

# ATL TEAM

## PERSONAL COMMUNICATION NOTES

DATE: 4/5/2005      TIME: 4:35 pm      PROJECT TITLE: LES EIS for NM

BETWEEN: Todd Randall, City Engineer OF: City of Hobbs, New Mexico

LOCATION: Hobbs, NM      TELEPHONE No.: (505) 397-9237

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

AND: Christine Schulte, Cynthia Barr of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the caller)  
TELEPHONE No.: (301) 415-1301

### DISCUSSION:

Mr. Randall was contacted to obtain information about traffic volume and patterns in and near Hobbs, New Mexico.

Mr. Randall stated that he could provide the NRC with traffic numbers for Hobbs. He stated that the traffic volume for Highway 18 south of Hobbs was currently 6,000 vehicles per day (Highway 18 is a four-lane highway). He stated that a four lane highway can handle up to 20,000 vehicles per day, depending on how free-flowing the traffic is. North of Hobbs, the traffic volume is approximately 9,000 vehicles per day. Within the city of Hobbs, the traffic volume is 17,000 vehicles per day on Highway 18. He stated that there was no congestion south of Hobbs with some congestion within the city. He said that probably 50 percent of the population in the area was north of Hobbs.

A southern bypass is also available to commuters who want to avoid going through Hobbs in a north-south direction. The bypass is lightly used at this time with about 1,000 to 1,200 vehicles per day. He stated that truck volume south of Hobbs on Highway 18 was about 7 to 12 percent of the total traffic volume, which he considered to be relatively small. Mr. Randall stated that he could e-mail a map and some data to NRC and ATL that would better show the traffic patterns and volume. Mr. Gorden provided his e-mail address to Mr. Randall.

Mr. Randall committed to listing proposed and recent (within the last five years) road improvements performed on Highway 18 in an e-mail to NRC and ATL. He stated that within the last five years, Highway 18 was rehabilitated between Hobbs and Eunice.

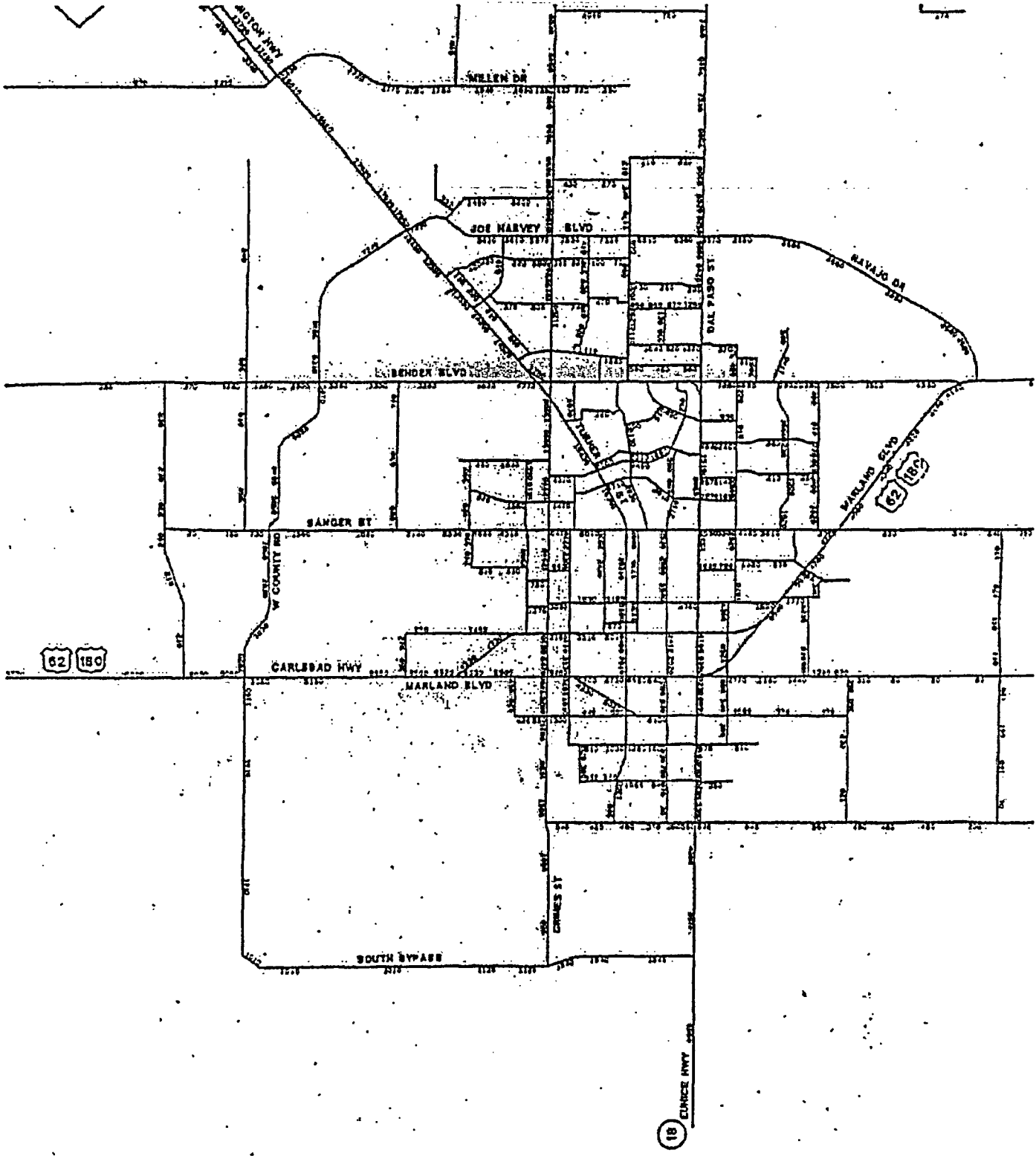
Mr. Randall knew of five housing subdivisions in various stages of planning to be located in and near Hobbs. These included houses, an apartment complex (approximately 100 lots), and mobile home-type units (200 lots).

Most of this development would occur from the mid-point of Hobbs to the north of the city. He stated that at least some of these developments would be constructed only on an as-needed basis. He stated that the city of Hobbs and Lea County do not have zoning regulations. He believed Eunice may be planning some housing, but was not cognizant of the details.

He stated that the only other significant project that is being developed that could impact traffic volume is the casino/hotel/racetrack on the north side of Hobbs on Highway 18. The casino was completed in November, 2004. The racetrack will be completed in November, 2005. The hotel is still being planned, and there is no completion date yet. The traffic associated with this venture will primarily occur on weekends.

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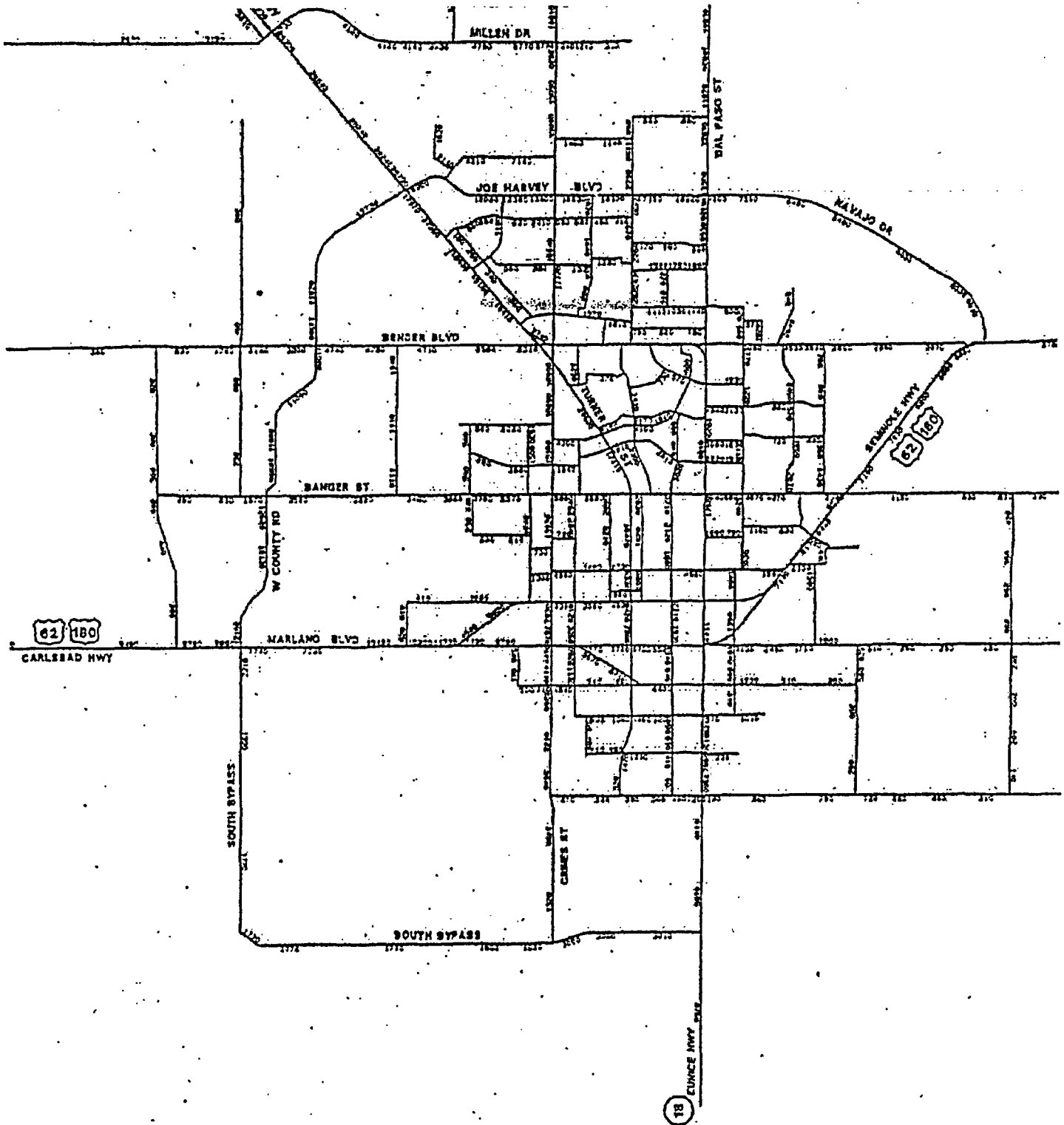
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