

## Chapter 4 New Commitments

Environmental commitments related to the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Project have been established and documented in the 1999 Environmental Assessment. The following commitments have been developed as result of the environmental reassessment and together with those listed in the 1999 EA comprise the obligations associated with implementation of the Preferred 3-Lane Alternative.

### **Water Quality and Drainage**

The Village of Los Ranchos will work with AMAFCA to coordinate their efforts to utilize stormwater water retention facilities previously proposed in the 1999 EA. Where possible, areas previously identified and environmentally cleared in the 1999 EA will be utilized. No environmental impacts were identified with these areas in the 1999 EA. If alternatives areas are needed, the Village of Los Ranchos commits to coordinate with AMAFCA to obtain the appropriate environmental clearances for those areas.

### **Hazardous Materials**

The Village of Los Ranchos will require the contractor to develop a safety and health program to inform employees and subcontractors of the possibility of encountering hazardous materials. The plan will also state that if previously undiscovered contamination is encountered during project construction, work will be stopped immediately and the necessary steps will be followed for the proper treatment and disposal of hazardous materials, as identified within current NMSHTD policy and guidelines. If soil on property scheduled for acquisition is contaminated with petroleum hydrocarbons in a quantity or concentration which may adversely affect human health, public welfare, or the environment, the NMED Ground Water Bureau Protection and Remediation Bureau will be notified within 24-hours as required by 20 NMAC 2.6.1203.

### **Existing and Planned Utilities**

The Preferred 3-Lane Alternative will require that existing utility poles, lighting fixtures, and mailboxes along the west site of 4<sup>th</sup> Street be relocated. Utility coordination was initiated as part of the planning process and will continue throughout the course of the project. Schedules for any utility adjustments will be closely coordinated to minimize interruptions and inconvenience to customers.