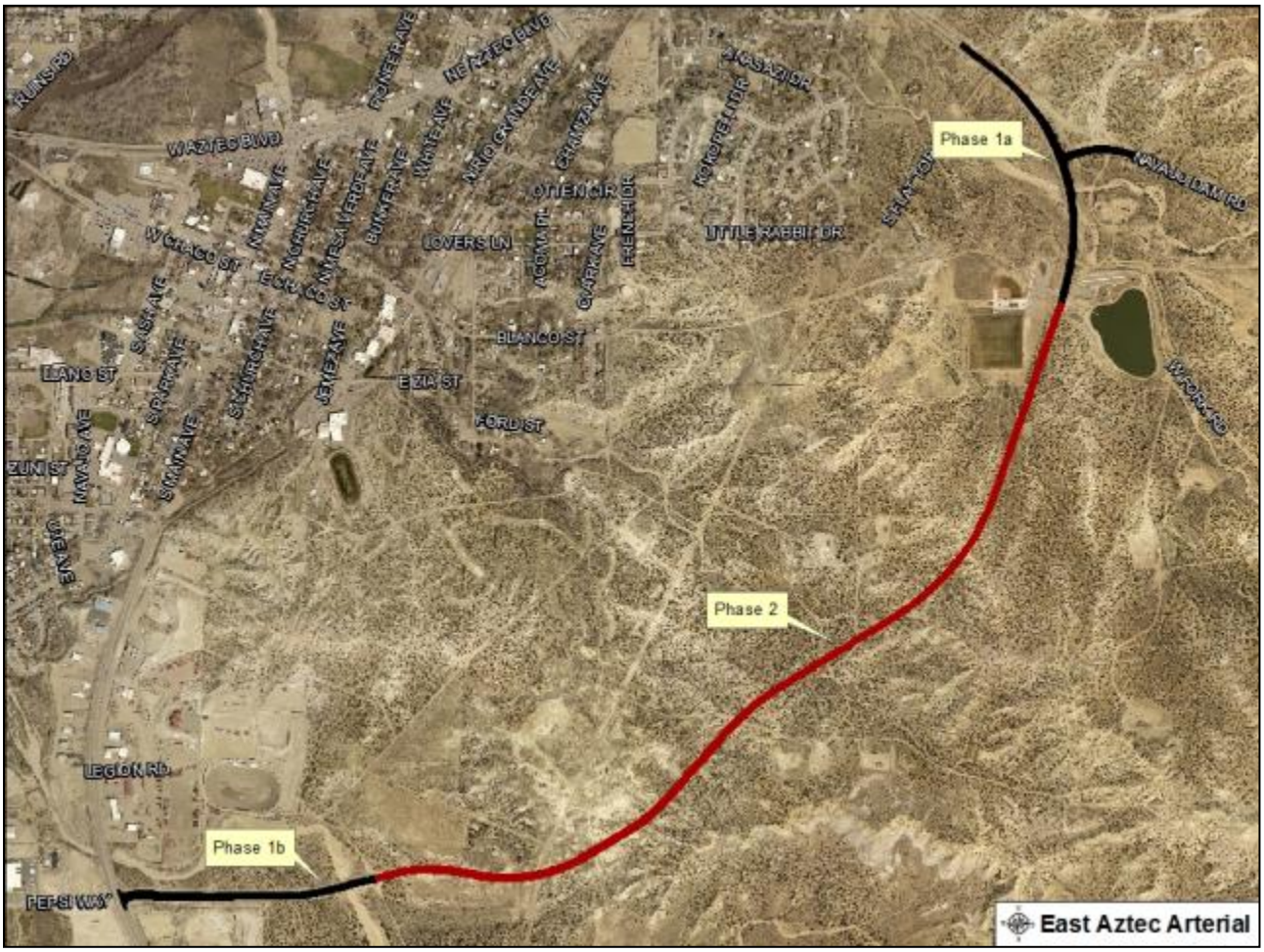
East Aztec Arterial Route - Phase 2

Phase 1A
Phase 1A was completed in 2011 with NM DOT ARRA funds, provided the realignment of NM 173 and provides access to Aztec Municipal Schools Athletic Complex and Tiger Park and Water Reservoir.

Phase 1B
Phase 1B was completed in 2016. It involved the construction of the road from U.S. 550 south of Aztec Well Service Co. to Williams Arroyo in which it also included the bridge construction over Williams Arroyo.

Phase 2
Phase 2 connects Phase 1A and Phase 1B and will provide access to private, state and federal lands for future development. Phase 2 will consist of construction of 1.8 miles of paved roadway which will finally connect U.S. 550 on the south with NM 173 on the north.

During 2020, the City acquired and underwent the legal purchase of additional ROW as required by NM-DOT. The process involved title searches, appraisals, and approval by NM-DOT for purchasing. The ROW is now undergoing certification by the NM-DOT ROW office. During the review it was noted that the FONSI (Findings of No Significant Impacts) studies had expired and so those studies will have to be updated before ROW can be certified. Once the ROW is certified, the engineering firm will update all design specifications to meet the most current NM-DOT standards of 2019. Once that has been completed, the engineer designs will be reviewed. The City anticipates going out to bid by late summer if there are no additional issues to be resolved.