

CITY OF BELEN

Resolution No. 2010-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BELEN, NEW MEXICO, IN SUPPORT OF THE CONTINUATION OF THE LOS LUNAS CORRIDOR STUDY.

WHEREAS, the Valencia County Mobility Plan as updated August 29, 2008 makes a recommendation to study a new interchange on I-25 between Miller Road and Morris Road that would connect to a new transportation corridor extending east to the Manzano Expressway.

WHEREAS, the Village of Los Lunas obtained funding for the Los Lunas Corridor Study to fulfill the recommendation of the Valencia County Mobility Plan and provide relief to congestion on NM6 through the Village.

WHEREAS, the Village of Los Lunas entered into a memorandum of agreement with the Mid-Region Council of Governments to manage the study in coordination with various local governments and with input from area residents, businesses, and other stakeholders.

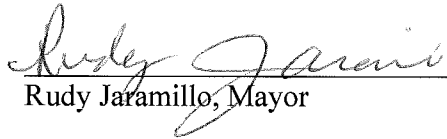
WHEREAS, the Los Lunas Corridor Study is intended to evaluate various factors including: existing and anticipated future conditions and factors that affect future traffic growth and travel destinations within the corridor study area; the type, location, and amount of growth and development within Valencia County will affect traffic volumes and travel patterns; and, potential solutions to improve travel and to reduce congestion on Main Street. The Study will also assess options that are viable and reasonable for their cost and travel benefits.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the City of Belen, New Mexico, that:

1. The City of Belen supports the need for a new east-west arterial street that would span the area from Interstate 25 to NM 47.
2. The No-Action Alternative and the eight build alternatives that have been evaluated to date represent a thorough investigation of reasonable alternatives for consideration. Consideration of additional alternatives is not warranted.
3. The City agrees that a reasonable effort has been made to involve the public and consider public comments in the analyses and recommendations.
4. The investigations, analyses, and public involvement conducted for the initial analysis of alternatives are adequate to conclude the first phase of the Los Lunas Corridor Study with recommendations to eliminate certain alternatives from further consideration.

5. The City supports the findings of the Project Team and Steering Committee specific to the alignments that are recommended for elimination and those that are recommended for further investigation and analysis, as illustrated in the attached Exhibit A.
6. The No-Action Alternative and an alternative that includes improvements to NM 6 are also to be carried forward for further consideration and analysis.

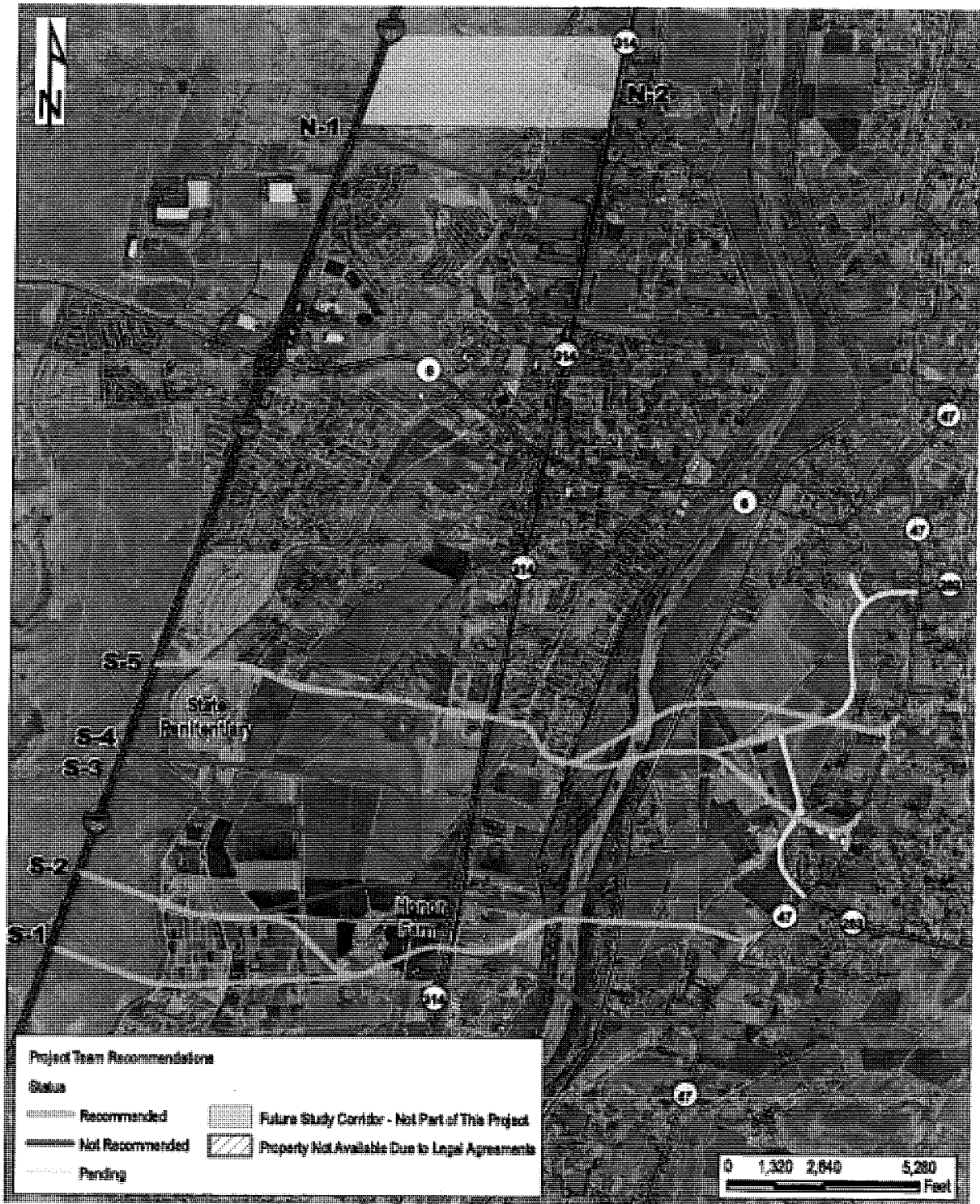
PASSED, APPROVED, SIGNED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of June, 2010.

  
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Rudy Jaramillo, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Lucy Baca, Interim City Manager

# EXHIBIT 'A'



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CITY OF BELEN  
RESOLUTION NO. 2011-23

A Resolution supporting the Village of Los Lunas in their adoption of the Locally-Preferred Alternative for the Los Lunas Corridor Study.

**WHEREAS**, representatives from the City of Belen participated in the Los Lunas Corridor Study (LLCS) led by the Village of Los Lunas and Mid-Region Council of Governments; and

**WHEREAS**, the objective of the Los Lunas Corridor Study was to address congestion on Main Street (NM 6) through the Village and to evaluate east-west mobility problems and other long-term transportation needs that affect the Village and the County; and,

**WHEREAS**, the study was conducted in collaboration with other governmental entities within Valencia County including the County, Town of Peralta, and the Town of Tomé Land Grant; and

**WHEREAS**, the study identified and evaluated several alternatives to address the congestion and accessibility problems facing Main Street through Los Lunas; and

**WHEREAS**, the study was conducted with an extensive public involvement program that included four public meetings at project milestones, a steering committee comprised of stakeholder governments, a citizen advisory committee, frequent briefings to elected officials, and numerous meetings with individual property owners, neighborhoods, business groups, and others; and

**WHEREAS**, the corridor study and recommended actions are consistent with the Federal Highway Administration's Planning and Environmental Linkages guidance and the New Mexico Department of Transportation's Location Study Procedures; and,

**WHEREAS**, consultation with the US Army Corps of Engineers is underway to fulfill the early coordination requirements of their Section 404(b)(1) guidelines and to determine the Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative for purposes of future Section 404 permit requirements; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Project Technical Team and the Steering Committee recommended the "Morris B" Alternative as the preferred alternative due to its traffic benefits, lower costs, and lower impacts to the community, cultural resources, and environment; and

**WHEREAS**, public comments generally favor the Morris B Alternative; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Los Lunas adopted Resolution ##-11 that designated Morris B as the locally preferred alternative; and

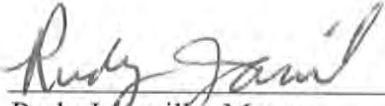
**WHEREAS**, the implementation of the Morris B Alternative will provide mobility, accessibility, and safety benefits to all of the communities within the urbanized portions of Valencia County and is an important part of the future transportation system serving the County and municipalities; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Los Lunas intends to begin steps to preserve the recommended alignment and protect the corridor from further development.


**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Body of the City of Belen, that:

1. The City supports the Village of Los Lunas and concurs with their findings and decision to select the "Morris B" Alternative as the locally preferred alternative; and

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011.

  
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Rudy Jaramillo, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Lucy Baca  
Interim City Manager