

**Public Information Meeting
Southern Boulevard Preliminary Design Project
April 22, 2014
Meadowlark Senior Center**

Question and Answer Session

(Project team responses are in italics)

Q – How many access points do you have now and how many are you proposing?

A – I don't have numbers.

Q – What is cost of moving transmission line?

A – It is very pricy. If it were to happen.

Q – What was date range of accidents?

A – 2009-2011.

Q – How many fatal accidents?

A – Two fatal accidents.

Q – Is there an option to put transmission lines underground?

A – We will talk to PNM. It would probably price us out of the project.

Q – Are you looking at the long-term costs of maintaining landscape plants? It is a cost burden to taxpayers.

Q – Without landscaping a road is not attractive.

A – We have a landscape architect who has balanced landscaping costs. You are both right. It is a real expense and costs taxpayers money. Having a beautiful corridor helps businesses thrive and generate money.

Q – The costs needs to be brought out.

A – We will be trying to balance cost and landscaping.

Q – Maybe in next round of elections, for politicians to put signs on kiosque's. It hurts landscaping.

Q – Do you have a timeframe for construction? It affects businesses. If I have to lay people off, is there any restitution?

A – When you build a project there will be inconvenience. We task engineering companies to look closely at access to business so people can get in and get out easily. If there needs to be a complete shut off, look at work in the middle of night.

Q – Don't hire people who did Bernalillo.

A – Thankfully there always lessoned learned.

Q - Where does 6-lane corridor begins and ends?

A – We have not established it yet. We have to look at future volumes. It may not be needed anywhere.

Q – Six lane could be in one section but not another.

A – Yes, such as between golf course and Unser.

Q – Left turn lanes such as 19th and NM 528 or NM 528 and Westside, you may have 2 cars versus 15 cars making left turn depending on time of day. I would like to see technology to allow green arrow for number of cars.

A – We evaluate volumes of intersections for different turning movements and base signal timing based on that evaluation. We can always evaluate certain intersections. We are in the process of getting a signal system for the entire city.

Q – What do cameras do at intersection?

A – They are for detecting cars. We have moved now to radar technology. It is more effective.

Q – A water shutdown on Southern affected our restaurant. It would help us with an email blast or whatever to notify us in advance. I am less likely to get upset if I am notified in advance. Even a little leaflet at restaurant instead of oh I am sorry.

A – That is very difficult to get contact information.

Q - Striping of streets – some areas need to be restriped. Every 2years the whole city should be restriped. When it rains in some areas, can't see lanes. I would like to city striped ½ one-year ½ the other year.

A – We have been able to leverage striping with state funding. We are going to put striping on a regular.

Q – It is like landscaping, so City Council can figure in costs.

Q – I am really concerned about noise. It is already loud now. There have been two accidents where I have had to replace the wall.

A – We will look at noise and how it affects property.

Q – The four lanes will get more volume.

A – We anticipate the volumes will be increasing. The impacts will be looked at.

Q – Who do you provide comments on noise?

A – We can accept comments now. This will not be the last project meeting. You can contact Leila and Savina directly.

Q – On construction, there have been situations like NM 528 and Coors, it took for ever to get done. Is construction going to be 8, 10, 18 hours per day? It is frustrating to close lanes if no one is working.

A – We generally try to construction 7 to 7. Each project will have its unique traffic control plan. Frequently contractors will submit their own construction plan modification. Our staff will examine it closely before approving it. That will become part of the formal bid.

Q – We have a beautiful section for parades. I would like more benches for people to sit. That should be part of the project.

Q – I see Sara taking some of this volume. Are there any plans for Sara?

A – There are no current plans for Sara; perhaps in the future.

Q – How will future information be communicated?

A – We have made a big push to get information out. Now we have email addresses and mailing addresses. The ads are in the RR Observer, W Side Journal. Information will be placed on CORR website.

A – Thank you this is a great turnout. Thanks for coming.