Proposed Rail Runner Station at Las Soleras





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Las Soleras Master Plan

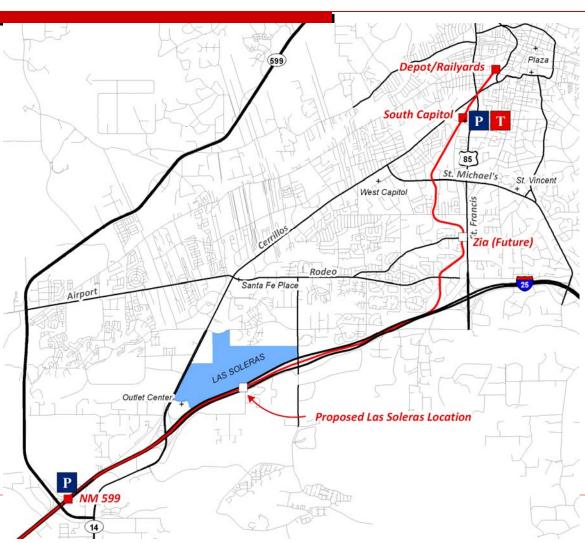


- Las Soleras is a significant 560 acre mixed use development proposed alongside the Rail Runner route on I-25.
- At build-out, 5,000 people will reside at Las Soleras and 9,300 people will work there.
- The development promotes *Transit Oriented Development* (TOD) features as encouraged by federal policy and as sought by City, State, and Rail Runner initiatives.
- □ A new Rail Runner station has been proposed at Las Soleras
 - ✓ Within the Interstate 25 median
 - Between Cerrillos Road and Richards Road
 - ✓ Approximately 3 miles north of NM 599 station
 - ✓ Approximately 4 miles south of Zia station
- ☐ Authorization from FHWA is needed for the use of the I-25 ROW for this station.



Las Soleras Master Plan Location







810 Application Process & Requirements

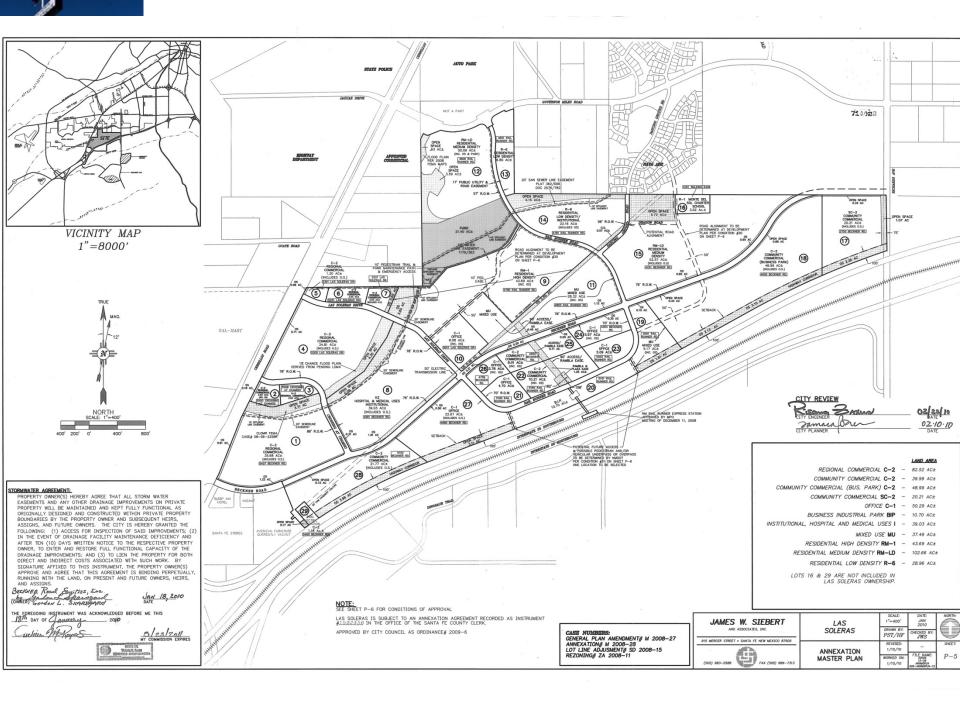


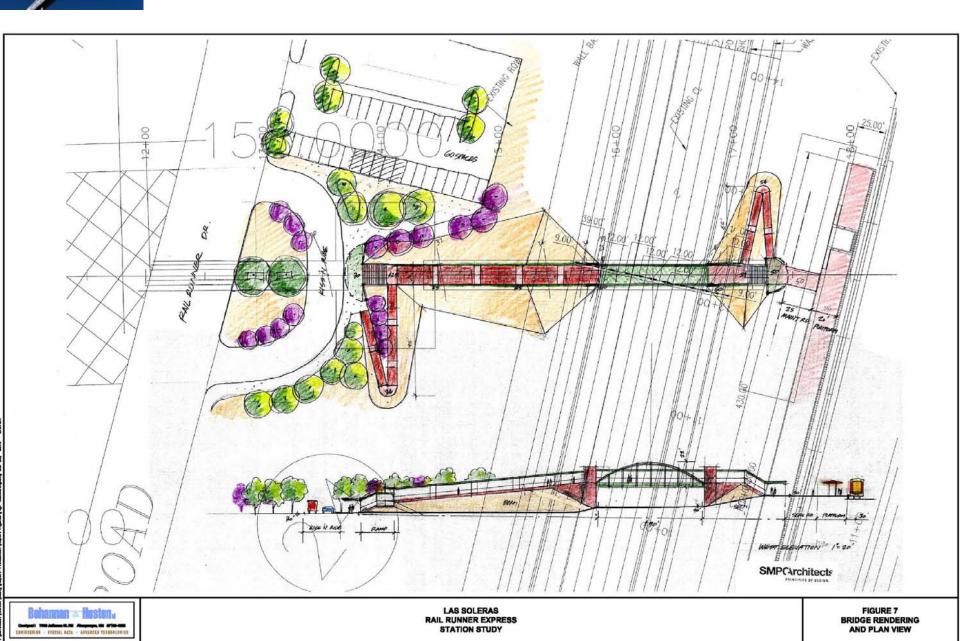
- Application for use of public ROW on Federal-aid highway in accordance with 23 CFR section 810 subpart C
 - Evidence that utilization of the land for proposed purpose will not impair future highway improvements or the safety of highway users
 - Public Interest will be served
 - Proposed action in an urbanized area is based on a continuing, comprehensive transportation planning process
- Agency Roles and Responsibilities
 - ✓ Privately Funded Project
 - ✓ MRCOG & Rio Metro Transit District
 - ✓ NMDOT
 - ✓ FHWA



Technical Analysis

- PAXI = 225 de se de la constante de la constan
- I-25 Corridor Study Improvements
- ☐ Future Widening of Interstate 25
- Potential Interchange at Richards Road
- Safety for vehicular traffic on the Interstate, Patrons of commuter train, and pedestrians







Ridership Analysis



- An analysis of Rail Runner ridership potential was performed on behalf of the proposed Las Soleras station.
- The analysis was based on actual Rail Runner ridership levels exhibited at other stations in Santa Fe, to date.
- The analysis shows significant ridership potential at Las Soleras, particularly as a commuter destination. Ridership levels will reach 900+ per day, making Las Soleras as important a destination as the Depot terminal and South Capitol stations are today.
- ☐ The analysis also concludes that these transit ridership levels can not be achieved by running shuttle buses from the existing NM 599 station.



Rail Runner Egress Modes



From Rail Runner internet survey, conducted in Spring, 2009

- Did our own count at 599, since it was not open in Spring, 2009
- Also checked Capitol to confirm survey figures

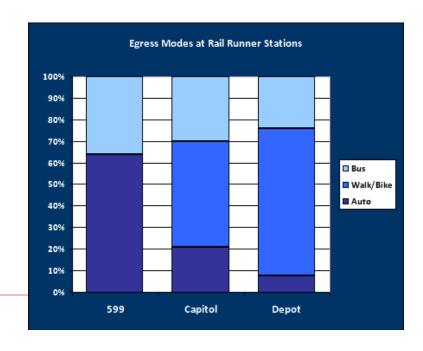
2:1 ratio in walk : bus usage

Auto Egress: Significant numbers of commuters are picked up at station. Others (especially 599) park their own cars overnight at station.

■ 599 traffic is heavily oriented to Los Alamos

Egress Mode	599	Capitol	Depot	Overall
Auto	63.7%	20.9%	7.6%	15.4%
Walk/Bike	0.0%	49.1%	68.4%	57.1%
Bus	36.3%	30.0%	24.0%	27.5%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

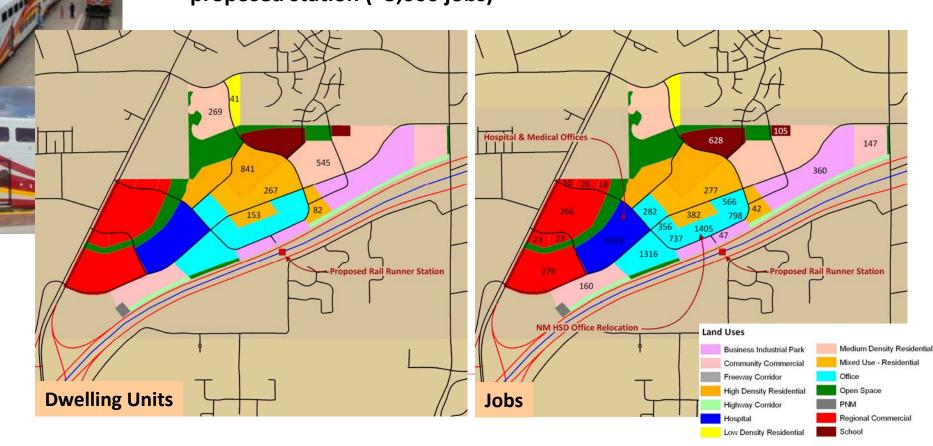
Note: 599 estimated on site on February 3 Capitol data verified on site on February 5





Project Proposal

- Build-Out Horizon Year: 2,198 DUs and 9,272 jobs
- Relocation of NM HSD Offices to high density tracts adjacent to proposed station (~3,000 jobs)

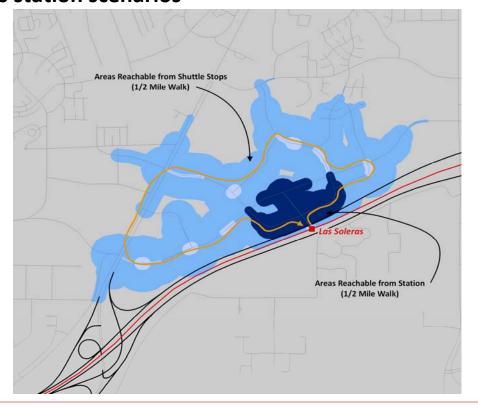




Access to Rail Runner from Las Soleras



☐ Similar methods for estimating ridership can be applied to Las Soleras station scenarios





Environmental Analysis



- ☐ Field Surveys Completed
- No anticipated concerns regarding natural or cultural resources
- Draft Environmental Assessment Report in May 2010



Public Involvement Program



- □ Previous meetings at SFMPO
- □ Public Information meeting May 6, 2010
 - Open House forum 5:00 to 7:00 pm
 - Inn of Santa Fe on Cerrillos Road
- Additional Information available on MRCOG Web Site
- Public Hearing associated with EA document