
NAVAJO MOUNTAIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION

NOVEMBER 14, 2023 – UTAH STATE CAPITOL



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REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

(190 Miles from Blanding to Navajo Mountain)



PURPOSE AND NEED

- Overcome transportation isolation of Navajo Mountain region
- Regional connectivity
- Faster access for emergency services
- Expand educational opportunities
- Expand economic development opportunities
- Improve the quality of life for locals and visitors alike
- Preserve and highlight Navajo history and culture
- Provide a corridor for other utility services (broadband, water, power, etc)

NAVAJO MOUNTAIN FROM PIUTE MESA – APRIL 2021

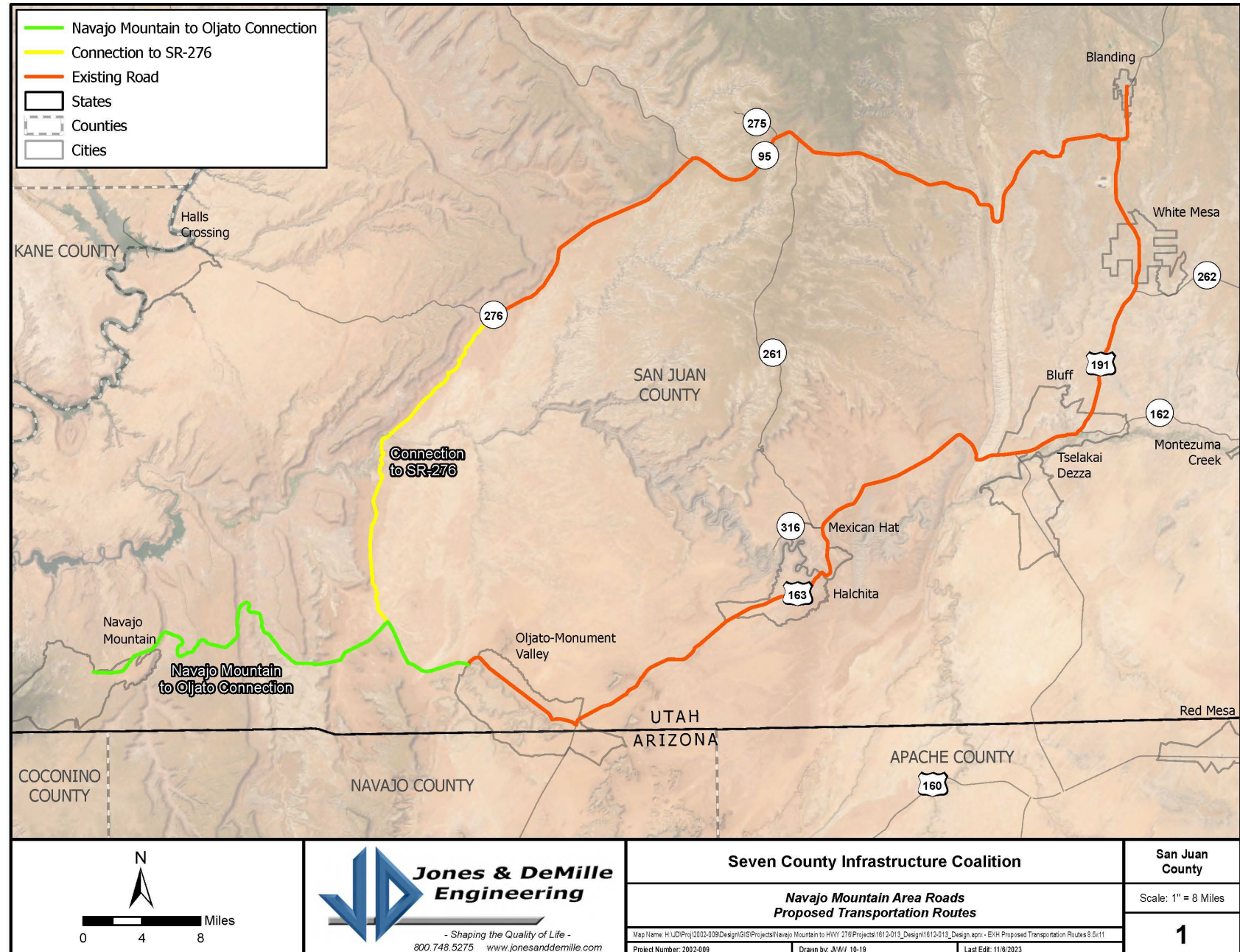


NOKAI CANYON RIM (FROM PIUTE MESA) – APRIL 2021



ONE ROUTE

- To Blanding via US-163 & US 191 (South): 117 miles
- Estimated Costs:
 - Connection to Oljato Only: \$141,000,000
 - Both connections: \$208,000,000
 - Phasing allows it to move forward most quickly



NEXT STEPS

- Funding Needs
 - \$4,000,000 in 2024-2025
 - Plan of Development – \$600,000
 - Environmental Impact Statement – \$3,400,000
 - \$1,000,000 Recently Committed by the Navajo Nation
 - Needed: Funding from the State of Utah
 - Eventual Engineering and Construction
 - \$140M to \$220M
 - Phasing should be considered
 - Phase 1 – Earthwork, drainage, and gravel w/ temporary microsurface treatment
 - Phase 2 – Eventual asphalt pavement

FUNDING THE PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

- The Navajo Nation has committed \$1,000,000



The Navajo Nation **DR. BUU NYGREN** *PRESIDENT*
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October 23, 20223

Spencer Cox, Governor
Statue of Utah
Executive Appropriations Committee
Utah State Capitol
350 N State St
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Subject: Funding Request for Navajo Mountain Road Proposal Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

Dear Honorable Governor and Esteemed Members of the Executive Appropriations Committee,

I am writing to request your consideration for funding to support the proposed Navajo Mountain Road Proposal Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) project. The total cost of the EIS is \$4 million. The Navajo Nation, through the Navajo Department of Transportation, is committed to providing a contribution of \$1 million to cover a portion of the EIS cost. As such, the Nation is requesting that the state of Utah contribute \$3 million to this project.

The Navajo Mountain Road Proposal EIS is a critical undertaking that holds the promise of addressing the transportation challenges faced by our Navajo and Utah Navajo Mountain community members. The EIS will play a vital role in identifying potential environmental, cultural, and socioeconomic impacts, and in crafting strategies to mitigate those impacts, thereby ensuring a balanced and sustainable development process.

We kindly request the support of the Governor's Office and the Executive Appropriations Committee in allocating the necessary funding to facilitate the timely and effective completion of the Navajo Mountain Road Proposal EIS. This investment will yield dividends in terms of improved infrastructure, increased economic vitality, and enhanced quality of life for our constituents.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to the possibility of collaborating with you to make this essential project a reality. If you require further information or have any inquiries, please do not hesitate to reach out to Patrick Sandoval at pj.sandoval@navajo-nsn.gov.

Sincerely,



Dr. Buu Nygren, *President*
THE NAVAJO NATION



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