

## ABQ THE PLAN: 50 MILE LOOP



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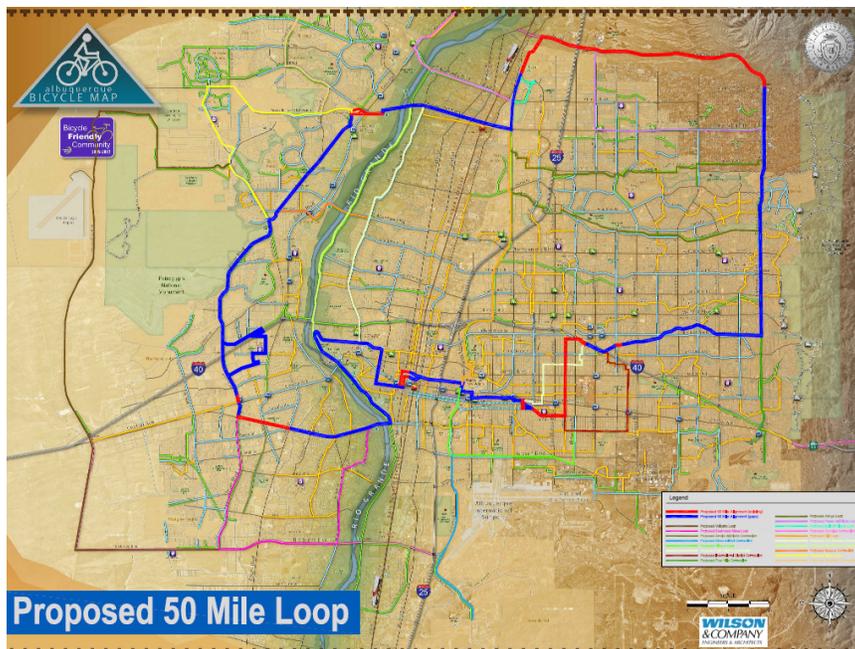


## PROJECT OVERVIEW

### The 50 Mile Loop

Albuquerque, NM

The City of Albuquerque has been working with Wilson & Company, Inc. and Morrow Reardon Wilkinson Miller, Ltd., a local consultant team with planning, landscaping and design expertise to create an alignment that connects the area's existing infrastructure (multi-use trails, sidewalks, bicycle lanes, etc.) together and provides for access to the loop from all areas of the City, and a plan to construct missing pieces of infrastructure to complete the 50 Mile loop. The map to the right shows the proposed alignment for the Loop in blue (existing infrastructure) and red (gaps in the infrastructure).



Proposed 50 Mile Loop

## VISION



**Imagine** ... connecting those pieces to create a 50-mile bicycling, running, and walking trail with amenities like benches, shade structures, water fountains, landscaping, pocket parks, signage, etc. Imagine a healthier community and a destination for tourists.

Albuquerque has approximately 160 miles of multi-use trails and 310 miles of on-street bike lanes, routes and boulevards. This plan will connect existing trails with new links to form a 50 Mile Loop.

The 50 Mile Loop is about getting our community moving and healthier by providing better access to the multi-use trails and

bicycle facilities in the City and County. Albuquerque has some of the best scenery and places to visit in the nation. Imagine seeing them from a completely different perspective.

Working with our diverse ad hoc committee and gathering input from the public, the team is currently working on analyzing the conceptual alignment for the loop, determining typical sections for the facilities, looking at safety improvements to the segments with existing and proposed infrastructure, as well as best practices for safety, education and trail etiquette.



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# APPROACH

In addition to promoting health and recreation for people with a wide range of folks & abilities, this plan also looks at the following:

### Infrastructure and Transportation

- Upgrade safety of infrastructure
- Upgrade existing multi-use trails and make them more visible
- Connect neighborhoods to the Loop with new multi-use trails and urban trails

### Business Opportunities & Promotion

- Add as an asset to the City & destination for tourists
- Opportunities for businesses to support the users of the Loop (bicycle rental shops, hiking gear, food & drink)

### Amenities and Landscaping

- Provide rest stops and interpretive kiosks with maps of the Loop and connections attractions
- Enhance landscaping with shade trees and native plants



# IMPLEMENTATION



Ideally, this 50-Mile Loop Plan will function as a master plan that is used as a reference point for trails planners and project managers. The City of Albuquerque will explore various funding options and partnerships. The projects will most likely be done in phases over several years.

The costs listed on the following pages are preliminary estimates based on the conceptual alignment proposed for the 50 Mile Loop.



*ABQ the Plan is Mayor Berry's long term plan to invest in the future of Albuquerque. ABQ the Plan is about large scale public projects that will increase quality of life for residents, enhance economic development opportunities, promote tourism, and spur private sector investments.*

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# 50 Mile Loop



## 1 Tramway Rd

**Location:** Tramway Rd (I-25 to Tramway Blvd)

**Description:** Construct 5.11 miles (approx. 27,000 ft) of new multi-use trail on the south side of the existing Tramway Rd. Proposed trail is 14' wide, asphalt, with shoulders. Restripe existing Tramway Rd shoulders to become bicycle lanes for eastbound and westbound. Improve intersection for trail crossing at Tramway Rd & Tramway Blvd.

**Initial Implementation Phase:**

- Multi-use Trail
- Intersection Improvements
- Signing & Striping (Bike Lanes)
- Signing & Striping (Trail)

**Amenity Implementation Phase:**

- Rest Stop
- Wayfinding Signing
- Trail System Map Kiosk



**Notes:**

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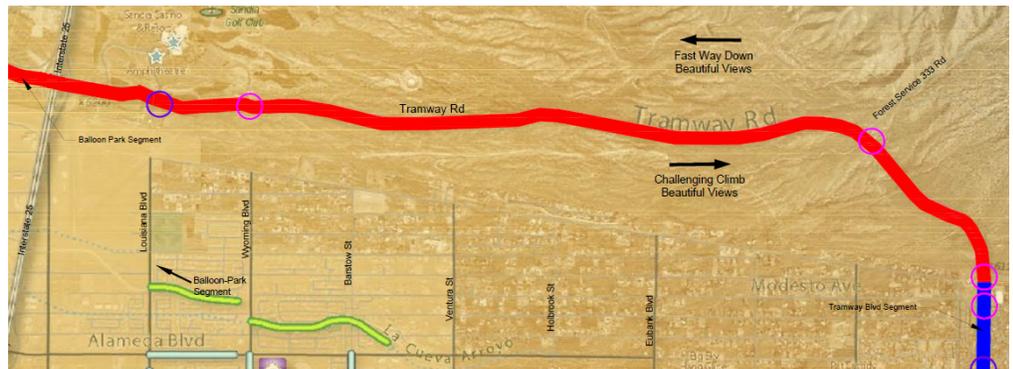
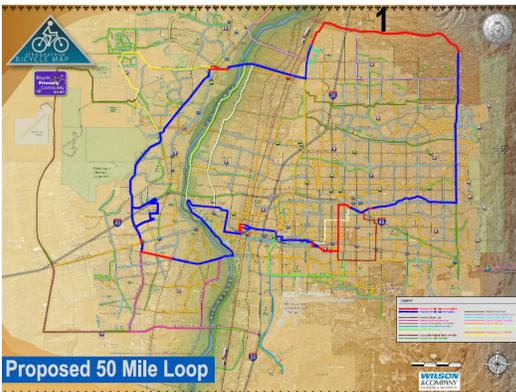
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## 50 Mile Loop



## 2 Tramway Blvd.

**Location:** Tramway Blvd (Montgomery Blvd to Embudo Arroyo)

**Description:** Reconstruct 2.18 miles (approx. 11,500 ft) of multi-use trail on the east side of road from Montgomery Blvd to Embudo Arroyo. Proposed trail is 14' wide, asphalt, with shoulders. Replace timber bridge decks with concrete decks of 3 existing overpass pedestrian bridges.

**Initial Implementation Phase:**

- Multi-use Trail
- Bridge Rehab
- Signing & Striping

**Amenity Implementation Phase:**

- Rest Stop
- Wayfinding Signing
- Trail System Map Kiosk

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## 50 Mile Loop



### 3 Paseo de las Montañas & Embudo Arroyos

**Location:** Arroyo Trail (Juan Tabo to Indian School)

**Description:** Reconstruct 1.61 miles (approx. 8,500 ft) of multi-use trail along Paseo de las Montañas and Embudo Arroyos from Juan Tabo to Indian School. Proposed trail is 14' wide, asphalt, with shoulders. Replace timber bridge deck with concrete deck of existing overpass pedestrian bridge. Reconstruct and improve ADA accessibility of intersections (Martha, Morris, Britt, Parsifal, Moon, and Pennsylvania) and drainage channels (10 locations) where trail crosses. Construct new pedestrian bridge over arroyo at Pennsylvania.

**Initial Implementation Phase:**

- Multi-use Trail
- Bridge Rehab
- Intersection Improvements
- Drainage Channels
- New Pedestrian Bridge
- Signing & Striping

**Amenity Implementation Phase:**

- Rest Stop
- Wayfinding Signing
- Trail System Map Kiosk

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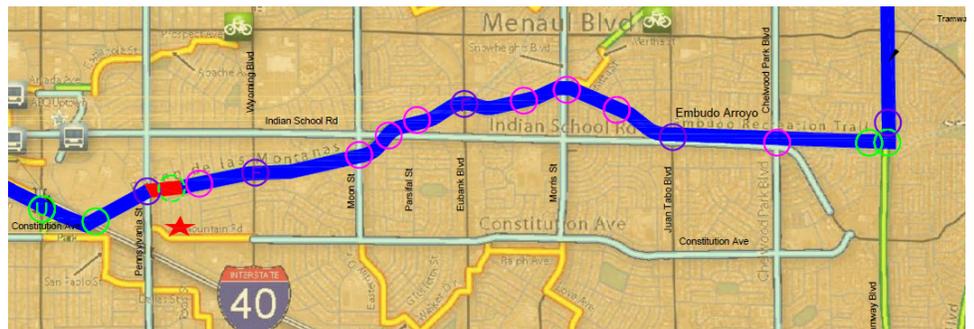
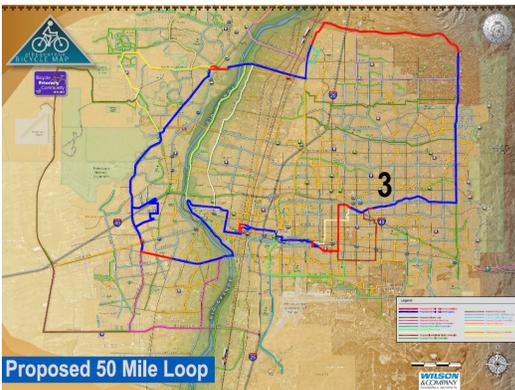
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## 4 University/Nob Hill/Near Heights

**Location:** Zimmerman Ave/Haines Ave (Louisiana to Alvarado)  
 Alvarado Dr (Haines Ave to Zuni Rd)  
 Morningside Dr (Coal to Silver)  
 Intersection - Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr and University Blvd

**Description:** Construct 5.53 miles (approx. 29,200 ft) of urban trail (8' sidewalk) along roadways. Reconstruct and improve ADA accessibility of intersections – San Pedro & Zimmerman; Alvarado & Constitution, Lomas, Central, Zuni, and Southern; Eastern/San Mateo; and MLK, Jr./University (new signal).

**Initial Implementation Phase:**

- Urban Trail
- MLK/University New Signal
- Intersection Improvements
- Signing & Striping

**Amenity Implementation Phase:**

- Rest Stop
- Wayfinding Signing
- Trail System Map Kiosk

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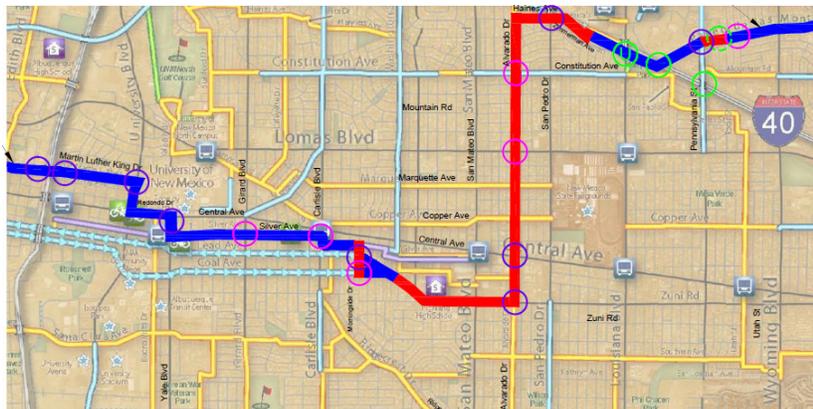
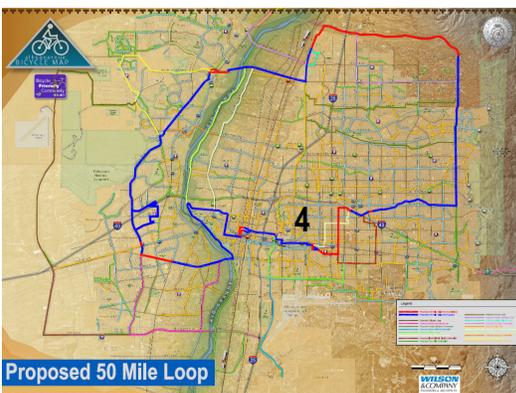
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# 50 Mile Loop



## 5 Bridge / Bosque / Downtown

**Location:**  
Bridge Blvd (Tower Rd to Unser Blvd)  
Intersection of 14<sup>th</sup> and Lomas

**Description:** Construct 1.23 miles (approx. 6,500 ft) of new multi-use trail and 6 ft wide bike lanes along Bridge Blvd. Proposed trail is 14' wide, asphalt, with shoulders. Reconstruct and improve ADA accessibility of intersections where trail crosses – Unser and Bridge, 14<sup>th</sup> and Lomas, Bridge and River Trail.

**Initial Implementation Phase:**

- Multi-use Trail
- Bike Lanes
- Intersection Improvements
- Signing & Striping

**Amenity Implementation Phase:**

- Rest Stop
- Wayfinding Signing
- Trail System Map Kiosk



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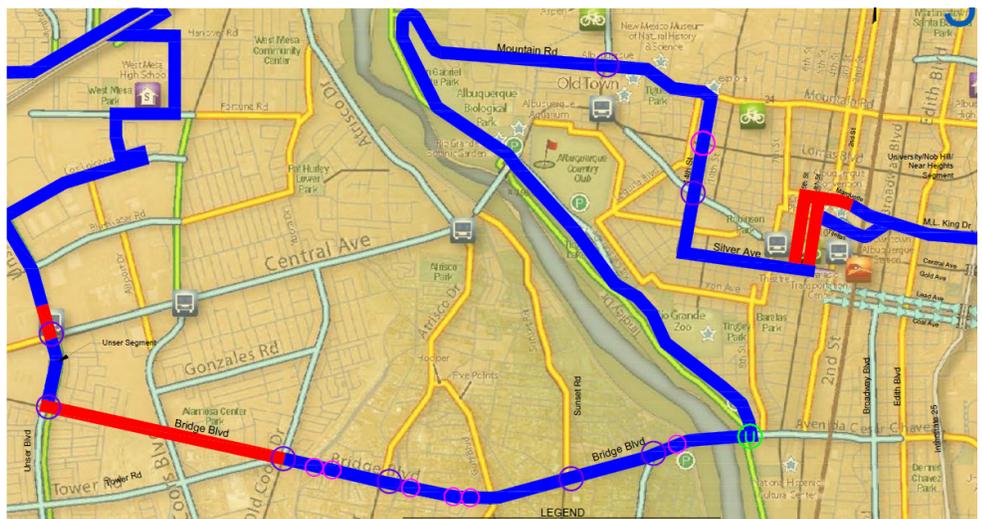
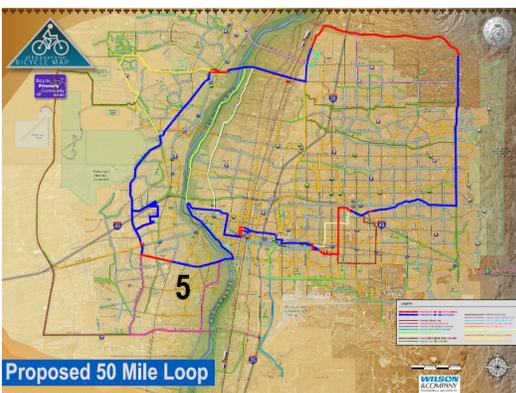
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### 6 Unser Blvd.

**Location:** Unser Blvd (Central to Los Volcanes)

**Description:** Construct 0.19 mile (approx. 1,000 ft) of new multi-use trail along east side of Unser Blvd from Central to Bluewater. Proposed trail is 14' wide, asphalt, with shoulders. Construct 0.76 mile (approx. 4,000 ft) of new 6' bicycle lanes along each side of Unser Blvd from Central to Los Volcanes.

**Initial Implementation Phase:**

- Multi-use Trail
- Bike Lanes
- Signing & Striping

**Amenity Implementation Phase:**

- Rest Stop
- Wayfinding Signing
- Trail System Map Kiosk

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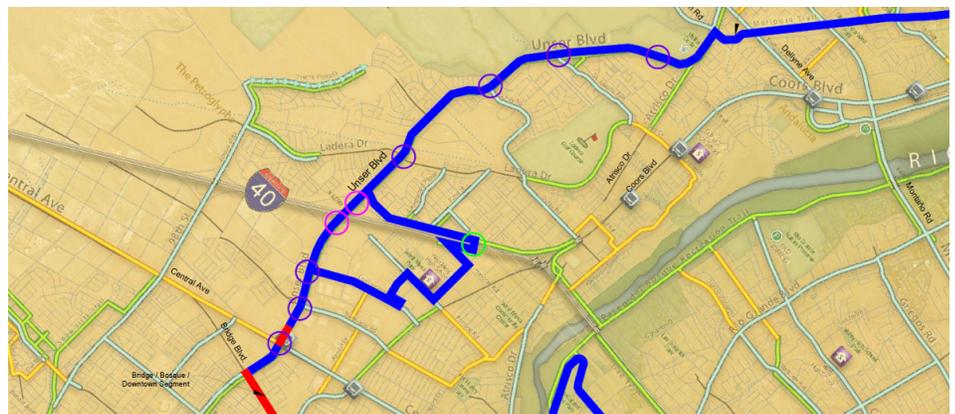
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## 7 Mariposa / Riverview Trail

Location: Golf Course Road (La Orilla to 3100-ft north)

**Description:** Reconstruct 0.58 miles (approx. 3,100 ft) of multi-use trail along east side of Golf Course Rd from La Orilla to 3,100 ft north of La Orilla. Proposed trail is 14' wide, asphalt, with shoulders.

**Initial Implementation Phase:**

- Multi-use Trail
- Signing & Striping

**Amenity Implementation Phase:**

- Rest Stop
- Wayfinding Signing
- Trail System Map Kiosk



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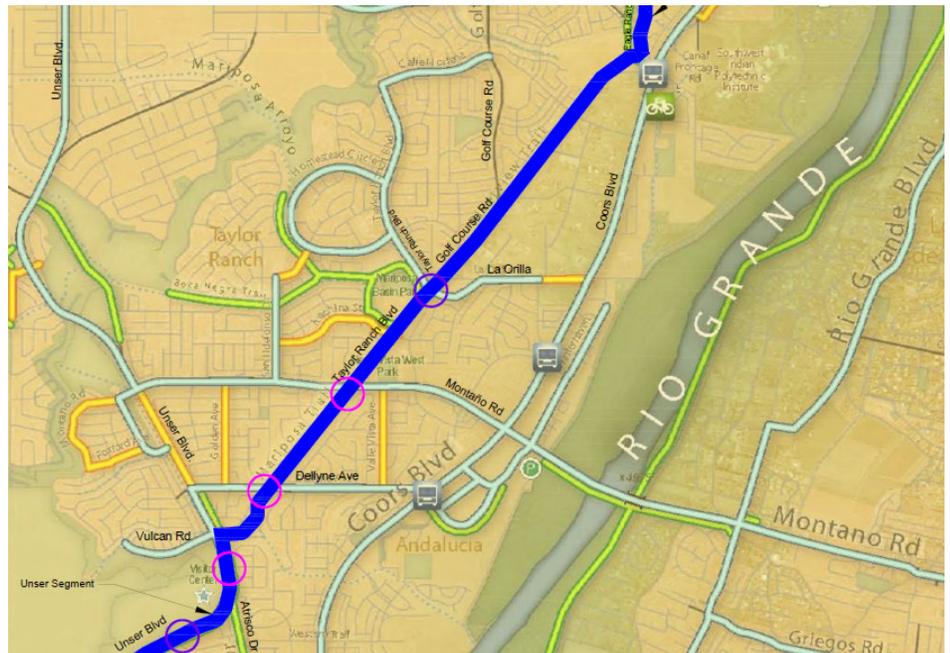
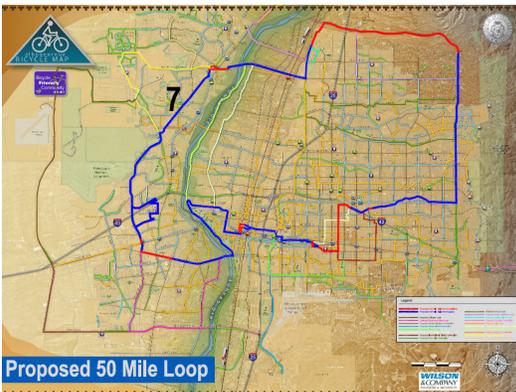
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## 8 Paseo del Norte

**Location:** Paseo del Norte (Eagle Ranch Rd to Alamo Rd)

**Description:** Construct 0.28 mile (approx. 1,500 ft) of new multi-use trail between Eagle Ranch Road and Coors Blvd, pedestrian bridge over Coors Blvd, and 0.34 mile (approx. 1,800 ft) of multi-use trail between Coors and Alamo Rd. Proposed trail is 14' wide, asphalt, with shoulders.

**Initial Implementation Phase:**

- Multi-use Trail
- Pedestrian Bridge Overpass
- Signing & Striping

**Amenity Implementation Phase:**

- Rest Stop
- Wayfinding Signing
- Trail System Map Kiosk



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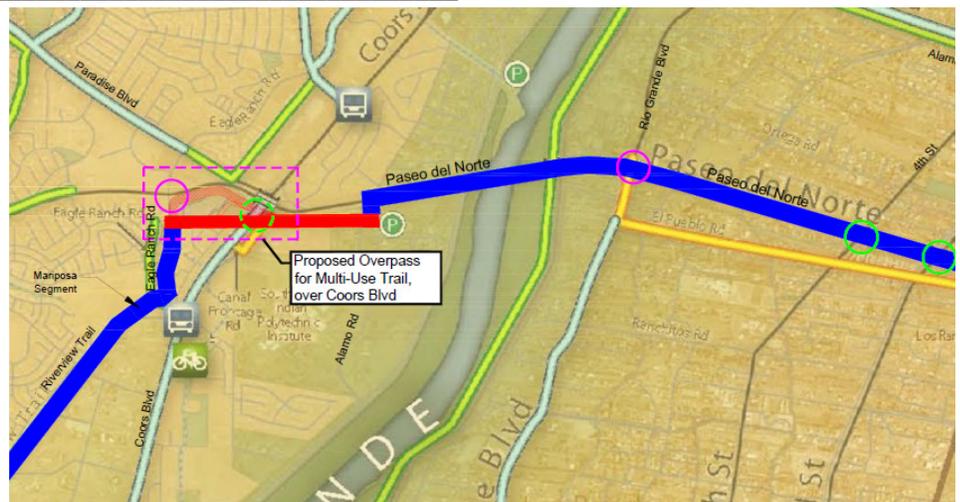
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## 9 Balloon Park

### Location:

North Diversion Channel (Balloon Fiesta Park to Roy Rd)  
Roy Rd (Edith Blvd to I25)

**Description:** Construct 1.06 miles (approx. 5,600 ft) of new multi-use trail on the North Diversion Channel/Edith Blvd (from Balloon Fiesta Park to Roy Rd), and 1.21 miles (approx. 6,400 ft) along Roy Rd (from Edith Blvd to Interstate 25). Proposed trail is 14' wide, asphalt, with shoulders.

### Initial Implementation Phase:

Multi-use Trail  
Signing & Striping

### Amenity Implementation Phase:

Rest Stop  
Wayfinding Signing  
Trail System Map Kiosk



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