

Los Lunas Corridor Study

Citizen Advisory Committee

October 18, 2010



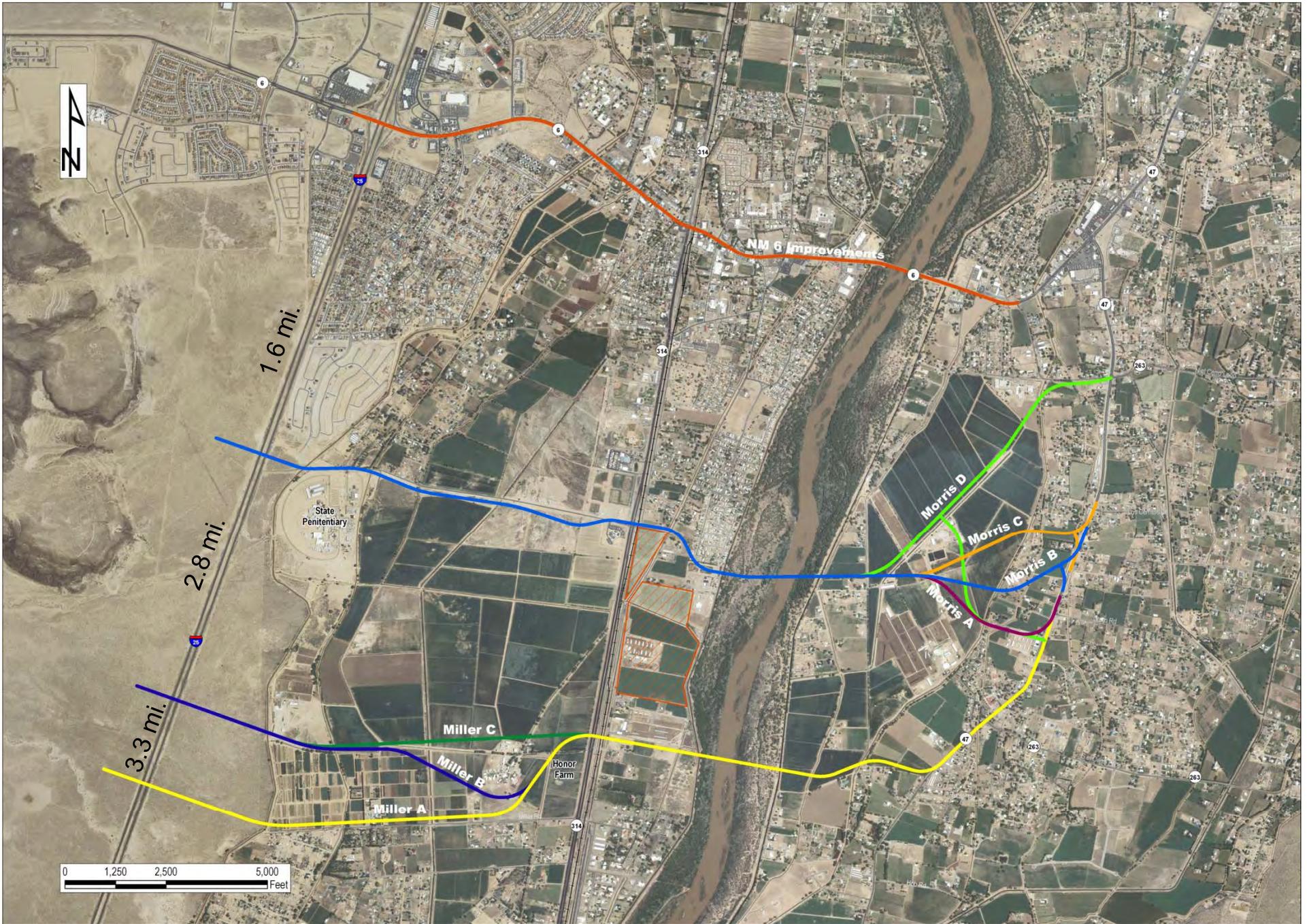
Meeting Agenda

- Project Overview/Update
- Public Meeting Summary
- Agency Comments
- Population and Traffic Projection Updates
- Project Team Recommendations

Project Update

Alignment Refresher

- Four Alternatives Still Under Consideration
 - NM 6 Widening
 - Morris Alternative
 - Option A, B, C, and D
 - Miller Alternative
 - Options A, B, and C
 - Do Nothing









Public Meeting Summary



Public Involvement Meeting

- 3rd Public Involvement Meeting
 - Date – September 21, 2010
 - Location – LL Transportation Center
 - Format – Open House
 - Time – 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm





Public Involvement Meeting

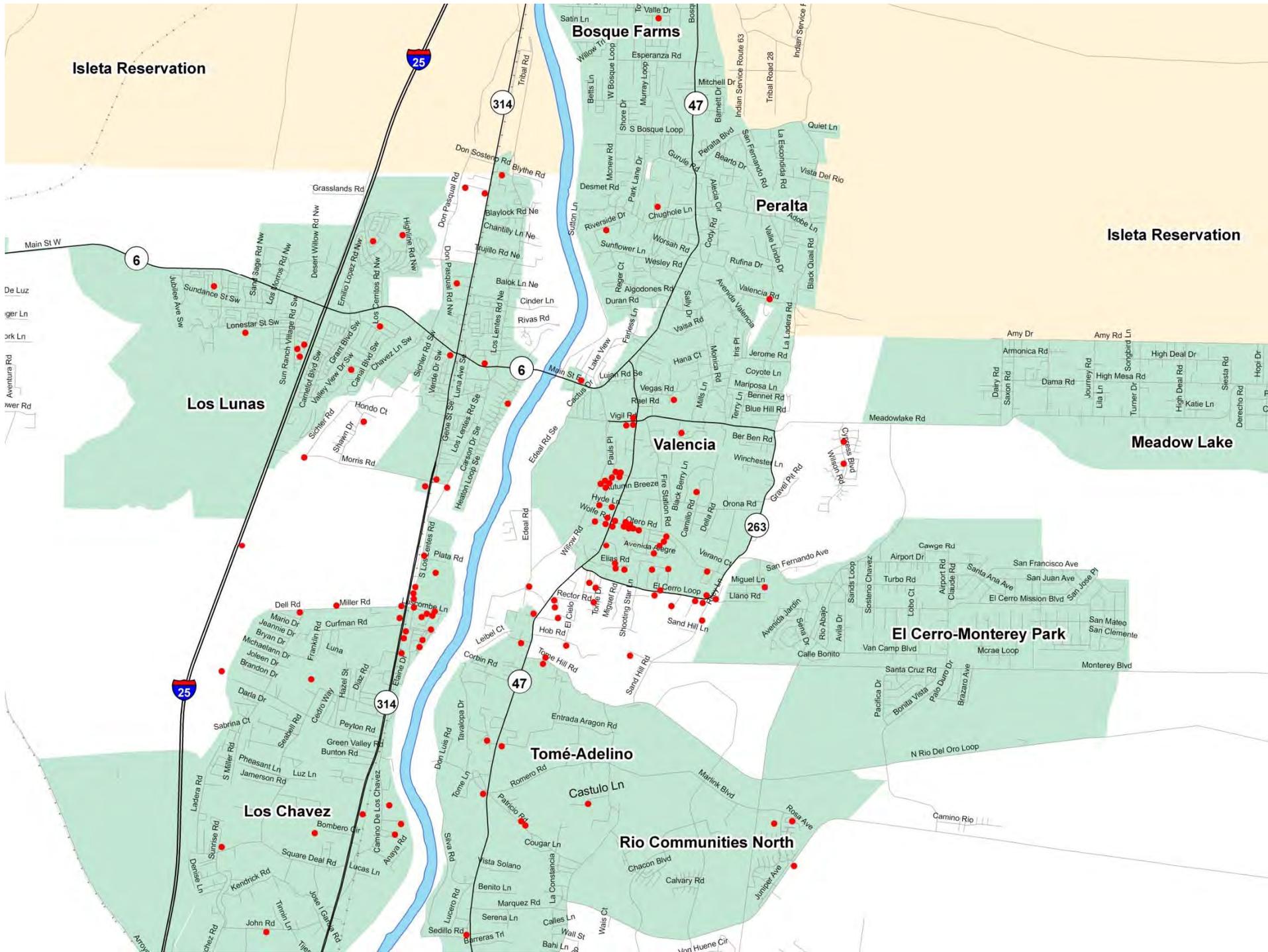
- Information Provided
 - Display boards
 - Why the corridor study is being conducted
 - Summary of Public Opinion Survey
 - Summary data for each alternative
 - Next Steps
 - Meeting Handout



Public Involvement Meeting

- 184 persons signed in
- Additional people attended but did not sign in





Isleta Reservation

Bosque Farms

Peralta

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Los Lunas

Valencia

Meadow Lake

Los Chavez

Tomé-Adelino

El Cerro-Monterey Park

Rio Communities North



Public Involvement Meeting

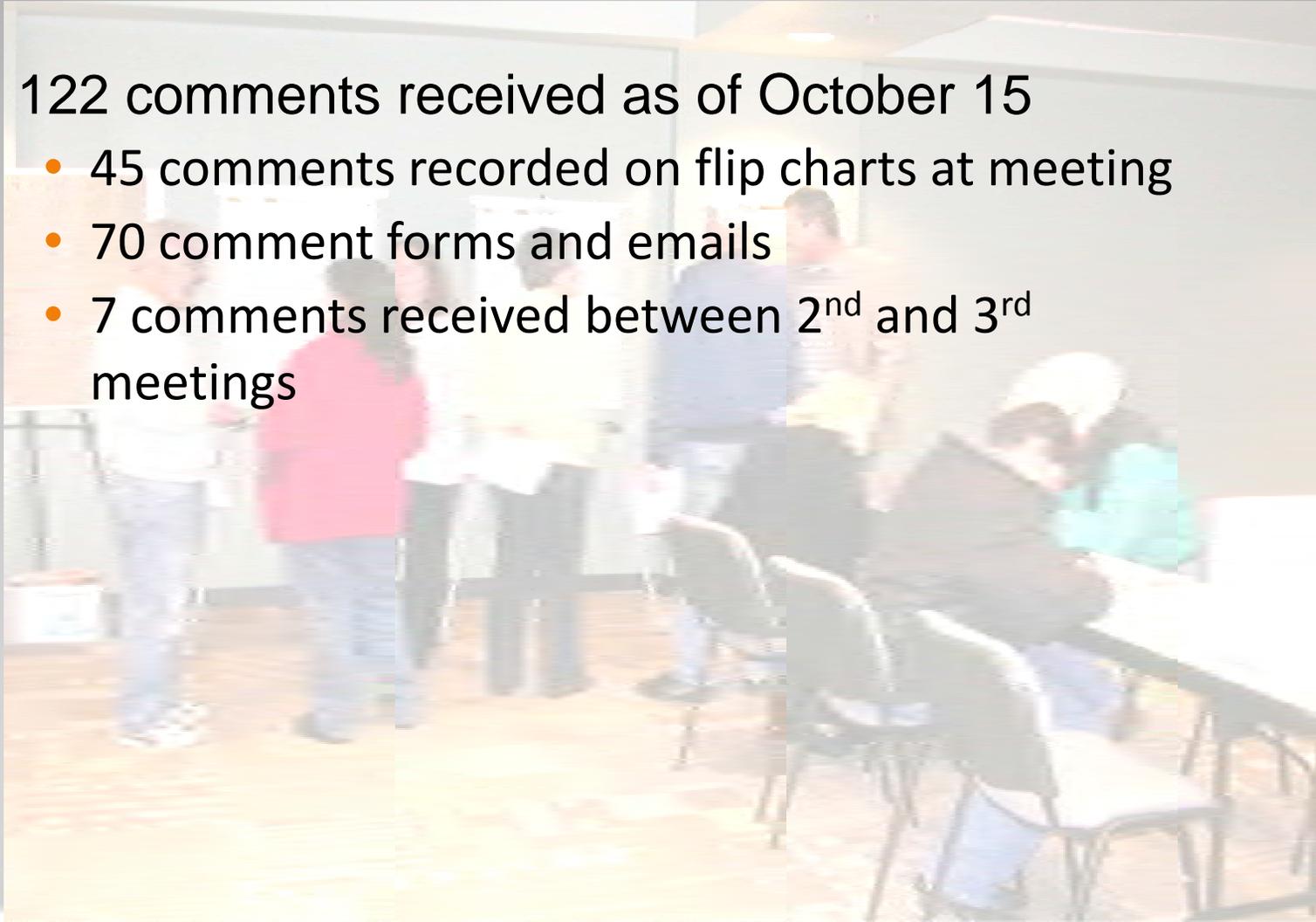
- Comments collected using same methods as previous meetings
 - Flip charts at meeting
 - Return addressed comment forms attached to handout
 - Comment forms on website
 - Email





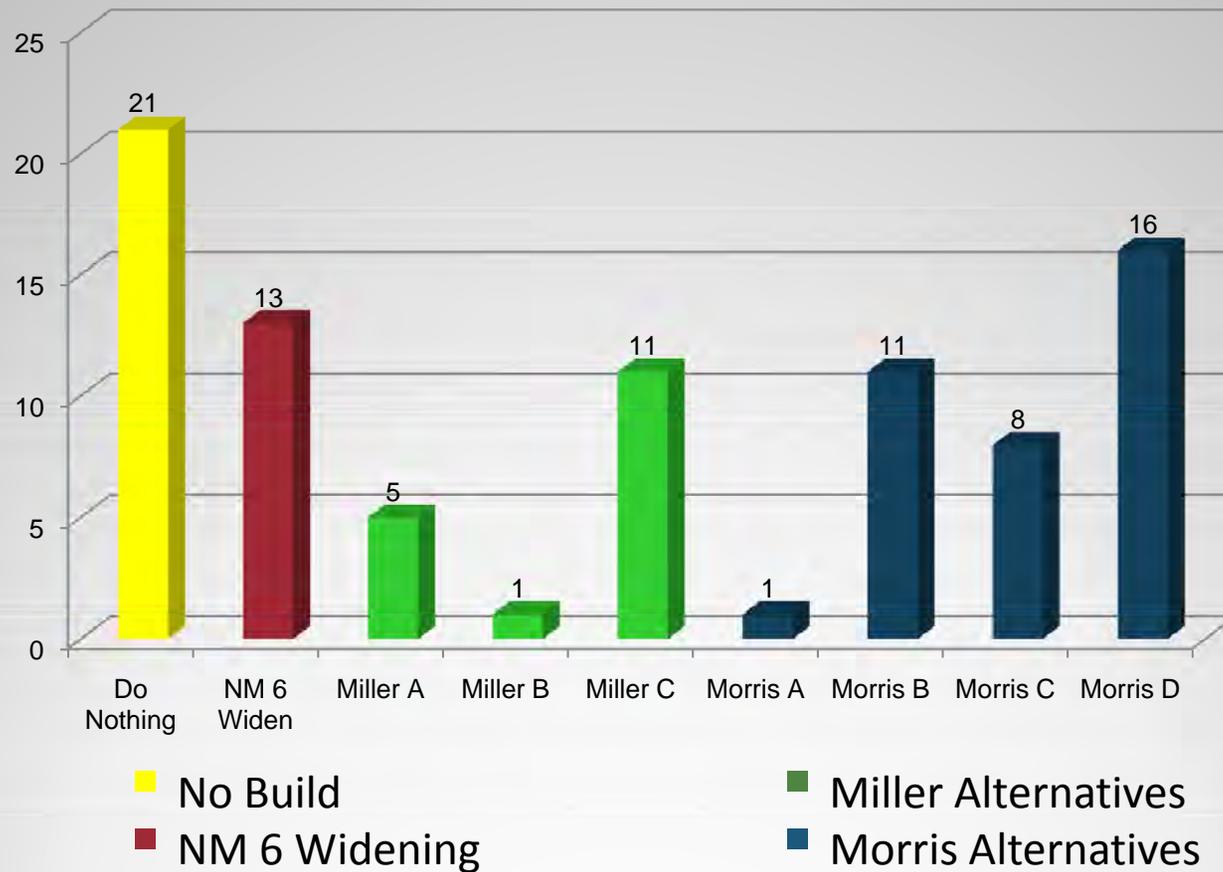
Public Comments

- 122 comments received as of October 15
 - 45 comments recorded on flip charts at meeting
 - 70 comment forms and emails
 - 7 comments received between 2nd and 3rd meetings

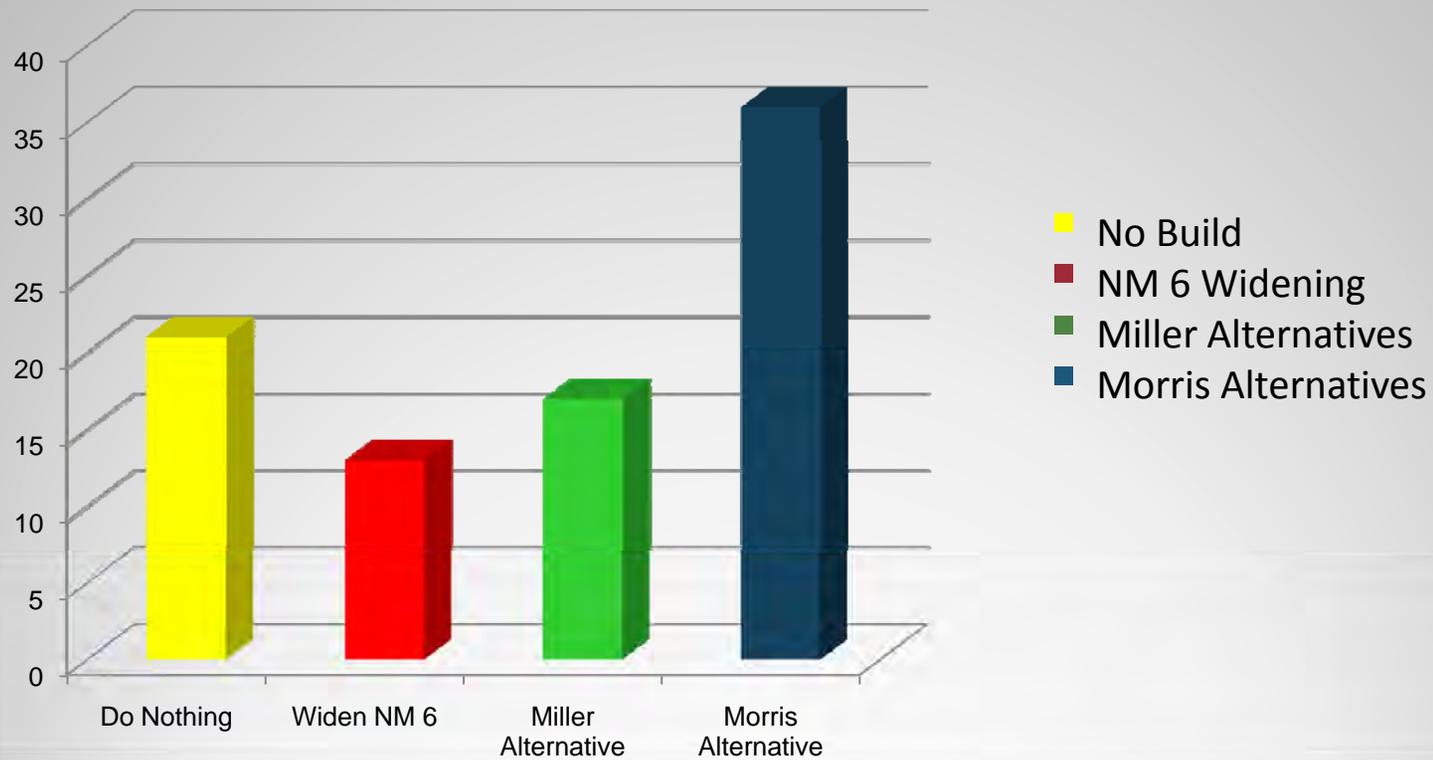


Alternative Preference -- Public

87 Comment forms included a stated alternative preference



Alternative Preference -- Public



Agency Feedback

Stakeholder Agency Comments



- Meetings held with stakeholder agencies
 - New Mexico General Services Department
 - New Mexico Corrections Department
 - New Mexico State Agricultural Research Facility
 - US Army Corps of Engineers
 - Natural Resource Conservation Service
 - US Fish & Wildlife Service
 - New Mexico Historic Preservation Division
 - New Mexico Environment Department
 - New Mexico Game and Fish Department
 - Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District



Agency Comments

- **New Mexico General Services Department**
 - Strongly opposed to Miller Alignments
 - Loss of state properties and conflicts with tenants
 - Splits several parcels

 - Agreeable with Morris alignments
 - Does not split properties
 - Minimal loss of state lands



Agency Comments

- **New Mexico Corrections Department**
 - Strongly opposed to Miller Alignments
 - Security concerns due to proximity to Honor Farm
 - Access conflicts between Honor Farm facilities and agricultural fields

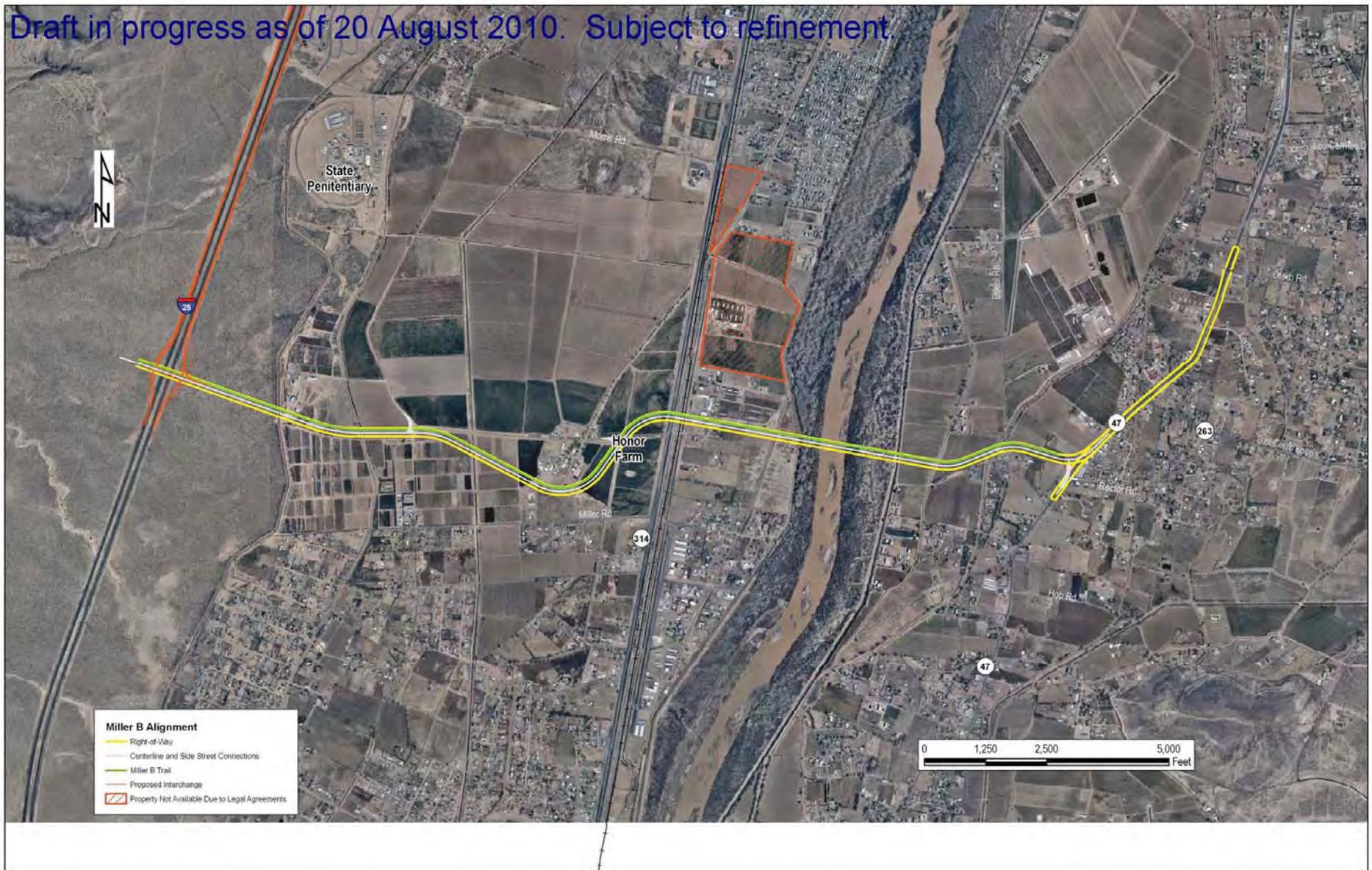
 - Morris alignments are acceptable with conditions
 - Barrier separation between roadway and perimeter fence
 - Provide access to Canine Units and Main Pen



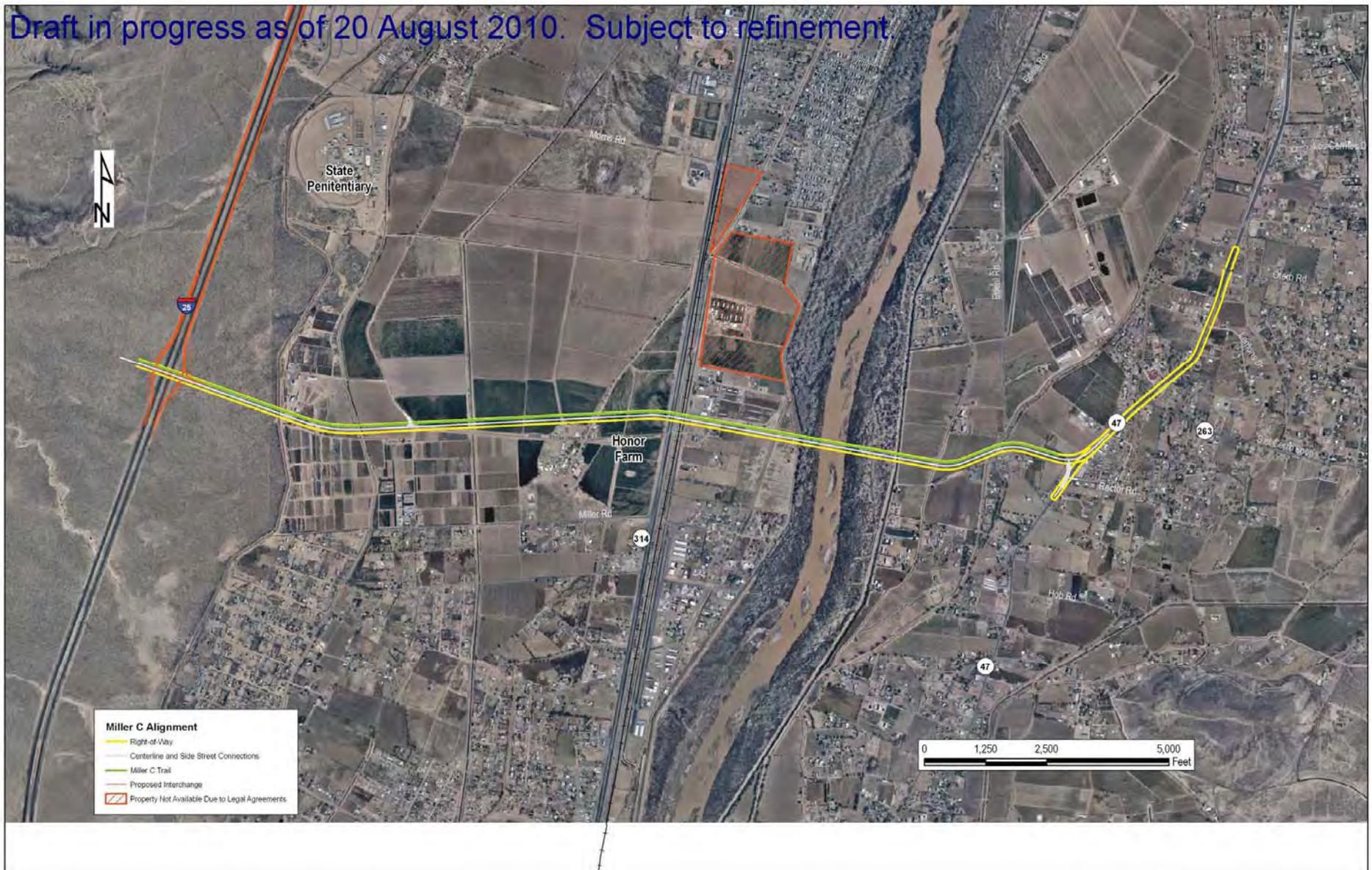
Agency Comments

- New Mexico State University Agricultural Research Facility
 - Opposed to Miller Alignments
 - Loss of five buildings and primary well
 - Interference with long-term research projects
 - Loss of significant portion of overall research site and Plant Materials Labs

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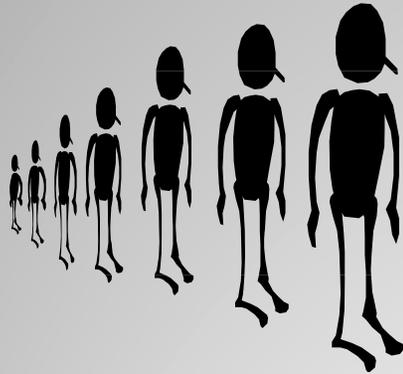


2035 Projection Update

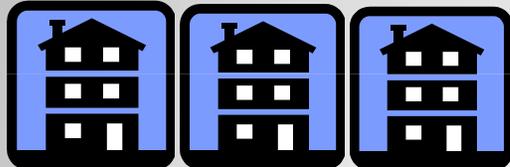
Population and Traffic Projections

- Early screening analyses completed using 2030 projections
- 2035 projections now available
 - Continued strong growth within Valencia County
 - Much of projected growth shifted to west of river
 - East side still growing

2035 Growth Outlook for the Region



668,000 new people

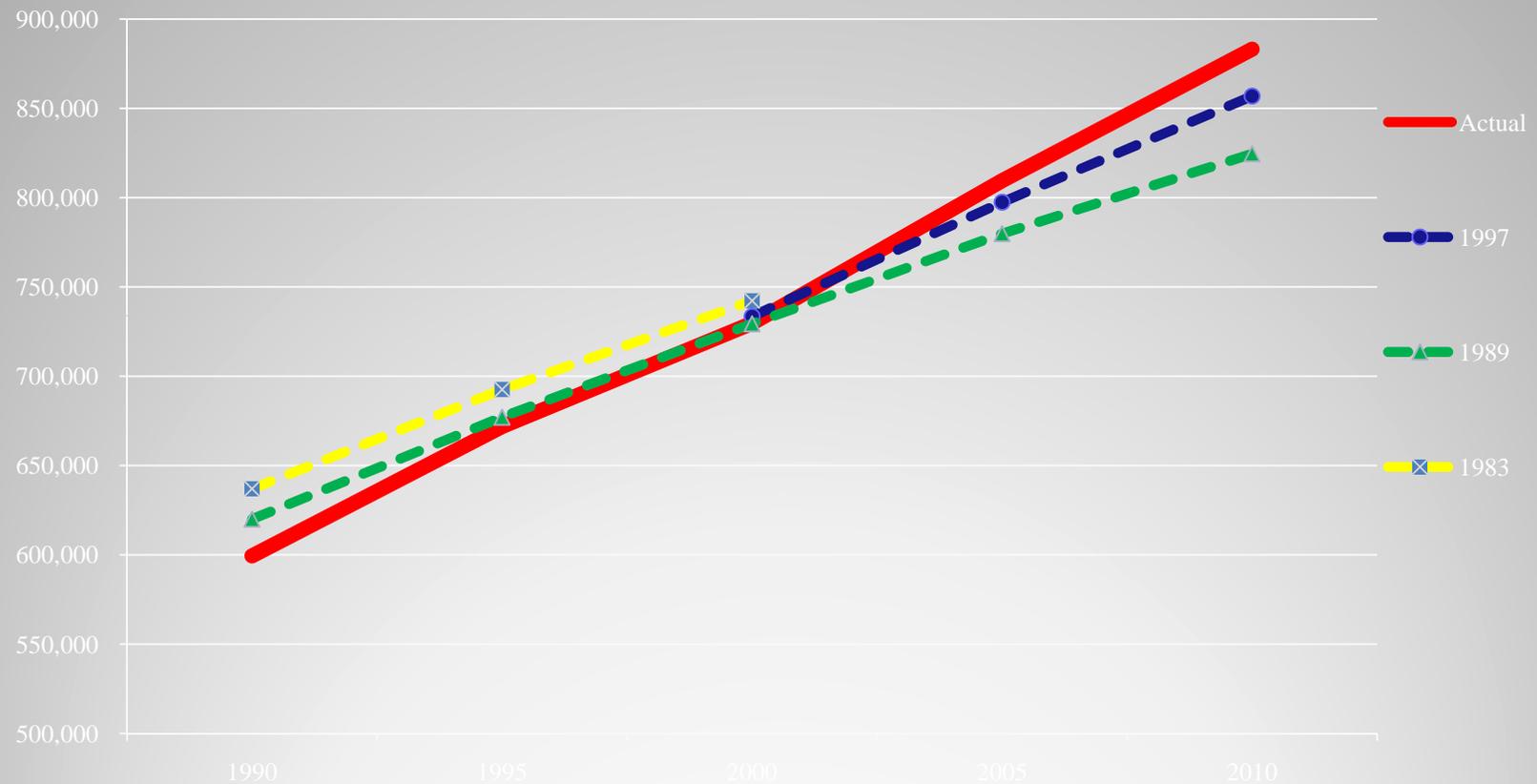


310,000 new homes



210,000 new jobs

Past Projections



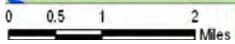
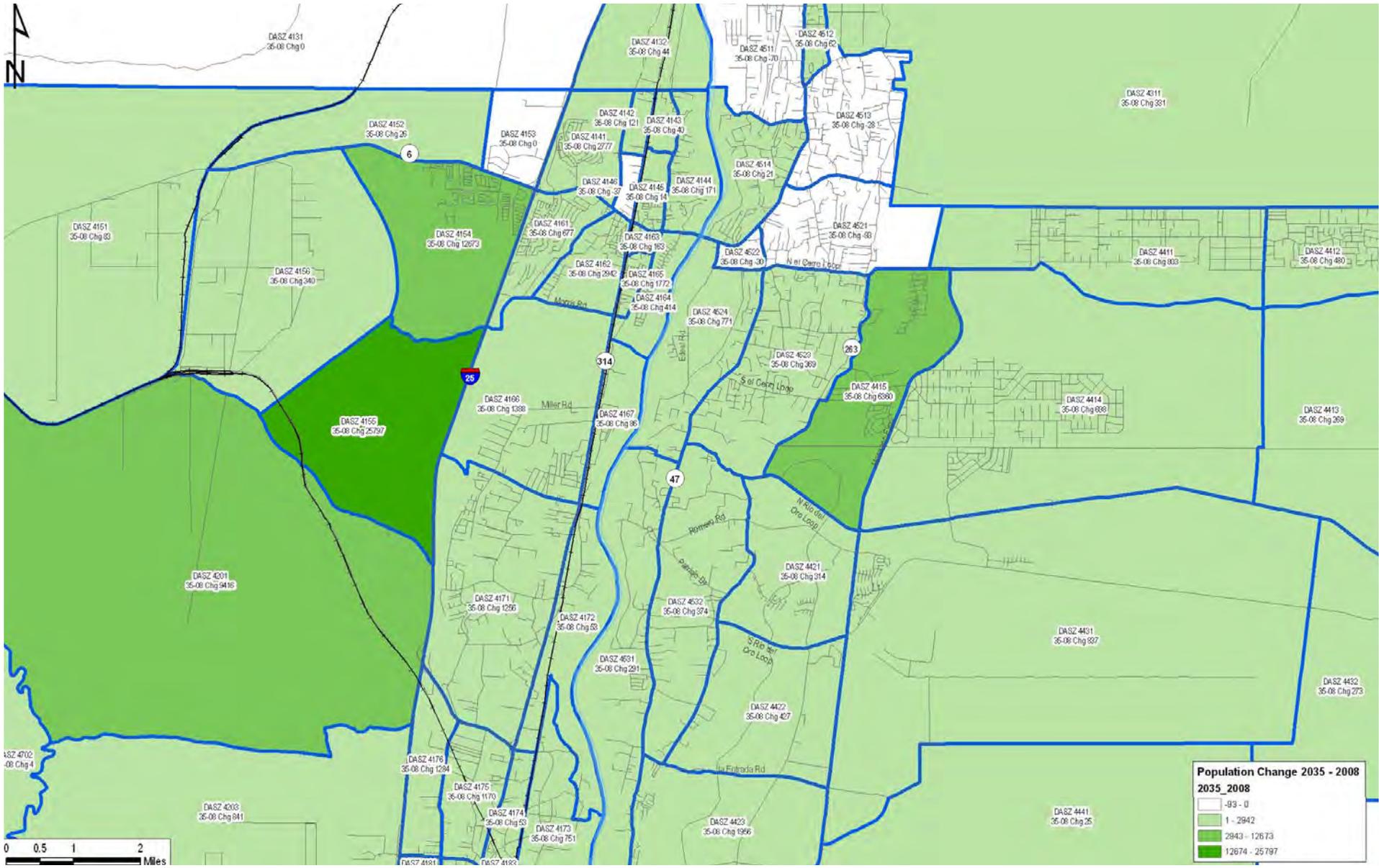
- At the regional level, past projections have been very close.
- At a county level forecasts vary in accuracy.
- The most recent measurable projections have actually been conservative.

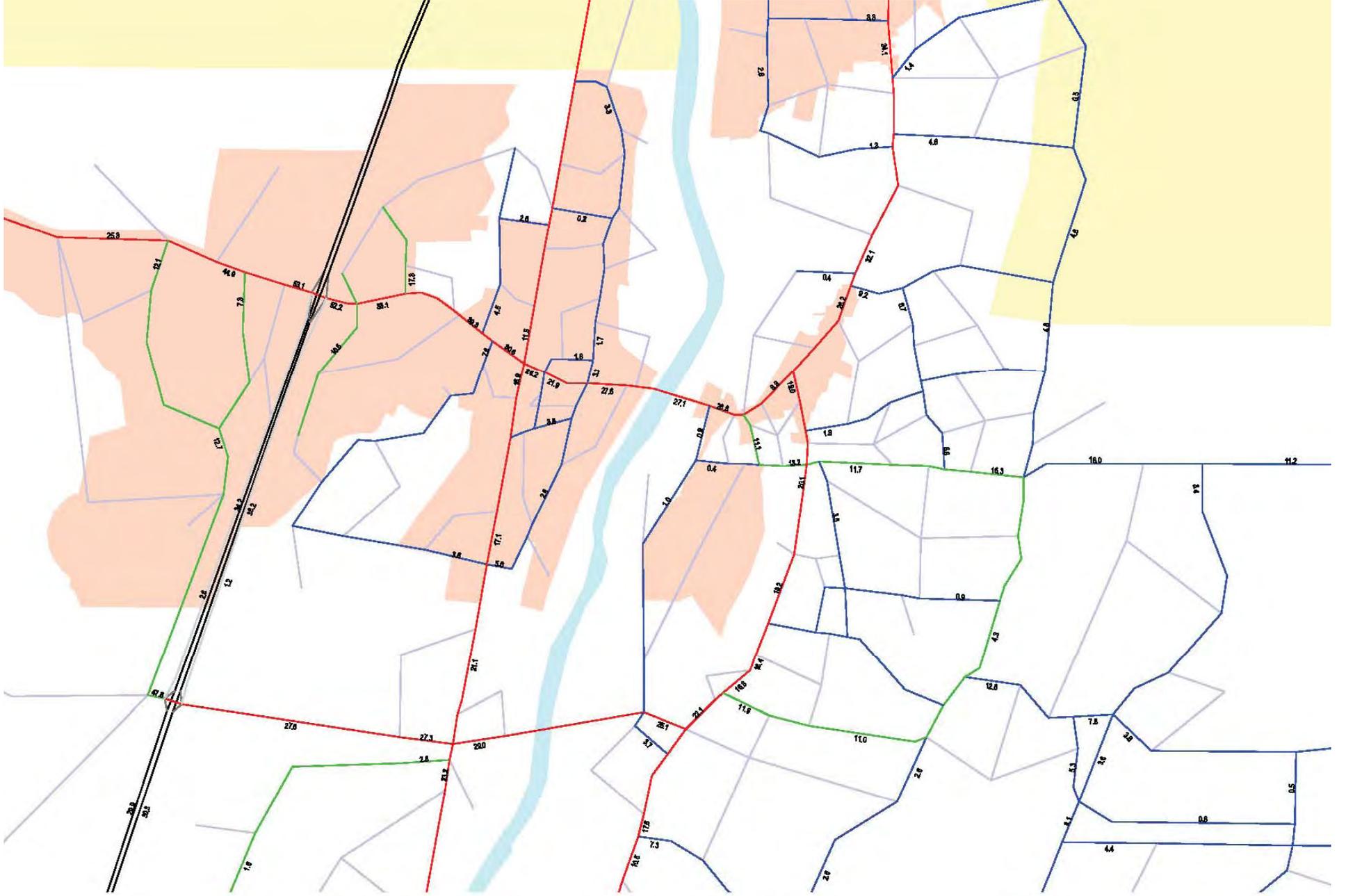
MRCOG Population Forecast by County

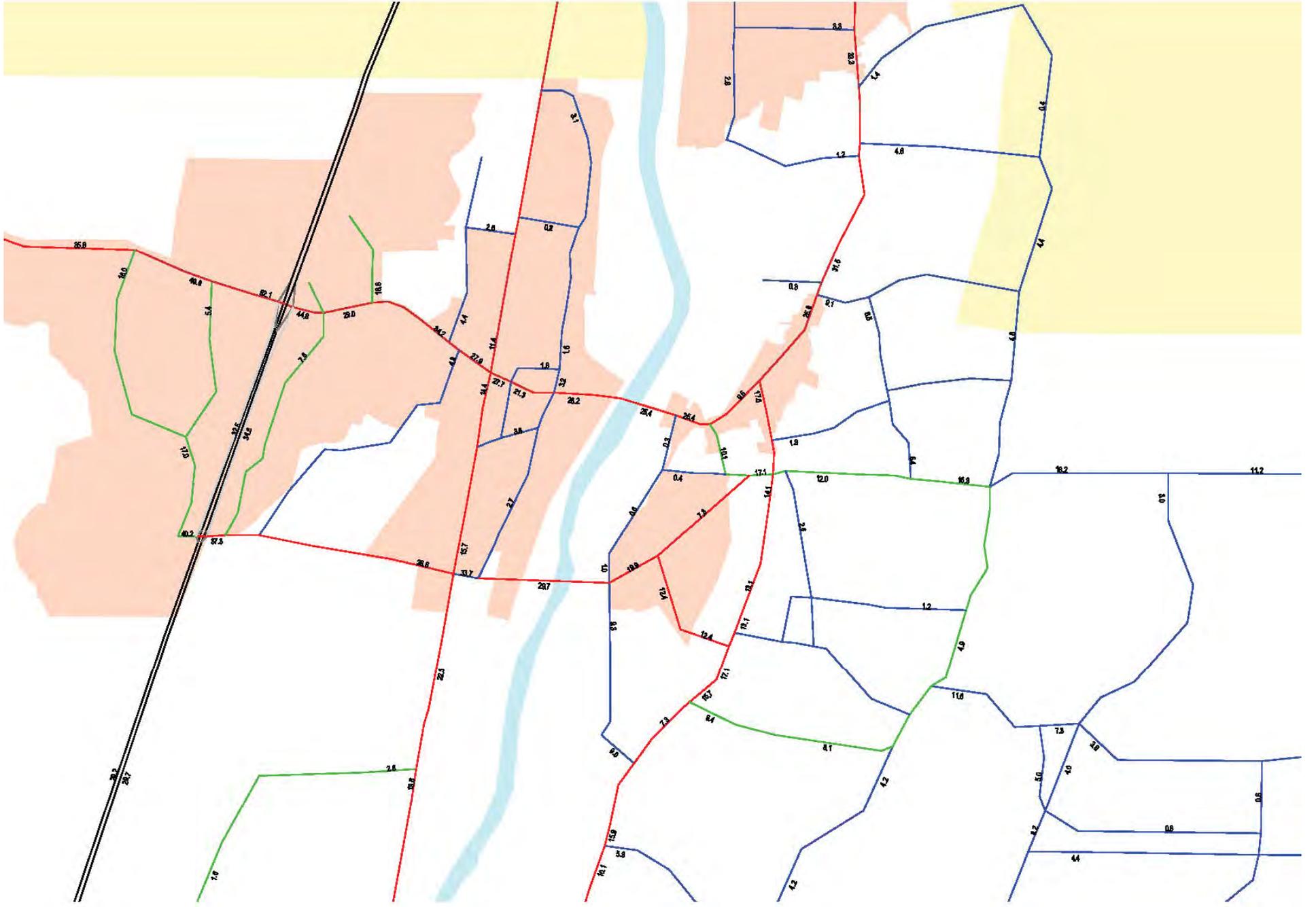
	2008 Population	2035 Population	Numeric Growth	Pace of Growth
MRCOG Region	883,901	1,552,125	668,224	75.6%
Bernalillo County	649,916	1,037,719	387,803	59.7%
Sandoval County	127,928	309,356	181,428	141.8%
Torrance County	17,923	27,836	9,913	55.3%
Valencia County	77,545	160,532	82,987	107.0%
Southern Santa Fe	10,589	16,682	6,093	57.5%

* Maintains the integrity of the cohort component technique at the regional level while allowing land use constraints, plans, and policies to determine County level population distribution.

BBER staff consulted throughout the process.







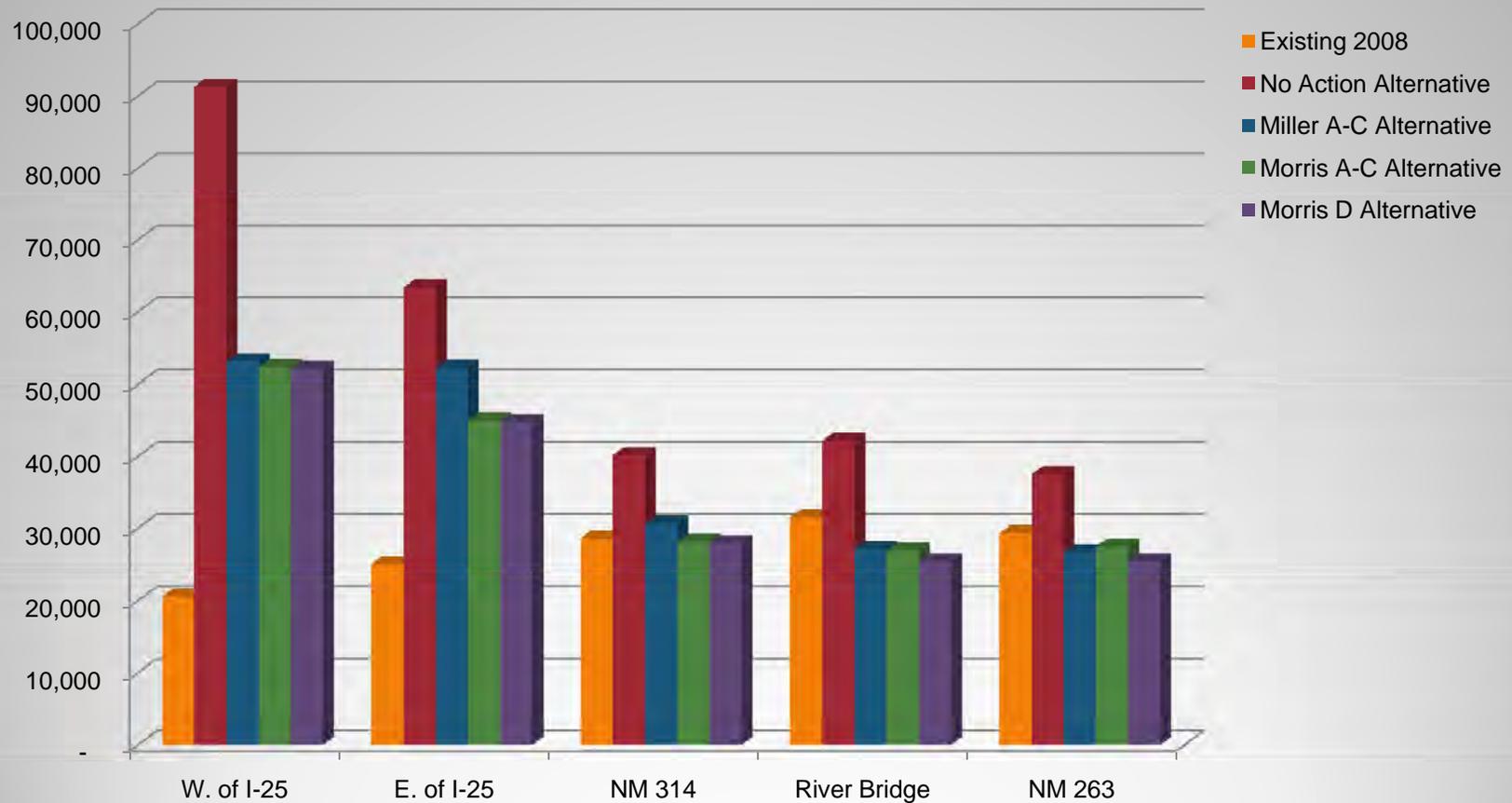
Population and Traffic Projections

	<u>NM 6/Main Street</u>				
	W. of I-25	E. of I-25	NM 314	River Bridge	NM 263
Existing 2008	20,600	25,000	28,600	31,500	29,300
No Action Alternative	91,300	63,400	40,200	42,200	37,500
Miller A-C Alternative	53,100	52,200	30,600	27,100	26,600
Morris A-C Alternative	52,300	45,000	28,100	26,900	27,400
Morris D Alternative	52,100	44,800	27,900	25,400	25,400

- No Action Alternative volumes exceed capacity
- Significant congestion at interchange
- All build alternatives relieve Main Street and maintain volumes similar to current traffic
- Volumes at Interchange remain high

Comparison of 2035 Traffic Volumes

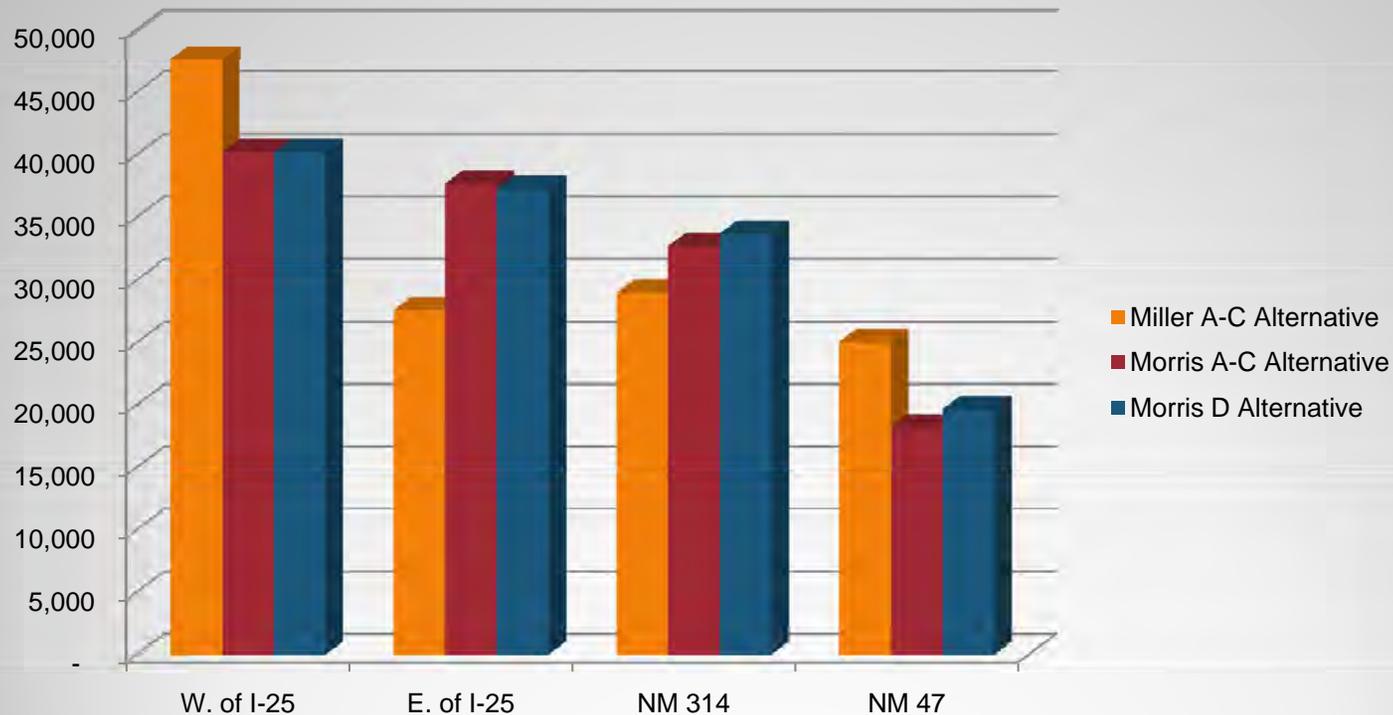
2035 projected ADT on Main Street with Different Alternatives



Comparison of 2035 Traffic Volumes

2035 projected ADT traffic on New Roadway

- Volumes at east side of I-25 affected by local street connections
- Volumes at NM 47 affected by Edeal Road cut-through



Project Team Recommendations



Team Recommendations

- Eliminate from further consideration....
 - **NM 6 Widening Alternative due to**
 - Poor performance with respect to access, emergency response, and traffic operations
 - Impacts to existing businesses and economy
 - **Miller Alternatives**
 - Requires reconstruction and widening of NM 47
 - Greater impacts to NMSU Agricultural Research Labs, NM Honor Farm security and operations
 - Most impacts to farmlands
 - Shifts “urbanization” further south
 - Higher costs
 - Does not provide added traffic benefits
 - Low public support
 - **Morris Option A**
 - Does not provide benefits over other Morris Alternatives
 - Low public support



Team Recommendations

- Advance for further consideration....
 - No Build
 - Is viable but not prudent
 - Serves as a baseline
 - Morris Alternative option D
 - Supported by the public
 - Good performance
 - Morris Alternative Option B or C
 - Good performance
 - Lowest impact

Next Steps



Team Recommendations

- Complete Detailed Traffic Operations Analysis
- Complete Alternatives Analysis Report
- Request concurrence from local decision makers
- Initiate EIS Process/Document