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1. A. This special meeting of the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners was called to order at approximately 2:05 p.m. by Chair Hank Hughes in the County Commission Chambers, 102 Grant Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

B. Roll Call

Roll was called by County Clerk Katharine Clark and indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

Members Present:

Commissioner Hank Hughes, Chair
Commissioner Camilla Bustamante, Vice Chair
Commissioner Justin Greene
Commissioner Anna Hamilton
Commissioner Anna Hansen

Members Excused:

None

C. Approval of Agenda

CHAIR HUGHES: Are there any changes to the agenda, Manager Shaffer.

GREG SHAFFER (County Manager): Mr. Chair, there are no changes.

CHAIR HUGHES: May we have approval of the agenda.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Mr. Chair, I move to approve the agenda as presented.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

CHAIR HUGHES: Motion by Commissioner Hansen, seconded by Commissioner Hamilton.

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

2. **Miscellaneous Action Items**

A. **Request Approval of Letter/Comments from the Board of County Commissioners to the Environmental Protection Agency Re: Draft NPDES Permit No. NM0031233 for Bishop's Lodge Resort Wastewater Treatment Facility**

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CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. This is a follow-on to the item that we discussed at the regular meeting on Tuesday. I'm requesting approval of the letter that will be our official comment, at least at this point, as to the NMPDES permit application filed by the Bishop's Lodge Resort to the federal EPA in regards to a discharge permit for surface water into the little Tesuque Creek.

As mentioned earlier but I will restate now we had a public meeting on Monday where close to 200 people showed up to the Tesuque fire station and we had a presentation by the Bishop's Lodge Resort as to their investments and discharge application as well as what they've been doing with their wastewater currently and with their new facility. And we've heard comments from dozens of community members regarding their concerns about all different things.

And most importantly, at least at this point to the fact that they feel like they need more time. So this letter specifically asks for more time to research a number of items. We are asking for a 90-day additional extension of the comment period, and for a formal public hearing in the next few weeks. That is typical when there is this amount of concern with an EPA permit like this. And so I respectfully ask for your vote in support of this letter.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Mr. Chair, I will move to approve.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I'll second it.

CHAIR HUGHES: Any discussion? Okay, motion by Commissioner Hansen, seconded by Commissioner Greene. All in favor of the letter.

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

2. B. **Resolution No. 2024-084, a Resolution Authorizing the County Manager to Execute an Agreement for Services Between Santa Fe County and the Santa Fe Pojoaque Soil and Water Conservation District Related to the Natural Resources Conservation Service Emergency Watershed Protection Program Project No. 5042-001**

LEANDRO CORDOVA (Deputy County Manager): Good afternoon, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. I'm taking this one on behalf of Maxx. Essentially, you've seen this come before you in regards to accepting an EWP grant. We've had public comment from folks in Rio en Medio asking for this to get done and myself and Commissioner Greene were able to address the Soil & Water Conservation District a few weeks ago and we came to an agreement that is encompassed in the agreement that's attached. At this time we're asking the Board to approve the resolution delegating signature authority to the County Manager to finalize and fully execute all documentation needed for this EWP program project. And I stand for any questions.

CHAIR HUGHES: Any questions, comments? Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Leandro for working with me on this. This has been a little bit of a lift and a new experience for all of us and I really appreciate the support we've gotten from everybody, from Legal,

from the County Manager's Office, and now I ask for the support of the County Commission.

As many of you know, we've spoken about this. The summer about two years ago there was a large flood in the Rio en Medio and it cut a new channel. There are folks who are in the Rio en Medio that still do not have adequate access to their home. This is a federal program that would help stabilize the banks and clean up the area in the Rio en Medio River Valley, in the base of the river.

Seventy-five percent of this money is federal money and 25 percent would be a match made by Santa Fe County. The total exposure for the County, if I am accurate right now is about \$75,000 or maybe it's a 20/80 split. \$75,000 from the County and \$300,000 from the feds. The contracts with the Soil & Water Conservation District allows for us to avoid conflicts with the Anti-Donation Clause and we have – we're ready to go. We'd love to have this in place as soon as possible so that we can get the work done, potentially this summer. Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Why don't you make a motion?

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I will make a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the County Manager to execute an agreement for services between Santa Fe County and the Santa Fe Pojoaque Soil & Water Conservation District related to the Natural Resources Conservation Service Emergency Watershed Protection Program Project No. 5042-001.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Second.

CHAIR HUGHES: Any discussion? I think we all support that. Motion by Commissioner Greene, second by Commissioner Hansen.

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

3. Presentation and Potential Action to Approve FY 2025 Capital Projects Budget

A. Presentation and Update on Current and Completed Capital Projects

CURT TEMPLE (Project Section Manager/Public Works): Mr. Chair, Commissioners, Okay, I just wanted to let you all know what the mission is for Public Works at the County. I'm not going to read it word for word, but basically it's the infrastructure in the county, it's serving the constituents of the county, with buildings for Fire, Police, like the building we're in, different types of infrastructure that we have in the county with roads and water and sewer lines. So that's basically the mission of Public Works is to provide all those for the county residents.

Some of the things that go into projects would be the planning and design, the infrastructure that we're looking at. Once again, we have the senior, community centers, fire stations, water supply, bridges, roads, sewer lines, new buildings, remodel of old buildings, parks, open space, behavioral health, medical and sewage systems. That's one of the big things that we get the direction and then Public Works puts the plan into place to construct and procure the buildings or the work that needs to be done for roads or infrastructure.

We go to Procurement, purchase orders, that's once we have the funding approved by the County Commission. Then we go out for procurement. A lot of times that's either an RFP. Sometimes we use a state price agreement depending on what type of project it is or we use a cooperative buying service and piggy-back off of their contracts.

Once again, we do the construction project management. We oversee all the construction from inception to close-out and then it's handed over to whatever agency Public Works is doing the project for. We're required to do the inspection and compliance, so we have – a lot of times we have local, state and federal regulations. If it's in a flood zone, of course we have to deal with FEMA. A lot of the new projects that will put in trails, things like that. We're looking at environmental issues so we have to do pedestrian surveys for arc sites. We do it also for the different types of animals that are out there to see if there's any endangered species, something like that that we have to mitigate before we can do a County project.

Budgeting and finance, one of the big things is we look at the budget that was presented to us, what's been approved by the County Commission. We try and get the project within that budget. One of the big things is costs really went up. A lot of projects that we've inherited were funded several years ago. Some of them pre-COVID so we do run into some funding problems every once in a while but we do our best to try and bring it in under budget.

Another item that we do is the community relations when it's a bigger project out in the field, new buildings, something that's going to affect the community. We have community meetings. We meet with all the constituents in the area that it will affect, listen to their concerns, try and move the project forward, try and once again, when they have concerns that they bring up that the County didn't look at originally, we try and incorporate those into the project.

The last one, the environmental management. I kind of touched on that, but that's a big one that we have to deal with with the state and the federal officials and that's one of the big things moving forward with a lot of projects because there are a lot more regulations nowadays.

Administrative and support services, all the project managers, they keep detailed records of purchases, construction, what's going on, where we are in design, where we are going out for procurement for construction, so that's one of the big things that Public Works does also. The technical support and innovation, we work with other departments to bring in whatever their needs are for tech. Like on the RECC, that was a big issue with the dispatch centers and the computers and the types of things that they need. So once again we have to work with a lot of different entities to come up with the correct design and procurement for their needs.

The last one is the Human Resource management. That's basically training. We try and send out people. We have inspectors and project managers. We try and sent them to as much training as we can to help them further their education on getting projects done in a timely and safe manner.

The projects that we have that are in Public Works, one of the big things is the funding that comes from the BCC and I just put down we have the general fund. We use road funds, hold harmless GRT, capital outlay GRT, fire funds if it's for fire stations,

obviously, renewable energy, sustainability. They receive a lot of grants that we're able to use for buildings, for putting in solar and different things like that. We get a lot of state-specific appropriations and some of those come – they come directly to the County but a lot of them have been requested by different entities outside of the County and we basically become the fiscal agent and do the work for them for that, if it's a mutual domestic, or like the Town of Madrid, things like that.

GOB bonds, that's another big one that we have. That goes out to the voters. The projects are identified and the voters vote on that. And then we take the funds that are received from that to complete a project.

The next slide I have up there is the project timeline. We've been working on this one lately to give a better idea to the Commissioners and to other elected officials and other department directors what exactly a timeline is for a project. A lot of times if we do a design-bid-build we're probably looking at – if it's really speedy we're looking at eight-month process just for the two procurements, one for design and one for construction. And that's not counting the time that we're going to take for design and the time we're going to take for construction. So a lot of times if it's design-bid-build, we're almost looking at a minimum of two years for inception of the project when we start to when we hand over the keys to the new residents of the building or if it's a remodel, something like that.

That's one of the things, and it's state law and that's what we have to go by, but if we could do it any quicker we would but we're constrained with state procurement law. So that's it.

I have a few slides here for some of the bigger projects we're working on. The Abedon Lopez Senior Center, that will be getting kicked off the middle of next month in July with the demolition of the old building, then we'll start the new one. That's about a \$5.1 million project that we're working on. Next, General Goodwin, we're in procurement right now for the redesign of that road and we're looking at about a \$6.5 million budget for the General Goodwin design and reconstruction.

Agua Fria wastewater, right now we are about to begin, I believe it will be next month. We have the bidder for the next four sewer lines out there. We are under contract now with the designers to design the next 12 sewer system lines out there, and then we will phase those in and funds come in. We'll know a little bit better what it's going to cost moving forward to put the rest of those 12 lines in and complete that for Agua Fria.

Los Pinos, that is a low-water crossing that we have a bridge design on. That's about a \$3 million project, right now at this time and the design is being completed for that and then we will go out for construction. Arroyo Hondo Trail segments 2 and 3, we went out for bid for that. Bids came in a little bit more than what we wanted. We're looking for other funding for that but we are basically ready to begin construction on the Arroyo Hondo Trail, segments 2 and 3. And that's right now about a \$3.8 million project. That's minus the design costs that we had and other expenses.

On the RECC, that project budget was about \$8.7 million. That building is completed. They are using it now. We should be having a ribbon-cutting there pretty quick to officially open up the building and we will keep you posted. Cerrillos Senior Center, Community Center, and Turquoise Trail fire station #3, that is probably about 65 to 70 percent complete right now. Those pictures that you're seeing were just from a

couple weeks ago. We are installing the doors in the fire station now and the windows will be going in all next week and then they will start the stuccoing of the building. And once again, that's about a \$5 million project.

Myer Park waterline, we're going to tie into the City waterline over there on South Meadows. We'll have an agreement with the City to wheel water over. We did find out that there is a new development going in there so they will be sharing the cost and reimbursing the County for installing the waterline over towards their property, so that will relieve some of our liability on bringing that over to Romero Park, the Nancy Rodriguez and the clinic that's over there. It will also supply the fire station and the training center over there.

The Chupadero water system improvements, the new line has been put in. The building that you see there right next to the well, that has the uranium removal units in it, which is shown up in the top right corner of the photo. That was a pretty big project to get in there. Pretty high tech. The company out of Denver that makes that machinery. They've come down. They've certified it. Everything's working out there and that is now pumping water to blend into the Chupadero mutual domestic system.

Santa Fe Greenway River Trail, right now we have went out for bid for that. It came in a little higher once again that what we were expecting with some of our add alternates on there. Right now we have about a \$10 million budget for that project and we're looking to do some value engineering on some of the landscaping and different things to try and bring the cost down on that to move forward with the contractor that was the low bidder.

El Rancho ADA improvements, that is the new kitchenette that's in there in the middle shot. We put in new ramps there with railings. There's a new ramp going down to the basketball court to make it ADA accessible and that process was about \$700,000 but we're wrapping that up right now so we can get El Rancho back on line before we start the demolition for the Abedon Lopez.

Northeast-southeast, as you know, that's about a \$23 million project. We opened up Dinosaur yesterday off of roundabout 1, so all of Rabbit and Dinosaur is now open. There will be no further detours or closures on that project. We're looking pretty good on getting Falcon Way paved. It's about 80 percent paved right now. They need to do a second lift on a portion of it. Avenida del Sur is complete with both lifts. The CBC box units that you see on the top right, they're installing railings on both sides of that for the trail to go over it, so we are getting really close on the completion of the northeast-southeast.

This is a list that we came up with the other day. These are all the projects that the Public Works Project Section is working on. We have six, eight project managers that are doing these and that's just one through 32, and then we're working basically on 64 projects right now. They vary from water, sewer, roads, remodeling, new buildings, waterlines going in, like for the Hondo fire station, the sprinkler line, so we are pretty busy over there. I want to thank the staff that I have there. We put together a pretty good team of project managers and inspectors that have really stepped up. They're trying to get a lot of these projects going that were dormant for several years because of COVID and lack of staff, so right now it's looking really good over there in projects and we're trying

to get things moving. So we want to bring a lot of stuff in front of you guys for approval and that's it. That's all I have, unless you have any questions.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Greene, questions.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you very much, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Curt. Question. I see item #54, Hyde Park Estates waterline. I know the other day we approved an improvement or repaving of Camino Lisa, which is in Hyde Park Estates.

MR. TEMPLE: Correct.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Is there a chance to put in that waterline before we repave?

MR. TEMPLE: The Hyde Park Estates waterline is not going in on that road. This was some of the stuff over further to the – I guess you would call it kind of the southeast side of the project. It was coming off the Cañoncito-Eldorado area.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Curt, for the good overview, and it looks like you guys have been incredibly busy. I have just a couple questions. One, when do you think we can start on the Santa Fe Greenway?

MR. TEMPLE: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hansen, right now, like I said, we received the bids back from the contractors. We identified the low bidder but it is still – we're looking at about \$5 million over our budget. If we would have had the money we'd already have them under contract, be working on the PO, but at this time we do not have the funding in the project to move forward with it as is, unless we come up with some big-time cost savings on value engineering of the design.

MR. CORDOVA: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hansen if I may. That is one of our requests as we go through new funding or funding gap requests, we are asking the Board to consider funding that gap, so that we can continue on with it and not have too much of a break while we have somebody interested in it. So we will be asking for you to consider funding that.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I appreciate that very much. The constituents, both in the city and the county are really looking forward to that connection because it will then add a tremendous length actually to – it will take us all the way to Romero Park, which is adding a lot of miles, so to speak, for people to get into town and ride on their bikes, so I appreciate that.

Then I also saw, I think it's 36, northeast-southeast art on Richards. What does that exactly mean?

MR. TEMPLE: Chairman Hughes, Commissioner Hansen, that is – we're working on an agreement right now. It is in the Attorney's office, looking at art on loan. We have the Community College that has agreed to art in the roundabouts on the new northeast-southeast corridor, but they want assurance for like insurance, if they're damaged, different things like that. The County has never had a policy for art on loan or really moving forward with an Art Commission type thing, or an Arts in Public Places, and so we have one of our project managers now, Rod Lambert who came over from the City and he's very familiar with a lot of this art information, so he's been heading that up and he wrote up basically a contract and like I said it's with Legal right now for them to

review, and then we can move forward with placing art that is created by the Community College in these roundabouts.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I think that's great.

MR. TEMPLE: And the beauty of it is we can change it every year, where it's not going to be just where we go out and buy \$100,000 statue and it's there forever. This way we can get rotating type things in there.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: This will include roundabouts on the northeast and southeast, not just on Richards? Like on Falcon Way.

MR. TEMPLE: Oh, yes. Yes. No, we're trying to do it for each roundabout out there. It will be various different types of art but we want it for every roundabout that's in the new design and the new construction out there.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: That will be great. Many, many years ago the tree with the ravens on it that was done. I worked for Oshara, we put that there, and the plaza at Oshara also has art in it. And so I think that's a really good addition. I hope that we will set a good example, that the City will recognize how important it is to have art in the roundabouts also. Something I have advocated for for many, many years, so I am happy to see that. Thank you for explaining. I appreciate it very much. Let's see if there's anything else I have a question on. I will yield. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Hamilton, you're good? Any other questions? I have a couple of questions. Just real quick, on Turquoise Trail bulk water station, #14, do you know where we're at with that one?

MR. TEMPLE: Yes. We're just finishing up the final design on that and then we will be going out for bid once the procurement reopens here next month, and I think at the first of next week is what I was told we will get the final stamped set of drawings to go out for bid for.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. And then the design of Encantado Road, how is that coming along?

MR. TEMPLE: That is in – that will have to be resubmitted to Procurement once the procurement opens up again next month. That was one that we had submitted to them but with time constraints and everything was not able to be advertised to go out for bid for the design, so we'll resubmit the package 1st of July and then we will go out for advertisement for design professionals to design that.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. Is that possible for getting that in in 2025? Is that still possible?

MR. TEMPLE: It's not – I doubt – the length of the road and everything. I don't think it will take that long for design. It's possible if everything lines up, the stars line up and everything and we can get everything done quickly and move forward then we possibly could start in 2025.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. I get that question every month.

MR. TEMPLE: Yes. I understand. We hear a lot about it too.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. Any other questions?

3. B. Presentation and Discussion of Potential Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Projects Budget and Recommendations Thereon from the County Manager

MANAGER SHAFFER: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'm really just going to be managing the exhibits for the most part. Leandro and Brian are going to lead the discussion relative to proposed new projects as well as gap funding and maintenance projects. What I would like to share to begin with is the list of projects that have received any amount of funding, either from the state or from the County or both. And this was presented or provided to the Board on Tuesday and staff can answer any questions relative to the particular project. But the thing that I wanted to highlight relative to the progress that was described by Curt and visually depicted in some of the pictures is really on the bottom line here.

The fiscal year 24 budget for County capital projects was \$208 million. \$50 million is currently encumbered which means it's under contract for either design or construction, and in fiscal year 24 over \$34 million were expended on various projects, so those two figures monetarily represent a substantial movement with regard to movements. And in the column labeled additional or reductions in budget you see both new grants that were coming in to the County by the legislature or otherwise as well as a request. That list includes the request for gap funding which we'll get to in a second. And before I move on to the next exhibit I wanted to give Brian the opportunity to explain a little bit the staffing in the Projects Division which Curt touched upon briefly, but it indicates in part why this list is as long as it is but also explains the progress that was made over the past fiscal year and how we're poised to move more projects forward and more money out the door in this next fiscal year. Thank you, Brian.

BRIAN SNYDER (Public Works Director): Thank you, Greg. If you recall during the Public Works portion of the operational budget I described some of the hiring challenges we've had, largely dating back before COVID and some of the successes we have made over the last year. In the Projects Section they were no different. As Curt mentioned, we have eight project managers. We have two construction inspectors. As of mid-July, so a couple weeks from now we will be fully staffed. We bring on our last project manager. Her focus and background is in roads and I believe she may be a licensed civil engineer as well, but her background is project management around roads. So we've been lacking a roads project manager for over, almost two years now and in the absence of that roads project manager we've still been able to pull together within our Project team and complete or nearing completion on one of them the largest roads projects done in County history with the northeast-southeast extension.

So I think that's an attribute to the team, even without a dedicated roads project manger the team has pulled together when short-staffed, but also then as we've been hiring staff. And like I said, mid-July so in a couple weeks we'll be fully staffed in Projects altogether.

And to Greg's point, I think even during the time we were short-staffed, say the majority of the projects that Curt went through, those ten or so projects and the chart that was in front of you as well as the pictures, that was done at some level of short-staffed in

projects. So now that we're fully staffed we have a good projects team in place as well as we're concentrated on timelines, schedules, milestones, as well as always being in some form of planning, design or construction. And as we brought on, and if you look at any of our charts as we present during our monthly reports, in the second meeting of BCC you see blocks of time, a similar color, whether design or construction, and that's attributed to us hiring people around the same time.

So we start a project and we have a blob of design working its way through the system. So as we get new staff on board, that's typical, but now that we're fully staffed we'll be able to start staggering and moving projects so that we're always working on planning, design and construction, and that's a goal of our organization. So to Greg's point, I fully expect that of that – there was a good chunk that was northeast-southeast in those numbers, but I fully expect that as we move forward with these eight project managers and the two construction inspectors that we'll see continued success.

MANAGER SHAFFER: Thank you, Brian. So I'm going to move on to the next exhibit and will defer to Brian and Leandro. This is relative to gap funding, and again, these are for projects that have already received funding from the Board or other sources.

MR. CORDOVA: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, I'll go through this list and I'll touch on each one. As you noticed on the prior list there were some funding gaps that were identified and this is where we are coming to you with requests to fill those gaps. The first project on here, the Hondo Trail, segments 2 and 3, we are requesting an additional \$1.1 million to get the total budget up to \$4.996 million.

The next project is a Turquoise Trail bulk water station. That is moving forward but it still needs another million in that budget to get us to a total of \$2.55 million. The next project, interconnect between Pojoaque Basin and Santa Fe Basin Regional Water systems. That's an \$800,000 project that we're requesting funding for. The next project is the Santa Fe River Greenway. We talked about that. Commissioner Hansen asked that question. We're requesting \$6 million at this time to make sure that we do have enough to be able to complete the project, although as Curt mentioned, some value engineering and other efforts are going in as well to try to keep that cost down, but we don't want to have to come back to you later for more if we didn't have enough so the request at this time is \$6 million.

Santa Fe Rail Trail, segment 6, we have a gap of \$1.774 million. Los Pinos Road, we have a gap of \$252,000, and the northeast-southeast connector, we have a small gap of \$200,000. I say small gap based on the entire project but that's still a significant amount of money, I understand.

And so those are the requests for project funding gaps. These projects are moving along and we'd want to keep them moving along, so that is a big reason why we're requesting that. All projects have gone up in price and I think you see that as we come back to you over and over asking for more money for this, more money for that. Some of the bottom line numbers that Manager Shaffer just touched on do demonstrate how much money we're pushing out, but every project has just gotten more expensive and we're working through that.

And also, before I get into the next exhibit I wanted to also thank staff. I hear Curt thank his staff. I also want to thank the leadership team at Public Works for working

through those staffing shortages, working to bring on new folks and get those new team members ready to continue to work and get the rest of this long list of an Exhibit B done. There's still about \$140 million attached to projects that we need to complete and so we're really excited that we now have a full team to get that done.

MR. SNYDER: Mr. Chair and Commissioners, if I could just add to what Leandro said, as you said, it's cost upticks but also just examples, on the Hondo Trail segments #2 and #3, that is for contingency funding as well as we're working in partnership with DOT and we're required to have a full-time, onsite construction manager/inspector. That's the reason for that request. Turquoise Trail bulk water station – we extended that down to the Turquoise Trail fire station because we thought that was a better location for it, so that's the reason for that request.

Pojoaque Basin interconnect, that's for planning and design. On another sheet I believe we'll talk about the construction side of that, but that project, the planning and design of that, as well as the construction is instrumental to the success of Aamodt and the water system. As you heard I think at BCC on Tuesday Greg and some of the comments and feedback, we're trying to bring in-house the design and planning and get ourselves teed up for whether it be funding requests for construction, but we're trying to take on that responsibility so that when we go for construction we have the ability to look for different funding sources, whether it's internal, whether it be bond, whether it be state or federal funding.

River Greenway, we talked about that one already. The Rail Trail segment 6 is the last push of money for construction to get the Rail Trail segment 6 to 285. So that's a good stretch. The next phase or phases, depending on the – I'll call it the costs, cost basis, is to get under 285 and then get down to Lamy. And that would be the last push for that.

Los Pinos Road, that's some gap funding to get to the high end of the engineer's estimate. So those are just – it's cost upticks, but I also wanted to share that we're – these are not unnecessary requires. These are requests because we've made what we believe are good decisions to extend the waterline farther, to get to Turquoise Trail, to get more of the customers. Hondo segments 2 and 3, we want to make sure that we're working with DOT in good faith and making sure that we deliver a high quality project. Those types of things that – it's cost upticks but then we're also doing some value engineering and making sure that we're providing a good product for the community.

So I just want to add that to what Leandro said.

CHAIR HUGHES: Any questions? Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, team for this. Two questions. On this Greenway project. This seems to be a City-County collaboration. We turn this over to the City at some point? We don't? This part stays in the county? Okay. But does the City contribute to this in any way? No? Okay.

MR. SNYDER: Mr. Chair and Commissioner Greene, no. This is – I think Commissioner Hansen, we already answered her first question which to repeat is this is a County-owned trail and maintained trail. And then the segment the County has been responsible for, we acquire all the easements, do the design, planning and construction. We do coordinate with the City. As an example, this goes from Siler to San Ysidro, so we definitely had some coordination meetings around the Siler and the interchange and intersection of how this trail connects to Siler Road and that area, as an example of how

we collaborate and coordinate with the City. But this is a County-run project, County designed and planned and constructed and funded.

MANAGER SHAFFER: If I could add to that, Commissioner Greene. I think going back, and Brian, you can correct me if I'm wrong. It's fair to say that the overall project was very much a collaborative and coordinated effort. These trails, both run through the city as well as into the county and so the City was responsible for those portions of the River Greenway that are within the city limits. Same with the Rail Trail. And so I don't want to suggest that the City has not been playing a role in this. We are just now in the county stretches of those core backbone trails, again, that serve both city and county residents.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Great. Thank you for clarifying that. I think one of the other things I would love to see is additional access to these trails. It seems to be a lot of these trails are somewhat accessed in long stretches and there's other ways to get access to it. But anyway, that's great.

Then a question about the Tesuque PER. I saw in an earlier slide that you had it on there but it didn't seem like it was encumbered or it was rolling over. I just want to make sure that it didn't just sort of drop off somehow.

MR. SNYDER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Greene, the Tesuque PER is still on our radar and still funded, \$250,000, so that's still moving forward.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Okay. And if there's anything I can do to sort of expedite that, bring the other players to the table, Tesuque Pueblo and Pojoaque Pueblo, please tell me and I can get – if you're not getting the response you want, please tell me. I can help.

MR. SNYDER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Greene, I appreciate that offer. I know Greg and myself and Leandro, we've met with each of the pueblos and have started dialogue with that as well as prepared a draft MOA. The goal being that we will fund this and lead the effort, but the goal is also that we want them to participate in that in any documents that they have. I understand, as an example, in Tesuque, their Utilities Director Barbara Calter, has shared with us that there's been at least one if not two PERs similarly done many years past, so that's an example of sharing that documentation, sharing what they've learned, sharing how they've grown their utility already, and that's what we're going for is a partnership, not only with the tribal partners but potentially partners like Bishop's Lodge. Partners like the Santa Fe Opera, Tesuque Village Market, others in that corridor that could be stakeholders in that. But we are definitely working, moving that forward.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: That's great, and I know that the opera and the casino, Tesuque Pueblo's casino, are talking about doing an interconnect over there for their sewer system in an effort to jump start this and start that partnership and there may be a role for us to play in that and I don't know if that's a conversation for us to say we're standing by to assist in this in whatever role is appropriate. But just to make sure that they work towards a solution there too. So thank you very much for that. It's as we just have that letter that we just approved a few seconds ago you can see that sewers in Tesuque are a big issue so thank you.

MR. SNYDER: Mr. Chair and Commissioner Greene, just to touch on – about the opera and Tesuque, and the PER. The PER I see as being long-term, big picture

thinking. Even if everything were to come together, think Aamodt size in some ways of order or magnitude, I see that to be a ten-plus year time window. That's just to get all the pieces and the players and the funding and everything in place. But I also see that we have an opportunity here now. We have \$5 million with the opera that they got through a state appropriation. We've also initiated dialogue with Tesuque and their wastewater treatment plant, so it's water, potable water and wastewater and reclaimed water. We've initiated some dialogues with both of those parties to be a party to that, because we have an interest not only in the opera system as it stands now but I see that to be a near-term as part of the larger plan.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I agree. I think there's a bunch of near term, medium term and long term, and in the near term there's going to be a lot of little parts, like the planning for the long term as well as these other little easy to achieve, and I put "easy" in quotes. Easy-ish, to achieve little victories, whether it's an interconnect between Tesuque and Pojoaque at the lower end of that, and then an interconnect between the opera and the casino, but then the greater big project may take, as you said, ten to twelve years, although faster please. But thank you very much.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you. On that point that Commissioner Greene brought up about connections to the River Trail. One of the ones the village and people have asked for consistently is a bridge from Henry Lynch over the River Trail. And we do have the easements for all of that area, but that was an add-on to this segment. And just also so you know, we did build the section from Frenchy's to Siler and the bond, when we got the bond in 2012 it was still in the county, and in 2014 the City annexed 1A and so we had the bond money so we continued to build that segment of the River Trail, and then that is why it was turned over to the City. So I wanted you to have that information for the future.

MR. SNYDER: Mr. Chair, if I may, to Commissioner Hansen's point. The request that we have here for \$6 million of gap funding for that project, that project includes a pedestrian bridge and Commissioner Hansen mentioned at the Henry Lynch Agua Fria intersection, and that's part of the reason why we're asking for \$6 million. That pedestrian bridge itself costs in the neighborhood of two million dollars. So that's a part of the construction drivers but it's definitely a part of our ask for additional gap funding because we believe that it is important to the connectivity of that region.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Brian. I really appreciate that, and P.J. and Curt because it is important to have these interconnects. During that time that we were building from Frenchy's to Siler, it would have been really great if we could have worked with the City as we were building it to get a connection to West Alameda but that just never happened.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: If I may, not to re-engineer this at this point, but I remember, I was on the West River Corridor Planning Area when I was on the City's Planning Commission, and there was discussion, because that corridor, especially for the Siler area, has a bunch of equestrian facilities. And so there was the concept of how can we make it more equestrian accessible? And so my understanding is all the trails that we've been doing are concrete, which is not the best for trail riding. And so I don't know if there's a potential to integrate some soft pack area that allows for

horseback riding, but that seems to be a very – in the Agua Fria Village there seems to be a lot of that. Wouldn't it be cool if we could just ride our horses through Santa Fe like the good old days?

CHAIR HUGHES: Other questions from this side? I have one question similar to the question about the Greenway, the Santa Fe Rail Trail segment 6. Why does the budget increase so much on that one?

MR. SNYDER: Mr. Chair, that project, the gap funding on that is to get construction costs – as I said earlier, to get the construction to 285. This project, we had to go back out and do a redesign. This project, as I understand was done back in, I'd say in 2016, initially in coordination with DOT. Since 2016 DOT rules and everything have changed, so we had to go back out to design and coordinate with that. So we had to do a redesign and that drove the cost up. But this is – we feel comfortable that this is the gap amount to get us to 285. Then the next phase will be under 285 and down to Lamy.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. So we're going to vote to give you permission to spend this money but on July 9th. Is that the plan? This isn't an action item.

MANAGER SHAFFER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner, that is correct. We're looking for feedback relative to what we are proposing and any changes you would like us to look into or to make. And so with – that's the point we're at. And yes, final approval would come at July 9th and again, if you want additional information or analysis we do have scheduled next Tuesday another study session if necessary. But no, it's not formal action today, though you could direct us to do that. But the actual final action would come on July 9th when we approve the final budget.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: So if you're looking for info though I think there should be an emphasis on gap funding to complete projects that we've already committed to, as opposed to letting those sit where they are and just do partial funding for more projects that will sit where they are, especially given the nature of funding right now and costs of construction and what not going up so quickly and what not, the idea of getting things done in compact pieces. I know already many of these are not but the idea of getting them done expeditiously and then moving to the next piece just seems more efficient and pretty critical to me.

CHAIR HUGHES: I agree.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I agree with that. I think moving forward with this gap funding and getting projects completed then it gives more bandwidth for the next projects to come up. So thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: So I agree with that but I want to add one caveat is the looking forward aspect to this. As we have federal infrastructure money coming or available right now and the potential for that never to happen in our lifetimes, that we need to look at the pools of money, whether it's for sewer projects or whether it's for road projects or bridges or broadband or whatever it is, we need to really assess and make sure that we are "shovel-ready". So a lot of that is the first \$200,000, \$300,000, \$400,000 that is put forward to get things to show that we're invested in it, but knowing that the rest of it is going to come from federal sources, and that we're ready to apply for grants.

And so I would hope that we have a list of all of those projects that are in the out years and that we could look at since we do seem to have a little bit of excess money and how we could cycle through some of those PERs and get some of these projects ready so that we don't miss this funding opportunity from federal grants.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: In response to that, I totally get it and I agree. The best – one of the good things we can do for ourselves is to make sure we're positioned for taking advantage of federal support. But that's not the only way to be forward-looking. This gap funding, for instance, has the Aamodt interconnection listed, which is so critical to our entire planning for water and for the future use of that water and for making our current County system interconnect with the Pojoaque system, which I guess is a redundancy. That is to me very forward-looking.

We had to invest in Aamodt. It's to a good purpose that that planning has led to this. So some of this gap funding is not just sweeping old projects out of the way at all. And similarly I think some of the other capital planning recognizes that and is [inaudible] And at some point we run out of capacity to do things so like we should always be looking forward. It's a good point. The things we know we're going to need for sewage and water and other infrastructure. We definitely should be planning and making strategic use of the ability to design something now so we can get funding.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I totally agree. I agree. Two points to that. One, some of my constituents are not so thrilled about the interconnect, and I get it from a regional and a collaborative effort for the whole county, but there is some controversy in that in my district.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: There's always controversy.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: It's water for that basin and there has to be some discussion about that.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: There has been. A huge amount. Just saying. I'm just pointing out.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: We've had that discussion for the last seven years.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: We need to discuss more with the community, because people in the community seem to have a lot of misinformation about it.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: They have misinformation.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: But additionally, I agree. Let's get these projects done. Let's move those on, but I would love to know what projects we want to get "shovel-ready" so that we can apply for them so we don't quite have – get left when a notice of funding opportunity comes forward we don't have an answer. Like, we're not ready for that. We should be ready for everything that the federal infrastructure bills that relate to us, we should try to figure out how we can get as ready as possible for that. And I would encourage us to do that.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: One day, somebody's going to feed this response back to me, but even logic must give way to physics. There will be a point at which it's not feasible to be ready for everything because we will not have anticipated it

yet. It will not have come up to the point of rising above other priorities. There are some practical limitations to what you're suggesting.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Of course. Of course. But we know, based on our 25-year plan or 10-year plan, kind of what's out there.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: But that doesn't mean we can plan every single one of them with staffing and what not.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. Commissioner Bustamante, did you have a comment?

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: I do have a comment, and I appreciate that in the interest and I couldn't agree more. To be shovel-ready for everything isn't necessarily realistic, though we do know those issues that have been up front. And what that takes us to are those things that just haven't been completed. And I'm going to sound like I'm totally off my rocker here but I literally had someone walk up to me and say you asked people what happened to the district attorney's office. And it was in light of – and I know nothing about the district attorney's office and the project, or what hasn't been finished yet. So I apologize, but it's the kind of question that I was asked. Maybe you do. I assume you would. It's that type of thing that I we have things that have put off or we knew something was going to happen, but to have someone from staff stop me and the hall and say, look, just figure out what's happened with the district attorney's office, I'm putting that out today. I'm grateful for the what do we need to finish up? What needs to happen to get those things done, shovel-ready, without having had things vetted with the community in the interest of assuring – because there are plenty of government projects that have been executed nationwide with little vetting, but we want to be quick about it that people kind of look at the bridge that didn't get connected. I spent some time in Boston. We all know about that underground thing that took forever. But the bottom line is what can we do to finish what we've been working on, what's been planned and where we're going, not by losing sight of what needs to be ahead but making sure let's finish what's been discussed and started. So thank you for the opportunity to just mention that issues.

CHAIR HUGHES: I suspect the next part of the presentation is going to be about what new things we want to consider, so perhaps we should continue into that.

MANAGER SHAFFER: Thank you, Mr. Chair and Commissioners. I would also note that on the longer list of projects, which was Exhibit B to the presentation that I provided to the Board on Tuesday, it's important to note that many of those projects are at the plan and design phase, so we are in fact moving forward projects, as Brian said, so that we do have a constant pipeline of projects that we could pursue federal funding for or other funding sources as we move forward to get to the point at which construction costs have been firmed up. I do want to emphasize that point.

And then secondly, Public Works did request and the Board did approve in its operating budget, non-specific funds, specifically to do preliminary engineering reports on project ideas that came forward, so that even further back in the process we could have a greater sense of what those projects are going to cost.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you for clarifying that.

MANAGER SHAFFER: You're welcome. And I know this isn't the time or the place to discuss necessarily the Pojoaque Basin-Santa Fe Basin interconnect, but I

would just underscore again, because to the extent there is less information, the congressional act and the settlement agreement and all the documents are clear that when water from the County's share of the Pojoaque Basin Regional Water System is needed in the basin it has to be used in the basin. And so I don't want any individual who lives in the Pojoaque Basin to think that this would be a permanent diversion of water, meaning it's consumed elsewhere and then we can't bring it back. That's not the case. And secondly, the interconnect is critical for water quality as well as the sustainability of the system and the fact that it would provide a backup supply to that system.

So moving forward to new capital projects, staff is recommending a handful of new projects, two of which are the lion's share of the \$11.4 million. One is the \$7 million for the youth behavioral health center, which the Board heard about on Tuesday. That's an estimated cost. Actually, it could be higher, depending on what is determined to be the needs of that center, but if there are any site acquisition costs, but again, that was the estimate for construction or remodeling if in fact we're refurbishing a building. That's a very significant chunk of this cost.

In addition, there's the County Road 113 low-water crossing, which I'd just like Brian in particular to spend a few minutes talking about before we go through the rest of the list.

MR. SNYDER: So the County Road 113 low-water crossing, this was brought to our attention, I would say, two years ago during the pilgrimage, and over time, that riverway has changed and evolved and I think with climate change in mind and other things, Nambe Lake is an example, that feeds that riverway and the usage of that and way they use it and the way they're able to use it within – I think, I'm not sure what its rating is in the state system but I understand they aren't able to use the full capacity of it. And as part of that they're releasing water continuously year-round, just to maintain the level of that at a safe level for that community.

Whereas, in the past, that was released seasonally because they wanted to use as much water and capture as much water and use it for acequias and other things. So as things evolved over time we did have a heavy rain and runoff years ago that filled in the upstream side of the channel against the County Road 113, the low-water crossing, and then during the pilgrimage, we had water running over the low-water crossing and not under it. So we worked with the federal agencies as well as the tribes to make sure that we could get in and unearth that area. We did that shortly after the pilgrimage, and what we found was that the bridge deck and the conduits under the bridge are in – they're not going to fail but they have spalling concrete and you have some areas where you have rebar showing, to the point of could we do maintenance on it? Yes. Would it prolong the life of the bridge? Not much longer.

So the belief is that a good investment here would be to have an engineering analysis done on this, whether it's a bridge similar to what you saw in some of the slides on northeast-southeast that Curt showed earlier, a box culvert type bridge. It could be a low-water crossing like farther downstream across 109, there's a low-water crossing concrete structure with some metal grates that are used to allow the water to pass safely under the travelway. But the goal of this \$2.5 million is to get a structure in place that is drivable and allows the water to pass underneath the travelway, keep it out, keep it so that the tires, the oils, those types of things are out of the riverway as much as possible from

an environmental standpoint as well as just to maintain ingress and egress during all weather seasons, as well as Nambe, and they manage the water in that river channel and in springtime and monsoonal runoffs.

So it's our recommendation to move forward with a design and construction. This number is similar to what Greg said about the behavioral health center. This is an estimate that we got from a contractor looking at that that has done some design and construction in this field and estimated based on the span and the current construction market, what this would cost to do a design and construction.

MANAGER SHAFFER: So just to summarize, again, it's nothing that's in risk of imminent failure but we realize that the structure is in fact getting close to its end of life, and so the recommendation is that we be pro-active and address that issue before you're in more of an emergent situation. And Brian, if you could just touch upon briefly your pro-active attempts to inspect our bridges countywide, given challenges that our partners at DOT are facing relative to bridge inspectors and the like so that we can give some context to the Board in terms of your pro-active efforts to identify those upcoming maintenance or replacement needs.

MR. SNYDER: Sure. Thanks, Greg. So the County, as you're familiar – and you've heard me talk about LIDAR and our paved roads and our road assessment system that's unbiased system. We've built that over the last couple years. We moved away from our PASER rating which is more subjective into a system that we believe provides an unbiased approach. We have not, as a County we have not had a bridge maintenance system in place ever as far as I've found in the records, but we have worked with – that doesn't mean that the bridges weren't inspected. The bridges have been inspected and tagged and evaluated every one or two years by DOT. And most recently, within the last year and a half, as we started coming out of COVID and we started asking DOT for some of the inspection records, they were similarly to us struggling with staffing.

So we used the opportunity to partner with them and document and evaluate all bridges within Santa Fe County and do an assessment. We've worked hand-in-hand with them along with an engineering company that we had on a contract to do an assessment document, an assessment of the conditions. For most situations the bridges are in good shape. There have been bridges that have been identified for needing maintenance, as well as there's a bridge that ended up getting funding along – on the main entryway into Eldorado. We got about \$400,000 to \$500,000 during the last state legislative cycle.

So that's been our approach. We have taken that responsibility over and as we come forward with capital requests and maintenance requests in upcoming conversations with the Board we will be seeing bridges from a maintenance standpoint and a periodic bridge needing a new capital investment.

And as we look at new projects, kind of tying the bridges in with low-water crossings, as well as planning, we touched on the first one here during the ICIP conversation I believe earlier this week on Tuesday for a study of the six low-water crossings along 84, I don't want to spend too much time on that unless the Commission would like to but the goal of that is to – we have put forward a \$50+ million ask in their federal RAISE grant, got some feedback, some off-line feedback with our MPO that that's a large ask. And so internally, I think Brad explained earlier this week pretty well

that we decided internally to assess each bridge or assess each low-water crossing individually.

There may be some commonality between those that we can leverage, but the goal being, to Commissioner Greene's point earlier, to be ready for asking for additional funding, but not do it on a holistic six bridge or six low-water crossing standpoint, but look at it as what is needed for each area individually and we can make a request according to a need and cost that's associated with that. So that's the first request for a new capital project. It's for us to do planning and preliminary design on the six low-water crossings for \$250,000.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair and Brian and Manager. Last year in the legislature we got \$450,000 for San Ysidro Crossing to do a PER, so I'm wondering why that's not on this list.

MR. SNYDER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hansen, these are new capital projects, so that should be under the first list for \$450,000 of new funding that we have not yet received but once we receive that funding we will initiate – we will get that slotted in with our projects team to initiate a PER and preliminary design for the San Ysidro Crossing. The request that was up on the screen earlier was for new capital projects requests. The \$450,000 that we got from the state appropriations is new money that we will be receiving later this year or early the following year that we'll program in for design and preliminary engineering.

MANAGER SHAFFER: In other words, Mr. Chair, Commissioner, this slide was really focused on County-funded projects so as I highlighted, the San Ysidro River Crossing is on the larger list of projects. It wasn't highlighted here because it's being funded by the legislature.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay. Thank you very much, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I'm really happy to hear about the bridge, looking at inspections and the need to repair and maintenance over the long term. So that's – I gather that that's going to be an ongoing program. Other entities get themselves in trouble by not paying attention to maintenance, to the requirements for O&M and for major repair and replacement. Are we considering that in all the places we need to? We're talking about new projects here primarily, but some major repair and replacement can be pretty big. So are there other areas we need to pay attention to that? Budget-wise and whatever?

MR. SNYDER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hamilton, I think from the roads standpoint, as we're talking about bridges and roads, the LIDAR studies that we've done, the operations budget of about \$2 million a year in operations budget, the action that the Board took on Tuesday to fund \$2 million or to allow the County Manager to negotiate and finalize that contract for investing in maintenance in the amount of \$2 million into our roads, I think definitely moves that forward. We ask for \$2 million in the upcoming fiscal year budget as well to do something similar, so you should be seeing that probably in the fall as a request.

On other areas, such as our vertical assets and our parks and our open space and trails, we currently have funded a facility assessment that we're in the midst of, and that

facility assessment is key because out of that we will be doing an assessment of all our building, all of our trails, our open space, and that will yield a five-year maintenance plan. So once that's developed that plan will then help us identify and know what projects are needed to maintain our buildings, make sure that they're kept in good working order.

In addition to that, we have on in the capital budget a request – I think it's about \$300,000, it's on this capital projects sheet, the last one here, open space and trails safety study and assessments. That's a \$300,000 request to look at our trails, look at the safety of our trails. Greg sits on the New Mexico Insurance Group and sees horrific accidents, insurance claims and those types of things as well as we see our own challenges with our staff on a daily basis having to clear the trails from side by side, driving in the dirt and throwing rocks on it and then bikers come down the trail and fall. So looking at our safety from a signage standpoint, from an accident standpoint, from a usership standpoint, that's what that \$300,000 is.

So as we look at maintenance I think we're pretty well set up to do that. We're also in the midst of – on the utility side we're also in the midst of an effluent management plan and a utility master plan. Looking at our existing infrastructure, as well as planning, looking at the future and the needs for expanding existing capacity within our existing system as well as how do we grow our system.

So I think from a planning aspect and from a maintenance aspect, which I see to hand in hand as well as the capital aspect, we're setting ourselves up for success.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Excellent. Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Brian. I really – I do appreciate the breaking the – all of the six low-water crossings into doing one at a time or maybe two at a time sort of projects. The one big ask just overwhelmed the opportunity at federal grants, and so it's a good idea to sort of, hey, we need six of these to be addressed but it's going to take us a decade instead of just two years or something like that. I think that's a much more realistic opportunity.

County Road 113 is in our Senator Ben Ray Lujan's neighborhood and as we all knew back a year and a half ago at the pilgrimage, he was quite concerned when the water went over the low-water crossing, so two questions about that. One, Ben Ray, Senator Lujan this week asked for a comprehensive list of all water crossings that we could put forth to him and to put it on his radar so that he would know, not only that County Road 113 but also those ones, County Road 84 or San Ysidro or wherever we have. And if we could consolidate a list of all of those it could be a draft list kind of thing to start with but honestly, over the next few weeks, months, or whatever it takes to put a list together if we could deliver that to him and have a sit-down with him he asked for that specifically, and I think that would be a good opportunity to put on his radar so he may know what's coming down and could be a request from us.

And then specifically to the 113, I'm not sure, but my question is whatever design we do up there, are we going to design it in a way that sort of controls some of the silt and make sure that the same problem that happened doesn't happen again? Right? So just replacing it with the same design sort of could end up with another technically failing design. So I'm wondering if we make sure that upstream, whether it's bank stabilization, whether it's slowing down the water up above so there's a way to get the silt so it doesn't

build up against the water crossing, that we look at designs that are a little more robust and resilient to these issues that have obviously just happened in the last few years and will probably happen again.

MR. SNYDER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Greene, yes. County Road 113 low-water crossing will take that into consideration. Our temporary fix also took that into consideration by putting boulders in upstream temporarily to allow the river channel to work its way back. If you recall discussions during the time of the pilgrimage our concern was having to dredge out large sections of that river and we were able to come up with a solution that didn't require that, though it may be temporary. But our – the permanent fix will take that into consideration.

And while we're on the topic of low-water crossings, we have on the first capital projects sheet we got a state appropriation for \$100,000 for 84, Arroyo del Rancho Road that – similar PER, preliminary design type thing as well as Ojo de la Vaca, County Road 51, we have \$2 million in bond funding that's in place now to help with the design. We need another \$2 million and that's for construction we believe as an estimate now.

So we are working on our low-water crossings already but we can pull together a list.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: That's great. And having a list for Ben Ray would be wonderful to show what we're working on and everything and what we're going to need money for. So thank you very much for that.

MR. CORDOVA: Mr. Chair, if we're ready I'll continue on down the list on a couple more of the new capital project requests. The second one on the list, Turquoise Trail extension is a project that would help serve the new affordable housing projects that are being proposed for Highway 14, but this is also another good example, to Commissioner Greene's point, of a project that potentially could be funded by DOT funding. Our planning team has worked with DOT to potentially evaluate another source. So we're asking for it to be funded, but there might be a chance that we could get funding from another source and use that to supplement what we need to get that project completed.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Mr. Chair, I just want to point out that it's not in Commission District 2

MR. CORDOVA: Thank you. Our Public Works lift station is more of an operational project that Brian can certainly speak more to but it gives us an opportunity to get off of our well and get on to a different infrastructure for water. Similar, our Public Works Complex Trail, that's another support of our staff. It's an opportunity for us to provide a trail that staff could use to get some kind of exercise, get out of the building on their breaks or their lunch hour and have a safe place to take a walk.

So fairgrounds pickleball courts, this is an opportunity that was identified by staff for another potential pickleball court in an area at our fairgrounds in the small animal barn that isn't utilize year-round that can serve dual purpose. So great idea, low cost for us to get a few more pickleball courts and better utilize our small animal barn. And then I think the rest of our projects have been talked about and mentioned.

So to your point that was brought up earlier, and I just want to reiterate, we listen and we're grateful that you give us the input that you give us, but that is a big reason why we aren't asking for a whole lot of brand new capital projects this year. We're really

focused on our gap funding. The new projects we're bringing forward to you have a need and there the reason why we're suggesting them, but as we get into the next exhibits you'll see we're just as focused on maintenance to avoid having to do major new projects in the future. So I appreciate all of the feedback we get from these informational sessions because we do hear you and it's beneficial to our future work, so I want to thank you for that.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Mr. Chair, if I may make one quick comment.

CHAIR HUGHES: Yes.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you. In regards to pickleball courts, I've heard great things about our pickleball courts over at Nancy Rodriguez at Romero Park, but I've also heard that there's two aspects that we need to incorporate into our pickleball court design. One is design them in a way that cuts down on the wind, so it either is wind barriers or recess them into the ground a little bit. The second one is a shade structure. So I've spoken to the pickleball fanatics that use Fort Marcy excessively and they say Fort Marcy is overcrowded because people prefer Fort Marcy, and even though Romero Park is available, they say the sun and the wind over there make it less usable, and so people will prefer to go to Fort Marcy because there's shade and because it is built in a bowl and so that could do with siting it or landscape design, planting trees, planting wind screens or putting things up there. There's some techniques that we may be able to adopt for the next round of pickleball courts. Thanks.

MR. CORDOVA: Thank you for that feedback. It sounds like the small animal barn might serve a couple of those issues, get you some shade and some wind protection.

So if we are able to move on, I'm not going to go through the entire list of maintenance projects but we did provide that to you. Just over \$3.3 million in maintenance projects, projects that are all critical to extending the use of these different buildings or areas. That's Exhibit E. Exhibit F is a continuation or a carry-forward of different maintenance projects that are in our current budget that we weren't able to get to this year that are still critical that we want to continue to be able to pursue.

And because I'm not going through all of them I'd stand for any questions. I might have to ask Mr. Montano to help us in any of the details but we would stand for any questions if you have any on the maintenance projects, either of the lists.

MR. SNYDER: Mr. Chair and Commissioners, I would just add to Leandro had said with what I already said. We already have a facility assessment that feeds some of this but some of this is, as things come up during the year or we anticipate things or access control as technology rolls out, that's what we're looking at, expanding that and doing that under maintenance. Moving forward we anticipate that the facilities assessment will be complete later this calendar year which then will feed into the operational budget and the ultimate capital budget in process next year.

So these projects are much needed to keep our assets secure and safe as well as add some technology to some of these centers. You'll see access control and video surveillance, during the operational budget a little bit over a year ago that was approved by BCC you recall that the operations and maintenance of the community centers moved to Public Works and very quickly we learned that with the high usage of certain centers –

Max Coll, La Cienega, Nancy Rodriguez – our staff is out there evenings, nights, weekends, all the time, and so we're looking for access control at those facilities as well as cameras and security to help protect those facilities.

So it's maintenance, but then it's also making sure that we're staying up with technology and incorporating that into the way we maintain our facilities. So it's a multi-discipline list.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. Any questions? Commissioner Bustamante.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. Can I assume that the stucco at the district attorney's is the extent of what needed to be done?

MR. SNYDER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Bustamante, there's multiple projects going on at the district attorney's. Currently, the district attorney's office is being reroofed and we're in the process right now – we went out to bid for major HVAC type and those types of functions within the facility. We're right now negotiating for a staging area in the parking lot next to the facility that's instrumental in making sure that that project moves forward. So the project is getting ready to come to your for consideration. But we're also working hand in hand with how we get a staging area and then the transition of the district attorney's office out of that area into another County facility.

So that's in the works. We have the target of the end of the calendar year to have that completed. It's on a pretty tight timeframe.

CHAIR HUGHES: I have a question about this trail, because it's a line under maintenance for a Azul Trail, but there is no Azul Trail. It's designed, I think. Is there a reason for putting that under maintenance when you're going to design it?

J.P. MONTANO (Public Works): Mr. Chair, I don't know why that would be under maintenance. I believe that is state appropriations funds. It just may have been looked over and put on this list accidentally.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay.

MR. CORDOVA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Any other things that you catch, we'd be happy. That probably should be on the main list, because there's some funds associated with it, so that should probably be on our main list as an opportunity there.

CHAIR HUGHES: All right. Okay. I get it. It goes on the main list but it shouldn't be on the maintenance list. Last time I was on Azul there was no trail. Any other questions?

MR. CORDOVA: So if there are no more questions we can move on to Exhibit G which I'll go through briefly, but this essentially gives you a demonstration or a snapshot of our fund balances in all the different funds that the County has available for capital projects. Some of these funds may seem to still have a large fund balance but they're very specific to – like for example, fire operations fund. Those are only able to be used for our fire operations. There's restrictions on Corrections, Lodgers', and another point I'll make is this year we didn't have the luxury of last year where we had larger fund balances.

The fund balances from previous years had accumulated for a lot of different reasons, including our staffing issues that we had where we weren't able to fill so many positions that we had a substantial amount of cash falling to capital, and we were able to take advantage of that. Last year we had a lot more funding gaps as well that you helped us fill, but this year we're kind of back to I think what you should expect to see as we go

forward, a lower allocation or recurring funding dollars for us to tackle so many of these projects. But we're doing the best that we can to utilize the fund balances available to us and put those into action.

And our last Exhibit H, our bond recommendations would be for our 2024 cycle. Looking at how we break these down into our three major buckets of open space, roads, and utilities, these are just some of our recommendations for our bond questions, and of course we are open to feedback, but looking at the design and acquire real property for Santa Fe River Greenway Trail to continue to our next phase, our segment 4.

And then again, another trail to finish up the Santa Fe Rail Trail to get us all the way out to Lamy, I believe. Romero Park, Phase 3. This is – it's an amazing asset for the County and we're continuing to develop it but we're close to Phase 3 and this would be a great opportunity to complete that amazing park.

And then Rio en Medio open space, we do have some money allocated to some projects on our open space that we could get started on but to be able to completely incorporate and complete everything that has been envisioned it would be great to be able to have another funding source for that.

On the roads, we're looking at Ojo de la Vaca low water crossing, Brian mentioned that slightly, and then County Road 109-N.

And then under the Utilities, looking at our water reclamation facility expansion into the future, realizing that as more and more of the development in SDA-1 comes on line it will be heading to our reclamation facility which right now does not have capacity issues, but again, planning ahead, being prepared for the day when we do need to expand that.

And then the last project is an idea that we've talked about in ways to help many of our mutual domestics around the county, but to try to complete a few of the projects that we have in partnership and this is with Chupadero, to be able to potentially help them complete the infrastructure they need for us to take that over.

So just some recommendations for our bonds with some of the background on how we got to the idea of putting those on. And I'll let the Manager elaborate.

MANAGER SHAFFER: Thank you, Leandro, Mr. Chair and Commissioners. Again, these are ideas from staff, obviously. Ultimately, within constitutional limits, the projects to decide to put to the voters for general obligation bond authorization is for the Board to decide. And just note that we did not recommend at this time that the Board seek authorization from the voters for the full \$52 to \$54 million in general obligation bond capacity that we will have over the next four years. That would again be a decision for the Board to decide whether they wanted to seek all that authorization now, recognizing that the bonds would be sold in tranches as we are able to utilize those proceeds in accordance with the federal guidelines.

It could also be scaled back to smaller questions and money could be allocated as between these questions. But historically, at least recently but the three main areas in which we've sought voter approval and that the voters seemed to support are open space and trails and parks, roads, and then water and wastewater projects. So I'd be happy to answer any questions relative to these particular ideas. This would be – a bond question would be due in August, so this does not have to be action taken now, nor would action

have to be taken on this July 9th. Those could be considered by the Board over the month of July into early August as to what projects you may want to fund.

The trails fund, I would just emphasize, continuous push or recommendation from staff that we do what we can to complete the core trail network in the county, which ends the Rail Trail as well as the Greenway Trail. Not only is that good for our residents and citizens, it also helps support desires and stated policy objectives of the Board relative to multi-modal transportation, and finally, there is an economic development or tourism component of those trails as outdoor recreation, as the Board knows is a target industry for the County, and we are well regarded as a mountain biking community.

I would just note that relative to segment 7 of the Rail Trail, that is a very high cost. That is – and Brian can address that – that’s the point at which we’re going under 284 to actually get from one side of the road to allow the trail to continue out to Lamy, its final destination and then talking about doing, designing, and planning so that we have a constant cycle of projects relative to segment 4 of the River Greenway Trail. That will be for planning and designing but also to acquire the real property interest necessary for that next segment, which is independently a large component of the cost of that significant project. Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Questions? Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Greg and Leandro. Question about the Chupadero effluent water distribution. I wasn’t aware that they actually had a wastewater treatment facility there. Or is that actually a mutual domestic water supply system and not effluent?

MR. CORDOVA: Yes. I believe we need to get rid of the word effluent. It’s just for the water distribution.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Okay. Wonderful. Thank you very much.

MR. CORDOVA: I caught that as I read it. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: You saw it too. Great. That’s wonderful.

And then in the case of the Rio en Medio, I’m super-supportive of the project, but I would love to speak with a representative Andrea Romero because this was one of her pet projects, and it would be great to get her to put some money into ICIP so we didn’t have to depend purely on bonds to finance this. And so there’s other uses up there that we could talk about in that area, for sure, and we’d love to see if there’s – take from one pot put into another in that area in an effort to do that.

Also the folks up in Rio en Medio have some access concerns up there so if we do work up in that open space there are folks in the areas below there that would like to talk about how access is managed and improved. Thank you.

MANAGER SHAFFER: Thank you. If I could just add to that, Mr. Chair, Commissioner Greene. In developing the bond questions we have projects in mind. I would just note that ultimately, voters approve bond questions, not bond projects. And so the questions are written in such a way that it’s plan-design-construct-acquire for open space. So if there was a funding opportunity for Rio en Medio, either because we could get federal funds or state appropriations, we would be able to make that switch, just to make sure that – I don’t want there to be any impression that you’re locked in then to these specific projects so that you’re guaranteeing that you’re going to use the bond funding.

Obviously you don't want to appear to be doing a bait and switch, which we don't do, but the money is fungible in that regard, if you're able to complete the project with different funding that frees up the bond proceeds for other projects.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: That's wonderful. And would a park be under an open space sort of project, or is that a different classification? I just look at the Rail Trail or Romero Park looks as an open space. I know that the folks up in Española, the City of Española has come to us asking for assistance in investing in a park in the north, and maybe there's an opportunity to discuss that and to help collaborate with them. Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Not to become a broken record I just wanted to show support and thank you for the forward-thinking for the water reclamation facility, because now is the time to start thinking about that, both in term of its ongoing maintenance and its expansion, given the development that's in that area. So I think that's an important inclusion on this bond consideration.

CHAIR HUGHES: I was wondering, in terms of the open space, did you consult COLTPAC? Because I know that they have a plan to suggest open space projects to us, and maybe a constant funding source. I don't know. It seems to me that their desire is to have a constant funding source it might be good to consult them for this because with their input on this then they won't ask us for other money, for example. We haven't consulted COLTPAC yet?

MR. CORDOVA: Mr. Chair, we worked with Adeline, and I can't say yes, we went to COLTPAC or not but through her recommendations is how we developed some of these ideas. But I think that's a great idea and certainly a step we wouldn't want to miss.

CHAIR HUGHES: Yes. Good. Any other questions?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HUGHES: Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Where are these two roads? CR 51, Ojo de la Vaca low-water crossing? And CR 109?

COMMISSIONER GREENE: CR 109 is in Pojoaque just northeast of the Nambe Road. I know that one.

MR. SNYDER: Mr. Chair and Commissioner Hansen, Commissioner Greene is correct. 109 North is north of 503 and 285. 109 kind of cuts off that corner between 285 and NM 503. County Road 51 is the boundary line between Commission districts 3 and 4 as you come off of 25 going north, and it drops down to a low-water crossing. So we have two projects going on, Ojo de la Vaca in the capital plan. One is low-water crossing. It's largely a one-lane, one way out, similar to what we have in General Goodwin, though I understand County Road 51 eventually pops out in Galisteo and a lot of people don't drive that whole length. So we have the low-water crossing and then we have a paving project of the upper section of County Road 51, Ojo de la Vaca.

CHAIR HUGHES: So is the proposal to build a bridge there? That's I assume would be the water crossing where it goes over Galisteo River in Cañoncito.

MR. SNYDER: Mr. Chair, that is correct. To look at that, right now it's a low-water crossing. You drive through the water when the Galisteo River is flowing. And

look at how that would be handled. We would evaluate that and most likely it would be a box culvert of some sort.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. Anybody else? No? What else do you have for us?

MR. CORDOVA: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, I believe that concludes our presentation for today. As always, we're open to feedback. If something comes up later on while you're thinking about it, by all means feel free to reach out to us so we can try to incorporate your suggestions and feedback by the time we get to our main meeting on July 9th. And I guess the big question is, do we feel like we need another special meeting on Tuesday? Or have we covered a lot of the questions that you have? That doesn't necessarily need to be answered now, but I think that's the other big question for you guys to walk away with is if we really need to meet again.

CHAIR HUGHES: I won't be here Tuesday, but the rest of you can meet if you want. It doesn't sound like it.

MR. CORDOVA: Thank you.

CHAIR HUGHES: It wouldn't be the same but it might be interesting.

MANAGER SHAFFER: If I could just make an announcement. So we will proceed on the basis of preparing the final budget and given the presentation today. Again, the bond questions and projects, that's a different matter but we did want to get that in front of the Board now so you can begin thinking about it and get a sense of what we're thinking about relative to other big projects that are consistent with prior planning efforts as well as upcoming needs, but that will take place in August.

I would note the cancellation of Tuesday's special study session, but if you are available I would note so that you're aware of it that Congresswoman Leger Fernandez is going to be at the Camino Jacobo public housing community on Tuesday at 4:00 pm in order to present to the County a symbolic check, I believe for the congressionally designated funding that she has so again graciously championed on behalf of our public housing communities over the last several years.

So we'll send out a replacement invite for you so that you can attend that if you are able.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. Does anybody know whether they're able to attend that meeting

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I'll try to make it.

CHAIR HUGHES: Okay. It looks like we'll have a couple representatives.

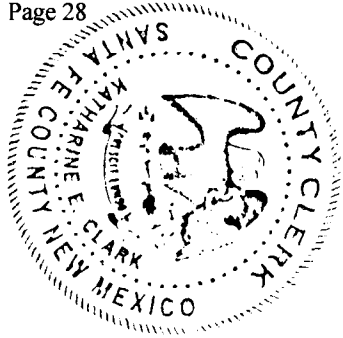
MANAGER SHAFFER: Well, you should all be free, right? Because we just canceled the special meeting.

CHAIR HUGHES: I had prior plans. Anything else?

4. Concluding Business

A. Adjournment

Commissioner Greene made the motion to adjourn and Commissioner Hamilton seconded. With no further business to come before this body, Chair Hughes declared this meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.



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