The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) is proposing improvements that will address safety issues at the unsignalized intersection of New Mexico Highway 599 (NM 599) and County Road 70 (CR 70) / Via Veteranos. In the spring of 2015, the NMDOT held a public meeting. During the meeting, topics discussed included the Interchange Priority Plan from 2010, crash data, the purpose and need for improvements, and several intersection improvement alternatives. There are five interim at-grade intersections along the NM 599 corridor where right-of-way has been preserved for future interchanges. Changes in regional traffic demand and issues related to the alignments of the intersections of other roads with NM 599 have necessitated the need for re-analysis of the corridor. The NMDOT is currently reviewing the NM 599 corridor and updating the prioritization plan to address access issues, support economic development, regional transportation, and long range planning goals.

**PROJECT STATUS**
Currently the NMDOT has received funding to implement interim safety improvements at this intersection. The improvements would include prohibiting left turn and through movements from CR 70 / Via Veteranos onto NM 599 and construction of acceleration lanes for west bound and east bound traffic. The NMDOT anticipates construction of the proposed safety improvements in either late 2018 or early 2019.

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Example of lane separator system to be installed along Via Veteranos and acceleration lanes for motorists entering NM 599

Proposed lane separator system

- Lanes to be Closed
- Lane Separator System