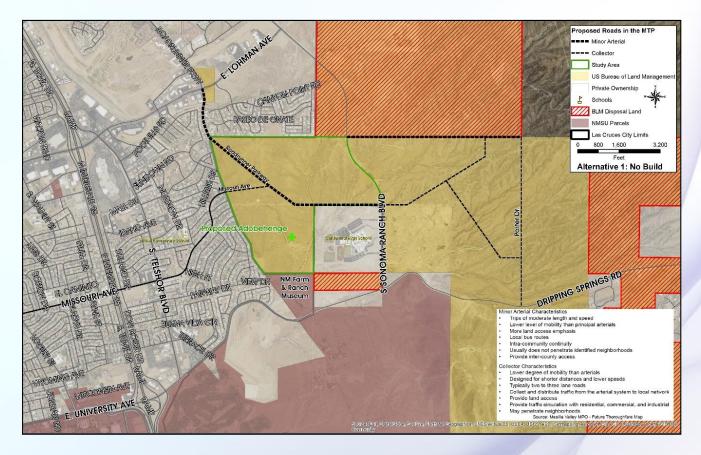
# Missouri Avenue Corridor Study







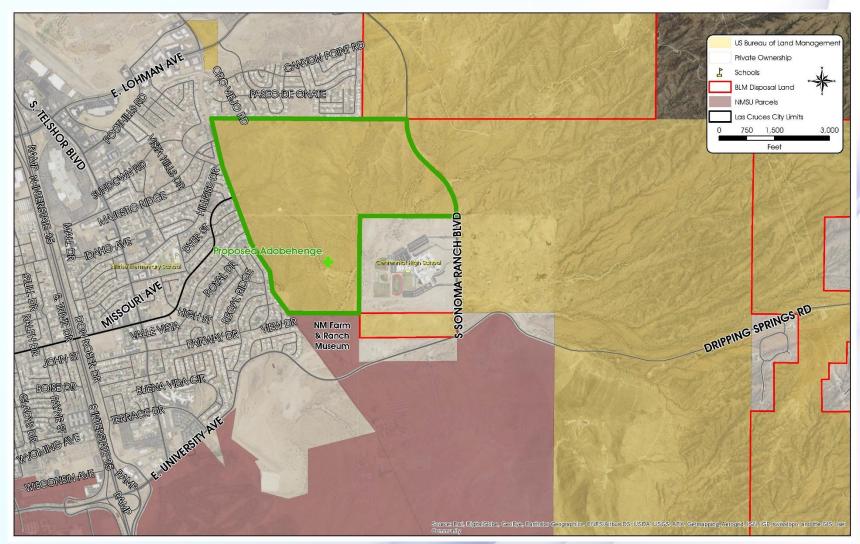


Public Meeting March 30, 2016

### Missouri Avenue Corridor Study

- Study Area
- Planning Process
- Purpose and Need
- ▲ Input and Feedback to Date
- Potential Alternatives
- Next Steps

## Study Area Map



### Planning Process

- ▲ Study utilizes Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Planning funds
- ▲ NMDOT Location Study Procedures Phase A
- ▲ Public input is critical
- ▲ Plan and recommendations will be used to request funding
- ▲ Environmental analysis, design, and construction to be undertaken in later phases

# **NMDOT Location Study Process**

Phase A Phase B Phase C

### Initial Evaluation of Alternatives

Establish Purpose & Need Establish Existing Conditions Identify Potential Alternatives Initial Evaluation of Alternatives

## Detailed Evaluation of Alternatives

Engineering Investigations
Environmental Investigations
Conceptual Design
Detailed Evaluation of Alternatives

#### **Environmental**

Issues Identification
Alternative Solutions
Environmental Investigations
Environmental Documentation

#### **Public Outreach**

**NEPA** Compliance

#### ▲ Phase A includes:

- Initial alternatives, screening for fatal flaws, limited engineering
- Recommendations on 1-3 alternatives (including No-Build)

#### ▲ Phase A does **not** include:

- Exact costs (will consider magnitude of costs)
- Preliminary engineering analysis (i.e. project design)

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## Purpose and Need

The purpose of the Missouri Avenue Corridor Study is to provide additional multi-modal connectivity from Missouri Avenue or Roadrunner Parkway across vacant land to Sonoma Ranch Boulevard.

The **NEED** is based on the following:

- ▲ Lack of **network connectivity** in the area
- ▲ Lack of pedestrian and bicycle facilities in the area

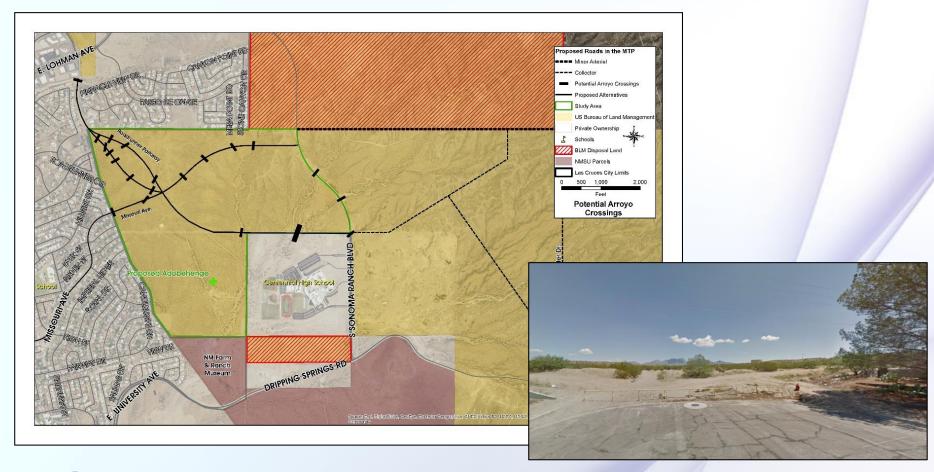
### **Opportunities**

- ▲ Enhance multi-modal facilities
- Create additional network connectivity
- ▲ Active participation of BLM and NM Farm and Ranch Museum
- Potential trail connection with Adobehenge

## **Challenges**

- ▲ Land is owned and maintained by BLM
- ▲ Potential conflicts with ATVs on vacant land
- Project implementation funding has not yet been identified
- ▲ Topography / drainage

## Topographical Issues



▲ Study area is generally rugged and marked by a number of arroyos

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### **Project Team**

- ▲ Mesilla Valley MPO
- **▲ NMDOT**
- ▲ City of Las Cruces
- ▲ Doña Ana County
- ▲ Bureau of Land Management
- ▲ Las Cruces Public Schools
- NM Farm and Ranch Museum

Meetings in August 2015 / September 2015 / January 2016

### Input & Feedback

- ▲ New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum
  - Supports access to Museum
  - Appreciate bicycle/pedestrian facilities
  - Supports least intensive development near museum

#### ▲ Adobehenge

- To be built in conjunction with Farm and Ranch Museum
- Could be accessed via bicycle / pedestrian facilities



### Input & Feedback

#### ▲ Las Cruces Public Schools

- No immediate need for additional roadway access
- Roadway to north would require additional access point and traffic management
- Appreciate the bicycle/pedestrian access for students

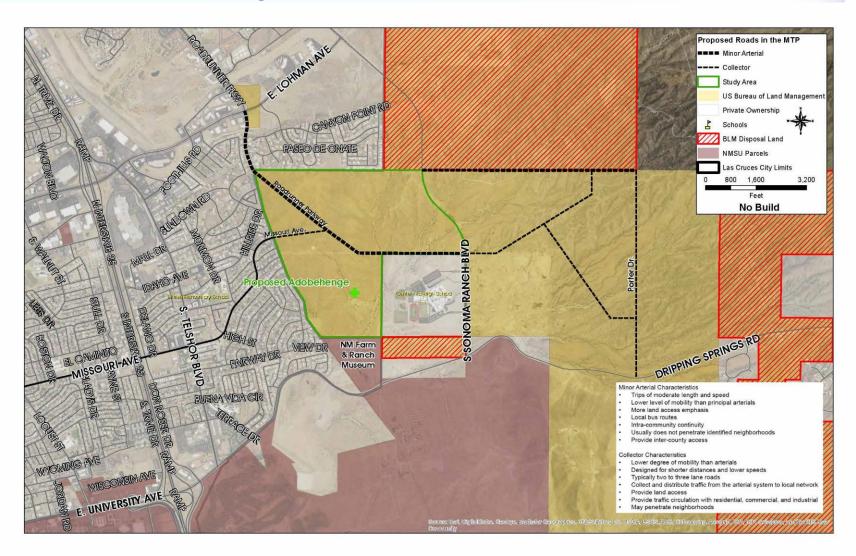


### Input & Feedback

- ▲ Public meeting on December 2, 2015
  - Concerns about additional through traffic on Missouri Ave and impacts to property values
  - General support for pedestrian/bicycle facilities

▲ Additional meeting later in 2016

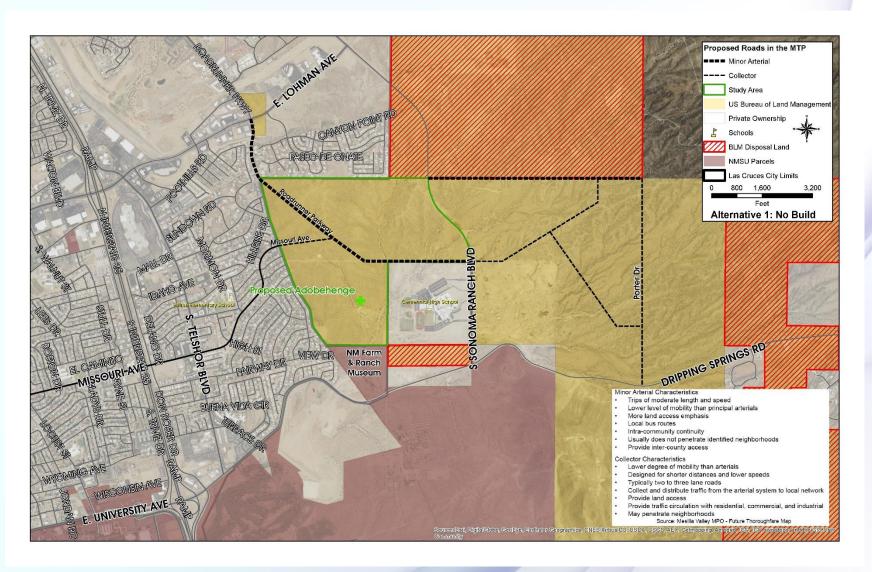
#### Transport 2040 MTP Network



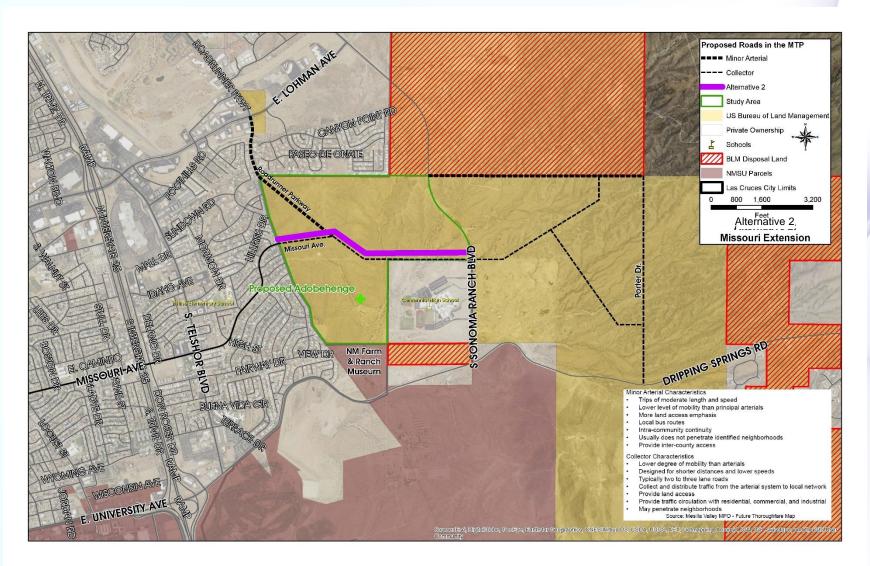
#### Potential Alternatives to be Considered

- ▲ Roadway Typical
  - Travel lanes / bicycle lanes / multi-use trail
- ▲ Non-Motorized Trail
  - Trail to accommodate bicycles and pedestrians
- ▲ No Build
  - Do nothing at this time

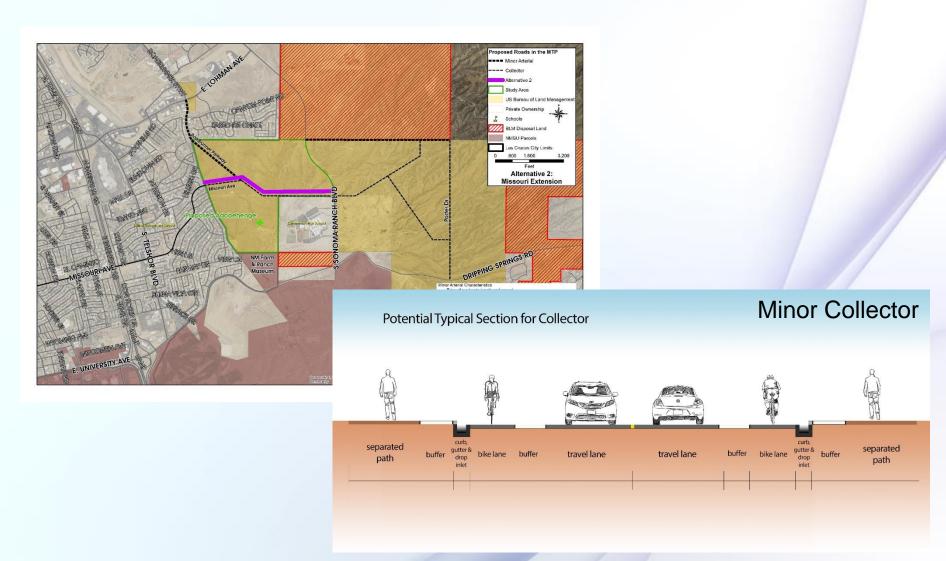
#### Alternative 1: No Build



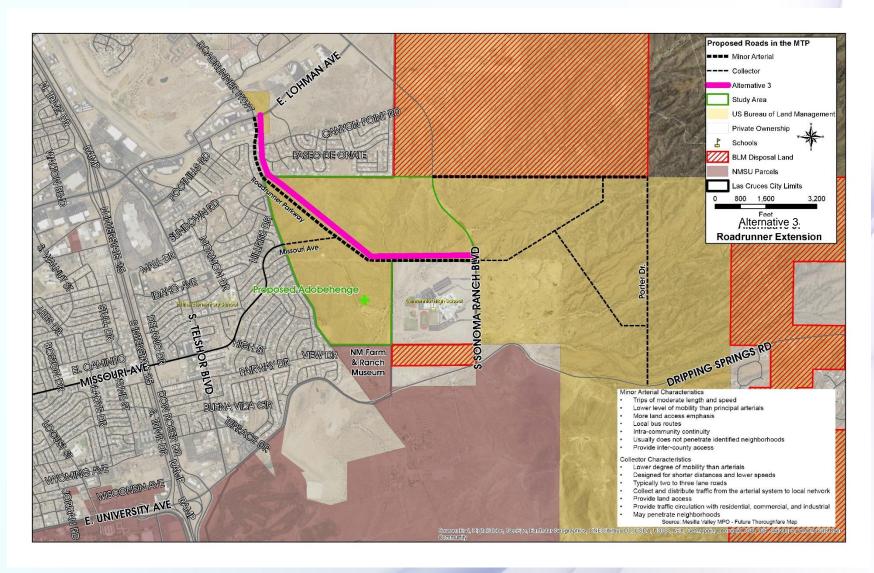
#### Alternative 2: Missouri Extension



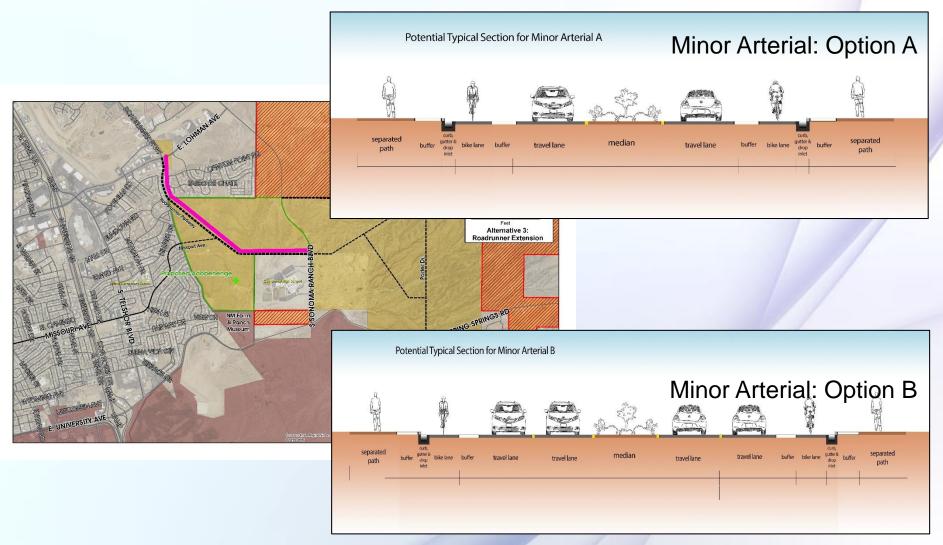
#### Alternative 2: Missouri Extension



#### Alternative 3: Roadrunner Extension

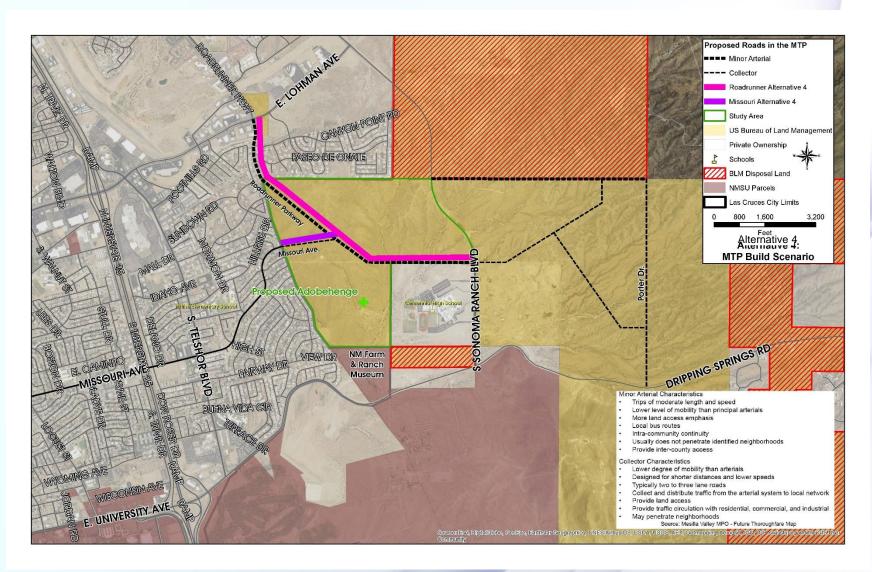


#### Alternative 3: Roadrunner Extension



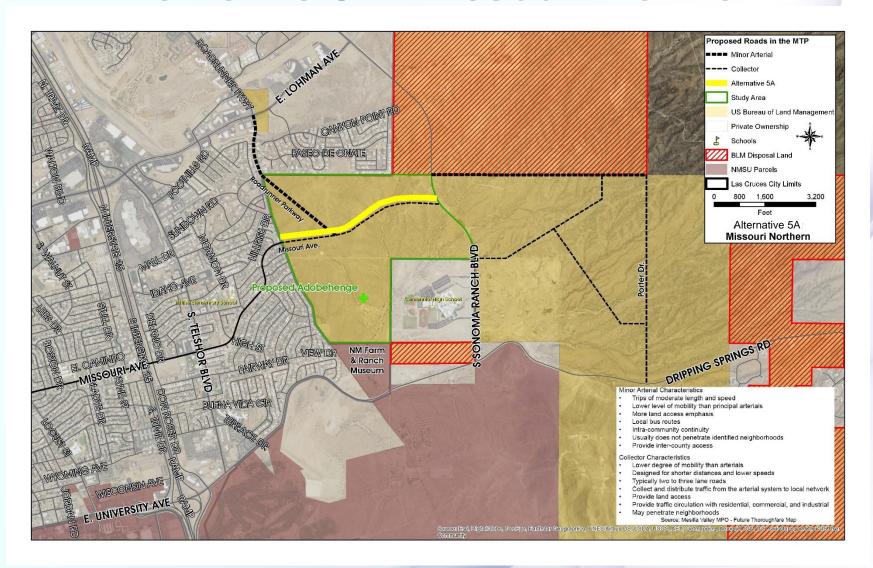
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#### Alternative 4: MTP Build Scenario

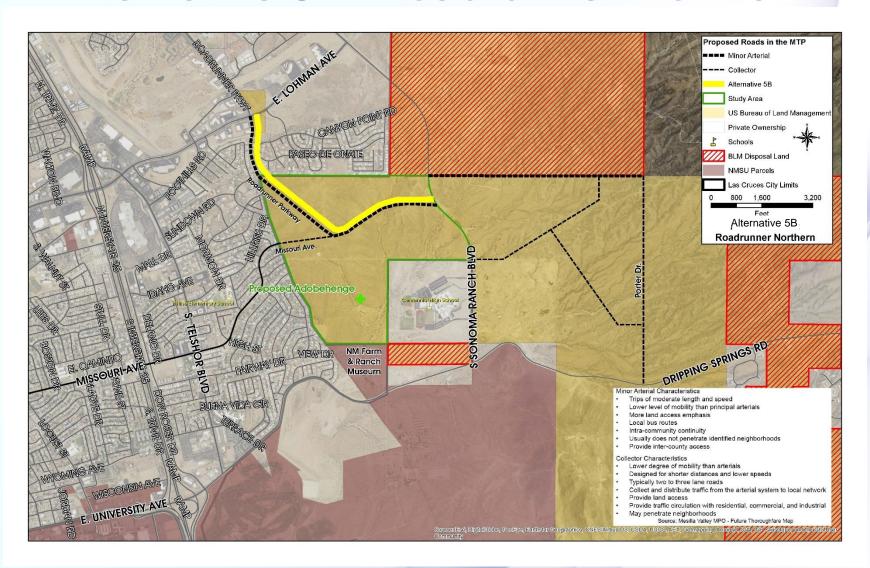




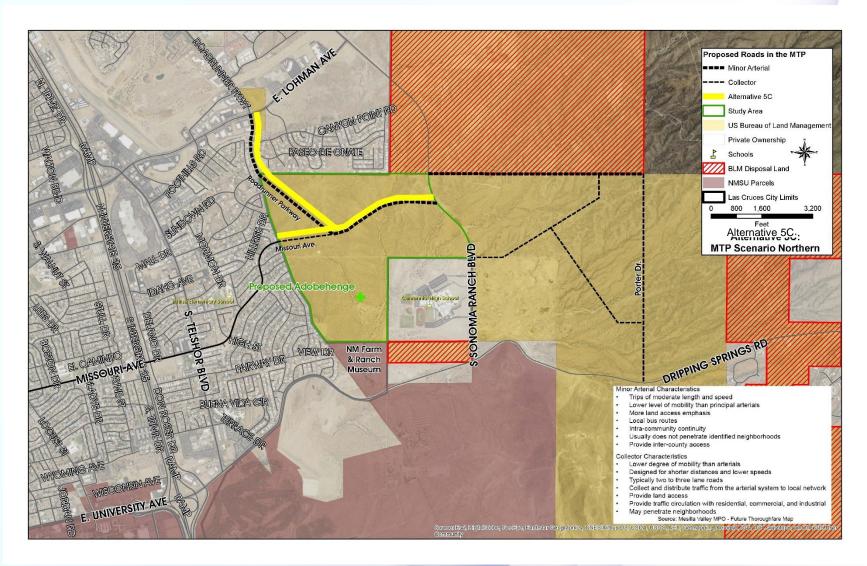
#### Alternative 5A: Missouri Northern



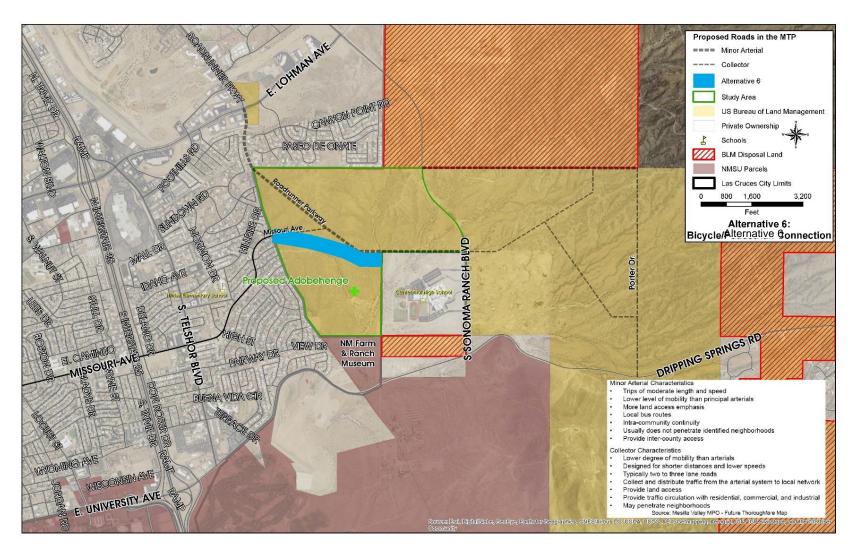
#### Alternative 5B: Roadrunner Northern



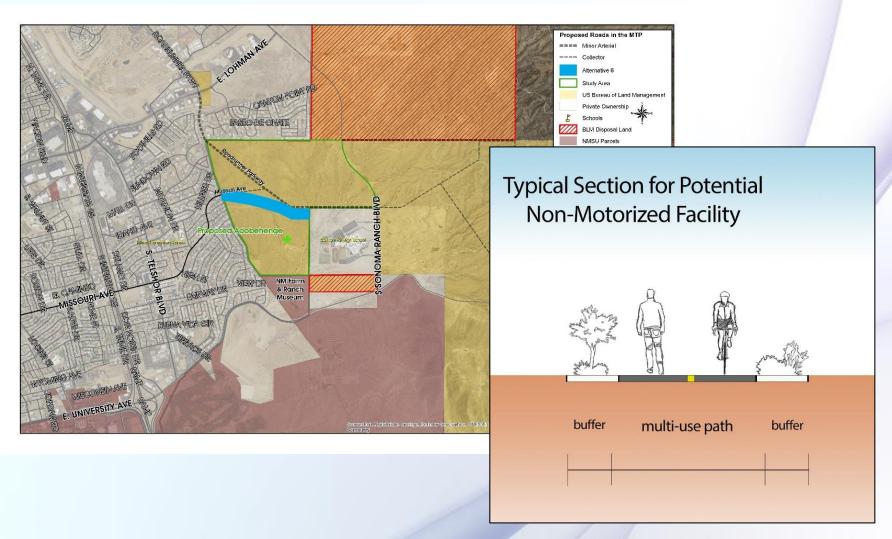
#### Alternative 5C: MTP Scenario Northern



### Alternative 6: Bicycle/Pedestrian Connection



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#### **Alternatives Evaluation Criteria**

- ▲ Purpose and Need
- Access Across Study Area
- **▲ Network Connectivity**
- ▲ Environmental Impacts
- **▲** Community Impacts
- ▲ Consistency with Existing Plans
- ▲ Right of Way Needs
- ▲ Magnitude of Costs

### Next Steps

- ▲ Generate feedback on alternatives
- ▲ Further analysis (e.g. bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, drainage concerns)
- ▲ Refine alternatives with project team
- ▲ Public meetings in fall 2016
- ▲ Identify potential funding opportunities
- ▲ Finalize study by mid-late 2016

## Questions?

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