



# CITY OF LAS VEGAS

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## GOVERNOR APPROVES LAS VEGAS STIMULUS PROJECTS

(Las Vegas) Mayor Tony E. Marquez Jr. announces that the North Central New Mexico Economic Development District recently notified the City of Las Vegas that Governor Bill Richardson has approved three road construction projects and a Pedestrian Walkway Project submitted by the City for Stimulus Funding.

According to the New Mexico Department of Transportation, the designated projects for Las Vegas met the requirements of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The certification signed by the Governor on April 24, 2009 stated that the projects have met the full review and vetting requirements of the Act. The road projects were selected because they could be let out for construction within the next 6 months.

Mayor Tony E. Marquez Jr. expresses his appreciation to City Staff for their efforts in getting these projects approved through the Northeastern Regional Planning Organization, and through the New Mexico Department of Transportation.

“I am pleased to learn that Governor Bill Richardson has selected our three road projects, and trail project for funding using federal stimulus funds. These projects will result in job creation and at the same time provide needed infrastructure improvements to our community”, Mayor Marquez said.

The road projects entail roadway surfacing improvements to Mills Avenue, from Grand Avenue to Hot Springs Boulevard, and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Streets from Grand Avenue to Mills Ave. The City had requested \$2,146,000 in funding, but it is anticipated that they will receive about \$1,946,300.

The City also applied jointly with San Miguel County for \$3,115,000 in federal funding for an enhancement project that would create a bicycle and pedestrian pathway from Mills Avenue to the United World College. The District Four area will only receive \$1,062,000, of which \$937,015 is anticipated to go to the Las Vegas/San Miguel County Project.

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