



BikeABQ in 2025: A Year of Community Wins



2025: A Year of Progress & Purpose

Community

We came together with more energy and collaboration than ever—hosting events, building partnerships, and strengthening connections across the city.

Policy & Advocacy

Major legislative and policy wins improved mobility, safety, and quality of life for people biking, walking, and rolling statewide.

Shared Success

These achievements belong to the entire community—made possible through collective action and a shared vision.

We also honor the cyclists we lost this year, whose memories underscore the urgency of this work.

Events that brought us together

From rides and celebrations to forums and memorials, our events this year brought Albuquerque's cycling community closer together. Each gathering strengthened relationships, welcomed new riders, and kept the momentum going for safer, more vibrant streets.



Bike & Babble united riders of all ages at Tiguex Park...



... capped off with a 130-rider community cruise along the future Rail Trail corridor.

The **Ride of Silence** brought riders together to remember those we've lost and to strengthen our resolve for safer streets.



BikeABQ partnered with **Strong Towns ABQ** to host **City Council** and **Mayoral candidate forums** in this election year.



These events connected voters with candidates and sparked community-first conversations about traffic safety, public transit, housing, and people-centered infrastructure for Albuquerque's future.

Other Events

Bike to Work Day



BikeABQ presents...

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A Fundraiser scavenger hunt

Gravity Bound Brewery
Sept 21, 2025
10am start
\$10 to register
(Day of event)

Prizes, food, drinks, fun & of course bikes!

Art by: Victoria Troyer



Gail Ryba Plaque Dedication




O-25-98 Signing Ceremony

Policy Wins for Safer Streets

In 2025, our legislative successes were the result of collaboration across the cycling community, statewide partners, and local advocates.

Together, we advanced policies that make streets safer and more accessible for everyone in Albuquerque and New Mexico.



A cyclist wearing a blue and white helmet and a brown t-shirt is riding a black bicycle on a paved residential street. The cyclist is positioned in the center of the frame, facing away from the camera. To the right of the cyclist, there is a red octagonal stop sign on a metal pole. Above the stop sign are two green street signs: 'TULANE PL NE' and 'BERKELEY PL NE'. Below the stop sign is a red diamond-shaped sign that reads 'ROAD WORK AHEAD'. In the background, there are trees, a house with a chimney, and mountains under a blue sky with some clouds. The overall scene is a suburban neighborhood.

The **Idaho Stop** law passed in 2025, a change that helps improve safety, visibility, and flow for cyclists.

This milestone was made possible through collaboration with the following:

- Senator Antoinette Sedillo Lopez and her aides Julie Radoslovich and Clifford Rees
- Representative Pamelya Herndon and her aides Bronwen Murray and Elise Taylor
- Alex Applegate and the Environmental Justice Caucus
- Bike Santa Fe
- VeloCruces
- Strong Towns ABQ



City Passed Landmark Traffic Safety Bill Protecting Vulnerable Road Users

On 0-25-98, Albuquerque's updated traffic code, was signed by Mayor Tim Keller and went into effect November 28, 2025.

Following the tragic death of 19-year-old **Kayla Vanlandingham**, who was struck by a speeding car while riding on the Paseo del Nordeste Trail, her mother **Melinda Montoya** worked with **City Councilor Tammy Fiebelkorn** to overhaul the city's traffic laws to better protect all road users.

This milestone would not have been possible without the tireless advocacy of **BikeABQ**, **Strong Towns ABQ**, **Ben Garland**, and **Alex Applegate**, among many others, and it marks a major step toward safer, more people-centered streets for cyclists, pedestrians, and micromobility users.

Speed Camera Repeal Stopped in Its Tracks

A push to **repeal New Mexico's speed camera system** fizzled out after SB91 narrowly passed one committee but failed to advance.

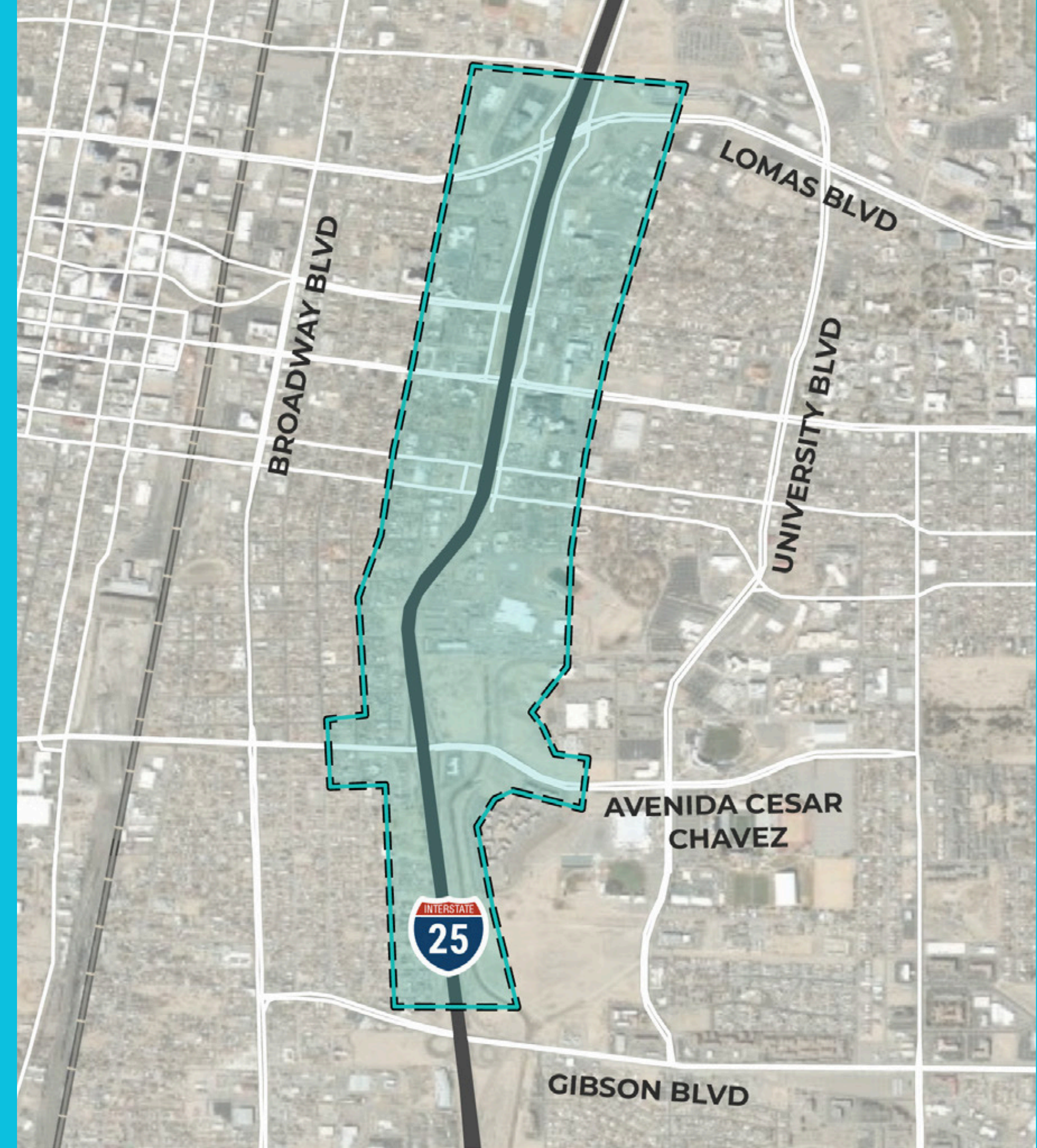
The **bill would have banned private collections and tightened rules on third-party vendors**, but its defeat means **automated enforcement stays firmly in place**.



I-25 S-Curve: A Hard-Won Pause

Working alongside **Strong Towns ABQ** and **Rethink I-25**, BikeABQ helped build a powerful grassroots push for a **no-build option** on the I-25 S-Curve expansion. In early August, NMDOT **paused the project**—canceling the next public meeting after significant community pressure.

It's a major win, even if temporary, and we continue to **advocate for state-level legislation to slow or stop harmful highway expansions** in the future.



2024 Bikeways Plan In Action

Although the **Bikeways & Trail Facilities Plan** was passed unanimously at the end of 2024, 2025 was the year its impact truly began. This updated plan **guided project decisions, informed funding priorities, and set the framework** for many of the infrastructure improvements we celebrated throughout the year.

With more than 300 residents signing on to support the plan—and many speaking in public comment—this **community-driven milestone** laid the foundation for 2025's momentum toward **safer, more connected biking and walking networks** across Albuquerque.

Photo Credit: NMDOT



Infrastructure Improvements

2025 brought major investments in safer, more connected infrastructure for people biking, walking, and rolling.

From new and protected bike lanes to the first completed Rail Trail segment, improved I-25 crossings, and updated bike boulevard designs, Albuquerque made meaningful progress toward a more accessible city for all road users.

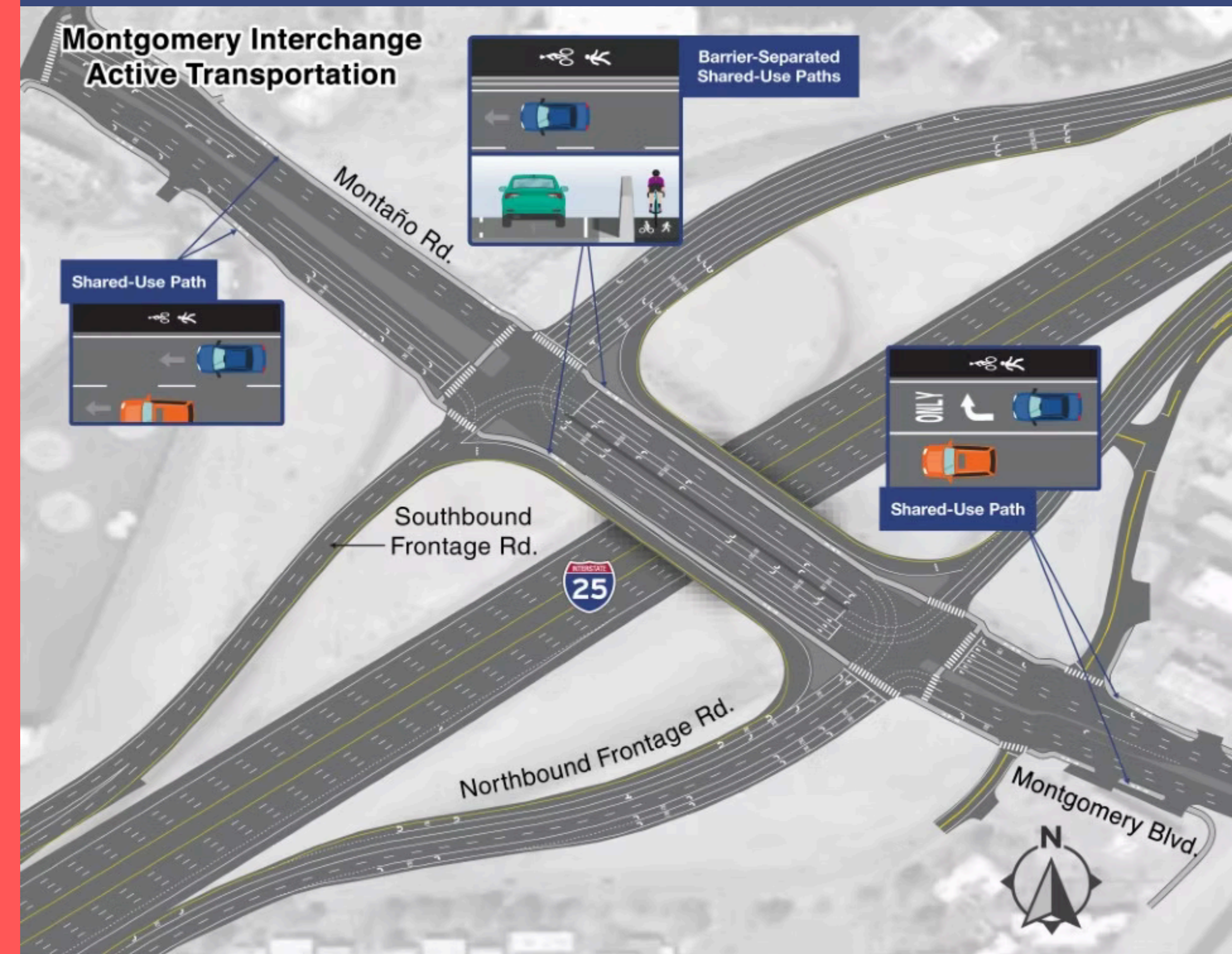


Safer Crossings at I-25

Major safety upgrades were secured at the I-25 crossings at Comanche and Montgomery thanks to persistent community advocacy.

NMDOT agreed to build **fully protected shared-use paths on both sides of the corridor** and added key safety features—including **8-second Leading Pedestrian Intervals** and **illuminated “No Right Turn” signs**—to better protect people walking, biking, and rolling.

Special thanks go to Alex Applegate, Steve Pilon, and Ben Garland for helping drive this progress forward.



Rail Trail: First Segment Complete

The first segment of the Rail Trail, which officially opened in October, connects Sawmill to Tiguex Park, providing a safe, off-street route for walking and biking. When finished, the 7-mile trail will link downtown with neighborhoods, cultural sites, and transit, creating a vibrant corridor for all users.

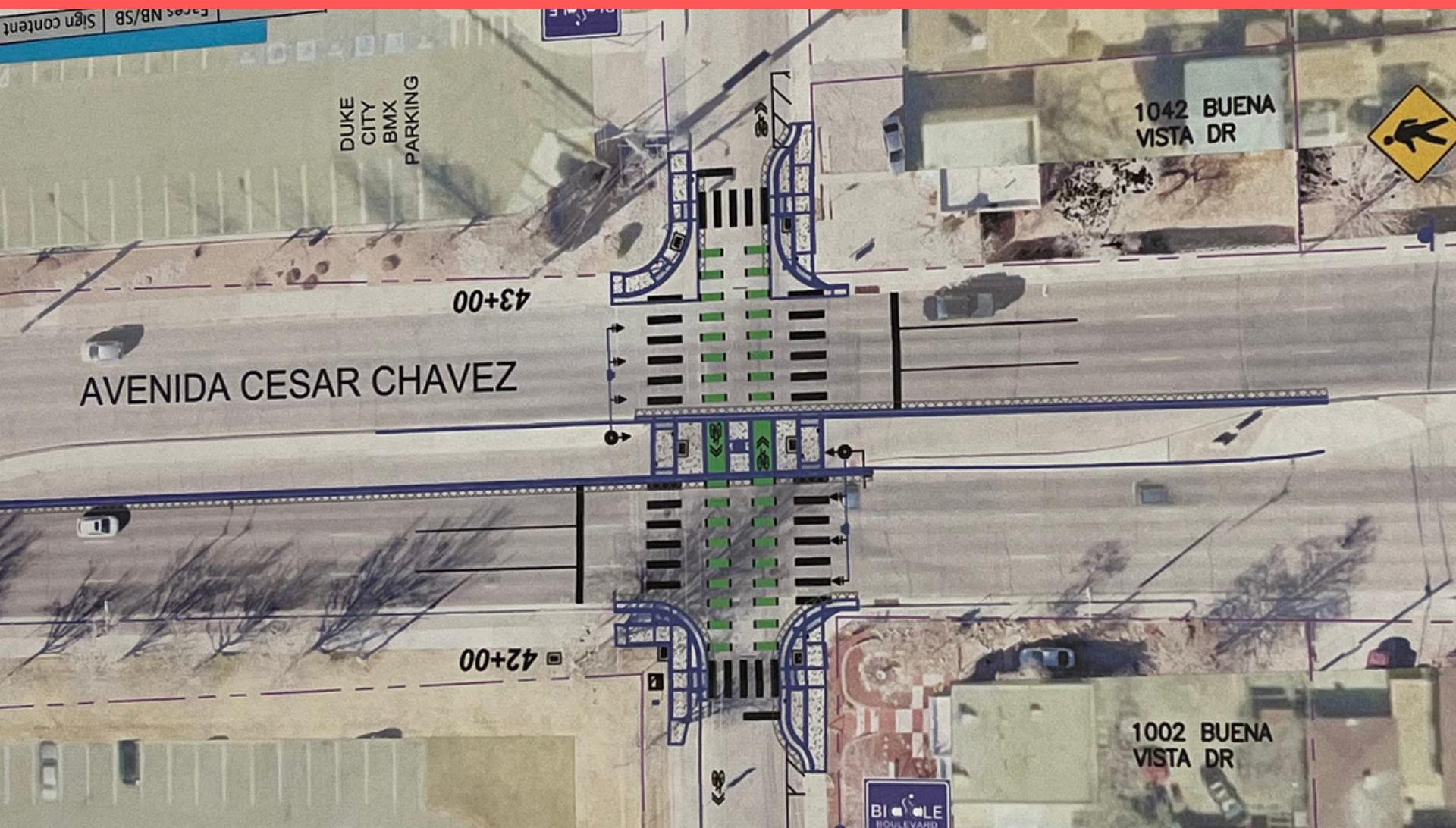


Central Avenue Bike Lanes Dedicated

The new bike lanes on Central Avenue, from 1st to 8th streets, mark a major step toward safer, more connected streets in downtown Albuquerque. Thanks to Councilor Joaquin Baca and the City for making this project a reality—more people biking and walking means a more vibrant, thriving Central Avenue.

New Protected Bike Lane on MLK

New bike lane protection has been added to MLK as part of a City pilot to improve safety and guide future bikeway design.



Buena Vista Bike Boulevard

Traffic calming measures are in the works for Buena Vista Drive SE between Gibson and Central. The project is in final design and construction is expected to start next year.

Accelerated Safety Improvements

After Kayla Vanlandingham’s tragic death in July, the City committed to fast-tracking key safety projects, including **seven new HAWK signals** by 2026 and **eight new Automated Speed Enforcement cameras** by 2025—a critical push to get life-saving infrastructure on the ground sooner.

Photo Credit: KRQE



Central Avenue Gets a Safety “Glow-Up”

This year, the City rolled out a suite of roadway safety upgrades along Central — from **new HAWK pedestrian signals** and hundreds of solar-powered lights to **narrower travel lanes, median refuge islands, mid-block crossings,** and a **reduced speed limit.**

Photo Credit: KRQE



In Memoriam

We remember the cyclists who lost their lives on
Albuquerque's roads and trails this year:

Chuck Malagodi

Craig Hauquit

Martin Martinez

John Wilcox

Kayla Vanlandingham

Larry Stoeher

Unnamed Cyclist – Hit by City bus near Mountain & 11th