

Public Hearing Sunport Boulevard Extension

Bernalillo County, NM



Bernalillo County Project No. TS09-06
NMDOT Project No. CN A300160

August 5, 2015

Hearing Agenda



- **6:00 Open House**
- **6:30 Welcome and Introductions**
 - Meeting Ground Rules / Review Agenda
 - Presentation
 - What's Next?
- **Individual Public Statements (5 mins)**
- **Adjourn after all statements made**



Presenters

- **Rodrigo Eichwald, PE**
 - *Project Engineer (Bernalillo County)*
- **Nolan Bennett, PE**
 - *Construction Manager (Bernalillo County)*
- **Peter Hinckley, PE**
 - *Consultant Project Manager (URS / AECOM)*

Facilitator & Translator

- **Toni Martorelli (STAR Group LLC)**
- **Spanish Translator Available**



Ground Rules

- **Cell phones silent**
- **Respect the speaker and listeners**
- **Comments / statements will be recorded by court reporter**
- **Sign up to speak or make comment**



Presentation Agenda

- **Environmental Assessment (EA) Available for Public Review**
 - **Community Centers**
 - **Bernalillo County Public Works**
 - **South Broadway Library**
- **History of Public Involvement**
- **Project Development Process**
- **Build and No Build Alternatives**
- **Revisions, Updates and Major Findings**
- **What's Next?**



Public Involvement

- **June 2010** — Public Meeting
- **October 2011** — Public Hearing
- **January 2012** — San Jose and Mountain View Neighborhood Associations Meeting
- **February 2012** — Public Meeting
- **Various dates** — Small Group / Neighborhood Association Meetings
- **August 2013** — San Jose & Mountain View Neighborhood Association Meeting
- **September 2013** — Public Meeting
- **April 2015** — South Valley Transportation Public Meeting
- **August 2015** — Public Hearing (tonight)

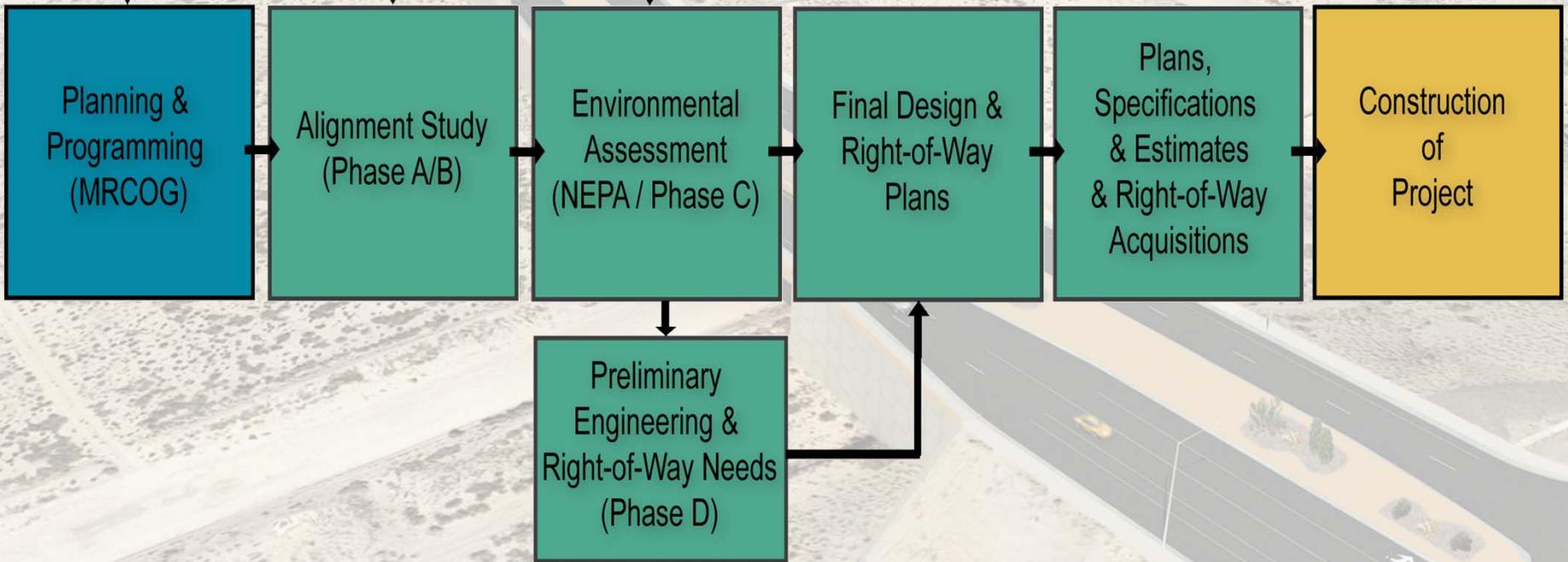
Project Development Process (NMDOT)



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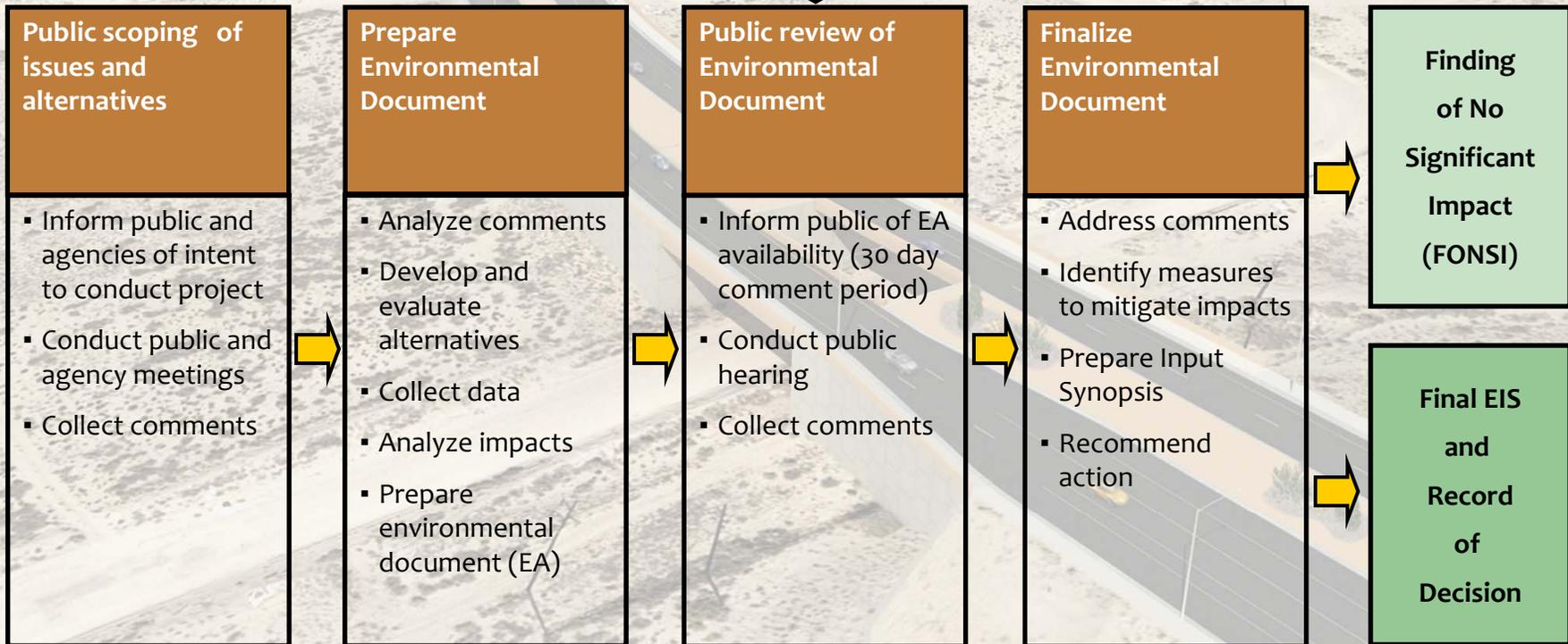
Public Involvement





Environmental Process (NEPA)

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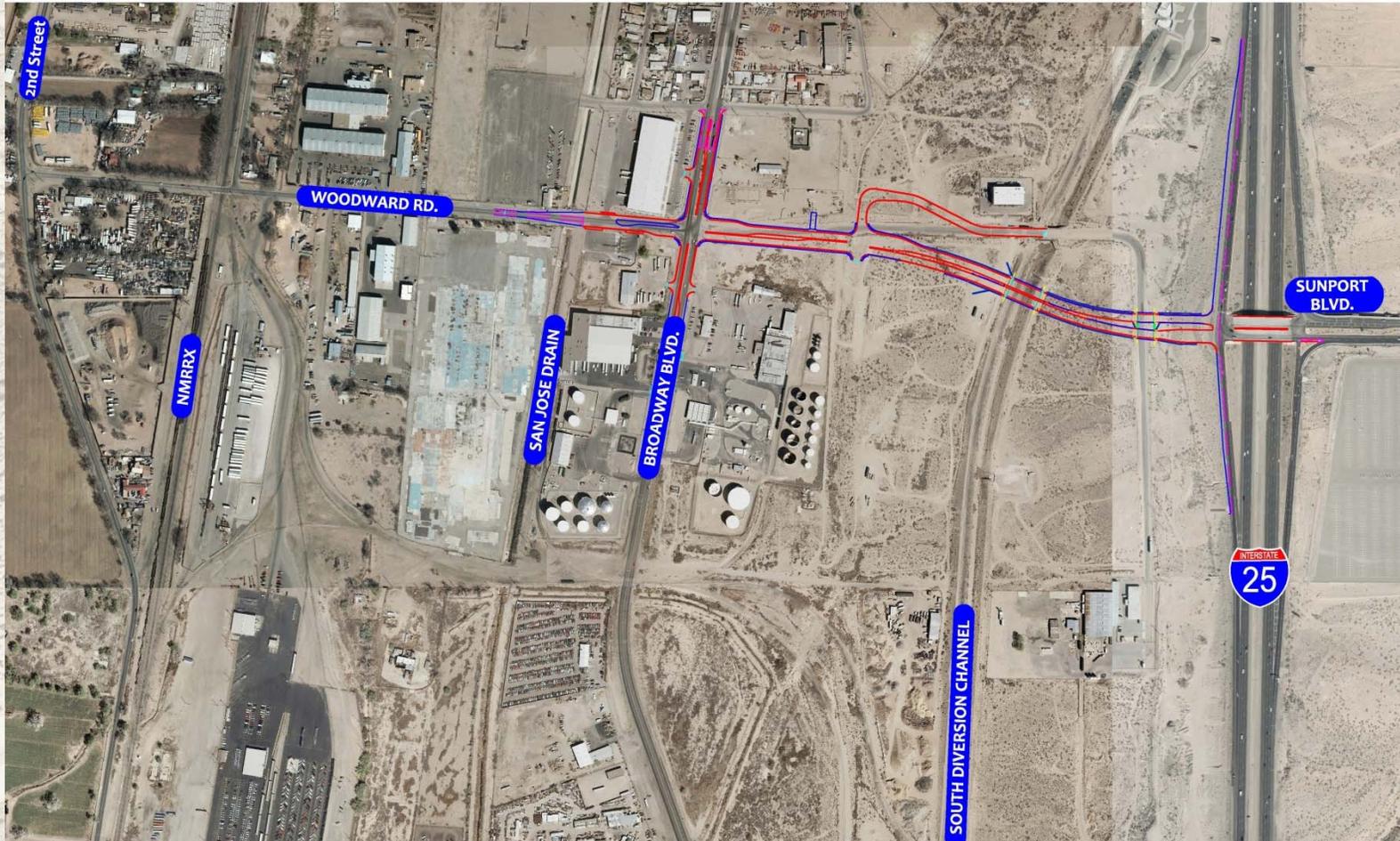




Build Alternative

- Connects to Broadway at existing signalized intersection of Woodward Road / no new intersection on Broadway
- Spans the South Diversion Channel and Edmund Street at approximate 90° angles
- No RR track crossings
- No relocations of business
- Raises intersection at Woodward / Broadway 0.7 feet
- Provides connectivity to the west

Sunport Boulevard Alignment

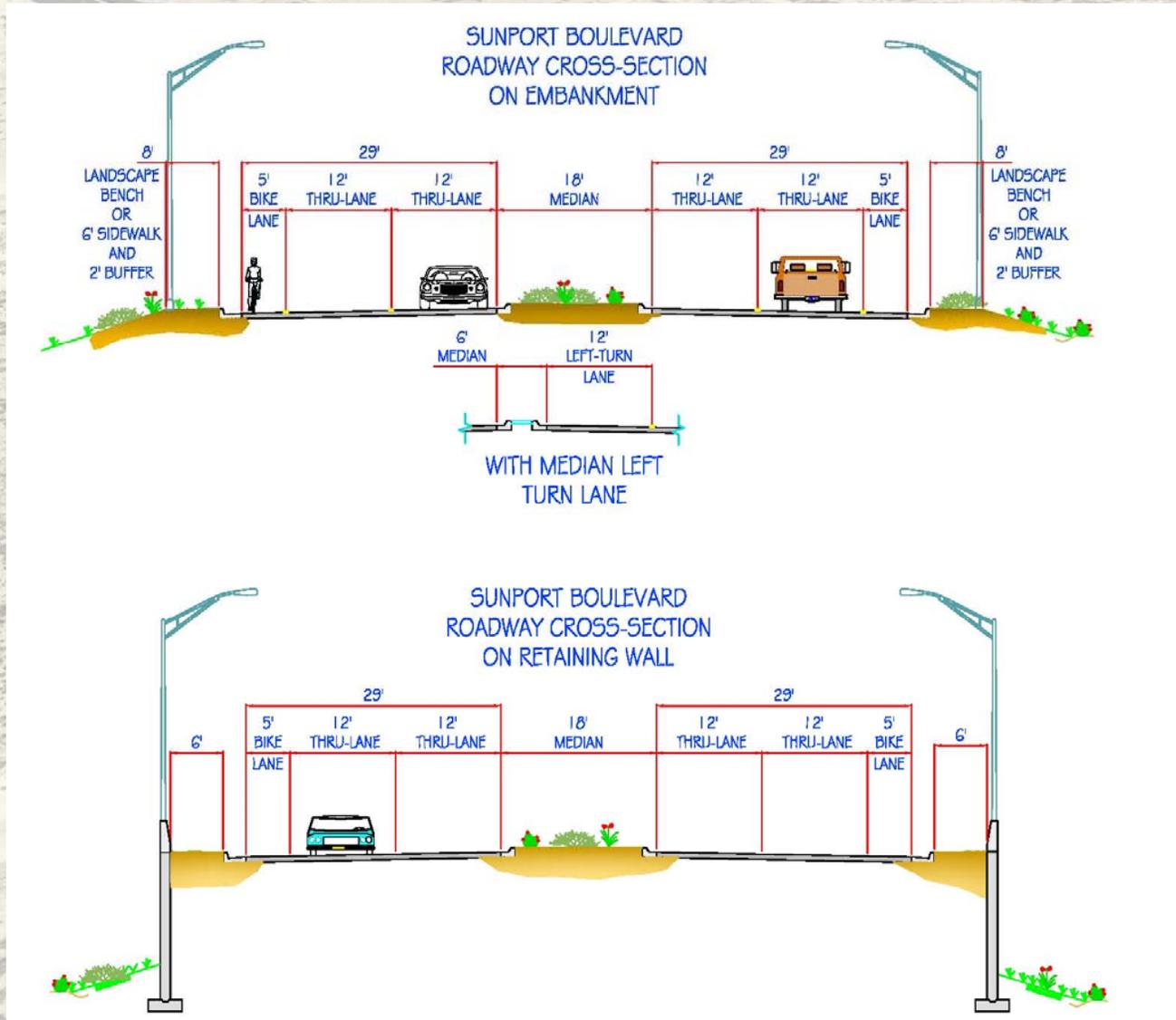




Build Alternative

- 4-lane median divided urban arterial on 7% grade
- Bridges over the existing AMAFCA South Diversion Channel and over Edmunds Street
- Bike Lanes
- Sidewalk from Broadway to local access road
- Intersection improvements and traffic signals (Broadway and I-25 Ramps)
- Widening of I-25 southbound ramps
- Requires relocation of PNM transmission lines and other utilities

Sunport Blvd. Cross-Sections (DRAFT)





No Build Alternative

- No construction of Sunport Boulevard
- No new connection between Broadway and I-25
- Future traffic growth must be accommodated on existing roadways, particularly Broadway, Gibson, Rio Bravo, 2nd and Woodward
- No multi-modal facilities related to Sunport Blvd.
- No improvements to street flooding problems on Broadway
- Decreased priority for improvements at Woodward / 2nd Street intersection

Revisions, Updates & Findings



- **Purpose and Need**
 - **Transportation System Connectivity—i.e. ‘close the gap’ between Gibson and Rio Bravo**
 - **Improved Access between Sunport, I-25, and Broadway**
 - **Congestion Relief**
 - **Improve Pedestrian and Bicycle facilities**
 - **Improve Emergency Vehicle Access to area**

Revisions, Updates & Findings



- **Alternatives Expanded**
 - **Added** Transportation System Management and Travel Demand Management Alternative
 - **Added** description of 1990 Alternative C
 - No other alternatives considered north of Alternative A
 - **Expanded** details of Alternatives A, D, and H
 - **Expanded** discussion of No Build Alternative
 - **Added** discussion of Woodward Project CN A300161

Revisions, Updates & Findings



- **Woodward Road**
 - **Traffic Growth Expected—Need for added capacity on Woodward within 10-15 years**
 - **Interdependent Project Planned and Funded (CN A300161) for Woodward Improvements**
 - **Separate Environmental and Design Process**
 - **Guided by principles of Complete Street Design**
 - **Improvements to Woodward required before opening Sunport**

Revisions, Updates & Findings



- **Air Quality (AQ) Analyzed**
 - Performed “hot spot” analyses 3 major intersections
 - Addressed Air Toxics and Greenhouse Gases
 - AQ Studies / Analyses have met all NEPA / FHWA requirements
 - Project area is well within EPA Guidelines for Transportation related Air Quality (CO)
 - Addition of Sunport Boulevard does not have significant impact on area’s AQ
 - Industrial AQ addressed by local governments via zoning and design controls

Revisions, Updates & Findings



- **Noise Analyzed**

- Performed on-site noise monitoring in 2013 in Wesmeco neighborhood
- Developed Noise Model—calibrated vs. on-site measurements
- Only increase in noise is along Broadway, all other locations under FHWA guidelines
- Noise increase along Broadway is due to Broadway traffic without Sunport Boulevard

Revisions, Updates & Findings



- **Land Use**

- Acknowledgement of mixed use nature of area including residential with neighborhood boundaries
- Conforms with existing plans (i.e. Sunport Station Area Plan, sector plans, etc.)
- Development controls being added by county to encourage responsible development—Design Overlay District
- Not building the project has an impact—No potential to alter current trends

Revisions, Updates & Findings



- **Environmental Justice**

- Community and public health concerns; greater percentage of minorities and low income than County, City or State; higher unemployment rates—Environmental Justice population present in San Jose and Mountain View
- Traffic decreases Gibson and Broadway north, traffic increase on Woodward addressed with Woodward Road Project (CN A300161)
- Transit service rerouted onto San Jose Avenue
- Industries' effects addressed with adoption of policies to encourage responsible development
- No disproportionate impact on minority or low income populations

Revisions, Updates & Findings



- **Hazardous Materials / Superfund Site**
 - Alignment crosses Superfund Site
 - Construction will not impact clean-up
 - Site clean-up consists of deep groundwater remediation
 - Clean-up has been effective; some wells being closed / removed—Plume size reduced
 - Other wells and pipelines affected by project will be reconstructed by remediation contractors

Revisions, Updates & Findings



- **Indirect Impacts—No Build**
 - No changes to access to area; illegal dumping ground for trash and debris likely to continue
 - No economic development opportunity, land use likely to remain the same
 - Degradation of air quality possible
- **Indirect Impacts—Build**
 - Adds another point of access and connection to Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge and supports EPA's Urban Waters



Next Steps

- **Collect all public comments by September 7**
- **Preparation of Agency and Public Input Synopsis**
- **Determination by Federal Highways Administration:**
 - **Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) to include commitments as needed**
 - **or, recommend Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)**
- **Final design and right-of-way acquisition**
- **Public meetings during design phase**
- **Begin construction**

Vision of the Future



Comments for the Record



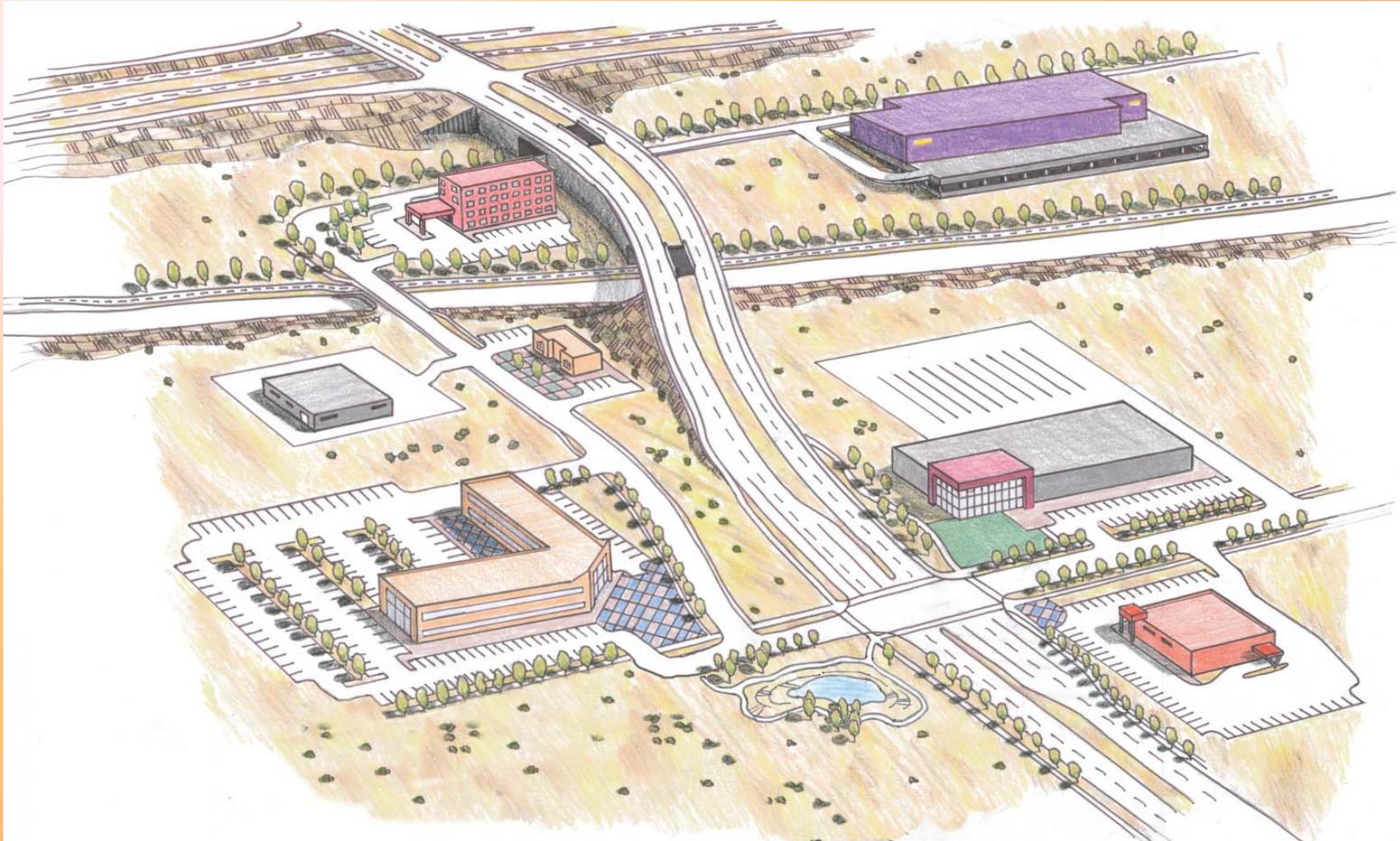
- Write comments on comment form and submit to project staff tonight
- Mail or fax comments to address on comment form
- Send e-mail to peter.hinckley@aecom.com or to rleichwald@berncogov
- Provide comments by **September 7, 2015**
- For review of the environmental assessment document, visit www.berncogov/projects

Public Comments—Ground Rules



- Comments / statements are being **recorded by court reporter**
- **Respect** the speaker and listeners
- **Please speak clearly and identify your name and address**
- Limit your comment to **5 minutes or less**; submit longer statements in writing
- Use the **microphone**

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**Thank you
for attending the
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