

TRAFFIC SAFETY UPDATE

Incorporated County of Los Alamos

County Council

May 12, 2026

Los Alamos County Crash Summary

LOS ALAMOS COUNTY CRASH SUMMARY

Year	All Crashes				Pedestrian				Bicycle			
	Fatal	Injury	Property Damage Only	Total	Fatal	Injury	Property Damage Only	Total	Fatal	Injury	Property Damage Only	Total
2019	1	44	91	136	1	0	0	1	0	3	0	3
2020	2	28	82	112	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
2021	3	33	59	95	1	1	0	2	0	4	0	4
2022	0	37	102	139	0	1	0	1	0	6	0	6
2023	0	40	88	128	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	5
2024	2	33	116	151	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	1
2025	0	35	98	133	0	2	0	2	0	4	1	5
Total	8	250	636	894	2	6	0	8	0	25	1	26

Source - New Mexico DOT Crash Records

LOS ALAMOS COUNTY 5-YEAR AVERAGE

Years	All Crashes				Pedestrian				Bicycle			
	Fatal	Injury	Property Damage Only	Total	Fatal	Injury	Property Damage Only	Total	Fatal	Injury	Property Damage Only	Total
2019-2023	1.2	36.4	84.4	122.0	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.8	0.0	4.0	0.0	4.0
2020-2024	1.4	34.2	89.4	125.0	0.2	0.8	0.0	1.0	0.0	3.6	0.0	3.6
2021-2025	1.0	35.6	92.6	129.2	0.2	1.2	0.0	1.4	0.0	4.0	0.2	4.2

CRASH RATE PER 1,000 POPULATION

Years	All Crashes							
	Fatal		Injury		Property Damage Only		Total	
	Los Alamos	New Mexico	Los Alamos	New Mexico	Los Alamos	New Mexico	Los Alamos	New Mexico
2019-2023	0.06	0.19	1.87	5.98	4.35	13.58	6.28	19.75
2020-2024	0.07	0.19	1.76	5.89	4.60	13.38	6.44	19.45
2021-2025	0.05	-	1.83	-	4.77	-	6.65	-

Years	Pedestrian							
	Fatal		Injury		Property Damage Only		Total	
	Los Alamos	New Mexico	Los Alamos	New Mexico	Los Alamos	New Mexico	Los Alamos	New Mexico
2019-2023	0.02	0.04	0.02	0.23	0.00	0.02	0.04	0.29
2020-2024	0.01	0.05	0.04	0.23	0.00	0.02	0.05	0.29
2021-2025	0.01	-	0.06	-	0.00	-	0.07	-

Years	Bicycle							
	Fatal		Injury		Property Damage Only		Total	
	Los Alamos	New Mexico	Los Alamos	New Mexico	Los Alamos	New Mexico	Los Alamos	New Mexico
2019-2023	0.00	0.004	0.21	0.12	0.00	0.01	0.21	0.14
2020-2024	0.00	0.003	0.19	0.12	0.00	0.02	0.19	0.14
2021-2025	0.00	-	0.21	-	0.01	-	0.22	-

2020 Census Population:
 Los Alamos = 19,419
 New Mexico = 2,118,606

Fatal Crash Locations 2019-2025



Pedestrian Crash Locations 2019-2025

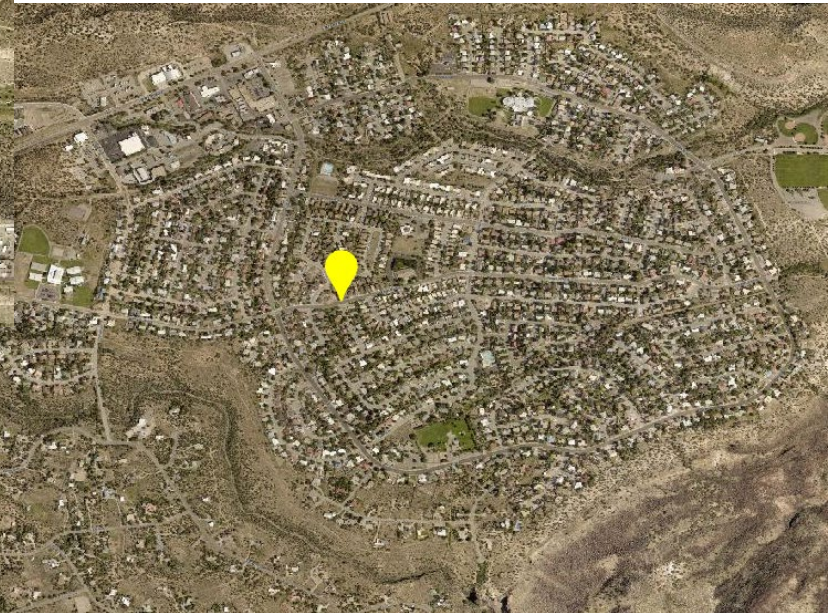


Bicycle Crash Locations 2019-2025



CRASH SEVERITY

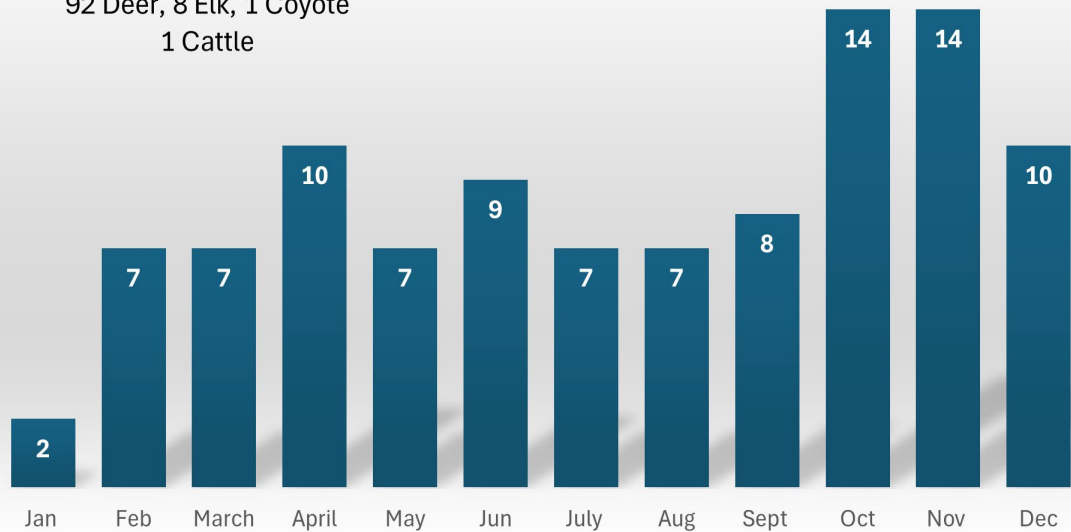
- Fatal Crash
- Injury Crash
- Property Damage Only Crash
- Not Classified



Large Game Animal Hits 2024-2025

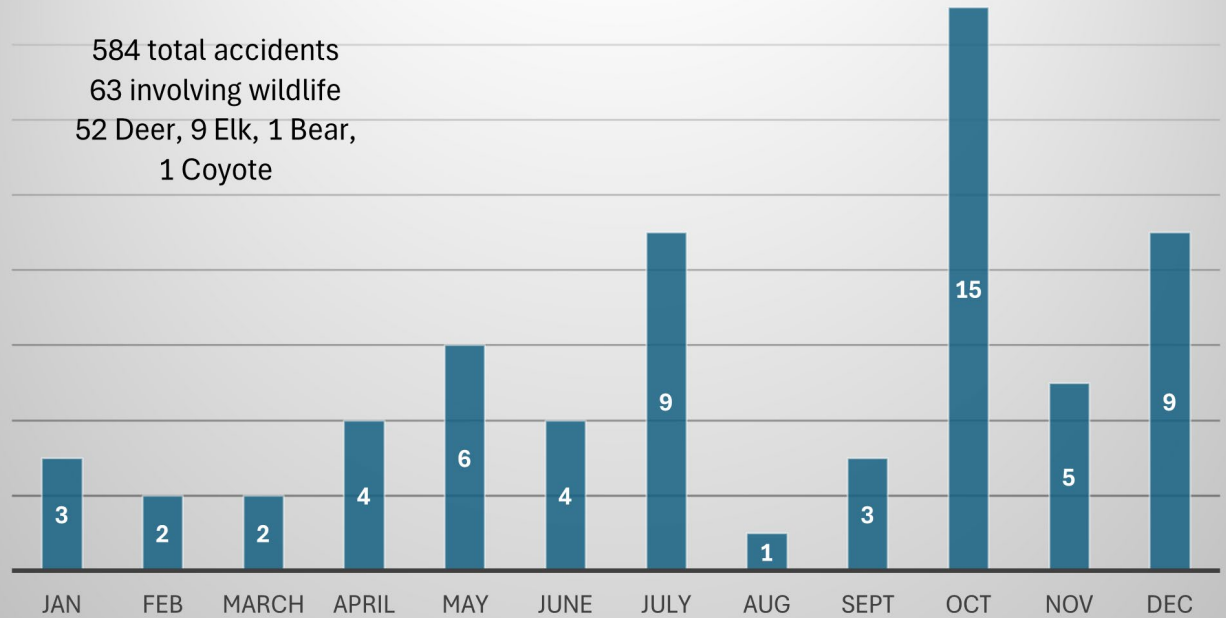
Large Game Animals Hit by Car 2024

649-Total accidents
102 Involving wildlife
92 Deer, 8 Elk, 1 Coyote
1 Cattle



Large Game Animals Hit by Car 2025

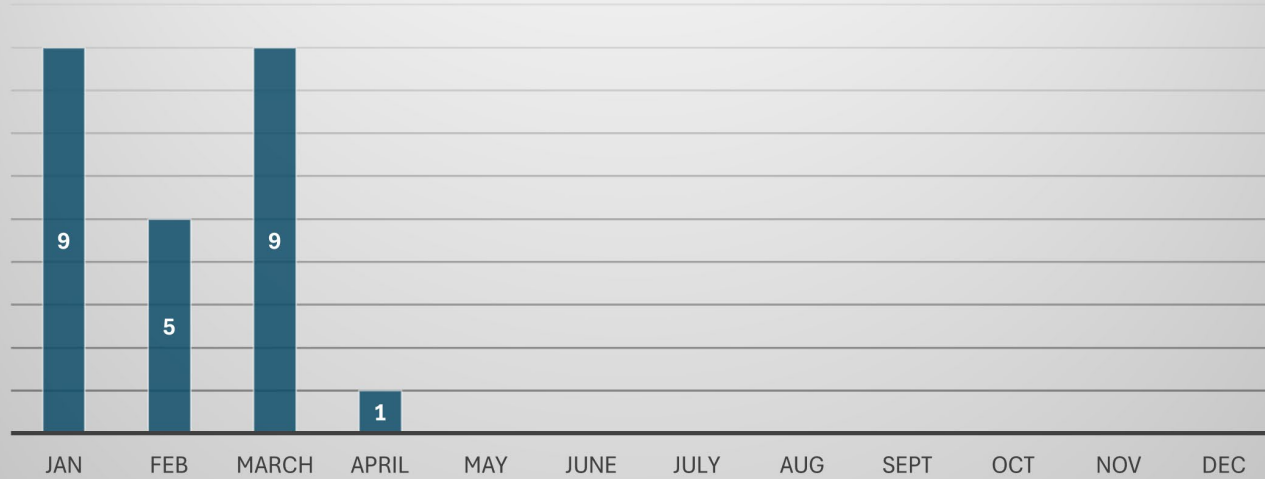
584 total accidents
63 involving wildlife
52 Deer, 9 Elk, 1 Bear,
1 Coyote



Large Game Animal Hits 2026

Large Game Animals HBC 2026

189 total accidents
22 Deer, 2 Elk



Jan-26

4244 Diamond Dr	Deer
MM 66 NM 4 (35.850640970002 -106.219464968686)	ELK
4244 Diamond Dr	Deer
MM 4 Pajarito (35.847059953417 -106.270556683403)	Elk
Diamond/35th St (35.900080990618 -106.315992593188)	Deer
4244 Diamond Dr	Deer
NM 4/Monte Rey Dr N	Deer
4244 Diamond Dr	Deer
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Feb-26

1910 Trinity Dr	Deer
MM 65 NM 4 (35.839820969310 -106.207823968152)	Deer
Diamond/35th St (35.900080990618 -106.315992593188)	Deer
NM 4/Pajarito	Deer
2000 Diamond	Deer

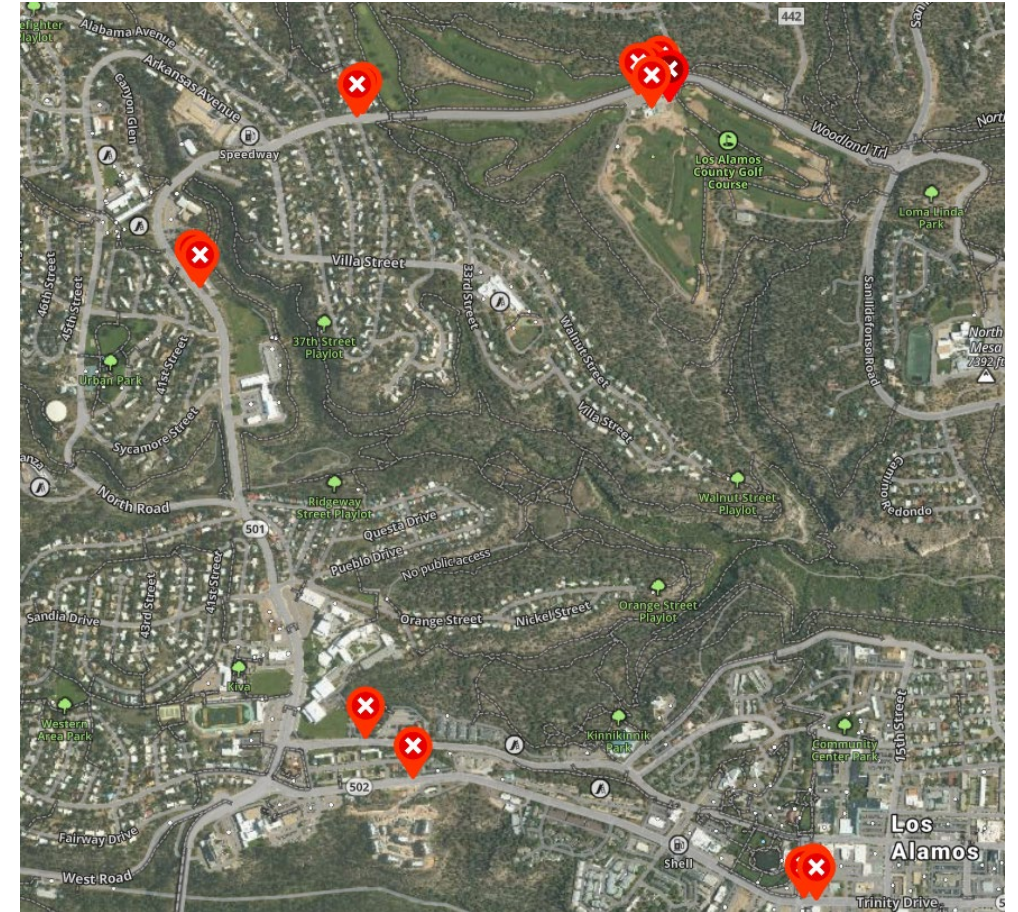
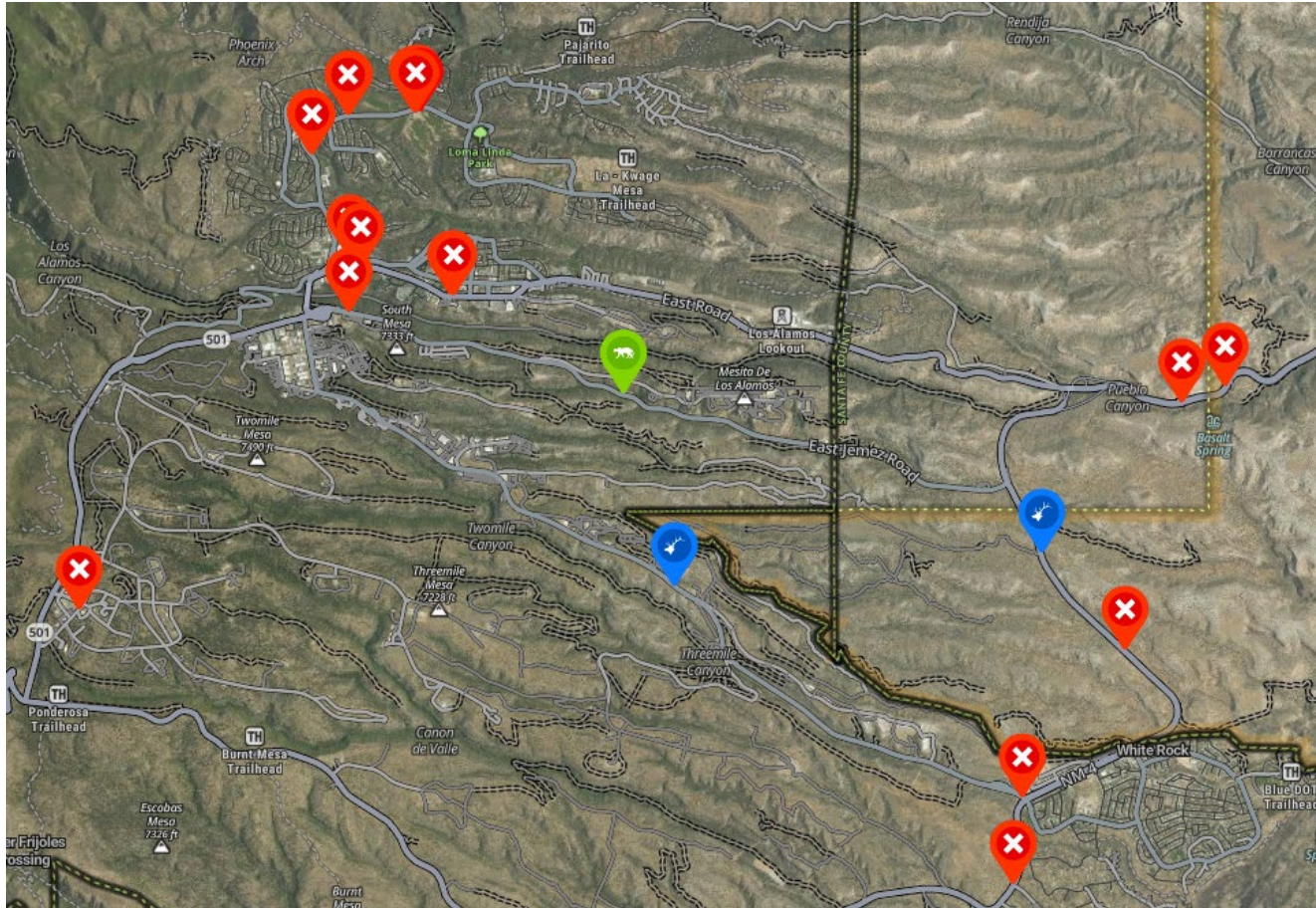
Mar-26

27 Bunker Rd (35.844261502980 -106.352947527495)	Deer
2000 Diamond	Deer
TWIN TANKS (35.869307842822 -106.193256614562)	Deer
1973 Trinity Dr	Deer
3700 Canyon Rd	Deer
MM 7 NM 502 (35.867712970510 -106.199954968278)	Deer
1910 Trinity Dr	Deer
MM 7 E Jemez (35.868747380616 -106.277652610249)	Mtn Lion
Trinity/36th St	Deer

Apr-26

3701 E Jemez Rd	Deer
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Large Game Animal Hit Locations 2026



3 E's of Road Safety & Safe System Approach

- **ENGINEERING** – Creates Safe Infrastructure
- **EDUCATION** – Promotes Safe Behavior
- **ENFORCEMENT** – Holds Driver/Pedestrians/Bicyclists Accountable

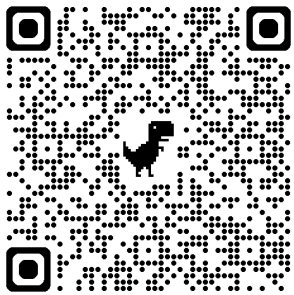
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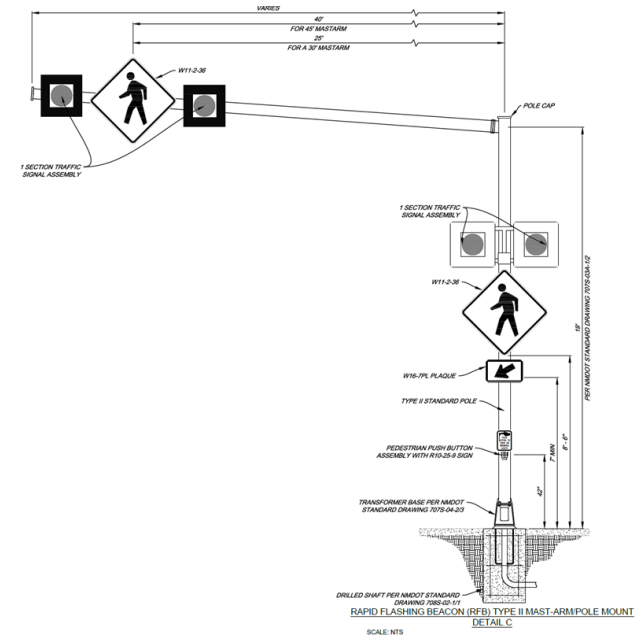
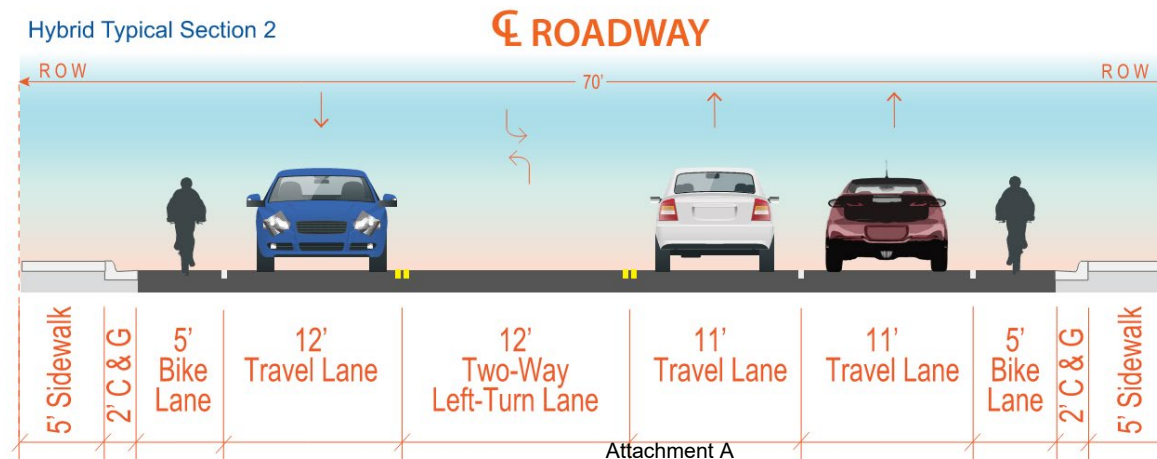
Trinity Drive Safety & ADA Improvements Project

Oppenheimer Dr. to Knecht St.

- Construction Bids Received
- Contract Award May 19 Council Meeting (Pending Review)
- Construction Schedule
June – December 2026
- Business Outreach underway
- Robust Business and Public Outreach throughout Project



Project Webpage

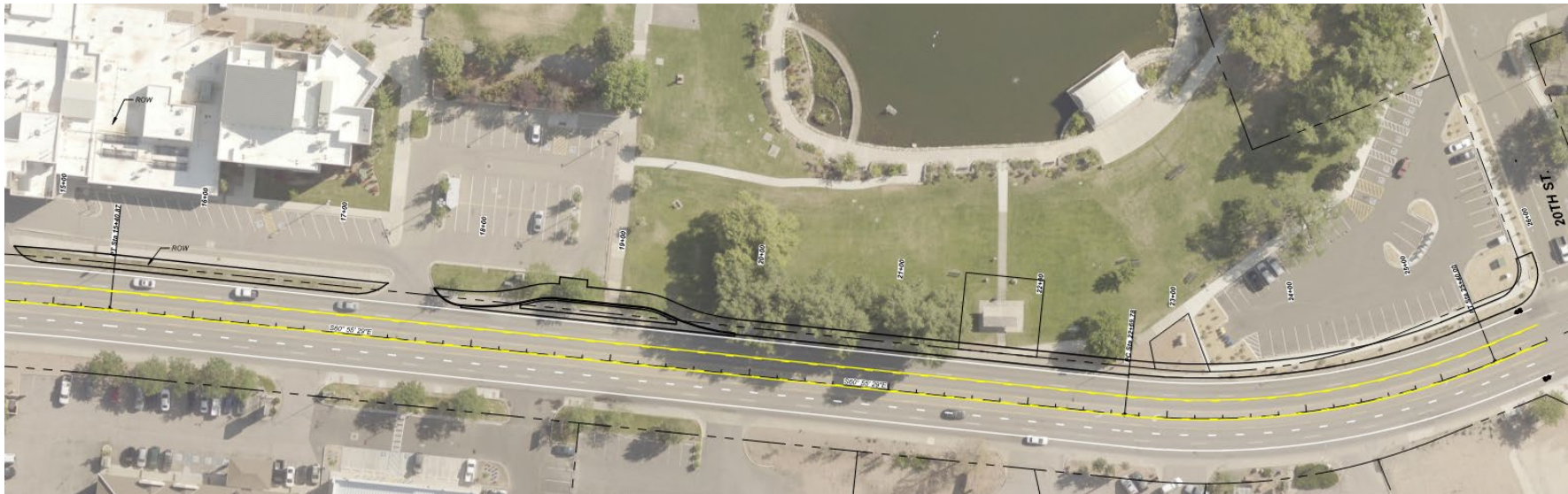


Crosswalk and Beacon Installation
at Trinity Ave @ 20th St.

Addresses:
Pedestrian Master Plan
Recommendations
IMP1, IMP16 & IMP19

Ashley Pond Crowd Protection Project

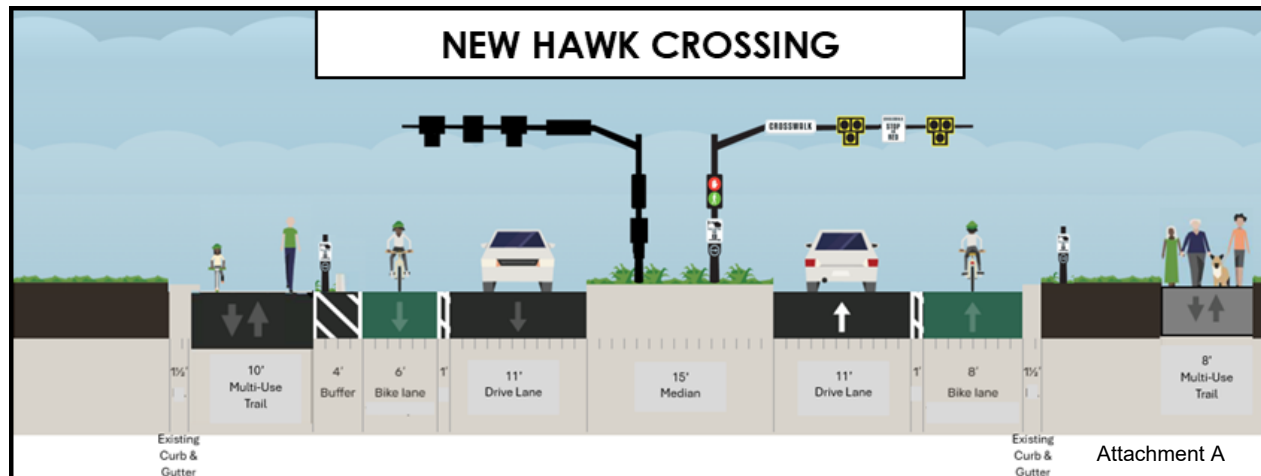
- Concrete Wall Barrier to be installed May 16 for 2026 Concert Season
- Groundwork Studio contracted to develop permanent options. Up to 3 options being developed for consideration
- Public Input opportunities on options will be provided
- County and State Historic Offices approval will be needed for chosen option
- Plan to have permanent solution in place by 2027 Concert Season



NM4 Crossing & Multi-use Trail Improvement Project & Pinon School Trail

UPDATE

- Final Design Review Meeting with NMDOT May 2026
- Advertise for Construction Bids June 2026
- Council Contract Award July/August 2026
- Construction Schedule September 2026 – July 2027



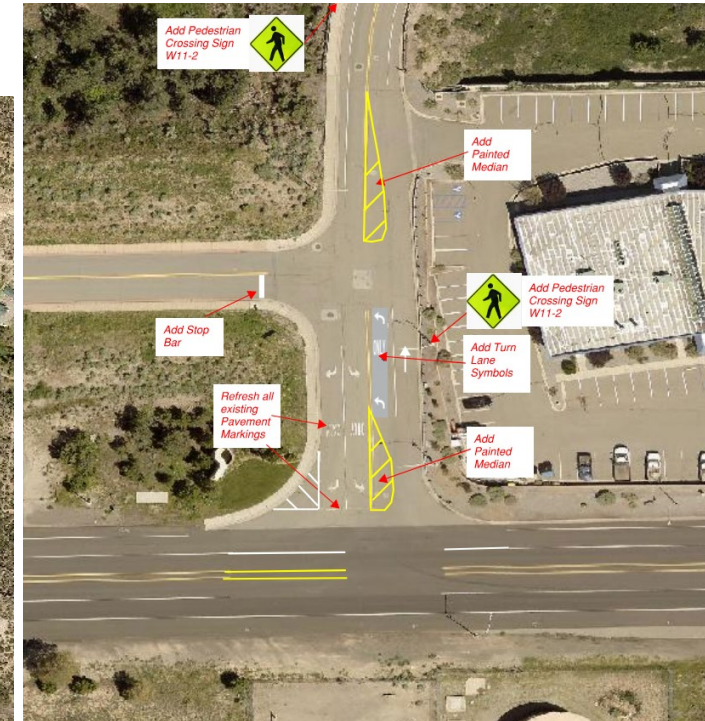
Diamond Drive Wildlife Crash Study

- Wildlife Assessment for Los Alamos County – Kick-off May 2026. Expect recommendations for measures to mitigate animal/vehicle conflicts
- Investigating AI Animal Detection Systems to activate Warning Signage with pilot installation being developed
- Investigated Streetlighting Options where none exist now. Cost concerns. Council Action needed
- Evaluating Speeds



NM 502 Crashes and Speeding

- Road Safety Audit with LANL/NMDOT completed October 2025 for area around Camino Entrada Intersection
 - Engineering Division exploring grant opportunities with NMDOT to fund study and preliminary design of RSA recommendations
- Camino Entrada Striping Plan implemented November 2025
- Centerline Rumble Strips installation scheduled for June 2026
- Speed data collection and analysis scheduled in May 2026



Diamond Drive/Sycamore Pedestrian Crossing Study

- Previously Studied in 2023 and determined that additional measures were not justified
- Recent requests indicating that use and need for marked crosswalk has increased. New Study underway with recommendation expected by July 2026



Addresses
Pedestrian Master Plan
Recommendation IMP4

Central Ave Pedestrian Crossing Requests and Review

- Reviewed visibility of crosswalks along Central Avenue from 15th Street to Justice Center
- Recommendations for ongoing parking removal to improve site distance at each crosswalk
- Coordinating review of parking removal with LACDC and Businesses before implementation
- Crosswalk Pavement Markings Installed at Central/Oppenheimer – September 2025
- Eastbound speed feedback sign relocated closer to crosswalk
- Crosswalk Markings and Signage and possible RRFB at Rose Street under evaluation
- Crosswalk pavement markings refresh - ongoing



Addresses
Pedestrian Master Plan
Recommendations
IMP2, MP14 & IMP24

Canyon Rd Pedestrian Crossing Requests and Review

- Crosswalk Markings and Signage added to crossing at Aquatic Center – September 2025
- Reviewing Citizen request/concerns for crossing near Canyon Village Apartments
- Reviewing Citizen request/concern for crossing near Myrtle Street Greenspace



Attachment A

Addresses
Pedestrian Master Plan
Recommendations IMP24

North Rd/Urban St Intersection Study

- March 15, 2026, Pedestrian Fatality Crash at intersection
- Citizen Petition submitted to consider making intersection 4-way stop
- April 7, 2026 Council Meeting, staff directed to investigate, research and return with a recommendation within 90-days
- Data Collection has been completed
- Data Analysis is underway
- Scheduled to Present Recommendations to Transportation Board on June 4, 2026
- Scheduled to Present Recommendations to Council on June 23, 2026



2026 Traffic Enforcement Update

- **Commuter Traffic Enforcement:**
 - Recent traffic monitoring conducted during morning and evening hours indicates a positive trend. Although vehicle speeds continue to exceed the limit by 16 to 25 mph, overall traffic behavior has shown some improvement, with a noticeable slowing trend.
- **Speeding and Dangerous Driving:**
 - Excessive speed and dangerous driving continue to be concerns, particularly among motorcycle operators. One individual was arrested for reckless driving, and another was cited for careless driving.
- **School Bus and School Zone Enforcement:**
 - School zone patrols resulted in multiple citations for failure to stop at stop signs and passing in designated no-passing zones.
- **DUI Enforcement:**
 - A DUI checkpoint occurred on April 30th from 1800 to 2300 hours, and DUI saturation patrols are ongoing.
- **Interagency Coordination:**
 - The Traffic Unit is working to organize a multi-jurisdictional traffic enforcement operation targeting evening commuter traffic, in coordination with the New Mexico State Police, Pojoaque Tribal Police, and the Santa Fe County Sheriff's Office.

Traffic Stops	730
Traffic Citation issued	787
Warning Cites issued	69
Case Reports	9
CFS	797
CRASH INJURY	0
NON-REPORTABLE	1
SPEED 1-5	3
SPEED 6-10	52
SPEED 11-15	98
SPEED 16-25	323
SPEED 26-30	38
SPEED 30+	12
INSURANCE	71
REGISTRATION	45
STOP SIGN	10
OTHER CITATIONS	53

Traffic & Road Safety Coordination Communication and Outreach

- Established a Traffic & Road Safety Task Force
- Developing safety education campaigns
 - Road safety based on monthly themes
 - Wildlife safety
 - Construction awareness
 - ACT and regional transportation options
- Sharing more about all the County work on road safety
- Continue to enhance internal and external coordination

Pedestrian Safety is a Two-Way Street.
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Questions?

