

Category	Response
<p>Traffic on Missouri: There has been concern expressed regarding the potential for increased traffic along Missouri Avenue if the roadway is extended.</p>	<p>If it is determined that the extension of Missouri Ave is recommended for further study, then opportunities to mitigate impacts to the existing homes would be considered. This might include traffic calming features along the existing corridor as well as other roadway design features that preserve the character of the existing neighborhood.</p>
<p>Community Outreach: Concern that the public wasn't notified.</p>	<p>We do our best to reach out to residents before the meeting. If you have any recommendations for better ways to reach unrepresented residents, please let us know so we can contact them in the future.</p>
<p>Other Alternatives: Concern that other neighborhood local roads were not considered for extension.</p>	<p>The project team examined other roadways early in the study to determine whether they should be evaluated in greater detail. There are no other local roadways available with sufficient right-of-way which support the purpose and need of additional east-west connectivity.</p>
<p>Pedestrian Access: Concern for pedestrians connectivity and safety.</p>	<p>Pedestrian connectivity, access and safety are of great importance, and as such, have been established as an integral component of the purpose and need for the study. Any recommendations chosen would have to meet requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).</p>
<p>Property Values: Concern regarding the decrease of property values due to potential for increased traffic.</p>	<p>It is important to note that the corridor has been on the long-range roadway network maps since 1994. As part of the project study, we are seeking a balance between improving regional connectivity and meeting the needs of existing neighborhoods.</p>
<p>Environmental Impact: Concern over protecting the current open space.</p>	<p>The project team will work closely with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the City of Las Cruces, and Doña Ana County to ensure that the project protects the environment and the neighborhoods around the study area. Prior to design and construction, the project will be evaluated under the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The BLM will still provide management of the land and its associated uses.</p>
<p>Land Use: Concern that the land will be developed if a roadway is built.</p>	<p>The land encompassing the study area is all land managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). At this time the BLM has not identified this land as disposal lands. The study is being done with the full assumption that the land will remain vacant and under the management of the BLM.</p>