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Bridge Boulevard from the Rio Grande to Coors Boulevard

\$2,500,000 is requested for the reconstruction of Bridge Boulevard between the Rio Grande and Coors Boulevard. The project will include complete reconstruction of Bridge Boulevard with a modified cross-section to include improved roadway drainage and utilities, two driving lanes in each direction, two bike lanes in each direction, a raised center median with limited turning lanes and median landscaping, wide pedestrian sidewalks with amenities, roadside landscaping, improved traffic signalization with ITS components, improved cross-street intersections, improved access to adjacent businesses and residents, new street lighting, new pedestrian lighting, transit stops, queue jumper lanes, and “Hawk” signalization pedestrian crossings. Roundabouts at two major intersections are to be considered in the design process, possibly for incorporation in future construction phases. The project will require limited land acquisition, primarily at intersections; environmental compliance; design; and construction. Planning along this corridor has been completed, and this planning level work includes changes in land use designations to promote economic development, high-density housing for senior citizens, and improved livability for the South Valley community. As one of only a few river crossings within the Albuquerque metropolitan area, traffic on this very important roadway is expected to increase substantially in the coming years to address the growing southwest quadrant of Bernalillo County. Emphasis on alternate forms of transportation to the single-occupancy vehicle is being encouraged, and implemented in the design concept. Federal funding has been requested in future years, but additional funding is needed at this time to begin the design process. The amount requested herein is expected to fully fund the design and environmental work necessary. Upon receiving the expected federal funding in FY 2016, construction can then begin immediately thereafter.



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