

INCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS RESOLUTION NO. 24-29

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO IMPLEMENT A HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IDENTIFIED AS HYBRID ROAD DIET TWO, ALONG TRINITY DRIVE BETWEEN CROSS-STREETS OPPENHEIMER DRIVE AND KNECHT STREET

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) completed a Road Safety Audit in February 2016 for Trinity Drive, a state-owned highway, also known as NM 502, from Oppenheimer Drive to 15th Street, within the Incorporated County of Los Alamos (County) consisting of a review of pedestrian safety; mobility and operations; and multi-modal transportation features, with a findings-summary recommending improvements; and

WHEREAS, County applied for grant funding to implement improvements identified in the Road Safety Audit and was awarded \$4.25 Million in Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funding for design, right-of-way acquisition and construction of safety improvements along the section of Trinity Drive between Oppenheimer Drive and 15th Street; and

WHEREAS, on June 6, 2024, several roadway improvement alternatives were presented to and considered by the County Transportation Board (Board) and public input was received; and

WHEREAS, on August 6, 2024, County staff and an engineering consultant presented the findings of an engineering analysis, a log of the public input received, and proposed roadway alternative improvements to the Los Alamos County Council; and

WHEREAS, on August 6, 2024, Council selected proposed Alternative Three, Hybrid Road Diet Two, with a Council request to further consider reducing the number of curb-cuts on the North and South side of Trinity Drive between Oppenheimer Drive and Knecht Street, if appropriate; and

WHEREAS, Alternative Road Diet Two reduces the existing five-lane road to a four-lane road consisting of a center turn lane, two vehicular eastbound lanes, one vehicular westbound lane, and two bicycle lanes, with enhancements to adjacent pedestrian facilities; and

WHEREAS, the NMDOT typically requires a resolution of support from the local governing body to illustrate the community's support of the project and thereafter the NMDOT supports the project to proceed to final design and subsequent bidding and construction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Incorporated County of Los Alamos supports implementation of Alternative Three, Hybrid Road Diet Two from Oppenheimer Drive to Knecht Street.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of September 2024.

**COUNCIL OF THE INCORPORATED
COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS**

**Denise Derkacs,
Council Chair**

ATTEST:

**Naomi D. Maestas,
Los Alamos County Clerk**