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Mr. Charles Griego, Mayor
Village of Los Lunas
660 Main Street NW
Los Lunas, New Mexico 87031

RE: Los Lunas River Crossing Corridor and the Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Dear Mayor Griego:

The Metropolitan Transportation Board of the Mid-Region Metropolitan Planning Organization, on April 17, 2015, approved *Futures 2040 the Metropolitan Transportation Plan* (2040 MTP) for the Albuquerque Metropolitan Planning Area and the FFY 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

The proposed Los Lunas River Crossing Arterial from I-25 to NM 47, including a new interchange on I-25, is included in the 2040 MTP and is a regional priority.

The 2040 MTP includes the proposed Los Lunas river crossing in the plan. Section 3.2.4(a) lists the corridor as a "*Major east/west facility expansion project*". In addition, the new arterial roadway is shown on several maps including:

Map 3-12 Roadway Network Expansion Projects Included in the 2040 MTP

Map 3-13 Limited Access Facilities in Albuquerque Metropolitan Planning Area (shown as proposed)
The project is in the listing in Appendix A of all 2040 MTP projects. Appendix B which describes projects of special interest, provides the information noted on the next page.

The FFY 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) includes funding for the Village of Los Lunas to complete acquisition of rights-of-way for the corridor (ref. project A300961).

If you require additional information please contact me at (505) 724-3621 or dpennella@mrcog-nm.gov.

Sincerely,

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Transportation Program Manager



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Appendix B: Special Projects List *Futures 2040, Metropolitan Transportation Plan*

for the

Albuquerque Metropolitan Planning Area

Adopted April 17, 2015 by the
Metropolitan Transportation Board of the Mid-Region Metropolitan Planning Organization

Los Lunas New River Crossing Arterial

Project Description

In 2012, the Mid-Region Council of Governments in collaboration with the Village of Los Lunas and the New Mexico Department of Transportation concluded the Alternatives Analysis Report for the Los Lunas Corridor Study. The report evaluated the need for an east-west roadway that would connect to existing north-south highways (I-25, NM 314 and NM 47). In Valencia County only three bridges span the Rio Grande: NM 6 in Los Lunas, NM 309 in Belen, and NM 346 south of Belen; only NM 6 provides a direct east-west connection to I-25. The NM 6 and NM 309 bridges are 10.5 miles apart limiting cross-river connectivity. The study recommended the Morris B Alignment as the locally preferred alternative. This alignment proposes the construction of a new interchange at I-25, a new bridge over the Rio Grande to NM 47.

Project Status and Implementation Timeframe

The Village of Los Lunas began acquisition of rights-of-way necessary for the corridor under A300961. Construction of the new arterial will be done in phases.

Segment	Estimated Cost (2012 \$)	Possible Fund Sources	Time Frame
<i>Los Lunas Corridor Rights-of-Way Acquisition</i>	<i>remaining \$3,500,000</i>	<i>Public</i>	<i>current and as phased-in</i>
<i>Design & Construct Arterial & New Interchange I-25 to NM 314</i>	<i>\$22,000,000</i>	<i>Public</i>	<i>2015-2025</i>
<i>Design & Construct Arterial & Rio Grande Bridge NM 314 to NM 47</i>	<i>\$37,591,000</i>	<i>Public</i>	<i>2026-2040</i>
<i>Design & Construct Frontage Roads I-25 to NM 314</i>	<i>\$ 3,000,000</i>	<i>Public</i>	<i>2026-2040</i>