

# Prewitt-Milan Transportation Master Plan (PMTMP)

Technical Working Group Meeting #3

November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## Introductions

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### **Technical Working Group Members**

### **Policy Advisory Committee Members**

# Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Review of Technical Memo #2
  - a) Main sections
  - b) Proposed projects list and evaluation criteria
  - c) Process for Working Group review
3. Project Website
4. Project Schedule & Next Steps
5. Adjourn



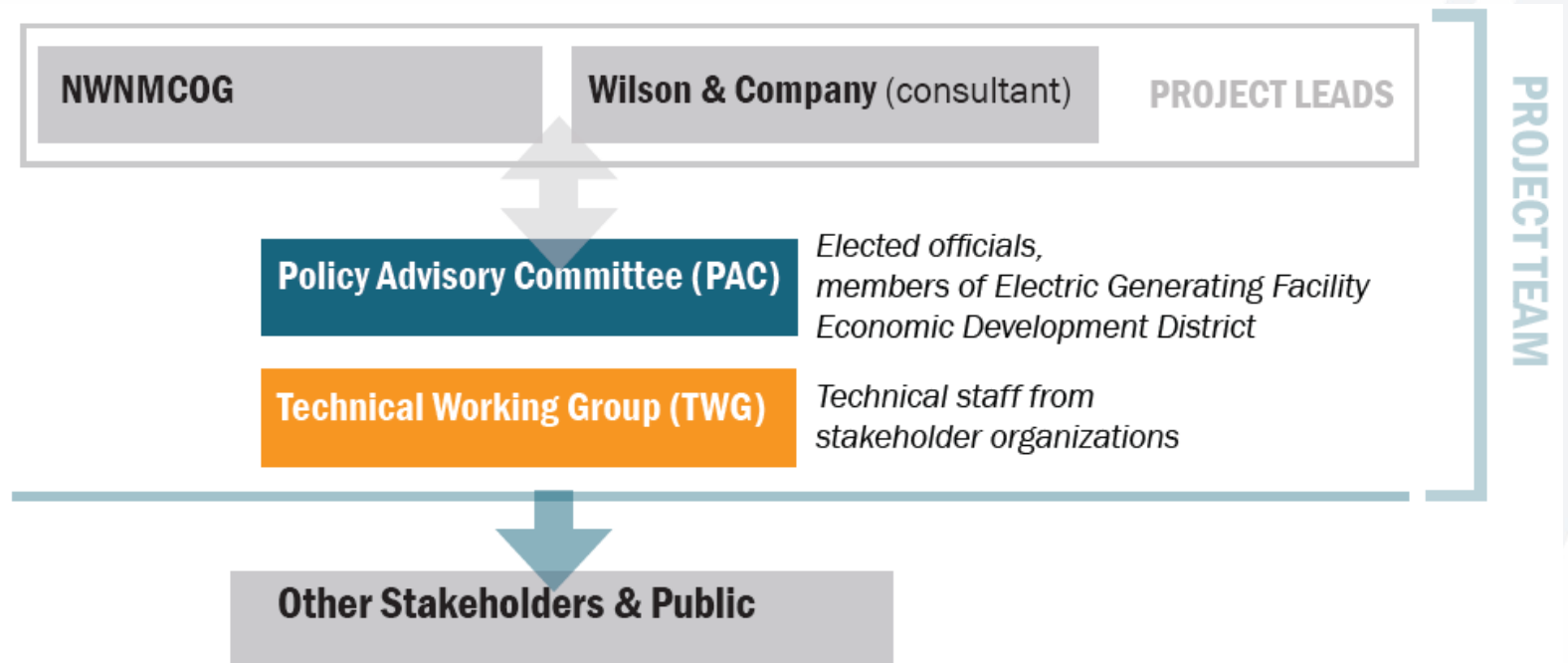
# Study Area



## Project Objective

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## TWG and PAC





## Milan Industrial Park

### MASTER PLAN AND PRELIMINARY DESIGN





# Prewitt Industrial Park

## Prewitt Industrial Park (2020)

- 626-acre site north of the community of Prewitt, in McKinley County, New Mexico
- Commonly referred to as the County Road 19 Site, just south of the Escalante power plant in Prewitt
- Good access to I-40 and BNSF Transcon



Conceptual Land Use – Prewitt Industrial Park Site

# Milan Industrial Park

## Milan Industrial Park

- 913-acre master planned industrial park
- Directly along BNSF Transcon
- Near I-40, truck stop & Grants-Milan Airport
- Phase I design is underway



## 1st TWG and PAC Meetings

- First meeting of the groups
- TWG discussion topics:
  - Future Sawmill Road interchange near Milan
  - Need for improved or reduced # of rail crossings
  - Deficiencies at Thoreau I-40 interchange
  - Transit service between Thoreau and Grants
- PAC: Grants projects should also be included

## August Focus Groups

- Milan Industrial Park
  - Reviewed progress on the MIP
  - Discussed other potential development near Horizon Blvd
  - Overpass?
- Prewitt Industrial Park
  - Discussed future of Escalante Station
  - Reviewed overpass and NM 371 options



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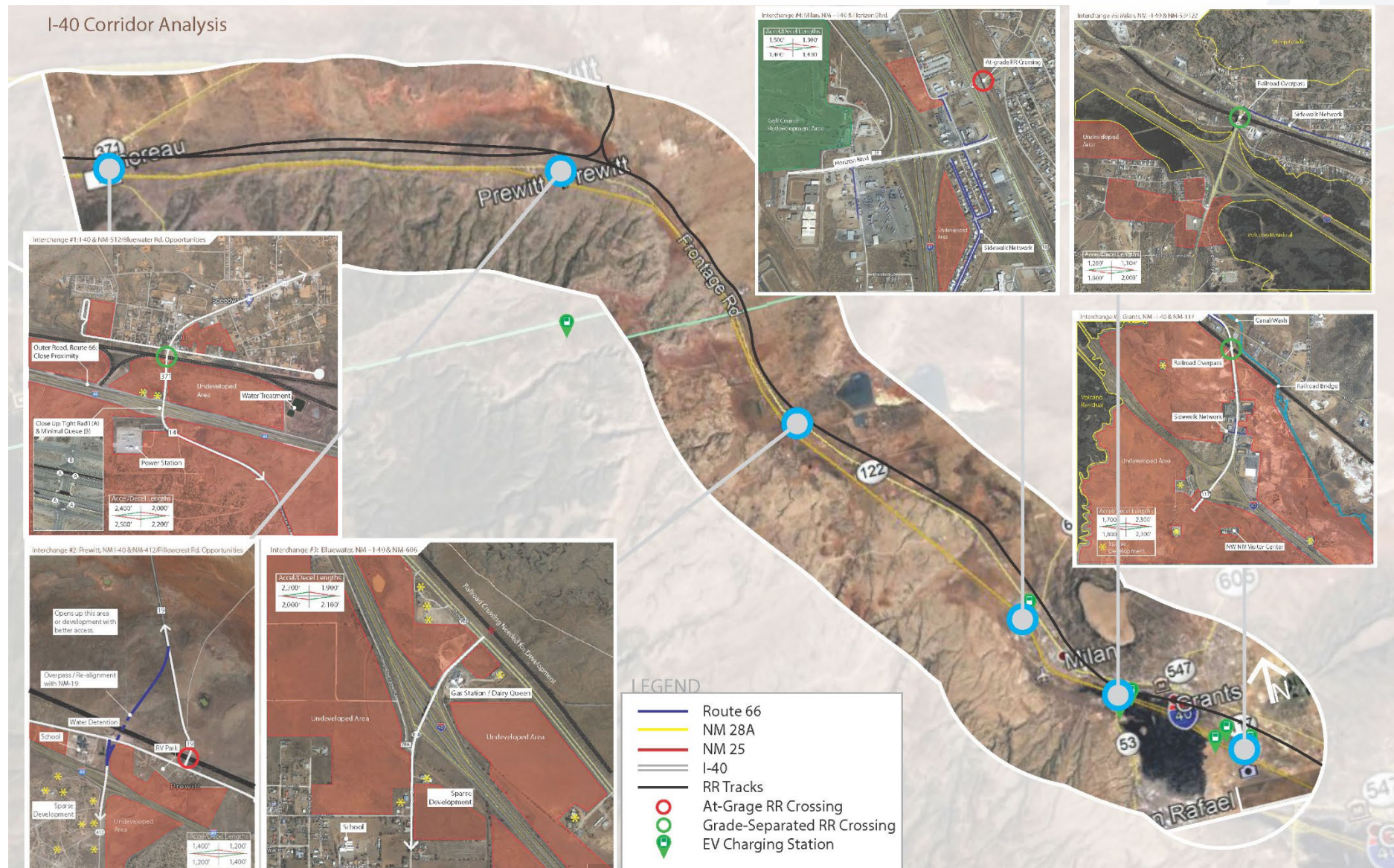
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# I-40 Corridor Issues & Opportunities



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# AASHTO Acceleration & Deceleration Guidelines

75 mph corridor

‘Merge speed’

Ratio multiplier for  
slopes: 1.2, 1.4 / 0.9,  
0.6

Less than 3 Percent

U.S. Customary										
Acceleration Lane Length, $L_a$ (ft) for Design Speed of Controlling Feature on Ramp, $V'$ (mph)										
Highway	Stop Condition	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	
Design Speed, $V$ (mph)	Merge Speed, $V_s$ (mph)	Average Running Speed (i.e., Initial Speed) at Controlling Feature on Ramp, $V'_s$ (mph)								
		0	14	18	22	26	30	36	40	44
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40	36	320	295	265	235	185	155	—	—	—
45	40	385	350	325	295	250	220	—	—	—
50	44	435	405	385	355	315	285	225	175	—
55	48	480	455	440	410	380	350	285	235	—
60	52	530	500	480	460	430	405	350	300	240
65	55	570	540	520	500	470	440	390	340	280
70	58	615	590	570	550	520	490	440	390	340
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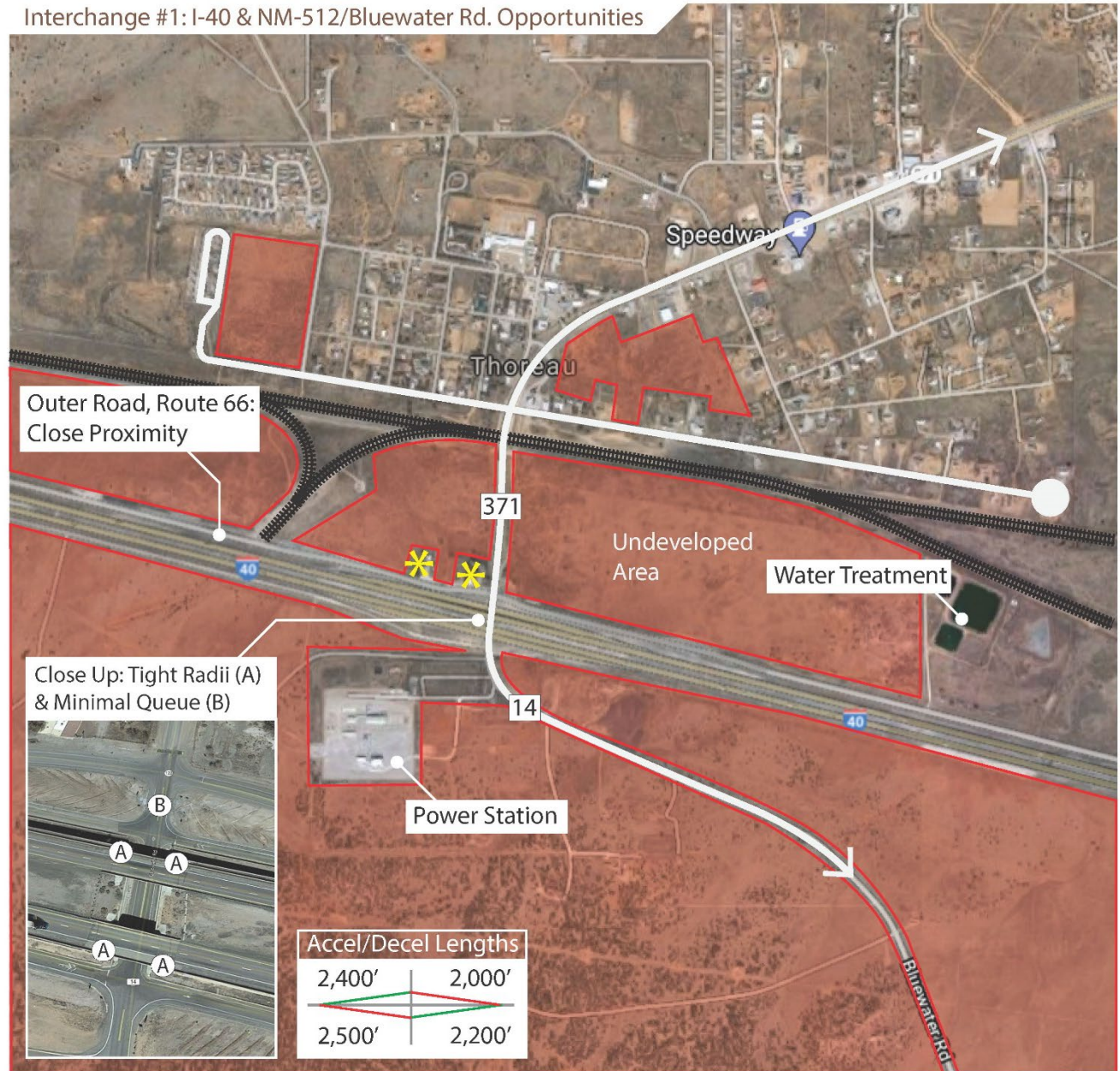
# #1: Bluewater Road

Outer Road close proximity ~75'

Tight on/off ramp radii & queue lengths

Power Station at SW quadrant

Grade separated RR crossing



# I-40 Corridor Issues & Opportunities

I-40 & Bluewater Road Interchange in Thoreau, NM





## #2: Pillowcrest Road

At-grade RR crossing &  
minimal SB queue (280')

Overpass opportunity to  
realign & remove 2  
intersections

Interchange #2: Prewitt, NM I-40 & NM-412/Pillowcrest Rd. Opportunities

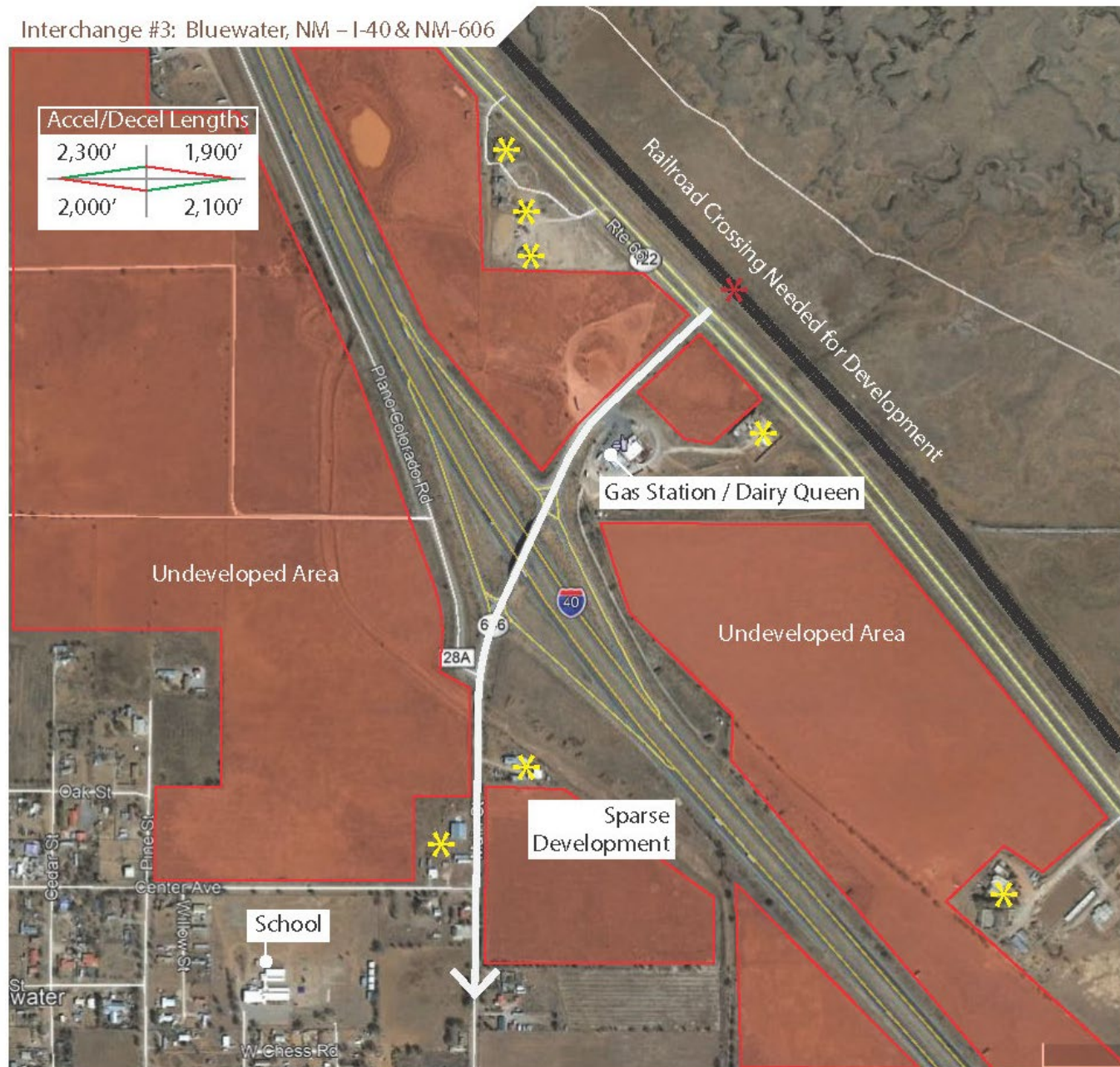


## #3: NM-606

Lacking  
connection to the  
NE across RR  
tracks

At-grade RR  
crossing 1 mile  
north

Surrounding  
residential  
development





## #4: Horizon Boulevard

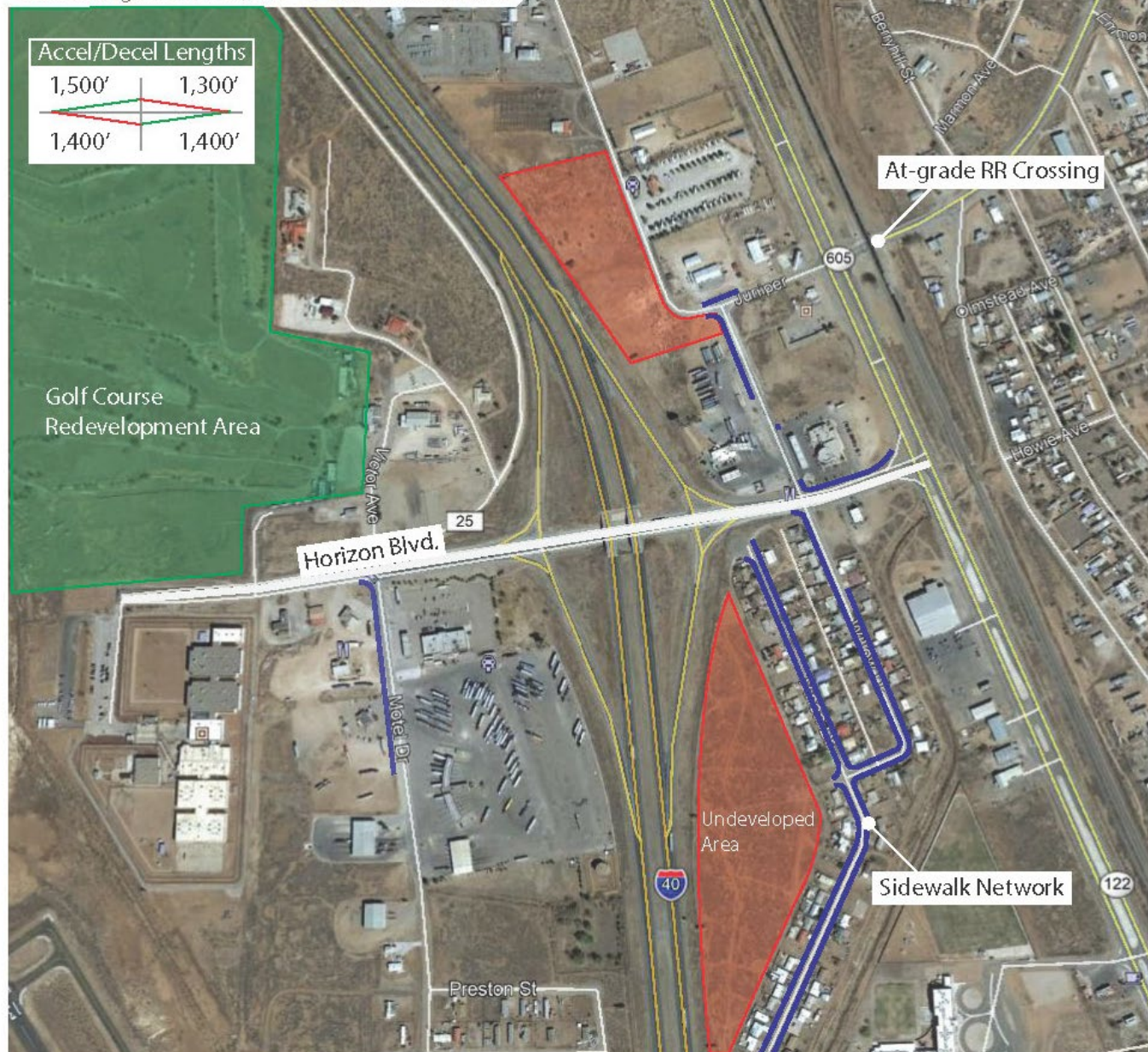
Most continuous sidewalk network present

Redevelopment opportunity present with the Golf Course property

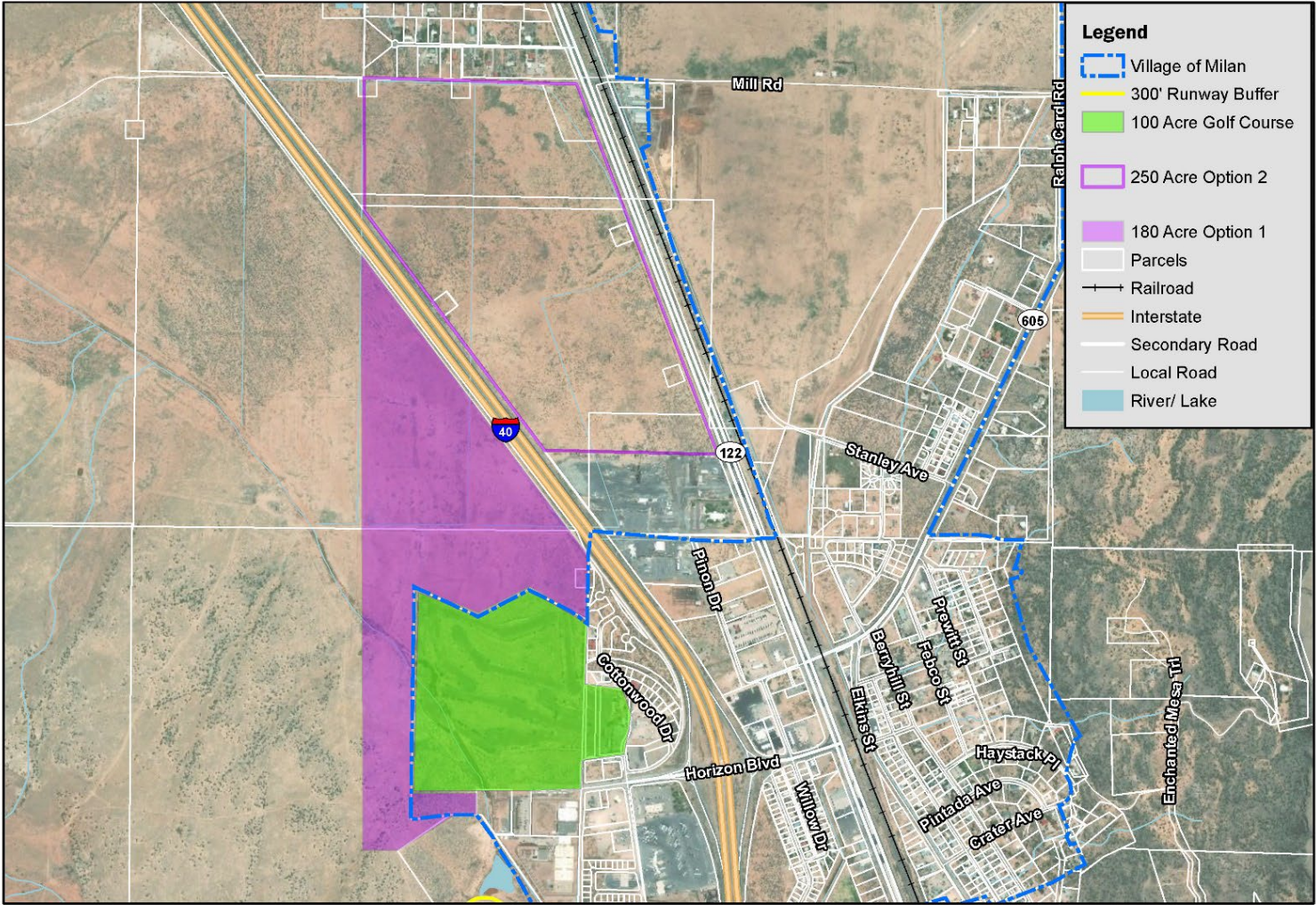
Conceptual study completed

Need improved lighting before we push a ped network

Interchange #4: Milan, NM – I-40 & Horizon Blvd.







**Village of Milan - 680 Acre Site Options**  
Village of Milan

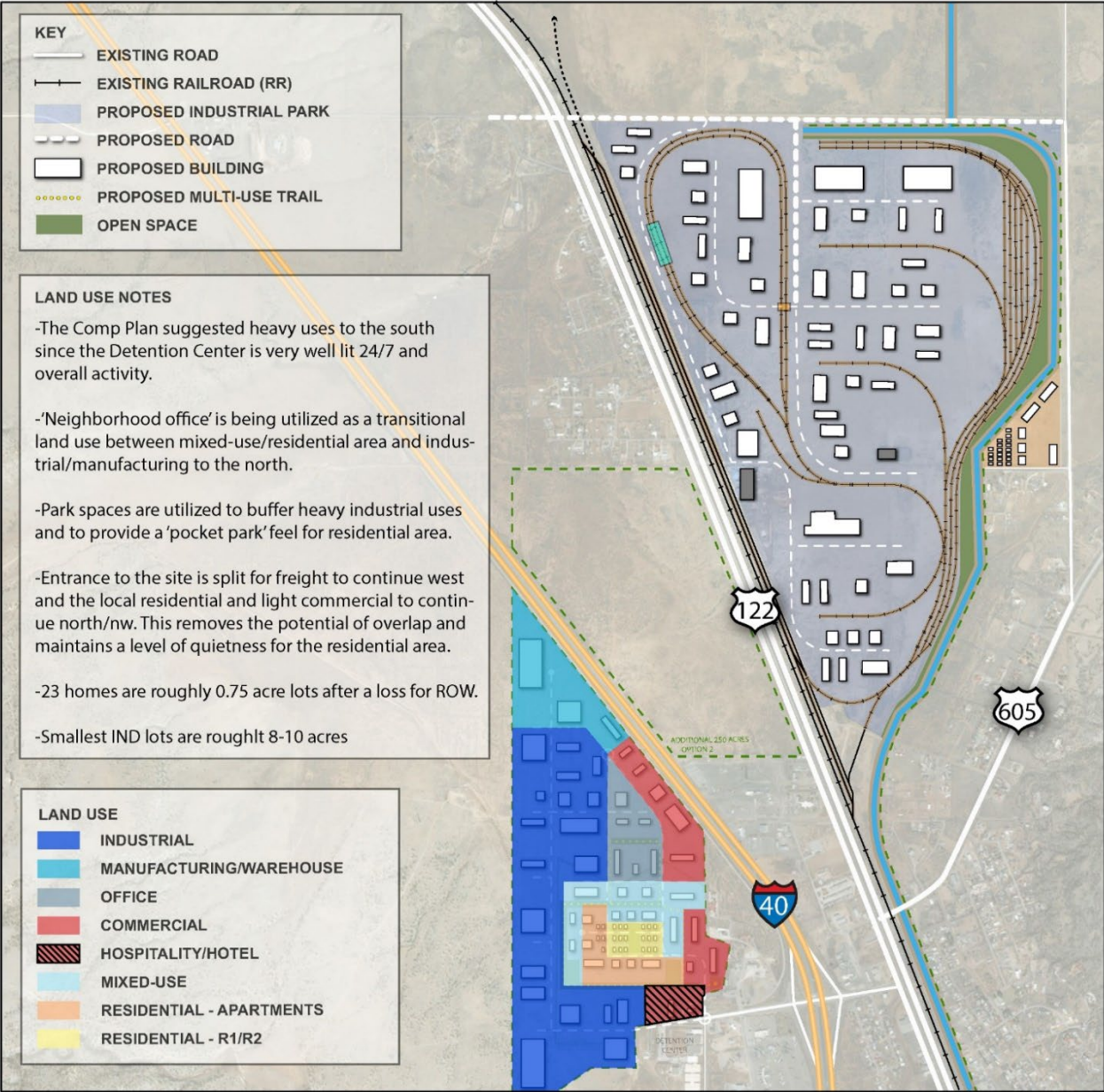
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1" = 1 Mile

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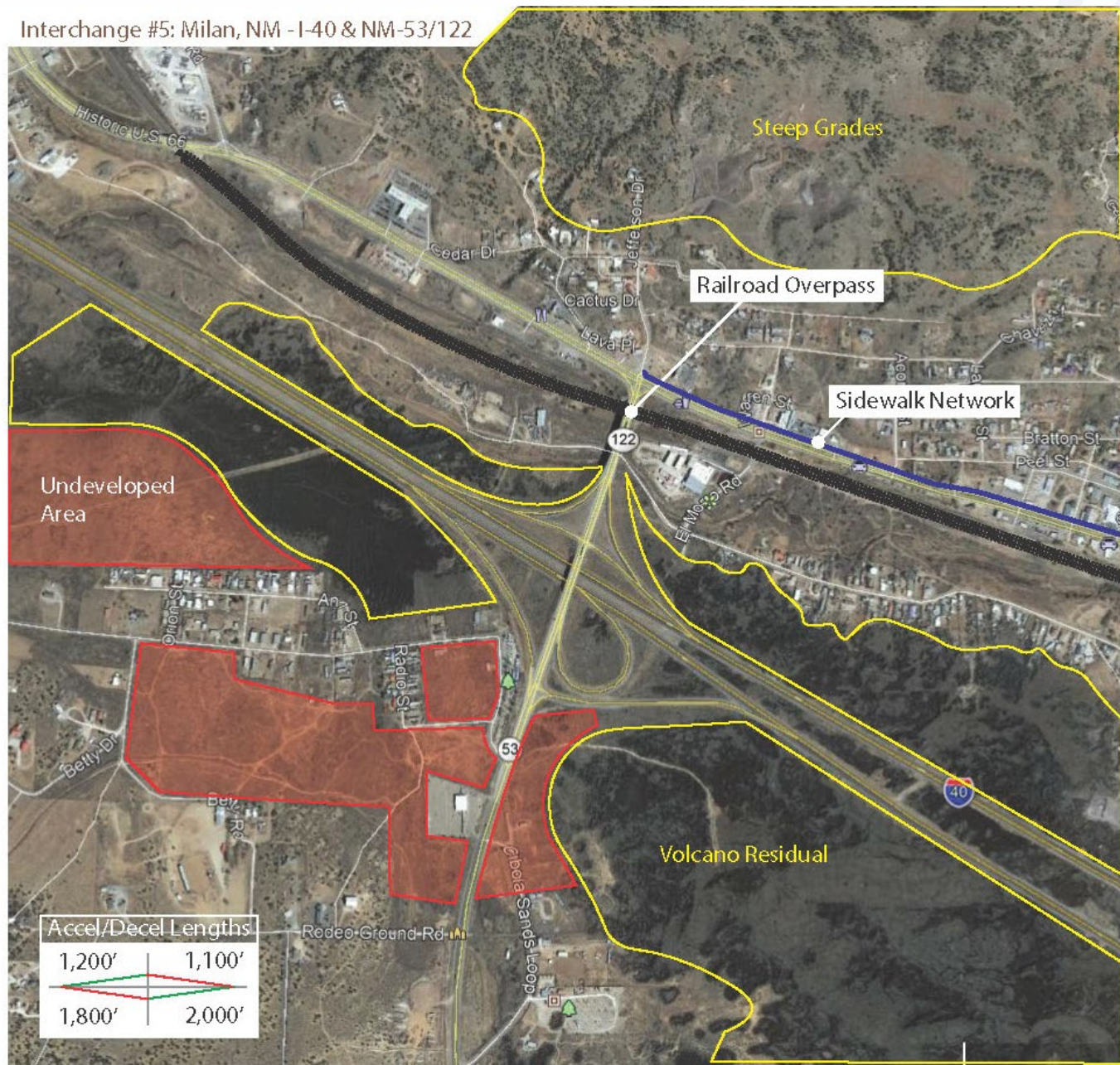






## #5: NM-122 & 53

Limited developable area with volcanic rock, steep grades and nearby residential development





## #6: NM-117

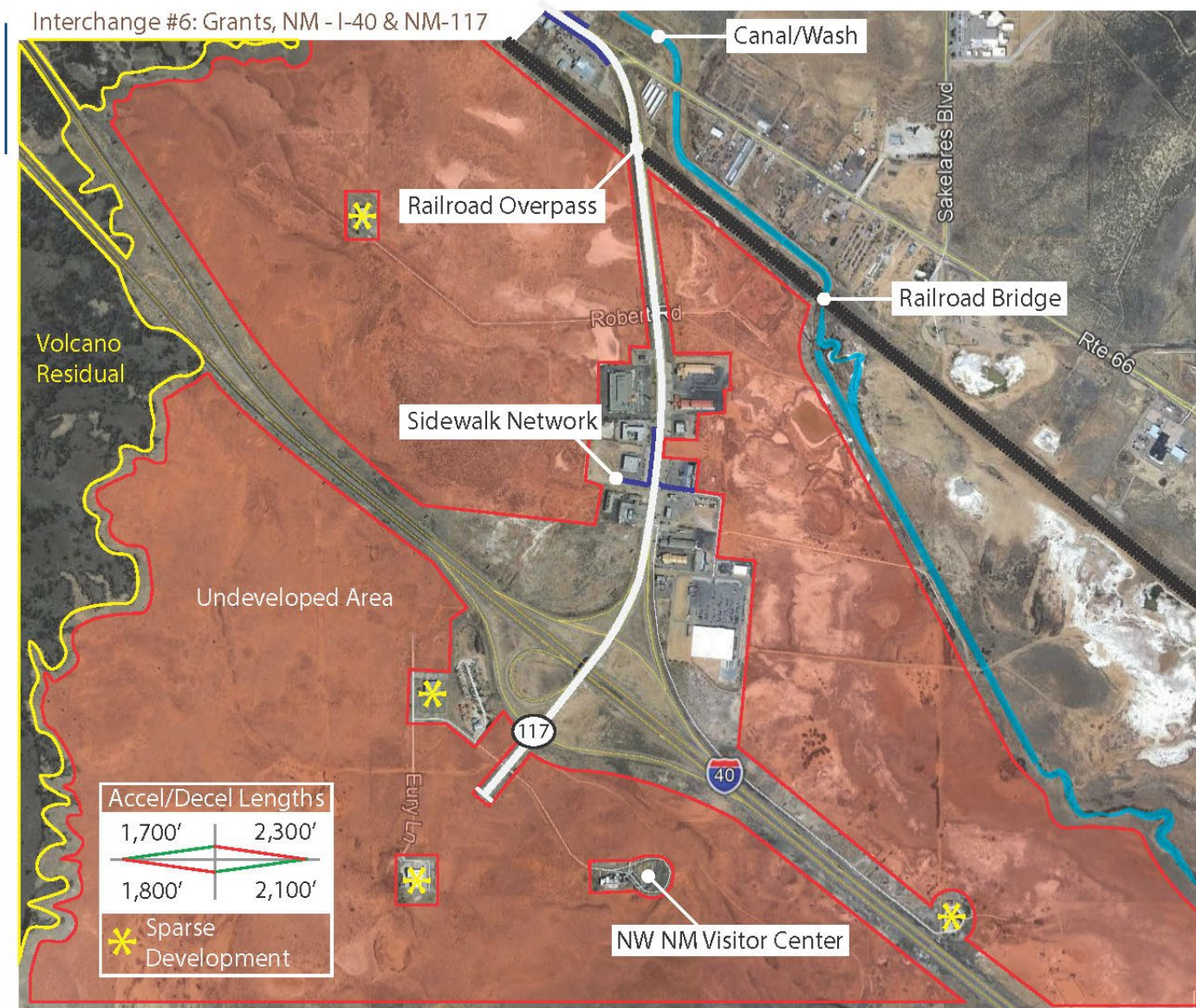
Ample  
development  
opportunity

Limited railroad  
access

Infrastructure not  
in place to grow to  
the SW

30-75mph =  
1,510'/3,130'

590' = ~52mph





**I-40 Outer Roads:**  
Maintaining emergency access benefit – not hindrance

Route 66 provides a continuous route that parallels I-40 to the north/east

NM-28A & NM-25 provide limited alternate access

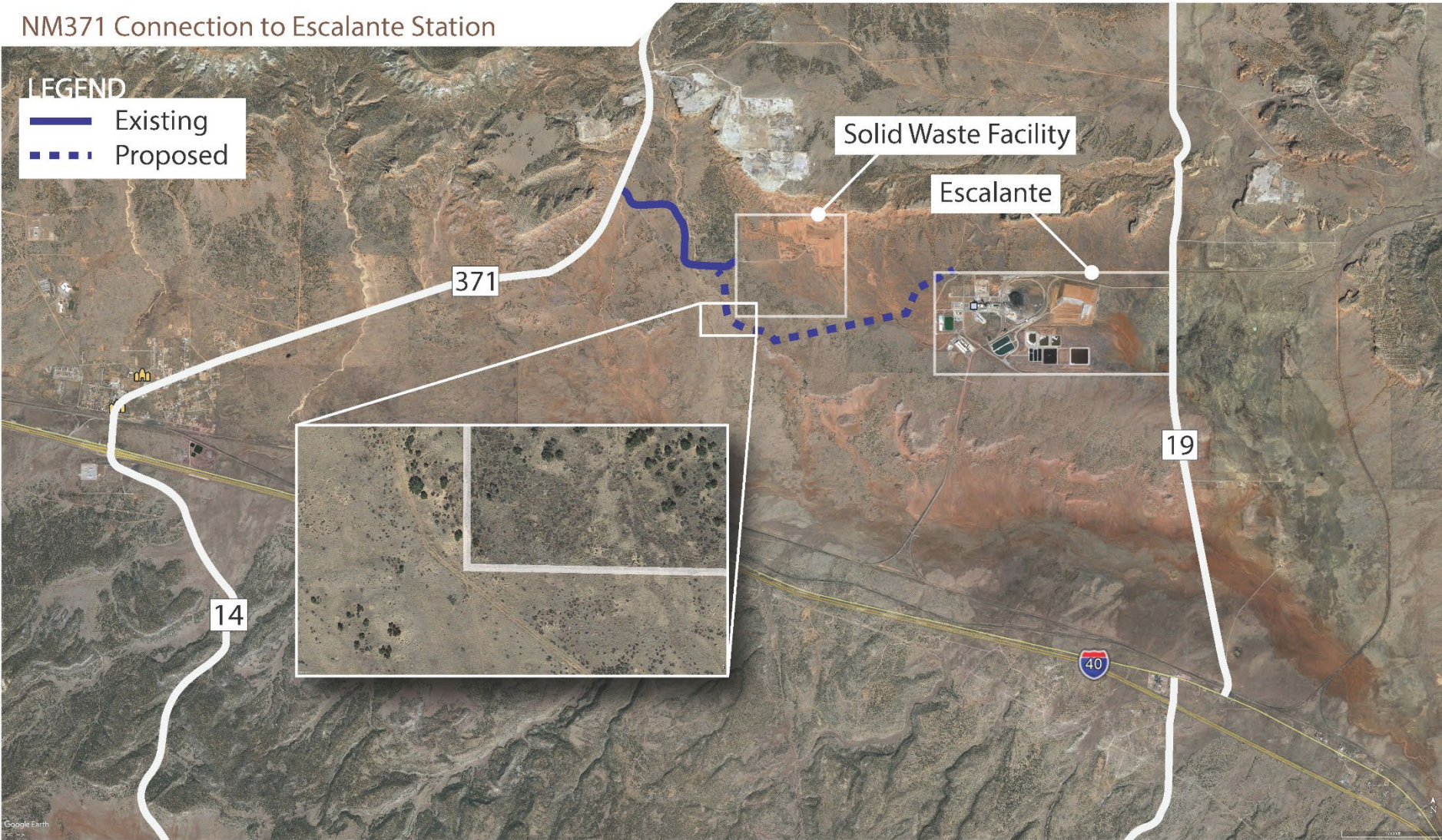




## NM-317 Connection for Escalante Plant:

Provides an access point from the east to relieve traffic flow from NM-19 and the dangerous at-grade RR crossing / short queue (280').

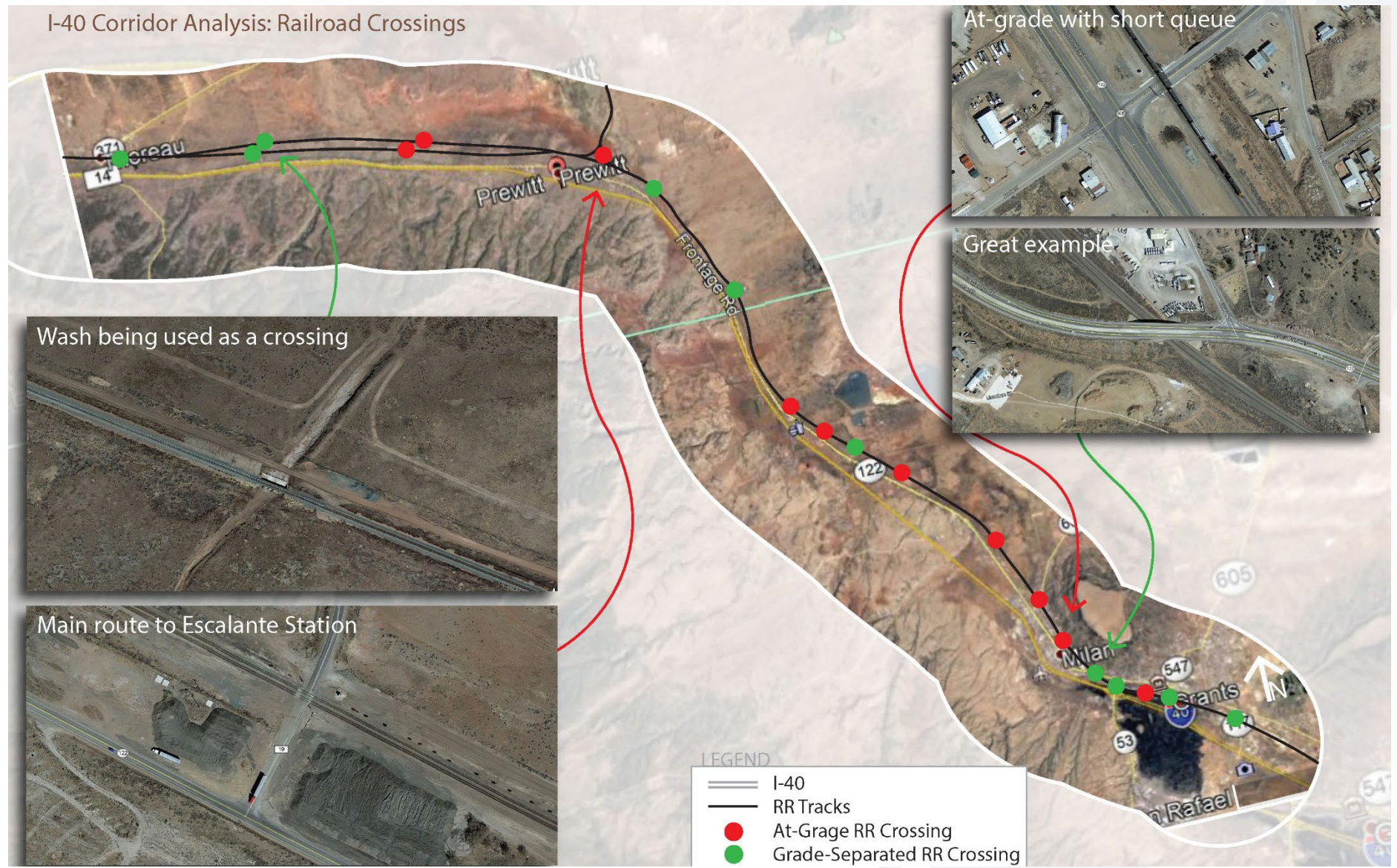
NM371 Connection to Escalante Station





# Railroad crossings

10 (8) grade-separated & 10 at-grade





# Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

6 in the corridor area

Significant factor to an  
industrial park?

Regional draw to consider for  
future park?



## What did we miss?

- Other economic development areas?
- Locations with road safety issues?
- Railroad-related issues?

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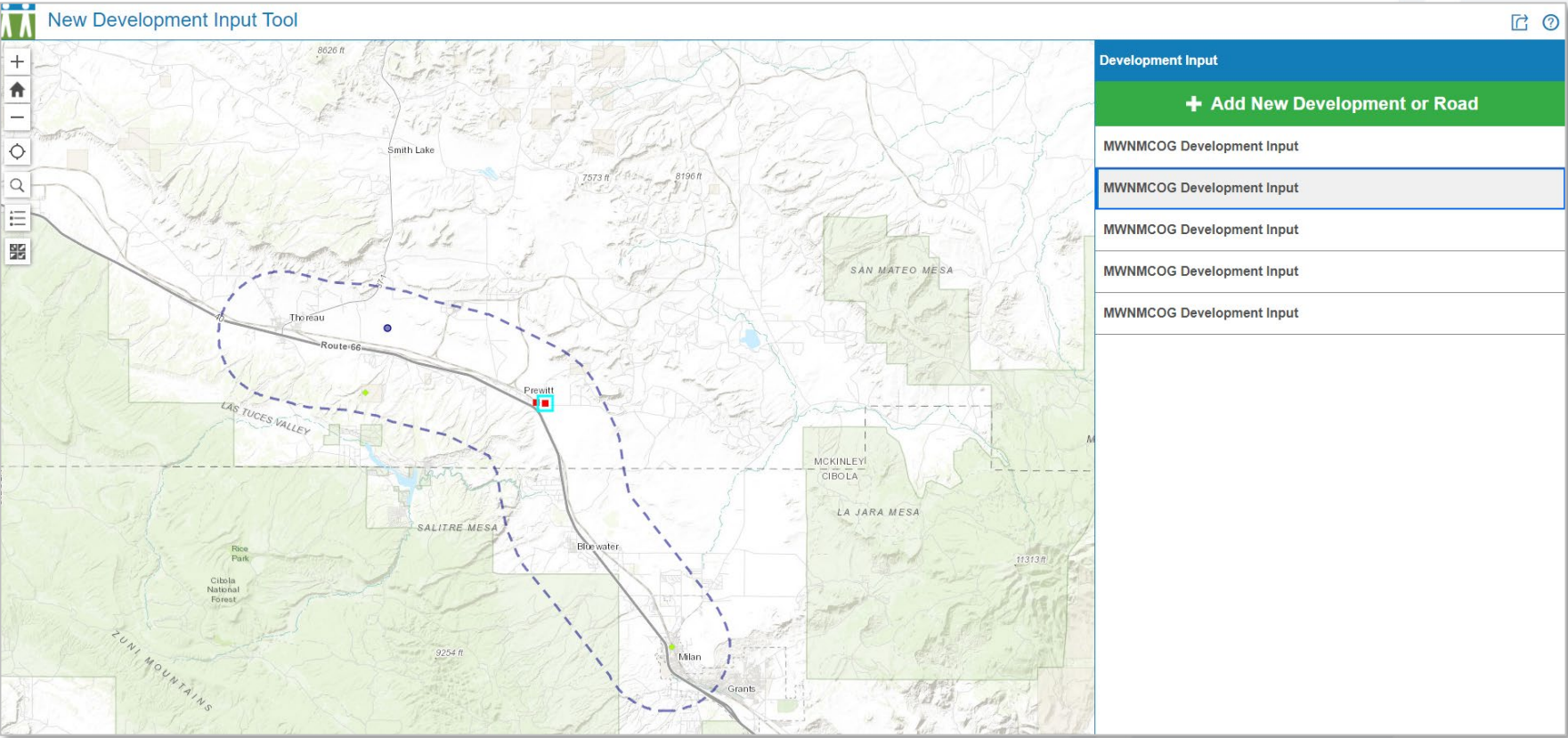
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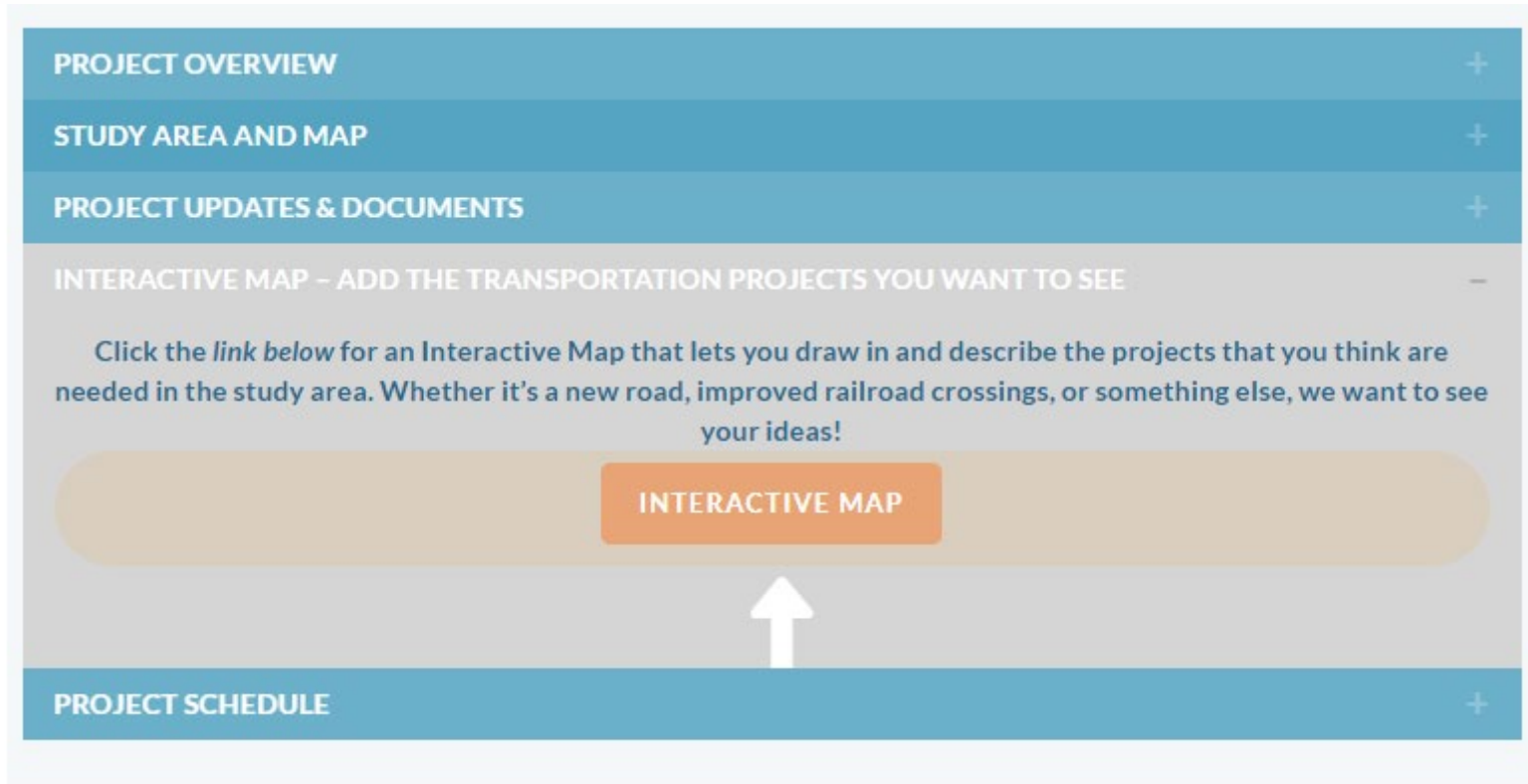
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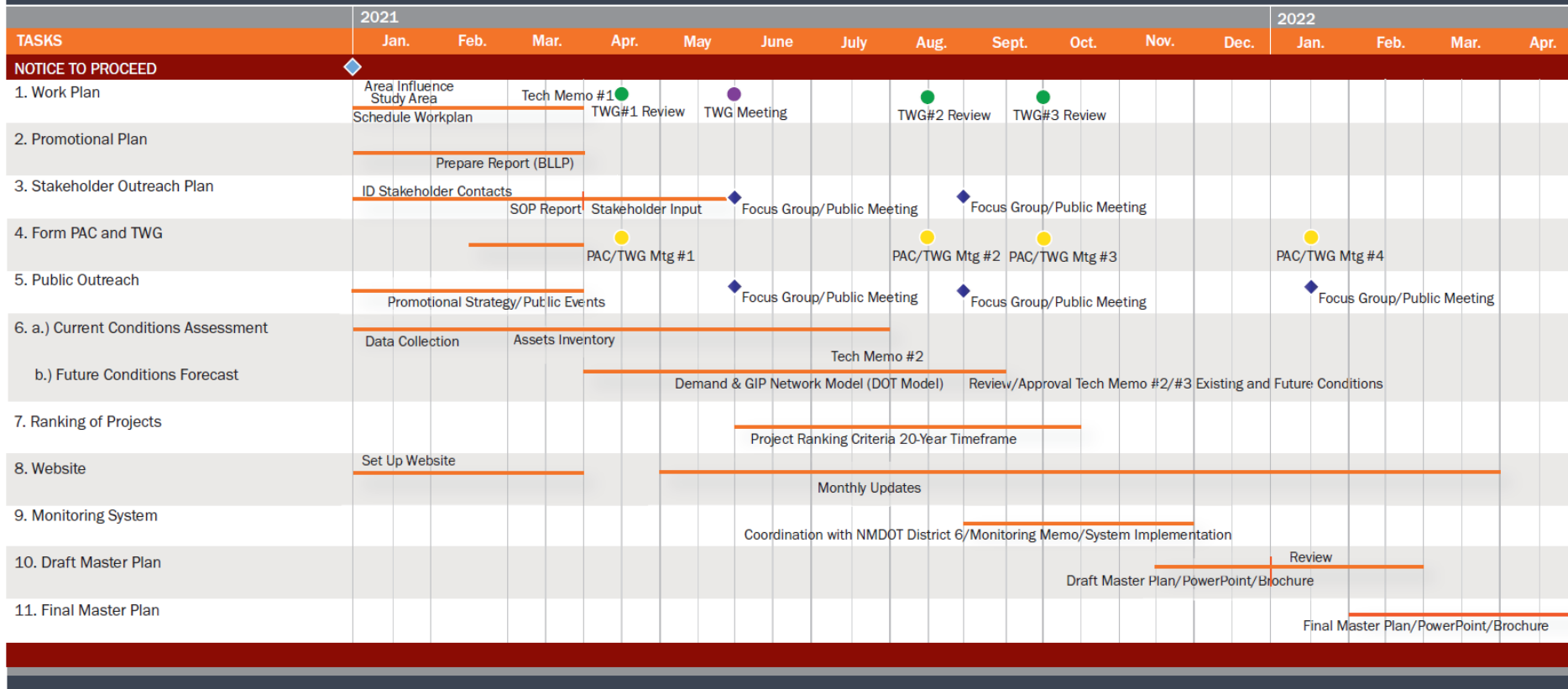


# Project Schedule



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## PROJECT SCHEDULE: Prewitt-Milan Transportation Master Plan



## Next Steps

- Technical memo #2 – summary of analysis so far, initial list of projects
- TWG meeting #3 – late October



# Thank you!

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## Previous Recommendations & Studies

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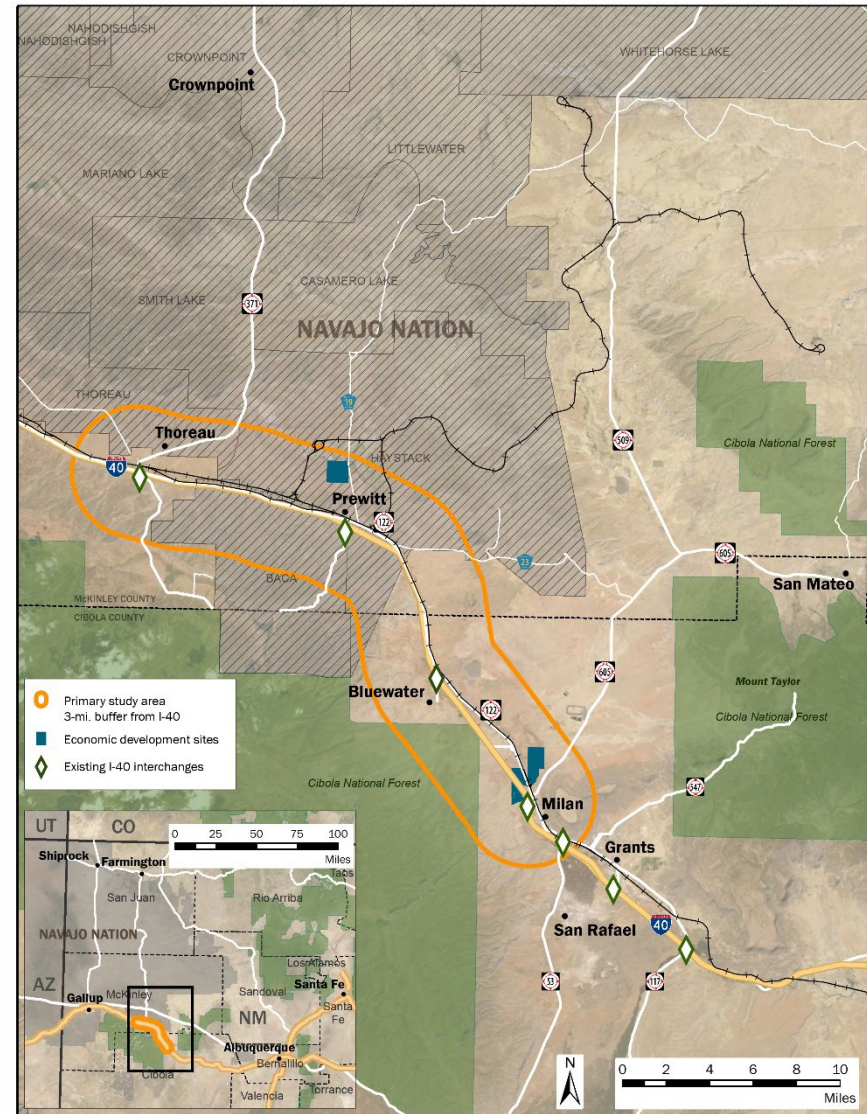
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## TWG Vision

When you look at the Study Area, what types of transportation investments would help you achieve your economic development goals?



## Previous Recommendations & Studies

### Statewide/Regional Plans

New Mexico 2040 Plan (statewide LRTP)

New Mexico Freight Plan

New Mexico Statewide Freight Plan

New Mexico DOT STIP

NW New Mexico Regional Transportation Plan

### Navajo Nation Plans

Navajo Nation LRTP & TTIP

Navajo Nation Inland Port

Chapter Community Land Use Plans (CLUPs)

### Local Plans

Village of Milan Comprehensive Plan (2017)

Comprehensive Plan for Cibola County (2015)

McKinley County Comprehensive Plan Update (2012)

### Development Plans/Site Reports

Prewitt & Milan industrial park master plans

Solid Waste Authority Site Report

## I-40 & Bluewater Road Interchange in Thoreau, NM





## I-40 & Horizon Blvd in Milan





At-grade crossing, NM 605, Milan



NM 371 overpass, Thoreau



# Alternative Acceleration Calculations

75 mph corridor

AASHTO vs  
NCHRP

‘Speed Reached’  
for merging

US Customary										
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TABLE 2 Acceleration Lane Lengths Calculated in NCHRP Report 505 using the TSPM for a 180 lb/hp Truck on a Zero Percent Grade (3)

Hwy Design Speed, mph	Speed Reached, mph	Acceleration Length, ft, for Entrance Curve Design Speed, mph								
		Stop	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
		Entrance Curve Initial Speed, mph								
		0	14	18	22	26	30	36	40	44
30	23	275	160							
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60	47	2000	1900	1830	1740	1600	1430	1070	760	330
65	50	2490	2380	2280	2230	2090	1920	1560	1220	800
70	53	3060	2960	2900	2800	2670	2510	2140	1810	1260
75	55	3520	3430	3360	3260	3130	2960	2590	2290	1850



Table 10-5. Speed Change Lane Adjustment Factors as a Function of Grade					
U.S. Customary					
Design Speed of Highway (mph)	Deceleration Lanes				
	Ratio of Length on Grade to Length on Level for Design Speed of Turning Curve (mph) <sup>a</sup>				
	3 to 4% upgrade 0.9		3 to 4% downgrade 1.2		
All Speeds	5 to 6% upgrade 0.8		5 to 6% downgrade 1.35		
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45	1.3	1.35	—	—	0.675
50	1.3	1.4	1.4	—	0.65
55	1.35	1.45	1.45	—	0.625
60	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.6	0.6
65	1.45	1.55	1.6	1.7	0.6
70	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.8	0.6
75	1.6	1.7	1.8	2.0	0.6
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50	1.5	1.7	1.9	—	0.55
55	1.6	1.8	2.05	—	0.525
60	1.7	1.9	2.2	2.5	0.5
65	1.85	2.05	2.4	2.75	0.5
70	2.0	2.2	2.6	3.0	0.5
75	2.15	2.35	2.8	3.25	0.5
80	2.3	2.5	3	3.5	0.5