



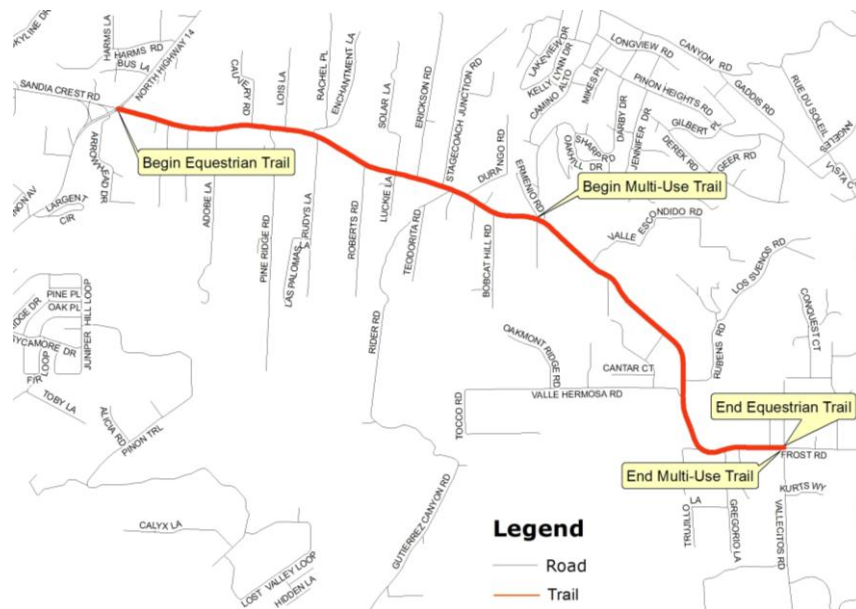
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## FROST ROAD TRAIL, PHASE 2

\$1,000,000 is requested to construct and complete the Frost Road trail system between NM State Road 14 and Vallecitos Road. Bernalillo County completed Phase 1 of the Frost Road multi-use trail between NM-14 and Camino Alto Road in 2009. This trail is an off-street asphaltic surfaced trail along the south side of Frost Road that serves local and regional uses for pedestrians. The Frost Road Trail, Phase 2, project will extend the paved multi-use trail from Camino Alto Road to Vallecitos Road. In addition, a “soft” surfaced equestrian trail is also proposed along the north side of the entire length of Frost Road from NM-14 to Vallecitos Road. This will complete the trail system along Frost Road, as currently designated the top priority in the “Bernalillo Count East Mountain Trails & Bikeways Master Plan”.

This project will eliminate a potentially dangerous situation that now exists along Frost Road between NM-14 and Vallecitos Road, which exists as a two-lane rural roadway with no sidewalks or curb and gutter. In this fast-growing area of eastern Bernalillo County, rural life is meeting with the expanding metropolitan Albuquerque area. In addition to the historic equestrian uses, Frost Road currently entertains a continuous flow of walkers, runners, school children (going to and from their school bus), hikers, and bicyclists. As traffic volumes have increased on Frost Road (5,600 ADT in 2007), and more and more people live along this road; the increasing pedestrian traffic and equestrian uses are conflicting with not only vehicles, but now with each other. This project proposes to separate the horses (equestrians) from pedestrians on each side of Frost Road. Both uses will be separated from the roadway by a minimum of fifteen (15) feet; thereby meeting the AASHTO Clear Zone requirements. The multi-use trail will accommodate all modes of pedestrian and bicycle traffic in a safe manner.



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