

Gallup looking to beautify I-40 interchanges

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To improve the lackluster entry and exit into Gallup from Interstate 40, the City Council is developing a master plan to beautify the area.

Plans involve landscaping the four I-40 interchanges that run through town.

MRWM Landscape Architect drew up some plans that take advantage of existing native grass and add rock, stone features and bosque paintings intended to connect with the multicultural demographic that comprises of Gallup.

It's in the early planning stages. But the overall concept would be similar to the interstate landscaping program between the New Mexico Department of Transportation and the city of Albuquerque.

Councilors gave mostly positive feedback on the designs, and next on the agenda would be to seek public input.

Once a master plan is created, city officials can submit it to NMDOT for partnership consideration.