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Died 2022 near sand Dunes Exit  
graduated 2021 Alamosa High

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My son took this picture



CDOT said mile marker  
228 - 242, only 5 crashes  
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County Road 116  
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Mr. West. I missed your email and was already out of the valley when I received it.

Since this is a state issue and not federal, have you contacted Alamosa County's road and bridge department?? They would be ones, if they support turning lanes, to ask CDOT to approve and put them in.

Three years ago I went to CDOT with zero response. Road and bridge referred me to CDOT. This is the Corridor where all the trucks come through to deliver the potatoes in the agriculture from this valley it is also major Corridor for southern Colorado. To ignore this problem put everyone at risk. No one seems to care enough. There were turn out lanes CDOT restored the road and did not replace them. CDOT does not lessen to private citizens. They want a million dollar s for some white paint. The question is are the Republicans going to be proactive or wait tell Democrats take the issue fix the problem and SLV Democrats say that the republicans don't care. We at the GOP have made huge strides in growing the Republican Party in SLV . We can say we did something for the people not only for wealthy Agricultural. This would say government is working for the people that would give hope to the next generation of entrepreneurs. That's how we can change hearts and minds. Have a blessed day.

Have you brought the issue up with the County Commissioners?

They have so many issues with CDOT they don't want to make waves. For other planning issues.

As I mentioned before, it is a state issue and has "local control". As a federal office, we can't get involved in local or state issues as the constitution protects the state and local governments.

I have a newsletter from Lauren Bobert and all of her accomplishments or local issues that the constituents had problems with I don't understand . People are dying on the stretch of road and because there are no public records that can be accessed there are no statistics that can argue the point. That's where I run into brick wall if you guys at the top can access the information I need I will fight the good fight. I will state my case but you know that the bureaucratic nonsense that goes on makes it difficult for a hard-working man to get this done. Any help you can give me would be greatly appreciated I have already gone through all the channels at my disposal. I would not have bothered you if this was not a pressing issue and I run into a brick wall.

How many people in your mind have lost their lives?

I can ask for stats from CDOT



This is the Valley courier December 22. I know of a large tanker truck Alta exploded in approximately the same place where this action accident took place. I also know for guys that are EMTs that have told me lots of stories that they have witnessed and carried away bodies. One of them is a flight for life EMT. I know a boy from Alamosa high school that was also killed and I am witness of at least six major collisions on the highway we're cars of been mangled not knowing whether the people survived or not. Generally the relatives of the accident victims put Reese along the highway where their love ones were killed. I know of three Reese along the highway one of them is between the farm next-door and County Road 116. I will go back in my picture catalog and send you a picture of an accident I was witness to on County Road 116 and I weigh 160.



Car making left was hit so it pushed 100 and two other hit them. This is my mail box I see near visions almost every time I check my mail. People stop to make a left-hand turn people behind them do not stop in time and have to pass on the right the speed limit is 65 miles an hour coming to a dead stop. But the large trucks potato trucks rock trucks and all of the large trucks coming from the lumber mill in Blanca. These trucks cannot stop and most of the time they are doing 70 to 80 miles an hour on the stretch. I also witnessed a Single F 1 50 Ford westbound come across the road take out my mailbox hit the power pole and destroyed Zimmerman's metal gate. I did not take pictures of this but the mangled gate is still there I can take a picture of it and send it to you.

Pictures September 4 2022

116 is going south, correct? You are asking for a left turn lane from the east to west Hwy 160. Or is it west to east on Hwy 160??



Turn out lane s east and west. CR 116 to north also is the Blanca reserves ( I believe that it state reserve) there is a lot of traffic for the reserve. This also a lot of traffic from state water canal. County Road 116 that's a lot of traffic because it's the main thorough fare to all the property north east of the Highway 160. There are no other roads turning north off of Highway 160 until you get to the San dunes National park. Since the last time we spoke there were several accidents I don't think there were any fatalities. But if you were listening to the news there were two swimmers that were going to the University the Denver area that were killed. They were killed on a 2 Lane Highway where someone was making a left turn. Thanks so much for getting back to me I appreciate all your help.



The people average 80 miles a hour here. Imagine someone full stop rite here traffic is doing 65 to 80 plus miles and hour , how is large semi truck going to stop (school bus loaded full of kids.)



Full stop to make left turn they are rolling two miles an hour no brake lights. Imagine end sun shining you can't see brake lights, can't stop in time.



I measured east bound and west bound . They don't have to do any construction just sandblast the white line's put two four out lane's in the middle , taper the white line to the sides of the asphalt . And two signs to reduce traffic to 55 . EZ fix, save lives



<https://youtube.com/shorts/3ipU1gu7LXo?si=aQVB5heV3cFwQJAO>  
This every day out there



Another huge accident this time there were two ambulances carrying the bodies away.



Just checking in see any work from Hwy people you should see the traffic . Passing at 80 miles an hour both ways



Driver swerved off the road plowed into my mailbox this interception is dangerous needs turn out lanes and Speed limit needs to be reduced

I haven't heard back. Time to follow up. Will do that next week.

Your awesome thanks so much

Appears I have a response from CDOT. I will know more once I return to the office tomorrow morning. In the meantime what is your email address??

Have you noticed how many cars with Texas license plates turn on 25 on the 160 it's amazing and they all drive crazy passing weaving in and out of traffic. I was going to Runyon in Pueblo to watch one my baseball students play . So many Texas license plates? Just wondering. Hope you have a great day thanks for all your doing



I'm praying for Lauren  
Bobert

Just wondering if any more information. There going to build a solar farm in the same intersection

**Fwd: Fw: CDOT EMAIL**

1 message

**Gabe West** <gwest93175@gmail.com>  
To: maincopysource@gmail.com

Tue, Sep 23, 2025 at 4:17 PM

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From: **qwestauto@aol.com** <qwestauto@aol.com>  
Date: Thu, Sep 11, 2025, 1:33 PM  
Subject: Fw: CDOT EMAIL  
To: Gabriel West <gwest93175@gmail.com>

Sent from the all new AOL app for iOS

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On Thursday, September 11, 2025, 1:07 PM, Garcia, Cathy <cathy.garcia@mail.house.gov> wrote:

McKenna from Congresswoman Bobert's office looked up the case and this is the information:

*Last note June 10, 2024*

*6/10/2024*

*Good morning Cathy,*

*Our Traffic & Safety Engineers have reviewed crash data along US Highway 160 between County Road 114 and 116 (Mile Points 238 to 240). Please see the below information that the team has provided in regards to your constituent's concerns.*

***Crash Statistics** - At this time, the crash patterns do not warrant any changes to highway design or justify CDOT funding turn lanes. There have been five crashes in the last five years between Mile Points 238 and 240. We will continue to monitor and review crash patterns along this segment of US 160.*

***Traffic Volumes** - The current projected traffic volumes at the county road intersections have not triggered the need for turn lanes. Turn lanes are typically constructed as the result of new developments increasing traffic volumes, for example, a large subdivision or RV park. Additionally, the responsibility is on the developer to make those improvements to the highway.*

*CDOT works closely with our county partners and Transportation Planning Region members in planning/funding highway safety improvements. CDOT recommends the county continue to direct and encourage developers to contact CDOT and complete the access permit process so we can determine when turn lanes are warranted.*

**Fwd: Accident zone the intersection County Road 116 Highway 160**

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**Gabe West** <gwest93175@gmail.com>  
To: maincopysource@gmail.com

Tue, Sep 23, 2025 at 4:16 PM

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From: **King West77** <gwest93175@gmail.com>  
Date: Thu, Sep 11, 2025, 10:52 AM  
Subject: Accident zone the intersection County Road 116 Highway 160  
To: <SimpsonForColorado@gmail.com>

Sent from my iPhone for the past three years I have been contacting Lauren Bobert assistant Cathy Garcia I have gone to road and bridge they instructed me to go to CDOT they instructed me to go to CDOT pegosa springs.zero response.

For 10 years I have witnessed and been involved in accidents the the intersection of County Road 116 and Highway 160. The speed limit is 65 the trucks and cars are far exceeding the speed limit. 85 miles an hour is the norm for the large trucks. I know because I transport my children to school every day westbound and eastbound I have observed at least 3 to 4 accidents a month in this interception. The power pole at the corner was taken out my mailbox was taken out and I have observed close calls when I go to my mailbox. This left-hand turn people stop and because the trucks in the cars or tailgating there is no time to stop. Early morning when the bus stops County County Road 116 no one stops no one slows down. As the sun rises from the east it is virtually impossible to see the brake lights change. When the sunsets in the west people make left-hand turn traffic cannot differentiate when the brake lights are on or off.

There are local trucks hauling rock from the quarry from Highway 150 there are potato trucks then there is commuting trucks hauling goods to all of southern Colorado on this 2 Lane Highway.

As you must be aware every year there are more and more people moving to the northern part of this county, County Road 116 is the only access to the North eastern part of the county. The only other access to the northern part of the county is the road going to the Sandune's end it is a maze. I have spoken to the sheriffs officers highway patrolman an ambulance officers. They have all told me that this intersection is a death zone. They have all told me that the left-hand turn eastbound and westbound is dangerous in addition the Down hill portion part of the Hwy starting at the old dairy farm is a blind spot.

I spoke to Scott the head of the school bus depot, he said that I'm right about this subject and he will talk to the county commissioners to see what can be done and make them aware of this issue. I told him that I was very concerned about this bus stop. I am an eyewitness at so many mishaps and close calls in this intersection and I've spoken to the neighbors and ask them why haven't they spoke up on this issue. They told me that the local government is not listening.

I have said many times what is it going to take for people to start listening when a bus full of children gets killed. The first response I got from CDOT they said any developers should pay for the turn out lanes. The second response they said that there was only five fatalities in five years and that's not enough to warrant turn out lanes.

I asked Cathy Garcia to send me these correspondence from CDOT I think she works for Hurt now.

They are now considering putting in a solar farm 20 acres north east corner of this intersection.

I believe that though county commissioners meeting will be on the 24th.

I will be at the local Republican meeting I believe it's on the 19th.

Food for thought there are 27 national parks in the United States we have one of them the great Sandune 's. The estimates are 450,00 to 600,000 people visit it every year. This is the highway they travel on.

Any help you can give would be greatly appreciated.

Geoffrey West AKA mr baseball

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## Three injured in Monday pile-up near Blanca



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Posted Tuesday, September 24, 2019 10:10 am

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# Teen dies in crash on Highway 160 east of Blanca



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**Photo courtesy of CSP A white 2003 Saturn was involved in a single-vehicle crash Monday morning, Oct. 24, on**



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## Monday accident claims one life

Posted Thursday, September 26, 2019 10:10 am

**BLANCA** — There is now one fatality connected to the traffic accident that occurred Monday on Highway 160 near Blanca. The update was via the Colorado State Patrol on Wednesday afternoon.

According to CSP, the three-vehicle accident occurred at 2:24 p.m. on Sept. 23 at mile marker 252.

A 2018 Ford Pickup, and a 2004 Dodge Neon were stopped and facing east when 2003 Saturn SUV rear-ended the Dodge causing a chain reaction. The driver of the Ford, a 70-year-old male walked away with no injuries. The two individuals were in the Dodge, the driver a 21-year-old male, and the passenger, a 20-year male, old sustained serious injuries and were transported to Parkview Medical Center.

The CSP confirmed that the passenger succumbed to the injuries on Tuesday. The driver of the Saturn, a 27-year-old female was taken to SLV Regional Medical Center with minor injuries. Her status was unknown at press time.

Neither drugs or alcohol are not suspected in the incident.



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# Four vehicle serious injury crash



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Posted Wednesday, September 30, 2020 4:40 pm

## Valley Publishing Press Release

**COSTILLA COUNTY** - The Colorado State Patrol is investigating a Four vehicle serious injury crash on Highway 160 at milepost 254.

westbound lane with the Barron vehicle facing east and the Everhart cycle facing west.

Everhart was ejected during the crash and was transported to the San Luis Valey Regional Medical Center with serious injuries. Barron was transported by private vehicle to the Alamosa hospital for treatment of moderate injuries. Agustine was transported to the Alamosa Regional Medical Center for moderate injuries. Watkins was uninjured as a result of the crash. Investigation continues.