

Conceptual drawing of reconstruction of Paseo Del Norte/Jefferson intersection and Paseo Del Norte/I-25 Interchange

# A Project Designed to Improve Traffic Flow and Safety

The Federal Highway Administration, State of New Mexico, New Mexico Department of Transportation, City of Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, and Mid Region Council of Governments have created a project to improve traffic flow and safety at the Paseo Del Norte/I-25 Interchange and at the intersection of Jefferson Street and Paseo Del Norte Boulevard.

### **Key Project Improvements**

- 1) A two-lane free-flow ramp to improve the eastbound-to-southbound traffic movement in the morning during peak travel time (7 to 9 a.m.);
- 2) A two-lane flyover ramp to improve the northbound-to-westbound traffic movement in the afternoon during peak travel time (4:30 to 6:30 p.m.);
- 3) A reconfiguration of the Jefferson Street and Paseo Del Norte intersection to improve east-west traffic flow while maintaining local access:
- 4) Bicycle and pedestrian improvements to provide a critical bike system link across I-25 and to connect existing paths in the area;
- 5) Freeway access improvements for traffic originating from the area east of the Paseo Del Norte/I-25 interchange; and
- 6) Improvements to the I-25 mainline between the Alameda Boulevard and Jefferson Street interchanges for safety and traffic flow.

# **Anticipated Project Milestones**

Note: All dates are tentative only and are subject to change.

February 13, 2013 Short list of potential Design-Build Contractors announced

March 2013 Final request for proposals issued

Responses due to request for proposals June 2013

July 2013 Selection of Design-Build Contractor announced and

contract negotiations begin

Fall 2013 Construction begins

Fall 2015 Construction completed

### **Additional Improvements Proposed Under Preliminary (30%) Design**

#### Northbound 1-25

- New auxiliary lane between Jefferson and San Mateo
- · New 4th driving/auxiliary lane
- New entrance from I-25 to San Mateo
- Relocation of exit ramp to San Antonio south of current ramp
- Widening of San Antonio bridge for two lanes of traffic
- New two-lane exit ramp at Alameda

#### Southbound 1-25

- · New 4th driving/auxiliary lane
- New two-lane exit ramp to San Antonio
- New two-lane exit ramp at Paseo Del Norte

### Paseo Del Norte

- Full access to and from Jefferson
- Single-point urban exchange at Jefferson
- Right-side Jefferson exit ramps

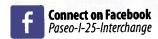
### Other Changes

- Ramp improvements between Jefferson and San Mateo/Osuna
- Additional turn lanes at San Antonio intersections
- El Pueblo Road and intersection realigned and reconstructed; includes cycling and pedestrian improvements
- Two-lane ramps to local access roads

See diagrams of some project features on back of sheet.

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### What Will the Impacts Be During Construction?

There is no question that construction of the project will have impacts to the entire community, the businesses that operate in or near Paseo Del Norte, Jefferson and I-25, and commuters who use the interchange to go to work and return home every night or to travel to or from Santa Fe.

We will build into the contract performance specifications that require the selected Design-Builder to:

- Maintain as many open lanes as possible on both Paseo Del Norte and I-25 during peak travel hours;
- Maintain access to Jefferson and area businesses throughout construction;

- Minimize inconvenience as much as possible during construction; and
- 4) Ensure the safety of the traveling public and construction workers throughout construction.

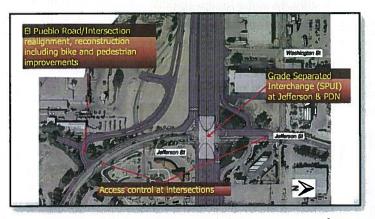
We do not have specific details on impacts at this time because the Design-Builder will submit those as part of their Traffic Control Plan. However, we will work diligently and consistently with the Design-Builder to provide real-time, useful traffic information on a continuous basis in a number of formats throughout the project. We will empower commuters to make informed decisions about routes, and will work with businesses and major stakeholders to ensure safe travel throughout the area while the project is under construction.



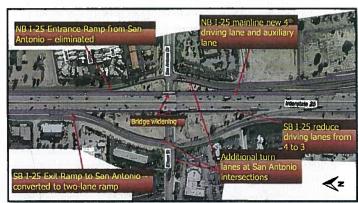
Above: Conceptual drawing of Paseo Del Norte/I-25 Interchange reconstruction\*



Above: Conceptual drawing of Paseo Del Norte/Jefferson Street intersection and area\*



Above: Conceptual drawing of changes to El Pueblo Road and intersection



Above: Conceptual drawing of changes to San Antonio ramps and bridges\*

\*The conceptual drawings are provided for public information only to illustrate how the Paseo Del Norte/1-25 interchange and the intersection of Paseo Del Norte and Jefferson Street could look after the reconstruction project is completed. The final design is subject to detailed planning, design development and construction.

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