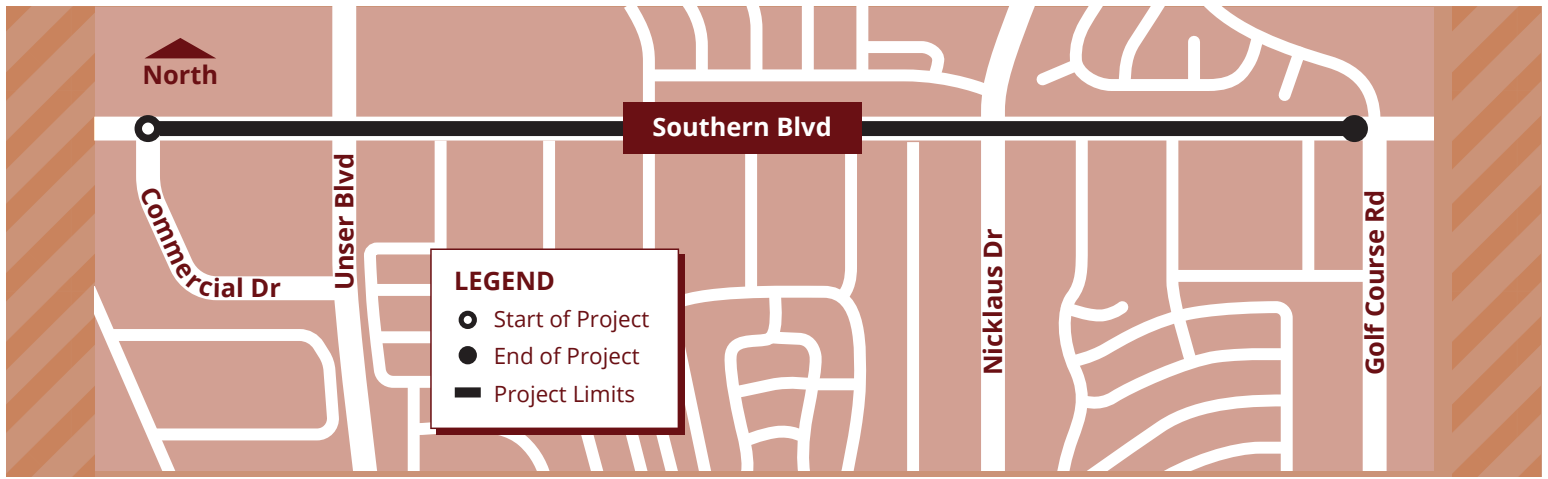


PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Southern Boulevard Reconstruction Phase II project will improve and enhance Southern Boulevard from Commercial Drive (just west of Unser Boulevard) east to Golf Course Road, similar to the completed first phase of the project that extends from NM 528 to Golf Course Road.



CURRENT PROJECT STATUS

The project team has completed the necessary field investigation for the design plans of the Southern Boulevard Reconstruction Phase II project. No more field work that would require lane closures or would impact the traveling public is anticipated. The design team is completing the 90% design package. In May 2022, the design project team, in collaboration with the City of Rio Rancho, will host a public meeting. This meeting will provide the community and businesses the opportunity to meet with the project team, learn more about the project, review the 90% plans and ask questions.

PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

Improvements designed for this phase include:

- Roadway widening to accommodate a multi-modal divided four-lane roadway.
- Access control to improve congestion and increase safety.
- Construction of a multi-use trail, sidewalks and on-street bike lanes.
- Traffic signal improvements and upgraded intelligent transportation system (ITS).
- Improved street lighting and landscaping.
- Upgraded infrastructure.
- Upgraded utilities.

The Southern Boulevard Corridor is a heavily used, aging roadway in a key economic area of Rio Rancho. The improvements to this area will help add capacity to the roadway, increasing the traffic flow during peak times while creating a safer roadway for both vehicular and bicycle traffic. In addition, aesthetic improvements to the area, including landscape and street lights, will ultimately help attract business growth and facilitate access to businesses along the corridor.

