Public Input Requested for 
**NM 599 Southbound On-Ramp to US 84/285 Improvements Project**

The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, is proposing safety improvements at the interchange between NM 599 and US 84/285. The proposed project includes realigning the NM 599 southbound on-ramp to US 84/285, adding a 1,200-foot acceleration lane, installing median wall barrier to replace the aging/sub-standard median wall barrier between NM 599 and Guadalupe St. exit, and closing the Viento Drive access to/from US 84/285. Access to Viento Drive would still be available from Calle Mejia. The purpose of the project is to enhance safety by: increasing visibility and merge distance; reducing conflict points and potential crashes; and upgrading concrete median and metal barriers to meet current NMDOT standards.

In January 2020, an in-person public meeting was held to present the proposed on-ramp improvements and the potential closure of Viento Drive. Following the meeting, the design was developed further and the traffic study was completed helping to guide the decision making process.

In-lieu of an in-person public meeting, the NMDOT is hosting a Virtual Open House to provide a project update and present results of the traffic study impact for closure of Viento Drive. The open house will include a narrated presentation with supporting information and comment form posted on the NMDOT Projects Webpage. The public is encouraged to ask questions and provide input.

More project information is available at the NMDOT website below:  
[http://dot.state.nm.us/nmdotprojects](http://dot.state.nm.us/nmdotprojects)