeting covered the following topics:

- The study process and what stage the process is currently in.
- Bicycle and pedestrian crash data.
- Typical cross sections for Alternative 1, the road diet.
- Summary of how public comments have been addressed.
- Screening process of the alternatives.
- Evaluation process of final alternatives.
- Recommendation to proceed with Alternative 1A, the road diet by re-striping.

Following the presentation, the meeting was opened up to questions and comments. The questions and comments and a copy of the presentation slides are included in their entirety in Appendix A of the Zuni Road Study report.

A general summary of comments made at the meeting is presented below:

- Drainage from San Pedro to Louisiana is a problem. There are no inlets and the street fills with water.
- No reason for fence at Highland High School.
- Put the pedestrian refuges near high accident areas, such as near Indiana and Pennsylvania.
- A grocery store (Talin World Market) on Central causes pedestrian traffic on Central.
- At the intersection of Zuni and Jackson there are a lot of accidents. Maybe a traffic light could be added? There is a chain link fence for the school that blocks the sight lines for southbound to westbound traffic.
- Don't like the Walmart people using Jackson Street. Would like to see the access reduced or closed.
- Maybe the HAWK pedestrian light system could be used at the mid-block crossings to increase safety. Has DMD looked at the HAWK system?
- Likes Alternative 1B as it would include drainage improvements. Currently the bike lane and outside lanes fill up with water when it rains.
- Clinic would like to see crosswalk at Palomas and Zuni. They give out food vouchers for nearby grocery stores and people must cross Zuni to get to the stores.
- The speed limit on Zuni should be reduced from 35 mph to 30 mph.