

RE: Placitas - Public Safety

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Mrs. O'Dowd & Cliff:

The comments of Chief Brinkerhoff are important, and certainly useful in helping to establish relevant public policy, including the Placitas Area Plan. However, it should be noted that they do not address the full rationale for the possible creation of a relatively direct and improved vehicular path between the N14 & I-25 corridors: the need/desire of creating additional transportation linkages between the burgeoning East Mountain/Estancia Valley communities and those of the Rio Grande Valley. Such a connection around the northern end of the Sandia foothills (somewhere) would: reduce vehicle miles travelled between the two areas saving time and energy and reducing pollution; provide an alternate route for East Mountain commuters and other transports/travellers when the route(s) through Tijeras Canyon are closed or compromised due to weather or accidents, thereby improving the inherent "flexibility" of the transportation network as a whole and helping these older routes to maintain "functionality" longer; help to reduce the need to expand the Tijeras corridor even more, and reduce traffic thereon, which might help maintain wildlife habitat and safety by dispersing traffic and using slower speeds; and provide an alternate emergency/evacuation route for both the East Mountain and Rio Grande populations in case of any large scale emergency.

Please understand that I only reply herein, because Ms. O'Dowd sent this to me directly, and I assume it was because Chief Brinkerhoff's comments have some implications with respect to consideration of the N14 & I-25 connection, of which I am an advocate.

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