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## OFFICIAL NOTICE OF DECISION

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**Project #2020-004467**  
SI-2024-01429 – 2025 General Obligation (G.O.) Bond Program  
and 2025-2034 Decade Plan

### **LEGAL DESCRIPTION:**

Josh Herbert, City of Albuquerque Department of Municipal Development Capital Improvement Program (DMD-CIP), presents the 2025 General Obligation (GO) Bond Program and the 2025-2034 Decade Plan for capital improvements to the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) for review and comment, pursuant to IDO 14-16-6-2(E)(3)(d), Citywide.

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On November 14, 2024, the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) voted to recommend APPROVAL of Project # 2020-004467/SI-2024-01429, 2025 General Obligation Bond Program 2025-2034 Decade Plan, to the City Council based on the following Findings.

### FINDINGS:

1. The request is for the proposed 2025 General Obligation (G.O.) Bond Program and the 2025-2034 Decade Plan, which is the city-wide plan for selection of capital improvement projects in the City of Albuquerque.
2. This “Special Project Review” case is a request for review and comment by the public and for comments and recommendations from the Environmental Planning Commission on the Mayor’s proposed 2025 General Obligation Bond Program and the 2025-2034 Decade Plan per IDO §14-16-6-2(E)(3)(c) and Article 2-12 (ROA 1994).
3. The Decade Plan applies city-wide in the City of Albuquerque.
4. The G.O. Bond Program and Decade Plan generally conform to the requirements of R-23-194, Enactment No. R-2024-003, which establishes policies and criteria for the selection of capital improvement projects for the 2025 G.O. Bond Program and the 2025-2034 Decade Plan.
5. The Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan and the City of Albuquerque Integrated Development Ordinance (IDO) are incorporated herein by reference and made part of the record for all purposes.

6. The request furthers the following, applicable Goals regarding Character from Chapter 4: Community Identity.

A. GOAL 4.1 CHARACTER: Enhance, protect, and preserve distinct communities.

The Decade Plan is consistent with this goal because it prioritizes the rehabilitation and correction of deficiencies in existing infrastructure, which is essential to enhancing and preserving the unique character of Albuquerque's distinct communities. With approximately 90% of the program dedicated to maintaining and improving long-standing systems, the Decade Plan will ensure that these communities continue to thrive while addressing critical infrastructure needs.

The Department of Municipal Development's Hydrology Division has allocated \$2,500,00 to comply with the NPDES Stormwater Quality MS4 Permit, an EPA requirement, and \$9,500,000 for storm drainage, hydrology, and flood mitigation. Additional funds are earmarked for traffic sign replacement, pavement markings, roadway widening, and projects for street rehabilitation, reconstruction, and maintenance. The Decade Plan also includes around \$6,000,000 for street lighting.

Allocations for stormwater management, flood prevention, and drainage upgrades will enhance community resilience against environmental issues, protecting these areas while maintaining their distinctiveness. The investments in street lighting, traffic signs, sidewalks and road improvements will contribute to safety, functionality, and visual appearance of public spaces, further strengthening the sense of place and character in each community.

7. The request furthers the following, applicable Goals & Policies regarding Centers and Corridors from Chapter 5: Land Use.

A. GOAL 5.1 CENTERS & CORRIDORS: Grow as a community of strong Centers connected by a multi-modal network of Corridors.

The Decade Plan is consistent with this goal by focusing resources on infrastructure improvements in key Activity Centers and Corridors. Approximately 93% of the projects will be in Activity Centers and Corridors. Investments in transit facilities, vehicles, and rehabilitation projects will enhance the city's multi-modal transportation network, ensuring that these areas are well-connected and accessible. By prioritizing rehabilitation and addressing infrastructure deficiencies, the program supports sustainable urban growth, concentrates development in established areas, and meets current community needs while preparing for future expansion.

In addition, leveraging matching funds for federal dollars amplifies the impact of these investments, further strengthening the city's connectivity and integration. This approach will foster a more connected, multi-modal community and support the goal of growing as a community of strong Centers linked by efficient Corridors.

B. GOAL 5.3 EFFICIENT DEVELOPMENT PATTERNS: Promote development patterns that maximize the ability of existing infrastructure and public facilities and the efficient use of land to support the public good.

By focusing on the rehabilitation of existing facilities, the Decade Plan maximizes the utility of existing infrastructure and public facilities and the efficient use of land to support the public good.

- C. **GOAL 5.6 CITY DEVELOPMENT AREAS:** Encourage and direct growth to Areas of Change where it is expected and desired and ensure that development in and near Areas of Consistency reinforces the character and intensity of the surrounding area.

The Decade Plan meets this goal by strategically directing investments toward infrastructure and development in Areas of Change, where growth is planned and encouraged, while ensuring that projects in Areas of Consistency support and reinforce the exiting character of neighborhoods. By funding critical improvements in transportation, utilities, and public amenities in Areas of Change, the Decade Plan helps guide sustainable urban development and consistency with the Comp Plan’s vision for higher-density, mixed-use, and transit-oriented areas.

- D. **POLICY 5.6.1 COMMUNITY GREEN SPACE:** Provide visual relief from urbanization and offer opportunities for education, recreation, cultural activities, and conservation of natural resources by setting aside publicly-owned Open Space, parks, trail corridors, and open areas through the Comp Plan area as mapped in Figure 5-3.

The Decade Plan is consistent with the goal of providing visual relief from urbanization and promoting education, recreation, and conservation through strategic investments in publicly-owned Open Space, parks, trails, and natural areas. By allocating funding for the acquisition, enhancement, and maintenance of these areas, the Decade Plan supports the preservation of natural landscapes, cultural resources, and recreational spaces.

The Decade Plan priorities projects that expand and improve the city’s network of parks and trails, which offer residents access to green spaces, recreational opportunities, and environmental education. These investments not only will help mitigate impacts of urban development but will also enhance the quality of life by fostering a stronger connection to the city’s natural environment and cultural heritage.

- E. **GOAL 5.7 IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS:** Employ procedures and processes to effectively and equitably implement the Comp Plan.

The Decade Plan is consistent with this goal by utilizing transparent, equitable procedures to allocate funding for infrastructure and capital improvements across the city. The Decade Plan follows established prioritization criteria to address both immediate and long-term city planning objectives, ensuring equitable investment across diverse neighborhoods. This approach helps foster balanced growth while addressing disparities in infrastructure and services throughout the city.

The Decade Plan employs accountability measures, such as public input opportunities to ensure that the allocation of funds aligns with both city-wide priorities and the Comp Plan’s guiding policies. These processes contribute to efficient resource use and ensure broad community benefits, thereby reinforcing the effectiveness and equity of the Decade Plan’s implementation.

- 8. The request furthers the following, applicable Goals regarding Chapter 6: Transportation.

- A. **GOAL 6.1 LAND USE – TRANSPORTATION INTEGRATION:** Plan, develop, operate, and maintain a transportation system to support the planned character of existing and future land uses.

The Decade Plan is consistent with this goal because \$1,750,000 have been allocated to support the Transit Department's efforts to plan, design, construct, and improve transit facilities. This funding will help provide resources for the purchase and rehabilitation of buses, vans, and other vehicles, ensuring that the transportation system can meet the needs of the existing and future land uses. The investment in associated equipment and bus-related infrastructure further enhances the integration of transportation with land use, improving accessibility and connectivity across the city. Additionally, the allocated funds can be used as matching funds to secure federal dollars, allowing the city to maximize resources and implement larger-scale transit improvements that support planned growth and development patterns.

- B. **GOAL 6.2 MULTI-MODAL SYSTEM:** Encourage walking, biking, and transit, especially at peak-hour commuting times, to enhance access and mobility for people of all ages.

The Decade Plan is consistent with this goal because projects will be funded that enhance multi-modal infrastructure, promoting, walking, biking, and transit use. The Decade Plan invests in pedestrian and bicycle improvements, such as sidewalks, bike lanes, and ADA upgrades, to create safe, accessible routes for all users. The Decade Plan also supports public transportation through funding for transit enhancements like bus stops and transit-oriented development, aiming to make transit more appealing during peak hours. Following Complete Street principles, the Decade Plan incorporates traffic calming measures, lighting, and transit infrastructure improvements to reduce car dependency and improve mobility options citywide. Additionally, the Decade Plan allocates funds for traffic sign replacement, pavement markings, street rehabilitation, and maintenance, including approximately \$6 million for street lighting.

The Department of Municipal Development (DMD) has allocated nearly \$2,000,000 for trails and bikeways, in line with the 5% mandate to plan, design, construct, and improve these facilities across the city. This investment will promote biking and walking while enhancing access and mobility for people of all ages and abilities.

- C. **GOAL 6.3 SAFETY:** Plan, develop, operate, and maintain a transportation system that provides safe access and mobility for all roadway users.

The Decade Plan furthers this goal by prioritizing safety improvements across the transportation system, ensuring that access and mobility are enhanced for all users, including motorists, pedestrians, cyclists, and public transit riders. Key elements include implementing traffic calming measures, upgrading pedestrian crossings, enhancing roadway lighting, and incorporating dedicated bike lanes. These measures will reduce the risk of accidents while improving visibility and predictability of the roads, thereby fostering a safer environment.

The Decade Plan addresses safety through strategic maintenance and infrastructure upgrades, such as repairing deteriorating roadways, replacing outdated traffic signals, and integrating advanced technology for traffic monitoring and emergency response. By prioritizing these actions, the Decade Plan supports a transportation network that minimizes hazards while promoting safe and efficient travel.

- D. **GOAL 6.7 SYSTEM EFFECTIVENESS:** Implement and maintain an effective and efficient transportation system in a coordinated and cost-effective manner.

The Decade Plan furthers this goal by funding projects that enhance the overall efficiency and coordination of Albuquerque's transportation system. By allocating resources to infrastructure improvements such as road maintenance and transit facility upgrades, the Decade Plan addresses key elements that contribute to a well-functioning transportation network. These investments ensure that they system remains reliable and capable of accommodating current and future travel demands while minimizing disruptions.

The Decade Plan also enables the City to strategically plan and execute transportation projects in a cost-effective manner, leveraging public funds to achieve maximum impact. By prioritizing projects that improve connectivity and optimize traffic flow, the Decade Plan enhances the transportation system's effectiveness.

9. The request furthers the following, applicable Goals regarding Chapter 7: Urban Design.

A. **GOAL 7.1 STREETSCAPES & DEVELOPMENT FORM:** Design streetscapes and development form to create a range of environments and experiences for residents and visitors.

The Decade Plan furthers this goal because it prioritizes funding for infrastructure improvements aimed at enhancing streetscapes and urban design throughout the city. It allocates significant resources toward street rehabilitation, new construction, and deficiency corrections including sidewalk and median upgrades, traffic signal enhancements, and pavement marking replacements. The Decade Plan includes investments in the planning, design, and acquisition of rights-of-way to improve roadways on the city's westside and address critical intersections and bridges citywide.

The Decade Plan aims to enhance the quality of public spaces by integrating functional infrastructure upgrades with aesthetic urban design improvements, thereby fostering more vibrant and accessible communities throughout the city. The Decade Plan's targeted investments in transportation infrastructure and urban planning will support a range of experiences in different neighborhoods, addressing mobility, safety, and the overall appeal of the city.

B. **GOAL 7.2 PEDESTRIAN-ACCESSIBLE DESIGN:** Increase walkability in all environments, promote pedestrian-oriented development in urban contexts and increase pedestrian safety in auto-oriented contexts.

The Decade Plan furthers this goal by prioritizing projects that enhance walkability, promote pedestrian-oriented development, and improve safety across the city. Investments include new sidewalks, crosswalk upgrades, and streetscape enhancements that will create continuous and accessible walking routes, making urban areas more pedestrian-friendlier. Safety-focused initiatives, such as traffic calming measures and ADA-compliant improvements, will reduce vehicle-pedestrian conflicts while supporting walkable environments in both urban and auto-oriented settings.

C. **GOAL 7.5 CONTEXT-SENSITIVE SITE DESIGN:** Design sites, buildings, and landscape elements to respond to the high desert environment.

The Parks & Recreation Department's funding includes \$1,500,000 dedicated to open space rehabilitation for upgrades to properties and facilities, along with \$4,000,000 allocated for park irrigation renovation and water conservation to ensure designs are suitable for the high desert

environment. Approximately \$7,850,000 is set aside for park, playground, and recreation improvements and rehabilitation, further addressing the needs of the high desert environment.

- D. **GOAL 7.6 CONTEXT-SENSITIVE INFRASTRUCTURE:** Match infrastructure design to intended densities and development patterns to minimize lifecycle costs and conserve natural resources.

The Decade Plan focuses on rehabilitating and upgrading existing infrastructure, thereby matching infrastructure design to the established densities and development patterns across Albuquerque's communities. With approximately 90% of funds dedicated to maintaining long-standing systems, the Decade Plan minimizes lifecycle costs by addressing deficiencies and extending the lifespan of existing infrastructure. Investments in stormwater management, flood mitigation, and drainage upgrades will protect natural resources and improve resilience to environmental challenges, while enhancements in street lighting, traffic signs, and roadway maintenance will ensure that infrastructure continues to support the safety, functionality, and distinct character of each area.

10. The request furthers the following, applicable Goals & Policies regarding Chapter 9: Housing.

- A. **GOAL 9.1 SUPPLY:** Ensure a sufficient supply and range of high-quality housing types that meet current and future needs at a variety of price levels to ensure more balanced housing prices.

The proposed G.O. Bond Program allocates \$10 million for affordable housing and an additional \$10 million for the rehabilitation of Health, Housing, and Homelessness Department facilities. The Decade Plan incorporates sections of the 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan, which outlines Albuquerque's five-year programming and funding strategies.

- B. **GOAL 9.4 HOMELESSNES:** Make homelessness rare, short-term, and non-recurring.

The allocation of \$10 million for the rehabilitation of Health, Housing, and Homelessness Department facilities directly supports this goal by enhancing resources that serve individuals experiencing homelessness. By improving these facilities, the program aims to provide safer, more effective environments for emergency shelter, transitional housing, and supportive services, helping to reduce the time individuals spend homeless and preventing recurrence.

Additionally, the \$10 million dedicated to affordable housing addresses a key factor in homelessness prevention by increasing the availability of affordable living options. Expanding access to stable, long term housing can help individuals exit homelessness more quickly and reduce the likelihood for future episodes, thus making homelessness rare, short-term and non-recurring.

- C. **GOAL 9.5 VULNERABLE POPULATIONS:** Expand capacity to provide quality housing and services to vulnerable populations.

The investment in affordable housing and the rehabilitation of Health, Housing, and Homelessness Department facilities will expand the city's capacity to deliver quality housing and essential services, ensuring that vulnerable populations have access to safe, stable, and supportive living environments.

11. The request furthers the following, applicable Goals regarding Chapter 10: Parks & Open Space.

- A. **GOAL 10.1 FACILITIES & ACCESS:** Provide parks, Open Space, and recreation facilities that meet the needs of all residents and use natural resources responsibly.

The allocation of \$18,350,000 to the Parks & Recreation Department is consistent with this goal by directly investing in the improvement and rehabilitation of aquatic facilities, parks, playgrounds, and open spaces. These upgrades will enhance the accessibility and quality of recreational facilities, ensuring that they meet the diverse needs of Albuquerque residents. By addressing facility maintenance and purchasing heavy-duty equipment to support these improvements, the Decade Plan promotes sustainable use of natural resources and prolongs the lifespan of existing infrastructure.

- B. **GOAL 10.2 PARKS:** Provide opportunities for outdoor education, recreation, and cultural activities that meet community needs, enhance quality of life, and promote community involvement for all residents.

The allocation of \$18,350,000 to the Parks & Recreation Department supports this goal by enhancing Albuquerque's recreational facilities to meet community needs, improve quality of life, and encourage community involvement. Investments in upgrading aquatic centers, parks, playgrounds, and open spaces makes these areas safer, more accessible, and more inviting for outdoor recreation, and cultural activities for all residents.

These improvements will not only promote active lifestyles and social interaction, but also ensure sustainable practices by addressing deferred maintenance and acquiring equipment for upkeep. This comprehensive approach will extend the lifespan of recreational infrastructure, fostering community engagement, and ensuring the city's outdoor spaces continue to serve as vital resources for education and cultural enrichment.

- C. **GOAL 10.3 OPEN SPACE:** Protect the integrity and quality of the region's natural features and environmental assets and provide opportunities for outdoor recreation and education.

The Decade Plan's investment in the Parks & Recreation Department is consistent with this goal by funding projects that protect and enhance the quality of Albuquerque's natural features and environmental assets. By rehabilitating parks and open spaces, the Decade Plan safeguards these area's ecological integrity while improving access for outdoor recreation and education.

12. The request furthers the following, applicable Goals regarding Chapter 11: Heritage Conservation.

- A. **GOAL 11.5 CULTURAL TRADITIONS & THE ARTS:** Emphasize and support cultural traditions and arts as vital components of the community's identities and well-being.

The G.O. Bond Program and Decade Plan allocate funding to support the Department of Arts and Culture, including sites such as Casa San Ysidro, ensuring that cultural, educational, and historical facilities are well-maintained and accessible. With approximately \$3,000,000 dedicated to purchasing library materials and \$7,850,000 earmarked for facility improvements, these investments will help preserve cultural traditions and promote the arts. By allocating funding for these initiatives, the Decade Plan reinforces the importance of cultural heritage and arts in enhancing the community's identity, well-being, and quality of life.

13. The request furthers the following, applicable Goals regarding Chapter 12: Infrastructure, Community Facilities & Services.

- A. **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 and future growth.

The G.O. Bond Program and Decade Plan align with this goal by prioritizing projects that enhance infrastructure in a way that supports sustainable growth while addressing the needs of existing communities. The program allocates funding to critical infrastructure improvements, including transportation, storm drainage, public safety, and recreational facilities, ensuring that resources are directed where they can most effectively promote equity and resilience. Additionally, the Decade Plan emphasizes integrating environmentally sustainable practices into projects, such as reducing environmental impacts and improving connectivity to support the Comprehensive Plan’s vision for a reliable and adaptable city.

The proposed infrastructure projects are consistent with long-term goals for land use and community development, fostering balanced growth while addressing disparities across neighborhoods. This strategy will help create a more efficient infrastructure network, optimizing resource use and reinforcing the city’s commitment to environmental stewardship and equitable service delivery.

- B. **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 education groups to enhance quality of life and promote community involvement.

The G.O. Bond Program and Decade Plan aim to enhance Albuquerque’s community facilities by funding projects that improve accessibility and diversify public spaces. Investments will focus on expanding and renovating libraries, recreation centers, parks, and cultural facilities, making these resources more accessible to residents across all neighborhoods. By prioritizing initiatives that increase access to public spaces and services, the program promotes inclusivity and supports higher quality of life city-wide.

Approximately \$5.5 million has been allocated to Senior Affairs through community facilities, with \$1 million specifically dedicated to senior wellness and fitness. This funding will cover planning, design, construction, and improvements to Department of Senior Affairs facilities. Additionally, the program will support multi-generational and culturally relevant initiatives that address the diverse needs of the city’s population, providing not only spaces for physical activity and recreation but also fostering educational, cultural, and social engagement to strengthen community connection.

- C. **GOAL 12.3 PUBLIC SERVICES:** Plan, coordinate and provide efficient, equitable, and environmentally sound services to best serve residents and protect their health, safety, and well-being.

The G.O. Bond Program and Decade Plan supports this goal by prioritizing capital improvements that provide efficient and equitable public services across Albuquerque. Through the strategic allocation of funds, the program ensures that infrastructure projects are developed to enhance the health, safety, and well-being of residents. It emphasizes a balanced approach to addressing community needs while integrating environmentally sustainable practices. The G.O. Bond Program and Decade Plan also aims to improve the quality of life for all residents by directing investments toward underserved areas and addressing critical infrastructure gaps.



- D. **GOAL 12.4 COORDINATION:** Coordinate with other providers to leverage resources, maximize efficiencies, bridge service gaps, and provide added value.

The 2025-2034 Decade Plan for Capital Improvements aligns with this goal by focusing on projects that involve collaboration with regional, state, and federal partners to share resources and expertise, maximizing the efficiency of public investments. The Decade Plan prioritizes efforts to improve infrastructure while addressing service gaps in underserved areas, ensuring an equitable distribution of resources. Through multi-use projects that enhance connectivity, such as combining road improvements with pedestrian and transit options, the Decade Plan adds value to the community by promoting integrated, cost-effective solutions that meet diverse needs.

- E. **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.

The Decade Plan aims to support Goal 12.5 Resources and its associated policies. It addresses Policy 12.5.2 on Cost Allocation, ensuring that the costs for new community facilities, public infrastructure extensions, and upgrades are distributed fairly and equitably to facilitate new development. Prioritizing Centers and Corridors aligns with Policy 12.5.3, which emphasizes directing public investment and bonding capacity toward areas consistent with the Comprehensive Plan's vision for future growth. The Decade Plan's emphasis on rehabilitation and addressing deficiencies is in line with Subpolicy 12.5.3a. A total of 93% of the projects, amounting to \$137.8 million, are located within designated Activity Centers and Corridors.

14. The request furthers the following, applicable Goals regarding Chapter 13: Resilience & Sustainability.

- A. **GOAL 13.1 CLIMATE CHANGE:** Promote resource-efficient growth and development to help mitigate global climate change and adapt to its local impacts.

The Decade Plan is consistent with this goal because it prioritizes the rehabilitation and improvement of existing infrastructure, which contributes to resource-efficient growth and helps Albuquerque adapt to the impacts of climate change. By allocating substantial funding for stormwater management, flood mitigation, and drainage upgrades, the Decade Plan enhances the community's resilience to extreme weather events and reduces environmental vulnerabilities. These measures are consistent with climate adaptation strategies while ensuring compliance with federal standards, such as the NPDES Stormwater Quality MS4 Permit.

- B. **GOAL 13.3 NATURAL HAZARDS:** Maximize the ability of built and natural environments to withstand natural hazards and recover from adverse events.

The proposed allocations are consistent with this goal by investing in infrastructure improvements that enhance resilience of the built and natural environments to natural hazards. The \$2.5 million allocation to comply with the NPDES Stormwater Quality MS4 Permit and the \$9.5 million dedicated to storm drainage, hydrology, and flood mitigation directly address the risks association with flooding and stormwater management. These investments aim to

improve water quality, reduce flooding impacts, and ensure the city's drainage system are better equipped to handle extreme weather events, thereby minimizing potential damage.

Funds allocated to the DMD Streets Division for street rehabilitation, roadway widening, and maintenance contribute to enhancing the durability and safety of the city's transportation network. These efforts will ensure that roads and related infrastructure can recover quickly from adverse events, such as heavy storms, while also improving overall safety and accessibility for the community.

15. The applicant has adequately justified the request pursuant to the Integrated Development Ordinance (IDO) 14-16-6-7(B) Adoption or Amendment of Facility Plan, as follows:

A. 6-7(B)(3)(a) The proposed plan or amendment is consistent with the spirit and intent of the ABC Comp Plan, as amended, and with other policies and plans adopted by the City Council.

The 2025 G.O. Bond Program and Decade Plan align with the spirit and intent of the ABC Comprehensive Plan by prioritizing projects that support the city's growth and development goals. The criteria used to score and select projects for funding emphasize the importance of building within Activity Centers, Corridors, and Economic Zones, as designated in the Comprehensive Plan. This approach fosters efficient land use and infrastructure investment that strengthens existing communities, promotes sustainable development, and supports economic growth. By directing resources to these targeted areas, the G.O. Bond Program helps achieve the broader objectives of the Comprehensive Plan and ensures consistency with City Council's adopted policies and plans.

B. 6-7(B)(3)(b) The proposed plan or amendment promotes the efficient use or administration of public or quasi-public facilities.

The 2025 G.O. Bond Program and Decade Plan support the efficient use and administration of public and quasi-public facilities by prioritizing projects that maintain, upgrade, and enhance essential City infrastructure. By focusing on the repair, replacement, and improvement of facilities such as parks, police stations, community centers, and senior centers, the program ensures that these assets remain functional, safe, and accessible for community use. This proactive approach to facility management helps extend the lifespan of public infrastructure, reduces long-term maintenance costs, and optimizes the delivery of services to the public.

C. 6-7(B)(3)(c) The plan or amendment will promote public health, safety, and general welfare.

The 2025 G.O. Bond Program and Decade Plan advance public health, safety, and general welfare by funding a range of projects that directly enhance the community's well-being. Investments in public safety facilities for Albuquerque Community Safety, Fire Rescue, and Police Department help ensure rapid emergency response and improve overall safety. Additionally, the program addresses potential safety hazards through facility repairs, while supporting vulnerable populations through shelters and targeted programs. Upgrades to community centers, senior centers, parks, and road infrastructure foster social engagement, physical activity, and injury prevention, thereby contributing to the health and quality of life for Albuquerque residents.

16. The applicant notified all Neighborhood Associations in the city, as required pursuant to IDO §14-16-6-4(J)(2)(e).

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17. A public comment was received after the staff report was posted that questioned the clarity of fund allocation, particularly for safety initiatives related to pedestrians and the Vision Zero program.
18. City Departments and other relevant agencies reviewed this application prior to the EPC Hearing. There were no adverse comments.
19. The EPC notes that the ranking system for priority projects could be improved. EPC recommends that for the next G.O. Bond/CIP cycle, the City should assess and adjust criteria/scoring to better reflect the high priority for new affordable housing and other community priorities.
20. EPC supports changing the City's Workforce Housing Ordinance §14-9 (ROA 1994) to increase the limit of CIP funding that can be directed to the Trust Fund from \$10M to \$20M.
21. EPC recommends that the reductions to public safety items be reassessed and increased as possible.

Sincerely,

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