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Planning for Alternative Modes in the Valencia County Mobility Plan

NM Infrastructure
Conference

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The Project: Valencia County Mobility Plan

- ◆ County wide
- ◆ Buy-in from municipalities, county and pueblo
- ◆ Multi-modal and intermodal
- ◆ Long range
- ◆ Financially constrained
- ◆ Prioritized list of transportation actions and projects



Multimodal/Intermodal Goal

Provide for alternative modes of transportation in and through the County

- ◆ Develop a County-wide system of pedestrian, bicycle and equestrian facilities that provides connections to major activity centers as well as larger regional systems



The General Process: Structure

- ◆ Steering and technical committees
- ◆ Public involvement throughout
- ◆ Identify past trends, current patterns, goals, projected needs, and alternatives
- ◆ Develop plan, public review, formal adoptions



Planning Process For Alternative Modes: Flexible

- ◆ Participatory Philosophy
 - ◆ Citizen expertise (Data, current and long term needs)
- ◆ Communication-Based Approach:
 - ◆ Communication networks to identify citizen resources
 - ◆ Advocacy group presentations
 - ◆ Contact list



Planning Process, cont'd

- ◆ Approaches Tailored to Resources
 - ◆ Public transportation
 - Local staff, public workshop
 - ◆ Bicycle/Pedestrian Element
 - Advocacy group, citizen subcommittee
 - Local staff, public review
 - ◆ Equestrian Element
 - Presentations, Advocacy groups, workshop, refinement, workshop

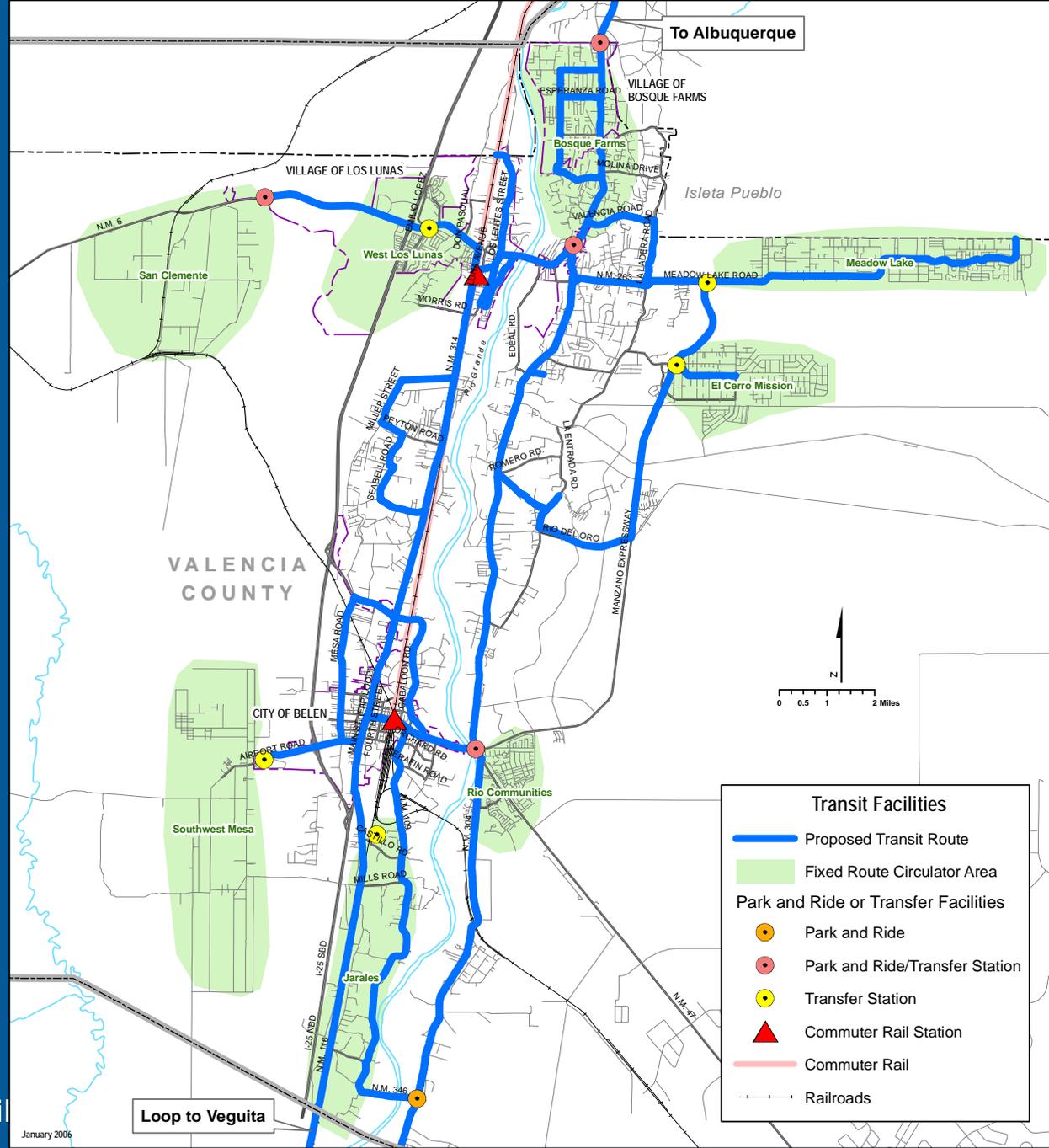


Local Organizations Involved

- ◆ Rio Abajo Bicycling Alliance
- ◆ Bosque Farms Rodeo Association
- ◆ Back Country Horsemen
- ◆ Valencia County Sheriff's Posse
- ◆ Mule and Donkey Association



Results: Public Transport Element



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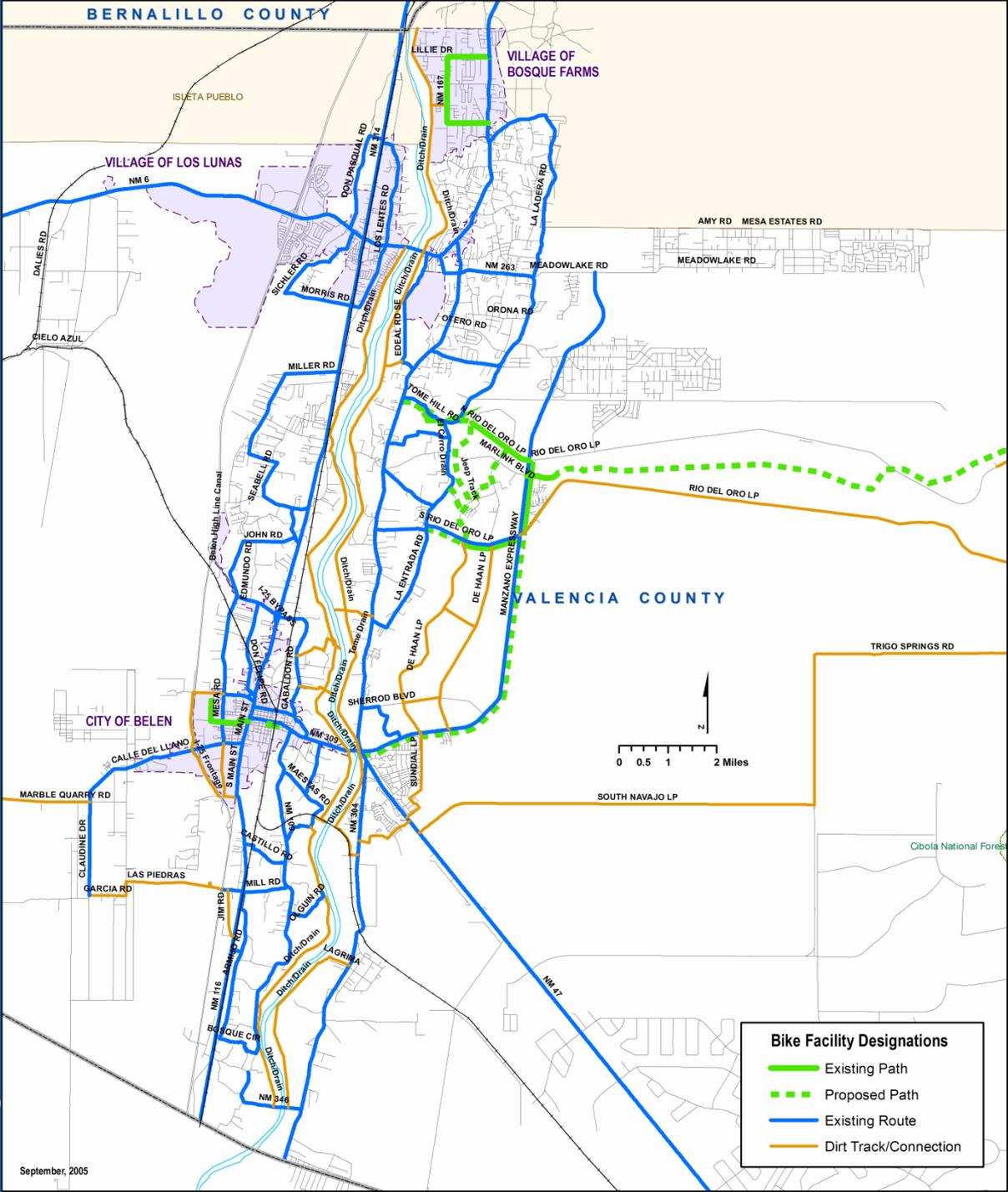
Highlights of Public Transportation Element

- ◆ Park and Ride/Transfer Stations
- ◆ Shuttle Service to Transfer Stations
- ◆ Links to Commuter Rail Stations

Caveat: Concept. Decisions about specific routes/level of service as part of RTD Service Plan (2006)



Results: Bicycle/ Pedestrian Element



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Highlights of Bike/Ped Element

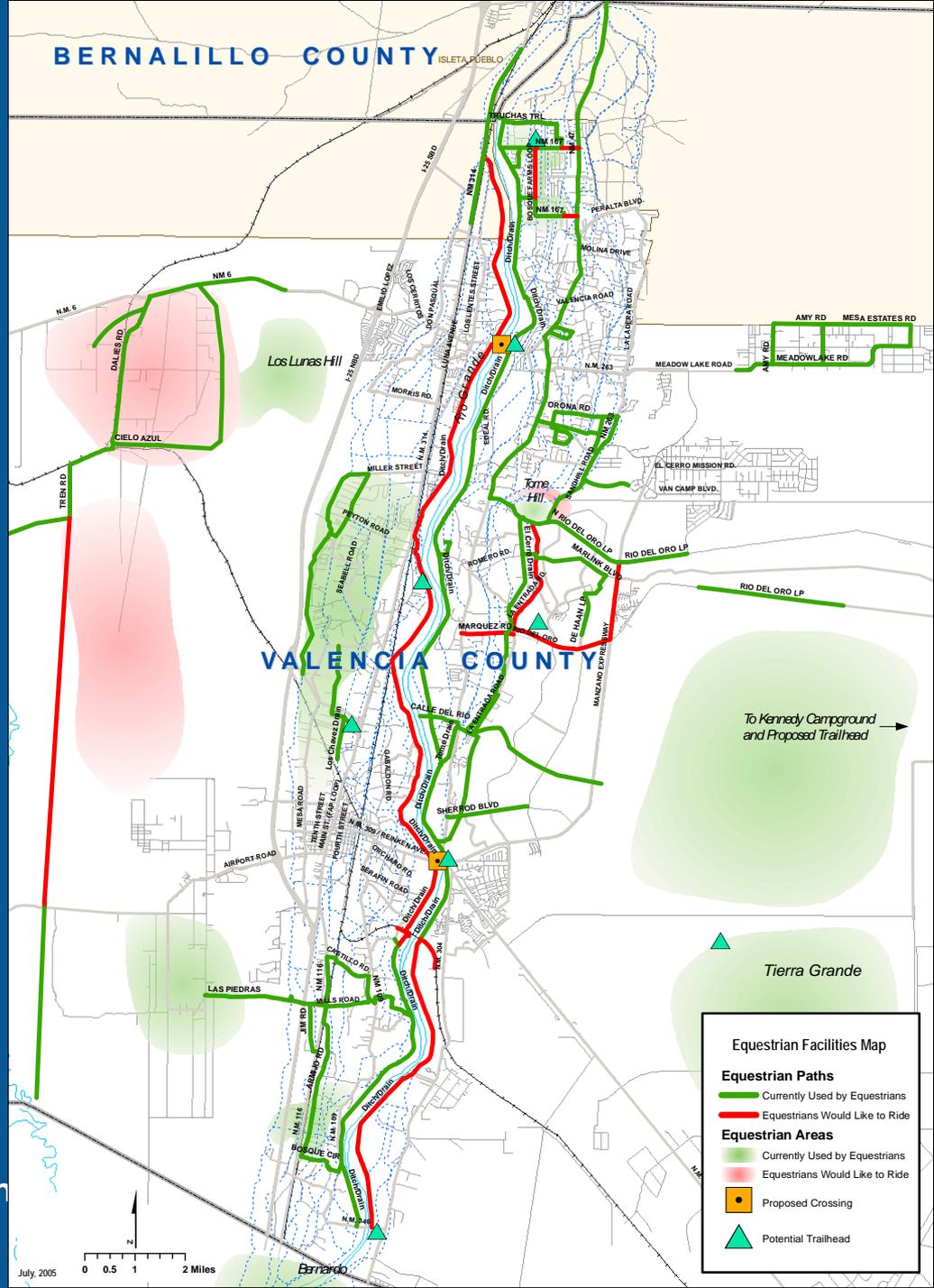
- ◆ Bicycle Route Signage Study and Implementation (by 2015)
- ◆ Bosque Trail (by 2015)
- ◆ Belen Railrunner Pedestrian Project (by 2015)
- ◆ Additional Bicycle and Pedestrian Paths (by 2015 and 2025)



Results: Equestrian Element



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Highlights of Equestrian Element

- ◆ Access Point Retrofit Project (by 2015)
- ◆ ATV Area Study (by 2015)
- ◆ Equestrian Crossing Study (by 2015)
- ◆ Trailhead/Trail System Feasibility Study (by 2015)
- ◆ Implementation of Study Recommendations (by 2025)



Status of Plan

- ◆ Accepted by county and municipalities, input from Pueblo. May 2006
- ◆ Updated Spring 2008. Update accepted by county and municipalities, input from Pueblo.
- ◆ Activities (LL Park trail, Bosque trail, Whitfield connection, BF Trails Committee)



Lessons Learned

- ◆ Draw on community knowledge base
- ◆ Ask for help
- ◆ The power of a map and markers
- ◆ Maintain personal contacts
- ◆ Communication is key





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