



Frequently Asked Questions:

? What is this project?

Improvements include reconstruction and widening of the Frontage Road, upgrades to the storm drain system, installation of designated bike and pedestrian facilities, decorative street and pedestrian lighting, and safety and access enhancements at major intersections, including 98th Street, Bridge Boulevard, and 90th Street. Temporary lane closures or detours may occur during construction, but access to local streets will be maintained whenever possible to minimize disruption.

? When will this project happen?

The project is currently in the preliminary design and planning phase. Construction is anticipated to begin sometime in early 2027, once designs are finalized and all approvals are secured. While specific construction dates are still being determined, the project team will provide schedule updates through public notices and community outreach.

? Why is this important?

West Central Avenue connects neighborhoods, schools, and local businesses, making it a critical route for the community. The project will address key safety concerns, improve stormwater drainage to reduce flooding, and create safer, more accessible routes for walking and biking. These enhancements will improve mobility and quality of life for all who use this section of Central Avenue.

? Who benefits?

The project will directly benefit drivers through safer intersections and smoother traffic flow, pedestrians through new sidewalks and crossings, and cyclists through dedicated bike lanes and multi-use trails. The broader community will benefit from improved lighting, safer streets, and better drainage, creating a corridor that works for everyone.

? Is this project funded?

The City of Albuquerque in coordination with the New Mexico Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration have identified local and federal funding for the design and construction of this project.

? How do I provide comments?

The comment period is open until July 24, 2026. Please submit comments in person at the July 15, 2026 open house or by email to bgarrett@cabq.gov. More information is available at www.cabq.gov/westcentral.

? How will my input inform the project?

Public feedback will be reviewed by the project team and considered in the design process. The project team will work to incorporate public feedback into improvements while ensuring that engineering and safety standards are being met.

? Will any property lines be impacted?

While the project design team makes every effort to reduce impacts outside the existing public Right of Way, sometimes there is work needed on private property for the project to function properly and be constructable. As currently proposed this project will have some impacts, and individual property owners will be contacted to discuss in more detail in preparation for the Right of Way negotiation process.

? Will access to my business be impacted?

The existing corridor has sections with an unimproved roadside without curb lines. The new curbs will define access points, and the project design team wants to work with property owners to understand any unique access needs.

? Will speed limits be reduced?

The project design team is conducting an engineering study that will provide recommendations on a possible speed limit reduction. Some research shows that many elements currently proposed to be included in the project result in traffic calming and reduced speeds.

? What will happen to the bus stops?

Additional coordination with ABQ Ride is planned as the design progresses. In general the bus stops within project limits will be improved to be accessed from the new facilities and may be relocated closer to signalized pedestrian crossings.

? What will happen at the Bridge Boulevard intersection?

As currently proposed, the design closes traffic access to the segment of Bridge Boulevard between Central Avenue and 90th Street. The existing Bridge Boulevard intersection will be converted to focus on access to businesses and to minimize crash conflicts. Bridge Boulevard traffic is proposed to be routed through a new traffic signal at the Central Avenue and 90th Street intersection, which will help traffic flow smoothly and provide a signalized pedestrian crossing.



For more information and project updates, please visit:
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Questions?

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