



April 13, 2015

Mr. Matt Wunder  
NM Dept. Game & Fish - Conservation Services Division  
PO Box 25112  
Santa Fe, NM 87504

**Re: Bridge Boulevard Reconstruction Project: Coors Boulevard to 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
Bernalillo County, NMDOT CN# CN A300501  
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- No significant impact anticipated
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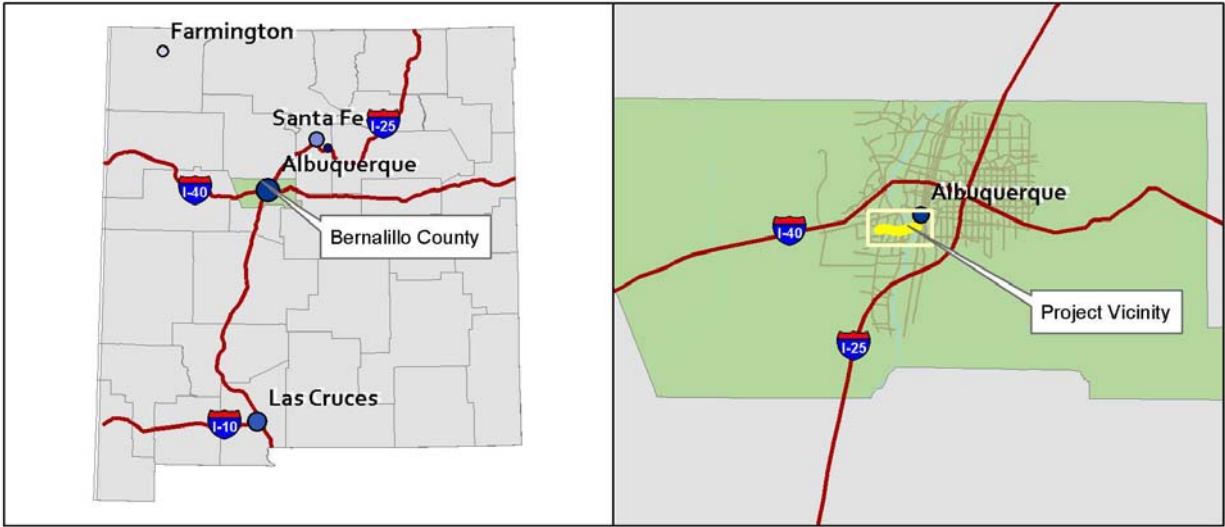
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# Bridge Boulevard Reconstruction Project Corridor

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Mr. Daniel Ware  
NM Energy, Minerals, and NR Department - Forestry Division  
PO Box 1948  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

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Mr. Chris Parrish  
US Army Corps of Engineers  
4101 Jefferson Plaza NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87107-3435

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US Department of Agriculture - NRCS  
6200 Jefferson NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87109

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NMED - Office of the General Counsel  
PO Box 5469  
Santa Fe, NM 87502-5469

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Ms. Mayra Diaz  
FEMA - Region VI  
800 N. Loop 288  
Denton, TX 76209-3698

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Bernalillo County  
2400 Broadway SE  
Albuquerque, NM 87102

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PO Box 1293  
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Sincerely,

HDR Engineering, Inc.

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**Kelly Sims**  
*Transportation Planner*





April 13, 2015

Ms. Nancy Umbreit  
US Bureau of Reclamation  
555 Broadway Blvd NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87102

**Re: Bridge Boulevard Reconstruction Project: Coors Boulevard to 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
Bernalillo County, NMDOT CN# CN A300501  
Environmental Scoping Letter/Request for Comments**

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*Transportation Planner*



April 13, 2015

Mr. Wilfred Gallegos  
City of Albuquerque Department of Municipal Development  
P.O. Box 1293  
Albuquerque, NM 87103

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**Kelly Sims**  
*Transportation Planner*

**From:** [Watson, Mark L., DGF](#)  
**To:** [Sims, Kelly](#)  
**Subject:** Bridge Blvd Reconstruction Project  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 22, 2015 12:38:11 PM

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Hi Kelly,

The Department does not anticipate adverse effects to wildlife or habitats from this project.

Thanks for consulting with us.

Mark L. Watson  
Terrestrial Habitat Specialist  
Division of Ecological and Environmental Planning  
NM Department of Game and Fish  
P.O. Box 25112  
Santa Fe, NM 87504  
1 Wildlife Way  
Santa Fe, NM 87507  
(505) 476-8115  
FAX: (505) 476-8128

For NM wildlife info, visit Biota Information System of New Mexico (BISON-M):  
Species Accounts, Searches and County Lists (use the "Database Query" option): <http://www.bison-m.org/>  
Habitat Handbook Project Guidelines:  
[http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/conservation/habitat\\_handbook/index.htm](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/conservation/habitat_handbook/index.htm)  
New Mexico Wildlife of Concern by Counties List:  
[http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/conservation/share\\_with\\_wildlife/documents/speciesofconcern.pdf](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/conservation/share_with_wildlife/documents/speciesofconcern.pdf)

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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
ALBUQUERQUE DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
4101 JEFFERSON PLAZA NE  
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87109  
505-342-3185  
FAX 505-344-1514

April 29, 2015

Regulatory Division

SUBJECT: Action No. SPA-2015-00146-ABQ; Coors Blvd to 8th Street Bridge Replacement Reconstruction Project, Bernalillo County.

Ms. Kim Sims  
HDR Engineering, Inc.  
2155 Louisiana Blvd. NE, Suite 9500  
Albuquerque, NM 87110

Dear Ms. Sims:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is in receipt of your letter dated April 13, 2015, concerning Bernalillo County Public Works Division (BCPWD), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) proposal to reconstruct Bridge Boulevard (Blvd) from Coors Blvd to 8th Street, located in the City of Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico. The activity involves implementation in four phases within the next five years. Improvements include reconstruction of the existing roadway section with a new typical section consisting of two lanes in each direction; bicycle lanes in each direction; a raised, landscaped median, curb and gutter; and Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant sidewalks and ramps. It also understood that the proposed project may include pedestrian refuge islands and high-intensity activated crosswalk (HAWK) signals at mid-block crossings. We have assigned Action No. SPA-2015-00146-ABQ to this activity. To avoid delay, please include this number in all future correspondence concerning this project.

According to your submitted letter, we are unable to determine from the information that you provided whether Department of the Army authorization will be required. Please provide us with a more detailed description of the proposed project, a suitable map of the proposed project area showing the location of proposed discharges, the type and amount of material (temporary or permanent), if any, to be discharged, related to waters of the U.S. within the project area and plan and cross-section views of the proposed project. Please refer to the enclosed guidance for Department of the Army submittals for additional details about what you should submit for this and future projects.

Important cultural resources and several endangered and threatened species are known to occur in Bernalillo County. Please provide additional information regarding the potential effects of your proposed action on cultural resources and endangered species. For additional information regarding cultural resources, please contact the State Historic Preservation Office.

For additional information about endangered and threatened species, please contact the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

We encourage you to avoid and minimize adverse impacts to streams, wetlands, and other waters of the U.S. in the planning of this project. Please note that it is unlawful to start work without a Department of the Army permit when one is required.

If you have any questions concerning our regulatory program, please contact me at 505-342-3185 or by e-mail at [Jennifer.J.Lillard@usace.army.mil](mailto:Jennifer.J.Lillard@usace.army.mil).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer J. Lillard". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Jennifer J. Lillard  
Regulatory Project Manager



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April 23, 2015

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**RE: Bridge Boulevard Reconstruction Project: Coors Boulevard to 8<sup>th</sup> Street, NMDOT  
CN# A300501  
NMED EIR #5274**

Ms. Sims:

Your letter regarding the above named project was received by the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) and comments were provided by the Air Quality, Ground Water Quality, Solid Waste, and Surface Water Quality Bureaus.

The project will be completed in four phases over the next five years. The Bridge Boulevard corridor include reconstruction of existing roadway with a new typical section consisting of 2 lanes in each direction, a raised, landscaped median, curb and gutter, ADA-compliant sidewalks and ramps. Improved lighting and storm drain facilities are included. The proposed project would use the entire existing right-of-way.

**Air Quality Bureau**

The Air Quality Bureau (AQB) does not have regulatory authority in Bernalillo County and provides no comments.

**Groundwater Quality Control Bureau**

Ground Water Quality Bureau (GWQB) staff reviewed the above-referenced project focusing specifically on the potential effect to ground water resources in the area.

The project is not expected to have any adverse impacts on ground water quality in the area of construction. However, implementation of the project may involve the use of heavy equipment thereby leading to a possibility of contaminant releases (e.g., fuel, hydraulic fluid, etc.)



associated with equipment malfunctions. The GWQB advises all parties involved in the project to be aware of notification requirements for accidental discharges contained in 20.6.2.1203 NMAC. Compliance with the notification and response requirements will further ensure the protection of ground water quality in the vicinity of the project.

A copy of the Water Quality Control Commission Regulations, 20.6.2 NMAC, is available at <http://www.nmcpr.state.nm.us/nmac/parts/title20/20.006.0002.htm>.

### **Solid Waste Bureau**

The Solid Waste Bureau provides comment that excavation or maintenance sometimes results in the knowing or inadvertent generation of regulated asbestos waste as there is the potential to excavate or otherwise impact asbestos cement pipes (sewer, water, or conduit). Suspect pipes, fragments or soils contaminated with related fragments or fines shall be sampled and analyzed by Polarized Light Microscopy ("PLM") to determine if the material contains greater than one percent (1%) asbestos. If so, the pipes, fragments, and/or contaminated soils require management as regulated asbestos waste, in accordance with the New Mexico Solid Waste Rules, 20.9.2-10 NMAC, including proper containerization, labeling, manifesting, transport by an approved commercial hauler, and disposal at a permitted solid waste facility.

### **Surface Water Quality Bureau**

#### Clean Water Act, Section 402 NPDES Industrial Storm Water Construction General Permit (CGP)

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) requires National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Construction General Permit (CGP) coverage for storm water discharges from construction activities (such as clearing, grading, excavating, and stockpiling) that disturb or re-disturb one or more acres or smaller sites that are part of a larger common plan of development or sale. The total area of disturbed soil for the roadway and the area where the material removed is placed is included in total disturbed soil footprint. Prior to discharging storm water, construction operators must obtain coverage under an NPDES permit.

Among other things, this permit requires that a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) be prepared for the site, including support and staging areas, and that appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs) be installed and maintained both during and after construction to prevent, to the extent practicable, pollutants (primarily sediment, oil & grease and construction materials from construction sites) in storm water runoff from entering waters of the U.S. This permit also requires that permanent stabilization measures (re-vegetation, paving, etc.), and permanent storm water management measures (storm water detention/retention structures, velocity dissipation devices, etc.) be implemented post construction to minimize, in the long term, pollutants in storm water runoff from entering these waters.

Part 9 of the 2012 CGP includes permit conditions applicable to specific states, Indian country lands, or territories. In the State of New Mexico, except on tribal land, permittees must ensure that there is no increase in sediment yield and flow velocity from the construction site (both during and after construction) compared to pre-construction, undisturbed conditions (see Subpart 9.4.1.1 of the 2012 CGP).

USEPA requires that all "operators" (see Appendix A of the 2012 CGP) obtain NPDES permit coverage by submitting a Notice of Intent (NOI) for construction projects. Generally, this means that at least two parties will require permit coverage. The owner/developer of this construction project who has operational control over project specifications, the general contractor who has day-to-day operational control of those activities at the site, which are necessary to ensure compliance with the SWPPP and other permit conditions, and possibly other "operators" will require appropriate NPDES permit coverage for this project.

The CGP was re-issued effective February 16, 2012. The CGP, NOI, deadlines for submitting an NOI, Fact Sheet, and Federal Register notice is available at:  
<http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/cgp.cfm>

#### Clean Water Act, Section 404 USACE/Section 401 Certification

Information is provided below if the project or associated construction support areas, if any, during construction requires discharge of dredged/fill material into Waters of the U.S., including wetlands.

Section 404 of the Clean Water Act requires approval from the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) prior to discharging dredged or fill material into waters of the United States (U.S.). Any person, firm, or agency (including Federal, state, tribal and local governmental agencies) planning to work in waters of the United States should first contact the USACE regarding the need to obtain a permit from the Regulatory Division. Failure to receive and implement proper permit coverage would be a violation of the Clean Water Act.

More information on the §404 permitting process, including applicability of Nationwide Permits, mitigation requirements, requirements for certification for any discharges on state, private or tribal land, can be obtained from the USACE at:  
<http://www.spa.usace.army.mil/Missions/RegulatoryProgramandPermits.aspx>

NMED Surface Water Quality Bureau Watershed Protection Section coordinates the state's §401 certification of §404 dredged/fill material permits with the USACE. In response to the §404 reissued nationwide permits on April 13, 2012, a Conditional §401 Certification for discharges to State of New Mexico surface water has been issued and is available at the following web site:  
<ftp://ftp.nmenv.state.nm.us/www/swqb/WPS/401-404/NWPCertificationNotice04-13-2012.pdf>.  
For additional information, including permitting procedures and jurisdictional water determination, contact the USACE, Albuquerque District, 4101 Jefferson Plaza NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109-343, 505-342-3262.

Bridge Boulevard Reconstruction: Coors Blvd to 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
NMDOT CN# A300501  
NMED EIR #5274  
April 23, 2015

If you have any questions please contact me at (505) 222-9552 or by email at [thomas.skubitski@state.nm.us](mailto:thomas.skubitski@state.nm.us)

Sincerely,

Thomas Skubitski

Environmental Impact Review Coordinator  
NMED File Number: EIR # 5274

By e-mail: [ksims@hdrinc.com](mailto:ksims@hdrinc.com)



**FEMA**

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
REGION VI  
MITIGATION DIVISION

## NOTICE REVIEW/ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTATION

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We have no comments to offer.       We offer the following comments:

**WE WOULD REQUEST THAT THE COMMUNITIES' FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATORS BE CONTACTED FOR THE REVIEW AND POSSIBLE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS PROJECT. IF FEDERALLY FUNDED, WE WOULD REQUEST PROJECT TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH EO 13690 & EO 11990.**

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REVIEWER:

*Mayra G. Diaz*  
Floodplain Management and Insurance Branch  
Mitigation Division  
(940) 898-5541

DATE: April 20, 2015



April 13, 2015

Ms. Mayra Diaz  
FEMA - Region VI  
800 N. Loop 288  
Denton, TX 76209-3698

**Re: Bridge Boulevard Reconstruction Project: Coors Boulevard to 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
Bernalillo County, NMDOT CN# CN A300501  
Environmental Scoping Letter/Request for Comments**

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**From:** Sims, Kelly  
**To:** "[Hebner, Scott](#)"  
**Subject:** RE: Bridge Blvd reconstruction project Bernalillo County/FHA  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 05, 2015 4:24:00 PM

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Hi Mr. Hebner:

Thank you for your response. Your summary does capture the proposed project. Reconstruction near the Rio Grande River and bosque will be within the existing built roadway footprint and work on the east side of the bridge to 8<sup>th</sup> Street will be limited to the roadway surface, sidewalks, and handrails. We will coordinate with you if the project footprint changes during preliminary engineering for Segment 4. The project team will also be coordinating with Ray Gomez at MRGCD regarding this project.

Please let me know if you would like any additional information.

Thank you,  
Kelly Sims

**From:** Hebner, Scott [<mailto:shebner@usbr.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 29, 2015 12:26 PM  
**To:** Sims, Kelly  
**Subject:** Re: Bridge Blvd reconstruction project Bernalillo County/FHA

Kelly, thanks for the information. In looking at the email and map you provided we interpret the work to only include work on the roadway within the road shoulder/outer sidewalk edge/bridge edge and will not be affecting the area beyond the current built road structures. I mention this because you mentioned that the work would be conducted within the existing right of way, which includes areas beyond the evident built environment. I noticed on this map the placement or improvement of the bus stop on the west side of the canal/berm on the north side of the road project. In discussing this with one of our realty specialists we were wondering if the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD) has been contacted regarding this project as this work is very close to there infrastructure. If you need contact information for MRGCD let me know and I will have someone forward it to you. Finally as your map for Segment Four did not continue all the way across the east side of the segment we assume there are no other developments on the east side of the river besides reworking the road bed, sidewalks and hand rails and maybe similar island structures in the middle of the road similar to those on the west side.

Please let me know if this captures the project work as it relates to the area that is within the Bureau of Reclamation's concern and/or jurisdiction.

Thank You

Scott Hebner, EPS U.S. BOR  
505 462 3662

On Wed, Apr 29, 2015 at 9:09 AM, Sims, Kelly <[Kelly.Sims@hdrinc.com](mailto:Kelly.Sims@hdrinc.com)> wrote:  
Hello Mr. Hebner:

The proposed action for Segment 4 is limited to include reconstruction of the roadway, sidewalks, and replacement of existing handrails. At this time, no structural modifications are planned for the Barelás Bridge and it is not anticipated that any ground disturbing activities would occur in the bosque or river. All proposed activities for Segment 4 would be within existing ROW. I have attached a conceptual plan

for the proposed modifications for Segment 4.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you,  
Kelly Sims

Kelly Sims

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**From:** Hebner, Scott [<mailto:shebner@usbr.gov>]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 23, 2015 8:47 AM

**To:** Sims, Kelly; Scott Hebner

**Subject:** Bridge Blvd reconstruction project Bernalillo County/FHA

Kelly, we received your scoping letter for the above project. In order for us to respond we would request any documentation that you have that describes the 'action' for 'Segment 4' of the project. We need more detail as to what work will occur on the Barelás Bridge and the approaches as this would be Reclamation's area of concern. Are we looking at only resurfacing of the bridge surface? Would any shoulder or abutment work be performed that would affect the banks of the river?

If you could supply us with more information it would help us respond to this scoping request.

If possible you could update the counties or FHA contact list to replace my name with Nancy Umbreit

Thank You

Scott Hebner, Environmental Protection Specialist  
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Albuquerque Area Office  
505 462 3662



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

REGION 6

1445 ROSS AVENUE, SUITE 1200  
DALLAS, TX 75202-2733

April 29, 2015

Ms. Kelly Sims  
Transportation Planner  
HDR Engineering Inc.  
2155 Louisiana Blvd. NE  
Suites 6000 & 9500  
Albuquerque, NM 87110-5483

Dear Ms. Sims:

We have received your April 20, 2015, letter requesting our evaluation of the potential environmental impacts that might result from the following project:

**Bridge Boulevard Reconstruction Project:  
Coors Boulevard to 8th Street  
NMDOT CN# CN A300501  
Bernalillo County  
Albuquerque, New Mexico**

In administering the sole source aquifer (SSA) program under Section 1424 of the Safe Drinking Water Act our Office performs evaluations of projects with federal financial assistance which are located over a designated sole source aquifer.

Based on the information provided, we have concluded that the project does not lie within the boundaries of a designated sole source aquifer and is thus not eligible for review under the SSA program.

If you did not include the county, project description, project location or the federal funding agency, please do so in future Sole Source Aquifer correspondence

If you have any questions on this letter or the sole source aquifer program please contact me at (214) 665-7133.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Omar T. Martinez", written over a circular stamp or seal.

Omar T. Martinez, Coordinator  
Sole Source Aquifer Program  
Ground Water/UIC Section

cc: Jerry Schoeppner, NMED



**Bridge Boulevard Reconstruction: Coors Boulevard to 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
Bernalillo County, New Mexico**

No significant impact anticipated

Significant impact anticipated due to the following reasons:

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Signature

April 29, 2015  
Date

Omar T. Martinez

Sole Source Aquifer Coordinator  
Title