
Paseo del Volcan

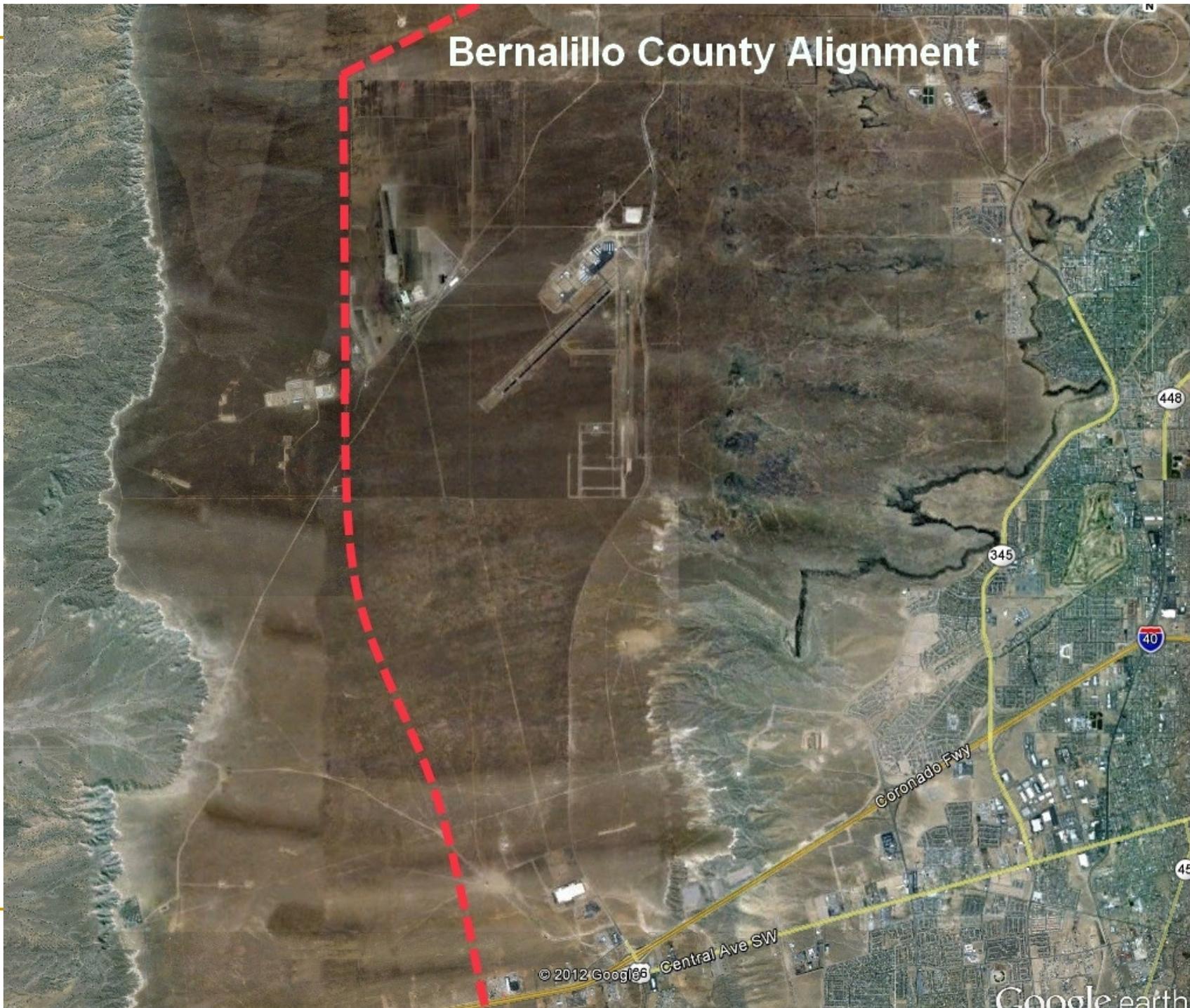
Needs in Our Region

- Immediate Needs
 - Future Needs
 - major roadways, economic development initiatives, preparing for future growth projections, community planning
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Paseo Del Volcan Alignment

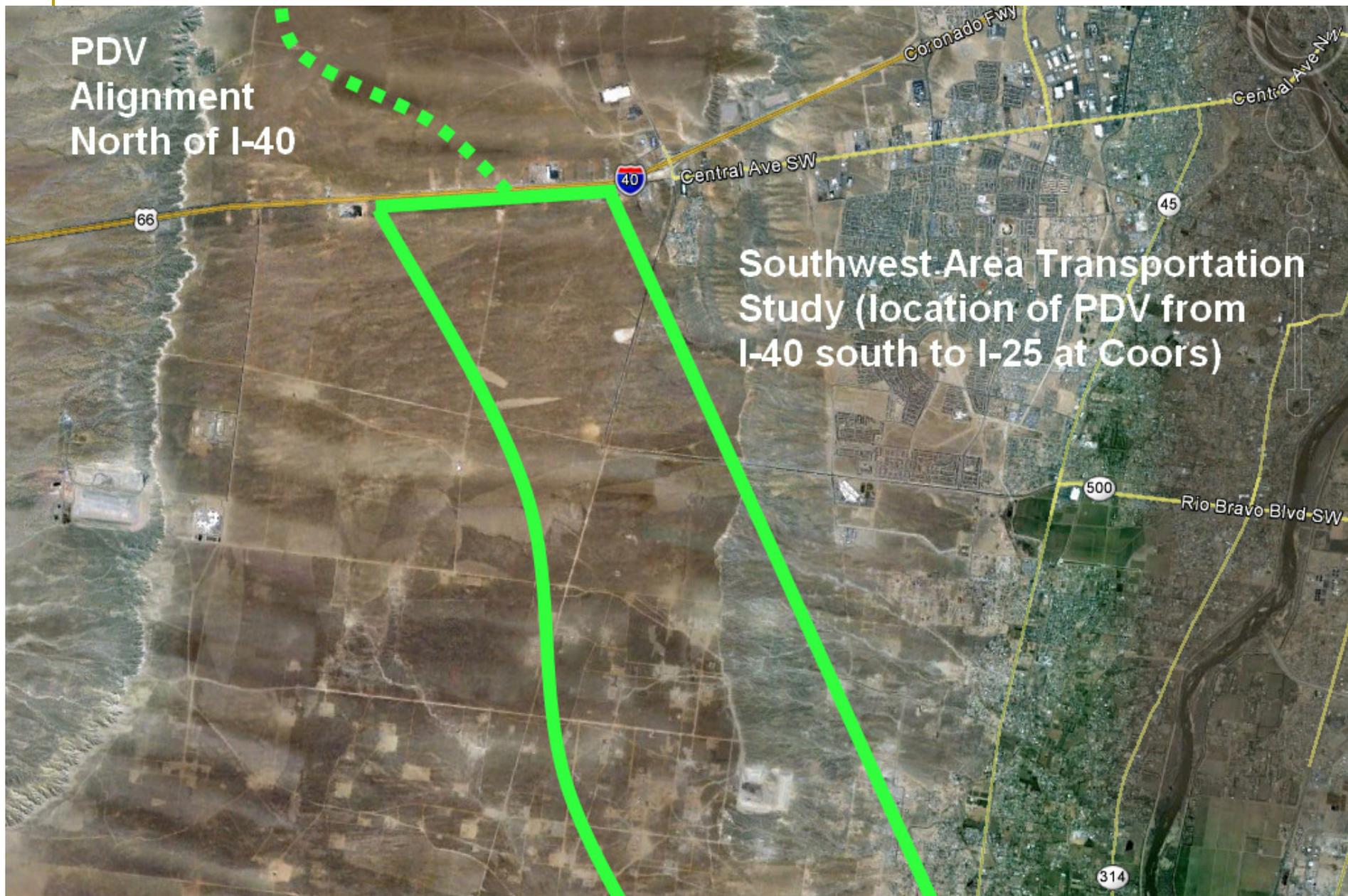


Bernalillo County Alignment



PDV
Alignment
North of I-40

Southwest Area Transportation
Study (location of PDV from
I-40 south to I-25 at Coors)



Prepare for the Future

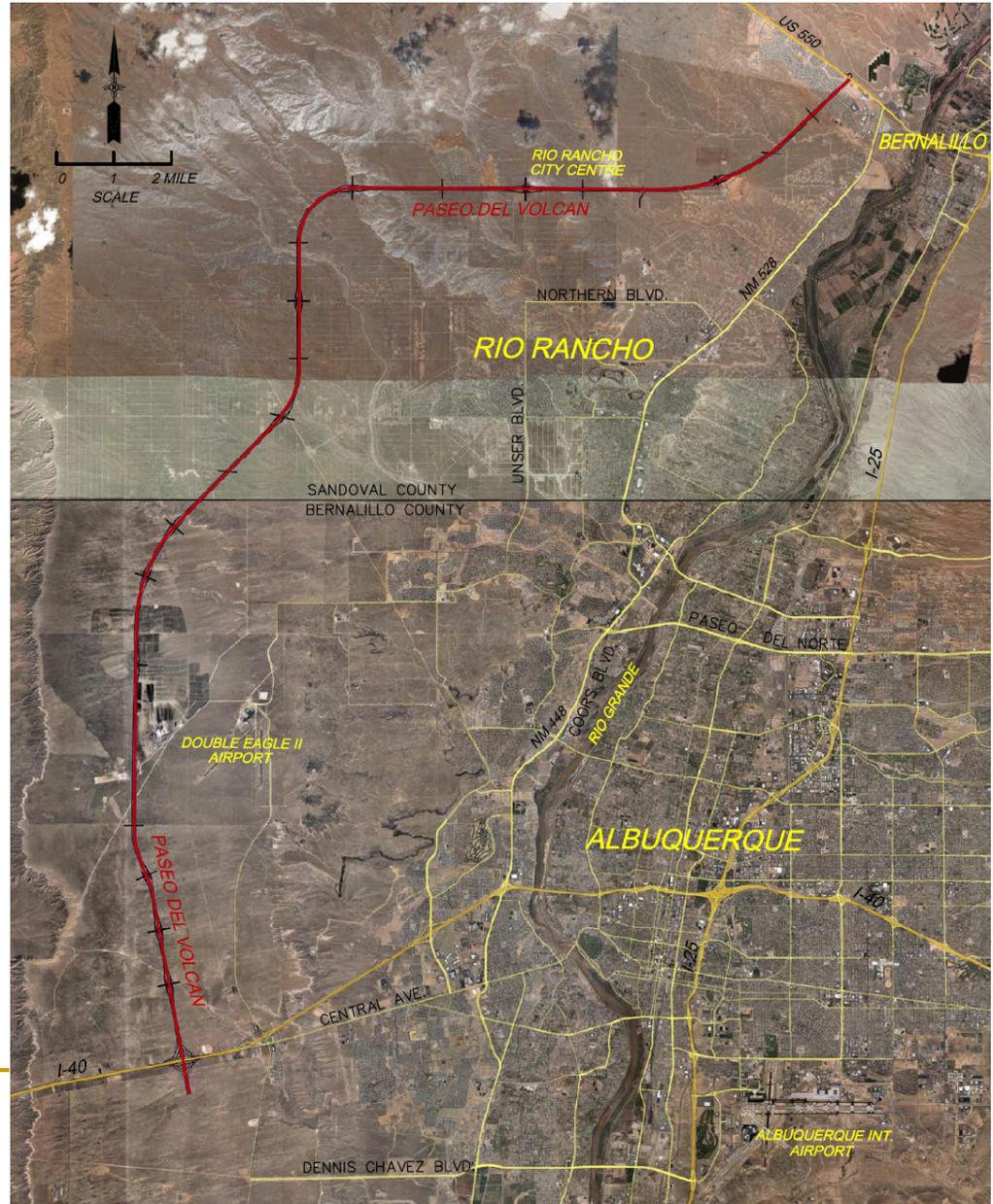
- Not requesting funding, at this time
 - Move this project to the front burner
 - Discuss this project so it becomes a priority for the region as a whole
 - Proper land-use planning and access, right now
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Orderly, Inevitable Growth

- The City has filled the land available for single family housing as far west as Unser Boulevard
 - The area between Unser Boulevard and Atrisco Vista is now developing.
 - By preparing for this project we are conducting the due diligence of proceeding in an “orderly manner”
 - This planning will prepare the next zone to the west to grow in a pattern that organizes development consistent with City Policies
 - Lack of sufficient flat land west of the Rio Grande river, necessary for industrial and commercial zoning, has created a significant jobs/housing imbalance.
 - This can be addressed by opening up Atrisco Vista to Paseo del Volcan, which is a large flat plain and provides opportunity for industrial and commercial development
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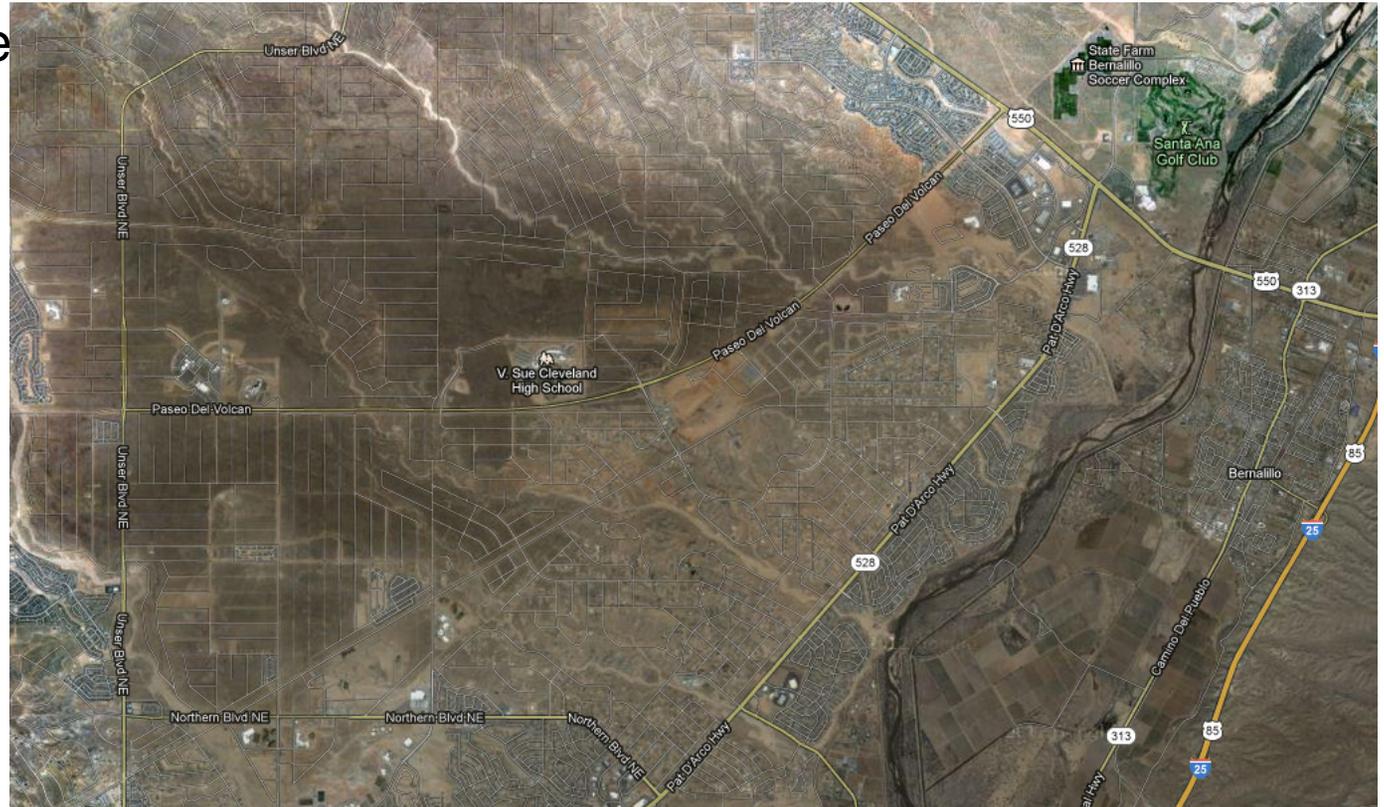
Unique Opportunity

- Right of Way donation
- Partnership and equal contribution
- Plan and prepare for inevitable future growth



Completed Steps

- Environmental Impact Statement (approved in early 2000's)
- Preferred alternative selected; 30% of roadway designed
- \$4 million towards the purchase of right-of-way in the northern-most portion
- Two lanes of the road have been constructed in Rio Rancho
- Identified by MRCOG's 2035 MTP (Metropolitan Transportation Plan) as essential for reducing congestion



Benefits to Constructing Paseo del Volcan

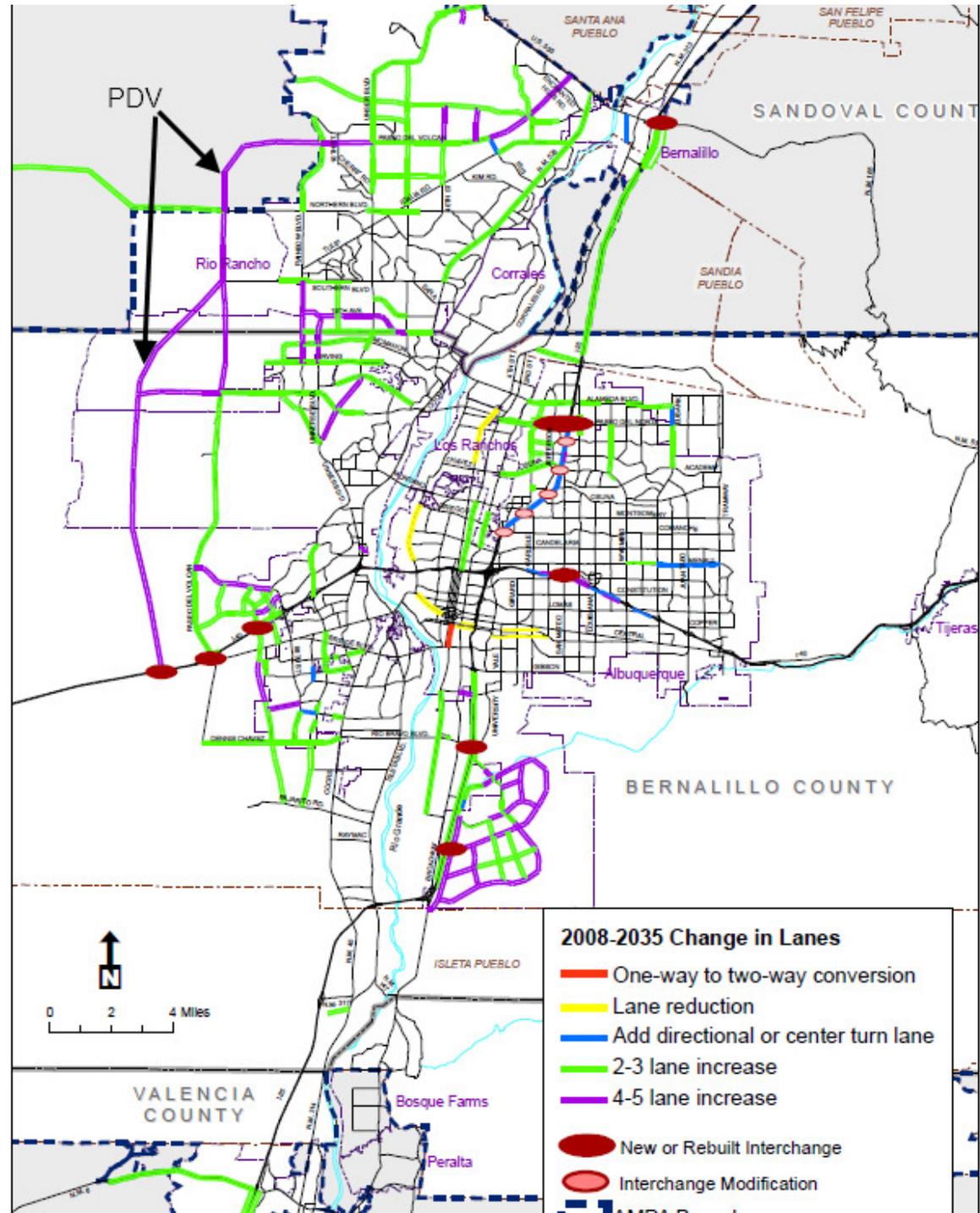
- Reduce regional congestion
 - Address the jobs/housing imbalance
 - Provide an opportunity to create an economic generator necessary to fund the region's infrastructure needs
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Reduce Regional Congestion

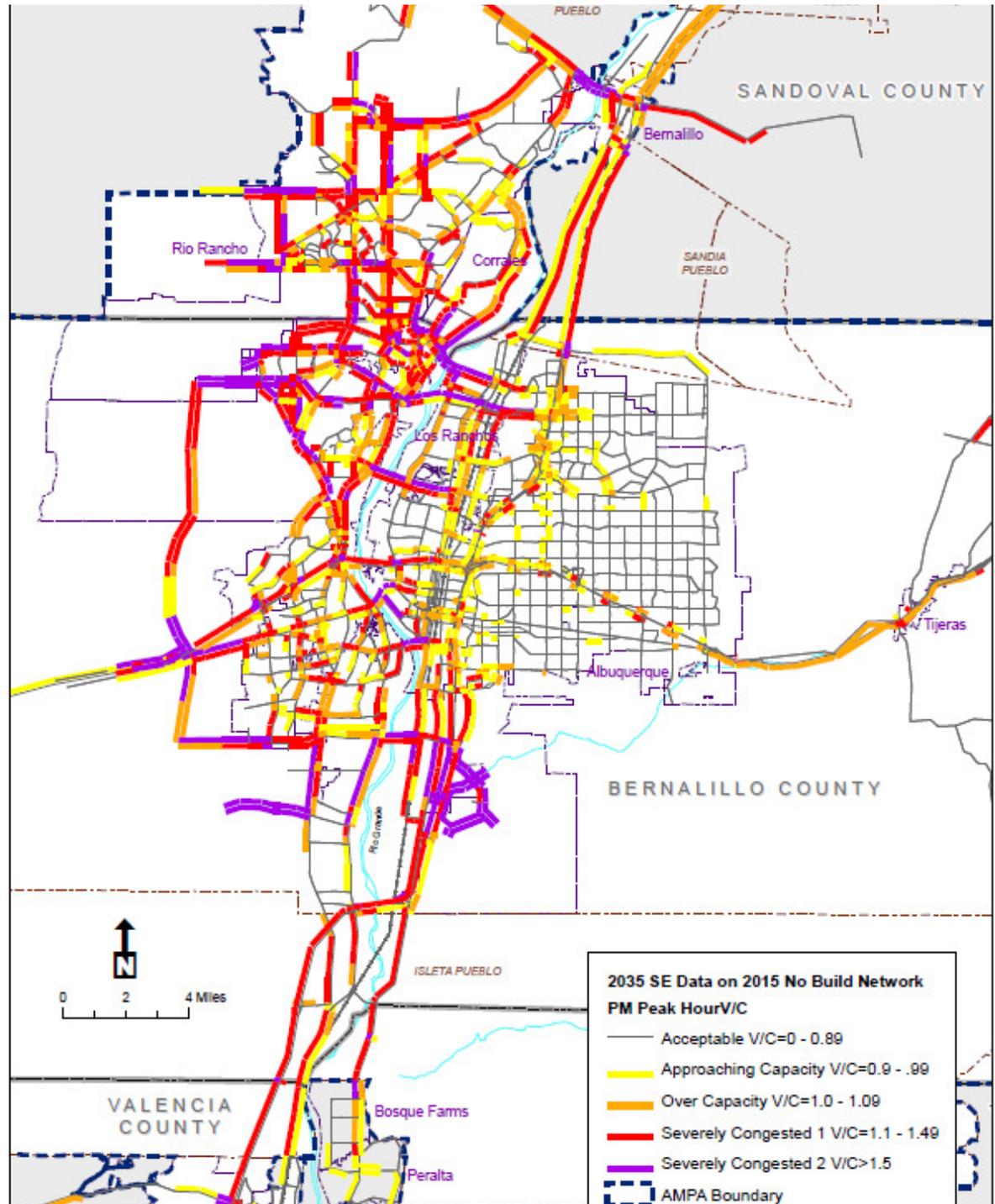


Paseo del Volcan is identified by MRCOG as an important regional roadway

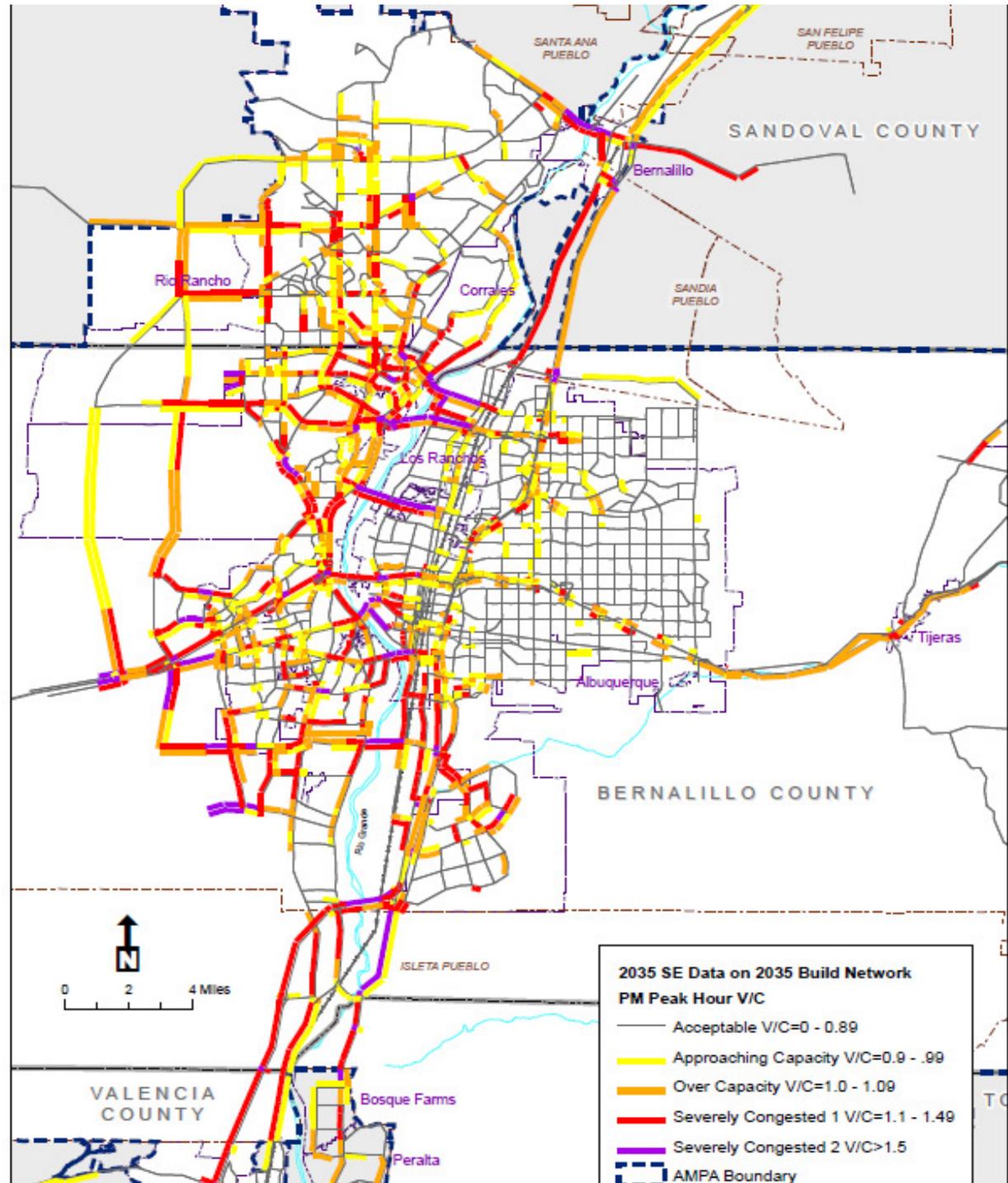


Projected
Regional
Congestion in
2035 **without**
Paseo del
Volcan

(purple
indicates
severely
congested)



Projected Regional Congestion in 2035 **with** Paseo del Volcan



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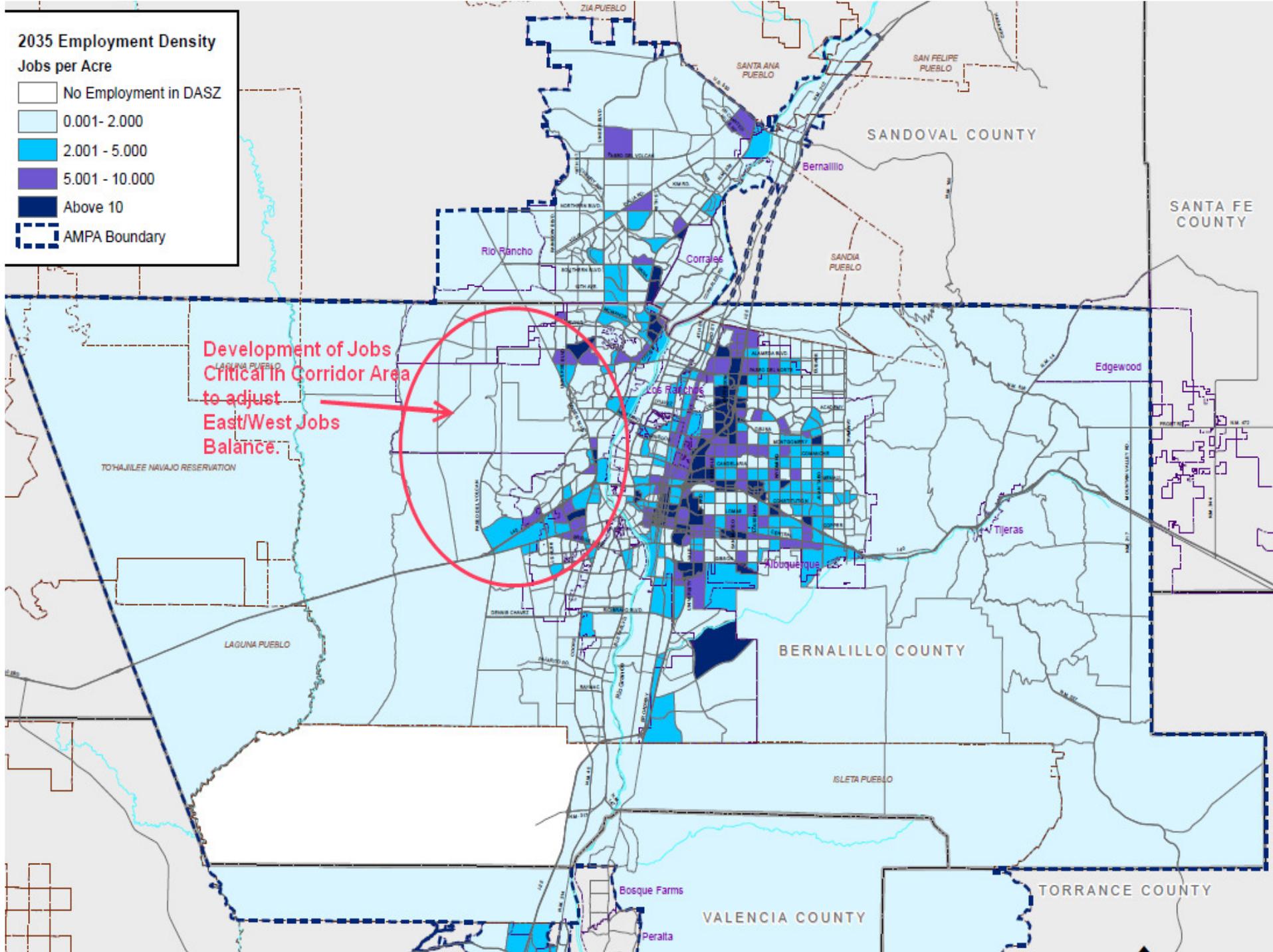
- Reduce anticipated congestion on Coors, Unser, and Atrisco Vista Boulevards
 - Connect I-40 and I-25
 - Provide a western loop bypass that would eventually connect I-25 in the north to I-25 in the south
 - Take tractor trailers off of our local streets
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Address the Jobs/Housing Imbalance



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- High number of rooftops (west side),
 - + Limited public transportation (west side),
 - + Limited bridge crossings
 - + Concentration of jobs (east side)= situation in dire need of visionary planning
 - The west side needs a major employment center to create balance and reduce the number of trips across the river
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Address the Jobs/Housing Imbalance

- Why Paseo del Volcan?
 - Catalyst to create a major employment center
 - Adequate land for a large employer
 - Land is owned by a small number of property owners who are open to working with the State, City and County
 - Opportunity for a research park that could develop and support high paying jobs
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Address the Jobs/Housing Imbalance

- Why Paseo del Volcan?
 - Desirable area for future job growth due to surrounding amenities
 - New APS Stadium
 - A school that prepares students for technical careers through academic studies and hands-on flight training
 - The Petroglyph National Monument - significant amount of open space and trails
 - A general aviation airport with potential to handle freight aircraft
 - Access to transportation systems that connect the region to the International Economy
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Benefit to Regional Economic Growth

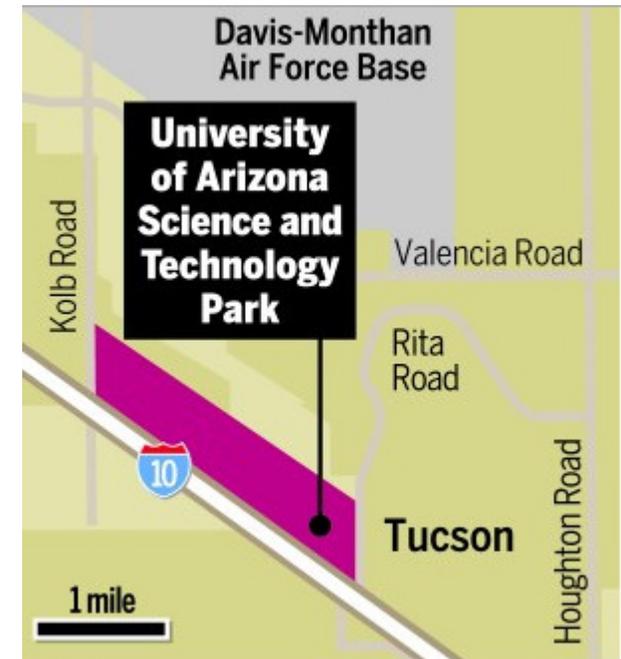
With the appropriate infrastructure and services, the Paseo del Volcan corridor can support future job growth needed to generate infrastructure funding

Regional Economic Generator

- A Major Employment Center with a Research Park at its Core
 - Include a branch of an established research university, e.g. New Mexico Tech
 - Attract entrepreneurs with start up incubators that anchors a technology park
 - Provide a facility fully able to develop and support high paying jobs
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Regional Economic Generator

- Tucson: Arizona Science and Tech Park
 - One of America's top 10 research parks
 - 50 companies with 7,000 employees
 - 1,345 acres
 - Two million sq. ft. of office and lab space
 - On-site management, office space and equipment available
 - Marketing, accounting, finance and legal assistance
 - Outdoor recreational center
 - Close to eco-friendly 94-acre park



Regional Economic Generator

- Cities with University Based Research Parks
 - Austin- University of Texas
 - Colorado Springs – University of Colorado
 - Las Cruces- New Mexico State University
 - Lubbock – Reese Research Center
 - Salt Lake City- University of Utah
 - Tempe (Phoenix Metro)- Arizona State University
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Why right now?

- Lower right-of-way costs
 - Establish limited access to preserve this opportunity
 - Avoid disrupting existing neighborhoods and businesses
 - Plan for our region's future
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Next Steps

1. Adopt legislation prioritizing this project
2. Secure additional right-of-way
3. Work together as a community to collaboratively fund this project
 - Federal Government, NMDOT, State Legislature, MRCOG, Bernalillo County, Sandoval County, Albuquerque & Rio Rancho
4. Apply for Federal funding
5. Form a private-public partnership



Questions?



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