

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Monthly Update

Period of 12/10/09 – 01/13/10

- Due to the onset of winter and associated freezing temperatures a winter suspension has been placed on the construction of the departments road projects. These projects being the 2.2 million dollar Alamo Street Reconstruction Project, between Grand Avenue and New Mexico Avenue. Most of the infrastructure has been completed, to include, storm sewer, sanitary sewer, curb & gutter, concrete sidewalks, and concrete drive pads. This project is approximately 92.0% complete, with the exception of the plant mix bituminous pavement (PMBP), and the open graded friction course (OGFC); once this is done the project will be completed in its entirety. This should take the contractor approximately three weeks to complete, once the weather warms up adequately to continue operations. The other project being affected by the winter suspension is the \$182,000.00 Pinon Street Reconstruction Project, between New Mexico Avenue and South Pacific Street. This project is 87.0% complete, with the exception of the plant mix bituminous pavement. The only on-going project that is still in construction is the Miguel Encinias Veterans Support Service Center (Old Armory), as the winter weather has delayed and not stopped construction. This 1.1 million dollar project is approximately 57.0% complete, with project completion expected by the end of May 2010.

In spite of there being a winter suspension on road projects, we are continuing with the development and implementation of other projects. The most predominant being getting the City's \$1,946,300.00 Stimulus (ARRA) Project out to bid. It appears that we have finally jumped the last hurdle in getting the project moving. This being receiving written authorization from the Federal Highway Administration to actually let the project to bid. From speaking to both representatives of the Federal Highway Administration and the New Mexico Department of Transportation we can expect written authorization by January 20, 2010. Upon this occurring we will advertise the project and hopefully receive bids around the end of February 2010, and take to Mayor and Council for ratification for the first meeting in March 2010. Therefore, construction can commence on the Mills, 7th, and 8th Street Resurfacing and Sidewalk Project around the first of April 2010, and be completed by Mid-July 2010. In turn, we have completed and submitted our 2010-2011 Community Development Block Grant Funding Application for improvements on Moreno Street. This is Phase I of a major drainage improvement project on Moreno Street between New Mexico Avenue and Camino de Las Escuelas. The New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration is in the process of rating and ranking these projects so that the CDBG Council can award the designated funding in March 2010. Furthermore, we were advised last week by the New Mexico Aviation Division that we were awarded \$25,000.00 in emergency funds to replace the Beacon at the Municipal Airport. These dollars will fund the entire project, with the exception of the City's \$2,500.00 match. The City's match has been budgeted, and we expect to be in construction within the next few weeks.

The Public Works Department is aggressively pursuing \$300,000.00 in funding via the New Mexico Department of Transportation Safety Program, for a pedestrian crossing on Mills Avenue at the intersection of Cinder Road. This will provide a protected crossing for pedestrians utilizing the Riverwalk as the City's portion will soon connect with the Counties portion. The Riverwalk will soon extend from South Pacific Street within the City proper to Camino Maximillano Luna, in the County. Late last week we were advised by Exer-Play that they will begin installing the playground equipment at Marrujo and El Creston Parks on January 19, 2010. Weather allowing,

it is expected that the install will take approximately four weeks. As authorized by Mayor and Council at the January 6, 2010 City Council Meeting. The remodel of the City Hall Lobby Project will soon be ready to let to bid. From speaking with the Architect, finished floor elevations and associated plans, specifications, and estimate; will be completed in January 22, 2010 and ready to advertise the week of January 25, 2010. Should things work out accordingly to schedule, we will present this project to Mayor and Council at the first City Council Meeting of March 2010, for approval of the construction bid. Construction is expected to take sixty calendar days, so construction will be completed by June 2010. Construction will be done with minimal or no interruptions to City operations, and be done in a timely manner with full adherence to the specifications.

We will continue to keep you informed of the status and progress of the above referenced projects. However, should you require additional information or would like to discuss any of the projects in greater detail; feel free to advise this office at your convenience.

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