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To: Public Works and Utilities Committee, Quality of Life Committee, Finance Committee, Governing Body

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RE: 2027 Legislative Priorities

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The proposed resolution establishes the City of Santa Fe's ("City") priorities for consideration by the New Mexico State Legislature During the 2027 Legislative Session, including capital outlay priorities and legislative and policy priorities. This year's proposed capital outlay priorities include eight citywide projects, and one project in each of the four City Council districts. The citywide and City Council district projects address redevelopment infrastructure, airport access and capacity, roadway preservation, drainage and watershed improvements, public facility maintenance, transit, and median beautification.

The proposed citywide priorities, in ranked order, are as follows:

Priority	Project	Funding Request
1	Midtown Redevelopment Infrastructure Improvements	\$72,500,000
2	Regional Airport Access Road from NM 599	\$13,000,000
3	Airport Terminal Expansion Phase II	\$35,000,000
4	Pavement Rehabilitation and Preservation on Residential Roads	\$3,000,000
5	Cerro Gordo Culvert and Watershed Improvements	\$550,000
6	Facilities Systems Replacement, Energy Efficiency, and Exterior Improvements	\$4,000,000
7	Genoveva Chavez Community Center Deferred Maintenance	\$4,000,000
8	Median Beautification Phase I	\$7,040,000

The proposed City Council district priorities are:

District	Project	Funding Request
1	Downtown Transit Center	\$3,600,000
2	Salvador Perez Swimming Pool Deferred Maintenance	\$2,000,000
3	Rufina Street and Lopez Lane Intersection Improvements	\$4,950,000
4	Tierra Contenta Phase III Spine Infrastructure	\$9,750,000

The priorities listed above account for the full remaining funding as identified in the FY2028–2032 Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan, adopted in Resolution No. 2026-26, and are not limited to a single fiscal year’s allocation.

In addition to these project-specific funding requests, the proposed resolution establishes legislative policy priorities addressing broader City needs. The policy priorities include, but are not limited to, the expansion of affordable housing availability; expansion of services for homeless families and individuals; support for City and Santa Fe County partnerships; support for economic mobility efforts related to community and economic development; support for violence intervention programs; support for addressing fentanyl as a community health crisis through meaningful partnerships between State, County and City agencies; support for water conservation, recycling, and other environmental priorities; elimination of the three percent cap on property tax increases on non-owner-occupied residences; and a statewide business licensing system.

BACKGROUND:

Each year, the Governing Body adopts capital outlay and policy priorities for consideration during the upcoming New Mexico Legislative Session. The proposed resolution establishes the City’s priorities for the 2027 Legislative Session and provides directions for the City’s legislative advocacy.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution
Fiscal Impact Report
Resolution No. 2026-26 - Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan Update FY 2028-2032