



NEWS RELEASE

**U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx, Commissioner
Art De La Cruz Announce Major Federal Funding Award
for Bernalillo County**

*-- \$8 million will create Second Street improvements, new opportunities leading
to Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge --*

Bernalillo County

**“This project is about providing safe vehicular and pedestrian access for all residents of
Bernalillo County to enjoy the Valle de Oro Wildlife Refuge, one of only a handful of urban
wildlife refuges in this country,”**

**“This unique wildlife
refuge is already having a positive impact in the South Valley and Bernalillo County and**

soon it will impact the entire city and state. This federal land access funding will begin the creation of a roadway worthy of taking visitors to the wonderful Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge.”

“Safety is our highest priority and that commitment is the same regardless of which form of transportation people choose, including walking and biking,” **“The**
safety improvements to 2nd Street will directly benefit the community’s quality of life and will underscore the importance of long-term funding to address the multimodal transportation needs of all Americans.”

“From the beginning, the vision for Valle de Oro has been a collaborative one. To date dozens of partners have supported this project,”

“As a result of our long-standing relationships with the Department of Transportation and Bernalillo County we will now be able to provide safer and - more diverse choices - for visitors to Valle de Oro. This further enables us to fulfill our commitment of connecting urban communities with natural resources.”