



**Incorporated County of Los Alamos
Public Works Department
Engineering & Project Management Division**

**Public Information and Involvement Plan
(PIIP)**

Traffic Signal Design for Trinity Drive/20th Street

Date: September 2, 2021

PIIP Revision #: Design

Project Manager: Eric Ulibarri

County Engineer: Eric Martinez

Department Director: Anne W. Laurent, Public Works

PIO Assigned: Louise Romero, Office Manager

PIIP Phase: Conceptual Design Construction

1. Project Purpose and Scope:

In 2017, Engineering was tasked with conducting a traffic signal warrant analysis of the Trinity Drive (NM502) and 20th Street intersection to forecast a potential new development brought on by the 20th Street Extension project. The report confirmed with one additional traffic generator, the minor street volumes, along with all the current statistics for the intersection, the intersection would satisfy several signal warrants under current and future conditions. In accordance with a subsequent Project Participation Agreement between the County and the Marriott land developer, the County is responsible for the design and installation of a traffic signal at this intersection.

The County has procured on-call engineering services to perform traffic analysis and traffic signal design for the intersection. Trinity Drive is an east-west four lane arterial with a continuous center left-turn lane and no managed vehicular access. 20th Street is a two lane north-south collector with no turning lanes. The Trinity Drive and 20th Street intersection is in an area of Los Alamos that serves the downtown business district and historic district. This intersection also provides a connection between the Urban Trail and Canyon Rim Trails.

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The design provides new traffic signals at the intersection and will address existing ADA and pedestrian crossing deficiencies. This design will also provide a new transit bus pull-out to prevent impeding Trinity Drive traffic during bus service at the nearby bus stop.

2. **Does this project support any of the Council's Strategic Goals? If so, which goal(s) apply?** Yes, this project meets one of the Priority Areas set in the 2021 Strategic Leadership Plan: "Investing in infrastructure".
3. **Is this an approved CIP?** Yes, this project was approved in the FY21 Transportation CIP in the budgeted amount of \$400,000.
4. **What is the project location? Describe or supply map.** Intersection of Trinity Drive and 20th Street.



5. **Who is your audience – who are you talking to?** General public, residents, business and property owners, business patrons, and commuters.
6. **Explain the steps for accomplishing the project and provide estimated timeframes for each step.** A public meeting will be held in conjunction with the monthly Transportation Board meeting, date TBD. Construction is anticipated in 2022.
7. **Does this project relate to projects in progress or in the future?** This project relates to the Urban Trail Project which is currently under design development and begins on the north side of Trinity/20th Street intersection. It will also provide safe pedestrian connection across Trinity Drive between the Canyon Rim & Urban Trails. Canyon Rim Trail Phase III, currently in the easement acquisition stage, will extend the Canyon Rim Trail from Knecht Street to Trinity/20th Street intersection. Trinity Drive Safety and ADA Improvements is a Federally funded safety project to make improvements to Trinity Drive from Oppenheimer to Knecht Street with study and design pending contract award (currently in the procurement process).

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- 8. Project start and completion dates:** Project start has been pending Marriott plans for developing the property as the traffic signal is not warranted and will not be permitted by NMDOT without future development. Estimated Design Kickoff Winter 2021 and Completion Spring 2022.
- 9. Project cost and funding source:** Funded in the FY 2021 CIP Fund in the budgeted amount of \$400,000
- 10. Is the intent to inform , educate , and/or involve ?**
- 11. Describe the issues the public may have regarding the project:** Business access during construction and length of construction. Design development will consider access to adjacent properties and traffic management during construction to minimize impacts.
- 12. Location of staging area.** N/A – in the design stage.
- 13. Describe constraints on the project (regarding public information), such as critical timeframes, other.** Construction schedule of Marriott development uncertain and adjustments to this project schedule may be required as a result. With continued COVID restrictions public input meetings may need to be conducted through hybrid virtual format.
- 14. Will you be holding a public meeting/open house to solicit input or inform the public of a project?** A public meeting will be held in conjunction with the Transportation Board regular monthly meeting to present the design and solicit input. Staff will provide updates at subsequent Transportation Board meetings as needed. The Public Works project webpage will be kept up to date as the design develops and public will have an opportunity to provide input at any time.
- 15. Is public comment limited to this meeting? Will you allow the public to provide written comments for a period after the meeting? What will you do with the comments?** The public is typically provided a period of 7 to 14 days following the public meeting to submit written comments in addition to submitting them verbally or in writing at the Public Meetings. Comments will be reviewed by the Project Management Team for possible incorporation into the project. The Public Works project webpage will be kept up to date as the design develops and public will have an opportunity to provide input at any time.
- 16. Estimated PIIP Budget?** \$500.00 to cover the cost of the ads.
- Door hangars will be distributed to businesses with information regarding the public meeting.
- A press release will be submitted to the media regarding public meeting.
- An ad announcing the public meeting will be placed with the LA Daily Post.

The Public Works website will be updated as needed to keep citizens informed of progress and to share future project milestones.

Please sign below and date:

Submitted by Project Manager: Eric Ulibarri Date 9/14/2021
Eric Ulibarri

Approved by County Engineer: Eric Martinez Date 9/14/2021
Eric Martinez

Approved by Department Director: AN Date 9/14/2021
Anne W. Laurent

Assigned Public Works PIO: Louise Romero Date 9/15/2021
Louise Romero

*Approved by Acting County PIO: Leslie Bucklin Date 9/15/2021
Leslie Bucklin

***If the PIO does not approve the PIIP, the PIO must provide justification for the disapproval below. The Department Director can override this decision but must also provide justification below or via an attached memo.**