

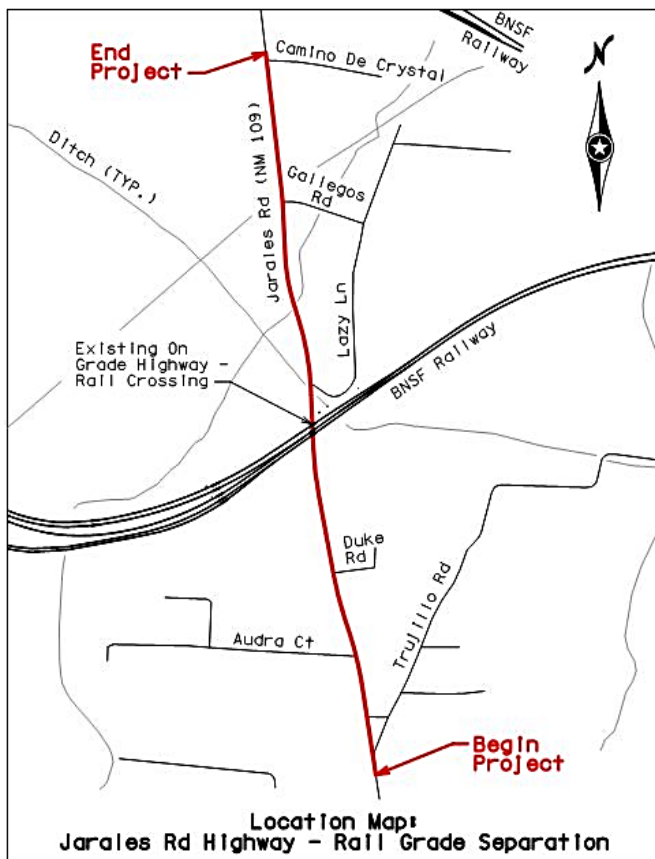


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August 3, 2020

**Public Meeting for the Proposed Jarales Road (NM 109) and
Railroad Grade Separation
August 18, 2020**

JARALES -The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT), in cooperation with the BNSF Railway (BNSF), will hold a virtual public meeting to discuss a proposed highway–rail grade separation of Jarales Road (NM109) between Trujillo Rd and Camino De Crystal. The project would include realignment of Jarales Road, a grade separation structure, and new frontage road access. Additional project information can be viewed at the following web address:
<https://dot.state.nm.us/nmdotprojects>.



The NMDOT cannot hold in-person public meetings under the current COVID-19 restrictions. For this reason, we are holding a **virtual public meeting**

on

Tuesday, August 18th 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

You may attend the virtual public meeting via telephone at 1-877-229-8493, ID code 119649 or

Participate online at access.live/nmdot

The purpose of the virtual meeting is to present the project purpose and need, alternatives considered, the preferred alternative, funding, and the project schedule. A narrated PowerPoint presentation will be given, followed by a public, comment/question-and-answer period. Project representatives will be available to address questions and discuss the proposed improvements.

The purpose of the project is to provide a safe, uninterrupted route for pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular traffic across the railroad corridor that accommodates current and future rail operations.

The specific need for the project is to address critical conditions at the current crossing including physical deficiencies, safety, travel congestion and system connectivity.

Public input for the proposed project will be accepted through Tuesday, September 1, 2020. Please send comments to:

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If you have questions and/or you are unable to attend the public meeting, please contact Priscilla Benavides, NMDOT, (505) 250-8760, Priscilla.Benavides@state.nm.us

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