



County Manager's Office

March 15, 2018

Ms. Clarissa Martinez  
Local Government Road Fund Coordinator  
New Mexico Department of Transportation  
PO Box 1149  
Santa Fe, NM 87504

RE: Letter of Intent – FY 2019 MAP Application  
NM 502 (Trinity Drive)/20<sup>th</sup> Street Intersection Signalization Project

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Dear Ms. Martinez:

Thank you for notifying the Incorporated County of Los Alamos of the funding opportunity through the Municipal Arterial Program (MAP). We are pleased to submit the referenced project and enclosed MAP application in the total amount of \$400,000 for your consideration. Council County supports the project and has authorized me to submit this letter on the County's behalf.

The project proposes a new traffic signal at the intersection of NM 502 and 20<sup>th</sup> Street, an existing two-way, stop controlled intersection. NM 502, also known as Trinity Drive, is an arterial state highway that serves as the major east/west route into and out of the Los Alamos townsite. It is intersected by 20<sup>th</sup> Street, a County collector street that serves our downtown business and historic district, Ashley Pond Park, Teen & Youth Activity Centers, public school administrative offices, retail and commercial properties including an adult day care facility, and the Canyon Rim Trail. Additionally, the County recently completed street, utility, and multiuse trail improvements on the southern portion of 20<sup>th</sup> Street as part of Council approved economic and tourism initiatives that includes upcoming development of adjacent mixed-use parcels. Finally, the intersection with signalized improvements would serve to provide a safe crossing and critical link for extending the urban multiuse trail system north through the downtown area as programmed in our Bicycle Transportation Plan.

Given the current and anticipated land uses served by this intersection, pedestrian and vehicular travel is expected to rise at this location and the safety improvements proposed under this project are of high priority. Therefore, the County initiated the enclosed traffic study that demonstrates the need and that traffic signal warrants will be met.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Desirae Lujan, Senior Engineer, at (505) 662-8212 or by email at [desirae.lujan@lacnm.us](mailto:desirae.lujan@lacnm.us).

We appreciate your consideration and look forward to working with the NMDOT on this much needed project.

Sincerely,

Harry Burgess  
County Manager

Enclosures: 2019 MAP Application  
Traffic Study

cc: Philo Shelton, P.E., Public Works Director  
Eric Martinez, P.E., County Engineer  
Desirae Lujan, P.E., Senior Engineer  
David Griego, Finance Office