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Coors Boulevard Park-and-Ride Lots Feasibility Study

OCTOBER 5, 2021



Meeting Agenda

- Introductions and Meeting Purpose
- Project Background and Need
- Site Alternatives Considered
- Site Evaluation
 - Evaluation Approach
 - Evaluation Findings
- Recommendations and Next Steps
- Questions and Answer Session

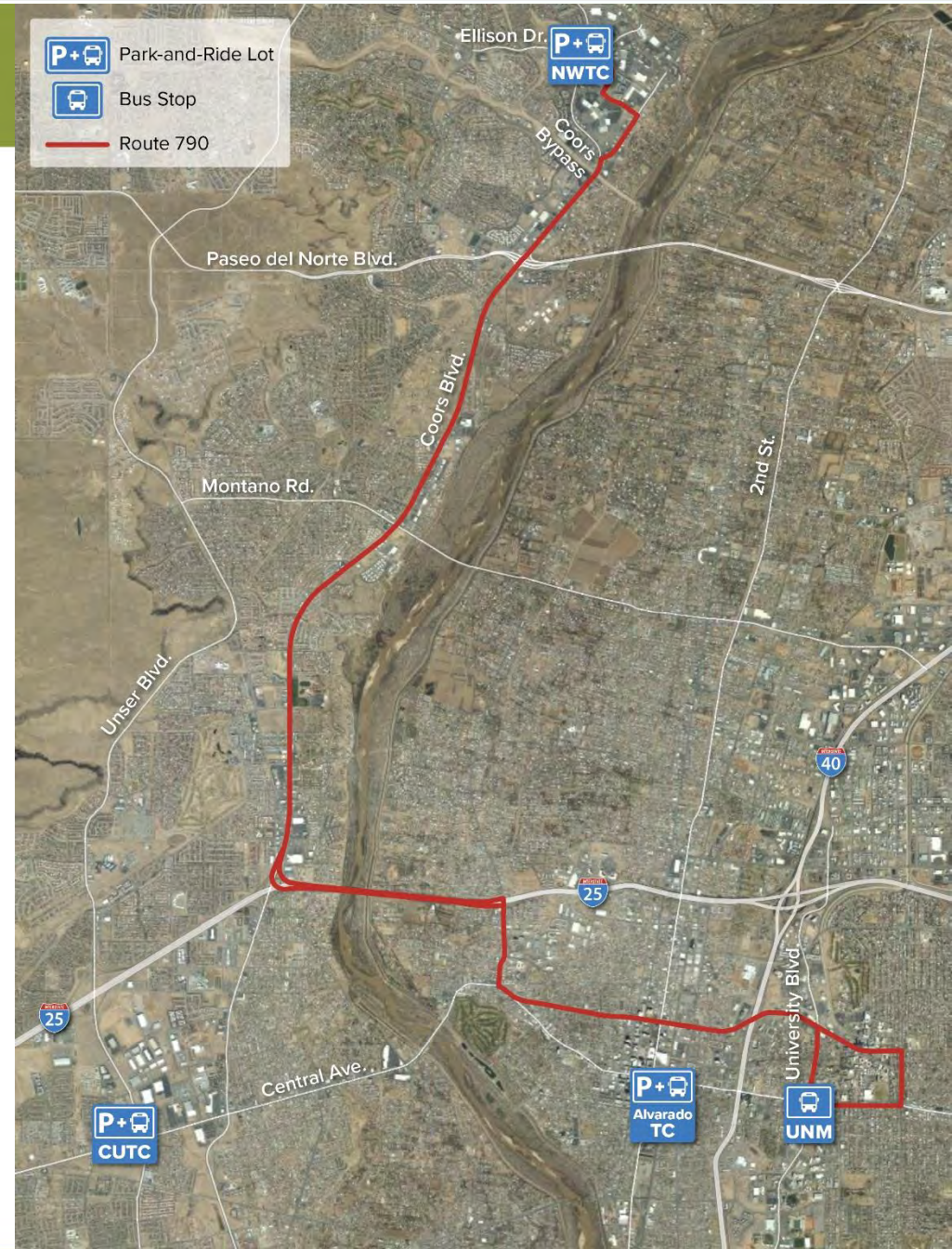
Zoom Meeting Rules

- We ask that you please hold questions until after the presentation
- All participants are muted until the end of the presentation
- We will explain how to ask a question for both call in participants and web participants at the end of the presentation
- After all questions are addressed, we will open the meeting to general comments and discussion.



Project Background and Need

- Existing Westside Park-and-Ride Facilities are about 11 miles apart
 - Northwest Transit Center (NWTC)
 - Central-Unser Transit Center (CUTC)
- Significant unserved “market area” exists between these two existing westside park-and-ride facilities



Potential Market Area

- Market area is the household population within “reasonable” walk or drive distance to a park-and-ride facility
- According to an ABQ RIDE user survey, about 85% of park-and-ride users travel up to 7 miles (10-minutes) to access a facility
- Example to the right shows the population within a 10-minute drive of the Coors Blvd./St. Josephs intersection is about 55,000 people



Sites Considered

Study focused on the area generally between Montaña Rd. and St Josephs Dr.

Six potential park-and-ride sites were identified. All of the sites:

- Are strategically located between the NWTC and CUTC
- Perform well in ridership demand estimates
- Are adjacent to or within easy walk distance to Coors Blvd.
- Can be efficiently accessed by Westside users
- Have undeveloped land



Evaluation Approach

Potential sites were evaluated using a screening process that considered:

- Potential ridership
- Parcel size and configuration
- Zoning
- Anticipated availability
- Walk, car, and bus accessibility
 - Connectivity to area street system
 - Conflicts with traffic
- Compatibility with adjacent land uses
- Environmental and community considerations



Evaluation Approach

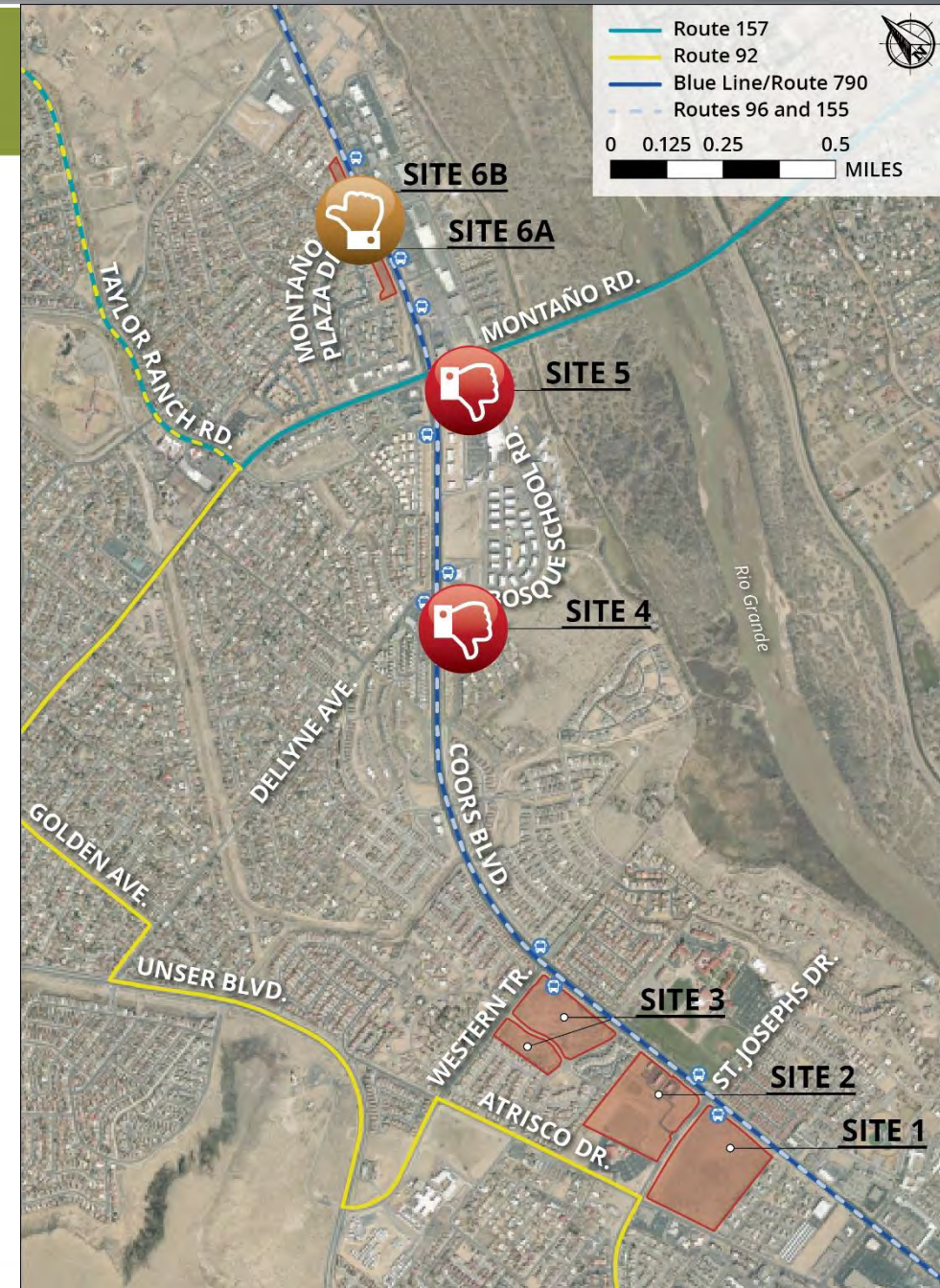
Screening analysis identified substantial flaws with several sites.

Flaws are critical areas where a site did not achieve an important functional need of a successful park-and-ride, such as:

- Site access
- Site size and dimensions
- Constructability or major engineering challenges
- Other similar issues.

Sites with significant flaws are 4 and 5

Site 6.A has challenges but could have future potential



Site 4

Primary reasons for elimination

- Low ridership potential
- Access issues
- Challenges navigating the roundabout intersection on Bosque School Rd



Site 5

Reasons for elimination

- Poor access -- requires out-of-direction travel for cars and buses
- Challenges with buses traveling through roundabout intersection(s)
- Substantial impact to bus operating schedules



Site 6

Shortcomings

- Access limitations
- Narrow configuration
- Drainage challenges

While this site is not a leading option at this time, it could have future potential



Evaluation Findings

The three southern-most sites were identified as having high potential and were advanced for further consideration

- Site 1
- Site 2
- Site 3



Sites Evaluated in More Detail

Next level evaluation investigated each site in greater detail to identify strengths, weaknesses, and key differences

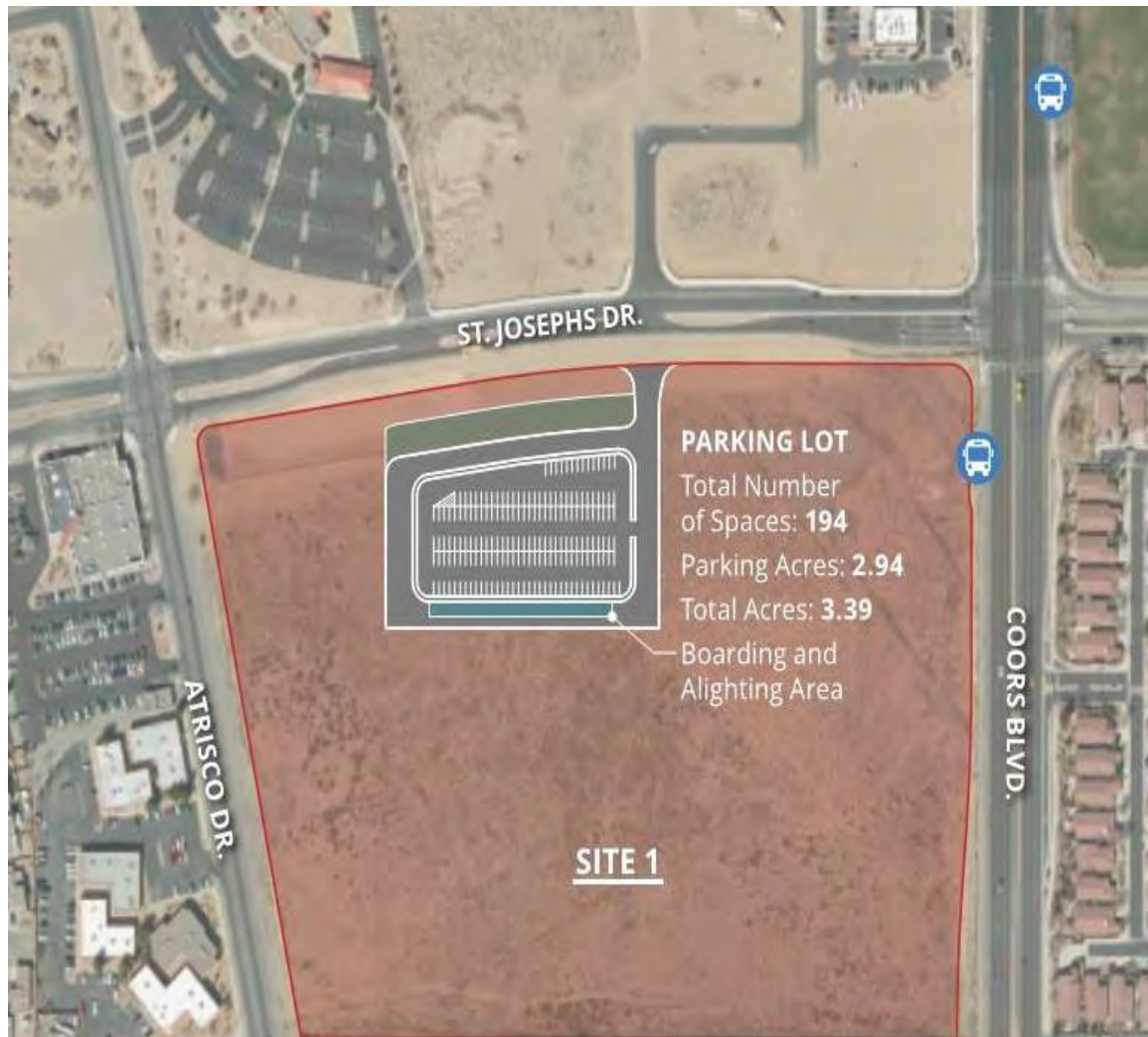
- Potential park-and-ride lot layout
- Property and construction costs
- Anticipated availability
- Access for buses, cars, and pedestrians
- Traffic conflicts
- Travel time added to existing bus routes
- Compatibility with adjacent land uses
- Environmental and community considerations



Site 1



Site 1: Strengths and Weaknesses



Strengths

- High demand potential
- Efficient car access by neighborhoods to the north and west
- Parcel size is adequate to accommodate various parking lot configurations
- Compatible with nearby existing and planned developments
- Reasonable walk distance to Coors Blvd. for use by routes other than 790
- Efficient bus access from Coors Blvd and Atrisco Drive

Weaknesses

- Recently sold. Platting and configuration of parcels is currently unknown.
- Requires more internal infrastructure and sidewalk construction
- Could be affected by traffic from nearby development

* Parking lot layouts are conceptual only and were used to assess the amount of property needed

Site #2



Site 2: Strengths and Weaknesses



Strengths

- High demand potential
- Efficient auto access by neighborhoods to the north and west
- Parcel size is adequate for an efficient parking lot configuration
- Compatible with existing and planned developments.
- Reasonable walk distance to Coors Blvd.
- Efficient bus access from Coors Blvd
- Existing internal streets and some utilities in place

Weaknesses

- Development of the larger property may affect availability of a suitable parcel
- Adjacent high-traffic developments to the east could affect efficient bus access (e.g., left-out movement) at some times of the day
- Less walkable than other sites from nearby neighborhoods

Site 3



Site 3: Strengths and Weaknesses



Strengths

- Strong demand potential
- Efficient access by neighborhoods to the north and west
- Parcel size is adequate for various parking lot configurations
- Compatible with existing and planned developments
- Short walk distance to Coors Blvd.
- Efficient bus access from Coors Blvd
- Existing internal street network in place

Weakness

- Planned development of a senior housing complex has recently re-emerged

Site Summary Comparison

SITE ALTERNATIVE	SITE 1	SITE 2	SITE 3
Site Size (Adequate for Park-and-ride Lots?)	● ● ●	● ● ●	● ● ●
Estimated Ridership	● ●	● ●	● ● ●
Site Availability	● ● ●	● ●	● ●
Land and Construction Cost	●	●	●
User Access (Cars and Pedestrians)	● ● ●	● ● ●	● ● ●
Bus Access	● ● ●	● ●	● ● ●
Walk Distance to Bus Stops on Coors Blvd.	● ●	● ●	● ● ●
Impact to Route 790 Headways	●	●	●
Compatible with Nearby Uses	● ● ●	● ●	● ●
Environmental Concerns	● ● ●	● ● ●	● ● ●
Public Input	●?	●?	●?

 Very Good
  Good
  Acceptable

Next Steps

<u>Project Milestone</u>	<u>Completion Date</u>
Review Public Comments and Select Preferred Site	Late 2021
Complete FTA Environmental Document and Acquisition	Mid 2022
Site Design	Mid 2023
Construction	Mid 2024
Open for Operation	Late 2024

Comments and Questions

- Please let us know what you think.
 - About the project...About the sites....and,
 - What do you want us to know?
- Verbal and written comments recorded tonight
- Please submit written comments no later than October 22
 - Send written comments to:
 - Coors Corridor Park and Ride Project
 - 9600 San Mateo NE
 - Albuquerque, NM 87113
 - Email comments to CoorsPNR@parametrix.com

How to Ask Questions

- We will address written comments first; afterwards, we will have time for verbal questions and comments
- If you are online, use the Zoom Q&A button. Select the button, type your question and your affiliation and hit Send
- To ask your question verbally, please “raise your hand” using the button.
 - The moderator will call on you.
 - You will be prompted to unmute.
 - Please state your name and ask your question.
- If you are on the phone, use *9 to raise your hand. When asked by the moderator, press *6 to unmute and then ask your question



Questions and Comments

Thank you!



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