

APPENDIX A: Acronyms and Definitions

AASHTO - American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials: advocates transportation-related policies including the “Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities” manual, 1999

Accessible - Describes a site, building, facility, or portion thereof that complies with Federal ADA Standards for Accessible Design

ADA - Americans with Disabilities Act

AMAFCA - Albuquerque Metropolitan Area Flood Control Authority: plans, builds, operates and maintains flood control facilities throughout the greater Albuquerque area. AMAFCA also establishes drainage policy and regulates development within its defined boundaries.

Bike Lane - A portion of a roadway that has been designated by striping, signing, and pavement markings for the preferential or exclusive use of bicyclists (AASHTO 1999)

Bike Path - A bikeway physically separated from motorized vehicular traffic by an open space or barrier and either within the road right-of-way or within an independent right of way (AASHTO 1999)

Bike Route - A segment of a system of bikeways, designated by the jurisdiction having authority, with appropriate directional and informational markers, with or without a specific bicycle route number (AASHTO 1999)

Bikeway - Any road, path, or way which in some manner is specifically designated as being open to bicycle travel, regardless of whether such facilities are designated for the exclusive use of bicycles or are to be shared with other transportation modes (AASHTO 1999)

The Bosque Advisory Commission - a citizen group that advises the Village of Corrales Governing Body and administration on issues related to the Corrales Bosque Preserve located along the Rio Grande (Village website)

CHAMP - Corrales Horse and Mule People: a private club that promotes public awareness of equestrian interests and works to ensure rider’s rights in Corrales and the surrounding area

CBPAC – Corrales Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission: a citizen group that advises the Village Governing Body on ways to encourage bicycle and pedestrian transportation, assists the Village in the acquisition of funding for safety education, programs and events, and assists the Village in the development of designated paths, routes, bikeways and lanes (Village website)

Corrales Bosque Preserve - a narrow riverside strip of Rio Grande Valley cottonwood forest that was annexed into the Village of Corrales in 1975 and was declared a protected area in 1978. The Village of

Corrales Ordinance No. 234 defines the preserve and sets forth limitations on its use (Findley 2005)

Corrales Tree Preservation Advisory Committee - a citizen group, including at least one person trained or experienced in arboriculture, that advises the Village's Planning and Zoning Commission on the designation of "Landmark Trees"

EMNRD - New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department

The Equestrian Advisory Commission - a citizen group that advises the Governing Body on ways to encourage preservation of equestrian trails and lifestyle, assists the Village in the acquisition of funding for trails and education, and advises and assists the Village in the development of designated paths, routes and trails (Village website)

Irrigation Ditch - One of the conveyance channels owned or operated by the MRGCD for the irrigation and drainage of the Rio Grande Valley. These ditches may consist of drains, laterals, canals, and acequias (COA Trails Facility Plan 1993)

ISTEA - Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991. The federal highway and transportation bill which provides funding for roads and other modes of transportation, including bicycle and pedestrian facilities (COA Trails Facility Plan 1993)

MRCOG - Mid Region Council of Governments

MRGCD - Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District: established by State law in the 1920s to alleviate problems in the Middle Rio Grande Valley related to drainage, flood control, and the consolidation of the irrigation systems in the Valley. MRGCD policy is established by an elected board

NMDOT - New Mexico Department of Transportation, formerly the NM State Highway and Transportation Department

NPS RTCA - National Park Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance

Paved trail - A trail surfaced with asphalt, concrete, soil cement, or other hard, stabilized surface (COA Trails Facility Plan 1993)

SAFETEA-LU - Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users

SRTS - Safe Routes to School: a citizen group that aims to increase the number of children walking and riding their bikes to school by raising awareness, identifying safe and easy routes, and improving route conditions.

Soft-surface trail - An unsurfaced natural trail or trail surfaced with compacted earth, crusher fines, bark, or gravel (COA Trails Facility Plan 1993)

SSCAFCA - Southern Sandoval County Arroyo Flood Control Authority: an independent corporate political body with an elected board empowered to undertake the acquisition, improvement, maintenance and operation of flood and storm water control facilities on streams and watersheds which enter, originate or cross the Authority's facilities

TEA-21 - The Transportation Equity Act of the 21st Century

Trail - A separate pathway designated by signs for use by non-motorized traffic only, including pedestrians, bicyclists, equestrians, and people who use wheelchairs. Not all trails may accommodate all of these uses. Trails may be either hard surface or soft surface (COA Trails Facility Plan 1993)

Trail Study Corridor - An area where a trail is desired, but no specific route has been identified as the most feasible at this time