

## **Public Meeting: Idalia Road Reconstruction Project**

The city of Rio Rancho Public Works Department is holding a meeting on **Thursday, April 17, 2014, to discuss the proposed reconstruction of Idalia Road from Iris Road to N.M. 528. The public meeting will take place at Rio Rancho City Hall, 3200 Civic Center Circle, and will consist of an open house from 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., formal presentation starting at 6 p.m., and a question-and-answer session lasting until 7 p.m.**

Area residents, landowners, and all other interested parties are encouraged to attend the meeting to provide input and ask questions. Proposed improvements may include paving, construction of medians, curb and gutter, sidewalk, bike lanes, and implementation of roadway access points. Storm drain, sanitary sewer, and water line improvements are also planned to be included in the reconstruction. In addition, intersection improvements are being evaluated for major intersections including Idalia Road and Camino Encantadas and Idalia and Iris roads.

Written comments will be accepted at the public meeting, or can be mailed, faxed, or e-mailed to Kelly Sims, HDR Engineering, Inc., 2155 Louisiana Blvd., Suite 9500, Albuquerque, NM 87110, [kelly.sims@hdrinc.com](mailto:kelly.sims@hdrinc.com), FAX (505) 830-5454. All written comments should be submitted by May 2, 2014. To request Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-related accommodations for the meeting, please call (505) 830-8845 at least two days before the meeting.

Following the meeting and gathering of public comments, a preferred alternative will be selected for further analysis. The preferred alternative will be presented to the community at a public meeting that will take place in fall 2014 (date, time and location to be determined and announced/posted on the city's Web site).

Design work for the project is being funded by the city of Rio Rancho (\$300,000 from impact fees) and the Federal Highway Administration/New Mexico Department of Transportation Surface Transportation Program (\$1.7 million). Construction of improvements is currently anticipated to start in 2015 using approximately \$9.8 million in already secured state funding, and a city match (\$1.7 million from a 2009 voter-approved road bond).

The public meeting is taking place in cooperation with the New Mexico Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration.

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