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## **Widening Paseo del Norte Safety Issue to End Motorist Frustrations**

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**Today, Wednesday, September 2, 2020**

**News Conference**

**11:30 a.m.- SW corner of Paseo del Norte and Kimmick**

**Senator Sander Rue- 505-301-0189**

**Paseo del Norte Widening Announcement**

**(Albuquerque) Senator Sander Rue (R-ABQ Westside) who committed \$800,000 of his discretionary state Capital Outlay funds is pleased to attend today’s Paseo del Norte Widening news conference.**

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Senator Rue, who represents a portion of Albuquerque’s Westside said frustrated commuters and residents have been greatly inconvenienced by the traffic bottleneck on Paseo del Norte just east of Universe Avenue. That is why Senator Rue, along with House members representing the area, committed over \$2 million dollars of their discretionary Capital Outlay funds to begin the work to widen Paseo del Norte as it heads to the top of the escarpment between Calle Nortena and Rainbow Boulevard.

**“This is a safety issue and my constituents have told me they want the bottleneck on Paseo fixed. I give them the credit that this critical project is underway,” Senator Rue said. “My constituents knew and I saw every day how the growth in the area required our utmost attention to widening this state highway. As representatives of the area in the State**

**Legislature, House members and I had discretion of where to invest our share of Capital Outlay funds. We chose to widen Paseo del Norte in the section where it goes down to two lanes because it will make a difference every day to thousands of Westsiders whose lives should soon improve as they gain more time for what is important to them and less time frustrated in their vehicles.”**

Senator Rue said he also appreciates the collaboration of working with city representatives to make the widening of Paseo del Norte a reality.

The \$2.36 million in state funds will be invested in the Phase 1 of the Paseo del Norte Expansion. Millions more will be needed to complete the project.