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AMENDED OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION OF DECISION

November 25, 2020

City of Albuquerque
Department of Municipal Development
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Project #2020-004467

SI-2020-00993- 2021 General Obligation Bond Program
and 2021-2030 Decade Plan

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Shawn Maden, City of Albuquerque Department of Municipal Development Capital Improvement Program (DMD-CIP), presents the 2021-General Obligation (GO) Bond Program and the 2021-2030 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), City-wide.

Staff Planner: Linda Rumpf

On November 12, 2020, the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) voted to forward a recommendation of Approval of Project # 2020-004467/ SI-2020-00993-2021, General Obligation Bond Program and 2021-2030 Decade Plan, to the City Council based on the following Findings:

FINDINGS

1. The request is for a proposed 2021 General Obligation Bond Program and 2021-2030 Decade Plan (also referred to as the 'Plan') which is the City-Wide Plan that contains the adopted policies and criteria 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 recommendation from the Environmental Planning Commission on the Mayor's proposed General Obligation Bond Program for the 2021 biennium and the 2021-2030 Decade Plan.
3. This program conforms to the requirements of R-19-219; Enactment R-2020-011 establishing policies and criteria for the selection of capital projects for the 2021 general obligation bond program / 2021-2030 decade plan.
4. 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.

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5. This program of capital improvements is supportive of the goals and objectives of the Albuquerque / Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan, especially with respect to development and preservation of assets within designated centers and corridors.
6. The request furthers the following, applicable Goals regarding Community Identity:
 - A. Goal 4.2: Process - Engage communities to identify and plan for their distinct character and needs.

In the development of this Plan, Departments engaged with neighborhoods, DMD provided the criteria and rules, and Departments decided which projects to pursue, based around the ABC framework. The request is consistent with Goal 4.2.

7. The request furthers the following, applicable Goals regarding Land Use:
 - A. Goal 5.1 Centers & Corridors: Grow as a community of strong Centers connected by a multi-modal network of Corridors.

For this Plan, the subject property is the city as a whole. This request will contribute to the growth as a community because the Plan supports a multi-modal network of Corridors. With the weighting criteria created by the City Council, almost 60% of the score is based around whether the project furthers the goals of the ABC Comp Plan through building in Centers, Corridors, and economic development zones. The request is consistent with Goal 5.1

- B. Goal 5.3 Efficient Development Patterns: Promote development patterns that maximize the utility of existing infrastructure and public facilities and the efficient use of land to support the public good.

By renovating existing facilities instead of building new facilities, this Plan will improve and promote development patterns that maximize the utility of existing infrastructure and public facilities and the efficient use of land to support the public good. The request is consistent with Goal 5.3.

- C. Goal 5.7 Implementation Processes: Employ procedures and processes to effectively and equitably implement the Comp Plan.

This Plan provides City-wide benefits with a focus on addressing underserved areas, areas in need of economic development. Projects in Underserved Neighborhoods made up a large part of the program. Also, the OEI had a scoring member, and their maps for Economic Opportunity Zones (also as defined by the Fed Govt) made up a part of scoring process: Projects in these zones received a higher score. This Plan also supports improvements in Centers and Corridors designated by the Comp Plan. The request is consistent with Goal 5.7.

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8. The request furthers the following, applicable Goals regarding 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 DMD Streets portion of the Plan specifically allocates resources for planning and design of future roads and the transportation system. Some projects involve the consideration of land use and the purchase of land. Maintenance of the transportation system is key in the Streets portion of the Plan. The request is consistent with Goal 6.1.

- 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 and abilities.

The Plan includes projects to encourage walking, biking, and transit, especially at peak-hour commuting times, to enhance access and mobility for people of all ages and abilities. The request is consistent with Goal 6.2.

- C. Goal 6.4 Public Health: Promote individual and community health through active transportation, noise mitigation, and air quality protections.

The Plan includes Parks, Family and Community Services, and Environmental Health projects and programs that promote individual and community health through active transportation, noise mitigation, and air quality protections. The request is consistent with Goal 6.4.

- D. Goal 6.7 System Effectiveness: Implement and maintain an effective and efficient transportation system in a coordinated and cost-effective manner.

The Plan includes ABQ Ride and DMD Streets projects that implement and maintain an effective and efficient transportation system in a coordinated and cost-effective manner. The request is consistent with Goal 6.7.

9. The request furthers the following, applicable Goals regarding 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 Plan includes projects that design and improve streetscapes and development form to create a range of environments and experiences for residents and visitors. Projects include Complete Streets improvements, which are created to efficiently serve all users, including pedestrians, cyclists, transit riders and motorists. The request is consistent with Goal 7.1.

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- 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 Plan includes sidewalk renovations and the Trails and Bikeways 5% Mandate that would increase walkability in all environments, promote pedestrian-oriented development in urban contexts, and increase pedestrian safety in auto-oriented contexts. The request is consistent with Goal 7.2.

- 10. The request furthers the following, applicable Goals regarding 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 options.

Portions of the Family and Community Services Consolidated Plan are included in the Plan, and these projects support balanced housing option in Albuquerque. The request is consistent with Goal 9.1.

- B. Goal 9.4 Homelessness: Make homelessness rare, short-term, and non-recurring.

Portions of the Family and Community Services Consolidated Plan are included in the Plan, and these projects support making homelessness rare, short-term, and non-recurring. The Plan includes Homeless Intervention and Rapid Rehousing programs funded by Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds. The request is consistent with Goal 9.4.

- C. Goal 9.5 Vulnerable Populations: Expand capacity to provide quality housing and services to vulnerable populations.

Portions of the Family and Community Services Consolidated Plan are included in the Plan, and these projects support serving vulnerable populations in Albuquerque. The Department of Senior Affairs projects also support vulnerable populations. The request is consistent with Goal 9.5.

- D. Goal 9.6 Development Process: Promote cost-effective housing redevelopment and construction that meets community needs.

Portions of the Family and Community Services Consolidated Plan are included in the Plan, and these projects support cost-effective housing redevelopment and construction that meets community needs. The request is consistent with Goal 9.6.

- 11. The request furthers the following, applicable Goals regarding 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.

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This Plan provides for facilities and access for parks, Open Space, and recreation facilities that meet the needs of all residents and use natural resources responsibly. The request is consistent with Goal 10.1.

- 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.

This Plan provides for Parks, to 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 request is consistent with Goal 10.2.

- 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.

This Plan provides for Open Space, to protect the integrity and quality of the region's natural features and environmental assets and provide opportunities for outdoor recreation and education. The request is consistent with Goal 10.3.

12. The request furthers the following, applicable Goals regarding 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 for future growth.

The projects in this plan provide for infrastructure, to plan, coordinate, and provide for efficient, equitable, and environmentally sound infrastructure to support existing communities and the Comp Plan's vision for future growth. The request is consistent with Goal 12.1.

- 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 educational groups to enhance quality of life and promote community involvement.

The projects in this plan provide for Community Facilities, to 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. The request is consistent with Goal 12.2.

- 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 projects in this plan provide for public services, to plan, coordinate, and provide efficient, equitable, and environmentally sound services to best serve residents and protect their health, safety, and well-being. The request is consistent with Goal 12.3.

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

Many of these projects in this Plan are planned in coordination with other agencies and providers to leverage resources, maximize efficiencies, bridge service gaps, and provide added value. The request is consistent with Goal 12.4.

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.

13. 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. Criterion A: Criterion A is an important component of a facility plan adoption. Consistency with the City's health, safety, morals, and general welfare is shown by demonstrating that a request furthers applicable Comprehensive Plan Goals and policies (and other plans if applicable) and does not conflict with them. See the section entitled "Albuquerque / Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan (Rank I)" which precedes this section for further policy analysis. The response to Criterion A is sufficient.
 - B. Criterion B: The proposed plan promotes the efficient use or administration of public or quasi-public facilities. It is a group of projects to repair, replace, upgrade, and upkeep City facilities, which are public or quasi-public facilities. These facilities may include Parks, Pools, Police Stations, Community Centers, Senior Centers, etc. The response to Criterion B is sufficient.
 - C. Criterion C: The proposed plan or amendment will promote public health, safety, and general welfare. The Plan includes numerous Public Safety projects from Albuquerque Fire Rescue and Albuquerque Fire Department. It also provides for facility repairs that may address safety hazards, as well as providing shelters and programs for citizens at risk and in need. Among these are Community and Senior Centers, Parks, and Road Repairs. These provide opportunity for the social and physical health needs of our citizens, as well as providing for injury prevention. The response to Criterion C is sufficient.
14. The affected neighborhood organizations are all of the neighborhood associations within the City of Albuquerque. They were notified as required pursuant to IDO 14-16-6-4.
15. No neighborhood representatives requested a facilitated meeting, however, there were emails from the public inquiring for more information on what was being proposed in the plan. There were no major concerns that arose from the inquiry calls/emails. There has not been any known opposition to this request.

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16. Public safety and other life/safety projects and programs should be prioritized when considering capital expenditure planning and programming. Specific projects/programs and their funding levels should be revisited including:
 - A. Increase Storm Drainage funding levels to approximately \$9,000,000
 - B. Increase Streets funding levels to approximately \$23,500,000
 - C. Increase Affordable Housing funding levels to approximately \$4,580,000
 - D. Reduce Public Safety funding levels to approximately \$26,025,000
 - E. Reduce Community Facilities funding levels to approximately \$44,670,000

Sincerely,

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