

**Project Number: #2018-001627 (1002358)**

**Case #: RZ-2018-00043 Facility Plan**

**Agency Comments**

**Transit**

No Comment

**DMD-Engineering**

**Transportation Section**

No Comment

**Parks & Recreation**

Is supportive of the 2019 G.O. Bond program as submitted

**Long Range**

*Request: Facility Plan - Review of Mayor's proposed 2019 General Obligation Bond Program and 2019-2028 Decade Plan*

The 2019 General Obligation Bond Program Decade Plan for 2019-2028 reflects the updated ABC Comprehensive Plan (Comp Plan) in two criteria that influence the scoring of projects for priority funding:

- Projects within Centers and Corridors receive additional points
- Projects implicated in actions from the ABC Comp Plan receive additional points

These criteria help align the Decade Plan with the Centers & Corridors community vision and help implement the actions called for in the ABC Comprehensive Plan.

Centers and Corridors are mapped in the IDO Interactive Map under button 2. Actions from all chapters of the ABC Comprehensive Plan are compiled in Chapter 14, Table 14-3, beginning on p. 14-22.

The ABC Comprehensive Plan (Chapter 12: Infrastructure & Community Facilities and Chapter 14: Implementation, in particular) calls for close coordination between the ABC Comp Plan and the City's Capital Improvements Program to ensure that public investment helps to implement the community's vision and goals.

***ABC Comprehensive Plan Goal 12.1 Infrastructure:** Plan, coordinate, and provide for efficient, equitable, and environmentally sound infrastructure to support existing communities and the Comp Plan's vision for future growth.*

***ABC Comprehensive Plan Goal 12.2 Community Facilities:** Provide community facilities that have convenient access and a wide range of programs for residents from all cultural, age, geographical, and educational groups to enhance quality of life and promote community involvement.*

***ABC Comprehensive Plan Policy 12.2.1 Prioritization Process:** Assess the resources and needs for community facilities throughout the city and county.*

***ABC Comprehensive Plan Policy 12.2.2 Existing Facilities:** Maintain and improve existing community facilities to better and more equitably serve the community.*

***ABC Comprehensive Plan Goal 12.4 Coordination:** Coordinate with other providers to leverage resources, maximize efficiencies, bridge service gaps, and provide added value.*

***ABC Comprehensive Plan Policy 12.4.1.d:** Prioritize infrastructure projects, capital investment, and services in an equitable way to meet the needs of all communities over time.*

***ABC Comprehensive Plan Policy 12.4.5 Facility Plans:** Develop, update, and implement facility plans for infrastructure systems, such as drainage, electric transmission, natural gas, and information technology that benefit from cross-agency and public-private coordination.*

**ABC Comprehensive Plan Goal 12.5 Resources:** Identify and allocate sufficient resources to support infrastructure, community facility, and public service needs in order to invest public dollars efficiently and effectively and to maintain a sound fiscal position.

**ABC Comprehensive Plan Policy 12.5.3 Funding Strategy:** Align public investment and leverage public-private partnerships and bonding capacity in areas consistent with the Comp Plan's vision for future growth.

**ABC Comprehensive Plan Policy 12.5.6 Public Input:** Provide information and opportunities for input about capital investment programming, project delivery, and funding priorities.

**ABC Comprehensive Plan Strategic Action 2.2:** Link the Comp Plan with City and County Capital Implementation/Improvement Program (CIP) processes.

Individual projects listed in the Decade Plan generally further ABC Comprehensive Plan goals and policies. Specific policies and actions that may be applicable are noted below.

1. DMD- Reconstruct Major Intersections, Intersection Signalization, Safety and Intersection Improvements

### **Chapter 6 – Transportation**

**ABC Comprehensive Plan Policy 6.3.1 All Users:** Use engineering, education, encouragement, enforcement, and evaluation to improve safety for pedestrians, cyclists, transit users, and motorists.

**Action 6.3.1.1** Improve roadway and trail safety by reviewing and updating signage and striping.

**Action 6.3.1.4** Perform before and after studies for projects involving complete streets improvements, lane reduction, restriping, signalization changes, or safety improvements.

**ABC Comprehensive Plan Policy 6.3.2 Pedestrians:** Improve safety for pedestrians through street design.

**ABC Comprehensive Plan Action 6.3.2.1** Implement FHWA proven safety countermeasures, such as medians and pedestrian crossing islands, at intersections with high auto and pedestrian traffic levels and sufficient right-of-way.

### **Chapter 10: Parks & Open Space**

**ABC Comp Plan Policy 10.4.4 Arroyos and Drainage:** Work with MRGCD and AMAFCA to protect arroyos, drains, and acequias as part of Community Green Space.

**Action 10.4.4.3** Plan and construct pedestrian, equestrian, and bicycle crossings where designated arroyos and ditches intersect major streets and highways as a component of transportation projects.

### **Chapter 13: Resilience & Sustainability**

**ABC Comp Plan Policy 13.1.3 Public Infrastructure and Facilities:** Consider increasing temperatures and other potential impacts of climate change in the design and operation of public infrastructure and community facilities.

**Action 13.1.3.1** Embed stress and strain sensors in pavement and bridges and use heat-resilient pavement materials on a project-by-project basis.

2. DMD- Neighborhood Traffic Management

### **Chapter 6 – Transportation**

**ABC Comprehensive Plan Policy 6.1.1 Matching Land Use:** When designing and improving streets, prioritize transportation-related accommodations and amenities to match the desired development context (e.g. urban, suburban, or rural) and/or the intended intensity of land uses.

**Action 6.1.1.2** Design and retrofit residential streets, as well as collectors and arterials where they serve and pass through residential areas, for multiple modes of travel to reduce speed, volume, and auto through-traffic while maintaining safety and enhancing neighborhood character.

3. DMD- Trails and Bikeways

**Chapter 6 – Transportation**

**ABC Comprehensive Plan Policy: Pedestrian and Bicycle Connectivity,**

**Action 6.2.3.2** Analyze gaps in connectivity, prioritize improvement projects, and assess progress over time.

**ABC Comp Plan Policy: Bicycle Network,**

**Action 6.2.5.2** Add on-street bicycle facilities when existing arterials and collectors are reconstructed, resurfaced, or the median is rebuilt and sufficient right-of-way exists.

**ABC Comp Plan Policy: Bicycle Network, Action 6.2.5.3** Support and promote bike share programs in Centers and near transit stations.

**Chapter 12: Infrastructure, Community Facilities & Services**

**ABC Comp Plan Policy: Facility Plans, Action 12.4.5.4** Implement and update the City's Rank 2 Bikeways & Trails Facility Plan: [www.cabq.gov/planning/bikewaystrails-facility-plan](http://www.cabq.gov/planning/bikewaystrails-facility-plan).

4. Parks and Recreation- Park Development and Neighborhood Park Renovation

**Chapter 10 - Parks & Open Space**

**ABC Comp Plan Policy 10.1.2 Universal Design:** Plan, design, program, and maintain parks, Open Space, and recreation facilities for use by people of all age groups and physical abilities.

**Action 10.1.2.2** Bring existing facilities into compliance based on ... the City's parks and trails ADA audit and Transition Plan.

**ABC Comp Plan Policy 10.1.4 Water Conservation:** Employ low-water use and reclamation strategies to conserve water.

**Action 10.1.4.2** Improve facilities and neighborhood parks using sustainable and green development practices.

**ABC Comprehensive Plan Policy 10.2.1 Park Types:** Plan and implement a system of parks to meet a range of needs at different scales, including small neighborhood parks, community parks, active parks, regional parks, and linear parks.

**Action 10.2.1.1** Use CIP, impact fees, and general fund allocations for park acquisition and development and examine alternative methods of financing such as public-private partnerships for parks and park maintenance.

**Action 10.2.1.2** Work toward addressing gaps in service. Cultural Services- International District Library

**Chapter 12 - Infrastructure, Community Facilities & Services**

**ABC Comp Plan Policy 12.2.1 Prioritization Process:** Assess the resources and needs for community facilities throughout the city and county.

**Action 12.2.1.2** Evaluate services on a regular basis and engage residents in needs assessments to meet programming needs.

**ABC Comprehensive Plan Policy 12.3.7 Libraries:** Expand library services as necessary to make them accessible to people on-line or at the neighborhood and community level and create programs in partnership with other department and institutions to advance educational levels and professional skills.

**ABC Comprehensive Plan Policy 12.3.1.b. Access to Public Services:** Encourage libraries, schools, and health and social services to locate in Centers to be accessible to pedestrians, cyclists, transit users, and drivers.

5. Cultural Services- KiMo Theatre Remodel and Repair of Facilities

**Chapter 5: Land Use**

**ABC Comprehensive Plan Policy 5.1.3.f:** *Create an 18-hour Downtown that generates activity throughout the day and evening.*

**ABC Comprehensive Plan Policy 5.1.3.c:** *Ensure opportunities for public and private employment, civic uses, and cultural and entertainment activities.*

**Chapter 11: Heritage Conservation**

**ABC Comprehensive Plan Policy 11.5.2 Cultural Facilities:** *Provide and maintain high-quality public, cultural, and arts facilities to best serve the public.*

**Action 11.5.2.2** *Promote existing and new arts, entertainment, and cultural facilities in the Downtown Arts and Culture District, including the KiMo Theatre, Kiva Auditorium, Civic Plaza, and Main Library Auditorium.*

6. Family and Community Services- Affordable Housing

**Chapter 5: Land Use**

**ABC Comp Plan Policy 5.1.1 Desired Growth:** *Capture regional growth in Centers and Corridors to help shape the built environment into a sustainable development pattern.*

**Action 5.1.1.10** *Structure capital investment and land use regulations in support of creating additional housing and jobs within Transit Corridors.*

**Chapter 9: Housing**

**ABC Comprehensive Plan Policy 9.1.1 Housing Options:** *Support the development, improvement, and conservation of housing for a variety of income levels and types of residents and households.*

**Action 9.1.1.4** *Coordinate with agencies with access to funding sources to provide affordable housing in priority areas and to address housing gaps in affordability at different income levels.*

**ABC Comp Plan Policy 9.1.2 Affordability:** *Provide for mixed-income neighborhoods by encouraging high-quality, affordable and mixed income housing options throughout the area.*

**Action 9.1.2.1** *Promote rehabilitation projects for lower-income households in neighborhoods with existing moderately priced homes and areas vulnerable to speculation, redevelopment, and displacement of lower-income residents.*

**ABC Comp Plan Policy 9.7.2 Metropolitan Redevelopment:** *Identify and prioritize opportunities for catalytic projects that stabilize and serve blighted neighborhoods and support redevelopment in those areas.*

**Action 9.7.2.2** *Structure capital expenditures and land use regulations in support of creating additional housing and jobs in distressed neighborhoods.*

**Chapter 12: Infrastructure, Community Facilities & Services**

**ABC Comp Plan Policy 12.5.3 Funding Strategy:** *Align public investment and leverage public-private partnerships and bonding capacity in areas consistent with the Comp Plan's vision for future growth.*

**Action 12.5.3.2** *Use financial tools available in areas designated as Metropolitan Redevelopment Areas, such as tax increment financing and public-private partnerships to accomplish the goals of the Comp Plan, including public improvements, affordable housing, and commercial revitalization.*

7. Planning- Administration- Electronic Plan Review (ePlan)

**Chapter 5: Land Use**

**ABC Comprehensive Plan Policy 5.7.6 Development Services:** *Provide high-quality customer service with transparent approval and permitting processes.*

**Action 5.7.6.1** *Improve One Stop Shop to provide premium customer service and transparency.*

8. Planning- MRA- Rail Yards and Metropolitan Redevelopment Area

**Chapter 9: Housing**

**ABC Comp Plan Policy 9.7.2 Metropolitan Redevelopment:** *Identify and prioritize opportunities for catalytic projects that stabilize and serve blighted neighborhoods and support redevelopment in those areas.*

**Action 9.7.2.1** *Use financial tools enabled by the Metropolitan Redevelopment Agency, such as tax increment financing and public/private partnerships, to make public improvements and incentivize commercial revitalization and mixed income housing.*

**Action 9.7.2.2** *Structure capital expenditures and land use regulations in support of creating additional housing and jobs in distressed neighborhoods.*

**Chapter 11: Heritage Conservation**

**ABC Comp Plan Policy 11.2.3 Distinct Built Environments:** *Preserve and enhance the social, cultural, and historical features that contribute to the identities of distinct communities, neighborhoods, and districts.*

**ABC Comp Plan Policy 11.2.3.b:** *Encourage development that strengthens the identity and cohesiveness of the surrounding community and enhances distinct*

**AMAFCA**

*Re: City of Albuquerque Proposed 2019 General Obligation Bond Program and 2019-2028 Decade Plan -A.MAFCA Review and Comments*

The purpose of this correspondence is to formally notify you and the Environmental Planning Commission ("EPC") that the Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority ("AMAFCA") as reviewed the Mayor of Albuquerque's proposed 2019 General Obligation (GO) Bond Program and 2019-2028 Decade Plan and is concerned with the 79% reduction in the Department of Municipal Development Storm Drainage capital program. The 2019 GO Bond program for storm drainage has been reduced to 3,000,000 dollars for the two-year period 2019-2020. This is contrasted by the current funding of 14,342,000 dollars for the period 2017-2018 and the average funding for future bond requests of 23,320,000 dollars between 2021 to 2028. This reduction in funding in the capital program will affect the City of Albuquerque's ability to rehabilitate and correct deficiencies in the City system and funding of regional water quality and flood control projects with AMAFCA. We are concerned with the timing and the amount of the decrease, in the storm drainage capital program. The reduction in funding will disrupt the City of Albuquerque's ability, to protect life and property and require our constituents to pay additional flood insurance, therefore we are requesting the City reconsider fully funding the Department of Municipal Development's Storm Drainage original capital request, for the 2019 GO Bond, in the amount of 18,000,000 dollars.

**Summary of City of Albuquerque General Obligation Bond Program  
Department of Municipal Development Storm Drainage**

(Millions of Dollars)

Decade Plan	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
2003-2012	15																
2005-2014	11.55		11.05														
2011-2020	12.95		13.45		14.35		14.1		14								
2013-2021			10		14.4		14.4		14.4		14.4						
2015-2023					14.1		14.6		14.6		14.6		18.35				
2017-2025							15		18.9		19.02		22.88		24		
2019-2027									3		22.5		22.7		21.6		26.48

The proposed 2019 General Obligation (GO) Bond Program and 2019-2028 Decade Plan was developed using adopted policies and criteria for selection of capital improvement projects. This cycle emphasized rehabilitation and deficiency correction in an effort to preserve existing assets and to correct critical deficiencies.

In conjunction with the City's GO Bond Program, AMAFCA developed its 2018 Project Schedule in late 2017. AMAFCA has repeatedly demonstrated a willingness to participate in addressing problems with other cooperative agencies. The Project Schedule identifies planning efforts, joint funding initiatives, designs and construction projects that AMAFCA hopes to accomplish over the next six years. The selected projects were derived from an extensive review and analysis of more than 338 different planned flood control and water quality projects within AMAFCA's jurisdiction. Each project was evaluated by assessing current and future needs and regulatory priorities. The project list was developed and evaluated with input from other agencies and coordinated with projects contemplated by the City of Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, the U.S. Corps of Engineers, NMDOT, SCAFCA, MRGCD and the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque.

Each agency, including the City of Albuquerque, reviewed and evaluated each project for system effectiveness, funding availability and timing. The recommendations, including those from the City of Albuquerque, were presented to the AMAFCA Board of Directors over a series of public meetings held in the spring and summer of 2017; more than \$725,000,000 in proposed projects were vetted. The 2018 schedule addressed the following:

Drainage Deficiencies in existing neighborhoods	25%	\$25.1 M
Rehab of Existing Flood Control Facilities	18%	\$18.2 M
Master Planned Drainage Facilities	34%	\$33.8 M
Storm Water Quality Projects (retrofits and new projects)	23%	\$23.2 M

The City of Albuquerque requested specific critical projects in the amount of \$29,678,000 that address deficiencies in the City of Albuquerque's storm drain system be included in the AMAFCA project schedule. At a minimum, the City of Albuquerque would need to fund \$16,534,500, if joint projects with AMAFCA, were authorized by the AMAFCA Board.

AMAFCA staff and the AMAFCA Board of Directors use the Project Schedule process to develop long term plans to maximize the level of protection from the effects of flooding

through fiscally responsible projects by partnering with the City of Albuquerque and other agencies. Very large swings in funding, are disruptive, in the planning and implementation of major capital projects, which often take years to complete. Unstable funding will result in many projects being delayed or canceled that address water quality or flood control in the City of Albuquerque.

The 79% cut in the City of Albuquerque's Storm Sewer System GO Bonds, will not allow current and future joint projects, to move forward. The projects identified by the City of Albuquerque in the 2011-2020 and 2013-2021 Decade plans, are projects that address inadequate infrastructure, aging infrastructure or flood plain removal. It is not AMAFCA's responsibility, to build projects not funded by the City of Albuquerque, or projects identified in the decade plan or the AMAFCA Project schedule in the absence of City participation.

For instance, two projects that have been identified by the City of Albuquerque that are included in the AMAFCA 2018 Project Schedule, are the Gibson and Louisiana Regional Flood Control Facility and the Eastern and Alvarado Regional Pond. Once complete, both projects will allow the removal of flood plain from approximately 900 lots, in southeast Albuquerque. The removal of flood plain will remove the requirement to purchase flood insurance, a possible annual savings of 20 million dollars. The current 2019-2028 Decade plan, will delay, for City of Albuquerque's consideration, the Alvarado Regional Pond project until 2021, resulting in an additional 60 million dollars of flood insurance premiums potentially leaving the City of Albuquerque and the State of New Mexico.

AMAFCA is requesting that the proposed 2019 General Obligation (GO) Bond Program and 2019-2028 Decade Plan be modified to include the Department of Municipal Development's Storm Drainage original capital request, for the 2019 GO Bond, in the amount of 18,000,000 dollars, to allow the City of Albuquerque to continue to protect life and property.