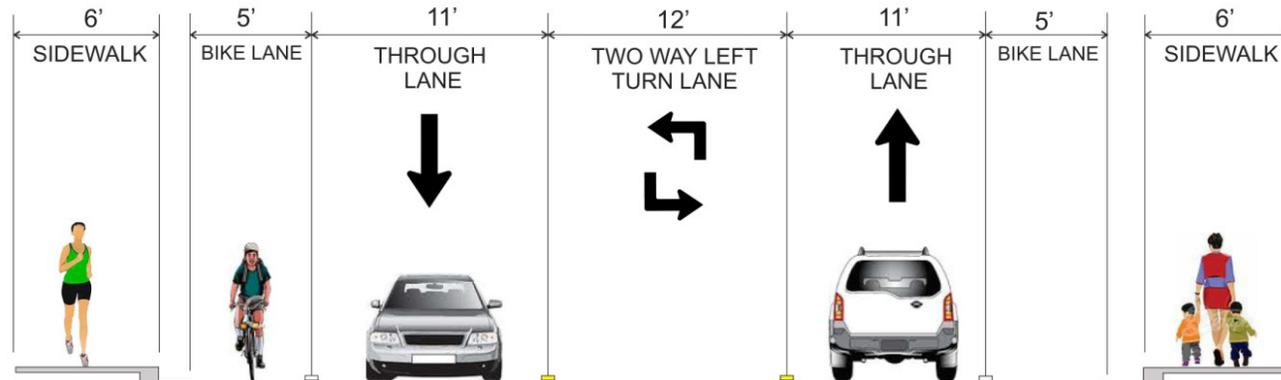


This project will involve:

- Restriping San Pedro Drive to provide:
 - ▶ A protected left turn lane into adjoining commercial centers;
 - ▶ Bicycle lanes connected to the larger city-wide bicycle lane system.



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- Creating an identity for the “Mile-Hi District” by installing signage in the right-of-way, public events and a web site.
- Installing street lights that illuminate both the street and the sidewalks.
- Improving the landscaping in public right-of-way in the District.
- Extending the bike boulevard along Mountain Road to connect to the multi-use trail system.
- Constructing a protected bike and pedestrian crossing at San Pedro Drive and Mountain Road.
- Constructing a portion of the 50 Mile Bike Loop along Alvarado Drive.
- Installing bike racks along the right of way.



Project Timeline:

- Summer 2014: Project Team released October Draft Plan for public review.
- Summer and Fall 2014: Meetings with business and property owners along San Pedro to review the planned improvements.
- Fall of 2014: Installation of Mile-Hi District identity signs.
- Fall of 2014: Decision made regarding the re-striping of San Pedro Drive.
- Fall of 2014 winter 2015: Design San Pedro re-striping, bike medians and other roadway improvements as necessary.
- Spring 2015: Design lighting improvements.
- Summer 2015: Construction of median and roadway improvements.
- Summer 2015: Design landscaping improvements



Community Meeting
 Wednesday, Sept. 17, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
 Mesa Verde Community Center
 7900 Marquette NE, Albuquerque

**A project to
 revitalize the
 San Pedro
 Corridor from
 Lomas to I-40**

Community Meeting about the San Pedro Corridor

September 17, 2014

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Mesa Verde Community Center

Dear Neighbor,

Time marches on, tastes and trends evolve, the City grows and adapts. Such is also true for San Pedro Drive between Bellamah and Lomas. If you live or work nearby, you have experienced the challenges this corridor presents.

There is Energy Here!

Both sides of San Pedro Drive have very active, organized associations – Mark Twain Neighborhood Association on the east side and Fair Heights Neighborhood Association on the west. The September 2012 San Pedro Promenade was hugely successful and people are still talking about it. Long-time destinations like ABC Cakes, Mike's Gym, Christie Mae's, Fair Plaza, Foreign Aide and Jerky by Art have an established base of loyal clientele who return to San Pedro time after time. A new focus on San Pedro will rejuvenate this eclectic urban community and create a walkable, commercial corridor that serves local residents and visitors with daily services and destinations, such as coffee shops and restaurants. I want to further these efforts by making a safer street infrastructure that serves all users in this area.

Better Access Needed for Local Businesses!

The four lane configuration along San Pedro currently makes it difficult for vehicles to turn left into businesses along the corridor and rear-end collisions are frequent. The four lanes of fast-moving traffic and lack of a center refuge or median make pedestrian crossings difficult for neighborhood residents, students at nearby Mark Twain Elementary and other pedestrians. Moreover, adopted City policies call for San Pedro to provide bike lanes for its entire length but the segment between Menaul and the State Fairgrounds remains a critical missing link. Though the established businesses have survived, I have observed increasing business vacancies.

What We're Doing About It:

I recently requested that the Department of Municipal Development conduct a traffic assessment to determine the pros and cons of reconfiguring San Pedro between Marble and Haines to one travel lane in each direction, to create a center left-turn lane for patrons accessing local businesses and, where appropriate, pedestrian and bicycle refuges for crossing the street. The San Pedro traffic counts are well within the thresholds to make a lane reduction possible without substantially changing traffic numbers. The City has seen positive results with a similar project that reduced the number of traffic lanes on Central Ave. between 8th Street and San Pasquale, west of Downtown. On this corridor traffic counts have stayed relatively the same and businesses are thriving, new development is occurring, and more pedestrians are present.

Local residents and businesses along San Pedro are working to establish a district that builds on the variety of businesses along this corridor. The neighbors branded the Mile-Hi District to highlight and capitalize on its unique location right at 5,280 feet. We are poised to be at the epicenter of a major network of new and/or updated bicycle routes and facilities, including a planned Bicycle Boulevard along Mountain Road and the proposed 50-mile "Activity Loop" for cyclists and pedestrians that will pass through this area.

Other enhancements include installing enhanced street lighting that covers both the street and the sidewalk, added landscaping and signs identifying the Mile-Hi District.

I hope to see you on the 17th!

Sincerely,



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