

# Moriarty

## Comprehensive Plan

2026 UPDATE



*Preserving our roots. Planning our future.*

Adopting the Moriarty Comprehensive Plan Update

**Whereas**, the City of Moriarty has partnered with the Mid Region Council of Governments for the purpose of updating and adopting a Comprehensive Plan for the City; and

**Whereas**, the Comprehensive Plan establishes goals and objectives to guide the City Council and City staff in making policy and investment decisions regarding the future development of Moriarty; and

**Whereas**, the Comprehensive Plan includes strategic action recommendations intended to support implementation of its goals and objectives; and

**Whereas**, the City of Moriarty has engaged in various activities to solicit community input through public meetings, opinion surveys, and public workshops; and

**Whereas**, on August 19, 2026, the Moriarty Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the final draft of the Comprehensive Plan and recommended its adoption by the Moriarty City Council; and

**Whereas**, adoption of the Comprehensive Plan will establish a policy framework for future development, support the integration of special-purpose plans and programs, and promote consistency with applicable local, regional, state, and federal plans.

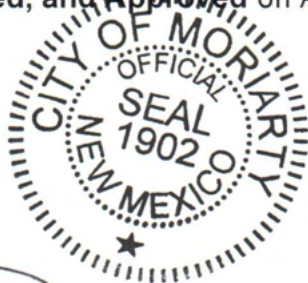
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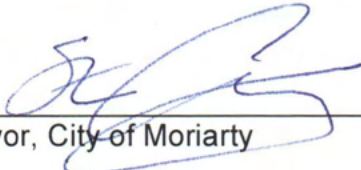
1. The City of Moriarty Comprehensive Plan 2026 Update, including all text, maps, figures, tables, and appendices, is hereby adopted in its entirety and incorporated into this Resolution by reference as Exhibit A.

2. Upon the effective date of this Resolution, the Comprehensive Plan 2026 Update supersedes the City's previously adopted general comprehensive plan. This provision does not repeal or supersede any separately adopted subarea, facility, master-development, or special-purpose plan unless expressly stated herein.

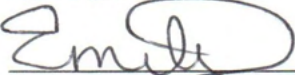
3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage and approval.

**Passed, Adopted, and Approved** on August 26, 2026 by the Moriarty City Council.



  
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Mayor, City of Moriarty

ATTEST:

  
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Moriarty City Clerk

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN  
for the  
CITY OF MORIARTY, NEW MEXICO

Adopted by the Moriarty City Council on August 26, 2026.

This document was prepared by the Mid-Region Council of Governments staff.



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MRCOG Staff Tabling at the National Night Out Event

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This Comprehensive Plan reflects the input, data, analysis, coordination, and review received throughout the planning process. The City thanks all who contributed to this effort and looks forward to continued community participation as the plan moves from adoption to implementation.



Discussion at Public Open House Event

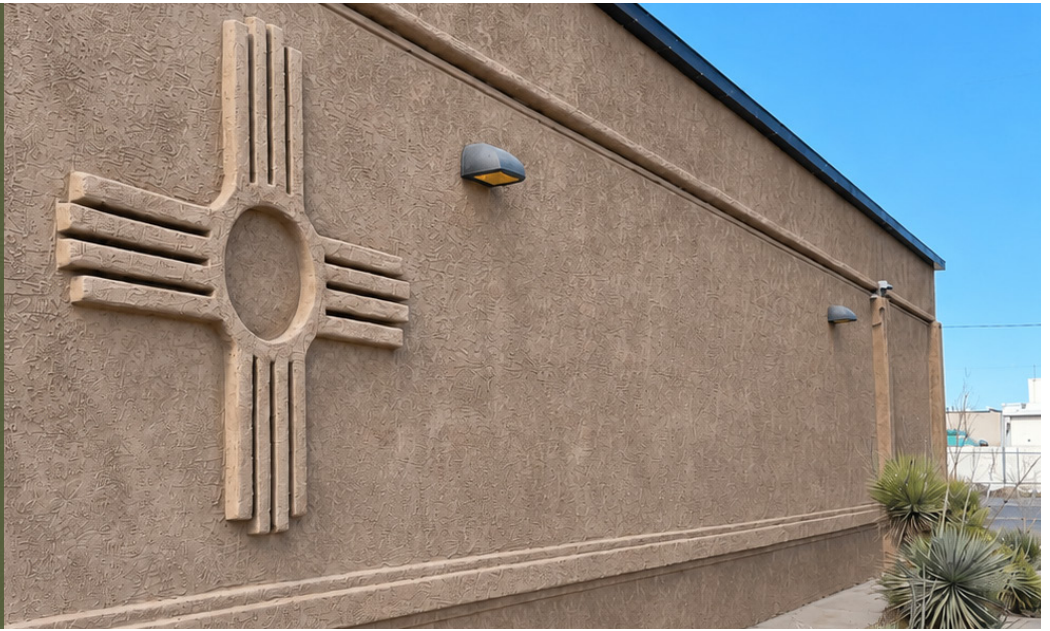


Community Engagement at the Pinto Bean Fiesta.



# CHAPTER

# 1



## INTRODUCTION

### What is a Comprehensive Plan?

A comprehensive plan is a local-level policy document that guides both short- and long-term development of a community. It provides a snapshot of existing conditions and outlines a vision for the future that reflects community values and priorities. The planning process combines data analysis, including U.S. Census information and local reports, with public input to ensure the plan reflects the needs and aspirations of residents.

Once adopted, the comprehensive plan becomes a tool for informed decision-making regarding land use, housing, infrastructure, transportation, economic development, and community services. It is intended to guide policy, investment, and growth over the next 20 years and should be reviewed regularly and updated at least every five to ten years to remain responsive to changing conditions.

This 2026 Comprehensive Plan was created to guide anticipated development within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City of Moriarty. As an official policy document of the City's governing body, the plan was prepared by the Mid-Region Council of Governments (MRCOG) in collaboration with City staff, local stakeholders, and residents, with funding provided by MRCOG.

The plan emphasizes land use as a key indicator of community well-being, municipal functionality, and quality of life. The goals and objectives address major topic areas including form and character of development, housing, transportation, water, public services and facilities, and economic development. They were developed through a community-driven process that included public meetings, surveys, workshops, and stakeholder interviews, ensuring the plan is grounded in local values.

The 2026 Plan builds upon previous planning efforts, including previous Moriarty Comprehensive Plans, the Torrance County, New Mexico Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update (2025), the Moriarty Main Street Project (2007), the City's Water System Master Plan (2007), the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, the Housing Needs Assessment (2001), the Airport Master Plan (2000), and other relevant documents.<sup>1</sup>

Together, the goals and objectives contained within this document are intended to help City leaders and residents navigate present challenges and future opportunities, ensuring that the City of Moriarty remains a vibrant, resilient, and welcoming place to live, work, and thrive.

1. City of Moriarty. (2012). City of Moriarty Comprehensive Plan. City of Moriarty.



## Who is MRCOG?

MRCOG is a regional planning organization serving Bernalillo, Sandoval, Tarrant, and Valencia counties in central New Mexico. Its mission is to strengthen individual communities by identifying and initiating regional planning strategies through open dialogue and collaboration among member governments. MRCOG works across areas including transportation, planning, water, economic development, workforce development, land use, and agriculture. As a council of governments, MRCOG serves as a regional forum where member communities can coordinate on issues that cross jurisdictional boundaries while maintaining local decision-making authority.

This regional role allows communities to work together on short- and long-term policy decisions that affect growth, infrastructure, mobility, economic opportunity, and quality of life across central New Mexico.

The Regional Planning Program (RPP) is MRCOG's local planning assistance program for the mid-region. The RPP functions as an extension of local government staff by providing professional planning and technical services to member governments, including grant writing assistance, workshops and training, mapping, fiscal agent services, comprehensive plans, ordinance updates, transportation planning through the Regional Transportation Planning Organization, and support for the Water Resources Board.

## Comprehensive Plan Components

### Community Profile

The community profile provides an overview of the historical background and present-day conditions of the City of Moriarty. It helps establish a shared understanding of the City, its residents, and its role as a regional service center along the I-40 corridor. This section includes information on population characteristics, economic and social indicators, and regional context, all of which inform planning decisions throughout the Comprehensive Plan.

### Land Use

The land use section describes historical patterns of development in Moriarty, current land use types and zoning designations, and anticipated growth areas. It identifies areas suited for infill, redevelopment, preservation, and future expansion. The land use inventory helps guide decisions about where and how the City of Moriarty should invest in infrastructure and services to support desired development while protecting valuable land resources.

### Housing

The housing section documents the number, type, age, and condition of homes in Moriarty. It includes data on housing affordability, ownership versus rental rates, and housing needs across different income levels. This information is used to identify gaps in the local housing market and to recommend strategies that improve housing quality, affordability, and availability for current and future residents.



Pavilion Located at Crossley Park

## Comprehensive Plan Components

### Transportation

This section examines Moriarty's transportation system, including major roads, local streets, pedestrian infrastructure, and access to regional transit. Traffic volumes, crash data, and roadway conditions are analyzed to identify safety concerns and infrastructure needs. Recommendations aim to improve connectivity, multimodal access, and the overall efficiency and safety of the transportation network.

### Water

The water section provides an overview of Moriarty's water infrastructure and evaluates water supply, quality, and usage. This includes the City's municipal water system as well as issues related to water rights, conservation, and drought resiliency. Strategies to enhance water system efficiency and sustainability are identified in response to long-term water availability concerns in the Estancia Basin.

### Public Facilities

This section evaluates community amenities and essential services including parks and recreation, emergency services, solid waste management, education, healthcare, energy, and communications infrastructure. It assesses the adequacy of existing public facilities and identifies areas where additional investments may be needed to support population growth, public safety, and quality of life.

## Comprehensive Plan Components

### Economic Development

The economic development section analyzes current economic conditions in Moriarty, including employment trends, income levels, labor force characteristics, and key industry sectors. It explores strategies for business retention, workforce development, and targeted investment to expand job opportunities and support a diverse local economy that builds on Moriarty's assets and regional connections.

### Hazard Mitigation

This section identifies current and potential hazards such as flooding, drought, extreme weather, and wildfire—which may impact the resilience and sustainability of the City. It outlines strategies to reduce risks, strengthen community resiliency, and protect Moriarty's physical, economic, and natural assets from future disruptions.

### Previous Plans

The City of Moriarty has a long history of comprehensive planning, beginning with adoption of the Moriarty Comprehensive Plan in 1968. The City subsequently adopted the Moriarty Comprehensive Plan in 1976, the Moriarty Comprehensive Plan in 1990, A Master Plan for the City of Moriarty in 1997, and the Moriarty Comprehensive Land Use Plan in 2003. These prior plans established a foundation for local land use policy, infrastructure planning, community development, and long-term growth management.

Following the 2003 plan, the City undertook another update in response to changing economic conditions, the release of new Census data, and funding support from the New Mexico Finance Authority. That update culminated in the 2012 Moriarty Comprehensive Plan, which was prepared by the Mid-Region Council of Governments (MRCOG) in partnership with City staff. The 2012 plan retained many of the foundational goals of earlier plans while revising objectives and strategic action recommendations to reflect the evolving needs of the community.<sup>2</sup>

The planning process for the 2012 plan included input from the City Council, public workshops, community surveys, and coordination with City departments. The plan provided a detailed community profile and addressed core elements including regional setting, present character of development,

development history, population and housing, local economy, transportation and circulation, and community facilities.<sup>3</sup>

This 2026 Comprehensive Plan represents the first full update since 2012. As with the 2012 effort, the City of Moriarty partnered with MRCOG to prepare this update. The 2026 plan builds on Moriarty's prior planning efforts with updated data, renewed community engagement, current planning practices, and strategies to help the City address future challenges and opportunities.

### Legal and Administrative Framework

The legal and administrative framework for comprehensive planning in the State of New Mexico is established by state statute, including NMSA 1978, Section 3-19-9 and related provisions. These statutes authorize municipalities to prepare and adopt comprehensive plans to guide future growth, land use regulation, and capital investment decisions. Within this framework, the Comprehensive Plan serves as a policy foundation for coordinating local decision-making, aligning public investments with community priorities, and promoting orderly development over time. It also provides a reference point for evaluating future zoning, infrastructure, housing, economic development, and public facility decisions in relation to the City's long-term goals.



## Plan Methodology and Process

The City of Moriarty's Planning and Zoning Commission served as the Steering Committee for the development of the Comprehensive Plan. Regional Planning staff from the Mid-Region Council of Governments (MRCOG) coordinated with the Steering Committee, Planning and Zoning Administrator, City representatives, residents, business owners, and other community stakeholders throughout the planning process. Steering Committee meetings were publicly posted in advance and open to the public.

The planning process combined community input, City coordination, existing conditions analysis, demographic and economic data, infrastructure information, and professional planning review. MRCOG developed a community survey in coordination with the Steering Committee. The survey was mailed to property owners and residents using address data from the Torrance County Assessor's Office and was also made available at key locations in Moriarty, including City Hall, the Moriarty Community Library, Moriarty Foods grocery store, the U.S. Post Office, The Laundry Room laundromat, and bulletin boards at the local electric cooperative. Full survey results are included in Appendix B.<sup>4</sup>

Public engagement activities included a public kickoff meeting, community outreach tabling, tabling at National Night Out and the Pinto Bean Fiesta, business outreach, survey collection along Route 66, public open houses, City Council and Planning and Steering Committee updates, and other stakeholder discussions. These activities were intended to provide multiple opportunities for residents and stakeholders to share priorities, identify community assets and challenges, and respond to emerging plan directions.

Participation varied across engagement formats. The community survey produced the strongest and most substantive body of public input, while attendance at public open house events and follow-up feedback through available communication channels were lower than anticipated. For this reason, engagement results are best understood as meaningful and useful,

but not as a complete or statistically representative account of all residents and stakeholders in Moriarty.

The planning team interpreted input conservatively, giving the greatest weight to themes that appeared repeatedly across survey responses, open-ended comments, meetings, and technical analysis.

The plan was also informed by data from the U.S. Census Bureau, including Decennial Census and American Community Survey 5-year estimates, as well as University of New Mexico Geospatial and Population Studies data, the Moriarty population forecast prepared by the Mid-Region Metropolitan Planning Organization, City information, and other available regional and local sources. These inputs helped guide the development of updated goals, policies, and implementation strategies related to land use, housing, transportation, infrastructure, water, public facilities, economic development, and community character.

Draft plan materials were developed using the input and data received through the process and were refined to reflect recurring community themes, including reinvestment in existing corridors, infrastructure and water concerns, attainable housing options, transportation safety, economic development, and preservation of Moriarty's small-town and rural character. The full community engagement summary and list of documented engagement activities are provided in Appendix A.



Steering Committee Discussion and Workshop

4. City of Moriarty Comprehensive Plan Community Survey (2025) and MRCOG outreach records

## CHAPTER

# 2



# COMMUNITY PROFILE

## Introduction

The following community profile provides an overview of the historical background and present-day conditions of the City of Moriarty. The profile helps establish a shared understanding of Moriarty's regional context, population characteristics, economic base, and its role as a key crossroads community in central New Mexico.

## Regional Setting

The City of Moriarty is located in Torrance County, approximately 40 miles east of Albuquerque in central New Mexico (see Figure 1). Situated in the northern portion of the Estancia Basin, Moriarty lies east of the Sandia Mountains and Tijeras Canyon. Nearby communities include Edgewood to the west and Estancia, Willard, and Mountainair to the south and southeast.

At an elevation of approximately 6,200 feet above sea level, Moriarty lies in a high desert landscape dominated by grasslands and expansive skies. The region experiences low annual precipitation, with a semi-arid climate that supports ranching and limited dryland farming. Seasonal temperature fluctuations and strong winds are typical, and water availability remains a critical issue in the Estancia Basin. Moriarty sits at the junction of Interstate 40 (I-40)

and New Mexico State Highway 41 (NM 41), both of which are vital transportation corridors for the region. I-40 is a major east–west interstate that runs parallel to historic Route 66, now designated as New Mexico State Highway 333 (NM 333). Although officially designated NM 333, the corridor is still commonly referred to locally, and throughout this plan, as Route 66. It serves as Moriarty's primary Main Street and commercial corridor. These roadways play a central role in Moriarty's economy by bringing through-traffic, truckers, and visitors into the community. Highway-oriented services such as fuel stations, restaurants, motels, and vehicle repair shops are core components of the local economy.

Recent development has expanded beyond the Route 66 corridor, with new businesses emerging along NM 41 and Martinez Road. The rapid growth of the neighboring Town of Edgewood, located less than ten miles to the west, is also contributing to commercial expansion and increased traffic along the northwest edge of Moriarty, particularly near the I-40 and Route 66 interchange.

The City is also connected to two officially designated scenic and historic byways: Route 66 and the Salt Missions Trail Scenic Byway (see image below). The Salt Missions Trail provides a link from Moriarty into



Figure 1. Regional Overview Map





the Estancia Valley and Manzano Mountains, connecting travelers to historic communities, mission churches, and nearby cultural destinations, including Salinas Pueblo Missions sites such as Abo, Quarai, and Las Humanas (Gran Quivira).

The Moriarty Municipal Airport is a distinctive community asset with longstanding regional and national ties to glider (sailplane) activity. Favorable high desert flying conditions and open airspace support soaring and related aviation uses, and the airport is home to the Albuquerque Soaring Club. The airport also supports a mix of recreational, educational, and specialized aviation activities and has attracted emerging aerospace interests.

Airport facilities include a terminal building and pilot amenities that support visiting aviators and local users. The U.S. Southwest Soaring Museum, located in Moriarty, further reinforces the community's aviation identity and provides an additional visitor-oriented attraction.<sup>5</sup>

## History

The City of Moriarty traces its beginnings to 1887, when Michael Moriarty and his family became the area's first known permanent settlers. They homesteaded just over a mile west of what is now Moriarty, in a region largely untouched by modern development. At the time, the Estancia Valley was vast, open range, which was ideal for cattle grazing but nearly uninhabited, with no towns, railroads, or infrastructure.<sup>6</sup>

By 1903, the community had grown enough to warrant a post office, with Michael Moriarty appointed as the first postmaster. Mail arrived by horseback from the village of Chilili. That same year, the Santa Fe Central Railroad laid tracks through the area, later becoming the New Mexico Central Railroad. The arrival of the railroad connected Moriarty to a larger transportation network, sparking a wave of homesteading from newcomers hailing from Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, and Iowa. The growing settlement began to transform from open prairie to a community of farms, businesses, and civic institutions.<sup>7</sup>

A depot, telegraph office, and official townsite were

soon established by the railroad company, solidifying Moriarty as a key stop along the line. Michael Moriarty built the first general store, which was leased to Dunlavy Mercantile Company, and other early businesses including the Levi Hughes store, later the Moriarty Trading Company soon followed. By the early 1900s, the town supported a grocery store, two hotels, a livery stable, a doctor's office, and eventually a drugstore. Most commercial activity was centered along what is now Center Avenue, though a fire in the mid-1920s destroyed many of the original buildings.<sup>8</sup>

Education and community life took root around the same time. In 1906, Michael Moriarty and Pete Vigil led efforts to construct a schoolhouse on land donated by the railroad. Completed in 1907, the building doubled as a church and community meeting space. That same year, a local newspaper, the Moriarty Messenger, began publication, and the Moriarty Commercial Club was formed to promote business and attract new residents.<sup>9</sup>

During the 1930s, prolonged drought forced many farming families to abandon the area. A new community, Buford, emerged a mile north of the original Moriarty townsite, centered around the junction of Route 66 and NM 41. In 1953, Moriarty and Buford formally merged into the incorporated City of Moriarty.<sup>10</sup>



Salt Missions Trail Map

5. City of Moriarty. (2012). City of Moriarty Comprehensive Plan. City of Moriarty.

6. Ibid.

7. Ibid.



Hughes Mercantile Company, circa 1905. Source: City of Moriarty website



Old Railroad Depot

- 8. Ibid.
- 9. Ibid.
- 10. Ibid.



Route 66, first designated in 1926, was rerouted in 1937 to pass directly through Moriarty via Tijeras Canyon. This change ushered in a new era of highway-oriented development, with gas stations, motels, and diners serving a growing volume of travelers. I-40 replaced Route 66 as the main east–west corridor in the 1960s, and two interchanges completed in the 1970s further enhanced the city’s accessibility and growth potential.<sup>11</sup>

Though the railroad ceased operation and its tracks were removed in 1975, Moriarty’s original gridded street layout remains as a reminder of its rail-era roots. Today, the city functions not as a rail town, but as a service center for travelers, ranchers, small businesses, and a growing renewable energy industry.<sup>12</sup>

In the 21st century, community investments have shaped Moriarty’s identity. The Moriarty Civic Center, opened in 2001, serves as a hub for community events and local government, and also houses the Moriarty Community Library and Historical Museum. The Southwest Soaring Museum, located in the city-owned Business Park, opened in 2006 and celebrates the area’s unique reputation as a premier glider-flying destination. In 2010, the completion of the Moriarty High School Performing Arts Center added a new space for performances, cultural programming, and school events.<sup>13</sup>

## Local Government Operations

The City of Moriarty is an incorporated municipality operating under a Mayor–Council form of government. The governing body consists of an elected mayor and four councilors serving staggered four-year terms. In this structure, the mayor serves as the city’s chief executive, presides over council meetings, and votes only in the event of a tie. The City Council holds legislative authority, enacting ordinances and resolutions, approving the municipal budget, managing city finances and property, and overseeing the delivery of city services. One councilor is selected to serve as mayor pro tempore during the mayor’s absence.

Administrative leadership and daily municipal operations are coordinated through several key depart-

ments, including the City Clerk’s Office, Planning & Zoning, Public Works, Police and Fire Departments, Municipal Court, the Community Library, and Marketing & Communications. The City Clerk supports the mayor and council, maintains official city records, prepares meeting agendas, and administers municipal elections. In addition, the Clerk serves as a key liaison between elected officials and the public, with the goal of facilitating communication and maintaining transparency.

The City maintains a robust land use and zoning framework guided by a Planning & Zoning Administrator and a Mayor-appointed, citizen-led Planning & Zoning Commission. Moriarty’s zoning code includes nine distinct districts, ranging from residential and agricultural to commercial, industrial, and special use. The Planning & Zoning Administrator is responsible for permit review, compliance inspections, updating zoning maps, and forwarding applications to the Commission and City Council for review. This regulatory framework ensures orderly growth and supports the City’s long-term development objectives.

The Public Works Department plays a central role in maintaining Moriarty’s infrastructure and facilities. Responsibilities include the maintenance and operation of water and wastewater systems, roads and streets, parks, and the municipal cemetery. The department also oversees management of the Heritage Rodeo Arena, the Moriarty Municipal Airport, and capital improvement projects. Public Works staff ensure the continued function and improvement of the city’s physical assets, contributing to residents’ quality of life.

Additional municipal services include the Police and Fire Departments, the Moriarty Community Library, and the Municipal Court. Public safety personnel are committed to protecting residents and visitors through fair enforcement and emergency response. The Municipal Court handles cases related to traffic violations, zoning and ordinance infractions, and other municipal matters. Meanwhile, the Community Library and Moriarty Historical Society and Museum serve as vital educational and cultural resources, supporting residents of all ages with access to information, technology, and lifelong learning opportunities.



Demographic Information

The demographic and economic data presented in this chapter are primarily derived from the U.S. Census Bureau, including the Decennial Census and American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimates. Because Moriarty and other communities analyzed are relatively small, ACS estimates may have higher margins of error, and differences between reported values may occur due to sampling variability, rounding, and differences between Census and ACS data sources.

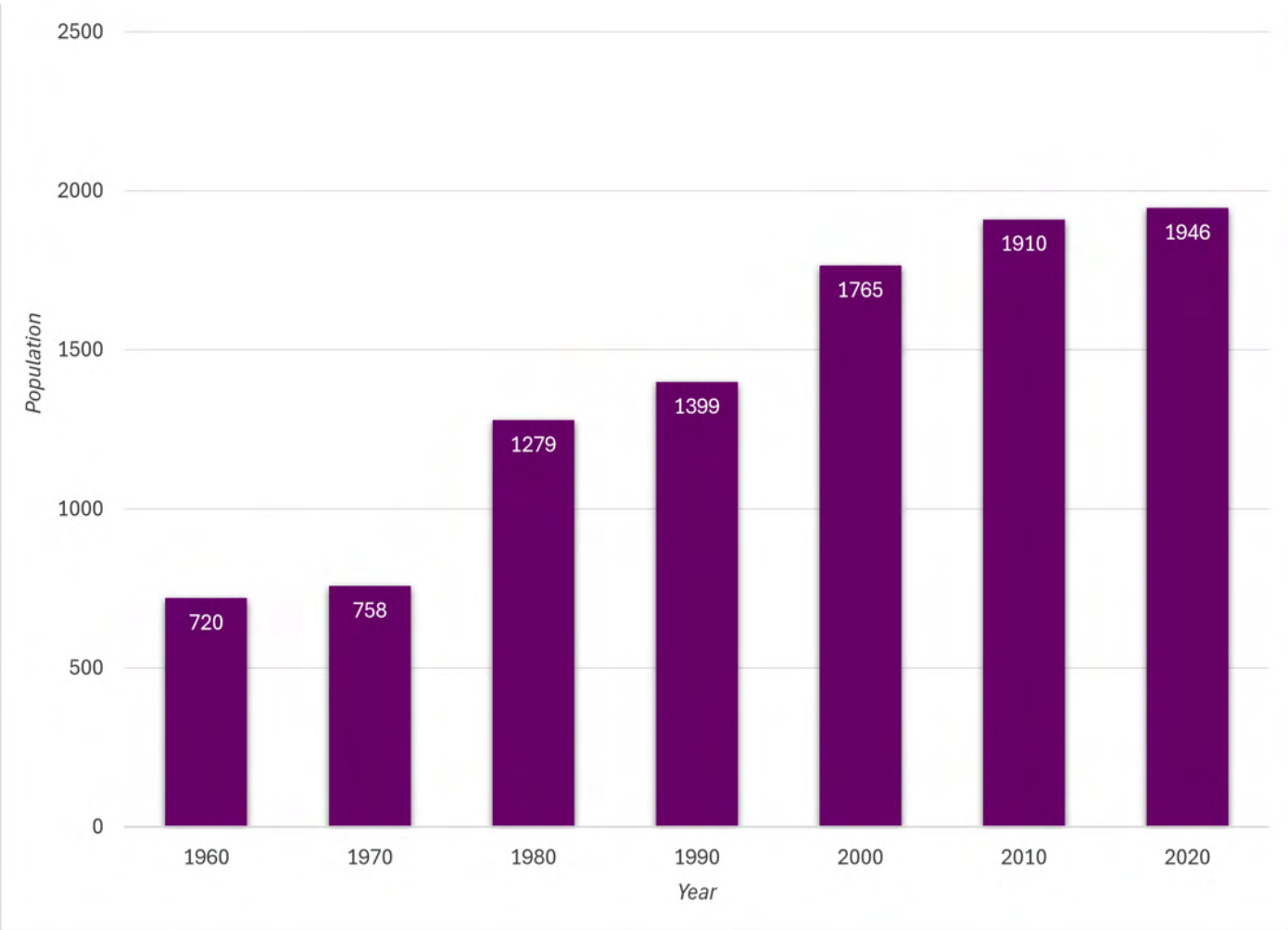
The City of Moriarty has experienced steady population growth over the past six decades. The city’s population increased from 720 residents in 1960 to 1,946 residents in 2020, an overall gain of more than

170 percent. Growth was strongest between 1970 and 1980, when the population rose by more than 500 people, and again through the 1980s and 1990s as Moriarty continued to expand as a regional service and residential center.

Population growth began to slow after 2000, with smaller but consistent increases recorded in each subsequent decade. Between 2010 and 2020, the population grew by only 36 residents, suggesting a period of stabilization following several decades of expansion. Overall, the data show a long-term trend of growth that has gradually leveled in recent years.

Figure 3 compares population change for incorporated communities in Torrance County from 2000 to

Figure 2. City of Moriarty Historical Population 1960-2020



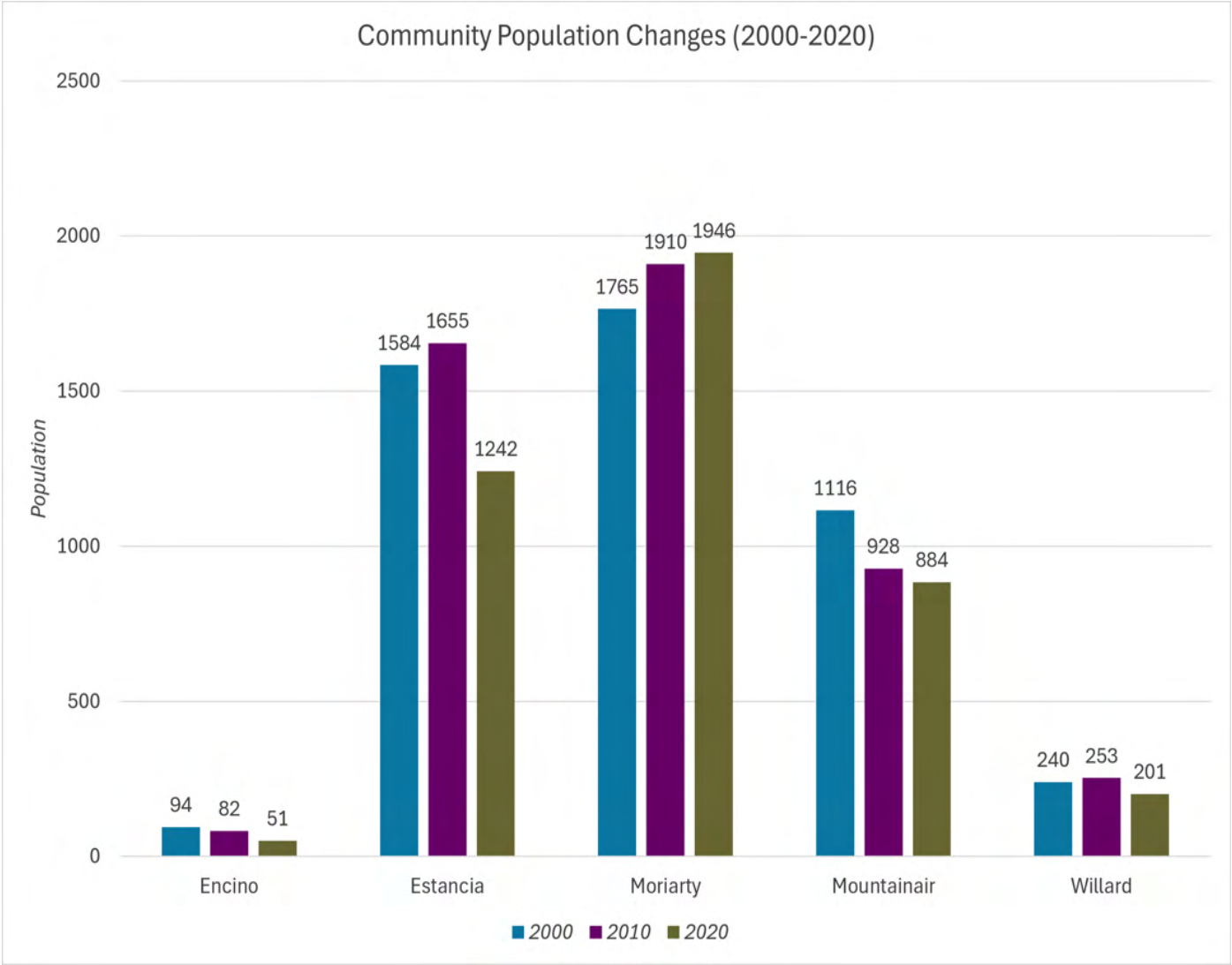
2020. While each community has experienced unique patterns of growth and decline, the chart highlights a few consistent regional shifts over time.

Between 1960 and 1970, most communities in Torrance County saw slight decreases or relatively stable populations. The most significant population growth occurred between 1970 and 1980, particularly in Moriarty, where the population increased from 758 to 1,279 residents. This surge coincides with the construction of I-40, which was completed through the Moriarty area in the 1960s and 1970s, and contributed to the city’s emergence as a regional hub for transportation, services, and commerce. From 1980 to 1990, populations across the county remained relatively stable, with modest growth in several municipalities. The next decade, between

1990 and 2000, marked another period of noticeable population increase in nearly every incorporated community in Torrance County, except Encino. This growth coincides with the opening of the Torrance County Detention Facility in 1990, which introduced additional employment opportunities and economic activity to the region.

After 2000, growth slowed across all communities, with some, including Estancia, Mountainair, and Encino, experiencing gradual population decline. Moriarty, however, continued to see modest gains, reaching nearly 2,000 residents by 2020 and solidifying its position as the population and service center of Torrance County.

Figure 3. City of Moriarty Population Change



**Figure 4. Housing Units in Comparison with Other Communities**

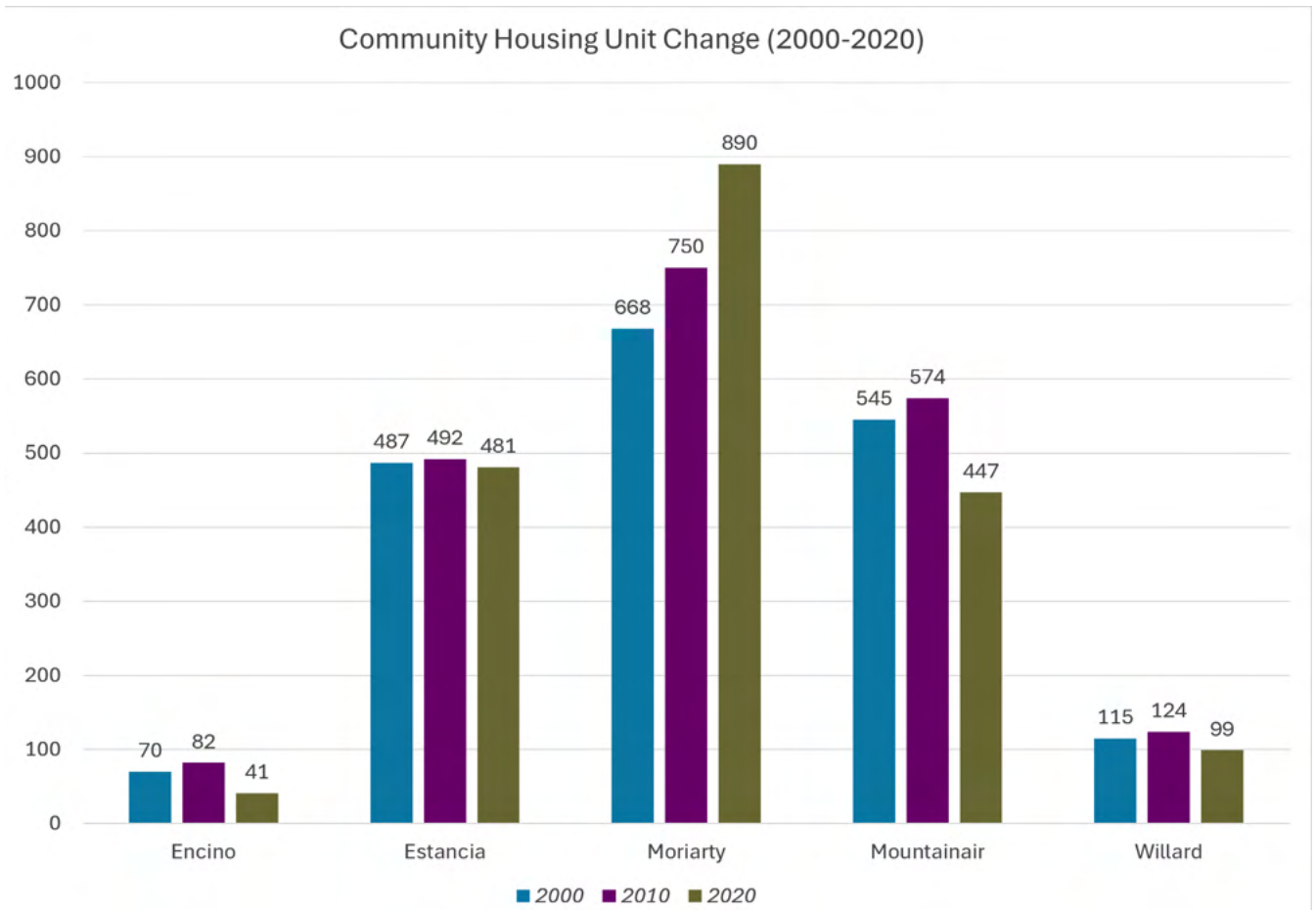


Figure 4 compares housing unit changes from 2000 to 2020 for incorporated communities within Torrance County. The data show that housing-unit totals declined or remained relatively stable in most Torrance County communities between 2000 and 2020, while Moriarty experienced modest growth in both its population and housing stock.

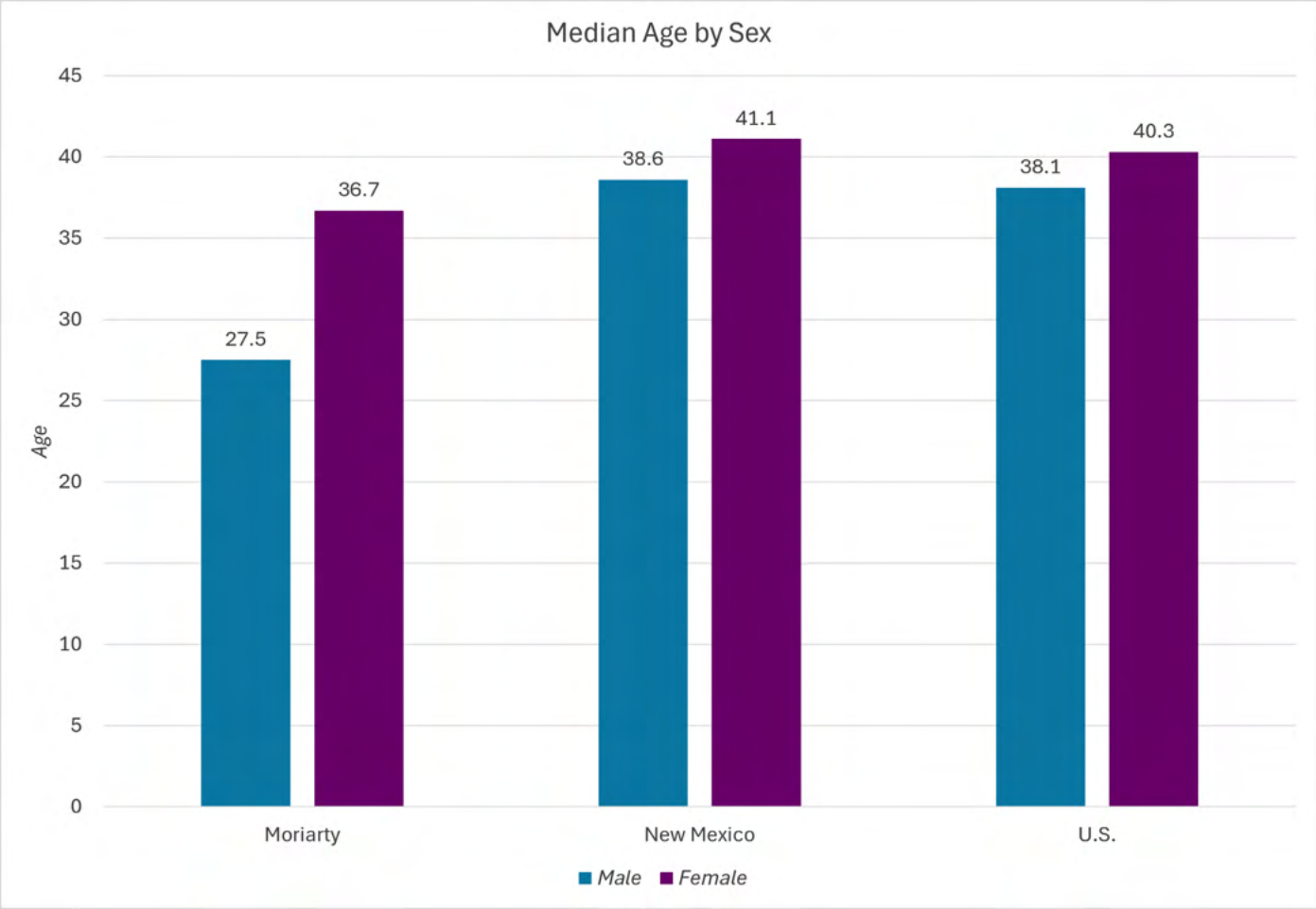
Moriarty increased from 1,738 residents in 2000 to 1,946 residents in 2020, while the number of housing units grew from 668 to 890. This reflects both modest population gains and continued residential development during a period when other communities in the county were contracting. Estancia saw its population decrease from 1,584 residents in 2000 to 1,242 in 2020, while housing units declined slightly from 487 to 481. Mountainair experienced a similar pattern, with population dropping from 1,116 to 884 and housing units falling from 545 to 447. Willard and Encino experienced the most significant proportional declines. Willard's population decreased from 240 to 201 residents, and Encino's from 94 to just 51, accompanied by substantial losses in total housing units.

While housing stock in most communities decreased slightly or remained stable, Moriarty's housing growth indicates ongoing investment and development activity, reinforcing its role as the primary residential and economic hub of Torrance County. The overall trend across the county suggests continued population concentration in Moriarty and gradual decline in smaller municipalities, a pattern consistent with regional consolidation observed throughout rural New Mexico.

Figure 5 compares the median age of men and women in the City of Moriarty with the median ages for New Mexico and the United States. The data show that Moriarty has a notably younger population than both the state and national averages. The median age for males in Moriarty is 27.5 years, compared to 38.6 years in New Mexico and 38.1 years nationally. The median age for females in Moriarty is 36.7 years, compared to 41.1 years in New Mexico and 40.3 years in the United States.



Figure 5. City of Moriarty Median Age (Men compared to Women)



This younger median age indicates that Moriarty’s population includes a larger share of younger adults and families relative to state and national trends. It also indicates potential workforce capacity and highlights the importance of continued investment in housing, employment opportunities, and community amenities to retain younger residents.

Figures 6 and 7 show the distribution of age by sex in the City of Moriarty for 2010 and 2020. The 2010 population pyramid displays a relatively balanced age structure, with the largest shares of residents between the ages of 5 and 19, and steady representation across most working-age cohorts. This structure reflects a community with a strong proportion of families and school-age children, along with a stable adult population.

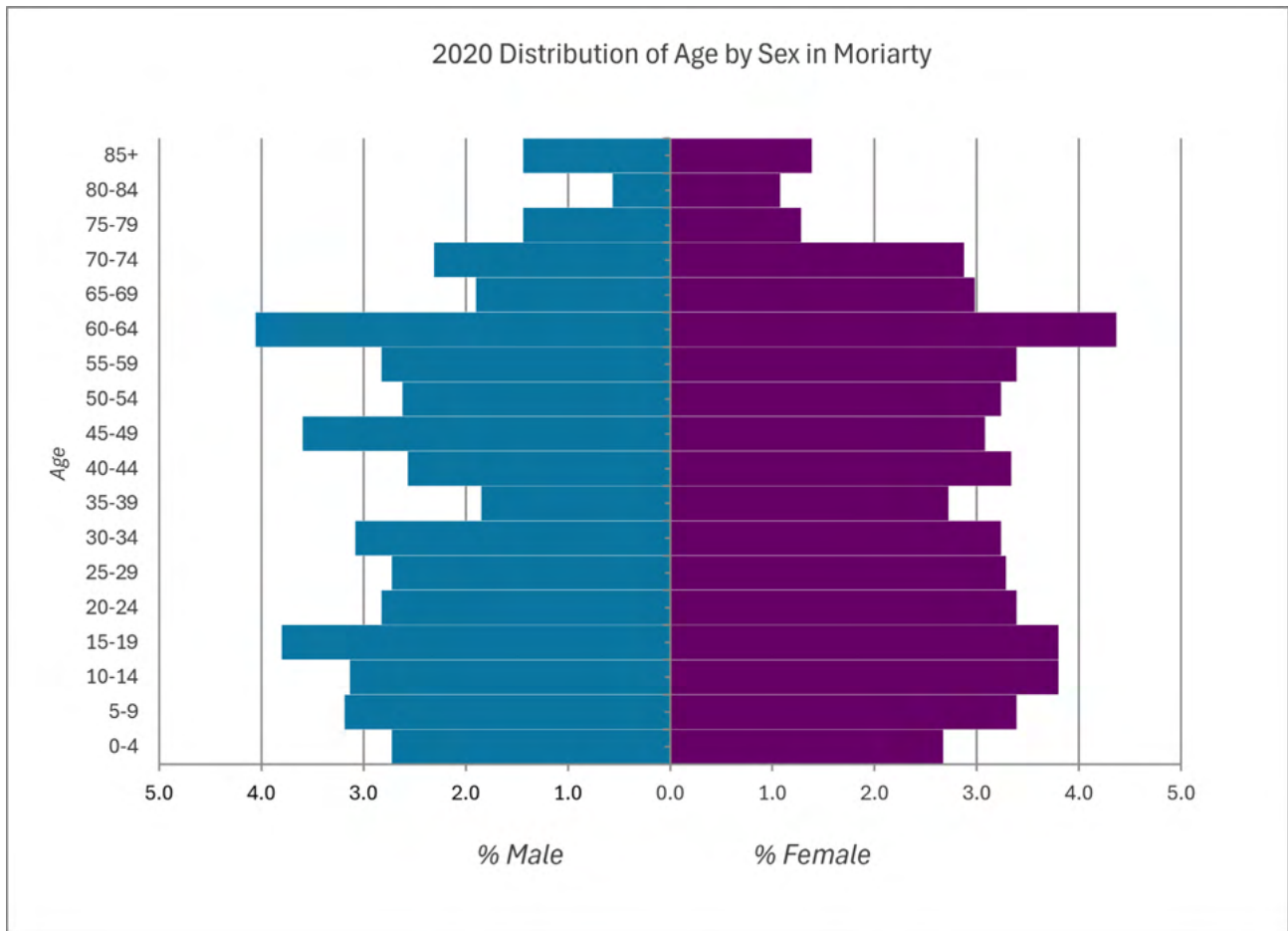
By 2020, the population distribution shifted slightly toward middle-aged and older adults. The 2020 pyramid shows moderate decreases in the younger cohorts under age 20 and slight increases in the 55 to

74 age range. While still generally balanced between males and females, the wider representation in the upper age categories suggests gradual population aging.

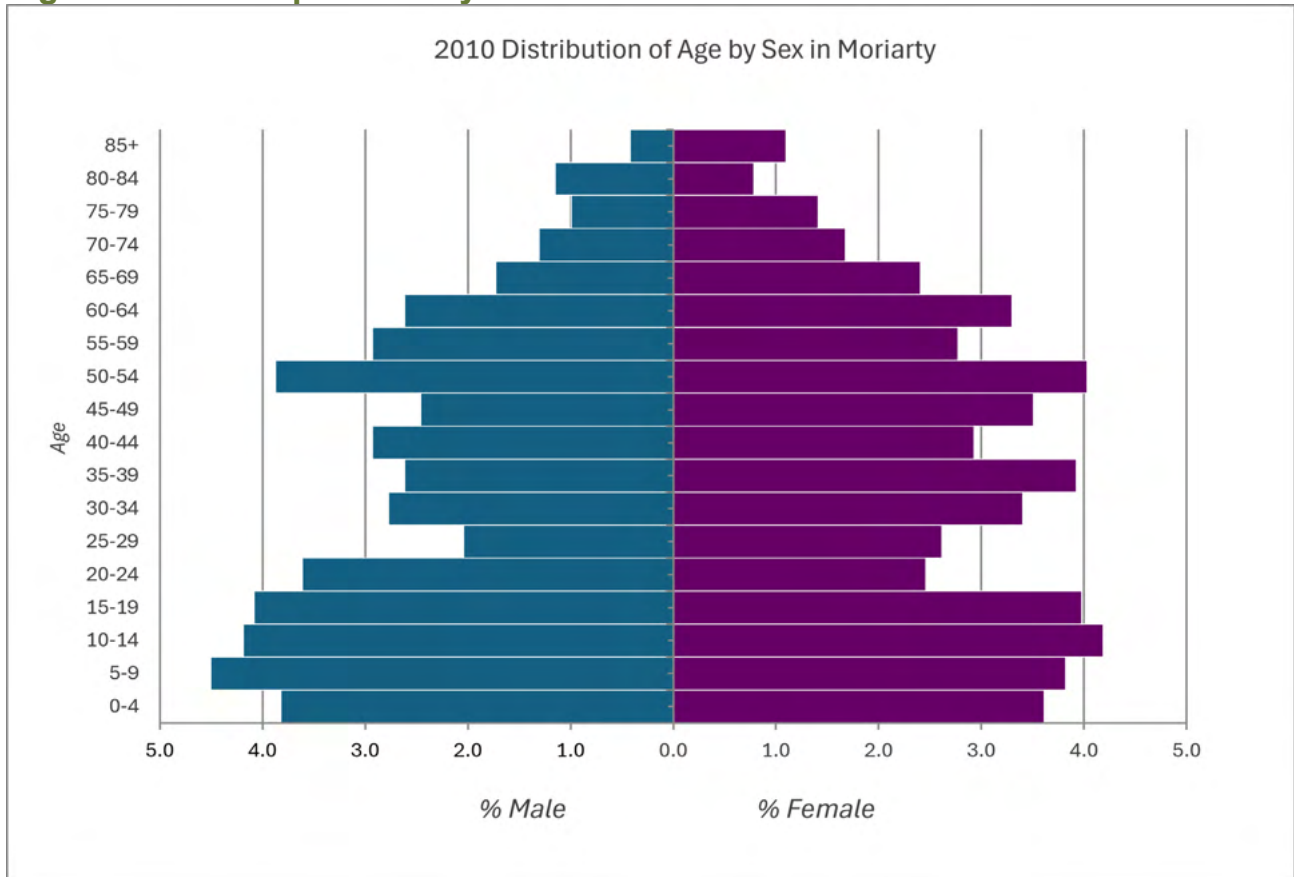
Overall, the two charts illustrate that Moriarty’s population remains evenly distributed across most age groups, though trends over the past decade point to fewer children and more middle-aged and senior residents. This shift is consistent with statewide demographic patterns of aging and stabilization observed across New Mexico.

Figures 8 and 9 illustrate the racial and ethnic composition of the City of Moriarty, based on data from the 2020 U.S. Census. The racial composition chart shows that the city’s population is predominantly White, representing 65 percent of residents. Residents identifying as “Some Other Race” make up 14 percent, while those identifying as Two or More Races account for 16 percent. Smaller racial groups include American Indian and Alaska Native resi-

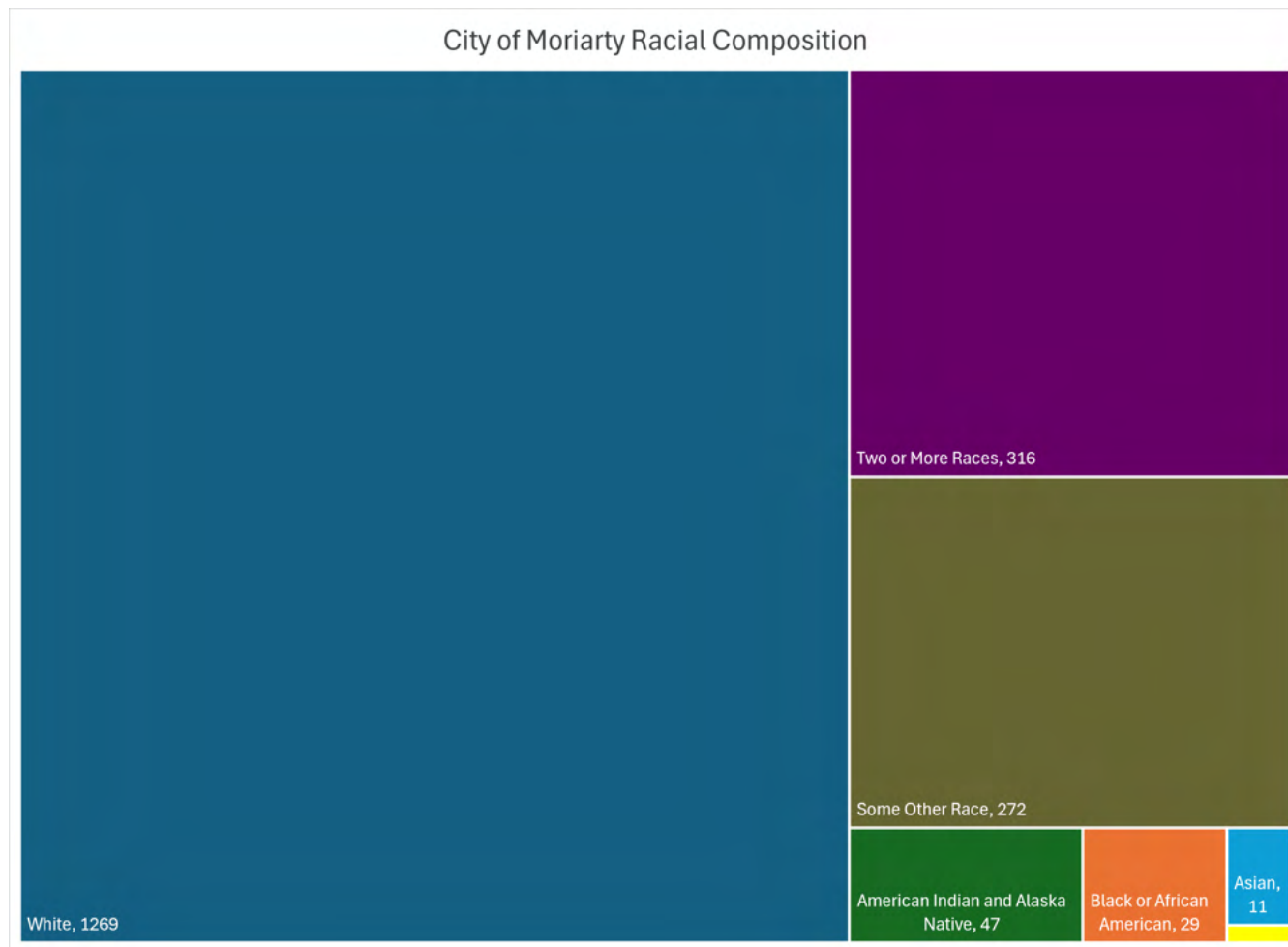
**Figure 6. 2020 Moriarty Population Pyramid**



**Figure 7. 2010 Population Pyramid**



**Figure 8. Racial Composition**

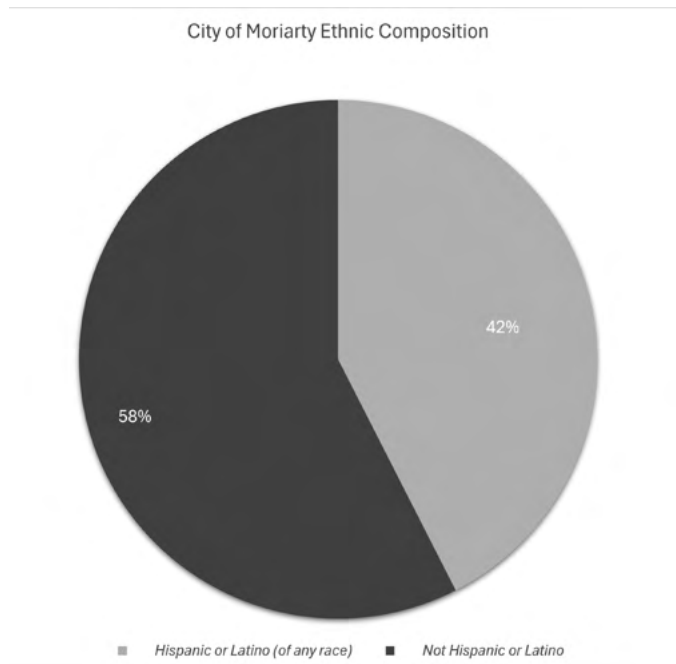


\*Yellow box indicates Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander (2)

dents at 2 percent, Black or African American residents at 2 percent, Asian residents at 1 percent, and Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander residents at less than 1 percent. The ethnic composition chart shows that 58 percent of Moriarty residents identify as not Hispanic or Latino, while 42 percent identify as Hispanic or Latino of any race. This indicates that while a majority of residents do not identify as Hispanic or Latino, a substantial portion of the population represents Hispanic or Latino heritage, reflecting the cultural diversity found throughout central New Mexico.

Together, these charts illustrate that Moriarty has a diverse population, with substantial representation across multiple racial and ethnic groups.

**Figure 9. Ethnic Composition**





## Population Forecast

To support long-range planning for the Comprehensive Plan, the Mid-Region Metropolitan Planning Organization prepared a population forecast for the City of Moriarty through 2045. The forecast is informed by U.S. Census Bureau data and University of New Mexico Geospatial and Population Studies inputs and uses two demographic approaches: a housing unit method and a shift-share method. The housing unit method estimates future population based on projected housing development, occupancy, and average household size. This approach produced two growth scenarios for Moriarty: a lower-growth scenario of approximately 2,119 residents by 2045 and a higher-growth scenario of approximately 2,234 residents by 2045. The shift-share method, which considers Moriarty's changing share of Tarrant County's population in the context of projected countywide population decline, produced a lower 2045 forecast of approximately 1,868 residents.

Together, these scenarios suggest that Moriarty's future population is likely to remain relatively stable, with modest growth possible depending on future housing development, household size, occupancy, and broader countywide demographic trends. For Comprehensive Plan purposes, the combined forecast of 2,073 residents by 2045 is used as the baseline

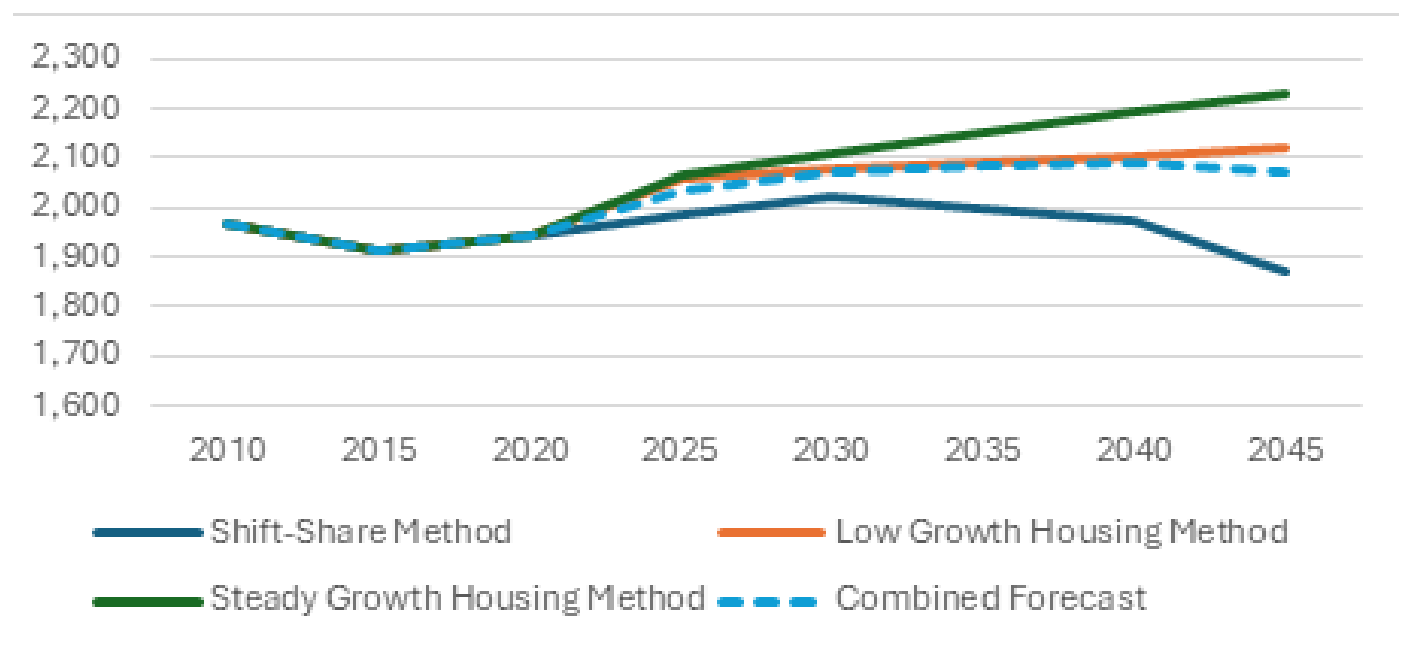
planning assumption. This represents an increase of approximately 127 residents from Moriarty's 2020 decennial census population of 1,946, or approximately 6.5 percent growth over 25 years.

The forecast also highlights important regional context. Moriarty's population increased modestly between 2010 and 2020, while Tarrant County as a whole lost population. As a result, Moriarty's share of the county population increased over time. Countywide trends also point to an aging population, declining natural change, and long-term pressure on the working-age population. While these countywide trends should not be treated as Moriarty-specific age projections, they are relevant to planning for housing, services, infrastructure, and economic development in the broader region.

Because the forecast scenarios produce different results, the 2045 projection should be used as a planning guide rather than a precise prediction. The combined forecast provides a reasonable baseline for evaluating future land use, housing, infrastructure, public facilities, and service needs, while the full scenario range should be considered when planning for uncertainty.

The full technical memorandum, City of Moriarty Population Forecast, is provided in Appendix C.

**Figure 10. Population Projections**



# CHAPTER

# 3

## LAND USE

### Introduction

Land use and zoning establish the foundation for understanding how land within the City of Moriarty is currently developed, how it is regulated, and how it can evolve to meet future community goals. Land use patterns influence every aspect of community life, including housing, transportation, infrastructure, public facilities and services, economic development, and environmental quality. In turn, zoning serves as the primary legal mechanism for implementing the City's Comprehensive Plan, translating the community's long-range vision into regulatory standards that guide development form, intensity, and compatibility.

The purpose of this chapter is to analyze existing conditions, identify where current land uses align or conflict with zoning designations, and provide a framework for future land use decisions that balance growth, efficiency, and community character. This analysis also provides the technical foundation for the Future Land Use Map and related Goals and Objectives later in this Plan.

Through the community survey and public engagement process, residents consistently expressed a desire to balance growth and development with the preservation of Moriarty's small-town atmosphere and character. Respondents emphasized the importance of promoting clean, well-kept neighborhoods, improving the appearance of Route 66, and ensuring that future development enhances rather than detracts from the city's established identity. These community values form the foundation for the land use and zoning strategies presented in this chapter.

### Context and Planning Framework

Moriarty's land use pattern reflects its rural cross-roads origins and continued role as a service hub for Torrance County and I-40 travelers. Commercial activity is concentrated along I-40, Route 66, and NM 41, creating a linear corridor pattern with a mix of retail, service, and limited residential uses. Residential neighborhoods extend outward from these corridors, while key community facilities such as City Hall, the library, Moriarty City Park, and Crossley Park are clustered near the city center. Large undeveloped tracts within city limits provide opportunities for infill and future growth, but new development should remain compatible with Moriarty's existing community character.

# The Relationship Between Land Use and Zoning

Although the terms land use and zoning are often used interchangeably, they represent distinct but complementary concepts. Land use describes what is on the ground today and how parcels of land are being used for housing, commercial goods and services, industry, agriculture, public facilities, or open space. Zoning defines what is legally permitted on each parcel according to the City’s Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance. Zoning regulations establish allowable uses, building heights, densities, setbacks, and other development standards that shape the built environment.

Over time, zoning may evolve to reflect shifts in community priorities, infrastructure capacity, or market conditions. Conversely, existing land uses may not always match current zoning, particularly in cities like Moriarty, where older residential neighborhoods, highway commercial corridors, and large undeveloped tracts coexist within municipal limits. Differences between existing land use and zoning designations are common and do not necessarily

indicate an error. Over time, changes in population, infrastructure, and economic trends can make existing zoning standards less aligned with current needs. Periodic review of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, which is recommended every five to ten years in partnership with the Comprehensive Plan, helps realign regulations with community goals. Understanding where and why these mismatches occur is key to identifying development opportunities and updating the City’s zoning code to achieve consistency with the Comprehensive Plan.

## Existing Conditions: Land Use

Moriarty encompasses approximately 3,696 acres within its municipal boundaries. Land use in the city reflects a blend of small-town residential development, highway-oriented commerce, community facilities, airport-related land, and large areas of undeveloped land. The city’s structure is shaped by its historic crossroads location and the intersection of Route 66, I-40, and NM 41, which together define the city’s primary transportation corridors.

Figure 11. Land Use Inventory

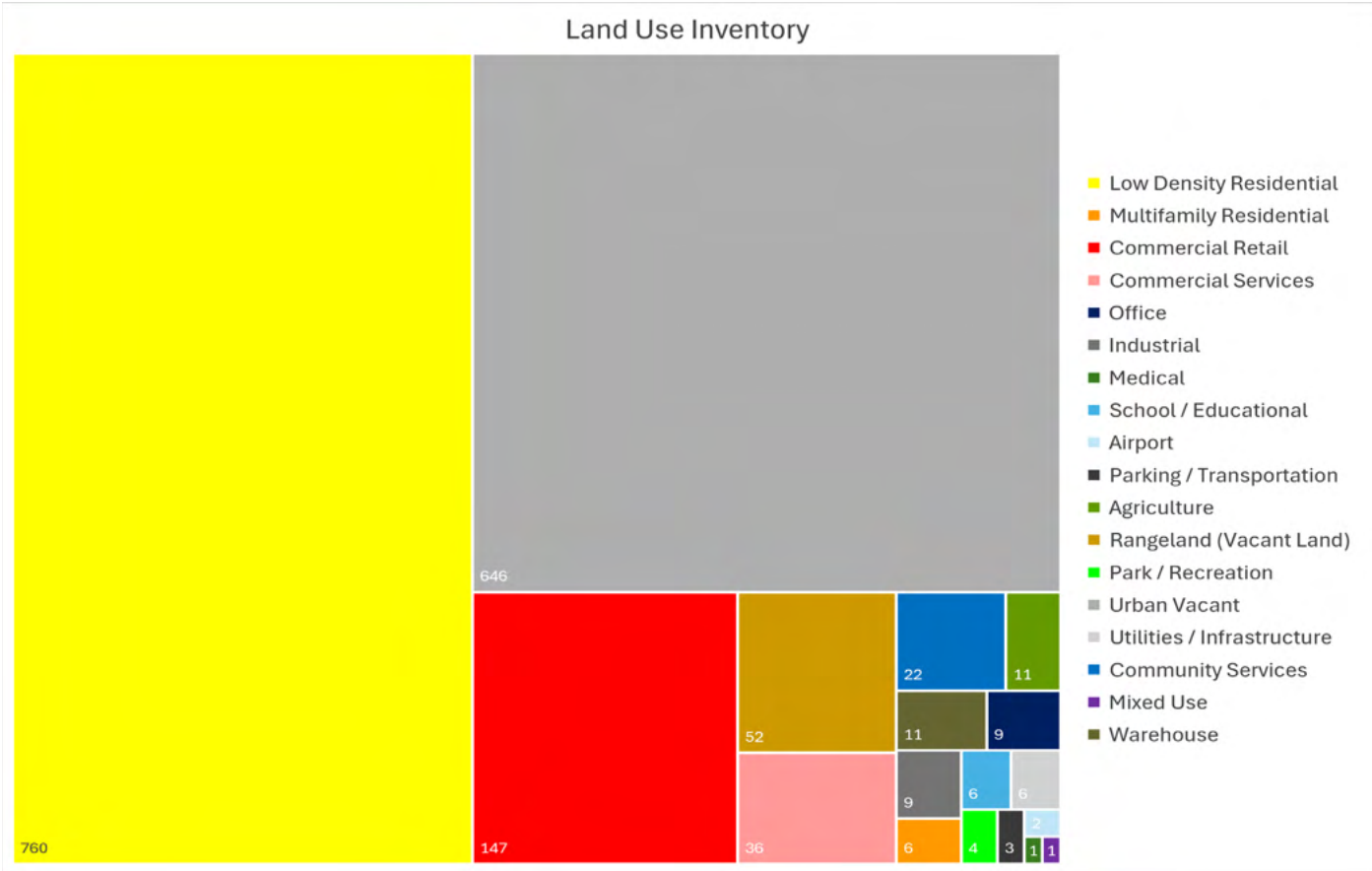
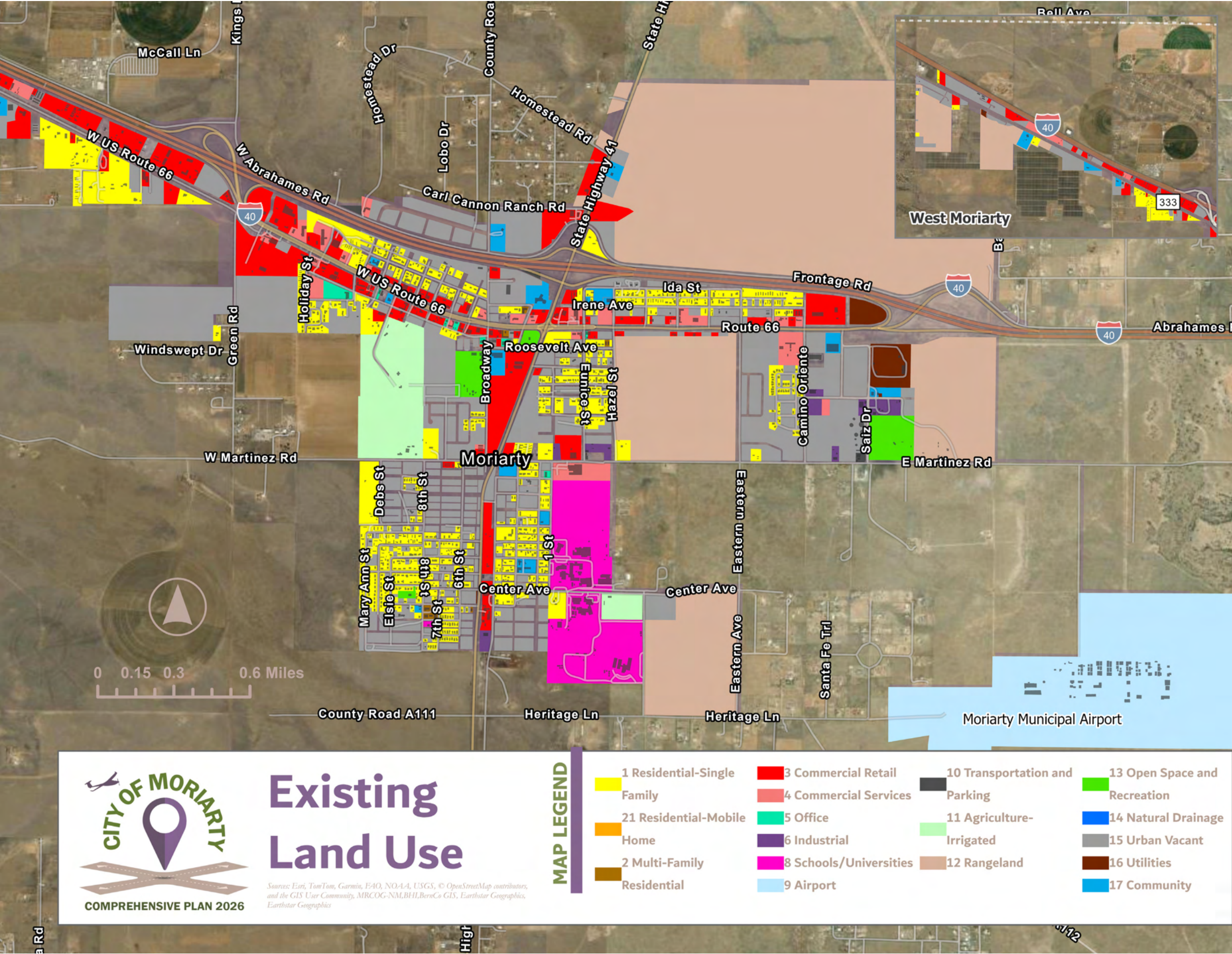




Figure 12. Existing Land Use Map





While Moriarty’s total land area provides significant capacity for future growth, current development remains concentrated in a compact footprint centered on Route 66, NM 41, and adjoining residential neighborhoods. The remainder of the city consists primarily of vacant or lightly developed parcels, classified in the land use inventory as Urban Vacant and Rangeland. Together, these categories represent the city’s largest land reserve and greatest opportunity for infill, reuse, or planned expansion.

Table 1 summarizes the city’s existing land use by major category. Percentages are calculated from the total incorporated area of approximately 3,696 acres. Because percentages are rounded for readability, subtotals discussed in the narrative may not add precisely to 100 percent. Similar land use categories have been combined in the table where appropriate to simplify presentation and improve readability.

Residential Uses

Residential land occupies approximately eight percent of Moriarty’s total area and is predominantly low-density residential development. The land use inventory identifies 301 acres of Low-Density Residential land and 4 acres of Multifamily Residential land, with multifamily housing accounting for less than one percent of the city’s total land area.

Residential neighborhoods are generally located on both sides of Route 66 and extend east and west of NM 41, near the city’s schools, civic facilities, and supporting infrastructure. Allowing a wider range of housing types could provide more options for local workers, older adults, and smaller households while fitting within the scale and character of existing neighborhoods. See the Housing Chapter for additional discussion of housing needs and opportunities.

Residents frequently noted the need for more diverse and affordable housing options, including small single-family homes, townhomes, and small-scale multifamily housing, while preserving the quiet character of existing neighborhoods. Concerns about vacant or poorly maintained lots also reinforce the importance of code enforcement, property maintenance, and context-sensitive infill development.

Table 1. Land Use Categories

| Land Use Category          | Parcels | Acres | Percent of City |
|----------------------------|---------|-------|-----------------|
| Low Density Residential    | 760     | 301   | 8%              |
| Multifamily Residential    | 6       | 4     | 0%              |
| Commercial Retail          | 147     | 235   | 6%              |
| Commercial Services        | 36      | 71    | 2%              |
| Office                     | 9       | 6     | 0%              |
| Industrial                 | 9       | 18    | 0%              |
| Medical                    | 1       | 1     | 0%              |
| School / Educational       | 6       | 135   | 4%              |
| Airport                    | 2       | 613   | 17%             |
| Parking / Transportation   | 3       | 3     | 0%              |
| Agriculture                | 11      | 94    | 3%              |
| Rangeland (Vacant Land)    | 52      | 1321  | 36%             |
| Park / Recreation          | 4       | 38    | 1%              |
| Urban Vacant               | 646     | 696   | 19%             |
| Utilities / Infrastructure | 6       | 27    | 1%              |
| Community Services         | 22      | 55    | 1%              |
| Mixed Use                  | 1       | 1     | 0%              |
| Warehouse                  | 11      | 17    | 0%              |
| Total                      | 2,732   | 3696  | 100%            |

Commercial, Employment, and Airport-Related Uses

Commercial retail and commercial service uses occupy approximately 306 acres, or about eight percent of the city’s total land area. These uses are concentrated primarily along Route 66, NM 41, and near the I-40 interchanges. The Route 66 corridor forms Moriarty’s primary commercial spine and includes highway-oriented businesses, auto services, motels, restaurants, and local retail uses.

Other employment-related land uses, including office, industrial, medical, warehouse, and mixed-use categories, occupy a much smaller share of the city’s land area, totaling approximately 43 acres, or about one percent of the city. Industrial and warehouse uses are generally located near the airport and business park, where access to major transportation routes supports light industrial, aviation-related, and service-oriented activities.

The Moriarty Municipal Airport is one of the city’s largest individual land use categories, occupying approximately 613 acres, or 17 percent of Moriarty’s total land area. The airport and surrounding business park represent an important long-term economic development asset and distinguish Moriarty from many



Aircraft at the Moriarty Municipal Airport

other small communities in the region. Survey participants identified revitalization of the Route 66 corridor as one of the community's top priorities. Many residents called for aesthetic improvements, façade upgrades, reuse of vacant or underutilized properties, and new businesses that attract both travelers and local residents. There is strong overall public support for small, locally owned retail and dining establishments that reinforce Moriarty's historic Route 66 identity. Some residents also noted a need for larger regional or chain stores, which they currently travel to Edgewood or Albuquerque to access.

### Public and Institutional Uses

School, educational, and community service uses comprise approximately 190 acres, or about five percent of the city's land area. These uses include schools, government facilities, and community-serving amenities such as City Hall, the library, and other public or civic facilities. These uses are primarily located near the center of Moriarty and along the city's major corridors, helping form the civic heart of the community.

Utilities and infrastructure uses account for an additional 27 acres, or about one percent of the city. These facilities support the city's water, wastewater, transportation, and public service systems. Future residential or commercial growth may require expanded infrastructure capacity and continued coordination between land use planning, capital

improvements, and utility service planning.

### Parks, Open Space, and Recreation

Park and recreation uses total approximately 38 acres, or about one percent of Moriarty's incorporated area. Existing parks provide important recreation and gathering spaces for residents, but parkland represents a relatively small share of total land area.

During the survey and community engagement process, residents expressed support for improving existing park facilities through maintenance, renovation, and additional amenities rather than prioritizing the creation of new parks. Residents also expressed interest in additional walking trails, shaded areas, and park improvements, particularly if residential growth occurs in the future.

### Agricultural, Rangeland, and Vacant Lands

A majority of Moriarty's land area is classified as rangeland or vacant. Rangeland accounts for approximately 1,321 acres, or 36 percent of the city, while Urban Vacant land accounts for approximately 696 acres, or 19 percent. Combined, these two categories total approximately 2,017 acres, or 55 percent of the city's incorporated area. Agriculture accounts for an additional 94 acres, or about three percent of the city.

In the land use inventory, "Rangeland" generally refers to large undeveloped parcels that are not classified as active urban development. Within Moriarty, many of these areas function as vacant or lightly developed land rather than intensively used agricul-



tural land. These large undeveloped parcels provide significant opportunities for future residential, commercial, mixed-use, or employment-related development within existing municipal boundaries. At the same time, the size and distribution of these undeveloped areas create challenges for infrastructure extension, service delivery, and compatibility with surrounding uses. The City's zoning designations for many of these lands anticipate eventual development, but future growth will require coordinated planning, infrastructure investment, and careful attention to neighborhood character, water availability, and transportation access.

## Summary

Development in Moriarty primarily follows the alignment of Route 66 and NM 41. Residential neighborhoods cluster near existing schools and civic facilities, forming compact developed areas surrounded by large undeveloped tracts. Commercial and service uses are highly linear, concentrated along

major corridors with limited depth behind frontage parcels. The airport and adjacent business park form a major land use and economic development asset, while extensive vacant and rangeland areas within city limits provide long-term growth capacity without requiring annexation.

Overall, Moriarty's land use pattern is characterized by relatively compact developed areas within a broader landscape of vacant and lightly developed land. This configuration offers both flexibility and opportunity because the City can accommodate substantial growth within its existing boundaries. However, that growth will need to be guided carefully to maintain neighborhood integrity, support efficient service delivery, protect water resources, and preserve the community's small-town character. The following sections examine how existing land uses relate to zoning designations and what that relationship implies for future planning and policy.



Vacant Land in Moriarty Located South of Route 66

## Existing Conditions: Zoning

Zoning is the City's primary regulatory tool for managing land use, development intensity, and compatibility among different activities. Moriarty's zoning framework establishes the range of permitted uses, densities, and development standards that help implement the goals of the Comprehensive Plan. The City's zoning map includes nine distinct districts that collectively define residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, and special-use areas.

The zoning framework provides the basis for reviewing subdivision activity, site development, redevelopment, business expansion, housing options, and the placement of public facilities. As Moriarty considers future growth, zoning will remain an important tool for balancing private development interests with infrastructure capacity, neighborhood character, economic development goals, and public health and safety.

The current zoning pattern reflects a combination of historic development along major transportation corridors, anticipated future residential growth, and special-purpose districts such as the Master Planned Development (MPD) and Special Use (S-U) zones. Table 2 summarizes the distribution of zoning districts by acreage and parcel count.

### Residential Zoning Districts (R-1, R-2, R-3)

Residential zoning districts collectively occupy roughly 15 percent of Moriarty's total area. The R-1 district, which allows single-family homes on standard lots, represents the majority of developed neighborhoods. These areas are concentrated east and west of NM 41, particularly around Moriarty Elementary School and Moriarty High School, extending toward the city's western boundary and south of Route 66. A smaller pocket of R-1 zoning also occurs north of Route 66 in older residential blocks south of I-40.

The R-2 district allows smaller lots and slightly higher density and is generally located south of Route 66, intermixed with R-1 zones. These areas provide transitional housing density near established neighborhoods and potential infill opportunities adjacent

to utilities and paved streets. The R-3 district allows manufactured and mobile homes on individual lots or within mobile home parks. These zones are scattered throughout the city, with notable concentrations south of Route 66 near the residential core and smaller pockets north of Route 66 along secondary streets. R-3 areas contribute to the city's supply of relatively lower-cost housing and may provide opportunities for more affordable residential options.

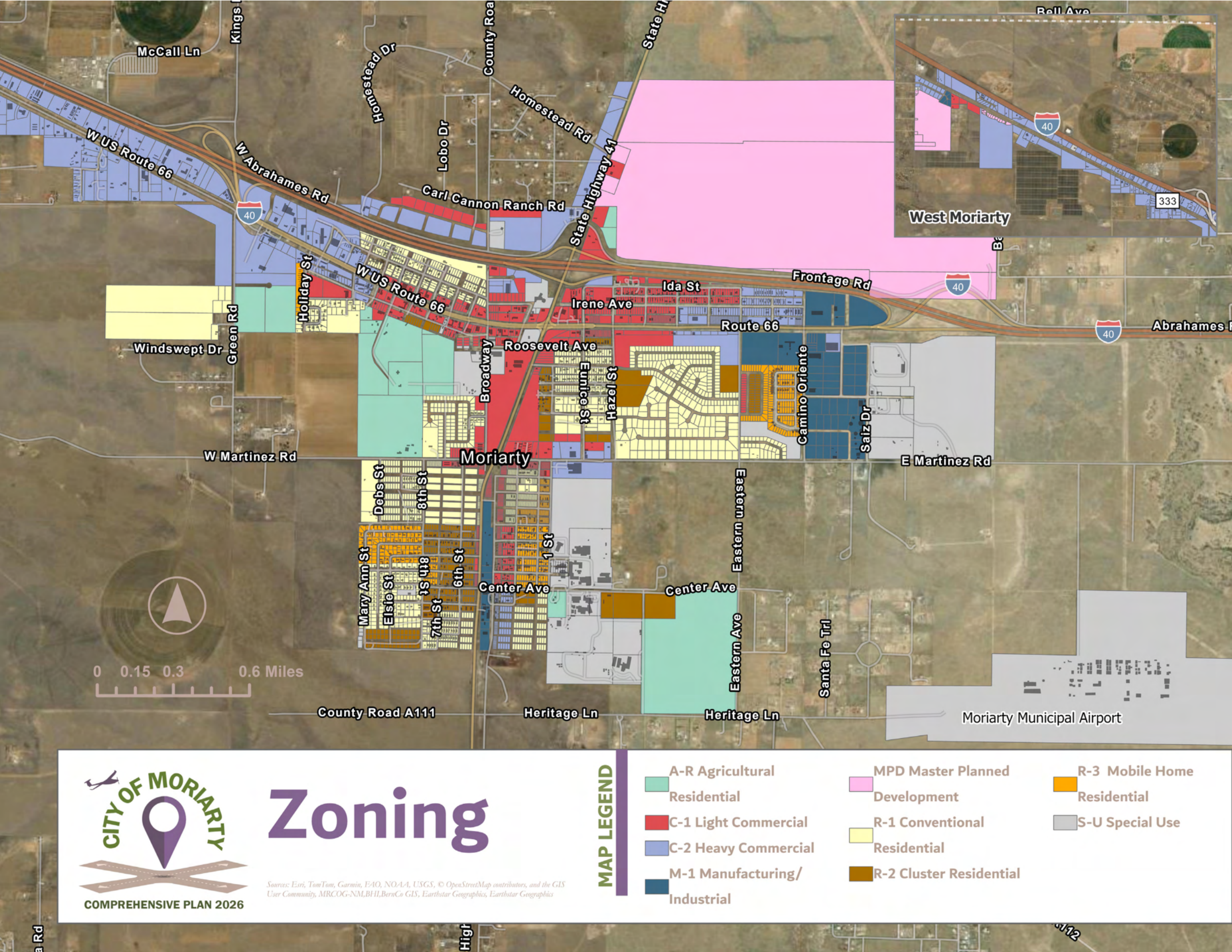
**Table 2. Zoning Categories**

| Zoning District | Count | Acres |
|-----------------|-------|-------|
| A-R             | 13    | 254   |
| C-1             | 644   | 238   |
| C-2             | 428   | 685   |
| M-1             | 74    | 127   |
| MPD             | 25    | 888   |
| R-1             | 1,368 | 391   |
| R-2             | 314   | 84    |
| R-3             | 464   | 68    |
| S-U             | 54    | 888   |

Residential zoning is geographically concentrated near existing services, schools, and transportation infrastructure, but much of the city's residential land remains zoned for single-family development. Encouraging infill in the R-2 and R-3 districts could diversify housing options and make more efficient use of existing infrastructure. Residents also expressed support for expanding the supply and availability of housing types while protecting established neighborhoods from incompatible land uses and ensuring that new housing fits the city's scale and character. There is also community interest in improving conditions in mobile home areas through maintenance, design, landscaping, and infrastructure investment.



Figure 13. Existing Zoning Map







Signage for the Moriarty Business Park

### Commercial Zoning Districts (C-1, C-2)

Commercial zoning covers about 26 percent of Moriarty's area and generally follows the city's historic development corridors. The C-1 district provides smaller, neighborhood-scale retail and service uses that support local businesses, residents, and travelers. It is generally located along the central portion of Route 66 and NM 41. Some C-1 areas also contain single-family homes or mobile homes, reflecting the mixed-use character of older corridor areas.

The C-2 district allows higher-intensity commercial uses and dominates the western portion of the Route 66 corridor, with additional concentrations along east Route 66 and near the I-40 interchanges. Parcels in this district are typically larger and oriented toward auto-oriented retail, motels, service stations, and other highway-serving businesses. Some C-2 parcels currently contain single-family homes or vacant lots, illustrating a disconnect between zoning capacity and existing use.

Together, the C-1 and C-2 districts provide substantial capacity for commercial growth and redevelopment, particularly along Route 66. As reinvestment occurs, the City may consider design standards, buffering, and access management tools to improve corridor appearance and manage transitions between residential and commercial properties.

### Industrial Zoning (M-1)

The M-1 Manufacturing and Industrial District encompasses approximately 127 acres (3%). The M-1 Zone is primarily concentrated along the eastern edge of the city, in the existing business park, north of the Moriarty Municipal Airport, and in the south-central area of Moriarty, along the eastern side of NM 41.

These areas provide the city's core manufacturing and industrial base and are strategically positioned for regional connectivity. The City also owns a number of parcels zoned M-1 (in the Business Park), which is an asset for future economic development. Ensuring adequate infrastructure and protecting industrial land from incompatible encroachment will be important for long-term economic growth.

### Agricultural Residential (A-R)

The A-R Agricultural Residential District covers about 254 acres (7%), primarily located along the outer edges of the city, particularly to the southwest and southeast. This district allows a mix of low-density residential use and small-scale agricultural activity.

These areas serve as transition zones between the city's developed neighborhoods and unincorporated county lands. While some parcels remain vacant, others contain rural residential lots that maintain Moriarty's open landscape and buffer more intensive uses.



Moriarty High School Sports Practice Facility

### Master Planned Development (MPD)

The MPD District represents approximately 25 percent of Moriarty's land area and includes large undeveloped tracts intended for coordinated residential, commercial, and mixed-use development. MPD areas are located primarily in northern and western Moriarty and represent some of the city's most significant long-term growth areas.

Three large master-planned communities have been approved and adopted by the City: the King Ranch Master Plan, the Mountain View Park Master Plan, and the Tillery Plan. As of 2026, none of these areas has developed in a manner consistent with the scale or form envisioned in the original plans. These areas continue to represent important long-term growth opportunities, but the age of the plans and limited progress toward implementation indicate a need for review.

Updating or reaffirming each plan would help determine whether the original land use concepts, infrastructure requirements, phasing strategies, and development expectations remain appropriate under current conditions. This review should consider water availability, infrastructure capacity, housing demand, transportation access, market feasibility, and consistency with the goals of this Comprehensive Plan.

### Special Use District (S-U)

The S-U Special Use District, totaling roughly 888 acres or 25 percent of the land, encompasses major public, institutional, and utility facilities. The S-U

Special Use Zone provides a mechanism for site-specific zoning when a proposed development requires individualized review due to its scale, nature, or potential impacts. Rather than applying uniform district standards, the S-U designation is tied to a specific approved use and an accompanying site development plan. The City may impose conditions to ensure compatibility with surrounding properties, consistency with the Comprehensive Plan, and protection of public health, safety, and welfare. The approved site development plan establishes the governing framework for the lot, including layout, density, setbacks, height, access, parking, drainage, utilities, and other design elements, ensuring that development proceeds in accordance with the conditions established at the time of approval.

S-U zoning allows flexibility for uses that do not fit within conventional categories. Because the district covers diverse facilities, future updates to the zoning code could refine sub-areas or overlay designations to more clearly distinguish institutional, transportation, and utility uses.

#### **S-U areas include:**

- The Moriarty Municipal Airport and its runways, southeast of the city center
- The school complex south of Route 66
- The City Hall, library, and public works sites near central Moriarty
- Utility infrastructure and currently vacant parcels



## Overall Zoning Pattern

Moriarty's zoning pattern mirrors its physical geography and transportation framework.

### Zoning Pattern:

- Residential districts cluster both north and south of Route 66, along with east and west of NM 41
- Commercial zoning follows the Route 66 corridor and key intersections, forming the economic backbone of the community
- Industrial and special-use districts are concentrated around the airport and east-side business park, leveraging access to I-40
- MPD and A-R zones occupy the city's fringe areas, providing large tracts for future, master-planned growth.

This configuration allows substantial development flexibility within existing city limits. However, the predominance of underdeveloped commercial and MPD land emphasizes the importance of strategic infrastructure planning, zoning code updates, and master plan updates to ensure consistency with community goals.

## Land Use and Zoning Alignment

Moriarty's existing land use and zoning maps share a consistent overall pattern, both shaped by the city's development pattern, with its mix of residential neighborhoods, commercial, and institutional uses. At the same time, differences between the two reveal how the City's zoning framework often anticipates future growth or reflects historic land use patterns that have evolved over time. These relationships highlight how Moriarty's built form, zoning regulations, and community vision intersect, and where refinements could improve alignment between current conditions and desired outcomes.

### Areas of Strong Alignment

Zoning and land use correspond closely within Moriarty's established neighborhoods, which re-

main the foundation of the city's built environment. Low-density residential areas align well with R-1 Conventional Residential zoning south and west of NM 41 and in older neighborhoods north of Route 66. Similarly, R-3 Mobile Home Residential zoning matches existing manufactured housing areas, particularly south of Route 66 and west of NM 41. These districts function as stable and predictable residential environments, reflecting the City's commitment to maintaining neighborhood integrity while accommodating a range of housing types that meet community needs.

Strong alignment also exists around the Moriarty Municipal Airport and the business park, where land used for aviation, warehousing, and light manufacturing corresponds directly with M-1 Manufacturing/Industrial and S-U Special Use zone districts in this area. These areas are strategically located for access to I-40 and are sufficiently buffered from residential neighborhoods, supporting the City's goal of fostering economic development in transportation and logistics sectors.

Public and institutional uses including schools, City Hall, the library, parks, and utilities also exhibit a close match between existing use and zoning. Most of these facilities are located in a S-U Special Use district, which provides the flexibility necessary to accommodate diverse civic and community functions while maintaining compatibility with surrounding land uses.



Signage for the Moriarty City Complex Area



## Areas of Partial or Limited Alignment

The most visible difference between land use and zoning occurs along Route 66, Moriarty's central commercial corridor and a cultural landmark. Much of the corridor is zoned C-2 Heavy Commercial, intended to support larger-scale retail, service, and automotive-oriented businesses that generate higher traffic volumes or require outdoor storage. However, the land use inventory reveals a patchwork of low-density residential dwellings, small locally owned businesses, converted homes, and vacant parcels. Many of these homes predate the heavy commercial zoning. This creates a corridor that is at once eclectic and fragmented, functioning as a commercial strip, a residential street, and underutilized frontage.

Residents consistently identified Route 66 as both a source of pride and an area in need of reinvestment. Survey participants called for improved appearance through landscaping, façade upgrades, and enforcement of property-maintenance standards, along with support for locally owned businesses that reflect the city's identity. Many residents expressed a strong preference for mixed-use redevelopment (the blending of small-scale retail, restaurants, and housing) to revitalize the corridor and make it more attractive and walkable. This community sentiment suggests that the current zoning along Route 66 allows for heavy commercial uses, future success depends on embracing flexibility and design options that are compatible with Moriarty's character.

The contrast between zoning and land use along Route 66 underscores the need for a more adaptable approach. Establishing a Route 66 mixed-use overlay could create opportunities for residential and commercial coexistence while guiding reinvestment toward a cohesive corridor identity that celebrates Moriarty's Route 66 heritage.

Outside the corridor, other areas of limited alignment occur within the Master Planned Development (MPD) and Special Use (S-U) districts, which occupy large portions of the city's northern, western, and eastern limits. These tracts are largely vacant or coded as rangeland in the land use inventory. The MPD zoning anticipates phased, primarily residential neighborhoods with some mixed uses, which will

require coordinated development if or when infrastructure and market demand support it.

Similarly, land zoned Agricultural Residential (A-R) at the city's outer edges serves as a transitional zone between urban and rural conditions. Although some of this land remains vacant, it represents future opportunities for low-density residential or rural mixed-use development that maintains Moriarty's open landscape character while accommodating gradual growth.



Residential Uses in Close Proximity to Heavy Commercial Uses

## Planning Implications

Moriarty's land use and zoning context, together with community input, offers a strong foundation for guiding future growth in a thoughtful and context-sensitive manner. The existing development pattern consists of compact residential and commercial areas surrounded by large tracts of vacant or lightly developed land. This pattern offers considerable flexibility but also requires thoughtful planning to ensure that new development supports community values, enhances the city's appearance, and uses public infrastructure efficiently. Understanding where land uses align or diverge from zoning designations is essential to this effort. It helps the City identify where changes may be needed to encourage desired development types, protect neighborhood character, and unlock investment opportunities.

Community input consistently emphasized the importance of reinvestment along Route 66. Residents identified the corridor as central to Moriarty's identity but expressed concern about inconsistent building conditions, vacant parcels, and visual clutter. Rather than restating existing zoning conditions, the key implication is the need for targeted corridor tools. Establishing a mixed-use or design overlay, strengthening signage and landscaping standards, and supporting façade improvements would better align corridor regulations with community aspirations.

The analysis of existing land uses also highlighted the importance of strengthening property maintenance citywide. Vacant lots, poorly maintained structures, and inconsistent adherence to nuisance regulations were identified during the community engagement process as long-standing concerns that negatively affect community appearance. These issues, particularly in visible commercial corridors and established neighborhoods, can discourage investment and contribute to a perception of decline. Increased staffing capacity for code enforcement, clear and consistent standards, and consistent day-to-day implementation of regulations would help the City begin to address these concerns.

The City's extensive inventory of vacant and underutilized parcels creates additional planning considerations. While this land represents long-term development capacity, much of it lacks supporting infrastructure or is located on the edges of developed areas. Scattered development in these locations would be costly to serve and may not align with community preferences. Prioritizing infill development within already developed portions of the city, particularly areas with existing utilities, sidewalks, and streets, is both a fiscally responsible strategy and a community preference. Residents expressed strong interest in investment within the existing urban footprint, including adaptive reuse of vacant commercial buildings, small-scale mixed-use projects, and a broader range of housing options that fit within the scale of existing neighborhoods. These preferences reinforce the need for zoning tools that support mixed-use flexibility, missing-middle housing, and context-sensitive commercial development.

Compatibility between residential and nonresidential uses is another important planning consideration. In several areas, industrial zoning directly abuts established neighborhoods. This proximity creates potential conflicts related to noise, lighting, truck traffic, and visual impacts. The community's feedback indicates a desire to reduce these conflicts without limiting opportunities for industrial job growth. To address this, the City could incorporate improved buffering requirements, more defined standards for how businesses operate and impact surrounding properties, screening of outdoor storage, and site design that fits the character of the surrounding area into future zoning and development review processes. These measures will help ensure that industrial uses remain functional and economically productive while also respecting the quality of life in adjacent neighborhoods.

Moriarty's zoning ordinance already contains the capacity to support many of these goals, but development patterns have not always kept pace with what zoning allows. This underscores the need to align established zoning with desired land uses and available infrastructure. Updating zoning regulations to encourage more flexible mixed-use patterns, pedestrian-friendly design, and a broader range of housing choices would help fulfill the community's vision while maintaining a predictable development environment.

Together, the land use analysis and public input point to a clear planning direction: Moriarty should prioritize reinvestment in existing corridors, especially Route 66, through targeted zoning updates, stronger code enforcement, infill development, and coordination with Torrance County. Future growth should be directed to areas with existing infrastructure, while zoning revisions should support walkability, human-scale development, and resident-supported mixed-use environments. Improved buffering and performance standards can help maintain compatibility between industrial and residential uses, and long-term MPD development should be phased in close coordination with the Planning Department to ensure compliant, coherent, and cost-effective growth.

## Preferred Development Scenario

The Preferred Development Scenario establishes a long-term vision for how Moriarty should grow and redevelop over a long-range timeframe (20 years or more). This scenario builds on the land use and zoning analyses, community feedback, and regional planning goals to identify how the city can guide growth efficiently while maintaining its small-town character, economic vitality, and distinctive Route 66 identity.

The Future Land Use Map translates this vision into spatial form. It provides a policy guide (not a regulatory map) showing where different land uses are most appropriate as Moriarty continues to develop. The map reflects both existing conditions and the community's aspirations for reinvestment, infill, and balanced growth.

The Future Land Use Map was created from the existing land use data layer, reclassified to reflect desired future conditions within each category. While no annexation is proposed, this map assumes gradual infill and redevelopment of vacant areas within the current city boundary, as well as the buildout of designated Master Planned Development (MPD) tracts.

## Guiding Principles

The Preferred Development Scenario rests on six guiding principles that capture the community's vision for future growth and development. These six guiding principles are visualized below:

Focus new development within existing city limits to use infrastructure efficiently and preserve the rural and agricultural landscapes outside the city boundary.

**Grow inward, Not Outward**



Reinforce NM 333 as Moriarty's central corridor through mixed-use redevelopment, small business growth, facade improvement, and pedestrian-friendly design.

**Revitalize NM 333**



Address proximity issues between residential and industrial zones, especially on the city's east side through buffering, screening, and context-sensitive design.

**Promote Land Use Compatibility**



Support a blend of housing, retail, and civic uses along key corridors and within MPD areas to create walkable, connected neighborhoods.

**Encourage Mixed-Use Development**



Guide development of large vacant tracts through phased master plans that coordinate infrastructure, housing, commercial activity, and open space.

**Plan for MPD Area Build out**



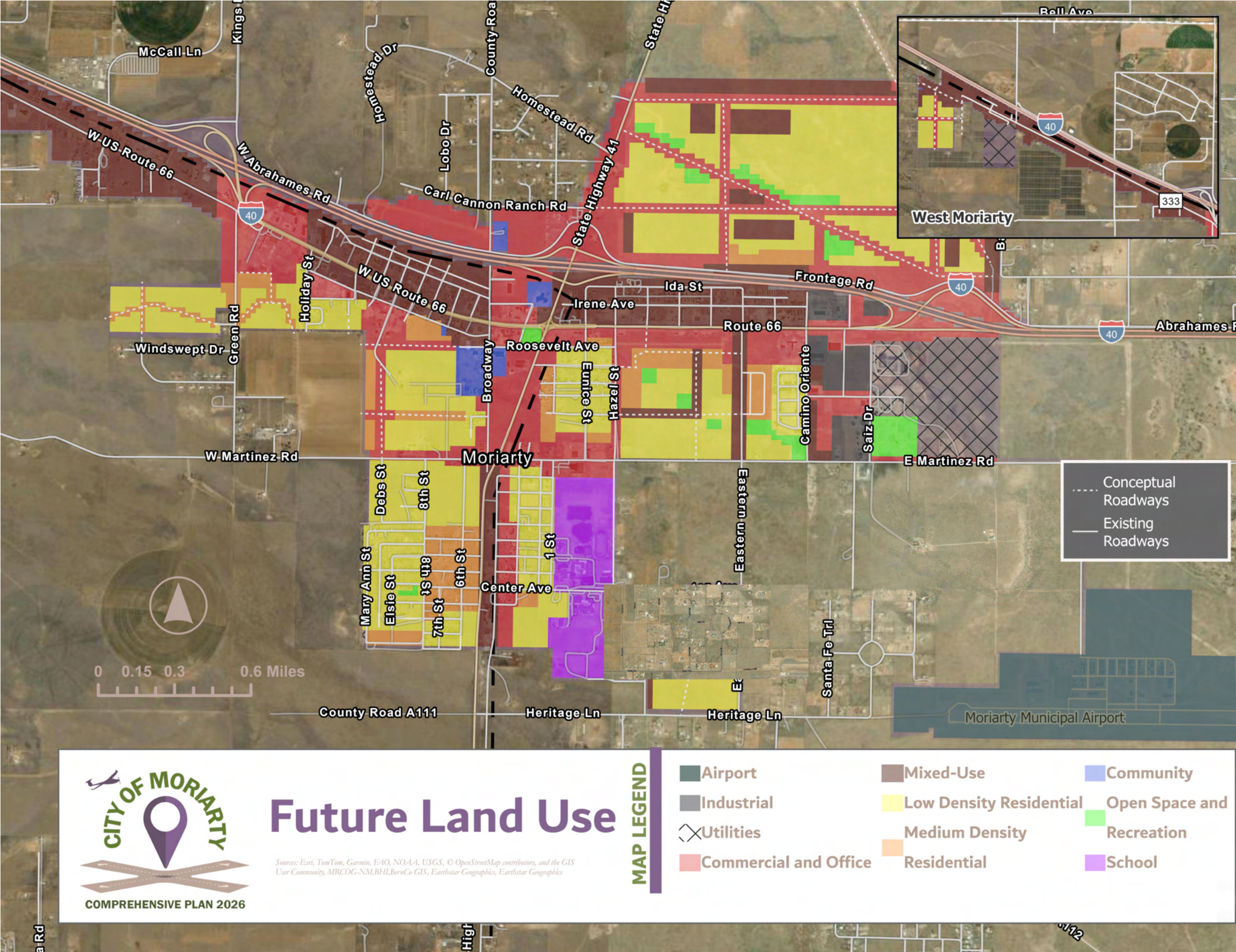
Protect the city's small-town feel, open views, and Route 66 heritage while supporting investment and economic development.

**Preserve Community Character**





Figure 14. Future Land Use Map





# LAND USE

# GOALS AND STRATEGIES

## Goal 1

### **Ensure appropriate locations for all land use activities**

1. Maintain an effective Comprehensive Plan by reviewing and updating policies and strategies every 5 to 10 years to align with community needs and development goals.
2. Ensure effective zoning ordinances by reviewing and updating the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance on a 5 to 10-year cycle following updates to the Comprehensive Plan.
3. Protect the integrity of established residential neighborhoods through the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance.
4. Encourage infill development in areas with existing infrastructure by allowing a mix of low-intensity residential and light commercial uses.
5. Encourage airport-related industries to locate near the airport through coordination with Torrance County.
6. Limit residential development near the airport through coordination with Torrance County.
7. Establish a Memorandum of Understanding with Santa Fe and Torrance Counties to coordinate on development near city limits.
8. Review and update the City's adopted master-planned community plans, including the King Ranch Master Plan, Mountain View Park Master Plan, and Tillery Plan, to determine whether their land use assumptions, infrastructure needs, phasing strategies, and development concepts remain consistent with current conditions, community priorities, water availability, and long-term growth objectives.

## Goal 2

### **Maintain the appearance of a clean and scenic community**

1. Ensure consistent enforcement of land use regulations through the establishment and maintenance of a permanent Code Enforcement office with dedicated, ongoing staff.
2. Create a publicly-available Unified Code of Ordinances that includes the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance.
3. Continually update and enforce the Nuisance Ordinance every 5 years.

## CHAPTER

# 4



# HOUSING

## Introduction

The purpose of the Housing Chapter is to identify existing and future housing needs within the City of Moriarty. Current housing needs are assessed through data collection and analysis, field observation, and direct community input gathered through the steering committee, public survey, and outreach workshops. Future housing needs are informed by projected demographic trends, regional economic shifts, and anticipated development patterns within and around Moriarty.

Community input during the Comprehensive Plan engagement process emphasized a desire for a wider range of housing options in Moriarty, particularly attainable and affordable housing and smaller-scale housing types, including casitas and other compact forms. Residents expressed concern about the limited availability of housing for young families, seniors, and workforce populations, as well as interest in housing types that reflect Moriarty's character while accommodating changing household needs

Housing plays a vital role in shaping the quality, stability, and long-term growth of a community. Ensuring that Moriarty provides a range of safe, well-maintained, and affordable housing options for residents at all income levels is essential to sustaining a strong and vibrant community now and into the future. This chapter seeks to guide local decision-making and investment to meet those goals, supporting both current residents and future generations who choose to call Moriarty home.

The housing and demographic data presented in this chapter are derived primarily from the U.S. Census Bureau, including the Decennial Census and American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimates. Because Moriarty is a relatively small community, ACS estimates may carry higher margins of error. Minor variations between reported figures may occur due to sampling variability, rounding, or differences between Census and ACS data sources.





Duplex-Style Housing in Moriarty

## Existing Conditions

Residences in the City of Moriarty are primarily concentrated within the R-1, R-2, and R-3 Residential Zoning Districts, which are spread throughout the city and form the core of Moriarty's single-family neighborhoods. Residential areas feature a range of lot sizes, from large to small, while maintaining a low-density, low-intensity rural character that is valued by the community.

The R-1 zone district establishes standards and uses for the development of residential neighborhoods comprised of single-family homes. Development density is limited to one dwelling unit per lot, with a minimum lot size of 7,000 square feet in area. In addition to R-1 areas, single-family homes and some multifamily housing options are found in R-2 Cluster Residential areas. The R-2 zone accommodates higher density residential development and limited commercial and institutional uses in areas served by public water and sewer services. Multiple dwelling units are allowed and may include apartments and townhouses. The R-3 Mobile Home Residential zones provide additional housing options for residents living in mobile or manufactured homes, contributing to a more diverse and affordable housing stock. Residences also exist within the C-1 Light Commercial zone, particularly north of Route 66 near I-40, reflecting a mix of uses in this area.

Community input during the Comprehensive Plan engagement process indicated a strong desire for more housing, particularly affordable housing and a variety of housing types, including casitas and smaller, more affordable "starter homes." Other housing options such as tiny homes, condominiums, barn-

dominiums, and multifamily housing (apartments) were noted by some in the community as needed and desired options. Some residents also noted a desire to improve existing housing conditions through repair and rehabilitation programs, reflecting interest in preserving neighborhood quality and keeping homes safe, efficient, and affordable for current and future generations. Meeting these needs will require careful planning, coordination among local and regional stakeholders, and revisions to Moriarty's zoning code to allow for smaller-scale, diverse housing options while ensuring that development aligns with available infrastructure and preserves the city's small-town character.

Moriarty's Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance currently provides the framework to regulate residential density and land use; updating these regulations will be important to support safe, adequate, and affordable housing options for current and future residents.

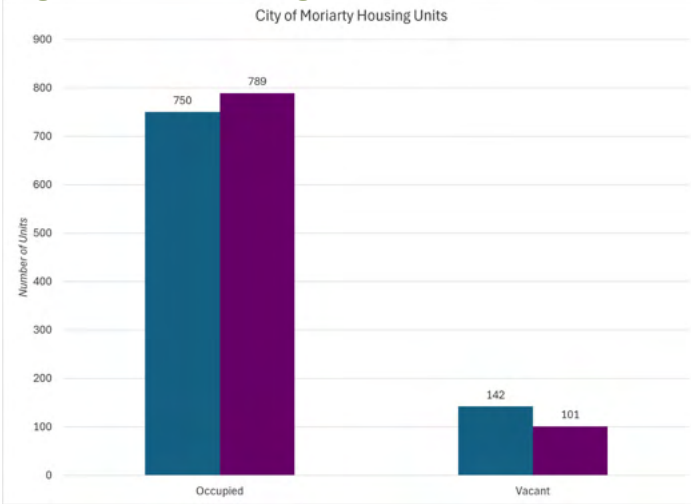


MRCOG Staff Gathering Input on Housing Objectives During Workshop

Housing Characteristics

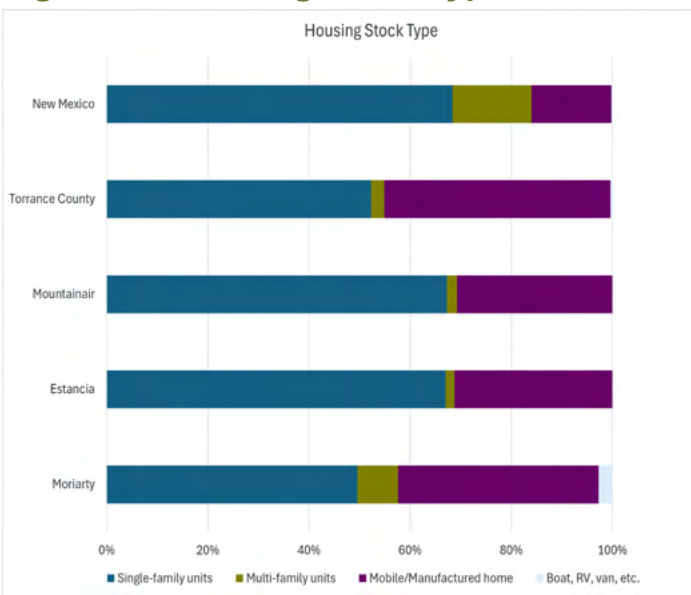
From 2010 to 2020, the City of Moriarty experienced a slight decrease of two housing units, from 892 to 890 (Figure 15). During that ten-year period, the number of occupied units rose from 750 to 789, while vacant units fell from 142 to 101. The vacancy rate dropped from 15.9 percent to 11.3 percent, suggesting a tightening housing market, and reflecting community concerns around housing affordability and availability.

Figure 15. Housing Units



Average household size declined from 3.0 persons in 2010 to 2.69 persons in 2020 (Table 3). This trend reflects smaller household sizes over time and may be influenced by shifts in age structure, household formation, and housing availability.

Figure 16. Housing Stock Type



According to the 2023 American Community Survey (ACS) five-year estimates, approximately 49.6 percent of Moriarty’s homes are single-family detached units, 8.0 percent are multifamily, and 39.7 percent are mobile or manufactured homes (Figure 16). The remaining 2.7 percent are classified as “boat, RV, van, etc.” housing units.

Moriarty’s proportion of manufactured housing is significantly higher than the statewide average of 15.8 percent and somewhat lower than Torrance County’s 44.7 percent. This indicates that manufactured homes are an important component of the city’s affordable housing stock. Public input suggests these units provide vital low-cost housing options, though age and maintenance issues are common.

Table 3. Household Size

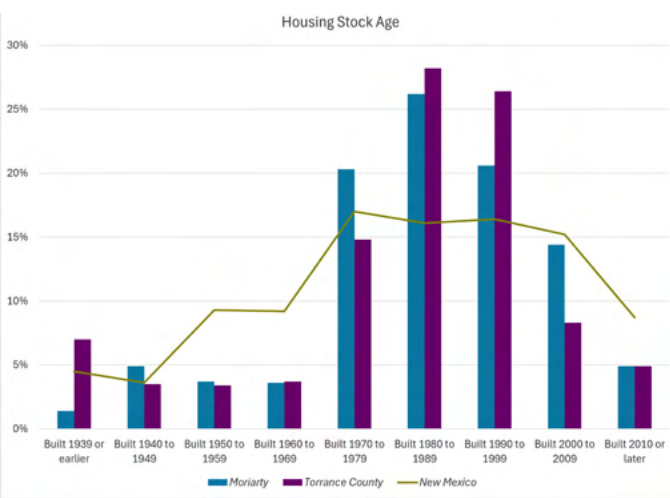
| Household Size | 2010 | 2020 |
|----------------|------|------|
| Moriarty       | 3    | 2.69 |
| Estancia       | 2.55 | 2.59 |
| Mountainair    | 2.22 | 2.33 |

The age distribution of Moriarty’s housing reveals that many homes were constructed between 1970 and 1999 (Figure 17). Approximately 20 percent of units were built in the 1970s, 26 percent in the 1980s, and 21 percent in the 1990s. About 14 percent were built between 2000 and 2009, and only 5 percent have been built since 2010. Roughly 14 percent of the housing stock predates 1970.

These figures illustrate relatively limited recent construction and an aging housing inventory. Throughout the community input process, residents expressed concern about the condition of older homes and a need for additional residential development and rehabilitation.



Figure 17. Housing Stock Age



According to the 2023 ACS five-year estimates, approximately 58.9 percent of Moriarty’s occupied housing units are owner-occupied, while 41.1 percent are renter-occupied (Tables 4 and 5). This ratio is similar to state and national averages and indicates a relatively balanced mix of homeownership and rental occupancy. However, limited multifamily stock suggests that rental choices may be concentrated among single-family and manufactured homes rather than multi-family housing options such as townhomes/condominiums or apartments.

Table 4. Owner- and Renter-Occupied Totals

| Location      | Owner Occupied | Renter Occupied |
|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Moriarty      | 426            | 297             |
| New Mexico    | 572,064        | 252,957         |
| United States | 82,892,037     | 44,590,828      |

Table 5. Owner- and Renter-Occupied Percentages

| Location      | Owner Occupied | Renter Occupied |
|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Moriarty      | 58.9%          | 41.1%           |
| New Mexico    | 69.3%          | 30.7%           |
| United States | 65%            | 35%             |

Table 6. Median Home Value

| Location      | Median Home Value |
|---------------|-------------------|
| Moriarty      | \$106,600         |
| New Mexico    | \$232,200         |
| United States | \$303,400         |

Challenges and Opportunities

Moriarty’s housing conditions reveal both persistent challenges and promising opportunities for the community’s future. Moriarty’s housing stock is aging, with many homes built before 2000 and limited new construction in recent decades. This has resulted in growing maintenance and rehabilitation needs, particularly among older manufactured homes and single-family residences. Many residents expressed concern about the cost of repairs and upkeep, noting that distressed properties are present throughout the city. Addressing these needs will be critical to maintaining the quality, safety, and livability of existing neighborhoods.



Dilapidated Housing Stock

Affordability remains another central challenge. While home prices in Moriarty are significantly lower than state and national averages, modest household incomes and limited local employment opportunities reduce overall purchasing power. Residents often emphasized that affordability is less about the cost of housing itself and more about the economic realities of household income and job access. These factors, combined with a declining vacancy rate, contribute to a perception that housing options, particularly for young families, seniors, and the local workforce, are limited.

At the same time, these conditions create clear opportunities. Moriarty’s comparatively low land and housing costs, combined with available land along key corridors and within city limits, position the city to attract new residential development that can diversify housing choices. Updating zoning regulations to allow a broader range of lower-density housing

types such as accessory dwelling units (casitas), small-lot single-family homes, barndominiums, townhomes, and modest-scale multifamily housing can expand attainable options while preserving the city's small-town character.

There is also an opportunity to reinvest in existing neighborhoods through rehabilitation programs, energy-efficiency upgrades, and partnerships with housing organizations. These efforts can enhance long-term affordability by reducing utility and maintenance costs for homeowners and renters alike. Finally, coordination with regional partners, including Torrance County, Housing New Mexico, and nearby municipalities, will strengthen Moriarty's ability to implement comprehensive housing strategies and pursue funding for affordable housing initiatives.

These challenges and opportunities point toward the need for a balanced approach that sustains Moriarty's existing housing stock while encouraging new, diverse, and affordable development to meet the needs of current and future residents.



Construction of Single-Family Home in Moriarty

# HOUSING

## GOALS AND STRATEGIES

### Goal 3

#### **Provide adequate and affordable housing options**

1. Support programs that assist homeowners and landlords with repairs, weatherization, and energy upgrades, and collaborate with organizations such as Housing New Mexico to preserve and enhance the city's existing affordable housing stock.
2. Support the development of housing options such as accessory dwelling units (casitas), tiny homes (typically under 400 square feet), barndominiums and condominiums in appropriate locations.
3. Provide opportunities for the development of single-family homes on small lots (starter homes) by reducing minimum lot size requirements in areas with sufficient infrastructure.
4. Promote varied and affordable housing options through low-to-moderate density multi-family housing development along major corridors such as Route 66 and NM 41.
5. Coordinate with Torrance County, regional municipalities, and relevant public, private, and nonprofit agencies to develop and implement a Housing New Mexico Affordable Housing Plan.



## CHAPTER

# 5



# TRANSPORTATION

## Introduction

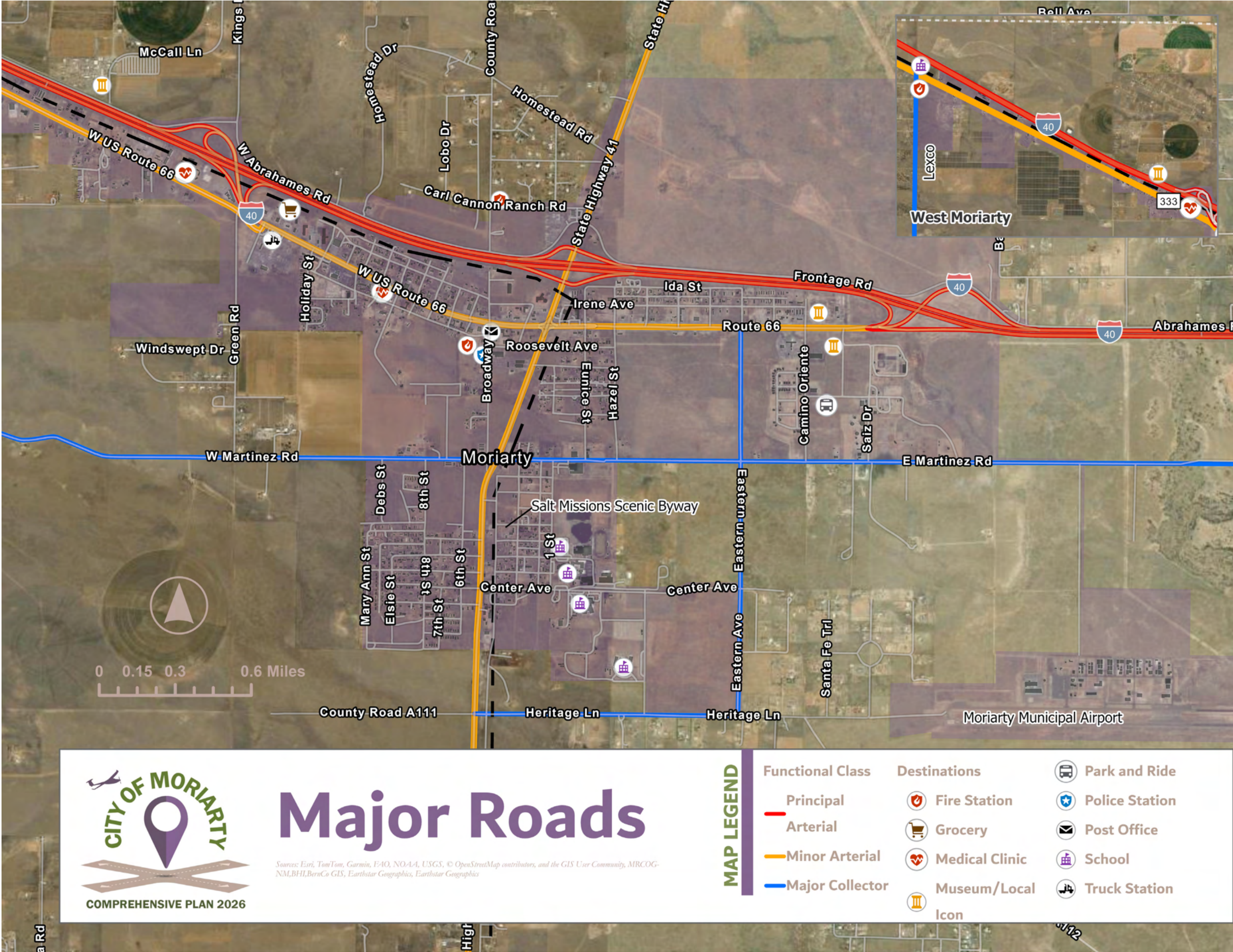
Transportation planning involves developing strategies for operating, managing, maintaining, and financing a community's transportation system in a way that advances long-term goals and community vision.

This section examines the current conditions of Moriarty's transportation system, including major roads, local streets, non-motorized infrastructure, and access to regional transit. Traffic volumes, crash data and roadway conditions are analyzed to identify safety concerns and infrastructure needs. Recommendations aim to improve safety for both motorized and non-motorized users, strengthen relationships with transportation agencies such as the Mid-Region Regional Transportation Planning Organization (MRRTPO), increase coordination with the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT), and improve the overall efficiency and safety of the transportation network.

The City of Moriarty is located at the junction of I-40 and NM 41. I-40 runs east-west through Moriarty and provides primary connections to the Albuquerque Metropolitan Area and the City of Edgewood. Because I-40 is the major east-west freeway in the state, the City of Moriarty serves as a cross-country truck stop and service center, especially for freight traffic. NM 41 runs north-south and provides important connections to McIntosh, Estancia, and Willard south of Moriarty, and the Santa Fe Metropolitan area north of Moriarty (via connection to US 285). NM 333 (Historic Route 66) runs east-west through Moriarty and operates as the City's Main Street. The Salt Missions Trail Scenic Byway includes the section of NM 41 between Moriarty and Willard. There are three interchanges providing access from I-40 to Moriarty.



Figure 18. Major Roads





Existing Conditions

Functional Classification and Traffic Counts

Functional Classification of highways is defined in three major categories: 1. Arterials, which consist of continuous or long-distance travel routes providing regional connections among urban and rural communities and emphasize a high level of mobility through the region; 2. Collectors, which provide a linkage between local roads and arterial highways; and 3. Locals, which provide direct access to adjacent lands and individual driveways to the higher capacity collectors and arterials. The functional classification of roadways helps define how specific transportation routes are used in serving the community.

I-40 is designated by NMDOT as an interstate. NM 41 and Route 66 are designated as minor arterials. Martinez Road and Eastern Ave. are designated as major collector roads. All other roads are classified as local streets.

Table 7 shows the functional classification of the highway network serving Moriarty.

Functional classification helps us understand a road’s position within the overall transportation system of the larger region, but it may not always align with the everyday perception or use of the road. For example, although not officially designated, Route 66 serves as a main street for the residents of Moriarty with local business access, pedestrian activity, and community interactions. This use of Route 66 as a main street presents conflicts with its functional classification of a minor arterial and the higher speeds characteristic of this designation. Fortunately, there are speed and design changes that can support a safer and more efficient experience for all users on this roadway, which will be discussed later in this chapter.

Traffic Counts

Traffic counts for major roads within the City of Moriarty are shown in Figure 19. Traffic counts provide a data point to use in analyzing a major road to ensure it is handling the current Average Annual Daily Traffic (AADT). Volume-to-Capacity ratio can help identify commuting patterns within a specific region to develop strategies to improve circulation. For instance, the traffic patterns show that the western portion of Route 66 handles substantially more traffic than the eastern portion, and that a portion of that traffic originates from the single-family households to the south.

Traffic volume on Route 66 west of NM 41 is almost double the volume east of NM 41. This aligns with the denser commercial development along Route 66 west of NM 41, and the interchange access configurations, creating greater traffic demand. In addition, there is a travel center that caters to truck traffic at the westernmost interchange with I-40.

There are three interchange access points between the City of Moriarty and I-40. The eastern and western interchanges provide only partial directional access and do not accommodate all traffic movements. The eastern interchange provides access to and from westbound I-40 only, while the western interchange provides access to and from eastbound I-40 only. The interchange at I-40 and NM 41 is the only full access interchange serving both eastbound and westbound traffic.

Table 7. Functional Classifications

| Major Roadways / Functional Classification |                 |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| I-40                                       | Interstate      |
| NM 41                                      | Minor Arterial  |
| Route 66                                   | Minor Arterial  |
| Martinez Road                              | Major Collector |
| Heritage Lane                              | Major Collector |
| Lexco                                      | Major Collector |
| Eastern Ave                                | Major Collector |

Figure 19. Traffic Counts

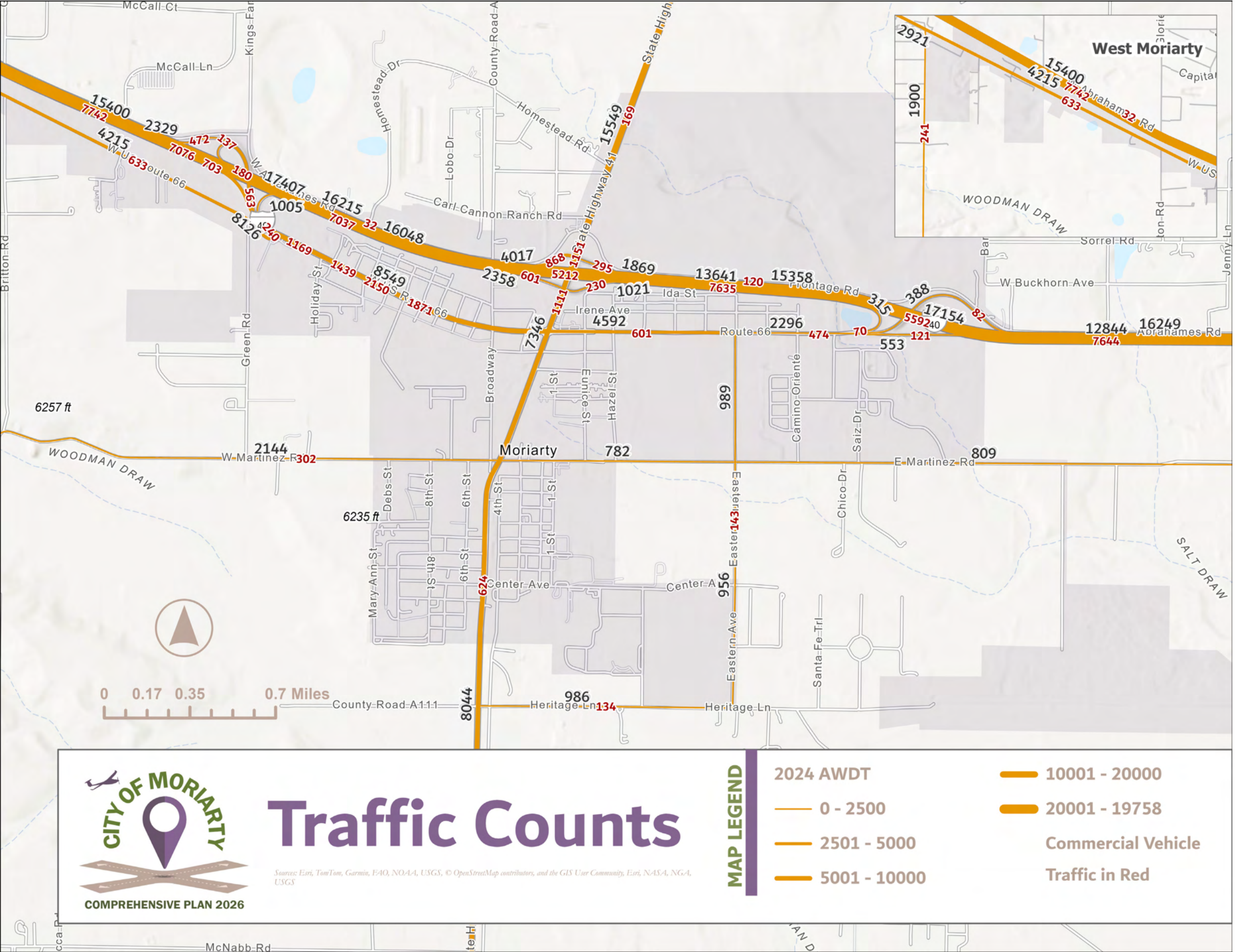
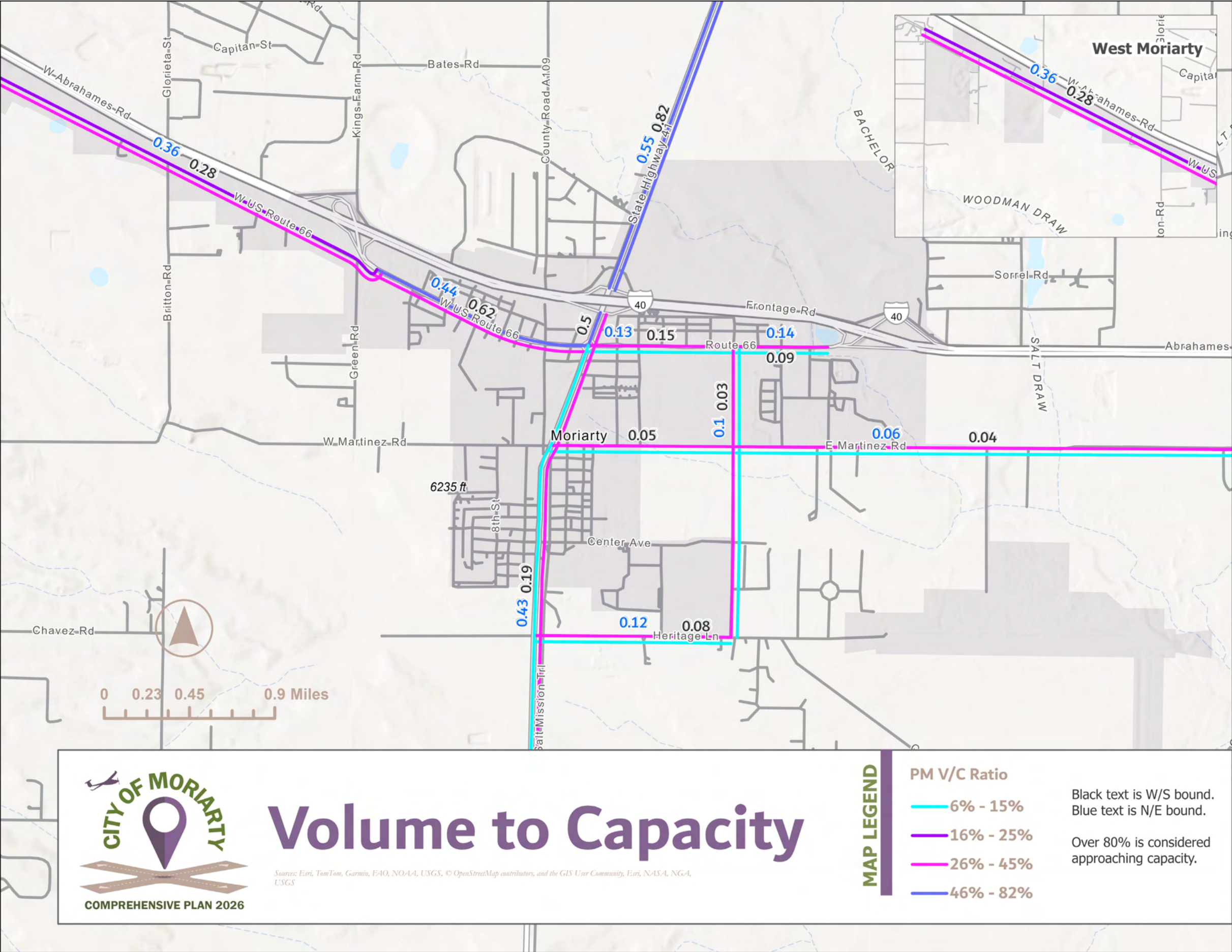




Figure 20. Volume to Capacity



## Freight Traffic Counts

Moriarty's location along I-40 makes it an important stop for commercial and freight traffic, which contributes to local economic activity but also places additional demands on the transportation system. Community survey responses, public meeting discussions, and steering committee input repeatedly identified concerns about commercial vehicles parking along local streets, interchange ramps, and commercial entrances. These conditions can create visibility conflicts, increase pavement wear, and contribute to congestion in areas not designed for extended heavy vehicle use.

Addressing commercial vehicle activity may require a combination of strategies, including improved signage directing trucks to appropriate facilities, enforcement of parking regulations, evaluation of designated truck parking areas, and consideration of anti-idling policies. Proactively managing freight-related impacts can help protect local roadways while maintaining Moriarty's role as a regional service center.

In the New Mexico 2045 Freight Plan Update, there is a mention of addressing the lack of official truck parking in the Moriarty area. This plan indicates that NMDOT will study the availability of safe and secure truck parking to better understand where more truck parking is needed to meet existing and future demand and improve freight movement as well as reduce freight's impact on the environment and climate.

## Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities

The City of Moriarty has very limited pedestrian and bicycle facilities. Approximately 96 percent of survey respondents stated that their primary way of getting around Moriarty was with a personal vehicle, highlighting that there are few options other than vehicular travel.

There are no bike or trail systems in Moriarty, and most roads do not have sidewalks, including Route 66, which operates as Moriarty's Main Street. When survey participants were asked about their sense of safety from traffic-related dangers (crashes, speeding, reckless driving, etc.) when driving, walking, and biking, 69.96 percent reported feeling safe while driving, 41.13 percent reported feeling safe while walking, and 25.53 percent reported feeling safe while biking. The difference in the percentage of people feeling safe while walking or biking compared to driving indicates that additional improvements to pedestrian and bicyclist infrastructure are needed to address safety concerns.

There are plans to build pedestrian and bike infrastructure within Moriarty and its region. Moriarty's Infrastructure Capital Plan (ICIP), which establishes planning priorities for anticipated capital projects, includes funding for a Moriarty Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail Network. Improving pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure was identified as a priority in the 2012 Comprehensive Plan and continues to be an important focus in this Plan, consistent with public feedback and reflected in several related objectives. The opportunity for developing a trail along the New Mexico Central Rail tracks removed in 1975 is also mentioned as an ideal location for constructing a path for bicyclists and pedestrians. Rails to Trails funding may be appropriate for this type of endeavor.

Continued support for and implementation of these plans and projects, along with clear transportation goals focused on improving non-motorized infrastructure, will help reflect both the City's and residents' interest in expanding pedestrian and bicycle facilities.





Route 66 Currently Lacks Pedestrian Facilities

pathways leading to the lot. The Land Use and Zoning Chapter details future land use scenarios for the Business Park. Current best practices in transportation planning suggest considering future land use scenarios when developing roadways and other transportation infrastructure. Moriarty should consider connectivity from the park and ride lot to local housing options and Route 66 as the City develops the Business Park.

## Moriarty Municipal Airport

The City of Moriarty owns and operates a municipal airport located within city limits. The airport averages approximately 32,000 operations per year (takeoffs and landings), consisting primarily of general aviation and glider activity, along with periodic military and jet operations.

## Travel Time to Work

Figure 21 shows the estimated time it takes for residents in Moriarty to travel to work. Nearly one-third (30 percent) of residents in Moriarty spend 35 minutes or more commuting to work. This is less than Torrance County's average at 40 percent but is higher than the statewide rate of 18 percent.

## Means of Transportation to Work

According to the U.S. Census Bureau OnTheMap Tool, 1,082 workers commute into Moriarty for work, 72 both live and work in Moriarty, and 385 residents commute to jobs located outside the city. Figure 22 shows that 87 percent of Moriarty residents commute by vehicle, with 75 percent driving alone and 12 percent carpooling. Public transit use within city is minimal, even though the Blue Bus 290 Routes serves Moriarty. About 6 percent of households do not own a vehicle. This combination of limited transit options and households without cars highlights a clear gap in transportation access. Survey respondents cited the lack of public transit, not owning a vehicle, and the costs of vehicle maintenance and fuel as key transportation related challenges.

While Moriarty's existing transportation system is primarily automobile-oriented, there is strong community interest and opportunity to expand transit options and improve multimodal facilities that can accommodate shorter trips by walking, bicycling, and other modes.



Route 290 Edgewood Route & Schedule

## Public Transit

The City of Moriarty is currently served by the Blue Bus, a public transit system operated by the North Central Regional Transit District. The 290 Edgewood route provides fare-free weekday service connecting the Santa Fe area to the Edgewood area, with stops that include Galisteo, Stanley, and Moriarty (see current route schedule). The Moriarty stop is located at the Moriarty Park and Ride Lot on the east side of the city. This is the only public transit line that services Moriarty.

The park and ride lot is located within the industrial zone in Moriarty. To access the park and ride, residents may still need a vehicle as housing is not in proximity and there are no pedestrian or bike

Figure 21. Travel Time to Work

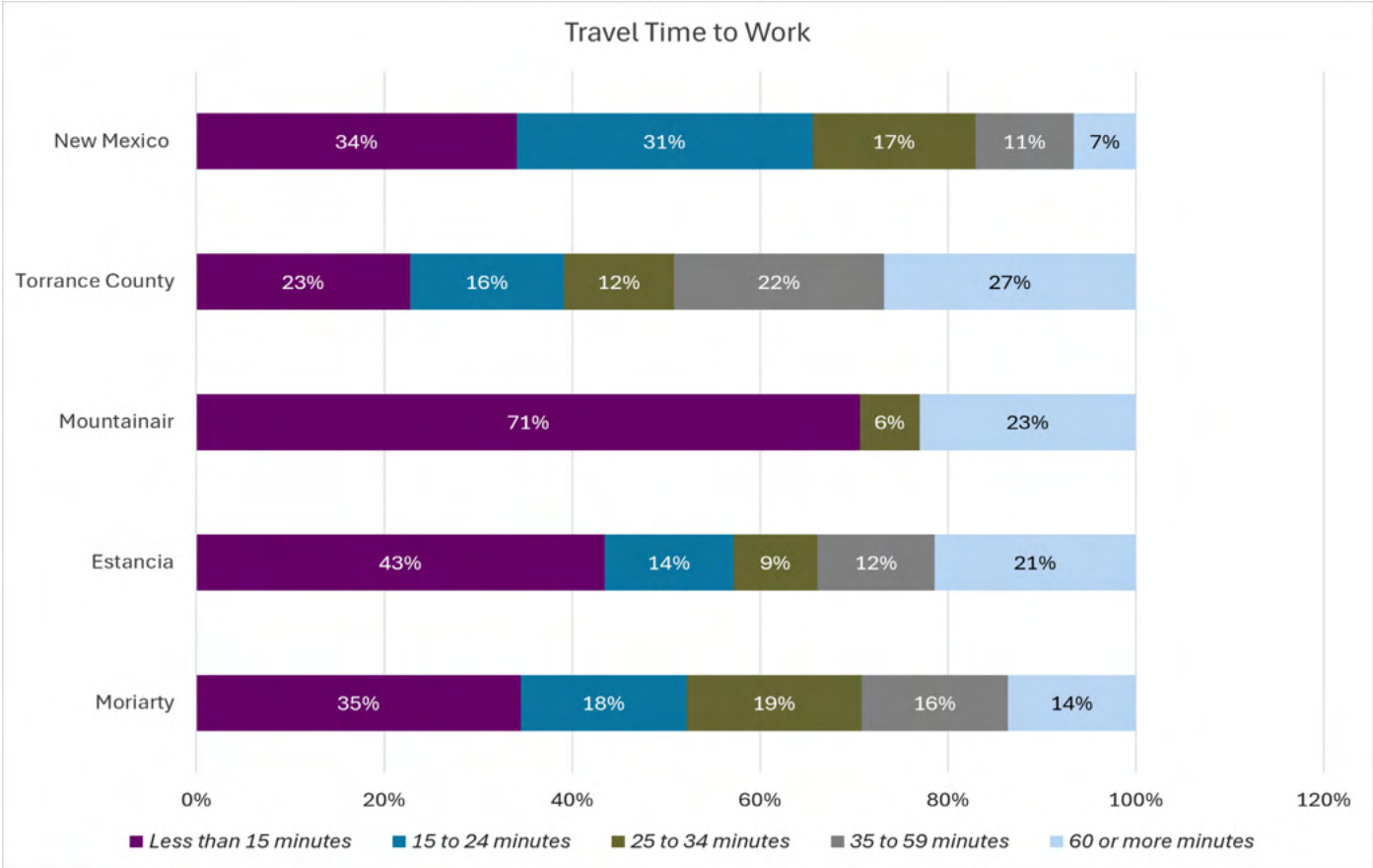
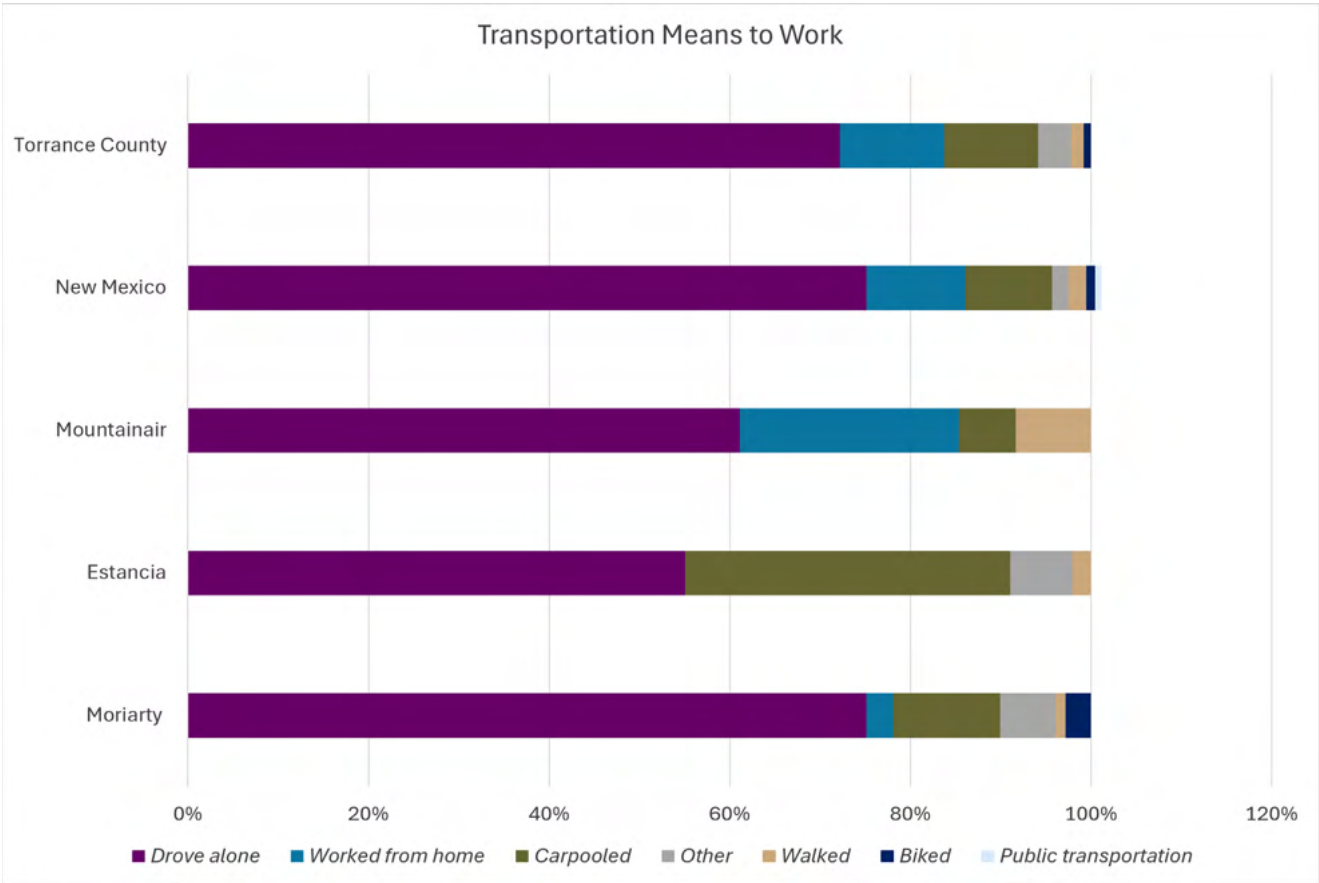


Figure 22. Means of Transportation to Work





Access to Key Destinations

Figure 25 shows key destinations for Moriarty and the broader region. Based on the map, residents need to travel longer distances, primarily by car, to access amenities such as senior centers and health care. Moriarty does have a primary health clinic located on Route 66, but to access emergency services and other specialties, the nearest hospital system is UNM Healthcare located in Albuquerque which is about a 43-minute commute via car.

Figure 23. Work Destinations

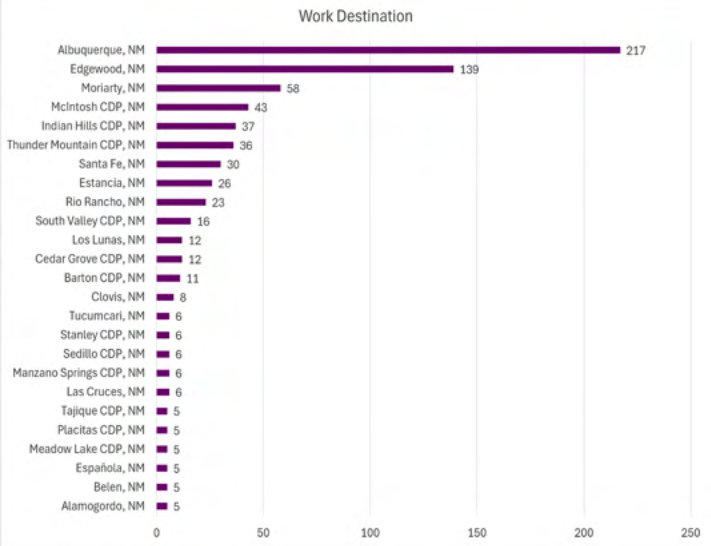


Figure 24. Vehicles Available per Housing Unit

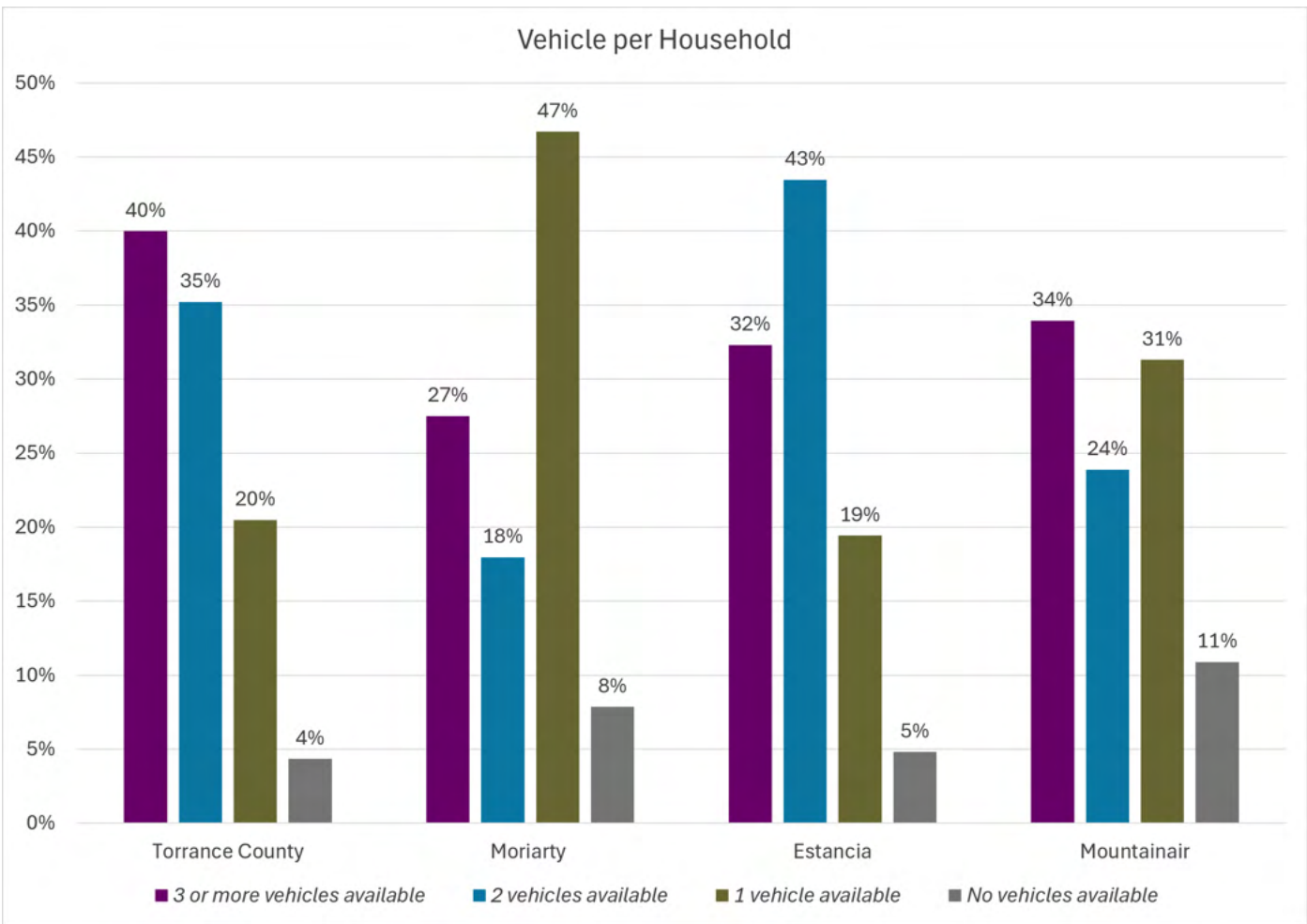
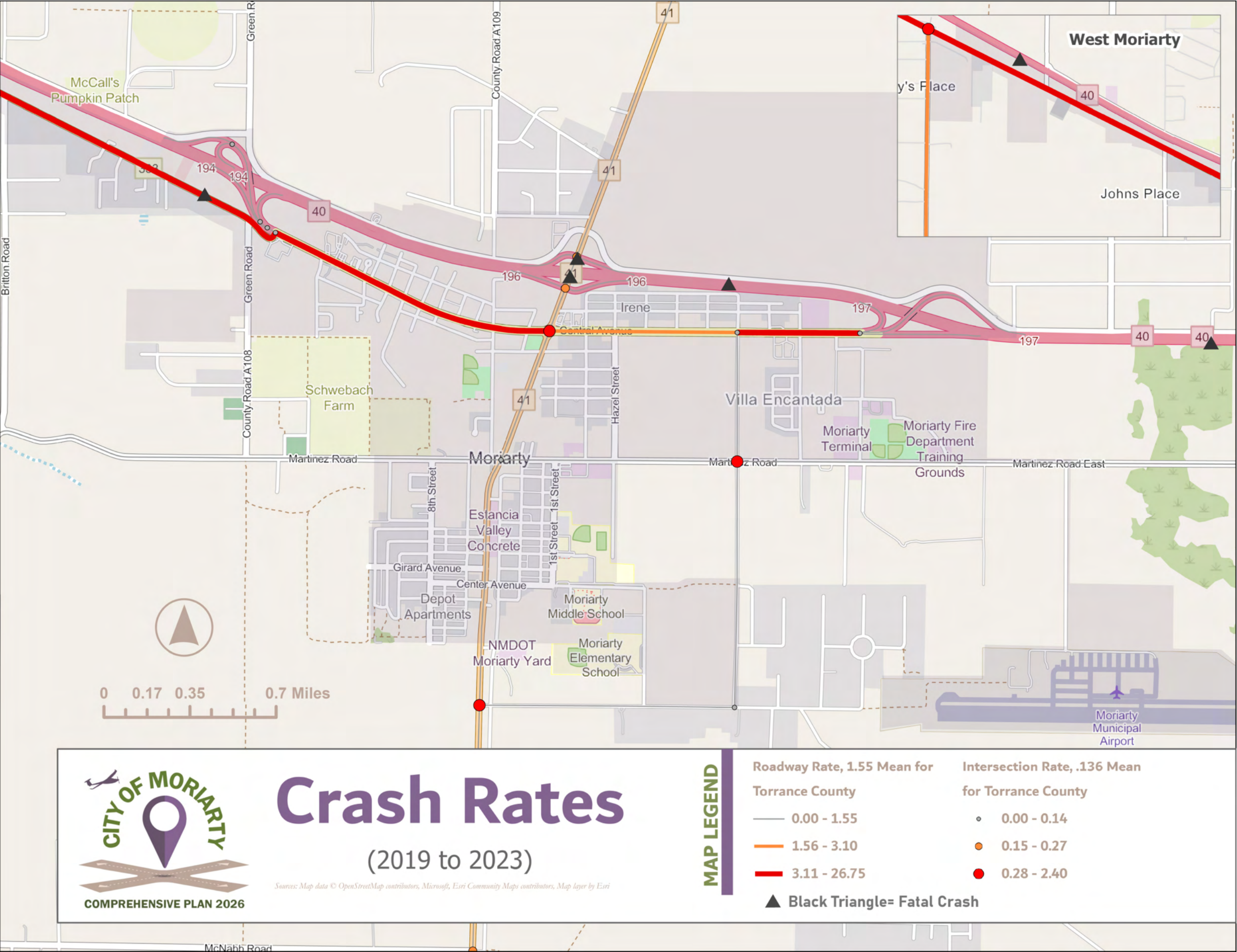


Figure 25. Major Local Travel Destinations





Figure 26. Crash Rates



## Moriarty Area Roadway Safety

### Moriarty Crash Data (2019 – 2023)

Crash data is an important tool for understanding roadway safety and identifying strategies to reduce crashes and improve conditions for all users. In the most recent crash data available for 2019 through 2023, the City of Moriarty experienced four traffic-related fatalities. All fatalities occurred on major roadways, including two on I-40, one on NM 41, and one on Route 66. Of these fatalities, one involved a pedestrian, and one involved a motorcyclist. During the same period, 73 injury crashes occurred, including nine crashes that resulted in serious incapacitating (Class A) injuries. All Class A injuries also occurred on major roads, including four on I-40, two on Route 66, two on Martinez Road, and one on NM 41. Pedestrians were involved in five injury crashes, and bicyclists were involved in one.

The concentration of fatal and injury crashes on state-owned roadways underscores the importance of coordination with NMDOT and other regional transportation partners to ensure these corridors balance mobility and access while incorporating safety measures for all road users. Eleven injury crashes occurred at the intersection of Route 66 and NM 41, highlighting again the need to evaluate targeted safety improvements in coordination with NMDOT. Potential strategies may include access management, signal timing upgrades, enhanced crosswalk treatments, and evaluation of alternative intersection designs where feasible.



Ownership Boundary Visible in Pavement Condition

## FHWA Proven Safety Countermeasures

Based on analysis of crash data and current conditions of the city's traffic network, Route 66 is a high priority for improvements to efficiency and safety. Resources such as the Regional Transportation Safety Action Plan (RTSAP), the Long-Range Transportation Systems (LRTS) Guide, and the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Proven Safety Countermeasures are available for infrastructure guidelines on designing and maintaining safer roadways.

Roadway reconfiguration is a proven safety countermeasure included in the RTSAP and LRTS Guides.<sup>14</sup>

<sup>15</sup> The City of Moriarty could evaluate reconfiguring Route 66 from four lanes to a three-lane section with one travel lane in each direction and a center median or two-way left-turn lane where appropriate. Federal guidance indicates that four-lane corridors with an AADT below 20,000 can often be reduced to three lanes without compromising roadway capacity, making Route 66 a strong candidate given its estimated peak AADT of approximately 9,300 vehicles per day. National studies have found that similar roadway reconfigurations can reduce crashes by approximately 19 to 47 percent.<sup>16</sup> Reconfiguration could also improve pedestrian safety by shortening crossing distances and reducing exposure, while any proposed changes should be designed to support adjacent commercial development along the corridor.

### Speed Management

Additionally, speed limits along Route 66 can be evaluated to ensure they are appropriate for all road users. Speed control is an FHWA proven safety countermeasure for reducing fatalities and serious injuries on roadways, specifically for pedestrians and other non-motorized users. The LRTS Guide provides design recommendations that ensure the adjacent land use context is integrated into any future designs. This document integrates the principles of Complete Streets and recommends analyzing the land use context along with the functional classification of the roadway to develop a design that supports its function as a vital Main Street for the community.<sup>17</sup>

14. Mid-Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (MRMPO). 2024. Regional Transportation Safety Action Plan (RTSAP). Mid-Region Council of Governments, Albuquerque, NM.

15. Mid-Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (MRMPO). 2020. Long Range Transportation System Guide (LRTS): 2020 Update. Mid-Region Council of Governments, Albuquerque, NM.



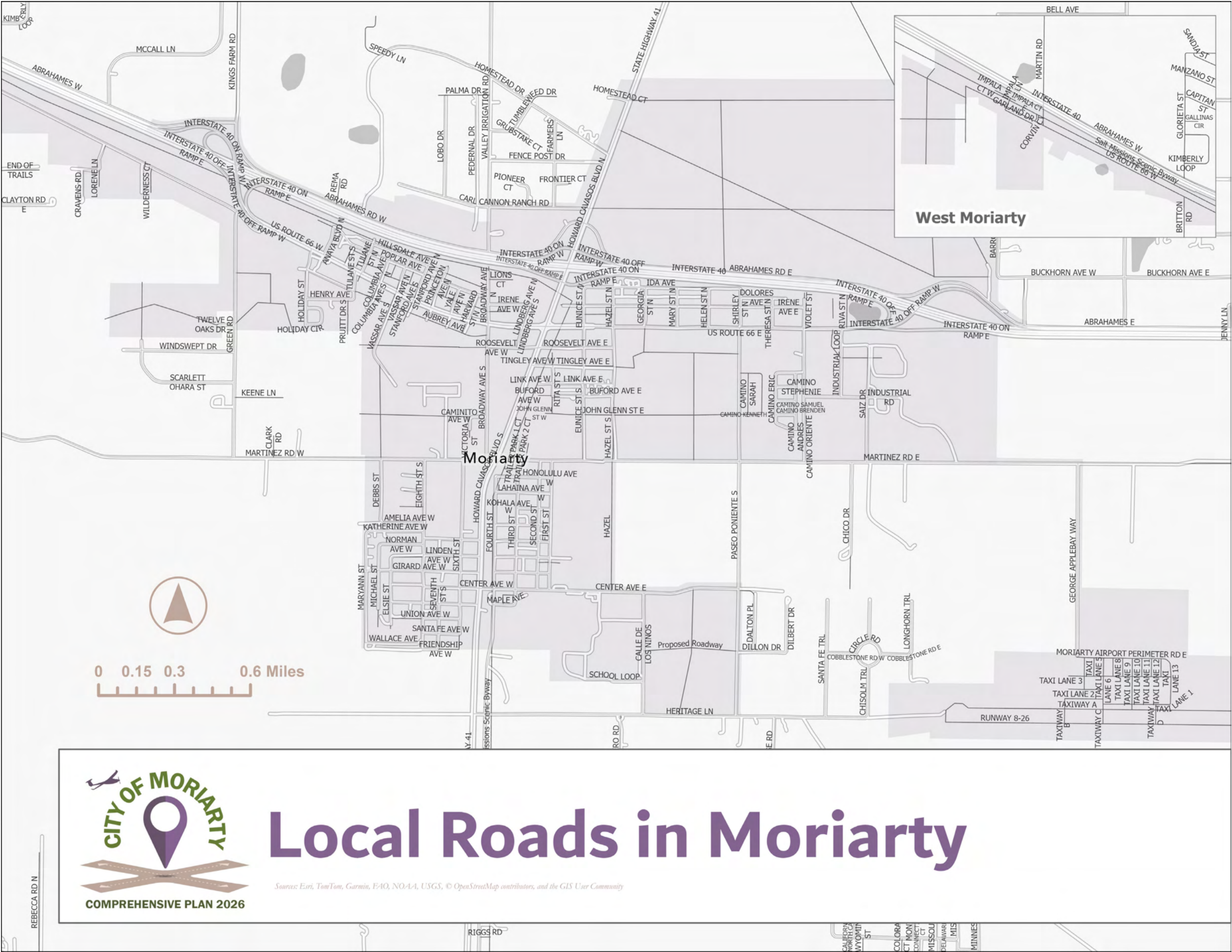
**Table 8. Roadway Surface Types**

| Road Name              | Roadway Material | Owner           | Road Name            | Roadway Material | Owner           |
|------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 1st St                 | Paved            | Moriarty        | I-40 Frontage Rd     | Paved            | NMDOT           |
| 2nd St                 | Paved            | Moriarty        | Ida St               | Crusher Fine     | Moriarty        |
| 3rd St                 | Paved            | Moriarty        | Industrial Loop      | Dirt             | Moriarty        |
| 4th Str                | Paved            | Moriarty        | Industrial Loop      | Paved            | Moriarty        |
| 5th St                 | Paved            | NMDOT           | Irene Ave            | Crusher Fine     | Moriarty        |
| 6th St                 | Paved            | Moriarty        | John Glen Ave        | Crusher Fine     | Moriarty        |
| 7th St                 | Dirt             | Moriarty        | Katherine Ave        | Paved            | Moriarty        |
| 8th St                 | Paved            | Moriarty        | Kohala Ave           | Dirt             | Moriarty        |
| Amelia Ave             | Paved            | Moriarty        | Lahaina Ave          | Dirt             | Moriarty        |
| Aubrey Ave             | Dirt             | Moriarty        | Lindberg Ave         | Crusher Fine     | Moriarty        |
| Broadway               | Paved            | Moriarty        | Linden Ave           | Paved            | Moriarty        |
| Buford Ave             | Crusher Fine     | Moriarty        | Link Ave E           | Crusher Fine     | Moriarty        |
| Calle De Los Ninos Ave | Paved            | Moriarty        | Maple Ave            | Dirt             | Moriarty        |
| Cam Andres             | Paved            | Moriarty        | Maple Ave            | Paved            | Moriarty        |
| Cam Brenden            | Paved            | Moriarty        | Martinez Rd          | Paved            | Torrance County |
| Cam Eric               | Paved            | Moriarty        | Marty St             | Paved            | Moriarty        |
| Cam Oriente            | Paved            | Moriarty        | Maryann St           | Paved            | Moriarty        |
| Cam Samuel             | Paved            | Moriarty        | Michael St           | Paved            | Moriarty        |
| Cam Stephanie          | Paved            | Moriarty        | Norman Ave           | Paved            | Moriarty        |
| Carl Cannon Ranch Rd   | Paved            | Torrance County | Poplar Ave           | Paved            | Moriarty        |
| Center Ave             | Paved            | Moriarty        | Poplar B St          | Crusher Fine     | Moriarty        |
| Debs St                | Paved            | Moriarty        | Princeton Ave        | Crusher Fine     | Moriarty        |
| Dolores Ave            | Dirt             | Moriarty        | Pso De Anaya         | Paved            | Moriarty        |
| Elsie St               | Paved            | Moriarty        | Pso Poniete          | Paved            | Moriarty        |
| Eunice St              | Paved            | Moriarty        | Rita St              | Paved            | Moriarty        |
| Friendship Ave         | Paved            | Moriarty        | Roosevelt Ave        | Crusher Fine     | Moriarty        |
| Georgia St             | Crusher Fine     | Moriarty        | Route 66             | Paved            | NMDOT           |
| Girard Ave             | Paved            | Moriarty        | Santa Fe Ave         | Paved            | Moriarty        |
| Green Rd               | Paved            | Torrance County | Shirley St           | Paved            | Moriarty        |
| Green Rd               | Paved            | Torrance County | Stanford St          | Crusher Fine     | Moriarty        |
| Harvard Ave            | Crusher Fine     | Moriarty        | Theresa St           | Crusher Fine     | Moriarty        |
| Hazel St               | Paved            | Moriarty        | Tingley Ave          | Crusher Fine     | Moriarty        |
| Hazel St               | Crusher Fine     | Moriarty        | Tulane Ave           | Crusher Fine     | Moriarty        |
| Helen St               | Paved            | Moriarty        | Union Ave            | Paved            | Moriarty        |
| Henry St               | Crusher Fine     | Moriarty        | Valley Irrigation Rd | Paved            | Moriarty        |
| Hillsdale Ave          | Dirt             | Moriarty        | Vassar Ave           | Crusher Fine     | Moriarty        |
| Holiday Ct             | Crusher Fine     | Moriarty        | Violet St            | Crusher Fine     | Moriarty        |
| Holiday St             | Crusher Fine     | Moriarty        | Yale Ave             | Crusher Fine     | Moriarty        |
| Honolulu Ave           | Paved            | Moriarty        |                      |                  |                 |

16. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Proven Safety Countermeasures. U.S. Department of Transportation.

17. Long Range Transportation System Guide | Mid-Region Council of Governments, NM

Figure 27. Map of Local Roads





## Challenges and Opportunities

Analysis of roadway conditions, traffic patterns, crash data, and community input highlights several key transportation challenges for Moriarty. Road repair maintenance ranked as the top transportation priority in the community survey and was frequently discussed in public meetings and steering committee sessions. Because several of Moriarty's primary corridors – including I-40, NM 41, and Route 66 – are owned and maintained by NMDOT, ongoing coordination with NMDOT and participation in the MRRTPO will be essential to align maintenance priorities with local safety and access needs.

## Interchanges

The configuration of the three I-40 interchanges also creates circulation constraints. The easternmost interchange does not provide westbound access to I-40 or allow eastbound travelers to exit into Moriarty, and the westernmost interchange does not allow eastbound access into the city. As a result, the interchange at I-40 and NM 41 functions as the only full-access interchange, concentrating traffic along central corridors. In addition, I-40 limits north-south connectivity within the city. Limited crossing opportunities increase reliance on key intersections and contribute to congestion during peak travel periods and community events.

Given the differing access limitations and transportation functions of the three interchanges, a comprehensive interchange study would provide a coordinated basis for evaluating potential improvements. Such a study could assess interchange access, traffic operations, connectivity, safety, future transportation needs, and opportunities to improve circulation between I-40 and the local street network. Because improvements to the interchanges would involve facilities under state and federal jurisdiction, the City will need to coordinate closely with NMDOT, MR-COG, and other appropriate transportation agencies in evaluating feasible improvement strategies and identifying potential funding opportunities.

## I-40

Moriarty's location along I-40 also generates significant commercial vehicle traffic, which supports the local economy but creates challenges related to parking, idling, roadway wear, and safety. Community feedback highlighted concerns about heavy vehicles parking along local streets and near interchange ramps, contributing to pavement deterioration, visibility conflicts, excessive noise, and air pollution. Addressing these issues may require improved signage, enforcement or parking regulations, evaluation of designated truck parking areas, and consideration of parking regulations or idling controls. Balancing freight activity with roadway preservation and neighborhood compatibility will remain an ongoing policy consideration.



TA Travel Center in Moriarty

# TRANSPORTATION GOALS AND STRATEGIES

## Goal 4

### **Maintain a comprehensive, safe, and efficient street network**

1. Coordinate with the Mid-Region Council of Governments through participation in the Mid-Region Regional Transportation Planning Organization (MRRTPO) Committee.
2. Evaluate the need for a Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) for proposed developments on a case-by-case basis.
3. Expand enforcement of existing parking requirements and traffic laws for heavy commercial vehicles.
4. Adopt an Idling Ordinance for heavy commercial vehicles parked within municipal boundaries.
5. Undertake a comprehensive interchange study of the City's three interchanges to evaluate improvement strategies in coordination with state and regional transportation agencies.

## Goal 5

### **Strengthen the City's multi-modal transportation network.**

1. Explore opportunities to provide transit and/or carpooling programs for residents in need of alternative transportation options.
2. Prioritize infrastructure development that promotes active transportation, such as walking and cycling.
3. Continue to improve and promote the Moriarty Municipal Airport as a reliever airport to the Albuquerque metropolitan area.
4. Evaluate context-sensitive reconfiguration options for Route 66 that improve safety for all road users.



## CHAPTER

# 6



# PUBLIC FACILITIES & SERVICES

## Introduction

One of the primary objectives in any community planning process is to determine the type and extent of public services necessary to provide for the residents' needs. This chapter examines those facilities and services currently being provided to Moriarty residents.

## Local Government Operations

Moriarty City Hall, constructed in 1956, has served as the administrative center of local government for approximately 70 years. The facility houses key municipal functions including the City Clerk/Treasurer office, finance and utility billing, planning and zoning, and related administrative services. The Planning and Zoning Commission meets at City Hall, and the building also accommodates the Municipal Court, making it a central hub for both civic governance and resident services. Given the age of the building and the range of services it supports, continued maintenance and potential future upgrades should be considered to ensure the facility remains functional, accessible, and capable of meeting the community's evolving needs.

The Moriarty Civic Center, built in 2001, was designed as a community and convention facility. The 7,627 square foot building accommodates both large and small events, including arts and crafts shows and collectors' shows. The Center hosts weddings, funerals, high school dances, and local government meetings. The Civic Center is also home to the Moriarty Community Library and the Moriarty Historical Museum.

The Moriarty Business Park, owned by the City, is a planned business and industrial complex intended to support economic development. Located within the Business Park is the Southwest Soaring Museum, which opened in 2006 and provides an additional venue for public events and tourism activity.

## Police

The City's Police Department is located at 201 Broadway and serves the community under the leadership of the Police Chief. The Department currently has eight patrol officers, with two positions open, and operates nine patrol cars. It also maintains two holding

cells for short-term detention before prisoners are transferred to the CoreCivic facility in Estancia, NM. Animal control is under the purview of the Police Department. The City operates its own animal shelter on Saiz Drive, staffed by a single dedicated animal control officer. This facility is solely managed by the City and is not shared with neighboring municipalities or other agencies, providing shelter and placement of local animals.

## Fire and Ambulance

Fire protection in the City of Moriarty is provided by a combination of 12 full-time firefighters and 18 volunteers, delivering 24/7 fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) coverage. The Fire Department has expanded staffing, training, facilities, and equipment over the past decade. New apparatus additions include one Class A engine, one 2,100-gallon tender, a rescue squad, two Type 6 brush trucks, three ambulances, and three command vehicles. An additional Class A engine is scheduled to replace a 30-year-old unit.

The City currently holds an ISO Class 3 fire protection rating, an improvement over the rating documented in the 2012 Comprehensive Plan, reflecting substantial upgrades in staffing levels, training and certification requirements, facilities, and fire and EMS equipment. Firefighters are formally trained to IFSAC Firefighter II standards as a departmental requirement. The department maintains extensive specialized certifications, including ten IFSAC Instructor I certifications, two Instructor II certifications, seven Fire Inspector I certifications, one Fire Inspector II certification, and two Fire Investigator certifications. EMS staffing includes eight Paramedics, five EMT-Intermediate personnel, and seven EMT-Basic personnel. All crews complete a minimum of 216 hours of required training annually.

Facility and infrastructure improvements include the completion of a new Main Fire Station (Station One) in March 2024 and a second main station on Lexco Road completed in 2011. The City is served by 162 fire hydrants, and emergency communications have been upgraded to the State 700 radio system. These investments have expanded the City's service capacity and improved community protection.



City of Moriarty City Hall



City of Moriarty Fire Department Station



City of Moriarty Police Department Office



**CITY OF MORIARTY**

**Schools & Recreation**

**MAP LEGEND**

- Museum
- Park
- School

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2026**

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## MAP LEGEND

-  Museum
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## Solid Waste

Solid waste collection services in the City of Moriarty are provided by Universal Waste Systems, a private contractor. Residential customers pay for solid waste services through a fee included on their monthly municipal water bill. Collected waste is transported to the Estancia Valley Solid Waste Authority facility located east of the city for processing and disposal.

## Parks, Recreation, and Open Space

Moriarty maintains a variety of parks and recreational facilities that support community activities, sports, and public events.

Crossley Park, at the southwest corner of Route 66 and NM 41, features a gazebo, lighted marquee, and picnic tables, hosting City events, community gatherings, and private celebrations. Civic Park (Memorial Gardens Park), just south of the Municipal Offices, is a full-service park with tennis courts, a basketball court, playground equipment, picnic areas with shade, restrooms, and a concession stand primarily used for official events. B.M. Grissom Park (Parkwood Park) provides neighborhood-scale amenities, including a playground, basketball court, and a small, grassed area for informal recreation. The Memorial of Perpetual Tears, located north of I-40 and west of NM 41, honors victims of Driving While Impaired (DWI) offenses and promotes awareness through educational programs related to prevention, law enforcement, and victim advocacy. Adopted by the City in 2003, the Memorial was developed in two stages: the New Mexico phase (2003–2007), which established the state memorial, and a later National phase (added in 2006), making it the first national DWI victims' memorial. The site continues to serve as a place of reflection, education, and community engagement.

The Moriarty Sports Complex on Saiz Drive includes six baseball fields with supporting infrastructure but is currently inactive and in need of rehabilitation. Similarly, the Heritage Rodeo Arena, formerly used for rodeo events, is closed and not in active use. Restoration of these facilities has been identified by the community as a priority to enhance recreational opportunities.



City of Moriarty Facility Signage

## Health, Education, and Social Services

Moriarty is served by Duke City Primary Care, which provides walk-in medical services for non-life-threatening illnesses and injuries to patients of all ages. Services include evaluation and treatment of acute illnesses and minor injuries, on-site laboratory testing and diagnostic imaging, routine physicals (school, sports, and work), and basic preventive care. The clinic offers same-day care as an alternative to hospital emergency departments for urgent but non-emergency needs. The City does not have a hospital; in medical emergencies, EMS responds and transports patients to hospitals in the Albuquerque metropolitan area, most commonly UNM Hospital or Presbyterian Hospital. Additional local healthcare options include family medicine practices, such as New Mexico Family Medicine, which provide primary care and routine medical services, and the Moriarty Public Health Office, which offers community health programs, outreach, and preventive services.

The City of Moriarty is served by the Moriarty-Edgewood School District, which provides public education to students in Moriarty and surrounding communities. The district includes Moriarty Elementary School, Moriarty Middle School, Moriarty High School, and additional campuses serving the broader Estancia Valley area. Moriarty-Edgewood schools



play a central role in the community, functioning not only as educational institutions but also as gathering places for events, athletics, and civic engagement. As Moriarty plans for future growth, continued coordination with the school district will be important to ensure that enrollment capacity, facility needs, transportation access, and infrastructure improvements align with anticipated residential development.

Senior residents are an important and growing part of Moriarty's population, and the City recognizes the need to support aging in place through accessible facilities, services, and housing options. Moriarty is home to the Moriarty Senior Citizens Center, which provides congregate meals, social activities, wellness programming, and transportation assistance for older adults in the community. These services play a critical role in reducing isolation, promoting health, and maintaining independence. As the community plans for future growth, consideration should be given to expanding senior housing options, enhancing ADA-accessible infrastructure, and ensuring convenient access to healthcare, public facilities, and community services. Continued coordination with regional service providers will help Moriarty meet the evolving needs of its senior population while supporting quality of life for residents of all ages.



US Bank Branch Located in Moriarty



Statue in Crossley Park

## Finance, Communications, and Energy

Moriarty is served by multiple financial institutions, local and regional media outlets, and a range of telecommunications providers offering landline, fiber, wireless, and satellite services. Financial services are provided to Moriarty by three banks: Wells Fargo, US Bank, and First Community Bank. Moriarty is serviced by two different newspapers: Mountainair Dispatch and The Route 66 Independent. Local telephone and internet services in Moriarty are provided by multiple providers. CenturyLink offers landline telephone and internet services throughout the community, including fiber and DSL options. In addition to CenturyLink, Comcast/Xfinity provides cable television, internet, and phone service, and other internet providers such as EarthLink, T-Mobile, Verizon, satellite options, and fixed wireless services are also available in the area.

## Moriarty Municipal Airport

The Moriarty Municipal Airport is a publicly owned airport located within city limits. There are approximately 166 aircraft based on the field and they average about 88 aircraft operations per day. There are two paved runways (08/26 and 17/35) with runway 08/26 being 7,700 feet long and runway 17/35 being 6,200 feet long. The airport also has GPS aided approaches to runway 08/26 which allows pilots to access the airport when weather and visibility are less than optimal.



## Street Maintenance

The City of Moriarty performs basic maintenance on local roads, including chip sealing, grading, and patching, while U.S. and State Highways are maintained by the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT). Because several primary corridors in Moriarty are owned and maintained by NMDOT, ongoing coordination will be important to align maintenance schedules, safety improvements, and capital investments.

Community survey responses identified road repair and maintenance as a top infrastructure priority, underscoring the need for continued investment in local street maintenance and proactive pavement management to preserve roadway conditions and control long-term costs. Incorporating street rehabilitation and resurfacing projects into the City's capital improvement planning process will help direct limited funding toward the most critical needs and phase improvements in a fiscally responsible manner. A map of local roads can be found in Chapter 5 (Figure 27).

Survey results also indicate mixed perceptions of public services. Forty-four percent of respondents reported being neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, while 25 percent expressed dissatisfaction. When asked to prioritize infrastructure needs, respondents ranked sewer and wastewater systems and public safety services highest, followed by solid waste/recycling and improvements to existing parks. Development of new parks was ranked lowest. These results suggest that the City should prioritize maintaining and upgrading core utilities and emergency services while continuing targeted improvements to recreational amenities.



City of Moriarty Signage & Video Board



Photo of Route 66 Looking East



Aircraft at the Moriarty Municipal Airport



# PUBLIC FACILITIES & SERVICES

## GOALS AND STRATEGIES

### Goal 6

#### **Enhance community appearance and safety.**

1. Continue to lead and promote organized clean-up days with local partners.
2. Expand night lighting for safety in targeted, high-traffic areas such as Route 66 and NM 41.

### Goal 7

#### **Improve and maintain public services and facilities.**

1. Create an Asset Management Plan that accounts for all assets managed by the Public Works Department.
2. Explore the expansion of revenue sources for public facilities through the use of impact fees, bond elections, user fee programs, special assessment districts, or other statutory means available to the City.
3. Support the location or renovation and upkeep of senior facilities, services, and businesses.
4. Improve the Moriarty Public Library System and explore opportunities to expand facilities and promote distance learning or other educational resources.
5. Seek Federal or State funding to install renewable energy systems on municipal facilities.
6. Expand microgrids powered by renewable energy to enhance resilience and reliability of the local grid, particularly for critical facilities and vulnerable populations during outages.
7. Improve the appearance of major highways and corridors through landscaping and maintenance.
8. Establish a committee for open space planning and management.
9. Focus City resources on improvement and maintenance of existing parks and open space, rather than expansion.

### Goal 8

#### **Continue to strengthen emergency services.**

1. Continue to improve and modernize the emergency services, facilities, infrastructure, and equipment in the community.
2. Explore Federal and State funding opportunities to address police staffing shortages.
3. Continue to improve Insurance Service Office (ISO) rating for fire protection in order to upgrade City fire services and to decrease homeowner's insurance costs.

## CHAPTER

# 7

# WATER

## Introduction

Moriarty is located in the semi-arid Estancia Valley and primarily relies on groundwater from the Estancia Basin's aquifers. Six other public water systems in the Estancia Basin, along with private wells, also draw from these aquifers. While some properties use rainwater catchment or other minor sources, the closed basin has no perennial streams or significant surface water, making groundwater the main source for municipal and private supply. The City of Moriarty provides municipal water supply and wastewater collection and treatment systems for its residents.

## Existing Conditions

The discussion of water and wastewater infrastructure in this section, including the accompanying system maps, is based on the best available information at the time this Comprehensive Plan was prepared. Available infrastructure records may be incomplete or outdated, and mapped utility locations and attributes should therefore be considered approximate. The maps are intended for general, system-level planning and should not be relied upon for engineering design, construction, excavation, utility locating, or other site-specific purposes. Current conditions and infrastructure locations should be independently verified before project development or implementation.

The average water usage for the City is about 457,200 gallons per day. The system currently supports 843 residential connections and 220 commercial connections. Roughly 90 to 95 percent of Moriarty's citizens are served by the municipal water system. Those areas not served by City water and wastewater services are shown in Figure 29.

Currently, the City has four functional wells, each with an average depth of 340 feet, capable of producing approximately 250 gallons per minute. The wells are protected by Wellhead Protection Overlay Zones, which are designed to safeguard Moriarty's municipal groundwater supply by restricting land uses that could introduce contaminants near public water wells. These overlays generally extend within a 1,000-foot radius of each well and impose additional requirements beyond the underlying zoning. Within this area, higher-risk uses are restricted or prohibited, and certain developments require conditional use approval to ensure groundwater protection.<sup>18</sup>

The city also has four wells intended for irrigation purposes only at the Rodeo complex, the Airport, the Catholic Cemetery, and the Memorial of Perpetual Tears complex, all of which are currently offline.



With two ground-level tanks and one elevated tank, the City has a total freshwater storage capacity of 800,000 gallons. All storage tanks are currently operational and maintained by the City, with comprehensive servicing every three years.

The City's underground service lines for potable water are primarily composed of plastic materials, such as PVC and HDPE, as well as Asbestos Cement (AC) pipes. The City has not yet completed a full inventory of service line materials in accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Lead and Copper Rule Revisions, which require local water systems to develop and maintain a comprehensive Service Line Inventory. Compliance with this rule will require completion of the inventory.

### Water Quality

Water for the City is drawn from wells, treated with liquid chlorine, and stored in one of three storage tanks. Water quality is regularly monitored to ensure it meets safety standards for consumption. The mineral content in this area of the basin is generally low but increases significantly east of NM 41 near the salt flats.<sup>19</sup>

The City of Moriarty prepares an annual Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) to inform residents about the quality and safety of the municipal drinking water, in compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). The report provides transparent information on the source of the City's water, treatment processes, detected contaminants, and how results compare with state and federal standards.

No violations of Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) were recorded during the 2024 reporting period. Monitored contaminants, including inorganic chemicals, disinfectant by-products, and other regulated substances, were tested throughout the year in accordance with state and federal requirements. This demonstrates that the water delivered to homes and businesses consistently met the quality requirements established to protect public health. The 2024 CCR was used for this analysis because it was the most recent report available at the time the Comprehensive Plan was prepared.<sup>20</sup>

### Wastewater

The City operates a wastewater treatment plant serving 734 residential connections and 134 commercial connections. More than 90 percent of City residents are connected to the system. The facility treats an average of 125,000 gallons per day and has a permitted design capacity of 670,000 gallons per day.

The wastewater system is approximately 35–40 years old, with the most recent upgrades completed in 2010 and 2011, including installation of a new digester and control panel. Due to aging infrastructure and operational deficiencies, the plant is unable to reliably utilize its full permitted capacity and is currently out of regulatory compliance with the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED). As a result, the City is not currently able to beneficially reuse treated effluent and instead discharges to a draw in the northeast portion of the City. Continued noncompliance limits the City's ability to fully use and benefit from its wastewater system.

The City has secured initial funding for rehabilitation or replacement of the wastewater facility and is seeking additional funding to complete the project and bring the system back into compliance.



Wastewater Treatment Facility in Moriarty

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Figure 29. Water System

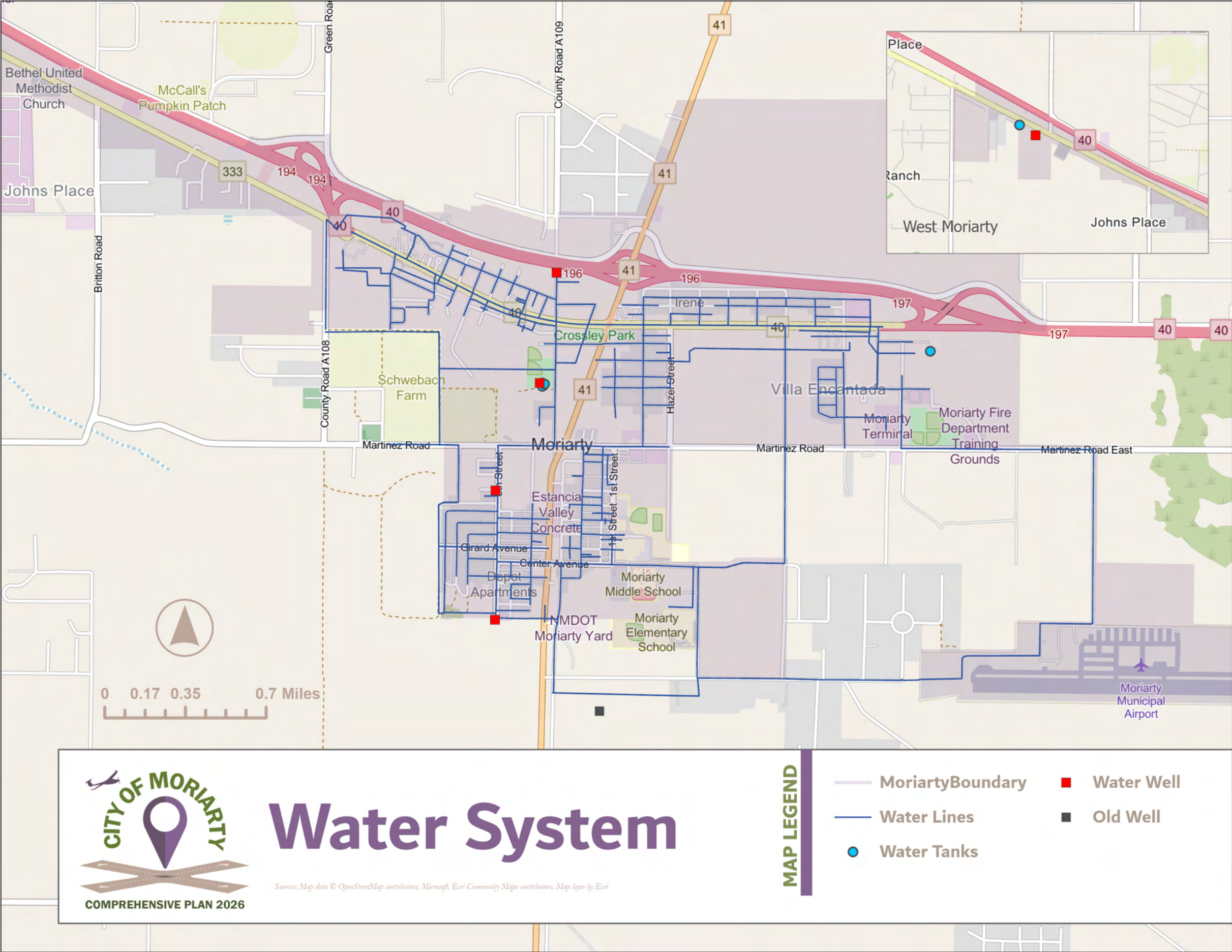
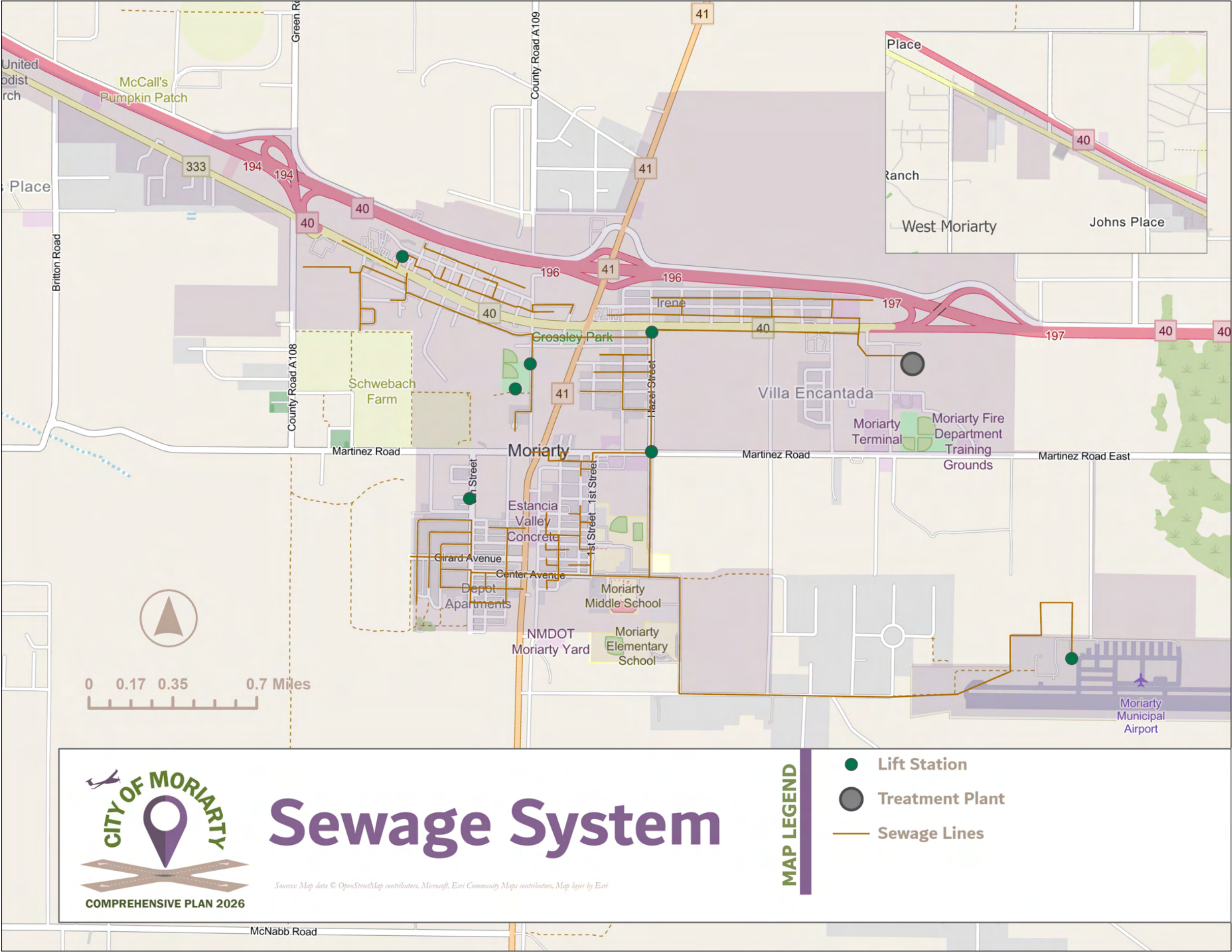




Figure 30. Sewage System



## Stormwater Management

Significant portions of Moriarty lie within the mapped 100-year FEMA floodplain, concentrated in three main areas (see Figure 31), each associated with a local drainage feature, or “Draw,” which is a shallow valley or natural channel that directs stormwater flow. The largest floodplain follows the City Draw, extending west to east across Holiday Street, Broadway Avenue, Eunice Street, Hazel Street, and Martinez Road. The Crossley Draw, from Hazel Street and Roosevelt Avenue to Martinez Road, also lies within this floodplain. The second area occurs along the Duke County Draw, from Debs Street to First Street and from Katherine Avenue to just south of Santa Fe Avenue. The third floodplain is north of the City along the Salt Draw, which crosses I-40 on Moriarty’s east side. These areas play an important role in stormwater management, and careful planning is necessary to minimize flood risks to surrounding properties.

## Regulatory Framework

The City’s Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance supports water resource protection through a combination of overlay zones, development standards, and review procedures. The Wellhead Protection Overlay Zone establishes additional land use controls near municipal water supply wells to reduce the risk of groundwater contamination, including use restrictions, conditional use review, and requirements for septic systems and abandoned wells. The Flood Protection Overlay Zone regulates development in flood-prone areas, helping reduce flood impacts and protect water quality. More broadly, zoning provisions related to minimum lot sizes, site development plan requirements, and conditional use permits provide tools to manage wastewater disposal, stormwater runoff, and activities that could affect surface and groundwater resources.

An asset management plan could complement these regulatory tools by establishing a clear inventory of water and wastewater infrastructure, identifying system vulnerabilities, and prioritizing maintenance and capital improvements. This plan would support informed budgeting decisions, improve coordination between land use and infrastructure planning, and help ensure long-term service reliability.

## Survey Results

Survey results indicate strong community support for linking future growth to long-term water availability and protecting the reliability and quality of Moriarty’s water resources. Nearly 90 percent of respondents (89.13 percent) stated that water availability should be a key factor in determining where new development occurs. This reflects broad recognition that groundwater resources in the Estancia Basin are finite and that land use decisions must be closely aligned with sustainable water supply planning.

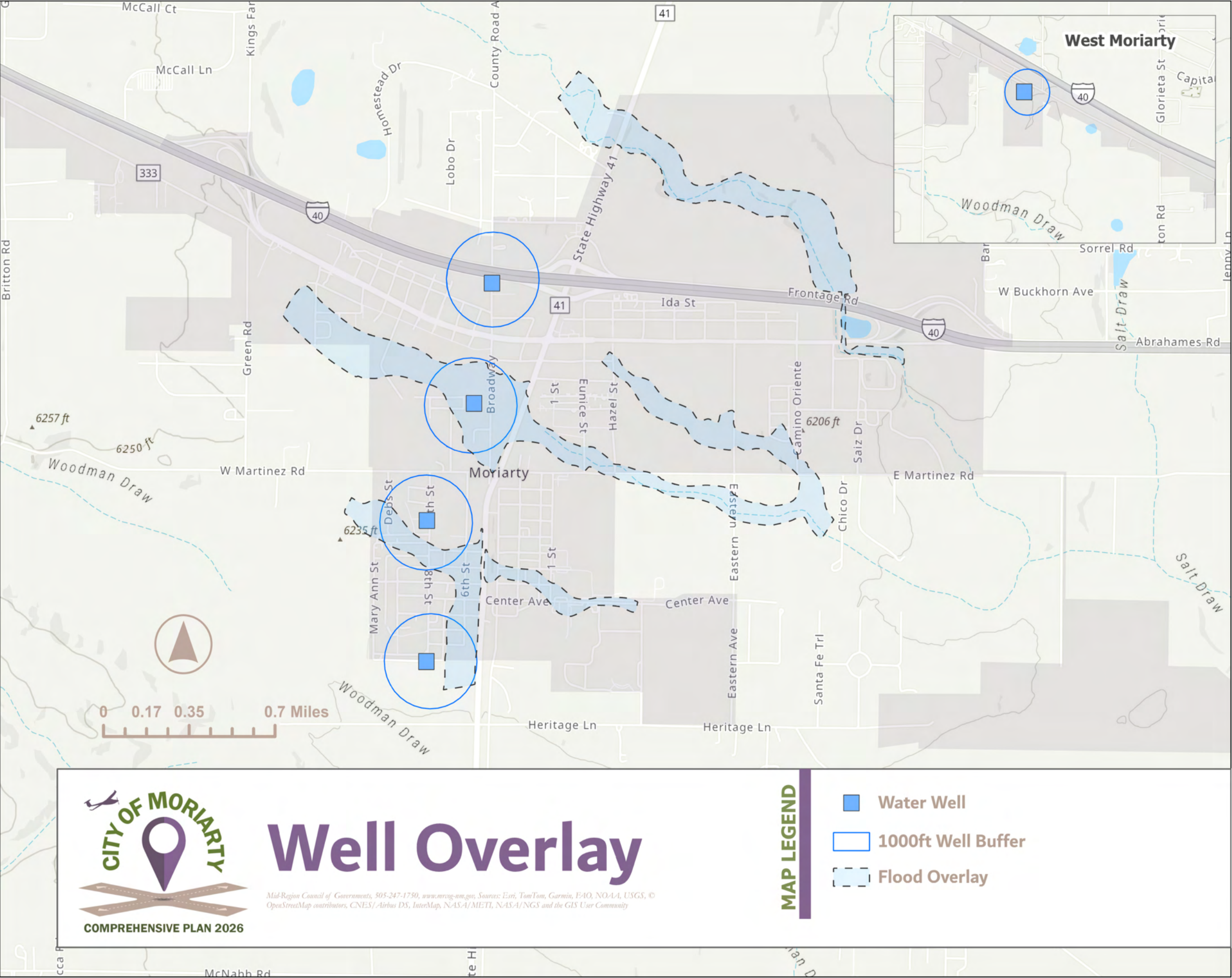
More than 75 percent of respondents (75.36 percent) also expressed support for increased regional cooperation on water management within the Estancia Basin. Because groundwater resources extend beyond municipal boundaries, respondents acknowledged the importance of coordination among neighboring communities, counties, and other entities to promote responsible water use and long-term basin sustainability.

When asked to rank water-related priorities, drinking water quality received the highest weighted average score (3.33 out of 4), underscoring the community’s emphasis on maintaining safe and reliable drinking water. Expanding supply and improving system reliability ranked second (2.70), followed by water conservation (2.38). Affordability received the lowest ranking (1.59), suggesting that while cost remains a consideration, residents place greater importance on water quality, long-term supply, and system dependability.

Open-ended responses reinforced these themes, with residents frequently citing concerns about groundwater protection, conservation practices, infrastructure reliability, and ensuring that future growth does not outpace available water resources. Collectively, the survey results demonstrate a clear community expectation that water resource planning should remain central to land use decisions and long-term development policy.



Figure 31. Floodplains and Wells



# WATER

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## GOALS AND STRATEGIES

### Goal 9

#### **Maintain clean, safe, and sustainable water systems.**

1. Prepare and maintain an up-to-date 40-year water plan as required by the Office of the N.M. State Engineer to ensure adequate water resources and sufficient water rights to meet projected future demands.
2. Promote water conservation programs.
3. Explore ways to evaluate local development for long-term water availability.

### Goal 10

#### **Improve and maintain adequate water and wastewater infrastructure.**

1. Provide adequate wastewater collection and treatment for all residences, businesses, and industries in the City.
2. Require large-scale developments to provide a water and wastewater availability statement.
3. Ensure that the Asset Management Plan addresses the improvement of pumping and storage capabilities and minimization of leakage throughout the water distribution system.
4. Improve the effluent and stormwater reuse system to provide landscape water for City parks and recreation fields.



## CHAPTER

# 8



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## Introduction

Economic development supports Moriarty's long-term fiscal health by expanding employment opportunities, strengthening the City's gross receipts tax base, and sustaining the revenues needed to maintain infrastructure and public services. Moriarty's economy is shaped by its location along I-40 at the intersection of NM 41 and Route 66, supporting highway-oriented services, freight activity, agriculture, and regional travel while also functioning as a residential community within the broader Albuquerque labor market.

Public engagement conducted for this Comprehensive Plan update indicates strong interest in economic diversification. Residents identified needs for expanded retail options, restaurants, grocery stores, healthcare services, and job-generating industries, noting that many households travel outside the community for everyday goods and services. Participants also pointed to infrastructure investment, predictable permitting, workforce development, and targeted incentives as tools to support business attraction and retention.

The community also emphasized the importance of preserving Moriarty's small-town atmosphere and rural character while accommodating future growth. Balancing economic expansion with community identity will remain an important consideration as the City pursues economic development opportunities.

The following sections provide an assessment of existing economic conditions, including income levels, labor force participation, educational attainment, occupational distribution, and industry composition. This information establishes a baseline for identifying economic challenges, opportunities, and policy direction.

## Existing Conditions

The economic data presented in this section is derived from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimates. For small geographies such as Moriarty, ACS data can include higher margins of error due to smaller sample sizes. This is particularly relevant for indicators such as unemployment rates, educational attainment at higher degree levels, and detailed occupation and industry categories. Accordingly, these figures should be interpreted as trend indicators rather than exact values, and comparisons to county and statewide data are provided to help contextualize local conditions.

### Income

Household and per capita income are key indicators of local economic conditions, purchasing power, and the ability of residents to support expanded local goods and services.

Median household income provides an indicator of overall economic conditions and purchasing power within a community. According to 2023 ACS 5-year estimates, the median household income in Moriarty was \$27,446. This is substantially lower than Torrance County (\$46,250) and the State of New Mexico (\$62,268). Moriarty's median household income is also lower than Estancia (\$34,559) and Mountainair (\$41,678). These differences suggest that households in Moriarty may have more limited financial capacity

relative to neighboring jurisdictions and the state as a whole.

Lower median household income levels can influence housing affordability, consumer spending, and the City's tax base. These conditions may also affect residents' ability to absorb unexpected costs associated with housing maintenance, utility expenses, transportation, and emergency events. As such, income levels are an important consideration in long-range planning, economic development strategy, and service provision.

Per capita income reflects overall earnings distributed across the population and provides an additional lens into local economic capacity. In 2023, Moriarty's per capita income was \$15,716, compared to \$24,922 in Torrance County and \$34,823 statewide. This pattern mirrors the household income comparison and indicates that Moriarty residents, on average, have fewer economic resources relative to county and state benchmarks.

Together, these indicators suggest that residents have lower purchasing power compared with the county and state, which can affect the range of goods and services supported by local demand. At the same time, Moriarty's economy reflects visitor- and travel-related spending and commuter incomes that are not fully captured by resident income measures alone.

**Figure 32. Median & Per Capita Income**





### Employment Status

Labor force participation and unemployment rates provide insight into residents’ economic engagement and access to employment opportunities.

In 2023 ACS 5-year estimates, Moriarty’s labor force participation rate was 51.3 percent, below New Mexico’s 56.9 percent but above Torrance County’s 49.1 percent. This suggests that a smaller share of Moriarty residents participate in the labor force than statewide, though participation is somewhat stronger than in the county overall.

Moriarty’s unemployment rate was 16.4 percent, substantially higher than Torrance County’s 11.7 percent and New Mexico’s 6.0 percent. Among residents in the labor force, this indicates a comparatively high share of unemployment, which may reflect local job availability, worker skills alignment, and broader regional economic conditions. Because ACS estimates for small populations can fluctuate within sampling margins, these figures should be interpreted cautiously and considered alongside longer-term trends and regional labor market data.

Overall, Moriarty’s below-average labor force participation and elevated unemployment reinforce the importance of job creation, workforce development, and strategies that support business retention and expansion.

**Table 9. Labor Force Participation & Unemployment Rate**

| Location        | Labor Force Participation Rate | Unemployment Rate |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| New Mexico      | 56.90%                         | 6.0%              |
| Torrance County | 49.06%                         | 11.7%             |
| Moriarty        | 51.30%                         | 16.4%             |

**Table 10. Educational Attainment**

| Location        | High School Graduate or Higher | Bachelor's Degree or Higher |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| New Mexico      | 87.70%                         | 30.2%                       |
| Torrance County | 86.50%                         | 14.9%                       |
| Moriarty        | 79.50%                         | 3.3%                        |

### Educational Attainment

Educational attainment is a key indicator of workforce readiness and can influence income levels, job opportunities, and the types of industries that are likely to locate and expand within a community.

In 2023 (ACS 5-year estimates), 79.5 percent of Moriarty residents age 25 and older had a high school diploma or higher. This is lower than both Torrance County (86.5 percent) and New Mexico (87.7 percent). This gap suggests that Moriarty has a comparatively larger share of adults without a high school diploma or GED, which can affect access to a broader range of employment opportunities and training pathways.

Differences are more pronounced at higher education levels. In Moriarty, 3.3 percent of residents age 25 and older held a bachelor’s degree or higher, compared to 14.9 percent in Torrance County and 30.2 percent statewide. This indicates that Moriarty’s workforce has a significantly smaller share of residents with four-year degrees than both Torrance County and the State.

Overall, Moriarty shows lower educational attainment than county and statewide benchmarks, particularly at the bachelor’s degree level. This may influence access to higher-wage occupations and the types of industries able to locate and grow locally. Workforce training and education pathways are therefore a practical component of long-term economic development.



Moriarty High School

Occupation

Occupational distribution provides insight into the types of work performed by residents and can help indicate the community’s workforce characteristics and the kinds of industries that may be most aligned with local labor supply.

In 2023 (ACS 5-year estimates), Moriarty’s employed population was most heavily represented in service occupations (31.4 percent). This share is higher than both Torrance County (30.0 percent) and New Mexico (19.0 percent), indicating a stronger concentration of service-sector employment among Moriarty residents relative to broader benchmarks.

Sales and office occupations accounted for 24.0 percent of Moriarty’s employed population. This is higher than Torrance County (17.0 percent) and New Mexico (19.6 percent). A relatively large sales and office share may reflect the importance of retail and customer-facing employment as well as administrative and support roles within the local and regional economy.

Management, business, science, and arts occupations represent 27.1 percent of Moriarty’s employed population. This is comparable to Torrance County (28.0 percent), but notably lower than New Mexico (40.3 percent). This difference suggests a smaller share of residents employed in professional and managerial

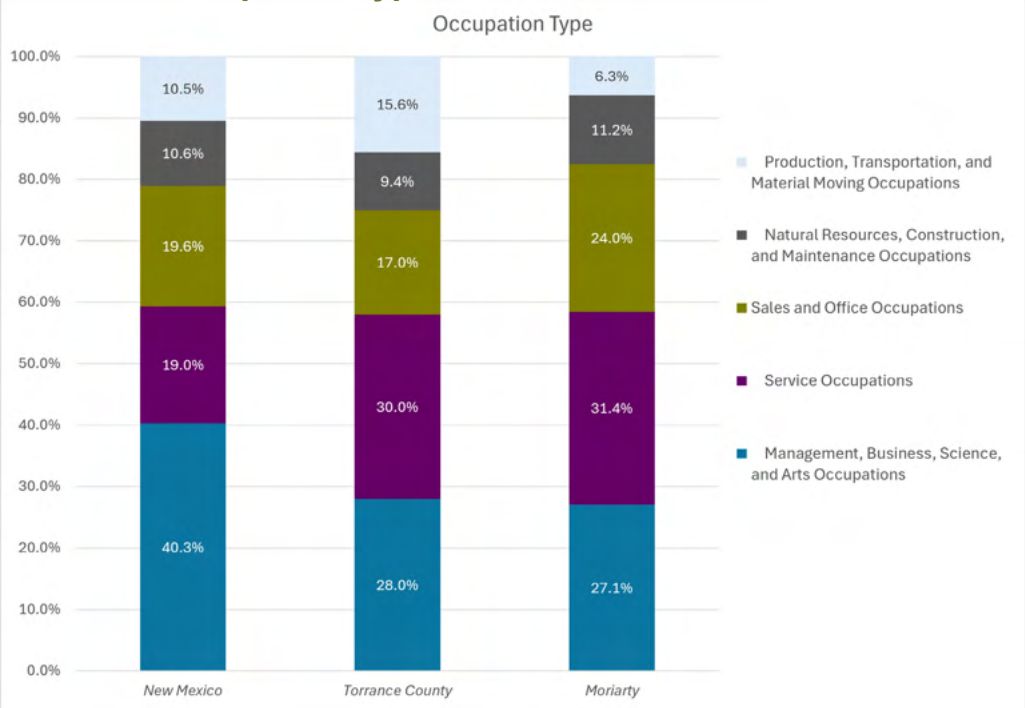
occupations compared to statewide patterns.

Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations represented 11.2 percent of Moriarty employment. This is slightly higher than Torrance County (9.4 percent) and similar to New Mexico (10.6 percent), indicating a modestly stronger presence of construction and maintenance-related work in Moriarty than in the county overall.

Production, transportation, and material moving occupations accounted for 6.3 percent of Moriarty employment. This is substantially lower than Torrance County (15.6 percent) and New Mexico (10.5 percent). This is an important distinction given Moriarty’s location along a major freight corridor; it suggests that while freight activity is highly visible locally, a comparatively smaller share of residents are employed directly in production and transportation occupations than in surrounding geographies.

Moriarty’s occupational profile is weighted toward service and sales/office work, with a smaller share of professional and managerial employment than statewide patterns. Despite the visibility of freight activity, production and transportation occupations represent a relatively small share of resident employment. This mix supports strategies that expand higher-wage job opportunities and skill development.

Table 11. Occupation Type





## Industry

Industry composition describes the types of sectors in which employed residents work and provides insight into the structure of the local workforce and the broader regional economy.

In 2023 (ACS 5-year estimates), the largest share of Moriarty's employed residents worked in educational services and health care and social assistance (27.0 percent). This is higher than both Torrance County (20.1 percent) and New Mexico (25.6 percent), indicating a relatively strong concentration of employment in education and healthcare-related fields among Moriarty residents.

Retail trade represents a notably large share of Moriarty employment at 19.4 percent. This is substantially higher than Torrance County (11.3 percent) and New Mexico (10.3 percent). A high share of employment in retail trade suggests that retail and customer-facing jobs are an important component of employment for Moriarty residents, even as community input indicates continued interest in expanding local shopping options and reducing the need to travel for goods and services.

Construction accounts for 13.0 percent of Moriarty employment, higher than both Torrance County (9.3 percent) and New Mexico (7.2 percent). This relatively strong construction share may reflect ongoing regional growth dynamics and the role of the construction trades within the workforce.

Professional, scientific, management, administrative, and waste management services represent 11.9 percent of Moriarty employment. This is slightly higher than Torrance County (10.7 percent), but lower than the statewide share (13.7 percent). This suggests that Moriarty's workforce includes some representation in professional and business support sectors, though not at the scale observed statewide.

Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services account for 8.5 percent of Moriarty employment, which is lower than Torrance County (11.5 percent) and New Mexico (11.0 percent). Public administration represents 5.9 percent of Moriarty employment, which is lower than Torrance County (11.4 percent) and slightly below New Mexico (6.9 percent). Manufacturing accounts

for 3.4 percent of Moriarty employment, compared to 5.2 percent in Torrance County and 4.7 percent statewide.

Several sectors represent smaller shares of employment in Moriarty, including transportation and warehousing and utilities (2.1 percent), finance and insurance and real estate and rental and leasing (2.5 percent), and wholesale trade (1.3 percent). Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining account for 4.6 percent of Moriarty employment, which is lower than Torrance County (5.7 percent) but higher than the statewide share (3.5 percent). Information represents less than 1 percent of Moriarty employment in this dataset, compared to 0.5 percent in Torrance County and 1.6 percent statewide.

Overall, Moriarty's industry profile reflects a workforce concentrated in education and healthcare, retail trade, and construction, with smaller shares in manufacturing, transportation and warehousing, and public administration relative to county and state benchmarks. This composition provides important context for economic development strategies focused on expanding local services, supporting a broader range of employment opportunities, and aligning workforce skills with targeted industries.

**Table 12. Industry Type**

| Industry Type                                                                          | New Mexico | Torrance County | Moriarty |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------|----------|
| Educational Services, and Health Care and Social Assistance                            | 25.6%      | 20.1%           | 27.0%    |
| Professional, Scientific, Management and Administrative, and Waste Management Services | 13.7%      | 10.7%           | 11.9%    |
| Arts, Entertainment, Recreation, and Accommodation and Food Services                   | 11.0%      | 11.5%           | 8.5%     |
| Retail Trade                                                                           | 10.3%      | 11.3%           | 19.4%    |
| Construction                                                                           | 7.2%       | 9.3%            | 13.0%    |
| Public Administration                                                                  | 6.9%       | 11.4%           | 5.9%     |
| Other services, except Public Administration                                           | 5.1%       | 2.5%            | 0.4%     |
| Manufacturing                                                                          | 4.7%       | 5.2%            | 3.4%     |
| Transportation and Warehousing, and Utilities                                          | 4.5%       | 6.4%            | 2.1%     |
| Finance and Insurance, Real Estate, and Rental and Leasing                             | 4.5%       | 3.8%            | 2.5%     |
| Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting, and Mining                                 | 3.5%       | 5.7%            | 4.6%     |
| Information                                                                            | 1.6%       | 0.5%            | 0.0%     |
| Wholesale Trade                                                                        | 1.4%       | 1.6%            | 1.3%     |

## Local Economy

The preceding indicators describe an economy characterized by lower resident incomes, lower educational attainment, and higher reported unemployment relative to county and statewide benchmarks. Resident employment is concentrated in education and healthcare, retail, service, and construction sectors. Moriarty's economic role is shaped by I-40, Route 66, and NM 41, supporting travel-oriented commerce and positioning the city as a regional service center. City-owned land in the Moriarty Business Park is a strategic asset for employment-based development. Together, these conditions frame the primary challenges and opportunities for economic diversification and fiscal resilience.

## Challenges

Several structural factors may influence Moriarty's long-term economic performance and fiscal stability. Lower household and per capita income levels limit local purchasing power and may constrain the range of retail and service establishments that can be supported by resident demand alone. Elevated unemployment further affects household income stability and overall economic resilience, reducing the ability of households to contribute to sustained local economic activity.

Educational attainment levels, particularly at the bachelor's degree level, are lower than county and statewide averages. This may affect workforce competitiveness in professional, technical, and

healthcare-related fields and influence the types of industries most likely to locate and expand within the community. Employment patterns further reflect a concentration in retail and service sectors. While these sectors are essential components of the local economy, reliance on lower-wage employment categories may limit income growth and long-term diversification. Manufacturing, transportation and warehousing, and higher-wage professional sectors represent comparatively smaller shares of employment.

Public input suggests that the City is not fully capturing local consumer spending, particularly for grocery, dining, and healthcare services. While retail trade represents a significant share of resident employment, community feedback indicates that key categories such as grocery, dining variety, and some health services remain limited locally, contributing to continued spending outside the city. Retail and service leakage reduces potential gross receipts tax revenue and limits the City's ability to reinvest in infrastructure and community amenities. In addition, reliance on highway-oriented commercial activity creates exposure to fluctuations in regional travel patterns and freight activity. Although the City owns land within the Moriarty Business Park, industrial employment remains a relatively small share of the resident workforce. Without coordinated infrastructure planning and workforce alignment, this asset may remain underutilized.



Highway Oriented Businesses Along Route 66 in Moriarty



## Opportunities

Despite these challenges, Moriarty possesses several assets that support long-term economic diversification and growth. Interstate access and corridor visibility provide continued opportunity to attract retail, service, and employment-generating businesses that serve both residents and regional travelers. Strategic reinvestment along key corridors may strengthen the City's commercial environment and improve its competitiveness.

The Moriarty Business Park offers the City a direct role in shaping future employment-based development. Public control of industrial land provides flexibility to recruit targeted industries and support diversification in light industrial, logistics, and manufacturing sectors. When paired with infrastructure improvements and coordinated marketing, this asset may strengthen the City's tax base and employment opportunities. Community support for expanding local goods and services presents an opportunity to reduce retail leakage and improve quality of life. Targeted business recruitment, regulatory streamlining, and corridor improvements may help capture unmet demand for grocery, dining, and healthcare services. Workforce development partnerships with educational institutions and regional organizations also provide a pathway to address attainment gaps and align skills with emerging industries.

Moriarty's location along Route 66 and within the Salt Missions Trail Scenic Byway corridor provides an additional layer of economic context. Heritage-based commerce, corridor revitalization, and coordinated branding efforts may complement broader economic development strategies, particularly when integrated with Main Street reinvestment initiatives. With careful planning and infrastructure coordination, these assets position Moriarty to pursue economic expansion while maintaining its small-town character.



Local Restaurant Along Route 66 in Moriarty



Local Brewery in the Moriarty Business Park



Food Truck Along Route 66 in Moriarty

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GOALS AND STRATEGIES

## Goal 11

### **Leverage Moriarty's unique assets to drive sustainable economic growth.**

1. Explore participation in the New Mexico MainStreet Program to strengthen corridor revitalization efforts and support downtown and Route 66 reinvestment.
2. Promote Route 66 and the Salt Missions Trail as development themes and special corridors within the community.
3. Leverage Moriarty's location and existing community facilities to promote regional economic activities such as conferences and conventions.
4. Utilize local events to promote economic development opportunities and support local businesses.

## Goal 12

### **Support local businesses and entrepreneurs.**

1. Market and support development within the Moriarty Business Park to attract light industrial, logistics, manufacturing, and employment-generating uses that diversify the City's tax base.
2. Explore opportunities to expand internet services throughout the city to improve business competitiveness and support remote work opportunities.
3. Support and promote Workforce Connection of Central New Mexico to improve the skills and abilities of the local workforce through education, drop-out intervention, and literacy programs.
4. Encourage dual enrollment partnerships between public school districts and higher education institutions.
5. Create partnerships with local businesses and educational institutions to promote job training programs aligned with targeted industries.
6. Continually review and streamline regulatory processes to promote efficiency and accessibility for businesses and developers.
7. Continue to update the City website and establish and maintain the City's presence on social media to improve communication and business outreach.



## CHAPTER

# 9



# HAZARD MITIGATION

## Introduction

Hazard mitigation addresses the risks posed by natural hazards such as severe weather, flooding, drought, winter storms, and wildfire events, which have the potential to disrupt daily life, damage property and infrastructure, and strain emergency response and recovery efforts. While these events cannot be entirely prevented, thoughtful planning and coordinated mitigation strategies can reduce long-term risk and improve community resilience.

Hazard mitigation refers to sustained actions taken to reduce or eliminate risks to people and property from natural hazards. Unlike emergency response, which focuses on actions taken during or immediately after a disaster, hazard mitigation emphasizes proactive measures implemented well in advance of hazard events. These measures may include physical improvements to infrastructure and facilities, as well as policy-based strategies related to land use, public education, and interagency coordination.

The purpose of this chapter is to describe the hazard conditions affecting Moriarty, outline existing

vulnerabilities, and identify planning implications that support a safer and more resilient community. This chapter is intended to be accessible to residents and decision-makers and to integrate hazard mitigation considerations into the City's broader planning framework.

Moriarty participates in the Torrance County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP), which serves as the primary hazard mitigation planning document for the region. The LHMP provides detailed technical analysis of hazards, vulnerabilities, and mitigation actions for participating jurisdictions.<sup>21</sup>

## Relationship to the Torrance County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

The Torrance County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan is developed through a countywide, multi-jurisdictional planning process and is updated on a regular cycle to meet federal and state requirements. Adoption of the LHMP allows participating jurisdictions, including Moriarty, to remain eligible for hazard mitigation funding and technical assistance.

21. Torrance County, New Mexico. (2025). Torrance County, New Mexico Local Hazard Mitigation Plan update. <https://www.moriartynm.org/uploads/PDF/May%202025%20Torrance%20County%20New%20Mexico%20Local%20Hazard%20Mitigation%20Plan%20Update.pdf>

The LHMP identifies natural hazards affecting Torrance County, documents historical hazard events, evaluates vulnerability, and outlines mitigation actions specific to each participating jurisdiction. For Moriarty, these actions address hazards such as severe weather, flooding, drought, wildfire, and winter storms, with particular emphasis on stormwater management, infrastructure resilience, and public preparedness.<sup>22</sup>

Rather than duplicating the technical detail of the LHMP, this Comprehensive Plan translates its priorities into local planning considerations. Together, the LHMP and this Comprehensive Plan provide a coordinated framework for reducing hazard risk, with the LHMP guiding mitigation action implementation and this plan ensuring that hazard mitigation principles are reflected in local land use, infrastructure planning, and capital improvement decisions.

## Existing Conditions

The Torrance County LHMP uses the location of critical facilities and infrastructure to help determine the level of risk that various hazards pose to participating jurisdictions. The City of Moriarty contains multiple critical facilities that support government services, emergency response, education, and utility operations, all of which are essential to maintaining public safety and community function during hazard events.<sup>23</sup>

Critical facilities identified in the Torrance County LHMP for Moriarty include government and public service buildings, emergency response facilities, water system infrastructure, energy infrastructure, communications facilities, and educational facilities. Emergency response and public service facilities include municipal government functions, fire protection services, and facilities associated with water supply and system operations that are necessary to maintain basic services during emergencies. The LHMP also identifies an energy facility located in the southeastern quadrant of the city, as well as a number of communications facilities distributed throughout the community, with a concentration in the northern portion of the city near Route 66. The location and distribution of these facilities are important considerations for hazard exposure and emergency response

planning.

Educational facilities represent a significant component of Moriarty's critical facility network and include Moriarty Elementary School, Moriarty Middle School, Moriarty High School, Route 66 Elementary School, South Mountain Elementary School, and the Early Childhood Center serving the Moriarty-Edgewood area. These facilities serve both Moriarty residents and surrounding communities and may function as gathering locations or support facilities during emergency situations.

Community preparedness and public awareness also influence how hazard events affect Moriarty. As part of the Comprehensive Plan update process, residents were surveyed regarding emergency preparedness and familiarity with local emergency planning. Results indicate that 88 percent of respondents are not familiar with Moriarty's emergency plans, while 58 percent reported that their household has a plan for what to do in the event of an emergency. These findings suggest that while many households engage in some level of individual preparedness, there remains a significant gap in awareness of local and regional emergency planning efforts.

The Torrance County LHMP establishes a vulnerability assessment methodology that considers the likelihood and potential impacts of hazards, as well as the exposure of people, facilities, and infrastructure. For Moriarty, the plan identifies severe weather, severe winter weather, flooding, drought, and wildfire as community concerns. Vulnerability is influenced not only by hazard characteristics, but also by social and housing conditions. The LHMP identifies socioeconomic vulnerability factors for Moriarty, including poverty rates and housing characteristics that may increase hazard exposure and recovery challenges.

Together, the distribution of critical facilities, levels of public preparedness and awareness, and social and housing vulnerability factors define Moriarty's existing hazard mitigation conditions. These conditions provide the foundation for identifying planning implications and support the City's hazard mitigation goal and objectives, which emphasize preparedness, coordination, and implementation of mitigation strategies identified in the Torrance County LHMP.<sup>24</sup>



## Local Hazard Conditions

Although many of the same hazards affect communities throughout Torrance County, their impacts in Moriarty are shaped by local geography, development patterns, and infrastructure systems. Understanding how these hazards manifest locally, as well as how conditions may be changing over time, is essential for effective mitigation planning and for translating countywide hazard information into local planning considerations. The Torrance County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan classifies drought, extreme heat, flooding, severe weather, and wildfire as worsening hazards based on available trend data.

## Severe Weather

Severe weather is a recurring concern for Moriarty and includes high winds, thunderstorms, hail, lightning, and periods of extreme temperature. These events occur throughout the year, with increased activity during spring and summer months, and often develop rapidly. Severe weather may produce strong straight-line winds, brief periods of intense rainfall, hail, lightning strikes, and temperature extremes over localized areas.

Severe weather conditions can damage roofs, signage, fencing, vehicles, and exposed infrastructure, particularly where structures are older or where manufactured housing is present. Wind-driven debris, power disruptions, and lightning-related impacts can pose risks to public safety and may temporarily affect emergency response and basic services.

The Torrance County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan indicates that severe weather conditions are worsening, with data suggesting that incidences of severe weather are likely to increase due to changing climate conditions. As a result, maintaining resilient infrastructure, reliable access routes, and effective coordination with regional partners is an important consideration for planning and emergency preparedness.<sup>25</sup>

May 2025

### Torrance County, New Mexico Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

#### Encompassing:

- Torrance County, New Mexico
- Village of Encino
- Town of Estancia
- City of Moriarty
- Town of Mountainair
- Village of Willard
- Central Tri-County Soil and Water Conservation District
- Claunck-Pinto Soil and Water Conservation District
- East Torrance Soil and Water Conservation District



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Table 3: Participating Stakeholders

| Title                           | Jurisdiction or Agency            |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Fire Chief                      | Torrance County Fire Department   |
| Planning & Zoning Director      | Torrance County Planning & Zoning |
| Road Superintendent             | Torrance County Road Department   |
| County Manager                  | Torrance County                   |
| Fire Chief                      | Estancia                          |
| Zoning Officer                  | Estancia                          |
| Mayor                           | Estancia                          |
| Chief of Police                 | Estancia                          |
| Mayor                           | Moriarty                          |
| Planning & Zoning Administrator | Moriarty                          |
| Public Works Director           | Moriarty                          |
| Mayor                           | Mountainair                       |
| Fire Chief                      | Mountainair                       |
| Planning & Zoning Chair         | Mountainair                       |
| Public Works Supervisor         | Mountainair                       |
| Technical Partner Coordinator   | Earth Data Analysis Center, UNM   |
| Admin Contractor                | Claunck-Pinto SWCD                |
| Admin. Assistant                | Claunck-Pinto SWCD                |

Source: Torrance County, NM LHMP

## Severe Winter Weather

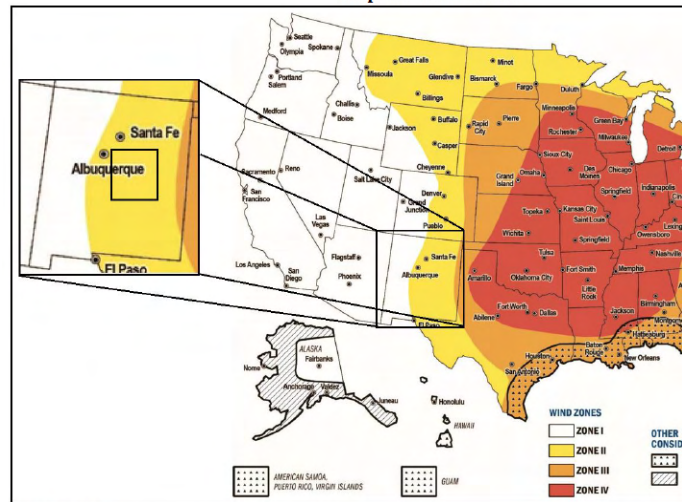
Severe winter weather events in Moriarty may include snow, ice, and freezing rain. Even relatively short-duration winter storms can create hazardous travel conditions on local roads and along I-40, affecting residents, emergency responders, and regional freight movement.

Winter weather events may disrupt daily activities, delay emergency response, and place additional demands on public works and emergency services. The Torrance County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan notes that while the overall occurrence of severe winter weather may be improving, individual severe winter weather events may still increase in intensity or variability due to changing climate conditions. Mitigation planning therefore continues to emphasize preparedness, equipment readiness, and coordination to maintain access and safety during storm events.<sup>26</sup>

## Drought

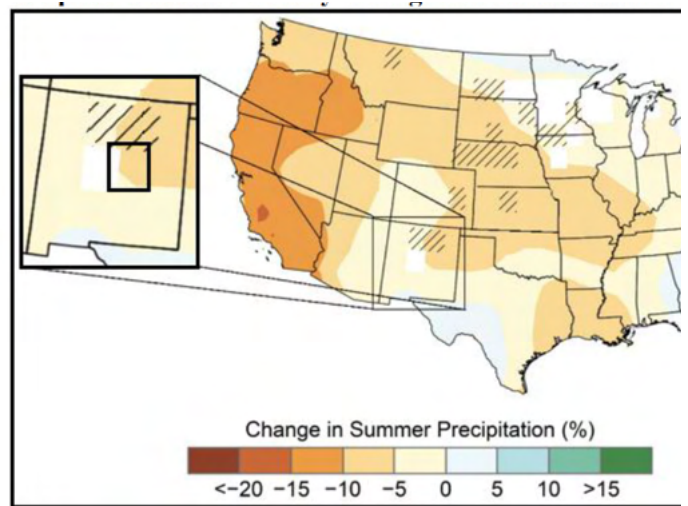
Drought is a persistent and long-term hazard affecting Moriarty and the surrounding region. Periods of below-average precipitation may develop over extended timeframes and can affect water availability, vegetation health, and overall environmental conditions.

According to the Torrance County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, drought conditions are worsening, with available data indicating that the rate of drought occurrence is increasing. Prolonged drought conditions may place additional demands on water system operations, affect agricultural activity, and contribute to environmental stress. These conditions underscore the importance of water conservation, efficient infrastructure management, and long-term planning to support sustainable water use.<sup>27</sup>

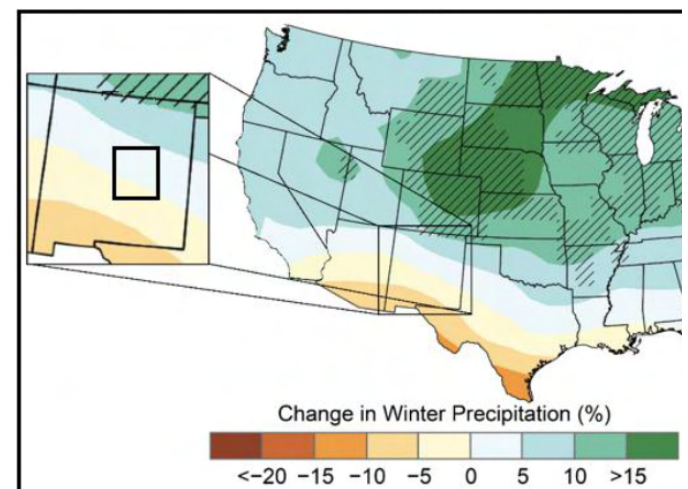


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Source: Torrance County, NM LHMP; FEMA



Source: Torrance County, NM LHMP; Torrance County and Janey Camp, NOAA NCEI State Climate Summary 2022 for New Mexico



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## Flooding

Although Moriarty is located in an arid region, flooding remains a concern due to short-duration, high-intensity rainfall events and localized drainage limitations. Flooding typically occurs when storm-water runoff exceeds the capacity of existing drainage systems, resulting in roadway ponding, erosion, and impacts to adjacent properties.

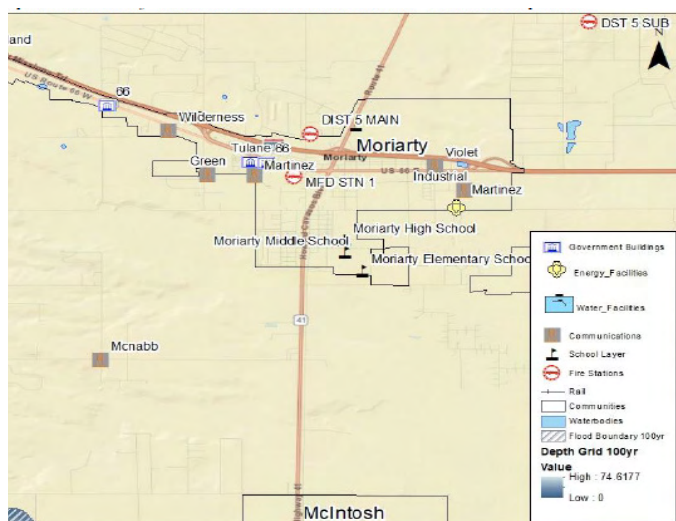
The Torrance County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan indicates that flood conditions are worsening, noting that while overall rainfall occurrence may have lessened, the number of heavy rainfall events has increased. Additionally, increased wildfire and drought conditions have exacerbated conditions related to flash flooding. Certain areas of the city experience recurring stormwater challenges that can affect transportation safety, emergency access, and infrastructure integrity.<sup>28</sup>

Effective stormwater solutions require coordination within internal City operations and with outside agencies such as Torrance County, the New Mexico Department of Transportation, and federal transportation partners. Maintaining functional drainage infrastructure is a critical component of emergency response and long-term community resilience.<sup>29</sup>

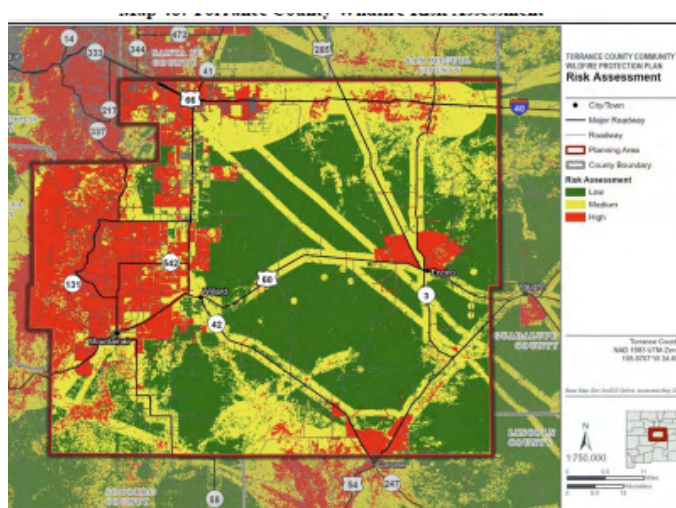
## Wildfire

Wildfire risk in Moriarty is influenced by drought conditions, grassland fuels, and periodic high winds. While the city is not heavily forested, grass fires can spread rapidly and pose risks to structures, utilities, and transportation corridors.

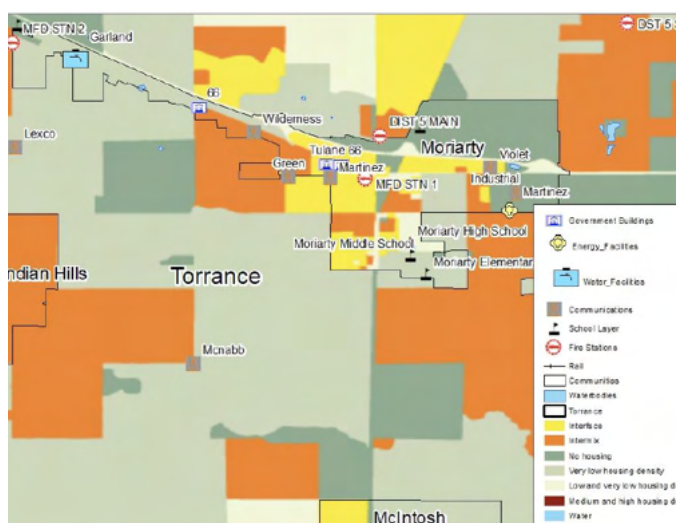
The Torrance County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies wildfire conditions as worsening, noting that increased extreme heat and drought have exacerbated conditions related to wildfire events. These factors may increase the potential for fire ignition and rapid spread during periods of elevated fire danger. Wildfire mitigation considerations therefore include vegetation management, defensible space practices, and coordination with fire protection agencies to reduce exposure and support effective response.<sup>30</sup>



Source: Torrance County, NM LHMP; Torrance County and Janey Camp



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## Planning Implications

The hazard conditions affecting the City of Moriarty have direct implications for how the community plans for growth, invests in infrastructure, and protects public safety. Natural hazards do not affect all residents, neighborhoods, or facilities equally. Vulnerability in Moriarty is shaped by a combination of social factors, housing characteristics, and infrastructure conditions, all of which should be considered in local planning and investment decisions.

Certain populations, including older adults, individuals with disabilities, households with limited financial resources, and residents without reliable transportation, may face greater challenges preparing for, responding to, and recovering from hazard events. Housing characteristics also influence risk exposure. Manufactured homes and older structures are generally more susceptible to damage from high winds, hail, and temperature extremes. These conditions reinforce the importance of integrating hazard mitigation considerations into land use planning, housing policy, and service provision in a manner that reflects Moriarty's demographic and housing profile.

Protecting critical facilities and essential infrastructure is central to community resilience. Incorporating risk reduction strategies into capital improvement planning helps maintain continuity of operations during and after hazard events. Schools, emergency services, municipal buildings, water systems, transportation corridors, and stormwater infrastructure must remain functional under stress conditions. In Moriarty, stormwater infrastructure represents a particularly significant planning priority due to documented flooding concerns in certain areas of the city. Addressing these vulnerabilities through long-range planning and coordinated investment can reduce long-term costs and improve public safety outcomes.

Because many hazards and infrastructure systems extend beyond municipal boundaries, effective mitigation requires coordination among local, county, state,

and federal partners. The City should continue to collaborate with Torrance County, regional emergency management agencies, and transportation partners such as the Federal Highway Administration and the New Mexico Department of Transportation to address shared risks. This coordination is especially important for stormwater and transportation infrastructure that serves both local and regional needs.

The Torrance County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan provides the primary framework for identifying priority hazards and recommended mitigation actions. As a participating jurisdiction, Moriarty should rely on the LHMP for project identification and prioritization, incorporating those strategies into local planning, budgeting, and capital improvement processes rather than duplicating them in this Comprehensive Plan.

Hazard mitigation considerations should be systematically integrated into land use planning, development review, infrastructure investment, and capital programming. Strategies should be coordinated with the City's water planning, stormwater management, transportation planning, and capital improvement efforts to ensure consistent and fiscally responsible implementation. Development decisions should avoid increasing exposure to known hazard areas, particularly in locations with recurring flooding or other documented risks. Public education and outreach should remain an ongoing component of mitigation efforts, helping residents understand local hazards and improve preparedness.

Together, these planning implications support the City's hazard mitigation goal and objectives. By addressing identified vulnerabilities, coordinating across jurisdictions, and implementing mitigation strategies identified in the Torrance County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, Moriarty can reduce long-term risk, protect public health and safety, and strengthen overall community resilience.



# HAZARD MITIGATION GOALS AND STRATEGIES

## Goal 13

### **Protect community health and safety.**

1. Participate in and support the implementation and ongoing management of mitigation actions identified for the City of Moriarty in the Torrance County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, as resources and opportunities allow.
2. Promote emergency preparedness by increasing awareness of the Torrance County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.
3. Coordinate with the FHWA and NMDOT to plan, design, and implement drainage systems for Main Street and the northeastern quadrant of the City as priority areas for stormwater management.

# Comprehensive Plan

## Goals & Objectives

| Goals                                                        | Objectives                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| 1. Ensure appropriate locations for all land use activities. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maintain an effective Comprehensive Plan by reviewing and updating policies and strategies every 5 to 10 years to align with community needs and development goals.</li> <li>2. Ensure effective zoning ordinances by reviewing and updating the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance on a 5 to 10-year cycle following updates to the Comprehensive Plan.</li> <li>3. Protect the integrity of established residential neighborhoods through the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance.</li> <li>4. Encourage infill development in areas with existing infrastructure by allowing a mix of low-intensity residential and light commercial uses.</li> <li>5. Encourage airport-related industries to locate near the airport through coordination with Torrance County.</li> <li>6. Limit residential development near the airport through coordination with Torrance County.</li> <li>7. Establish a Memorandum of Understanding with Santa Fe and Torrance Counties to coordinate on development near city limits.</li> <li>8. Review and update the City's adopted master-planned community plans, including the King Ranch Master Plan, Mountain View Park Master Plan, and Tillery Plan, to determine whether their land use assumptions, infrastructure needs, phasing strategies, and development concepts remain consistent with current conditions, community priorities, water availability, and long-term growth objectives.</li> </ol> |
| 2. Maintain the appearance of a clean and scenic community.  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ensure consistent enforcement of land use regulations through the establishment and maintenance of a permanent Code Enforcement office with dedicated, ongoing staff.</li> <li>2. Create a publicly-available Unified Code of Ordinances that includes the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance.</li> <li>3. Continually update and enforce the Nuisance Ordinance every 5 years.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |



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| <p>3. Provide adequate and affordable housing options.</p>              | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support programs that assist homeowners and landlords with repairs, weatherization, and energy upgrades, and collaborate with organizations such as Housing New Mexico to preserve and enhance the city's existing affordable housing stock.</li> <li>2. Support the development of housing options such as accessory dwelling units (casitas), tiny homes (typically under 400 square feet), barndominiums and condominiums in appropriate locations.</li> <li>3. Provide opportunities for the development of single-family homes on small lots (starter homes) by reducing minimum lot size requirements in areas with sufficient infrastructure.</li> <li>4. Promote varied and affordable housing options through low-to-moderate density multi-family housing development along major corridors such as Route 66 and NM 41.</li> <li>5. Coordinate with Torrance County, regional municipalities, and relevant public, private, and nonprofit agencies to develop and implement a Housing New Mexico Affordable Housing Plan.</li> </ol> |
| <p>4. Maintain a comprehensive, safe, and efficient street network.</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Coordinate with the Mid-Region Council of Governments through participation in the Mid-Region Regional Transportation Planning Organization (MRRTPPO) Committee.</li> <li>2. Evaluate the need for a Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) for proposed developments on a case-by-case basis.</li> <li>3. Expand enforcement of existing parking requirements and traffic laws for heavy commercial vehicles.</li> <li>4. Adopt an Idling Ordinance for heavy commercial vehicles parked within municipal boundaries.</li> <li>5. Undertake a comprehensive interchange study of the City's three interchanges to evaluate improvement strategies in coordination with state and regional transportation agencies.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <p>5. Strengthen the City's multi-modal transportation network.</p>     | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Explore opportunities to provide transit and/or carpooling programs for residents in need of alternative transportation options.</li> <li>2. Prioritize infrastructure development that promotes active transportation, such as walking and cycling.</li> <li>3. Continue to improve and promote the Moriarty Municipal Airport as a reliever airport to the Albuquerque metropolitan area.</li> <li>4. Evaluate context-sensitive reconfiguration options for Route 66 that improve safety for all road users.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p>6. Enhance community appearance and safety.</p>                      | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Continue to lead and promote organized clean-up days with local partners.</li> <li>2. Expand night lighting for safety in targeted, high-traffic areas such as Route 66 and NM 41.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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| <p>7. Improve and maintain public services and facilities.</p>               | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Create an Asset Management Plan that accounts for all assets managed by the Public Works Department.</li> <li>2. Explore the expansion of revenue sources for public facilities through the use of impact fees, bond elections, user fee programs, special assessment districts, or other statutory means available to the City.</li> <li>3. Support the location or renovation and upkeep of senior facilities, services, and businesses.</li> <li>4. Improve the Moriarty Public Library System and explore opportunities to expand facilities and promote distance learning or other educational resources.</li> <li>5. Seek Federal or State funding to install renewable energy systems on municipal facilities.</li> <li>6. Expand microgrids powered by renewable energy to enhance resilience and reliability of the local grid, particularly for critical facilities and vulnerable populations during outages.</li> <li>7. Improve the appearance of major highways and corridors through landscaping and maintenance.</li> <li>8. Establish a committee for open space planning and management.</li> <li>9. Focus City resources on improvement and maintenance of existing parks and open space, rather than expansion.</li> </ol> |
| <p>8. Continue to strengthen emergency services.</p>                         | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Continue to improve and modernize the emergency services, facilities, infrastructure, and equipment in the community.</li> <li>2. Explore Federal and State funding opportunities to address police staffing shortages.</li> <li>3. Continue to improve Insurance Service Office (ISO) rating for fire protection in order to upgrade City fire services and to decrease homeowner's insurance costs.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <p>9. Maintain clean, safe, and sustainable water systems.</p>               | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prepare and maintain an up-to-date 40-year water plan as required by the Office of the N.M. State Engineer to ensure adequate water resources and sufficient water rights to meet projected future demands.</li> <li>2. Promote water conservation programs.</li> <li>3. Explore ways to evaluate local development for long-term water availability.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <p>10. Improve and maintain adequate water and wastewater infrastructure</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide adequate wastewater collection and treatment for all residences, businesses, and industries in the City.</li> <li>2. Require large-scale developments to provide a water and wastewater availability statement.</li> <li>3. Ensure that the Asset Management Plan addresses the improvement of pumping and storage capabilities and minimization of leakage throughout the water distribution system.</li> <li>4. Improve the effluent and stormwater reuse system to provide landscape water for City parks and recreation fields.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |



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| <p>11. Leverage Moriarty's unique assets to drive sustainable economic growth.</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Explore participation in the New Mexico MainStreet Program to strengthen corridor revitalization efforts and support downtown and Route 66 reinvestment.</li> <li>2. Promote Route 66 and the Salt Missions Trail as development themes and special corridors within the community.</li> <li>3. Leverage Moriarty's location and existing community facilities to promote regional economic activities such as conferences and conventions.</li> <li>4. Utilize local events to promote economic development opportunities and support local businesses.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p>12. Support local businesses and entrepreneurs.</p>                             | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Market and support development within the Moriarty Business Park to attract light industrial, logistics, manufacturing, and employment-generating uses that diversify the City's tax base.</li> <li>2. Explore opportunities to expand internet services throughout the city to improve business competitiveness and support remote work opportunities.</li> <li>3. Support and promote Workforce Connection of Central New Mexico to improve the skills and abilities of the local workforce through education, drop-out intervention, and literacy programs.</li> <li>4. Encourage dual enrollment partnerships between public school districts and higher education institutions.</li> <li>5. Create partnerships with local businesses and educational institutions to promote job training programs aligned with targeted industries.</li> <li>6. Continually review and streamline regulatory processes to promote efficiency and accessibility for businesses and developers.</li> <li>7. Continue to update the City website and establish and maintain the City's presence on social media to improve communication and business outreach.</li> </ol> |
| <p>13. Protect community health and safety.</p>                                    | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Participate in and support the implementation and ongoing management of mitigation actions identified for the City of Moriarty in the Torrance County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, as resources and opportunities allow.</li> <li>2. Promote emergency preparedness by increasing awareness of the Torrance County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.</li> <li>3. Coordinate with the FHWA and NMDOT to plan, design, and implement drainage systems for Main Street and the northeastern quadrant of the City as priority areas for stormwater management.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

# Acronym & Abbreviation

## Glossary

### A-R

Agricultural Residential. Zoning district.

### AADT

Average Annual Daily Traffic. Used in transportation and traffic-count analysis.

### AC

Asbestos Cement. Used in reference to water service line materials.

### ACS

American Community Survey. U.S. Census Bureau dataset used for demographic, housing, and economic analysis.

### ADA

Americans with Disabilities Act. Used in reference to accessible infrastructure and senior services.

### CCR

Consumer Confidence Report. Annual drinking water quality report.

### C-1

Light Commercial. Zoning district.

### C-2

Heavy Commercial. Zoning district.

### DWI

Driving While Impaired. Used in reference to the Memorial of Perpetual Tears.

### EMS

Emergency Medical Services. Used in reference to fire and ambulance services.

### EMT

Emergency Medical Technician. Used in reference to emergency medical staffing.

### EPA

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Used in reference to the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions.

### FEMA

Federal Emergency Management Agency. Used in reference to floodplain mapping and hazard mitigation.

### FHWA

Federal Highway Administration. Used in transportation safety and drainage coordination.

### GED

General Educational Development. Used in educational attainment discussion.

### GPS

Global Positioning System. Used in reference to airport approaches.

### H+T Index

Housing + Transportation Index. Used in housing affordability analysis.

### HDPE

High-Density Polyethylene. Used in reference to water service line materials.

### HFIN

High Fatal and Injury Network. Used in reference to crash and safety mapping.

### I-40

Interstate 40. Major east-west interstate through Moriarty.

### ICIP

Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan. Used in capital project planning.

### IFSAC

International Fire Service Accreditation Congress. Used in reference to firefighter training and certification.

### ISO

Insurance Services Office. Used in reference to fire protection ratings.

### LHMP

Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. Used in reference to the Torrance County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

### LRTS

Long-Range Transportation System. Used in reference to transportation planning guidance.

### M-1

Manufacturing and Industrial District. Zoning district.

### MCLs

Maximum Contaminant Levels. Used in reference to drinking water quality standards.



## MPD

Master Planned Development. Zoning district and future growth area designation.

## MRCOG

Mid-Region Council of Governments. Regional planning agency that prepared the plan in collaboration with the City.

## MRMPO

Mid-Region Metropolitan Planning Organization. Housed within MRCOG; prepared the population forecast for Moriarty.

## MRRTPO

Mid-Region Regional Transportation Planning Organization. Regional transportation planning body referenced in transportation coordination objectives.

## MTP

Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Transportation planning document referenced in relation to the LRTS Guide.

## NM

New Mexico. State abbreviation; also used in state highway names.

## NM 41

New Mexico State Highway 41. Major north-south corridor through Moriarty.

## NM 333

New Mexico State Highway 333. Historic Route 66 / Main Street corridor through Moriarty.

## NMED

New Mexico Environment Department. Used in reference to wastewater regulatory compliance.

## NMDOT

New Mexico Department of Transportation. State agency responsible for state-owned transportation corridors.

## NMSA

New Mexico Statutes Annotated. Used in reference to the legal framework for comprehensive planning.

## PVC

Polyvinyl Chloride. Used in reference to water service line materials.

## R-1

Conventional Residential Zone. Zoning district.

## R-2

Cluster Residential. Zoning district.

## R-3

Mobile Home Residential. Zoning district.

## RTSAP

Regional Transportation Safety Action Plan. Transportation safety planning document.

## RV

Recreational Vehicle. Used in housing unit classifications.

## SDWA

Safe Drinking Water Act. Used in reference to drinking water quality compliance.

## S-U

Special Use District. Zoning district.

## TIA

Traffic Impact Analysis. Used in development review and transportation objectives.

## UNM

University of New Mexico. Referenced in relation to population forecast inputs.

## U.S.

United States. Used in references to the U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. Post Office, and national comparisons.

## US 285

U.S. Route 285. Regional highway connection north of Moriarty.

# Funding Sources

## For the City of Moriarty

| Funding Source                                                                                         | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Relevant Goals |
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| Department of Finance and Administration and the Grant Plant's NM Catalog Of Local Assistance Programs | The Capital Outlay Bureau of the Department of Finance and Administration worked with the Grant Plant to digitize the Catalog of Local Assistance Programs. The catalog is comprehensive list of both state and federal programs intended to assist local entities by way of matching their unique needs and goals with available resources.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1-13           |
| New Mexico Department of Agriculture Agricultural Workforce Development (AWD) Program                  | The AWD Program creates opportunities for young and beginning farmers and ranchers, including students, to gain work experience in agriculture that can turn into careers and thus support New Mexico's agricultural future. The program provides incentives to New Mexico agricultural businesses to hire interns. This program typically opens in June each year and remains open until all the funds are allocated.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 11, 12         |
| Acequia and Community Ditch Fund                                                                       | The Acequia and Community Ditch Fund Act (ACDF) is established to provide financial assistance for acequia and community ditch systems. This assistance helps develop hydrological studies, acquire technical and legal research, and other services necessary to conserve and protect water. The ACDF helps New Mexico's future through the adjudication of water rights. This program accepts applications year round.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 9,10           |
| New Mexico Department of Agriculture Healthy Soil Program                                              | Every year, NMDA awards grants to implement on-the-ground projects that involve one or more of the five soil health principles: keeping soil covered, minimizing soil disturbance on cropland and minimizing external inputs, maximizing biodiversity, maintaining a living root, integrating animals into land management, including grazing animals, birds, beneficial insects or keystone species, such as earthworms. Both governmental agencies and individuals, businesses, or nonprofits can apply. The grants for individuals, businesses, and nonprofits usually open in February, and grants for governmental organizations usually open in April. Participation in conversation planning with USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is required to be eligible. | 1, 6, 11, 12   |
| USDA Rural Development Section 504 Home Repair Program                                                 | This program provides loans to very-low-income homeowners to repair, improve, or modernize their homes, or it provides grants to elderly (over 62 years of age) very-low-income homeowners to remove health and safety hazards. Applications are open year round.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 3              |
| NM Energy\$mart weatherization assistance program                                                      | The NM Energy\$mart Weatherization Assistance Program reduces energy costs for low-income households by increasing the energy efficiency of their homes, while ensuring health and safety. The New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority administers this program. Applicants must have an income at or below 200% of the poverty to be eligible. Priority is given to the elderly and families with children.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 3              |
| USDA Rural Development's Mutual Self-Help Housing Technical Assistance Grants                          | Provides grants to qualified organizations to help them carry out local self-help housing construction projects. Grant recipients supervise groups of very-low- and low-income individuals and families as they construct their own homes in rural areas. The group members provide most of the construction labor on each other's homes, with technical assistance from the organization overseeing the project.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 3              |
| New Mexico Tourism Department's Clean and Beautiful Grant                                              | The New Mexico Clean and Beautiful Grant funds litter eradication, waste reduction, community beautification, youth empowerment, and program development. It can be used for direct cleanup efforts or education and awareness campaigns. This application cycle is usually open in the spring.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 2, 8, 11       |



| <b>Funding Source</b>                                                         | <b>Description</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>Relevant Goals</b> |
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| New Mexico Environment Department's Recycling and Illegal Dumping Fund (RAID) | For the RAID Fund, at least two-thirds of budgeted grant money in each fiscal year is allocated to scrap tire abatement and recycling programs, and one-third is allocated to abatement of illegal dumping and recycling of other solid wastes. Matching funds and in-kind contributions are not required but are encouraged. Projects are funded on a fiscal year cycle, from July 1 to June 30, each year. Funded projects must be completed within the fiscal year.                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 2, 6, 7               |
| Keep America Beautiful Community Impact Grants                                | This grant provides project funding to: promote public space recycling, public space beautification or greenspace development through tree planting, and litter prevention.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 2, 6, 7               |
| America Cleanup program from Keep America Beautiful                           | The Keep America Beautiful® Great American Cleanup® is the nation's largest community improvement program taking place annually in an estimated 20,000 communities nationwide. It organizes volunteers to help with community cleanups. The Great American Cleanup® annually engages more than 500,000 volunteers and participants, whose work returns, on average, more than \$100 million in measurable benefits across thousands of participating communities. This event takes place between March and June each year.                                                                                                                                                        | 2, 8                  |
| USDOT's Safe Streets for All (SS4A)                                           | The SS4A program supports the development of a safety action plan that identifies the most significant roadway safety concerns in a community, and the program supports the implementation of projects and strategies to address these roadway safety issues.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 4, 5, 13              |
| NMDOT's Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)                             | The Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) is a core Federal-aid program with the purpose to achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads, including non-State-owned roads and roads on tribal land. The HSIP requires a data-driven, strategic approach to improving highway safety on all public roads with a focus on performance.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 4, 5, 13              |
| NMDOT's Transportation Project Fund (TPF)                                     | The TPF is a state funded road project grant program. Eligible projects are in the following categories: (1) environmental and other studies; (2) planning; (3) design; (4) construction; and (5) acquisition of rights of way necessary for the development of transportation infrastructure, which includes highways, streets, roadways, bridges, crossing structures and parking facilities, including all areas for vehicular, transit, bicycle or pedestrian use for travel, ingress, egress and parking. Local and tribal governments in New Mexico are eligible to apply for state funded grants. Applications are due May 31 of each year, through the local RTPO or MPO. | 4, 5, 9, 13           |
| NMDOT's Recreational Trails Program (RTP)                                     | The program provides funding to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both nonmotorized and motorized trail uses. In addition to their recreational purpose, RTP-funded projects often provide additional multimodal transportation options. Examples of trail uses include hiking, bicycling, in-line skating, equestrian use, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, off-road motorcycling, all-terrain vehicle riding, and four-wheel driving.                                                                                                                                                                                                | 5, 9, 11              |
| NMDOT's Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)                             | TAP funds can generally be used for bicycle, pedestrian, and other non-motorized infrastructure and activities.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 5, 8, 11              |
| New Mexico MainStreet                                                         | New Mexico MainStreet supports economic revitalization and business development. The program is administered by the New Mexico Economic Development Department.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 8, 11, 12             |

| <b>Funding Source</b>                                                                      | <b>Description</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Relevant Goals</b> |
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| New Mexico Regional Recreation Centers/Quality of Life Grant                               | This program can be utilized to plan, design, furnish/equip, and construct recreational facilities to improve quality of life for residents. This program is administered through the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration (DFA).                                                                                                                                                                                        | 8, 9, 11              |
| New Mexico Outdoor Recreation Trails+ Grant                                                | The Outdoor Recreation Trails+ Grant invests in conservation-minded shovel-ready projects. Examples include trail design or construction, signage, river access, whitewater amenities, outdoor classroom infrastructure, trailhead improvements, picnic shelters, and wildlife viewing areas.                                                                                                                                           | 5, 9, 11              |
| New Mexico Law Enforcement Recruitment Fund                                                | These funds are for state and local law enforcement agencies to recruit commissioned law enforcement officers and civilian personnel who directly support commissioned law enforcement officers and crime reduction efforts. This program is administered through the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration (DFA).                                                                                                        | 8                     |
| The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program from FEMA                                     | Fire safety grants fund critically needed resources to equip and train emergency personnel, enhance efficiencies and support community resilience.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 8, 13                 |
| Human Services Department's Rural Healthcare Delivery Fund (RHCDF)                         | Financial support from the RHCDF is intended to defray operating losses, including rural health care provider or rural health care facility start-up costs, incurred in providing inpatient, outpatient, primary, specialty or behavioral health services to New Mexico residents.                                                                                                                                                      | 7                     |
| USDA Rural Development Water & Waste Disposal Predevelopment Planning Grants in New Mexico | This program helps eligible low-income communities plan and develop applications for proposed USDA Rural Development water or waste disposal projects.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 9, 10                 |
| SEARCH - Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households in New Mexico  | This program helps very small, financially distressed rural communities with predevelopment feasibility studies, design and technical assistance on proposed water and waste disposal projects.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 9, 10                 |
| USDA Rural Development Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants in New Mexico           | This program helps eligible communities prepare, or recover from, an emergency that threatens the availability of safe, reliable drinking water.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 9, 10, 13             |
| Drinking Water State Revolving Fund                                                        | The New Mexico Environment Department co-administers the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loan program with the New Mexico Finance Authority (NMFA). This fund provides low-cost financial assistance to public water systems to finance the cost of repair and replacement of drinking water infrastructure; to ensure compliance with drinking water regulations; and to protect drinking water quality and public health. | 9, 10                 |
| US Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART grants                                                 | WaterSMART works cooperatively with states, tribes, and local entities as they plan for and implement actions to increase water supply through investments to modernize existing infrastructure and avoid potential water conflicts.                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 9, 10, 13             |
| USDA Rural Development Healthy Food Financing Initiative (HFFI)                            | The Healthy Food Financing Initiative (HFFI) provides loans, grants, and technical assistance resources to improve and support access to fresh, healthy, affordable food in urban and rural underserved communities.                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 9, 10, 13             |



| <b>Funding Source</b>                                                            | <b>Description</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Relevant Goals</b> |
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| FHWA National Scenic Byways                                                      | The National Scenic Byways Program funds improvements such as byway facilities, safety improvements, and interpretive information along roads in the United States that merit recognition at the national level for their outstanding scenic, historic, cultural, natural, recreational, or archaeological qualities.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 5, 6, 11              |
| NM Department of Information Technology Connect New Mexico Pilot Program         | The Connect New Mexico Pilot Program aims to bridge the digital divide and foster socioeconomic progress by providing infrastructure grants for broadband deployment to unserved and underserved communities across New Mexico.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 7, 12                 |
| FEMA's Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)                  | Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) supports states, local communities, tribes and territories as they undertake hazard mitigation projects, reducing the risks they face from disasters and natural hazards.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 10, 8, 13             |
| The Department of the Interior Ecosystem Restoration program                     | This program restores habitat connectivity for aquatic species around the country and advances habitat restoration, invasive species control, conservation of at-risk and listed species. It includes \$100 million for invasive species restoration.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 6, 9, 13              |
| The Farm Service Agency (FSA) Microloan Program                                  | The Farm Service Agency Microloan Program addresses the financing needs of small, beginning, niche, and nontraditional farm operations. Eligible operations may include truck farms, direct-marketing operations, farmers' market vendors, community-supported agriculture operations, restaurants, grocery stores, and farms using hydroponic, aquaponic, organic, or vertical-growing methods. Loans are available for down payments on farms, as well as for equipment, marketing, distribution costs, and other expenses necessary to comply with OSHA requirements. | 11, 12                |
| Dreamspring                                                                      | Provides capital to entrepreneurs who have difficulty accessing traditional financing options.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 11, 12                |
| LiftFund                                                                         | Provides SBA microloans, SBA 7(a) Community Advantage loans, and resources to help new businesses succeed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 11, 12                |
| USDA Rural Development Department's Intermediary Relending Program in New Mexico | This program provides 1 percent low-interest loans to local lenders or "intermediaries" that re-lend to businesses to improve economic conditions and create jobs in rural communities.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 11, 12                |
| Rural Housing Site Loans                                                         | Rural Housing site loans provide two types of loans to purchase and develop housing sites for low- and moderate-income families. Section 523 loans are used to acquire and develop sites only for housing to be constructed by the Self-Help method. Section 524 loans are made to acquire and develop sites for low- or moderate-income families, with no restriction as to the method of construction.                                                                                                                                                                 | 1, 3                  |

# Other Relevant Resources

## For The City of Moriarty

| Resource                                                                        | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Relevant Goals |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Cooperative Extension office                                                    | The Cooperative Extension program is an agricultural assistance program run by NMSU, with offices all across the state. They are managed at the county level. The offices offer technical assistance with all aspects of agriculture in an area, from individuals and families wanting to learn how to grow better or become certified Master Gardeners, to commercial farmers seeking solutions for water, pest, or crop management.                   | 9, 11, 12      |
| New Mexico Department of Agriculture's Cooperative Weed Management Area Program | A cooperative weed management area (CWMA) is a partnership of federal, state, and local government agencies, tribes, individuals, and various interested groups to manage noxious weeds or invasive plants in a defined area. Sharing of funding and resources is usually the reason that most CWMA's are formed. They also work to strengthen relationships between state, local, and federal agencies, members of the public, and private businesses. | 9, 13          |
| Small Business Development Centers                                              | Small Business Development Centers help establish and grow small businesses. These centers offer first-rate assistance to individuals starting a business, including workshops, market analysis, and connections to additional resources. The Rio Rancho Small Business Development Center is part of the New Mexico Small Business Development Center Network. CNM is also a dedicated partner.                                                        | 11, 12         |
| Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC)                                   | Provides community and economic development resources, technical assistance, and advocacy services to rural communities.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 10, 11, 12, 13 |
| Veterans Business Outreach Center Program (VBOC)                                | The Veterans Business Outreach Center Program offers pre-business planning workshops, concept assessments, business-plan assistance, feasibility analysis, entrepreneurial training, and mentorship to help veterans establish and grow successful small businesses.                                                                                                                                                                                    | 12             |
| Homewise                                                                        | Homewise offers a variety of services to first-time and low-income homebuyers in New Mexico. The organization can help eligible residents secure a mortgage and access down payment assistance.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 3              |
| Mortgage Finance Authority (MFA) of New Mexico                                  | The MFA has a variety of resources to help secure affordable housing for New Mexico residents. They can help with elderly housing, supportive housing, transitional housing, rental rights, and homeless assistance.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 3              |
| DOE National Community Solar Partnership                                        | This program works to expand Community Solar opportunities.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 9, 13          |
| Direct Technical Assistance Communities                                         | Non-financial Direct Technical Assistance can provide holistic hazard mitigation planning and project support at the earliest stages to communities, tribes and territories requesting assistance. This helps communities to reduce disaster damage, build community resilience, and sustain successful mitigation programs.                                                                                                                            | 13             |



# Appendix A: Community Engagement Report



## Purpose of Community Engagement

Community engagement was a central component of the City of Moriarty Comprehensive Plan update. The purpose of the engagement process was to provide residents, business owners, property owners, community stakeholders, City staff, elected and appointed officials, and other interested participants with opportunities to share their priorities, concerns, and ideas for Moriarty's future. Because the Comprehensive Plan will guide long-term decisions related to land use, housing, transportation, infrastructure, water, public facilities, economic development, and community character, the planning process needed to be informed by community experience as well as technical analysis.

The engagement process was designed to gather input through multiple formats, including a community survey, public meetings, open house events, outreach at community events, business outreach, Planning and Zoning Commission/Steering Committee discussions, coordination with City staff, and targeted stakeholder conversations. This approach produced both quantitative input, through survey responses, and qualitative input, through open-ended survey comments, meeting discussions, and direct conversations.

The project team made repeated efforts to provide opportunities for public input, but participation varied by format and was lower than anticipated in some areas. The engagement record should therefore be understood as meaningful and useful, but not as a complete or statistically representative account of all residents and stakeholders in Moriarty.

## Outreach Activities

The City of Moriarty and MRCOG used sustained outreach over the course of the plan update. Engagement began early in the project with discussions involving the Planning and Zoning Commission, which also served as the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee, as well as survey development, a public kickoff meeting, tabling, business outreach, staff workshops, public presentations, and open house events. The intent was to avoid relying on a single meeting or survey and instead provide opportunities for participation throughout the process.

Engagement activities included meetings with the Planning and Zoning Commission/Steering Committee, coordination with City staff, tabling at local events, outreach to business owners, and open house events intended to share information and gather feedback. Specific outreach activities included the public kickoff meeting, National Night Out tabling, Pinto Bean Fiesta tabling, community outreach at the Moriarty Community Library and Moriarty Foods, business owner outreach, an assets and challenges workshop, meetings with local development interests, survey gathering along Route 66, City Council and Planning and Zoning/Steering Committee updates, flyering for open house events, and public open houses at community locations.

Participation was uneven across engagement formats. The community survey generated the most substantial source of public input, while attendance at public open house events was low and follow-up feedback through available communication channels was limited. As a result, the engagement process produced stronger input through the survey, open-ended comments, and targeted outreach than through the open house format.

The planning process also included ongoing coordination with City representatives for information gathering, document review, and outreach support. The Planning and Zoning Administrator provided consistent coordination throughout the process. Planning and Zoning Commission/Steering Committee meetings provided opportunities to review progress, discuss key issues, and help guide the direction of the plan. As is common in long-range planning efforts, the level of discussion and feedback varied by topic, meeting, and stage of the process.

## Community Survey and Participation

The community survey was the strongest and most consistent source of public input during the planning process. The survey received 142 responses and asked participants about major planning topics, including land use, housing, transportation, water, public facilities, emergency preparedness, economic development, and community character. The survey included both closed-ended questions and open-ended questions, allowing the planning team to identify

measurable patterns while also preserving the nuance of individual comments.

Survey respondents represented a range of relationships to Moriarty. Respondents included people who live within city limits, people who live outside the city but nearby, people who work in Moriarty, people who own property, people who own or operate businesses, and people who visit or otherwise maintain connections to the community. This is important because Moriarty functions not only as a municipality for its residents, but also as a service, employment, transportation, and commercial hub for surrounding rural areas.

The respondent pool also reflected some limitations. Many respondents were long-time residents, and homeowners and older adults were more heavily represented than renters and younger adults. This participation pattern is common in voluntary planning surveys and should be considered when interpreting the results, particularly for topics such as housing affordability, transportation access, and economic opportunity.

Even with those limitations, the survey produced consistent and meaningful findings. Concerns about water availability appeared not only in the water section, but also in comments related to growth, housing, and infrastructure. Concerns about Route 66, Highway 41, vacant properties, and corridor appearance appeared in land use, transportation, and economic development responses. Similarly, the desire to preserve Moriarty's small-town and rural character appeared throughout the survey, even when respondents were discussing growth, business attraction, housing, or public facilities.

Because of this consistency, the survey results provide useful guidance for the Comprehensive Plan. They do not speak for every resident or stakeholder, but they do clearly reflect the priorities of a substantial group of engaged community members. The plan therefore treats the survey as one important source of community direction, balanced with technical analysis, City coordination, infrastructure constraints, policy requirements, and later public review opportunities.

## Major Themes from Community Input

### Land Use and Growth

Community input showed mixed opinions about Moriarty's current balance of residential, commercial, and open space areas. Some respondents felt the existing balance was appropriate, while others believed the City needs a better mix of land uses. However, responses were clearer when participants were asked how and where Moriarty should grow in the future. Many respondents supported focusing new development in areas where City services and maintained roads already exist. Open-ended comments frequently emphasized the importance of fixing what exists before expanding outward.

This theme was especially strong in comments about Route 66/Main Street, Highway 41, and existing commercial areas. Respondents often pointed to vacant buildings, aging motels, underutilized parcels, deteriorated properties, and key corridors as areas where reinvestment should occur. Many participants expressed support for cleaning up and reusing existing developed areas before pursuing outward expansion or annexation. At the same time, some respondents supported growth in specific areas, including the east side of town, areas near the industrial park or airport, and other locations where they believed development could bring jobs or services.

The overall direction from community input is not anti-growth. Rather, respondents generally expressed a desire for growth that is deliberate, service-efficient, and compatible with Moriarty's rural and small-town character. Participants showed interest in mixed-use development, commercial development, low-density residential neighborhoods, open space, and agricultural land preservation. This suggests that future land use policy should balance economic development and housing needs with careful attention to scale, infrastructure capacity, corridor appearance, and community character.

### Housing

Housing responses reflected concern about affordability, rental availability, housing condition, and the need for more flexible housing options. Respondents were mixed on whether Moriarty has enough housing overall, which suggests that perceptions of



housing supply may vary depending on income, age, household type, tenure, or desired housing format. However, affordability emerged as a clearer concern. Many respondents indicated that housing costs are difficult to manage relative to local wages, and open-ended comments frequently mentioned the lack of quality rental options.

The survey also showed notable support for incremental housing options. A strong majority supported allowing accessory dwelling units, such as casitas or small guest homes, on existing lots for multi-generational families. A smaller but still meaningful share supported tiny homes as a housing option. These responses suggest that many participants are open to housing solutions that increase choice without necessarily changing the overall character of established neighborhoods.

At the same time, respondents raised concerns about the condition and appearance of some existing housing, particularly older mobile homes and manufactured housing. These comments suggest that housing policy should not focus only on adding new units. It should also consider rehabilitation, code compliance, neighborhood appearance, infrastructure service, and ways to improve the quality of existing housing stock.

### Transportation and Mobility

Transportation input showed that Moriarty remains highly automobile-dependent. Nearly all survey respondents rely on personal vehicles as their primary way of getting around. Other modes, including walking, biking, rideshare, and public transportation, were used far less often. This reflects Moriarty's rural context, regional travel patterns, limited transit options, and the importance of vehicles for accessing jobs, services, and nearby communities.

Although respondents generally felt safer driving than walking or biking, transportation safety was a recurring concern. Participants identified road maintenance, traffic safety, sidewalks, and trails as top priorities. Open-ended comments repeatedly mentioned potholes, deteriorated pavement, speeding, poor drainage, lack of sidewalks, limited safe walking routes, and conflicts with truck traffic. The TA truck

stop area and other truck stop-related access points were mentioned frequently as locations of congestion, turning conflicts, and safety concerns.

The transportation input suggests that residents are most concerned with practical improvements to the existing system. Road maintenance was the highest transportation priority, followed by traffic safety and pedestrian improvements. While Moriarty will likely remain vehicle-oriented, the survey shows that residents still want safer walking conditions, better sidewalks in areas where people already walk, improved traffic control, and more attention to truck traffic and corridor safety.

### Water, Infrastructure, and Public Services

Water was one of the most consistent and important themes in the engagement process. Respondents identified drinking water quality and water supply/reliability as top concerns. A strong majority agreed that water availability should be a key factor in deciding where new development can occur, and respondents broadly supported greater cooperation among entities in the Estancia Basin on long-term water use and management. These results make clear that community members see water not simply as a utility issue, but as a central factor in Moriarty's long-term growth, sustainability, and quality of life.

Infrastructure and public facilities were also major concerns. Survey respondents identified sewer and wastewater infrastructure, public safety services, solid waste and recycling, and parks as important areas for attention. Satisfaction with public services and facilities was generally neutral, with some dissatisfied responses and fewer strongly positive responses. This suggests that many respondents may not have extreme dissatisfaction with City services, but still see room for improvement and investment.

Emergency preparedness also emerged as an area where public communication could be strengthened. Many respondents reported that they were not familiar with Moriarty's emergency plans, even though a majority indicated that their own households had some kind of emergency plan. Parks and recreation input also suggested a practical preference for improving existing parks and public spaces rather than

building entirely new facilities.

## Economic Development

Economic development was a major priority across the survey and open-ended responses. Respondents expressed strong interest in attracting more local small businesses, restaurants, retail options, health-care services, and family-oriented amenities. Specific business requests included sit-down restaurants, coffee shops, grocery or general retail, medical clinics or urgent care, veterinary services, entertainment options, and businesses that create better-paying jobs. Some respondents also supported manufacturing, agricultural-related businesses, and industrial development in appropriate locations.

The economic development comments reflected both optimism and frustration. Many participants see Moriarty as having strong potential because of its location, interstate access, Route 66 identity, available land, and role as a regional service point. At the same time, respondents expressed concern about vacant buildings, corridor appearance, deteriorated properties, permitting, infrastructure limitations, and the perception that the City has not always been easy for new businesses to work with. Whether or not all of these perceptions reflect current City practice, they are important because they shape how residents and potential business owners view Moriarty's business climate.

Commonly suggested strategies included infrastructure improvements, streamlined permitting, tax or development incentives, workforce development, support for small businesses, cleanup of Route 66, reuse of vacant buildings, and stronger promotion of existing assets. These responses suggest that economic development policy should be tied closely to land use, infrastructure, corridor revitalization, housing, and community appearance.

## Community Character and Values

Despite concerns about infrastructure, housing, transportation, and economic development, respondents were strongly aligned on what they value about Moriarty. Open-ended responses repeatedly referenced the small-town feel, friendly people, rural setting, open space, quiet lifestyle, family ties, com-

munity relationships, dark skies, and distance from larger urban problems. Many respondents described Moriarty as a place where people know each other, help each other, and appreciate a slower pace of life. Others emphasized views, space, agricultural heritage, local history, churches, schools, the library, and proximity to Albuquerque, Santa Fe, and surrounding communities.

This theme is important because it provides the foundation for the Comprehensive Plan. Community members are not simply asking for more growth or less growth. They are asking for growth that fits Moriarty. Maintaining Moriarty's identity does not mean avoiding change; rather, it means managing change in a way that protects the qualities residents value most.

Several comments also suggest that community character is tied to appearance, maintenance, pride, and public investment. Respondents expressed concern about trash, weeds, deteriorated buildings, vacant properties, poorly maintained corridors, and the appearance of key entryways. For many participants, preserving small-town character includes improving the look and function of existing places.

## How Engagement Informed the Comprehensive Plan

Community engagement directly informed the major policy directions in the Comprehensive Plan. Across the survey, public meetings, workshops, and stakeholder conversations, several consistent planning directions emerged.

First, the plan should support growth in areas where infrastructure, services, and maintained roads already exist, while approaching outward expansion carefully. This direction responds to community concerns about sprawl, water availability, infrastructure costs, and the need to reinvest in existing areas.

Second, the plan should prioritize reinvestment in Route 66/Main Street, Highway 41, and other key corridors. Community members repeatedly identified these areas as important to Moriarty's image, business climate, transportation function, and sense of place. Corridor cleanup, reuse of vacant proper-

ties, improved appearance, safer access, and targeted development are all consistent with the input received.

Third, the plan should support a wider range of housing options while also addressing housing condition and affordability. Survey respondents showed support for accessory dwelling units and other flexible housing options, while also raising concerns about affordability, limited rentals, and older housing stock.

Fourth, the plan should prioritize road maintenance, traffic safety, and pedestrian improvements. Residents were clear that pavement condition, truck stop congestion, speeding, sidewalks, and walking and biking safety are practical issues that affect daily life.

Fifth, water should be treated as a central planning factor. Survey respondents strongly supported using water availability to guide development decisions and expressed concern about both water quality and long-term supply.

Sixth, economic development should focus on both business attraction and the conditions that make business investment possible. Respondents want more restaurants, retail, healthcare services, entertainment options, local businesses, and jobs. They also identified infrastructure, permitting, incentives, workforce development, corridor cleanup, and vacant property reuse as important tools.

Finally, the plan should preserve Moriarty's small-town and rural identity. This was one of the strongest and most consistent values expressed through engagement. Future growth, infrastructure investment, housing policy, business development, and public improvements should be evaluated in part by whether they strengthen or weaken the qualities that make Moriarty recognizable to its residents.

## **Limitations of the Engagement Record**

The engagement results should be used with appropriate caution. The survey was voluntary and was not designed as a statistically representative sample. Homeowners, older adults, and long-time residents

were more represented than renters and younger adults. Some residents may not have known about engagement opportunities, may not have had time to participate, may not have felt comfortable participating, or may not have been reached through the communication methods available.

Open house attendance was limited, which reduced the amount of in-person feedback received during later stages of the process. Public comments through email and phone were also limited. In addition, review and feedback from City representatives varied by stage of the process, as is common in comprehensive planning efforts where participants are balancing planning work with regular responsibilities. These conditions mean that some perspectives, especially those of younger residents, renters, less-engaged residents, and certain operational areas, may be underrepresented in the engagement record.

The planning team has therefore interpreted the input conservatively. The strongest conclusions in the plan are those supported by repeated themes across survey responses, open-ended comments, meetings, and technical analysis. Individual comments were considered for context and insight, but were not treated as standalone policy direction unless they aligned with broader patterns or known planning issues.

The limitations of the engagement process should also inform implementation. As the City moves from plan adoption to action, additional outreach should be conducted for specific projects, code changes, infrastructure investments, housing initiatives, corridor improvements, and economic development programs. Future implementation steps can help fill gaps in participation and provide additional opportunities for residents, businesses, City departments, and community partners to shape specific decisions.

## **Conclusion**

The community engagement process for the Moriarty Comprehensive Plan provided a meaningful but not comprehensive foundation for the plan's goals, policies, and implementation strategies. The planning team made repeated efforts to gather input through meetings, outreach events, business out-



reach, open houses, public updates, and a community survey. The survey produced the strongest and most substantive body of public input, while open house attendance and follow-up public feedback were lower than desired.

The input received was meaningful, internally consistent, and useful for identifying major community priorities. At the same time, the process did not reach all segments of the community equally, and participation varied across engagement formats. The plan is not a perfect one-to-one representation of every resident, business, stakeholder, City department, or appointed body. It is a planning document informed by the best available input, data, analysis, coordination, and review received during the process.

The major themes heard through engagement are clear. Participants want Moriarty to reinvest in existing corridors, improve infrastructure, address water concerns, expand attainable housing options, improve roads and transportation safety, support economic development, and preserve the small-town and rural character that residents value. These themes provide a sound basis for the Comprehensive Plan while also pointing to the need for continued engagement during implementation.

Going forward, the City can strengthen the plan’s effectiveness by continuing to invite public input, supporting cross-departmental coordination, and using future project-level engagement to reach residents and stakeholders who may not have participated in the plan update. In this way, the Comprehensive Plan can serve both as a reflection of the input received and as a framework for continued community conversation, coordination, and decision-making.



Public Open House Activity and Discussion



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## List of Public Engagement Activities



Public Open House Activity and Discussion



## Date and Engagement Activity

- May 15, 2025 - Planning and Zoning Commission/Steering Committee Meeting
- June 28, 2025 - Public Kickoff Meeting
- July 11, 2025 - City Coordination Meeting
- July 18, 2025 - Community Outreach Tabling
- July 24, 2025 - Community Outreach Tabling
- August 5, 2025 - Community Event Tabling – National Night Out
- August 7, 2025 - Community Outreach Tabling
- August 14, 2025 - Community Outreach Tabling
- September 4, 2025 - Business Outreach
- September 10, 2025 - Business Outreach
- September 16, 2025 - Assets and Challenges Workshop – City and County Staff
- September 17, 2025 - Assets and Challenges Workshop – Planning and Zoning Commission/Steering Committee
- September 24, 2025 - Stakeholder Meeting – Residential Development
- September 27, 2025 - Community Event Tabling – Pinto Bean Fiesta
- October 3, 2025 - Business Outreach / Survey Collection – Route 66
- November 19, 2025 - Planning and Zoning Commission/Steering Committee Meeting
- January 21, 2026 - Planning and Zoning Commission/Steering Committee Meeting
- January 28, 2026 - City Council Update
- February 10, 2026 - Stakeholder Discussion / Interview
- February 12, 2026 - Public Safety Coordination / Event Planning
- March 23, 2026 - Open House Promotion
- March 26, 2026 - Public Open House – Civic Center
- April 8, 2026 - Open House Promotion
- April 11, 2026 - Public Open House – Chili Hills Restaurant
- May 19, 2026 - Feedback Gathering
- May 20, 2026 - Planning and Zoning Commission/Steering Committee Meeting



## Community Event Tabling at National Night Out



## Community Event Tabling at Pinto Bean Fiesta



## Notes Taken During Assets and Challenges Workshop



## Steering Committee Discussion and Workshop

# Appendix B: Community Survey Results







### City of Moriarty Comprehensive Plan Survey

This survey will guide updates to the City of Moriarty's Comprehensive Plan. Your input will help the City meet current and future needs while preserving the unique character of Moriarty. The survey should take about 10 minutes to complete.

#### Land Use and Development

1. Do you feel Moriarty has a good balance of residential, commercial, and open space areas?  
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure
2. Should the City limit development to areas where City-managed water and sewer services are available, and where roads are paved or maintained?  
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure
3. Which land use types should be prioritized for future development? (Check all that apply)  
☐ Low Density Residential (single-family housing)  
☐ High Density Residential (multi-family housing)  
☐ Mixed-use (residential and commercial)  
☐ Commercial  
☐ Industrial  
☐ Agricultural  
☐ Parks and Open Space
4. If development occurs in the future, where should it be located?  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### Housing

5. Does Moriarty have enough housing?  
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure
6. Is housing in Moriarty affordable?  
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure
7. Should the City allow tiny homes (typically under 400 square feet) as a housing option?  
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure
8. Should the City allow small homes or guest units (casitas) on existing lots for multigenerational families?  
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

- ☐ Affordability  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

17. Should water availability be a factor in deciding where new development can happen?  
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure
18. Should there be greater cooperation between entities in the Estancia Basin regarding water use?  
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

#### Parks, Facilities, and Services

19. How satisfied are you with public services and facilities?  
☐ Very satisfied ☐ Somewhat satisfied ☐ Dissatisfied ☐ Not sure
20. Which infrastructure needs should be prioritized? (Please rank, 1 = highest priority)  
☐ Sewer and wastewater  
☐ Solid waste/recycling  
☐ Improving existing parks  
☐ Building new parks  
☐ Public safety services  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Hazard Mitigation

21. Are you familiar with the City of Moriarty's emergency plans?  
☐ Yes ☐ No
22. Does your household have a plan for what to do in case of an emergency, like a wildfire, flood or other natural disaster?  
☐ Yes ☐ No

#### Economic Development

23. Which types of businesses would you most like to see in Moriarty? (Select up to 3)  
☐ Local / Small Businesses  
☐ Retail  
☐ Hospitality / Food  
☐ Industrial / Manufacturing  
☐ Agricultural-Related  
☐ Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
24. Are there any specific businesses, services, or industries you would like to see brought to Moriarty? (Examples: a grocery store, veterinary clinic, coffee shop, manufacturing facility, etc.)  
\_\_\_\_\_
25. What do you think the City of Moriarty should do to attract or support new businesses?  
\_\_\_\_\_

9. Is it important for the City to expand affordable housing options?  
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

#### 10. What is Moriarty's biggest housing challenge?

#### Transportation

11. What is your primary way of getting around Moriarty?  
☐ Personal vehicle  
☐ Walking  
☐ Biking  
☐ Rideshare  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
12. Do you feel safe from traffic-related dangers (like crashes, speeding, or reckless driving) when:  
Driving? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure  
Walking? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure  
Biking? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure
13. How far do you travel to:  
Work: \_\_\_\_\_ miles  
School: \_\_\_\_\_ miles  
Medical services: \_\_\_\_\_ miles  
Grocery store: \_\_\_\_\_ miles
14. Which transportation improvements should the City prioritize? (Select top 3 priorities)  
☐ Road repair and maintenance  
☐ Sidewalks and trails  
☐ Street lighting  
☐ Public transportation  
☐ New roads  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
15. What is the biggest transportation-related challenge you face?  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### Water

16. Which water-related issues are most important to you? (Please rank, 1 = most important)  
☐ Drinking water quality  
☐ Water conservation  
☐ Expanding supply and reliability

#### Your Vision for Moriarty

26. What is your favorite thing about living in Moriarty?  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### About You

The following questions are optional and confidential. They help us understand who is responding to the survey so we can ensure we're reaching a broad and representative group within the community

27. How long have you lived in Moriarty?  
☐ Less than 1 year  
☐ 1–10 years  
☐ Over 10 years  
☐ I do not live in Moriarty
28. What is your connection to Moriarty?  
☐ I live in Moriarty  
☐ I work in Moriarty  
☐ I own property in Moriarty  
☐ I operate a business in Moriarty  
☐ I visit regularly  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
29. What is your age group?  
☐ Under 18 ☐ 18–24 ☐ 25–34 ☐ 35–44 ☐ 45–54 ☐ 55–64 ☐ 65+
30. What is your annual household income before taxes?  
☐ Less than \$10,000  
☐ \$10,000 to \$24,999  
☐ \$25,000 to \$49,999  
☐ \$50,000 to \$74,999  
☐ \$75,000 to \$99,999  
☐ \$100,000 to \$149,999  
☐ \$150,000 to \$199,999  
☐ \$200,000 or more
31. What is your housing situation?  
☐ Own  
☐ Rent  
☐ Other
32. What is your gender?  
☐ Female

- ☐ Male  
☐ Prefer not to say

Anything else you'd like to add? Email [moriartyscomplan@mcog-nm.gov](mailto:moriartyscomplan@mcog-nm.gov).

Q1

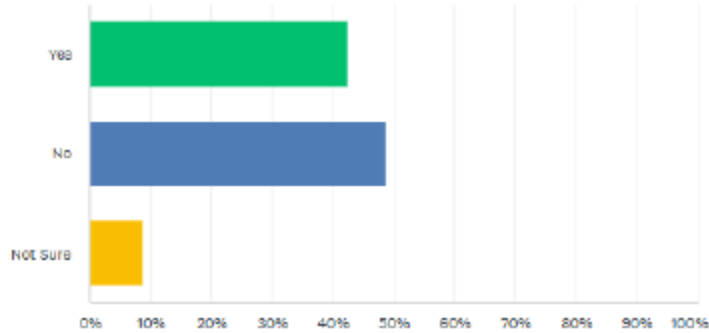


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Do you feel Moriarty has a good balance of residential, commercial, and open space areas?

Answered: 137 Skipped: 2



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |            |
|----------------|-----------|------------|
| ▼ Yes          | 42.34%    | 58         |
| ▼ No           | 48.91%    | 67         |
| ▼ Not Sure     | 8.76%     | 12         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   |           | <b>137</b> |

Q2

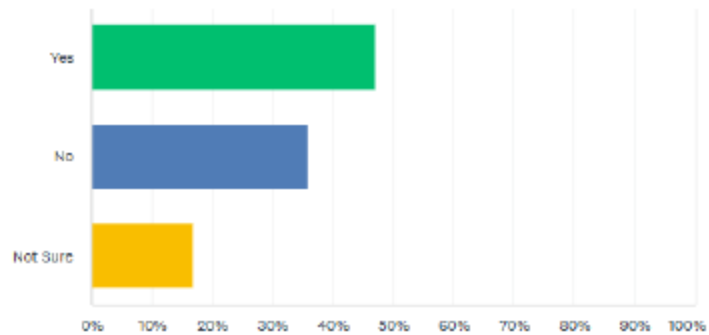


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Should the City limit development to areas where City-managed water and sewer services are available, and where roads are paved or maintained?

Answered: 136 Skipped: 3



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |            |
|----------------|-----------|------------|
| ▼ Yes          | 47.06%    | 64         |
| ▼ No           | 36.03%    | 49         |
| ▼ Not Sure     | 16.91%    | 23         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   |           | <b>136</b> |

Q3

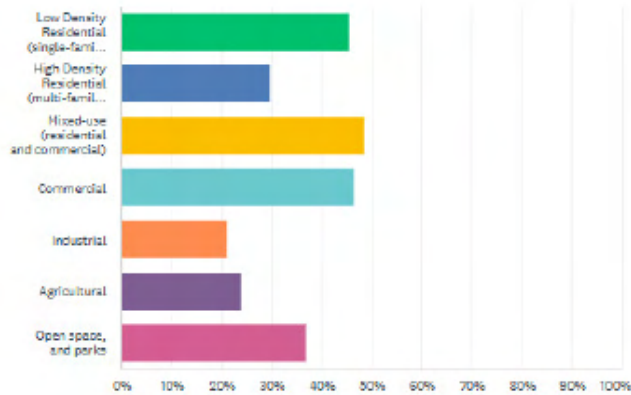


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Which land use types should be prioritized for future development? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 138 Skipped: 1



| ANSWER CHOICES                                  | RESPONSES |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Low Density Residential (single-family housing) | 45.65% 63 |
| High Density Residential (multi-family housing) | 28.77% 41 |
| Mixed-use (residential and commercial)          | 48.55% 67 |
| Commercial                                      | 46.38% 64 |
| Industrial                                      | 21.01% 29 |
| Agricultural                                    | 23.91% 33 |
| Open space, and parks                           | 36.96% 51 |
| Total Respondents: 138                          |           |

Q4



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If development occurs in the future, where should it be located?

Answered: 81 Skipped: 58

RESPONSES (81)

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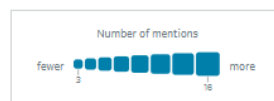
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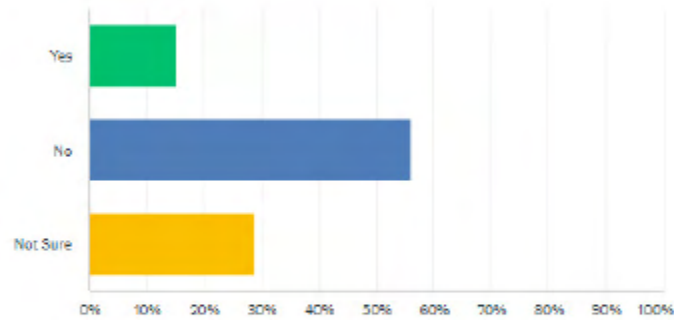


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## Does Moriarty have enough housing?

Answered: 139 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES



RESPONSES



▼ Yes

15.11%

21

▼ No

56.12%

78

▼ Not Sure

28.78%

40

TOTAL

139

Q6

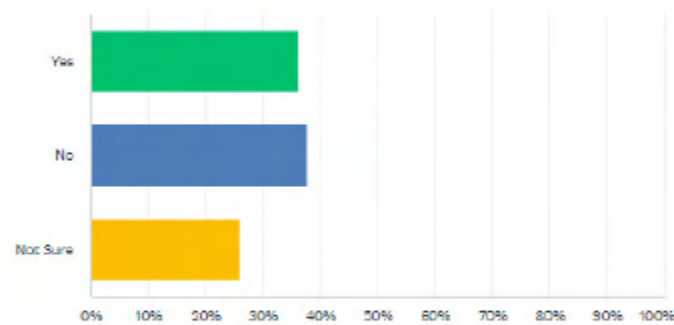


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## Is housing in Moriarty affordable?

Answered: 138 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES



RESPONSES



▼ Yes

36.23%

50

▼ No

37.68%

52

▼ Not Sure

26.05%

36

TOTAL

138

Q7

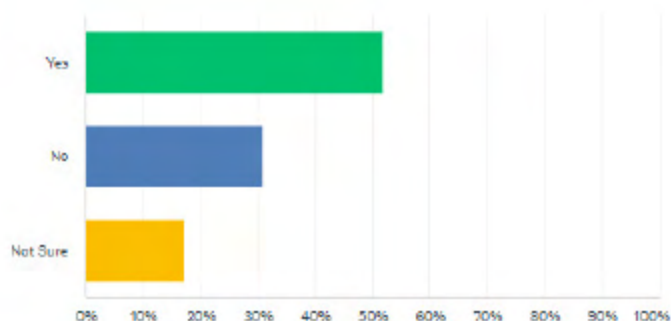


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## Should the City allow tiny homes (typically under 400 square feet) as a housing option?

Answered: 139 Skipped: 0



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |            |
|----------------|-----------|------------|
| Yes            | 51.80%    | 72         |
| No             | 30.94%    | 43         |
| Not Sure       | 17.27%    | 24         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   |           | <b>139</b> |

Q8

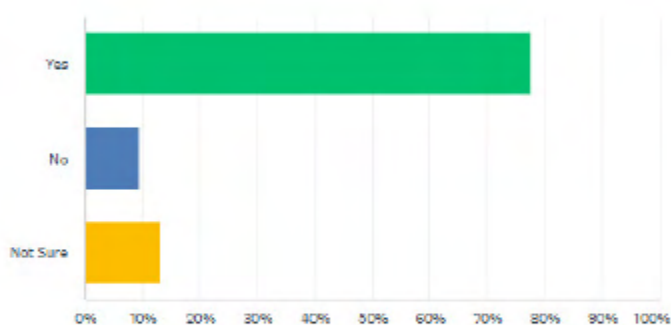


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## Would you support allowing small homes or guest units (casitas) on existing lots for multi-generational families?

Answered: 139 Skipped: 0



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |            |
|----------------|-----------|------------|
| Yes            | 77.70%    | 108        |
| No             | 9.35%     | 13         |
| Not Sure       | 12.95%    | 18         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   |           | <b>139</b> |

Q9

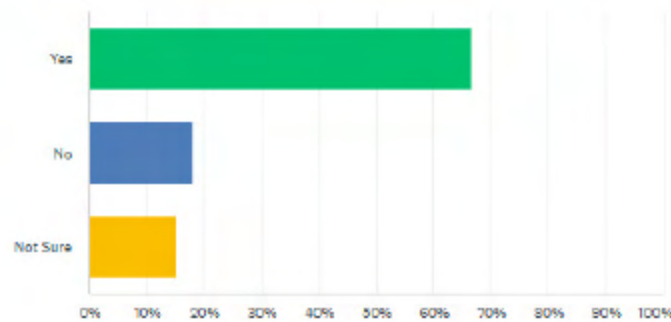


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### Is it important for the City to expand affordable housing options?

Answered: 138 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES



RESPONSES



▼ Yes

66.67%

92

▼ No

10.12%

25

▼ Not Sure

15.22%

21

**TOTAL****138**

Q10



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### What is Moriarty's biggest housing challenge?

Answered: 95 Skipped: 44

RESPONSES (95)

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small  
people Moriarty rent apartmentssure business  
mobile homes property need jobs water area  
**Affordable housing** town  
Lack Housing availability  
City  
one Rentals infrastructure many

Number of mentions





Q11

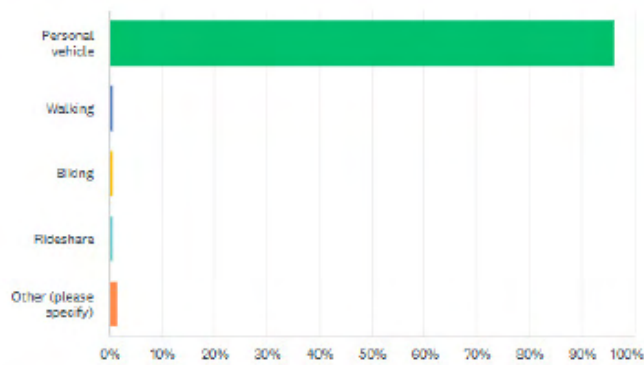


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## What is your primary way of getting around Moriarty?

Answered: 136 Skipped: 3



| ANSWER CHOICES         | RESPONSES |     |
|------------------------|-----------|-----|
| Personal vehicle       | 96.32%    | 131 |
| Walking                | 0.74%     | 1   |
| Biking                 | 0.74%     | 1   |
| Rideshare              | 0.74%     | 1   |
| Other (please specify) | 1.47%     | 2   |
| TOTAL                  |           | 136 |

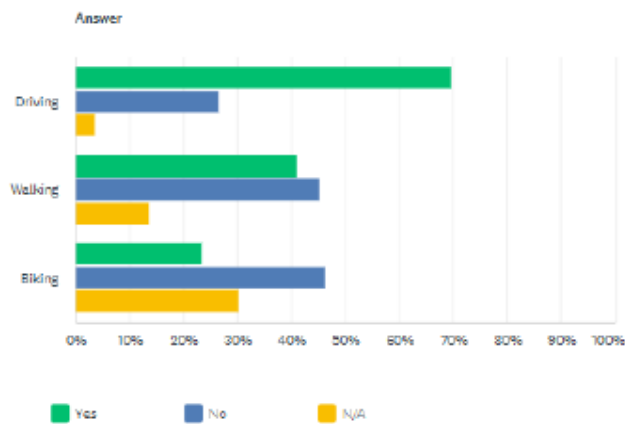
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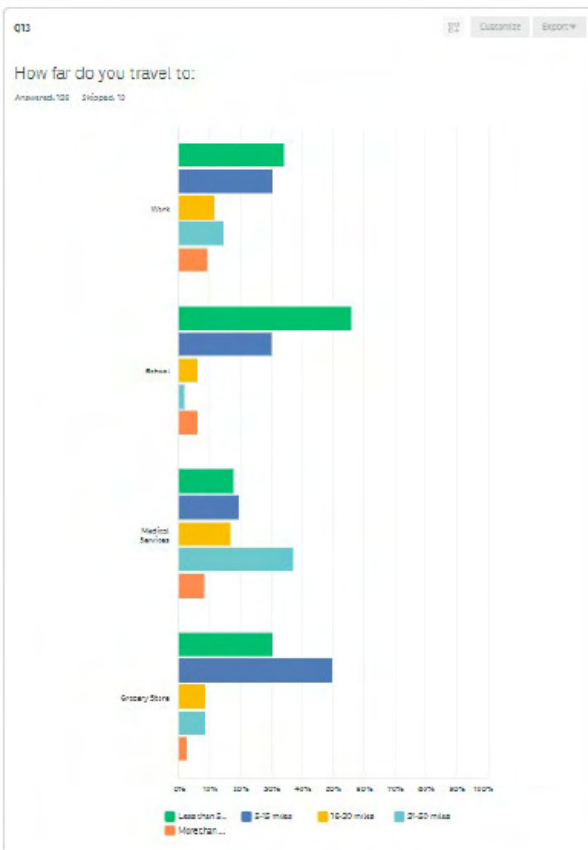
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## Do you feel safe from traffic-related dangers (like crashes, speeding, or reckless driving) when:

Answered: 135 Skipped: 4



| Answer  | YES          | NO           | N/A          | TOTAL |
|---------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| Driving | 69.63%<br>94 | 26.67%<br>36 | 3.70%<br>5   | 135   |
| Walking | 41.13%<br>51 | 45.16%<br>56 | 13.71%<br>17 | 124   |
| Biking  | 23.53%<br>28 | 46.22%<br>56 | 30.25%<br>36 | 119   |

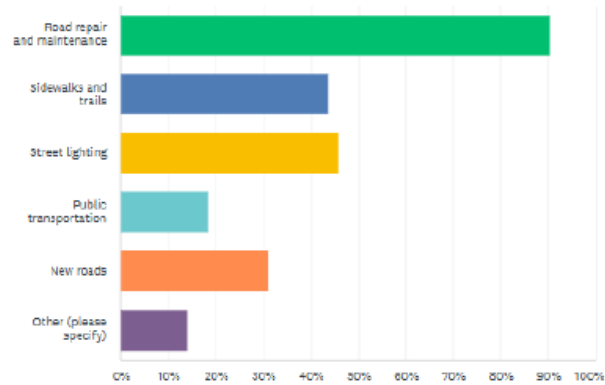


|                  | LESS THAN 5 MILES | 5-15 MILES   | 16-30 MILES  | 31-50 MILES  | MORE THAN 50 MILES | TOTAL | WEIGHTED AVERAGE |
|------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|-------|------------------|
| Work             | 34.38%<br>33      | 33.21%<br>29 | 11.46%<br>11 | 14.38%<br>14 | 9.38%<br>9         | 96    | 2.34             |
| School           | 56.00%<br>26      | 26.00%<br>18 | 6.00%<br>3   | 2.00%<br>1   | 6.00%<br>3         | 50    | 1.72             |
| Medical Services | 17.78%<br>19      | 19.63%<br>21 | 16.82%<br>18 | 37.38%<br>40 | 8.41%<br>9         | 107   | 2.59             |
| Grocery Store    | 30.77%<br>38      | 36.00%<br>58 | 8.82%<br>10  | 6.62%<br>10  | 2.59%<br>3         | 116   | 2.03             |

Q14

Which transportation improvements should the City prioritize? (Please select top 3 priorities)

Answered: 135 Skipped: 4



| ANSWER CHOICES                | RESPONSES           |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| ▼ Road repair and maintenance | 90.37% 122          |
| ▼ Sidewalks and trails        | 43.70% 59           |
| ▼ Street lighting             | 43.93% 62           |
| ▼ Public transportation       | 18.52% 25           |
| ▼ New roads                   | 31.11% 42           |
| ▼ Other (please specify)      | Responses 14.07% 19 |
| Total Responses: 135          |                     |

Q15

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What is the biggest transportation-related challenge you face?

Answered: 95 Skipped: 44

RESPONSES (95)

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maintenance TA truck stop  
 lights walk TA vehicles big intersection  
 Semi  
 Pot holes None traffic  
 stop needs roads  
 Pilot truck stops trucks  
 Potholes Horrible options



Q16

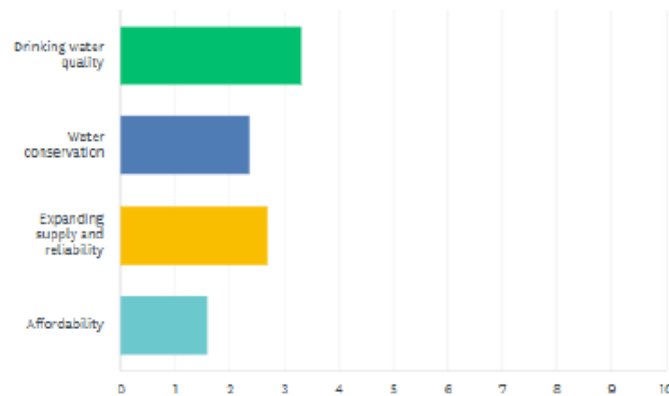
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Rank these water related issues (1=most important):

Answered: 102 Skipped: 37



|                                  | 1            | 2            | 3            | 4            | TOTAL | SCORE |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------|-------|
| Drinking water quality           | 49.02%<br>80 | 36.27%<br>37 | 12.75%<br>13 | 1.96%<br>2   | 102   | 3.32  |
| Water conservation               | 14.71%<br>15 | 29.41%<br>30 | 34.31%<br>35 | 21.57%<br>22 | 102   | 2.37  |
| Expanding supply and reliability | 31.37%<br>32 | 25.49%<br>26 | 25.49%<br>26 | 17.65%<br>18 | 102   | 2.71  |
| Affordability                    | 4.90%<br>5   | 8.82%<br>9   | 27.45%<br>28 | 58.82%<br>60 | 102   | 1.60  |



Q17

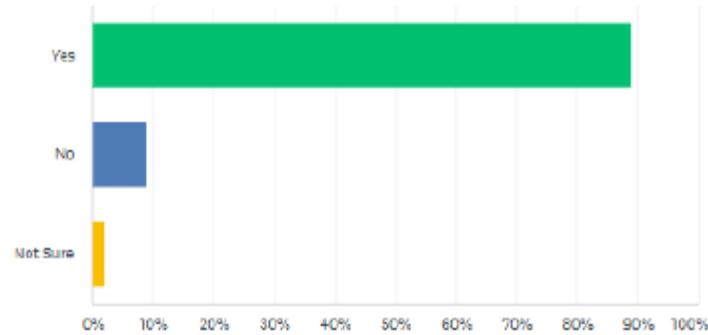


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Should water availability be a key factor in deciding where new development can happen?

Answered: 135 Skipped: 4



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES  |
|----------------|------------|
| ▼ Yes          | 88.89% 120 |
| ▼ No           | 8.89% 12   |
| ▼ Not Sure     | 2.22% 3    |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>135</b> |

Q18

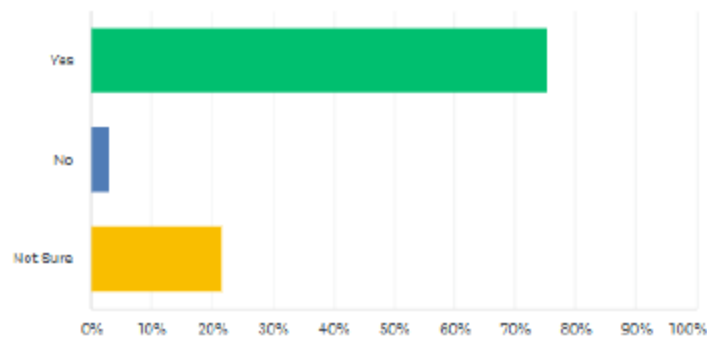


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Should there be greater cooperation between entities in the Estancia Basin regarding water use?

Answered: 135 Skipped: 4



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES  |
|----------------|------------|
| ▼ Yes          | 75.56% 102 |
| ▼ No           | 2.96% 4    |
| ▼ Not Sure     | 21.48% 29  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>135</b> |

Q19

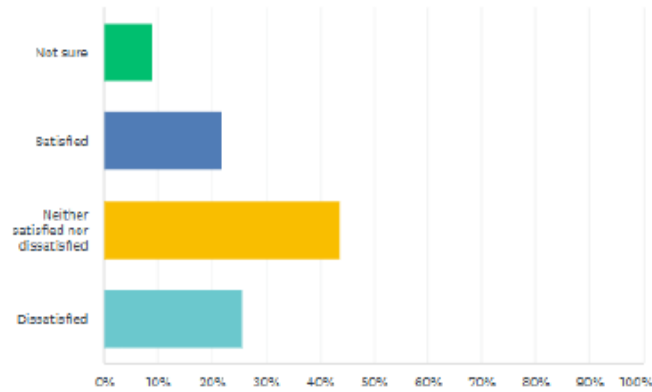


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## How satisfied are you with public services and facilities?

Answered: 133 Skipped: 6



| ANSWER CHOICES                       | RESPONSES |            |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| ▼ Not sure                           | 8.02%     | 12         |
| ▼ Satisfied                          | 21.90%    | 29         |
| ▼ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied | 43.61%    | 58         |
| ▼ Dissatisfied                       | 25.56%    | 34         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                         |           | <b>133</b> |

Q20

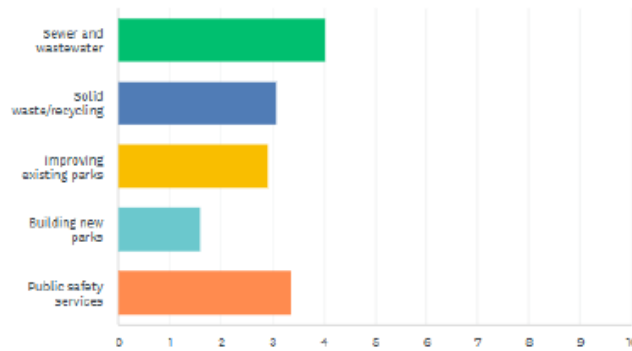


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## Which infrastructure needs should be prioritized? (1 = highest priority)

Answered: 105 Skipped: 34



|                            | 1            | 2            | 3            | 4            | 5            | TOTAL | SCORE |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------|-------|
| ▼ Sewer and wastewater     | 36.19%<br>38 | 43.81%<br>46 | 8.07%<br>9   | 8.07%<br>9   | 2.86%<br>3   | 105   | 4.02  |
| ▼ Solid waste/recycling    | 8.57%<br>9   | 26.67%<br>28 | 41.90%<br>44 | 11.43%<br>12 | 11.43%<br>12 | 105   | 3.10  |
| ▼ Improving existing parks | 15.24%<br>16 | 13.33%<br>14 | 21.90%<br>23 | 47.62%<br>50 | 1.90%<br>2   | 105   | 2.90  |
| ▼ Building new parks       | 1.90%<br>2   | 4.76%<br>5   | 6.67%<br>7   | 23.81%<br>25 | 62.86%<br>66 | 105   | 1.89  |
| ▼ Public safety services   | 38.10%<br>40 | 11.43%<br>12 | 20.50%<br>22 | 8.07%<br>9   | 20.90%<br>22 | 105   | 3.37  |

Q21

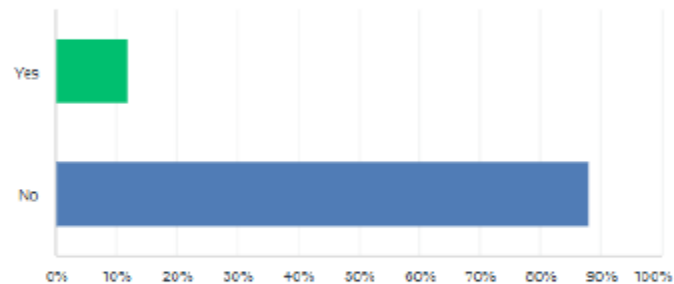


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Are you familiar with Moriarty's emergency plans?

Answered: 134 Skipped: 0



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES  |
|----------------|------------|
| ▼ Yes          | 11.94% 16  |
| ▼ No           | 88.06% 118 |
| TOTAL          | 134        |

Q22

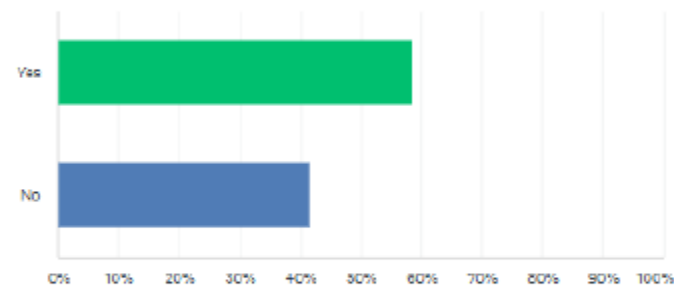


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Does your household have a plan for what to do in case of an emergency, like a wildfire, flood or other natural disaster?

Answered: 137 Skipped: 2



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |
|----------------|-----------|
| ▼ Yes          | 58.39% 80 |
| ▼ No           | 41.61% 57 |
| TOTAL          | 137       |



Q23

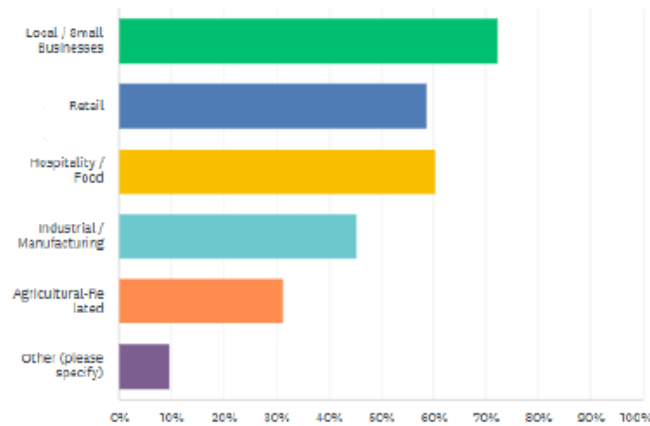


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Which types of businesses would you most like to see in Moriarty? (Select up to 3)

Answered: 134 Skipped: 0



| ANSWER CHOICES             | RESPONSES |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Local / Small Businesses   | 72.39% 97 |
| Retail                     | 58.96% 79 |
| Hospitality / Food         | 60.45% 81 |
| Industrial / Manufacturing | 45.52% 61 |
| Agricultural-Related       | 31.34% 42 |
| Other (please specify)     | 9.70% 13  |
| Total Respondents: 134     |           |

Q24



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Are there any specific businesses, services, or industries you would like to see brought to Moriarty? (Examples: a grocery store, veterinary clinic, coffee shop, manufacturing facility, etc.)

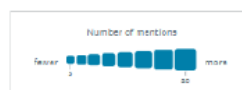
Answered: 114 Skipped: 25

RESPONSES (114) WORD CLOUD TAGS (0) THEMATIC ANALYSIS Data

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small theater medical McDonalds bowling alley  
 clinic Grocery store Vet clinic coffee  
 shop manufacturing  
 stores Pharmacy  
 hospital entertainment  
 Tractor Supplies restaurants bowling  
 Veterinary clinic Walmart  
 Grocery jobs urgent care Vet manufacturing facility  
 Costco Sams Club movie theater



Q25

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What do you think the City of Moriarty should do to attract or support new businesses? (Examples: tax incentives, streamlined permitting, infrastructure improvements, workforce development, etc.)

Answered: 113 Skipped: 26

RESPONSES (113)

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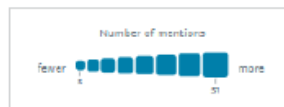
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workforce development infrastructure buildings  
city council business streamlined permitting  
town Tax incentives incentives  
new make  
good infrastructure improvements  
New Mexico city permitting community Stop  
advertising



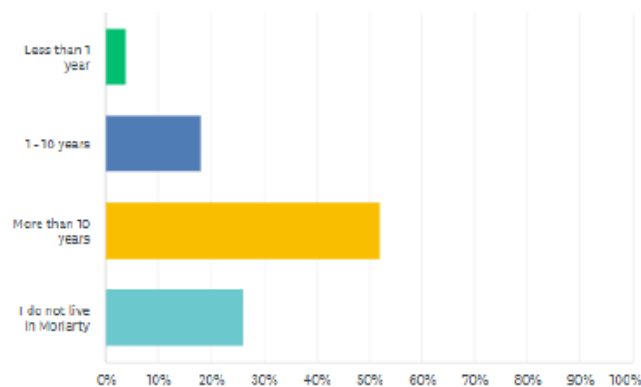
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How long have you lived in Moriarty?

Answered: 127 Skipped: 12



ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

|                           |        |     |
|---------------------------|--------|-----|
| Less than 1 year          | 3.94%  | 5   |
| 1 - 10 years              | 18.17% | 23  |
| More than 10 years        | 51.97% | 66  |
| I do not live in Moriarty | 25.88% | 33  |
| TOTAL                     |        | 127 |

Q27

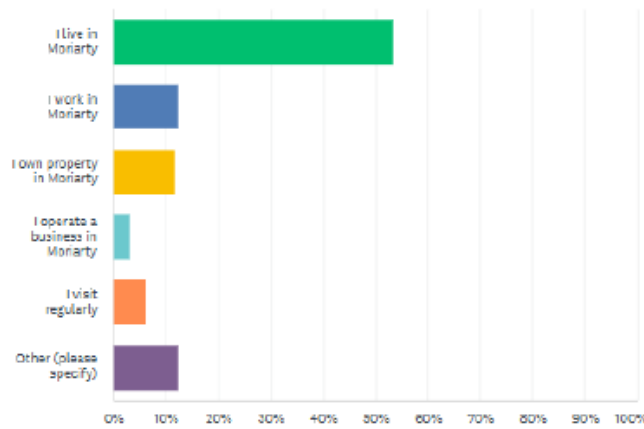


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## What is your connection to Moriarty?

Answered: 127 Skipped: 12



| ANSWER CHOICES                   | RESPONSES |     |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----|
| I live in Moriarty               | 53.54%    | 68  |
| I work in Moriarty               | 12.60%    | 16  |
| I own property in Moriarty       | 11.81%    | 15  |
| I operate a business in Moriarty | 3.15%     | 4   |
| I visit regularly                | 6.30%     | 8   |
| Other (please specify)           | 12.60%    | 16  |
| TOTAL                            |           | 127 |

Q28

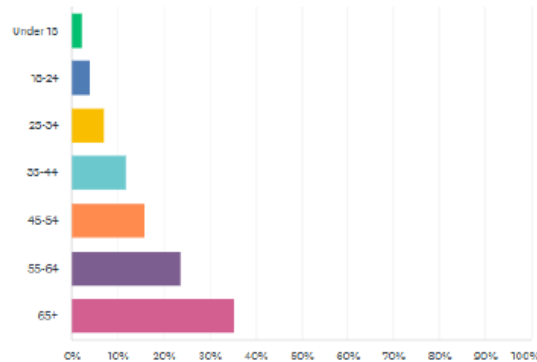


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## What is your age group?

Answered: 127 Skipped: 12



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |     |
|----------------|-----------|-----|
| Under 18       | 2.36%     | 3   |
| 18-24          | 3.94%     | 5   |
| 25-34          | 7.09%     | 9   |
| 35-44          | 11.81%    | 15  |
| 45-54          | 13.75%    | 20  |
| 55-64          | 23.62%    | 30  |
| 65+            | 33.43%    | 43  |
| TOTAL          |           | 127 |



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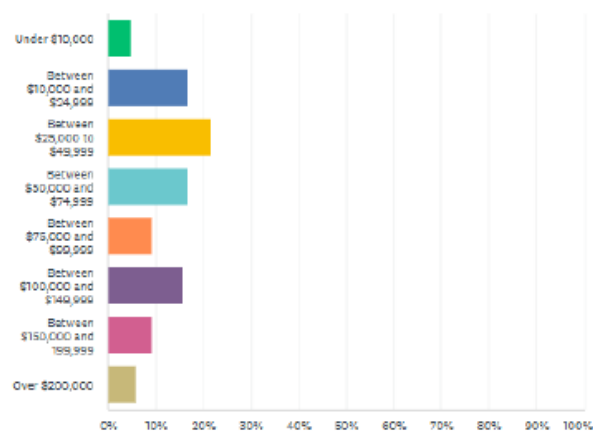


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## What is your annual household income before taxes?

Answered: 120 Skipped: 13



| ANSWER CHOICES                  | RESPONSES  |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Under \$10,000                  | 5.00% 6    |
| Between \$10,000 and \$24,999   | 16.67% 20  |
| Between \$25,000 to \$49,999    | 21.67% 26  |
| Between \$50,000 and \$74,999   | 16.67% 20  |
| Between \$75,000 and \$99,999   | 9.17% 11   |
| Between \$100,000 and \$149,999 | 15.83% 19  |
| Between \$150,000 and \$199,999 | 8.17% 11   |
| Over \$200,000                  | 5.83% 7    |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                    | <b>120</b> |

Q30

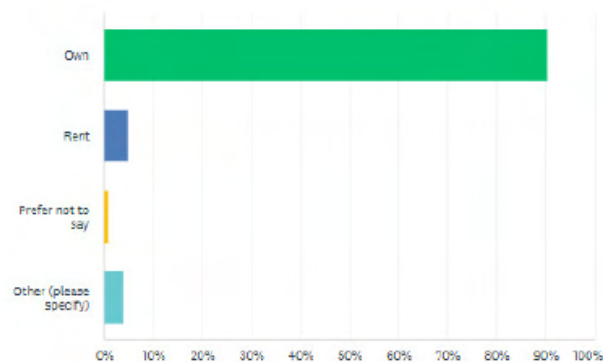


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## What is your housing situation?

Answered: 124 Skipped: 15



| ANSWER CHOICES         | RESPONSES  |
|------------------------|------------|
| Own                    | 90.32% 112 |
| Rent                   | 4.84% 6    |
| Prefer not to say      | 0.81% 1    |
| Other (please specify) | 4.03% 5    |
| <b>TOTAL</b>           | <b>124</b> |

Q31

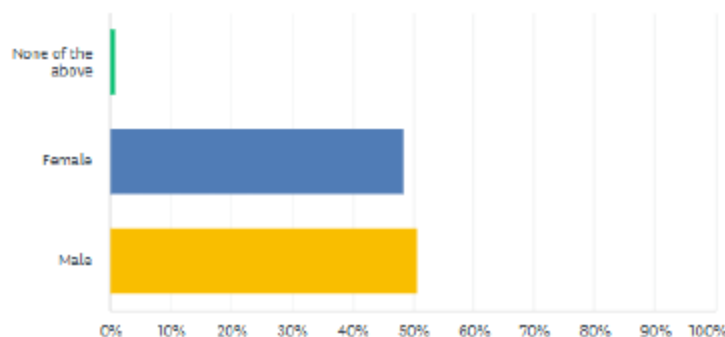


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## What is your gender?

Answered: 124 Skipped: 15



| ANSWER CHOICES    | RESPONSES |            |
|-------------------|-----------|------------|
| None of the above | 0.81%     | 1          |
| Female            | 48.39%    | 60         |
| Male              | 50.81%    | 63         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>      |           | <b>124</b> |

Q32



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## One last question. What is your favorite thing about living in Moriarty?

Answered: 116 Skipped: 23

RESPONSES (116)

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problems live friendly Small town city community close great family come  
 Friendly people nice really ABQ need quiet work better big city  
 Rural small Moriarty business small town feel love open space area  
 thing many

Number of mentions

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2025 Moriarty Comprehensive Plan Survey

## Q4 If development occurs in the future, where should it be located?

Answered: 81 Skipped: 61

| #  | RESPONSES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | DATE                |
|----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1  | Make a concerted effort to work against urban sprawl. Preserve rural character with larger land tracts for families, while still preserving privately owned open space on individual properties. Prioritize the small businesses in our community. Small family owned farms/ ag business supported, not cannabis or heavy pesticide use agriculture. | 10/14/2025 4:46 PM  |
| 2  | Clean up Rt 66 and keep it there                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 10/14/2025 4:38 PM  |
| 3  | Main street, east of 41, plenty of space there                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 10/14/2025 4:35 PM  |
| 4  | Annexation is necessary for balance future growth                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 10/14/2025 4:24 PM  |
| 5  | In the abandoned areas with structures                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 10/14/2025 4:22 PM  |
| 6  | On the outskirts                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 10/14/2025 4:20 PM  |
| 7  | Between estancia and moriarty                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 10/14/2025 4:15 PM  |
| 8  | East and west ends of town                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 10/14/2025 4:10 PM  |
| 9  | Hwy 66 & Hwy 41 areas                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 10/14/2025 4:08 PM  |
| 10 | In all areas off of Central & old 66                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 10/14/2025 4:04 PM  |
| 11 | East side of town                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 10/14/2025 3:52 PM  |
| 12 | ?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 10/14/2025 3:45 PM  |
| 13 | East end of 66 for Industrial (east of 41) Apt's south of 66 E of 41                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 10/14/2025 3:36 PM  |
| 14 | Industrial park & airport for commerce                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 10/14/2025 3:28 PM  |
| 15 | South of Moriarty                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 10/14/2025 3:26 PM  |
| 16 | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 10/14/2025 3:19 PM  |
| 17 | Going east                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 10/10/2025 10:47 AM |
| 18 | Main St.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 10/10/2025 10:42 AM |
| 19 | Ciudad                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 10/10/2025 10:05 AM |
| 20 | unsure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 10/10/2025 9:30 AM  |
| 21 | More entertainment facilities near the east side of town. Or anything at all. The east side is very neglected and run-down                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 10/10/2025 9:27 AM  |
| 22 | Next to laundry mat by park                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 10/10/2025 9:18 AM  |
| 23 | Out by the airport                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 10/10/2025 9:09 AM  |
| 24 | 1. south of main (old 66) between Hazel St and Paseo Poniente south to center. 2. between 41 and Broadway                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 10/10/2025 9:02 AM  |
| 25 | At city limits on west, south and eastern borders                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 10/10/2025 8:55 AM  |
| 26 | Near the schools until hospitals are built                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 10/9/2025 4:01 PM   |
| 27 | Not sure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 10/9/2025 2:57 PM   |
| 28 | Along Hwy 41                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 10/3/2025 12:37 PM  |
| 29 | On 66, and thr east side of town                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 9/29/2025 10:38 AM  |
| 30 | First in the open areas around moriarty then expand out                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 9/29/2025 10:38 AM  |



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| 31 | Where there's space                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 9/26/2025 5:01 PM  |
| 32 | In the town                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 9/25/2025 6:22 PM  |
| 33 | Encourage development along 66 where we have dead buildings.                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 9/25/2025 5:37 PM  |
| 34 | Past Lisa's truck stop                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 9/25/2025 5:26 PM  |
| 35 | To the west                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 9/8/2025 6:08 PM   |
| 36 | Along Route 66 Hwy 333 to the west                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 9/8/2025 5:26 PM   |
| 37 | In open available properties on 66                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 8/25/2025 4:26 PM  |
| 38 | Easy access to all, main street                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 8/25/2025 4:23 PM  |
| 39 | A - make use of vacant properties in town; B - industrial park & east side of town                                                                                                                                                                                        | 8/25/2025 4:18 PM  |
| 40 | Outer city limits                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 8/25/2025 4:13 PM  |
| 41 | Everywhere                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 8/25/2025 4:09 PM  |
| 42 | Only in areas supplying their own water - ideally @ City Industrial Park for comm./industrial                                                                                                                                                                             | 8/25/2025 4:04 PM  |
| 43 | In main city off Rt. 66                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 8/25/2025 3:53 PM  |
| 44 | McIntosh                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 8/25/2025 3:45 PM  |
| 45 | Anywhere in our county (Torrance). We could use low income housing in Mountainair.                                                                                                                                                                                        | 8/25/2025 3:40 PM  |
| 46 | Unk                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 8/25/2025 3:26 PM  |
| 47 | To south                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 8/25/2025 11:20 AM |
| 48 | East between main street light and Lisa's truck stop, west of Parkwood                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 8/25/2025 11:06 AM |
| 49 | Entre Moriarty y McIntosh                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 8/25/2025 10:55 AM |
| 50 | East maybe north                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 8/25/2025 10:41 AM |
| 51 | Where individuals, builders, and developers have identified a need                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 8/25/2025 9:05 AM  |
| 52 | Nowhere Stop destroying our peaceful way of life                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 8/22/2025 1:49 PM  |
| 53 | Commerical on old Route 66 (east)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 8/22/2025 11:43 AM |
| 54 | South of Moriarty                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 8/22/2025 11:28 AM |
| 55 | City limits                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 8/22/2025 11:22 AM |
| 56 | In the industrial park                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 8/22/2025 11:12 AM |
| 57 | Open lands south of main street and east of Hwy 41. But family owning land don't put community development as a priority.                                                                                                                                                 | 8/22/2025 10:29 AM |
| 58 | All over                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 8/22/2025 10:11 AM |
| 59 | I think where depends on the type of development. In larger cities certain areas are zoned for certain development. This keeps areas homogeneous and inappropriate building out of areas.                                                                                 | 8/7/2025 12:31 PM  |
| 60 | Centrally                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 8/5/2025 5:57 PM   |
| 61 | Moriarty                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 8/4/2025 12:20 AM  |
| 62 | Main roads such as rt 66 and 33 in Moriarty                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 8/3/2025 12:46 PM  |
| 63 | We need growth in Moriarty. This town is so behind, there are no jobs or opportunities for residents here. Once this was a good thing but times have changed. Moriarty needs to thrive.                                                                                   | 7/28/2025 10:18 PM |
| 64 | Outside of moriarty                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 7/28/2025 8:12 PM  |
| 65 | Although this is an ambiguous Question, for the near future, mixed use residential and commercial should be limited to the city limits where services are available. But the city should long term plan for annexations and growth as the Rio Grand Valley grows evermore | 7/22/2025 9:17 AM  |

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expensive and restrained, a natural growth Eastward for affordable housing and lifestyle changes demand changes and emerges.

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| 66 | In or around the city limits.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 7/20/2025 8:10 PM  |
| 67 | Anywhere at this point we have nothing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 7/20/2025 8:07 PM  |
| 68 | North across I-40 and East end of town. Truck traffic on the west end is difficult                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 7/20/2025 5:45 PM  |
| 69 | Rte 66 Hwy 41                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 7/20/2025 2:50 PM  |
| 70 | Where people want and need it.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 7/17/2025 9:27 PM  |
| 71 | Where land can be sold to developers at a fair market price                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 7/14/2025 9:55 PM  |
| 72 | Fill in the gaps. Main street and other areas look like a ghost town because nothing was built to replace buildings as they aged out. We look like we're dying not thriving.                                                                                                                                           | 7/3/2025 3:48 PM   |
| 73 | Where there is appropriate space for the project needed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 7/2/2025 3:43 PM   |
| 74 | Everywhere                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 7/2/2025 10:31 AM  |
| 75 | North of I-40                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 7/1/2025 5:36 PM   |
| 76 | Near the airport                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 6/30/2025 6:57 AM  |
| 77 | The east side of town                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 6/28/2025 11:25 AM |
| 78 | Main street could use some other commercial spaces, maybe some businesses for recreational use like bowling, industrial in our industrial area and in the unincorporated areas. We also need apartments, so many people are looking to rent with nothing to rent.                                                      | 6/27/2025 12:36 PM |
| 79 | In town near the library                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 6/27/2025 11:06 AM |
| 80 | East end of city and north of freeway.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 6/26/2025 4:13 PM  |
| 81 | A lot of existing commercial needs to be redeveloped mostly at the west end of town. At the intersection of 41 and 66 there's that big empty lot such a waste. There's also the big lot that's south of the library. All of that requires infrastructure. They need to partner with a developer and get things moving. | 6/19/2025 11:05 AM |

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## Q15 What is the biggest transportation-related challenge you face?

Answered: 96 Skipped: 46

| #  | RESPONSES                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | DATE                |
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| 1  | Potholes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 10/15/2025 12:30 PM |
| 2  | Semi traffic needs to be addressed w/ safety in mind                                                                                                                                                                                    | 10/14/2025 4:46 PM  |
| 3  | Safe walking                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 10/14/2025 4:28 PM  |
| 4  | Saving up for a form of transportation                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 10/14/2025 4:26 PM  |
| 5  | Road condition and future costs                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 10/14/2025 4:24 PM  |
| 6  | Safety                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 10/14/2025 4:22 PM  |
| 7  | Feel safe except for around the truck stop like the T/A, the foreigners pull right out in front of you and there's never any police around. Biggest challenge around the truck stops.                                                   | 10/14/2025 4:20 PM  |
| 8  | Potholes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 10/14/2025 4:17 PM  |
| 9  | Driving through stop lights that aint on                                                                                                                                                                                                | 10/14/2025 4:15 PM  |
| 10 | Trucks                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 10/14/2025 4:13 PM  |
| 11 | Pot holes                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 10/14/2025 4:10 PM  |
| 12 | Roads are horrible pot holes everywhere                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 10/14/2025 4:08 PM  |
| 13 | Access to north side of freeway                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 10/14/2025 4:04 PM  |
| 14 | Feels safe most of the time except near truck stops. I don't walk anymore because of dogs jumping fences and sketchy people out. I love to bike when I can but there are no bike locks to stop at stores. Potholes and too many semi's. | 10/14/2025 4:00 PM  |
| 15 | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 10/14/2025 3:54 PM  |
| 16 | Gas prices                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 10/14/2025 3:52 PM  |
| 17 | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 10/14/2025 3:45 PM  |
| 18 | Bumpy dirt roads cause wear and damage to vehicles                                                                                                                                                                                      | 10/14/2025 3:39 PM  |
| 19 | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 10/14/2025 3:36 PM  |
| 20 | Slow drivers on 66                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 10/14/2025 3:34 PM  |
| 21 | Potholes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 10/14/2025 3:28 PM  |
| 22 | Bike Trails                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 10/14/2025 3:21 PM  |
| 23 | Accessibility to roads when coming off 66/333 at TA, needs more main roads or traffic lights due to back up from semis.                                                                                                                 | 10/14/2025 3:12 PM  |
| 24 | Route 66 & Mountain Valley needs a street light, accidents on Rt 66 near 217/Mountain Valley                                                                                                                                            | 10/10/2025 10:47 AM |
| 25 | Bad Roads                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 10/10/2025 10:42 AM |
| 26 | No busses or vans                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 10/10/2025 9:33 AM  |
| 27 | Gas is expensive                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 10/10/2025 9:30 AM  |
| 28 | Gas prices. Horrible road maintenance, pot holes, cracked roads, ect.                                                                                                                                                                   | 10/10/2025 9:27 AM  |
| 29 | People not following the law on yellow line                                                                                                                                                                                             | 10/10/2025 9:22 AM  |
| 30 | Water flooding up not proper irrigation                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 10/10/2025 9:18 AM  |



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| 31 | But kids on ATV's speed faster than cars down my road and I've seen as many as 10 kids on one.                                                                                                                                  | 10/10/2025 9:09 AM |
| 32 | Having to walk on roads because there are so few sidewalks                                                                                                                                                                      | 10/10/2025 9:02 AM |
| 33 | Maintaining vehicle                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 10/9/2025 2:57 PM  |
| 34 | Need an intersection by the TA Travel Center. It can get way too congested with the trucks trying to turn out of there.                                                                                                         | 10/3/2025 12:37 PM |
| 35 | Semi trucks and no side walks                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 9/29/2025 10:38 AM |
| 36 | Tractor trailers no following the law. This is a difficult town for student drivers to learn safely                                                                                                                             | 9/29/2025 10:38 AM |
| 37 | Poorly maintained roads                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 9/26/2025 5:01 PM  |
| 38 | Heavy traffic to cross at TA @ i40 exit, and the pilot @41 and Abrahams.                                                                                                                                                        | 9/25/2025 8:39 PM  |
| 39 | Pot holes at Pilot                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 9/25/2025 6:54 PM  |
| 40 | The 18 wheelers coming into town and leaving the truck stops                                                                                                                                                                    | 9/25/2025 6:22 PM  |
| 41 | Rough roads, lack of maintenance                                                                                                                                                                                                | 9/25/2025 6:03 PM  |
| 42 | To enjoy a variety of foods or entertainment, we have to drive elsewhere because we have so few options in Moriarty. We have our own vehicle and can go elsewhere. Young people and those without vehicles don't. It's a shame. | 9/25/2025 5:37 PM  |
| 43 | The streets are in need of repaio                                                                                                                                                                                               | 9/25/2025 5:24 PM  |
| 44 | Poor roads without drainage                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 9/8/2025 6:08 PM   |
| 45 | Na                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 9/8/2025 5:26 PM   |
| 46 | Places to be outdoors on trails                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 9/8/2025 5:19 PM   |
| 47 | Semi traffic                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 8/25/2025 4:26 PM  |
| 48 | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 8/25/2025 4:23 PM  |
| 49 | Lots and lots of potholes                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 8/25/2025 4:18 PM  |
| 50 | TA & 66 trucks back up traffic and don't always stop at stop signs                                                                                                                                                              | 8/25/2025 4:13 PM  |
| 51 | By TA truck stop                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 8/25/2025 4:11 PM  |
| 52 | Gas is too high in area compared to bigger towns                                                                                                                                                                                | 8/25/2025 4:09 PM  |
| 53 | unsafe - no patrols - street racing - DWI - non-legal vehicles eg. dirtbikes                                                                                                                                                    | 8/25/2025 4:04 PM  |
| 54 | Public transport                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 8/25/2025 3:53 PM  |
| 55 | Flat tire - front tube has leak needs air every few hours                                                                                                                                                                       | 8/25/2025 3:45 PM  |
| 56 | No transportation programs for people to get around                                                                                                                                                                             | 8/25/2025 3:40 PM  |
| 57 | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 8/25/2025 3:26 PM  |
| 58 | TA corner / Hwy 66 & access to north frontage                                                                                                                                                                                   | 8/25/2025 3:13 PM  |
| 59 | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 8/25/2025 3:08 PM  |
| 60 | TA travel - trucks                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 8/25/2025 11:20 AM |
| 61 | The 2 truck stops, TA and Pilot traffic is very dangerous. Poorly planned entrances and exits. Very little traffic control.                                                                                                     | 8/25/2025 11:06 AM |
| 62 | None in Moriarty                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 8/25/2025 10:41 AM |
| 63 | Getting to Alb                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 8/25/2025 10:29 AM |
| 64 | There is none                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 8/25/2025 10:11 AM |
| 65 | Emergency access                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 8/25/2025 9:38 AM  |

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| 66 | backups at truck stops-Rt 66 & main st. at freeway off ramp & NM41 at freeway & pilot truck stop                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 8/25/2025 9:13 AM  |
| 67 | Truck stop congestion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 8/25/2025 9:05 AM  |
| 68 | too many outsiders who drive lit idiots ie don't know how to use a signal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 8/22/2025 1:49 PM  |
| 69 | Having to go to Albuquerque so much                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 8/22/2025 11:56 AM |
| 70 | Maintain roads and improve street paving                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 8/22/2025 11:43 AM |
| 71 | Poor roads causing vehicle damage                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 8/22/2025 11:22 AM |
| 72 | No public transportation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 8/22/2025 10:44 AM |
| 73 | Hwy 41 overpass truck traffic and delay in emergency services.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 8/22/2025 10:29 AM |
| 74 | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 8/22/2025 10:11 AM |
| 75 | The heavy truck traffic. Especially if there are highway back ups, the off ramps at the truck stops aren't big enough for that traffic.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 8/7/2025 12:31 PM  |
| 76 | School bused                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 8/5/2025 5:57 PM   |
| 77 | Too many trucks on the 40 impeding normal traffic flow                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 8/3/2025 12:46 PM  |
| 78 | Trying to get through the intersection at Rt 333 & the freeway off & on ramps, at the TA Truck stop where trucks often block the intersection, coming in & going out. The TA truck entrance needs to be moved further down Rt 66.                                                                                                                                                                             | 7/30/2025 3:59 PM  |
| 79 | Semi parking where ever they want keep trucks in truck stops                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 7/28/2025 8:23 PM  |
| 80 | Pot holes, and no lights in traffic                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 7/28/2025 8:12 PM  |
| 81 | Trucks Trucks and more Trucks. slowly haphazardly and seemingly in a rush because it is hard for them to get those big rigs out. There should be better maintenance of route 66. medians look terrible and Salt and gravel from yester-years snow still prevalent.                                                                                                                                            | 7/22/2025 9:17 AM  |
| 82 | Poorly maintained roads, and snow removal.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 7/20/2025 8:10 PM  |
| 83 | The up keep or maintenance on the roads.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 7/20/2025 8:07 PM  |
| 84 | Road disrepair and lack of striping and unkept curbs Lack of upkeep of state right of ways and DOT properties                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 7/20/2025 5:45 PM  |
| 85 | There is only one option to travel north on Hwy41 out of Moriarty. TA truck stop on the west end of town blocks traffic to westbound Rt66. Pilot truck stop on north end of town blocks traffic on Hwy 41 and frontage road. We need our west and east on/off ramps renovation to allow public access to the north side of I-40, allowing public more options and not congesting the only option we have now. | 7/14/2025 9:55 PM  |
| 86 | Safety on east end of Moriarty. Sometimes I chose not to dine or shop local because it's just too hard.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 7/3/2025 3:48 PM   |
| 87 | Potholes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 7/2/2025 3:43 PM   |
| 88 | Gas is too high in the area compared to bigger towns                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 7/2/2025 10:31 AM  |
| 89 | NA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 7/1/2025 5:36 PM   |
| 90 | Horrible roads                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 6/30/2025 6:57 AM  |
| 91 | The roads in this town                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 6/28/2025 11:25 AM |
| 92 | Lighting at night!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 6/27/2025 12:36 PM |
| 93 | There are no bike lanes or sidewalks to walk on.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 6/27/2025 11:06 AM |
| 94 | Truck stop traffic tie ups.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 6/26/2025 4:13 PM  |
| 95 | No public transportation available or car rental options or Uber Lyft options.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 6/26/2025 9:43 AM  |
| 96 | Safe dog walking spaces                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 6/19/2025 11:05 AM |

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Q24 Are there any specific businesses, services, or industries you would like to see brought to Moriarty? (Examples: a grocery store, veterinary clinic, coffee shop, manufacturing facility, etc.)

Answered: 116 Skipped: 26

| #  | RESPONSES                                                                                           | DATE                |
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| 1  | Gym/fitness center                                                                                  | 10/15/2025 12:30 PM |
| 2  | Manufacturing facility                                                                              | 10/15/2025 12:26 PM |
| 3  | Locally owned restaurant that offer organic/healthy options, especially locally sourced ingredients | 10/14/2025 4:46 PM  |
| 4  | Grocery store, coffee/donut shop, manufacturing                                                     | 10/14/2025 4:38 PM  |
| 5  | Big box stores, like Edgewood has brought in. Costco, Sams Club, etc.                               | 10/14/2025 4:35 PM  |
| 6  | Vet clinic, restaurant (other than Mexican)                                                         | 10/14/2025 4:28 PM  |
| 7  | Manufacturing                                                                                       | 10/14/2025 4:24 PM  |
| 8  | Coffee shop, bakery, donut shop                                                                     | 10/14/2025 4:22 PM  |
| 9  | Coffee shop, Italian restaurant                                                                     | 10/14/2025 4:20 PM  |
| 10 | No                                                                                                  | 10/14/2025 4:17 PM  |
| 11 | A small vet clinic                                                                                  | 10/14/2025 4:15 PM  |
| 12 | Restaurants                                                                                         | 10/14/2025 4:13 PM  |
| 13 | Movie theater, coffee shop, grocery store                                                           | 10/14/2025 4:10 PM  |
| 14 | Restaurant chain, coffee shop, dry cleaners, bowling alley, movie theater, drive-in                 | 10/14/2025 4:08 PM  |
| 15 | Grocery store, vet clinic, coffee shop, manufacturing facility                                      | 10/14/2025 4:04 PM  |
| 16 | Clothing store                                                                                      | 10/14/2025 3:56 PM  |
| 17 | Large hardware stores                                                                               | 10/14/2025 3:54 PM  |
| 18 | Stores, manufacturing facility                                                                      | 10/14/2025 3:52 PM  |
| 19 | Pharmacy                                                                                            | 10/14/2025 3:50 PM  |
| 20 | Hospital / ER open 24/7 - medical/dental doctor offices                                             | 10/14/2025 3:48 PM  |
| 21 | Coffee shop, Ice cream/frozen yogurt, vet, 24 hour urgent care                                      | 10/14/2025 3:45 PM  |
| 22 | Grocery stores                                                                                      | 10/14/2025 3:42 PM  |
| 23 | Hospital/clinic                                                                                     | 10/14/2025 3:36 PM  |
| 24 | Golf driving range                                                                                  | 10/14/2025 3:34 PM  |
| 25 | Urgent care & expanded medical services                                                             | 10/14/2025 3:31 PM  |
| 26 | Vet/med/dental services                                                                             | 10/14/2025 3:26 PM  |
| 27 | Veterinary clinic                                                                                   | 10/14/2025 3:21 PM  |
| 28 | More different types of restaurants/coffee shops                                                    | 10/14/2025 3:12 PM  |
| 29 | Food places                                                                                         | 10/10/2025 10:47 AM |
| 30 | Vet                                                                                                 | 10/10/2025 10:42 AM |



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| 31 | Pharmacy, coffee shop                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 10/10/2025 10:07 AM |
| 32 | Clinica veterinaria, cafeteria                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 10/10/2025 10:05 AM |
| 33 | Veterinary clinic, coffee shop                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 10/10/2025 9:33 AM  |
| 34 | Allsup's, Twisters                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 10/10/2025 9:30 AM  |
| 35 | Entertainment, stores that aren't dollar general/family dollar                                                                                                                                                                   | 10/10/2025 9:27 AM  |
| 36 | More restaurant choices, vet clinic, shoe store                                                                                                                                                                                  | 10/10/2025 9:22 AM  |
| 37 | Some entertainment                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 10/10/2025 9:18 AM  |
| 38 | Manufacturing - grocery store (affordable) theater                                                                                                                                                                               | 10/10/2025 9:09 AM  |
| 39 | Pharmacy, Veterinary clinic                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 10/10/2025 9:02 AM  |
| 40 | Veterinary clinic                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 10/10/2025 8:50 AM  |
| 41 | Any manufacturing would help the local economy                                                                                                                                                                                   | 10/9/2025 4:13 PM   |
| 42 | hospital/clinics business that brings jobs                                                                                                                                                                                       | 10/9/2025 4:01 PM   |
| 43 | Detectives-I've been burgled twice in 10 years                                                                                                                                                                                   | 10/9/2025 2:57 PM   |
| 44 | Family restaurants - apartments - job creation and manufacturing                                                                                                                                                                 | 10/9/2025 2:50 PM   |
| 45 | Manufacturing facilities, entertainment (movie theater, bowling alley), butcher shop/meat packing and processing.                                                                                                                | 10/3/2025 12:37 PM  |
| 46 | Coffee shops, small restaurants                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 9/29/2025 10:38 AM  |
| 47 | More restaurants, coffee/donut shop, new product retail.                                                                                                                                                                         | 9/29/2025 10:38 AM  |
| 48 | Arts and crafts, thriftstores                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 9/26/2025 5:01 PM   |
| 49 | Family and youth friendly entertainment. I.e, bowling, billiards, mini golf etc                                                                                                                                                  | 9/25/2025 8:39 PM   |
| 50 | Sit down restaurants                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 9/25/2025 6:54 PM   |
| 51 | Grocery store, Smith's                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 9/25/2025 6:22 PM   |
| 52 | Coffee shop                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 9/25/2025 6:03 PM   |
| 53 | Coffee shop, bowling, Walmart, Tractor Supply, industrial or manufacturing that will provide jobs that pay more than minimum wage.                                                                                               | 9/25/2025 5:37 PM   |
| 54 | Bucces, tractor supply, more restaurants like chick fil a, other easy access stops off the interstate. People will spend more money in moriarty if there are more options off I-40. Moriarty is easier to get off than Edgewood. | 9/25/2025 5:26 PM   |
| 55 | Grocery store Tractor Supply Vet clinic Additional restaurants                                                                                                                                                                   | 9/8/2025 6:08 PM    |
| 56 | Manufacturing facility                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 9/8/2025 5:26 PM    |
| 57 | Grocery                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 9/8/2025 5:19 PM    |
| 58 | Restaurant manufacturers                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 9/8/2025 5:07 PM    |
| 59 | Grocery store, better variety of restaurants, entertainment (not bars)                                                                                                                                                           | 8/25/2025 4:26 PM   |
| 60 | Theater, bowling                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 8/25/2025 4:23 PM   |
| 61 | Please no more fireworks businesses! 24-hour medical emergency room / small hospital                                                                                                                                             | 8/25/2025 4:18 PM   |
| 62 | Loves truck stops                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 8/25/2025 4:13 PM   |
| 63 | Walmart, Target, Costco, Sams Club, Dutch Bros                                                                                                                                                                                   | 8/25/2025 4:09 PM   |
| 64 | Verterinary - we have had several, but the economy is just not here                                                                                                                                                              | 8/25/2025 4:04 PM   |
| 65 | Gyms, community centers, coffee shops                                                                                                                                                                                            | 8/25/2025 3:53 PM   |
| 66 | Dental, bicycle repair shop                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 8/25/2025 3:45 PM   |

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| 67  | Cracker Barrel! Feed stores, building                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 8/25/2025 3:32 PM  |
| 68  | Medical facilities, supermarket, farmers market                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 8/25/2025 3:28 PM  |
| 69  | No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 8/25/2025 3:26 PM  |
| 70  | A grocery store, veterinary clinic, hotels, and restaurants. North side of I-40                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 8/25/2025 3:13 PM  |
| 71  | Manufacturing, retail, grocery stores                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 8/25/2025 3:08 PM  |
| 72  | Veterinary clinic                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 8/25/2025 2:56 PM  |
| 73  | Chilli, Rowel                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 8/25/2025 11:20 AM |
| 74  | Manufacturing facility                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 8/25/2025 11:13 AM |
| 75  | Grocery stores, manufacturing facilities to create jobs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 8/25/2025 11:06 AM |
| 76  | Negocios de comida rapida, hospital                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 8/25/2025 10:55 AM |
| 77  | Walmart, McDonalds, Pharmacy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 8/25/2025 10:41 AM |
| 78  | Vet clinic, Chinese restaurant, bowling alley, movie theater, would like to see McDonalds open                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 8/25/2025 10:29 AM |
| 79  | Dentists, eyecare, Mcdonalds                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 8/25/2025 10:03 AM |
| 80  | Vet clinic, coffee shop, organic foods                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 8/25/2025 9:45 AM  |
| 81  | Grocery store, veterinary clinic, coffee shop                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 8/25/2025 9:38 AM  |
| 82  | All of the above                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 8/25/2025 9:05 AM  |
| 83  | NONE NONE NONE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 8/22/2025 1:49 PM  |
| 84  | No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 8/22/2025 11:56 AM |
| 85  | United grocery                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 8/22/2025 11:43 AM |
| 86  | Manufacturing, restaurants                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 8/22/2025 11:28 AM |
| 87  | Tractor supply, manufacturing facility (to bring jobs)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 8/22/2025 11:22 AM |
| 88  | Coffee shop                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 8/22/2025 11:06 AM |
| 89  | Veterinary clinic, grocery store, pediatric doctors                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 8/22/2025 10:44 AM |
| 90  | Grocery store, home improvement, manufacturing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 8/22/2025 10:29 AM |
| 91  | See answer above                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 8/22/2025 10:11 AM |
| 92  | Yes, everything above                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 8/7/2025 12:31 PM  |
| 93  | Coffee shop for coffee not tied to just truck stops and something akin to Tractor Supply or Big R that offer more diverse items without forcing those who live in places like Estancia or McIntosh to drive to Edgewood. Convenience alone would see it flourish and provide more jobs to the local community. | 8/5/2025 9:15 PM   |
| 94  | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 8/5/2025 5:57 PM   |
| 95  | Gym, mall, theme park, Wendy's                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 8/3/2025 12:46 PM  |
| 96  | Skilled nursing & rehab facility                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 7/30/2025 3:59 PM  |
| 97  | Homedepot, Walmart, smith's, Albertsons, update the library into 2026! A movie theater.                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 7/28/2025 10:18 PM |
| 98  | Big R                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 7/28/2025 8:23 PM  |
| 99  | Tractor supply, food places, 7brews,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 7/28/2025 8:12 PM  |
| 100 | Get on board with power and data centers. Find another drone manufacturer, preferably military it is a booming business                                                                                                                                                                                        | 7/22/2025 9:17 AM  |
| 101 | Grocery store, restaurant, retail                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 7/20/2025 8:10 PM  |
| 102 | It would be nice to have a lowes or a new hard wear store. Also a new grocery store it would                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 7/20/2025 8:07 PM  |

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|     | also be nice to have some shopping of any kind. I would honestly love to see anything come in.                                      |                    |
| 103 | Manufacturing , large chain grocery store, urgent care, eye doctor is needed as well as entertainment options for kids/young adults | 7/20/2025 5:45 PM  |
| 104 | Coffee shop, boutiques, chain grocery store, urgent care, ice cream place                                                           | 7/20/2025 2:50 PM  |
| 105 | Albertsons, Home Depot, Hampton Inn, Holiday Inn, Texas Roadhouse, Htea0, Dutch Bros, TJMax, Big R, Tractor Supply, Buccee's        | 7/14/2025 9:55 PM  |
| 106 | Restaurants, entertainment-movie theatre?, visitor center with public bathrooms                                                     | 7/3/2025 3:48 PM   |
| 107 | Walmart, Target, Costco, Sams Club, Dutch Bros                                                                                      | 7/2/2025 10:31 AM  |
| 108 | Grocery and hardware stores.                                                                                                        | 7/1/2025 5:36 PM   |
| 109 | A veterinary clinic, Mcdonalds                                                                                                      | 6/30/2025 6:57 AM  |
| 110 | Feed store, Cracker Barrel, Buc-ee's!, Little Caesar's (Affordable pizza), pharmacy                                                 | 6/29/2025 2:41 PM  |
| 111 | A Walmart or something similar                                                                                                      | 6/28/2025 11:25 AM |
| 112 | Coffee shop, bowling ally, manufacturing, we need businesses that bring better jobs and trade skills to our community.              | 6/27/2025 12:36 PM |
| 113 | Tractor Supply or a costco                                                                                                          | 6/27/2025 11:06 AM |
| 114 | A real medical emergency room/acute care clinic open 24 hours a day.                                                                | 6/26/2025 4:13 PM  |
| 115 | Coffee shop, bowling alley, skating rink, pool, Albertsons, Sam's club, Costco                                                      | 6/26/2025 9:43 AM  |
| 116 | We need a good steak house we miss the co-op and Bufords. And a bowling alley or drive in movie theater would be fantastic.         | 6/19/2025 11:05 AM |



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Q25 What do you think the City of Moriarty should do to attract or support new businesses? (Examples: tax incentives, streamlined permitting, infrastructure improvements, workforce development, etc.)

Answered: 115 Skipped: 27

| #  | RESPONSES                                                                                 | DATE                |
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| 1  | Streamlined permitting                                                                    | 10/15/2025 12:30 PM |
| 2  | Infrastructure improvements                                                               | 10/15/2025 12:26 PM |
| 3  | Get rid of the State Boards that make business owners jump through hoops                  | 10/14/2025 4:38 PM  |
| 4  | Fix the roads, remove dilapidated buildings, clean up the town weeds and trash everywhere | 10/14/2025 4:35 PM  |
| 5  | Infrastructure improvement                                                                | 10/14/2025 4:28 PM  |
| 6  | Infrastructure                                                                            | 10/14/2025 4:24 PM  |
| 7  | All of the above & lower housing costs, better water.                                     | 10/14/2025 4:22 PM  |
| 8  | Tax & permitting                                                                          | 10/14/2025 4:20 PM  |
| 9  | Infrastructure improvements, workforce development                                        | 10/14/2025 4:17 PM  |
| 10 | Workforce development                                                                     | 10/14/2025 4:15 PM  |
| 11 | Workforce development                                                                     | 10/14/2025 4:13 PM  |
| 12 | streamlined permitting                                                                    | 10/14/2025 4:10 PM  |
| 13 | Tax incentives, enforcement of owners to treat their tenants better                       | 10/14/2025 4:08 PM  |
| 14 | Tax incentives, streamlined permitting, infrastructure improvements                       | 10/14/2025 4:04 PM  |
| 15 | Workforce development                                                                     | 10/14/2025 4:00 PM  |
| 16 | Tax incentives                                                                            | 10/14/2025 3:54 PM  |
| 17 | Infrastructure improvements                                                               | 10/14/2025 3:52 PM  |
| 18 | Workforce                                                                                 | 10/14/2025 3:50 PM  |
| 19 | More affordable housing/infrastructure improvements                                       | 10/14/2025 3:48 PM  |
| 20 | Permitting, workforce                                                                     | 10/14/2025 3:45 PM  |
| 21 | More pride in the city                                                                    | 10/14/2025 3:36 PM  |
| 22 | Everything possible                                                                       | 10/14/2025 3:34 PM  |
| 23 | Less corruption in the news! Streamlined permitting                                       | 10/14/2025 3:31 PM  |
| 24 | Tax incentives                                                                            | 10/14/2025 3:28 PM  |
| 25 | Infrastructure improvements                                                               | 10/14/2025 3:26 PM  |
| 26 | incentives, infrastructure improvements                                                   | 10/14/2025 3:12 PM  |
| 27 | Workforce development                                                                     | 10/10/2025 10:47 AM |
| 28 | Equal opp not relative                                                                    | 10/10/2025 10:42 AM |
| 29 | workforce development, streamlined permitting                                             | 10/10/2025 10:07 AM |
| 30 | Permisos simplificados                                                                    | 10/10/2025 10:05 AM |

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| 31 | Tax incentives, infrastructure improvements, workforce development                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 10/10/2025 9:33 AM |
| 32 | n/a                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 10/10/2025 9:30 AM |
| 33 | Less fees, more grants/small business supporting opportunities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 10/10/2025 9:27 AM |
| 34 | ??                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 10/10/2025 9:22 AM |
| 35 | Build a new technology park                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 10/10/2025 9:18 AM |
| 36 | Tax incentives - advertising                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 10/10/2025 9:09 AM |
| 37 | infrastructure improvements/expansion, workforce development (e.g. night school held at MHS facilities in cooperation w/ CNM).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 10/10/2025 9:02 AM |
| 38 | streamlined permitting, maintain fair business enforcement codes permit                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 10/10/2025 8:55 AM |
| 39 | Tax incentives                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 10/10/2025 8:50 AM |
| 40 | permitting is a must but streamlined, infrastructure improvements, workers will come if jobs are available                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 10/9/2025 4:13 PM  |
| 41 | tax incentives + streamlined permitting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 10/9/2025 4:01 PM  |
| 42 | Not sure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 10/9/2025 2:57 PM  |
| 43 | 1. Clean up city 2. remove old boarded up buildings 3. use baseball field (recreation in summer) 4. Use rodeo arena 5. swimming pool in conjunction with schools                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 10/9/2025 2:50 PM  |
| 44 | Tax incentives & infrastructure improvements                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 10/9/2025 2:28 PM  |
| 45 | Tax incentives and workforce development                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 10/3/2025 12:37 PM |
| 46 | Workforce development, tax incentives, better community involvement for advertising, more community events to encourage the community to participate with local retailers.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 9/29/2025 10:38 AM |
| 47 | Make existing building more accessible to new business, more involvement in community for business to advertise                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 9/29/2025 10:38 AM |
| 48 | I don't know                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 9/26/2025 5:01 PM  |
| 49 | What strength does this community have in excess to offer?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 9/25/2025 8:39 PM  |
| 50 | Cut regulation, more housing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 9/25/2025 6:54 PM  |
| 51 | Streamline permitting and tax incentives.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 9/25/2025 6:28 PM  |
| 52 | Nice restaurant                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 9/25/2025 6:22 PM  |
| 53 | Tax incentives                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 9/25/2025 6:03 PM  |
| 54 | Encourage those who own the land to not try to gouge any prospective business. I'm all for making a profit but doubling the price when you hear it's a big business is very self serving. In order for our town to grow and prosper and return to the viable town it once was, we all need to have attitudes of wanting to help it grow for ALL of us and not just our own pockets. A rising tide raises all ships, big and small. Let's encourage this mindset. Tax incentives are always a good idea. | 9/25/2025 5:37 PM  |
| 55 | Get rid of nepotism and allow new businesses to even come in period. Approve them and stop standing in the way of progress. A democrats dream is progress yet no businesses can seem to get in unless there's a personal benefit to government members. Clean up the town. It looks trashy compared to Edgewood.                                                                                                                                                                                        | 9/25/2025 5:26 PM  |
| 56 | Infrastructure improvements Streamlined permitting Tax incentives                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 9/8/2025 6:08 PM   |
| 57 | Tax incentives                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 9/8/2025 5:26 PM   |
| 58 | Workforce development                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 9/8/2025 5:19 PM   |
| 59 | Tax Incentives                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 9/8/2025 5:07 PM   |
| 60 | Tax incentives, infrastructure improvements                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 8/25/2025 4:26 PM  |
| 61 | Tax incentives                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 8/25/2025 4:23 PM  |

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| 62 | Infrastructure improvements/roads. Clean up the city and enforce codes.                                                         | 8/25/2025 4:18 PM  |
| 63 | Make it affordable for them                                                                                                     | 8/25/2025 4:13 PM  |
| 64 | Expand ventures out stop being overprices                                                                                       | 8/25/2025 4:09 PM  |
| 65 | Getting our kids job incentives during the summer                                                                               | 8/25/2025 4:04 PM  |
| 66 | Tax incentives and community outreach                                                                                           | 8/25/2025 3:53 PM  |
| 67 | Infrastructure improvements, workforce development                                                                              | 8/25/2025 3:28 PM  |
| 68 | Unk                                                                                                                             | 8/25/2025 3:26 PM  |
| 69 | Streamlined permitting, infrastructure improvements                                                                             | 8/25/2025 3:13 PM  |
| 70 | Property tax incentives. Low rent for first 5 years, development bonds                                                          | 8/25/2025 3:08 PM  |
| 71 | Streamlined permitting, workforce development                                                                                   | 8/25/2025 2:56 PM  |
| 72 | Let business build                                                                                                              | 8/25/2025 11:20 AM |
| 73 | Workforce development                                                                                                           | 8/25/2025 11:13 AM |
| 74 | All of the above plus affordable housing                                                                                        | 8/25/2025 11:06 AM |
| 75 | Ayudarcas en todo lo relacionado a permisos y seguridad                                                                         | 8/25/2025 10:55 AM |
| 76 | Tax incentives, infrastructure improvements                                                                                     | 8/25/2025 10:41 AM |
| 77 | Infrastructure improvements, workforce development                                                                              | 8/25/2025 10:29 AM |
| 78 | late nigh businesses (restaurants) open after 9 pm.                                                                             | 8/25/2025 10:03 AM |
| 79 | All                                                                                                                             | 8/25/2025 9:45 AM  |
| 80 | Tax incentives, streamlined permitting, infrastructure improvements                                                             | 8/25/2025 9:38 AM  |
| 81 | Infrastructure improvements                                                                                                     | 8/25/2025 9:13 AM  |
| 82 | Make it as easy as possible for opening a business without tax payer incentives                                                 | 8/25/2025 9:05 AM  |
| 83 | NOT A DAMN THING. Don't turn our community into another shithole sewer septic tank                                              | 8/22/2025 1:49 PM  |
| 84 | Don't know                                                                                                                      | 8/22/2025 11:56 AM |
| 85 | Workforce development, thinking outside the box                                                                                 | 8/22/2025 11:43 AM |
| 86 | New city council                                                                                                                | 8/22/2025 11:28 AM |
| 87 | Tax incentives, streamlined permitting, infrastructure improvements (only big employers not employees)                          | 8/22/2025 11:22 AM |
| 88 | Tax incentives, streamlined permitting                                                                                          | 8/22/2025 11:12 AM |
| 89 | Streamlined permits, workforce development                                                                                      | 8/22/2025 10:44 AM |
| 90 | All of the above would be a good start                                                                                          | 8/22/2025 10:29 AM |
| 91 | Make it easy to get a business license                                                                                          | 8/22/2025 10:11 AM |
| 92 | Dunno, but small business support as opposed to cutting Walmart tax incentives                                                  | 8/7/2025 12:31 PM  |
| 93 | Infrastructure would likely need to be improved. Road repairs feel forgotten here from the viewpoint of someone new to the area | 8/5/2025 9:15 PM   |
| 94 | Infrastructure improvements                                                                                                     | 8/4/2025 12:20 AM  |
| 95 | All of the above                                                                                                                | 8/3/2025 12:46 PM  |
| 96 | Streamlined permitting                                                                                                          | 7/30/2025 3:59 PM  |
| 97 | Tax incentives infrastructure                                                                                                   | 7/28/2025 8:23 PM  |
| 98 | Easier to talk to                                                                                                               | 7/28/2025 8:12 PM  |



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| 99  | Tax incentives and importantly attract the best school teachers get the schools to lead NM in education and growth will follow. And a good clean up of Central, truck traffic mitigation and with stricter zoning standards in the corridor to be attractive to newcomers.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 7/22/2025 9:17 AM  |
| 100 | City Council support to bring in business. And not discourage the growth of the city .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 7/20/2025 8:10 PM  |
| 101 | I think stop turning them down in the first place. Also stop worrying about it shutting all the little business shut down they will make it there are thousands of other small towns that have both.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 7/20/2025 8:07 PM  |
| 102 | Affordable asking price for available land Tax incentives, sensible permitting and fees Support from the city council                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 7/20/2025 5:45 PM  |
| 103 | Streamlined permitting, infrastructure improvements/updates - can't they get grants?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 7/20/2025 2:50 PM  |
| 104 | Sell property at a fair market price.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 7/14/2025 9:55 PM  |
| 105 | All of the above. We need to have a plan and choose to work together as a team. We have a reputation of bait and switch, slow to move and even an attitude of indifference. It's time to change that.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 7/3/2025 3:48 PM   |
| 106 | Expand venture and stop being overpriced                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 7/2/2025 10:31 AM  |
| 107 | Change the city council members for new blood and ideas.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 7/1/2025 5:36 PM   |
| 108 | The city freezes out businesses that compete with existing businesses. Stop doing that.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 6/30/2025 6:57 AM  |
| 109 | Stop blocking businesses from coming in - whatever or whoever is standing in the way needs to get out of the way.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 6/29/2025 2:41 PM  |
| 110 | Improve current infrastructure like roads water and appearance of the town. Ensure we have enough police officers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 6/28/2025 11:25 AM |
| 111 | Streamline permitting for sure. Tax incentives could be good as long as they don't hurt the cities financse.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 6/27/2025 12:36 PM |
| 112 | Tax incentives, get Steve Anaya off the council                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 6/27/2025 11:06 AM |
| 113 | Workforce development and streamlined permitting.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 6/26/2025 4:13 PM  |
| 114 | Streamline permitting , allow for improvements rather than blocking them.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 6/26/2025 9:43 AM  |
| 115 | 1. Improve the Moriarty business park enhancing infrastructure and making the lots more attractive for lease or purchase. Partner with a developer and get those empty lots developed. Make us look alive again. 2. Invest in public infrastructure through grants with LEDA. Develop a town center and focus on the main Street. Enhance the appearance and make the vacant land attractive for new housing and business. 3. Lean into available New Mexico tax credits like rural jobs tax credits and manufacturing investment tax credit and technology jobs and r&d tax credits. 4. Promote and support the existing businesses and connect them with resources like New Mexico small business investment corporation. Highlight those businesses that have thrived in New Mexico and demonstrate the potential for growth. | 6/19/2025 11:05 AM |

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## Q32 One last question. What is your favorite thing about living in Moriarty?

Answered: 117 Skipped: 25

| #  | RESPONSES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | DATE                |
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| 1  | Small quiet town with friendly community                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 10/15/2025 12:30 PM |
| 2  | Rural character / community. We do not want to become Rio Rancho or even Edgewood with their unchecked development and complete disregard for community members. City of Moriarty should work to preserve rural character, small business-friendly environment, native rangeland, dark skies (limit light pollution). We do not want giant subdivisions and urban sprawl. As someone in small business in City of Moriarty, I think it is unfortunate that so many temporary businesses operate without any type of business license/permitting process or anything at all. I.e. Flea markets hosted by local businesses bring in lots of vendors who pop up for the day, but they don't have a City of Moriarty business license or pay tax. Many of these vendors to local events every weekend, so they are operating as a proper business (not just an individual selling their crafts 1x a year at a craft fair.) All the food trucks operate in the city limits and some may have gone through the proper city permitting, but others have not. They take business away from the restaurants/other businesses that are actually paying taxes, paying property taxes for their location in Moriarty, required to have a business license and paying the city license fees. The City should of course be encouraging small business-including temporary businesses, food trucks etc-but those that have gone through the proper channels as the rest of the small businesses here are required to do. The City should enforce this equally and establish reasonable parameters to manage that. | 10/14/2025 4:52 PM  |
| 3  | Small size, air quality is fresh, friendly                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 10/14/2025 4:38 PM  |
| 4  | Space! But I have to leave anytime I need to buy groceries, household supplies, or want to eat out!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 10/14/2025 4:35 PM  |
| 5  | Not much left There is no pride No local support. There will need to be event in order for business to come to the area.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 10/14/2025 4:29 PM  |
| 6  | My job                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 10/14/2025 4:26 PM  |
| 7  | It's not Albuquerque                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 10/14/2025 4:24 PM  |
| 8  | Less people, small town feel                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 10/14/2025 4:22 PM  |
| 9  | Its not the city, small town                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 10/14/2025 4:20 PM  |
| 10 | I dont know                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 10/14/2025 4:17 PM  |
| 11 | Small town away from ABQ problems                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 10/14/2025 4:15 PM  |
| 12 | It's more quiet than the city, and safer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 10/14/2025 4:11 PM  |
| 13 | Close to work and close to my kids. Community is pretty supportive of each other.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 10/14/2025 4:08 PM  |
| 14 | Good things to come                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 10/14/2025 4:04 PM  |
| 15 | Road crews are super in the winter, stores are well stocked & easily accessible. Most people are friendly. Most things are within walking distance.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 10/14/2025 4:01 PM  |
| 16 | Small town                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 10/14/2025 3:56 PM  |
| 17 | No homeless walking around                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 10/14/2025 3:54 PM  |
| 18 | Rural                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 10/14/2025 3:52 PM  |
| 19 | Friendly people, weather, open space                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 10/14/2025 3:48 PM  |
| 20 | Quiet, open                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 10/14/2025 3:45 PM  |
| 21 | It's not a big city and people are nice                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 10/14/2025 3:43 PM  |

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| 22 | It is quiet.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 10/14/2025 3:39 PM  |
| 23 | Small town love                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 10/14/2025 3:36 PM  |
| 24 | Open space, few people, away from ABQ                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 10/14/2025 3:34 PM  |
| 25 | small rural town atmosphere                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 10/14/2025 3:28 PM  |
| 26 | Rural environment, nice people                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 10/14/2025 3:26 PM  |
| 27 | It being a nice place                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 10/14/2025 3:23 PM  |
| 28 | Small town feel, would like more open space (hike, ride bikes, etc.)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 10/14/2025 3:21 PM  |
| 29 | I don't live in Moriarty.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 10/14/2025 3:12 PM  |
| 30 | Being out of the city small town living                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 10/10/2025 10:47 AM |
| 31 | I40                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 10/10/2025 10:42 AM |
| 32 | Friendly people                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 10/10/2025 10:07 AM |
| 33 | Tranquilidad                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 10/10/2025 10:05 AM |
| 34 | Stable quiet community, tourism                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 10/10/2025 9:34 AM  |
| 35 | Nachos restaurant                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 10/10/2025 9:30 AM  |
| 36 | Away from the big city                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 10/10/2025 9:27 AM  |
| 37 | used to be the people but there is to many outsiders                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 10/10/2025 9:22 AM  |
| 38 | Hospitality / old town feel                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 10/10/2025 9:18 AM  |
| 39 | Usually quiet - but my neighbors junk their places up - have trashy relatives come and nothing is done - one neighbor has an ambulance come 3 times a month for relatives overdose - nothing is done. Suggestion - why not offer a money prize from city to decorate for holidays - that would help the town look better - couldn't you use city funds. Please do something to get rid of abandoned trailers - make people take care of their yards & dogs. Suggestions - people com in oct. - to mcCalls pumpkin patch - lots of people - why not do a town thing and have town decorate for Halloween - have something in the park vendors could make money on. | 10/10/2025 9:12 AM  |
| 40 | quiet - except for vehicles w/ boom boxes and loud, speeding motorcycles                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 10/10/2025 9:03 AM  |
| 41 | 35 minutes away from ABQ                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 10/10/2025 8:55 AM  |
| 42 | people are pleasant and respectful                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 10/10/2025 8:50 AM  |
| 43 | Small hometown, aggr/farming community, interstate close by                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 10/9/2025 4:13 PM   |
| 44 | It is close to ABQ, Santa Fe and it is the center of the state                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 10/9/2025 4:01 PM   |
| 45 | Rural - low traffic - friendly people - church is strong                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 10/9/2025 2:57 PM   |
| 46 | I was born here. This is home. I helped incorporate Moriarty to save our schools. I served 20 years on the city council. My whole family has helped build Moriarty. My son Steve has served on the Council for over 30 eyras. I am the oldest person born in Moriarty and still here. (96 1/2 eyars old) (Born Feb 27, 1929)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 10/9/2025 2:51 PM   |
| 47 | Small town                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 10/9/2025 2:28 PM   |
| 48 | I love the small town that we have held on too. With everything growing so rapidly, it's important to keep the feel of community and friendship.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 9/29/2025 10:40 AM  |
| 49 | Small town feel most of the time                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 9/29/2025 10:38 AM  |
| 50 | The amazing sky                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 9/26/2025 5:02 PM   |
| 51 | The patriotic spirt shown down Main Street during certain holidays. Flag lines streets. A small town is a wonderful place to be. Knowing ur neighbors and folks that work in the community etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 9/25/2025 8:45 PM   |
| 52 | Not in Albuquerque                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 9/25/2025 6:55 PM   |



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| 53 | Small town                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 9/25/2025 6:23 PM  |
| 54 | I love my church. I like the citizens.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 9/25/2025 6:04 PM  |
| 55 | Small town. Agriculture. Multi-generational families. Weather/climate. Accessibility to Edgewood, Abq and Santa Fe.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 9/25/2025 5:51 PM  |
| 56 | I love that there is so much possibility in this town and area. 40 years ago, who would have thought Edgewood would have surpassed Moriarty in growth and development. I truly believe we can not only survive as a town but thrive and be able to bless those who live, work, and build businesses here.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 9/25/2025 5:39 PM  |
| 57 | Not crowded                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 9/25/2025 5:25 PM  |
| 58 | The parades                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 9/8/2025 5:27 PM   |
| 59 | That it is not commercialized with chain stores and still has a small town feel                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 8/25/2025 4:26 PM  |
| 60 | Small town                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 8/25/2025 4:23 PM  |
| 61 | It's a small neighborly community. While there are a lot of people I don't know anymore, there are still many that I do know. We look out for each other and we don't have as many of the big city problems that Albuquerque experience. We do need to stay alert and smart so we don't encounter those problems. The city really needs to do a better job of keeping all areas clean so that we can build. Transient population as well is a problem with illicit drugs in the community. We need to be more proactive instead of reactive. | 8/25/2025 4:21 PM  |
| 62 | Close to work and school for my kids                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 8/25/2025 4:14 PM  |
| 63 | Low crime                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 8/25/2025 4:11 PM  |
| 64 | Nothing, library                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 8/25/2025 4:09 PM  |
| 65 | low crime - open spaces - agriculture, although no longer sustainable                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 8/25/2025 4:04 PM  |
| 66 | The closeness                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 8/25/2025 3:53 PM  |
| 67 | Its honestly awful due to social class and poverty. Its hard to obtain employment without internet or cellular communications                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 8/25/2025 3:45 PM  |
| 68 | Community                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 8/25/2025 3:33 PM  |
| 69 | Living next to open space, long views, easygoing attitude                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 8/25/2025 3:28 PM  |
| 70 | Rural atmosphere/low population                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 8/25/2025 3:26 PM  |
| 71 | Safety & future growth potential                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 8/25/2025 3:13 PM  |
| 72 | Small town close to big city. Great public schools                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 8/25/2025 3:08 PM  |
| 73 | Local gov't services close                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 8/25/2025 2:56 PM  |
| 74 | It's not ABQ                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 8/25/2025 11:20 AM |
| 75 | The small town effect!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 8/25/2025 11:06 AM |
| 76 | Pueblo pequemo, buena comunidad                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 8/25/2025 10:55 AM |
| 77 | Convenience of grocery store & dollar stores                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 8/25/2025 10:42 AM |
| 78 | Quiet, polite, helpful neighbors                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 8/25/2025 10:29 AM |
| 79 | I live outside limits, but do my business here                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 8/25/2025 10:06 AM |
| 80 | People are friendly                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 8/25/2025 10:03 AM |
| 81 | I personally would like to see more of the trash taken off the streets very disappointing it gives our city a bad look - trashy - Gives the wrong impression. I think citations to all who let their trash fly around; not picked up.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 8/25/2025 9:46 AM  |
| 82 | Great mayor + staff                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 8/25/2025 9:38 AM  |
| 83 | The people. I would like to see more community services and recreation opportunities; events.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 8/25/2025 9:14 AM  |

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| 84  | Friendly, slower paced atmosphere                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 8/25/2025 9:05 AM  |
| 85  | The peace and quiet. No DAMN traffic jams, being able to see the sky and stars at night. Hardly any crime.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 8/22/2025 1:50 PM  |
| 86  | It's a simpler life than a big city                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 8/22/2025 11:56 AM |
| 87  | Great community                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 8/22/2025 11:43 AM |
| 88  | Small town atmosphere, great place to raise my children                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 8/22/2025 11:29 AM |
| 89  | Close to Santa Fe & ABQ                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 8/22/2025 11:22 AM |
| 90  | Rural area                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 8/22/2025 11:06 AM |
| 91  | No hustle / bustle, quiet & peaceful                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 8/22/2025 10:44 AM |
| 92  | This is a great community with friendly people. There are older businesses, families that hold back development to protect their own lifestyles afraid that they can't compete with other businesses. The problem is through the whole city government mindset. How can the city send out this mailout without a return address on it or a return envelope. How can you expect a real response.                        | 8/22/2025 10:32 AM |
| 93  | Small town atmosphere-country feel                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 8/22/2025 10:11 AM |
| 94  | Community. People help each other out, we talk, we look out for each other. Less rat race.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 8/7/2025 12:31 PM  |
| 95  | Smaller population and quieter housing areas                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 8/5/2025 9:16 PM   |
| 96  | Low key living / new ad campaign should be "there's more in Moriarty"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 8/3/2025 12:48 PM  |
| 97  | It's quiet & the scenery.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 7/30/2025 4:00 PM  |
| 98  | Small town atmosphere                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 7/28/2025 8:24 PM  |
| 99  | Family                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 7/28/2025 8:13 PM  |
| 100 | N/A. But the potential is there just needs leadership vision and the willingness to promote the community as a rural , country and friendlier place to do business and live alternative to the Valley .                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 7/22/2025 9:20 AM  |
| 101 | My family lives here.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 7/20/2025 8:11 PM  |
| 102 | The one and only thing that keeps me here is my family and the land that I have. I honestly am disgusted by the mind set of this town and the action being taken by city council. It is a joke what they think is good for the "people"                                                                                                                                                                                | 7/20/2025 8:10 PM  |
| 103 | Family ties and the potential for growth There are really good people in Moriarty but as of late we have attracted some not so wholesome groups from cheap living expense lack of work and schools that are struggling                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 7/20/2025 5:46 PM  |
| 104 | Neighbors and church                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 7/20/2025 2:50 PM  |
| 105 | It's my home town!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 7/14/2025 9:56 PM  |
| 106 | I can't narrow it down to one so here are a few. The residents-most people I meet in Moriarty are friendly and would help a stranger in need. The location-we get to be a small town and also be close to ABQ when we have big city needs. The history-My great-grandparents homesteaded here in 1906. I'm 4th generation and I'm excited to see what positive results a survey like this could bring to my community. | 7/3/2025 4:28 PM   |
| 107 | Small, quiet, friendly, space (land)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 7/2/2025 3:44 PM   |
| 108 | Library                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 7/2/2025 10:31 AM  |
| 109 | Rural                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 7/1/2025 5:36 PM   |
| 110 | I live just outside of Moriarty. I like walking my dogs at the city park.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 6/30/2025 7:04 AM  |
| 111 | The people / family                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 6/28/2025 11:26 AM |
| 112 | The Library and museum programs and events.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 6/27/2025 12:37 PM |

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| 113 | I'm only here because of work and friends, otherwise I'd never come to Moriarty.                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 6/27/2025 11:09 AM |
| 114 | The library. Most of the women that work there are super friendly and always have things for my kids (3,7,12,) to do.                                                                                                                                                                         | 6/27/2025 11:08 AM |
| 115 | My church family.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 6/26/2025 4:14 PM  |
| 116 | The Moriarty library is fantastic.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 6/26/2025 9:44 AM  |
| 117 | I really used to favor the dark skies. But now with the new fuel tank farm they've lit it up like downtown Albuquerque. I like that I can forget and leave my garage door open at night and no one steals anything. I like clean, patriotic small towns and this is as close as you will get. | 6/19/2025 11:08 AM |



# Appendix C: City of Moriarty Population Forecast



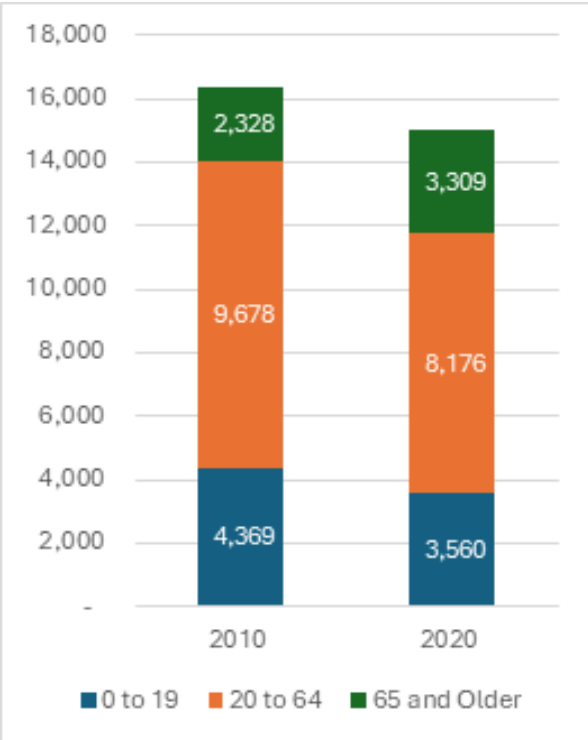
Introduction

The Mid-Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (MRMPO) was requested by the Mid-Region Regional Planning Program (MRRPP) to provide a 2045 population projection for the City of Moriarty for use in their comprehensive plan. This population forecast is informed by data from the U.S. Census Bureau and the University of New Mexico Geospatial & Population Studies (UNM-GPS). Moriarty is forecast to grow from 1,946 in 2020 to 2,073 in 2045, which represents a 6.5% growth over 25 years. The forecast was developed using a combination of two demographic techniques: a housing unit method and a shift-share method.

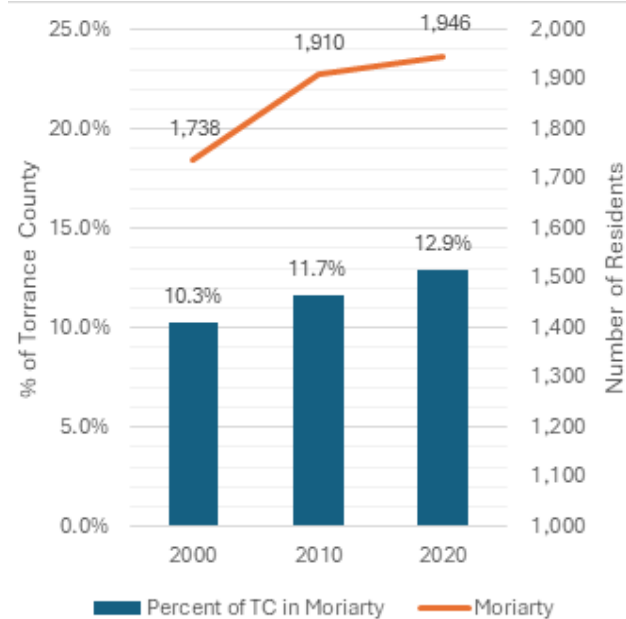
Population History

The official US Census Bureau’s population count of Moriarty per the 2020 decennial census was 1,946, showing slow growth from the previous decade with 36 new residents since the 2010 count. This occurred while Torrance County as a whole lost population, resulting in Moriarty increasing its share of population relative to the county.

Additionally, between 2010 and 2020, the Torrance County population has experienced aging. While the county’s population as a whole has declined, the population of individuals 65 and older grew by 42% between 2010 and 2020 (UNM GPS).



Distribution of Population by Age in Torrance County, 2010-2020 (Source: UNM GPS)



Population of Moriarty as a Percent of Torrance County, 2000-2020 (Source: Missouri Census Data Center, US Census Bureau)

| Scenarios and Assumptions for Housing Unit Projections                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                         |
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| Low Growth                                                                                                                              | Steady Growth                                                                                                                           |
| 1.4 Units per Year                                                                                                                      | 4.1 Units per year                                                                                                                      |
| Assumption: Future housing growth will be <u>similar to the average of the past 10-years</u> , omitting the post-2022 construction boom | Assumption: Future housing growth will be <u>similar to the average of the past 22-years</u> , omitting the post-2022 construction boom |

Historical and Forecast Population of Torrance County, Moriarty, and Share of Population, 2000-2050 (Source: UNM GPS and MRMPO)

## Housing Unit Method Forecast

The housing unit method forecasts population based on projecting historical housing development and household sizes forward. The method applies the following formula:

$$2045 \text{ Population} = 2020 \text{ Population} + (\text{projected residential units} * \text{projected occupancy rate} * \text{projected persons per household})$$

For this projection, two scenarios were considered, a low-growth scenario, and a steady growth scenario. The assumptions for each scenario are listed below.

The housing unit method assumes that housing growth has a direct relationship to population growth. In both scenarios, the post-2022 construction boom that occurred in Moriarty was omitted, as it is an unprecedented housing boom, and it is unknown if it will continue.

Population forecasts were derived from applying projected average household size and occupancy rate to forecast housing in the town of Moriarty. This data is based on the socioeconomic forecasts developed for the Transitions 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan in 2025, which anticipates a continued decline in average household sizes.

The Low Growth Scenario projects 173 new residents by 2045, and 29 new housing units, for a total population of 2,119. The Steady Growth Scenario projects 288 new residents by 2045 and 86 new housing units, for a total population of 2,234.

| Average Household Size and Vacancy Rate in Moriarty, 2020-2045 |            |           |       |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------|-------|-------|
|                                                                | Historical | Projected |       |       |
|                                                                | 2020       | 2030      | 2040  | 2045  |
| Household Size                                                 | 2.47       | 2.41      | 2.35  | 2.32  |
| Vacancy Rate                                                   | 88.7%      | 86.4%     | 84.2% | 83.1% |

Average Household Size and Occupancy Rate in Moriarty, 2020-2045 (Source: US Census Bureau, MRMPO)

| Population Forecast by Scenario |            |               |
|---------------------------------|------------|---------------|
|                                 | Low Growth | Steady Growth |
| 2020 Population                 | 1,946      | 1,946         |
| 2035 Population                 | 2,091      | 2,153         |
| 2045 Population                 | 2,119      | 2,234         |
| Change in Population            | 173        | 288           |
| New Housing Units 2020 - 2045   | 29         | 86            |

Population Forecast by Scenario (Source: MRMPO)



## Historical and Projected Population of Torrance County, Moriarty, and Share of Population, 2000-2050

|                              | Decennial Census |        |        | Projected |        |       |
|------------------------------|------------------|--------|--------|-----------|--------|-------|
|                              | 2000             | 2010   | 2020   | 2030      | 2040   | 2050  |
| Population (Torrance County) | 16,911           | 16,383 | 15,045 | 13,947    | 12,126 | 9,654 |
| Population (Moriarty)        | 1,738            | 1,910  | 1,946  | 2,025     | 1,976  | 1,766 |
| Share of County in Moriarty  | 10.3%            | 11.7%  | 12.9%  | 14.5%     | 16.3%  | 18.3% |

Historical and Forecast Population of Torrance County, Moriarty, and Share of Population, 2000-2050 (Source: UNM GPS and MRMPO)

### Shift-Share Method Forecast

The shift-share method is another common method used for forecasting population and relies on the most recent UNM-GPS 2050 population projection by county. The method applies the following formula:

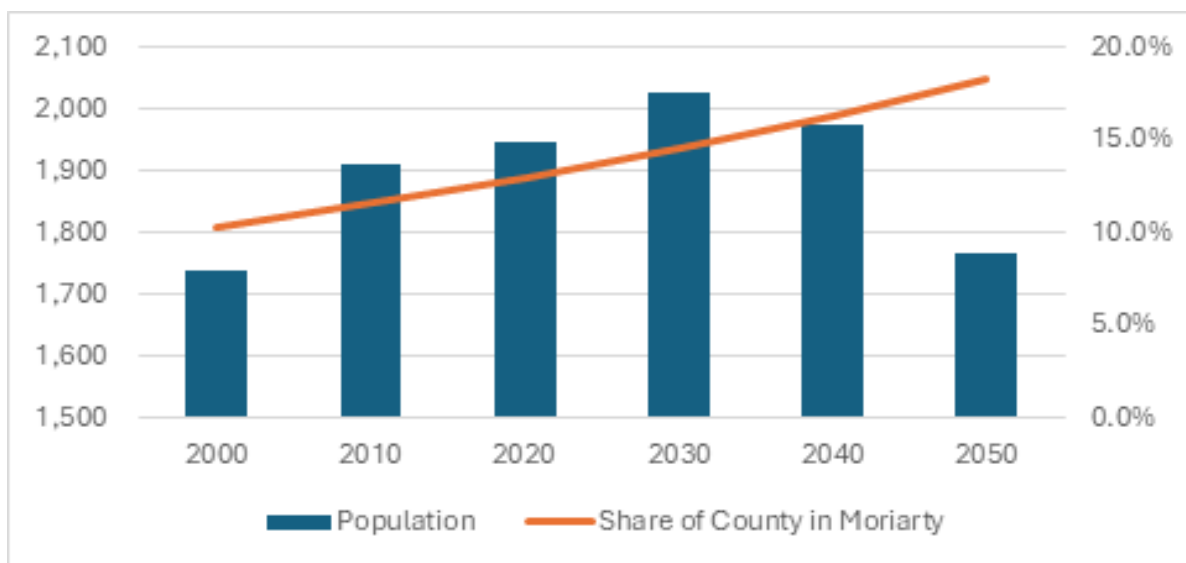
$$2045 \text{ Population} = 2045 \text{ Torrance County population projection} * \text{Moriarty's 2045 projected share of Torrance County}$$

Moriarty has had a continually growing share of the county's population, rising from 10.3% of the county's population in 2000 to 12.9% in 2020 (US Decennial Census). This is due to Moriarty's population experiencing modest growth while the county has lost population, dropping from 16,911 residents in 2000

to 15,045 residents in 2020. To generate the projected future share of Torrance County's population in Moriarty, the compound annual rate of growth of the share from 2000-2020 was projected forward to 2050.

The population of Moriarty is anticipated to exhibit steady growth until it peaks at a population of 2,025 in 2030, after which time it is expected to decline to a population of 1,766 in 2050.

Because Torrance County population is projected to decline, even an increasing share of Moriarty to the County still results in an overall declining forecast. This method results in a 2045 population forecast of 1,868 in Moriarty.



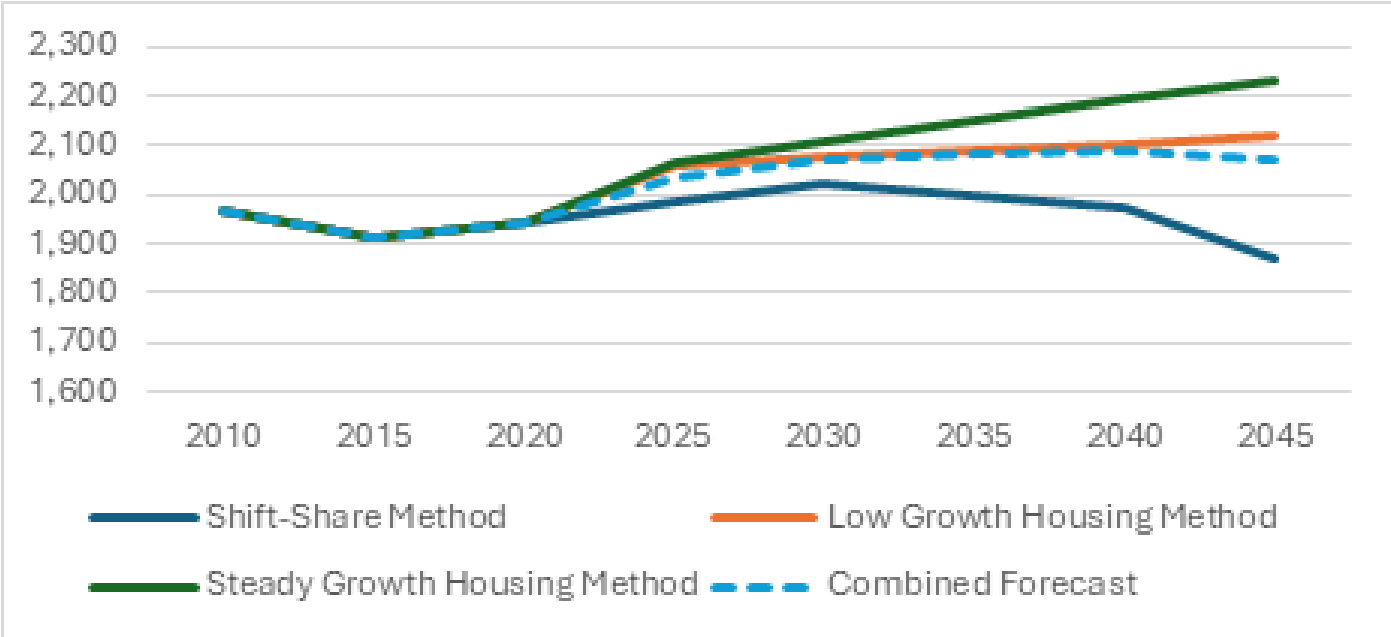
Moriarty Population Count and as a Share of Torrance County, 2000-2050 (Source: US Census Bureau, MRMPO)

## Moriarty 2045 Forecast

Below are the three forecast scenarios. The three forecasts could be considered a likely range of future growth, with the shift-share at the low end and steady growth at the high end. Planning efforts should be based on this range for future planning. The average of the three scenarios results MRMPO’s combined forecast of 2,073 for Moriarty.

| Comparison of 2045 Moriarty Population Forecasts |                      |                          |                               |                |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Scenario                                         | 2020 Base Population | Forecast 2045 Population | Population Change (2020-2045) | Percent Change |
| Shift-Share Method                               | 1,946                | 1,868                    | -78                           | -3.99%         |
| Low Growth Housing Method                        | 1,946                | 2,119                    | 173                           | 8.87%          |
| Moderate Growth Housing Method                   | 1,946                | 2,234                    | 288                           | 14.77%         |
| Combined Forecast                                | 1,946                | 2,073                    | 127                           | 6.55%          |

Comparison of 2045 Moriarty Population Forecasts (Source: MRMPO)



Forecast Population of Moriarty, 2010-2045 (Source: MRMPO)

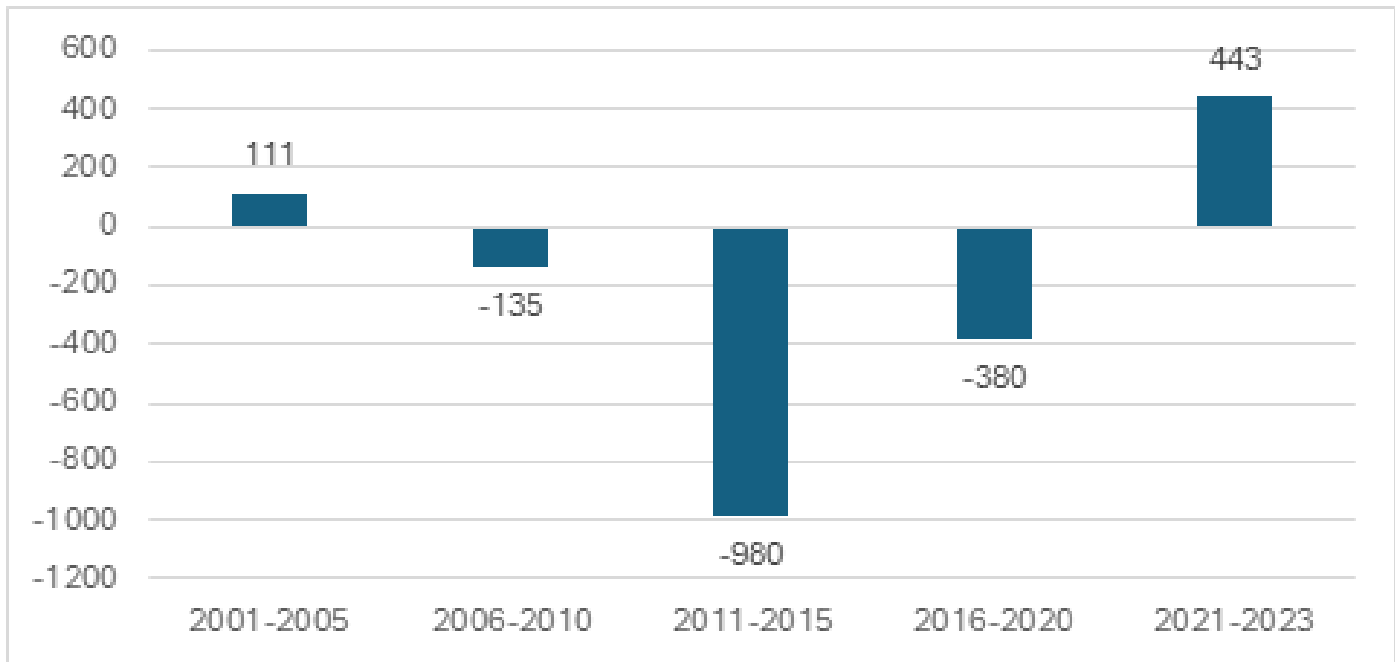
## Trends Across Scenarios

There are several major factors that influence population growth and explain the projected population decline for Torrance County: migration, natural change (births – deaths) and aging.

For the past 20 years, migration has seen dramatic fluctuations in Torrance County, both in spurts of population growth such as in the early 2000’s, and times of population loss, such as the mid-2010’s. Some recent trends are not unique to Torrance County; like many rural communities across New Mexico, younger residents often move to more urban areas of the state or even leave the state entirely in search of better access to economic prospects or ser-

vices such as education. However, some factors are very localized, such as the recent boom of in-migration, due to the large number of construction workers entering the county to build renewable energy infrastructure.

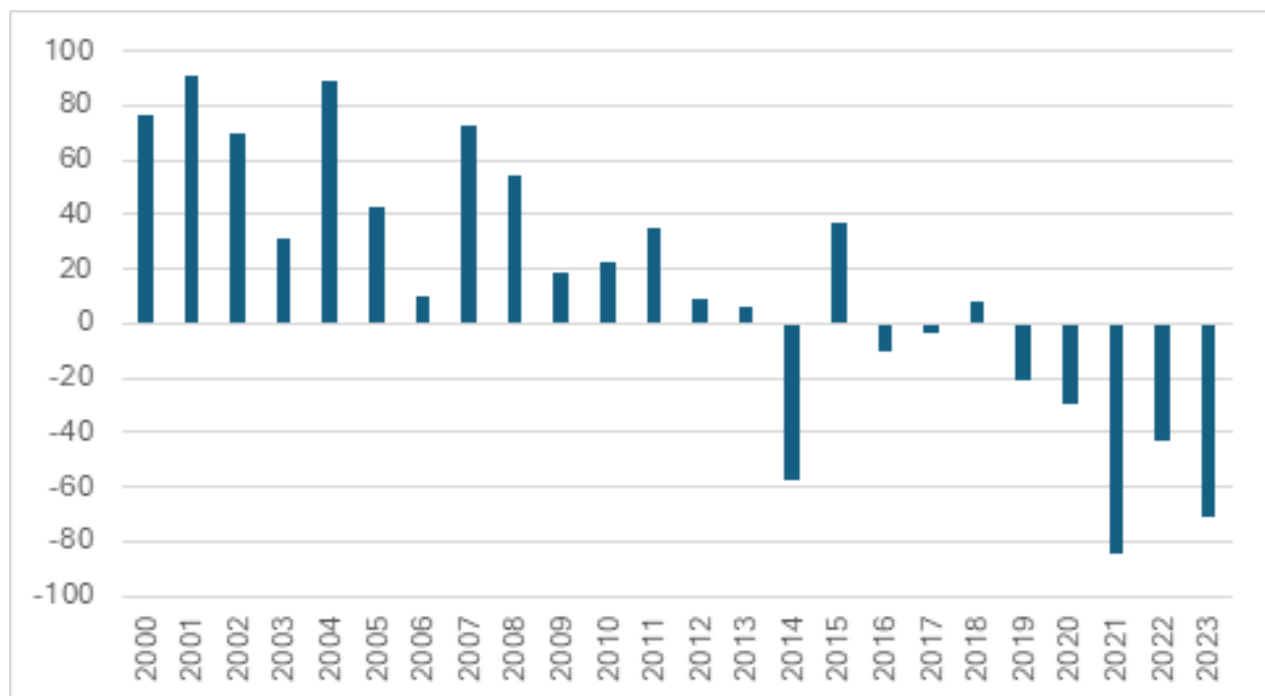
Torrance County, like many counties across rural New Mexico, has experienced net population loss due to migration, with a net migration of 941 residents leaving the county between 2001 and 2023. While there has been a recent uptick of in-migration, this has not been enough to make up for the compounding years of out-migration from Torrance County.



Net Migration in Torrance County, 2001-2023 (Source: MRMPO)

Additionally, natural change in the population has been gradually declining. Natural change is the number of residents in a community who are born each year, subtracted by the number of deaths. Similar to the United States as a whole, the birth rate in Torrance County has been decreasing, while deaths are rising. While shifts in natural change may experience less fluctuation than migration, their consistency over time can make them far more impactful on long-term population change

This shift in natural change is primarily due to the aging of the population Torrance County has been experiencing, because as the proportion of older residents increases, the number of residents having children decreases. Additionally, older residents are more likely to pass away than younger ones. As such, this trend both decreases the birth rate and increases the death rate, leading to a situation in which more residents die each year than are born. Torrance county has seen significant drop in natural change over the past decade.



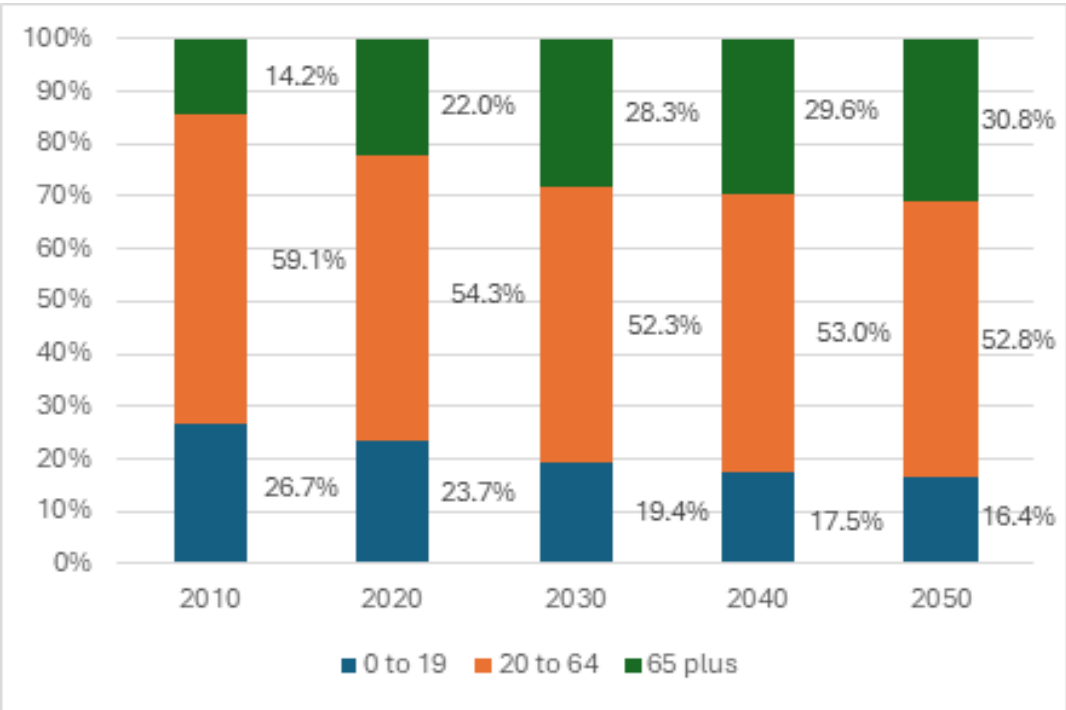
Natural Population Change in Torrance County, 2000-2023 (Source: NMDOH)



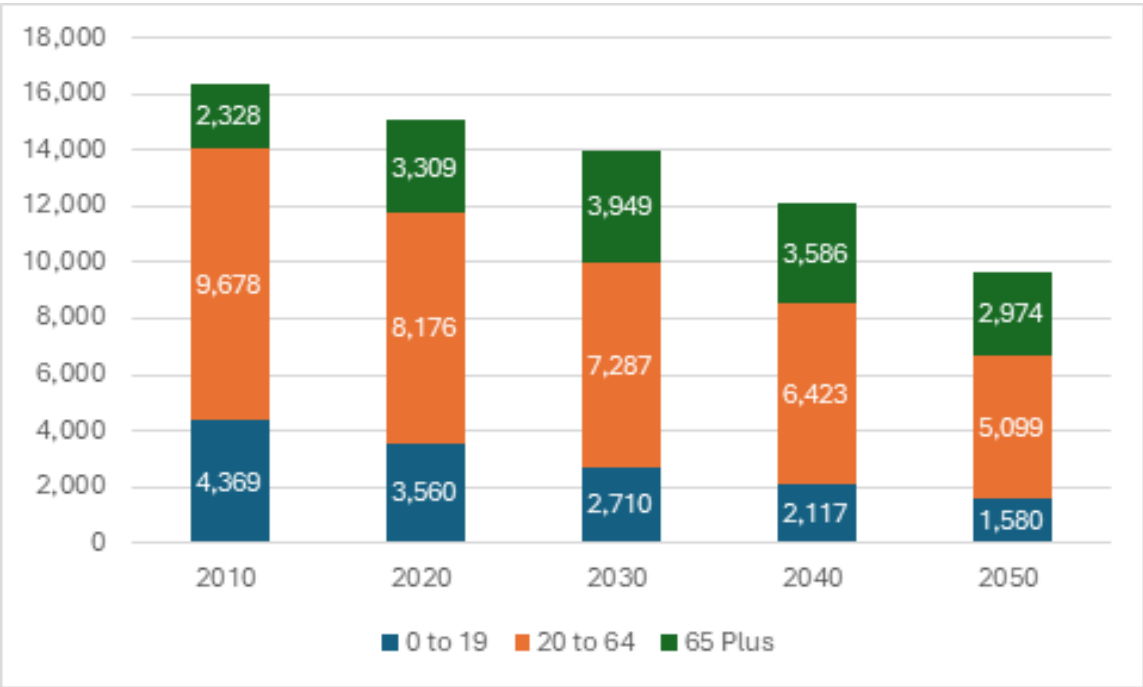
In 2010, 14.2% of the population of Torrance County was aged 65 or over, and it is projected that this category will reach nearly 31% by 2050.

While the share of population 65 and over will increase, it is important to note that the population within all age categories is expected to decline. Notably, the population between the ages of 20-

64 years old is expected to decline significantly in number and in percentage, which will translate to fewer workers in the county to support the growing needs of an aging population. Future planning efforts should take this shift into consideration in order to anticipate and meet the needs of Moriarty’s senior population.



Projected Share of Population by Age Group in Torrance County, 2010-2050 (Source: UNM GPS)



Projected Total Population by Age Group in Torrance County, 2010-2050 (Source: UNM GPS)