

ATL TEAM

PERSONAL COMMUNICATION NOTES

DATE: 4/5/2005 TIME: 4 pm PROJECT TITLE: LES EIS for NM

BETWEEN: Garv Shubert, District Engineer OF: New Mexico Department of Transportation, Roswell District Office

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AND: Milton Gorden of ATL Team (the caller) TELEPHONE No.: (301) 515-6781

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DISCUSSION:

Mr. Shubert was contacted to discuss transportation impacts associated with the proposed NEF. In particular, the design limit of Highway 234 was discussed. The EIS currently shows that the highway can hold up to 6,000 to 8,000 vehicles per day as a two-lane road. This parameter was obtained from the New Mexico Department of Transportation (DOT). Mr. Shubert stated that this design limit was probably a little low and could be higher. He stated that the design limit was based on an average traffic flow. Once 6,000 to 8,000 vehicles per day was reached, then DOT would assess whether the highway would need to be upgraded based on peak traffic volumes, roughly 1,500 to 2,000 vehicles per hour.

Mr. Shubert described the process of reviewing the transportation impact of the proposed NEF that DOT would perform. He stated that LES would be required to perform a traffic study. From that, DOT would determine what safety measures would be required by DOT, such as turning lanes.

Regarding Highway 18, Mr. Shubert stated that traffic was generally free-flowing and he has not seen traffic backups on the stretch between Hobbs and Eunice, NM. He also stated that truck traffic on Highway 18 was not particularly heavy, although it is heavier now than two years ago. The truck traffic varies depending on the amount of oil field activity. He was somewhat unfamiliar with the traffic patterns in and near Hobbs, although he did not believe Highway 18 on the south side of Hobbs was subject to slowdowns and heavy traffic.

Mr. Shubert did not know of any other planned major activities in the region that would affect traffic.

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