



SPECIAL MEETING
City of Anthony Board of Trustees
Conference Call
Tuesday May 18, 2021
6:00 P.M
MINUTES

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Mayor Diana M. Trujillo
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** led by Trustee Flores
3. **ROLL CALL** *Present:*

MPT Fernie Herrera	YES	NO
Trustee Gloria Gameros	YES	NO
Trustee Elva Flores	YES	NO
Trustee Javier Silva	YES	NO
Mayor Diana M. Trujillo	YES	NO
Quorum Established	YES	NO

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER

1ST Motion: Trustee Gameros 2ND Motion: Trustee Flores

Roll Call:

MPT Fernie Herrera	YES	NO
Trustee Gloria Gameros	YES	NO
Trustee Elva Flores	YES	NO
Trustee Javier Silva	YES	NO
Mayor Diana M. Trujillo	YES	NO

4 to 0 vote, motion pass.

5. PRESENTATION

- a) Consideration and Action to approve applying for \$1.3M with a 5% match to the El Paso MPO for the NMDOT Transportation Project Fund to pave Church Street from 4th St to Clark Ave. **Presented by Eric S. Hamilton, PE, CFM Engineer**
- **Eric Hamilton:** *This is in response to the New Mexico Department of Transportation's call for projects, soliciting applications, under the Transportation Project Fund.*
 - *The Transportation Project Fund was passed in 2019, under House Bill 694.*
 - *City applied in 2019 for the reconstruction of McKinley Street and unfortunately, was not awarded.*
 - *This grant is highly competitive because of the nature of the funding source being 95% grant and 5% matching component. From what we learned in 2019, some of the ranking criteria has been modified, but largely is going to be ranked under what they call readiness.*
 - *In this grant, the term "shovel ready" is defined as the project is advertisement ready, regardless of the phase the funding is being applied for.*
 - *There is an opportunity for the City to submit a hardship match waiver: We would need to submit a resolution, or letter identifying a financial hardship. Hardship could be the many types of grant matching that the City has to work with. Hardship requests get evaluated and there are certain criteria that is identified by state statute. DFA would look at the city's financial records and determine if the city has hardship.*

- The estimated amount of funding available for FY22 is \$120 million (\$3 million will be held for hardship waivers). In the future, the program anticipates being approximately \$40 million per year. El Paso MPO strongly encourages entities to apply.
- **MPT Herrera:** Is this project shovel ready and what would be the design specification?
- **Eric Hamilton:** If selected today, this project is for Church Street from 4th street to Clark Avenue, which was designed and completed in 2018. Grant request would be for final design, construction and construction management. It is shovel ready and it will be a highly competitive project.
- **MPT Herrera:** Concerned that Church Street might not be wide enough; recommended not to be like 4th street. Will there be curb and gutter?
- **Eric Hamilton:** On 4th street we didn't have anything under 11 feet so it was from 11 to 12-foot lanes as a result of that limited right away. Church Street near the intersection of Clark on the South side, the right away actually has a jump in it. So, it is projected north and it further reduces the overall roadway right away. We can definitely look into the current design, as is, which would be submitted with the application. If this project is selected and funded at that time, we can have a workshop to review the current design. It will be a full reconstruction project. Construction material has gone up 25% on some items. Grant would be \$1,235,000 match of \$65,000. Draft application packet due to MPO on May 19, 2021. Approval September 1, 2021. Executed grant agreement by end of October, 2021.
- **Eric Hamilton:** Staff would want to know if they can request match waiver.
- **City Manager:** I believe that it would be difficult to get DFA to sign off on waiver. The city had a fairly healthy reserve even before the pandemic. It wouldn't hurt to put in the match waiver request.
- **Trustee Gameros:** City manager is right, end of April 30th, city had \$2.6 Million in the bank.
- **Mayor Trujillo:** Ok, so we'll leave it as it stands. Request motion.

1ST Motion: Trustee Gameros 2ND Motion: Trustee Flores

Roll Call:

MPT Fernie Herrera	YES	NO	
Trustee Gloria Gameros	YES	NO	4 to 0 vote, motion passed.
Trustee Elva Flores	YES	NO	
Trustee Javier Silva	YES	NO	
Mayor Diana M. Trujillo	YES	NO	

6. ADJOURNMENT

1ST Motion: MPT Herrera 2ND Motion: Trustee Gameros

Roll Call:

MPT Fernie Herrera	YES	NO	
Trustee Gloria Gameros	YES	NO	4 to 0 vote, motion pass at 6:31PM
Trustee Elva Flores	YES	NO	
Trustee Javier Silva	YES	NO	
Mayor Diana M. Trujillo	YES	NO	

Diana Murillo-Trujillo, Mayor

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ATTEST:

Esther Motongo, CMC - City Clerk

