

**SANTA FE COUNTY**

**Resolution No. 2016- 91**

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**A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE ELIGIBILITY AND INTENT OF SANTA FE COUNTY TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019 RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM (“RTP”) AND ACKNOWLEDGING THE AVAILABILITY OF COUNTY FUNDS FOR THE 14.56% LOCAL MATCH AND REIMBURSABLE CONSTRUCTION COSTS REQUIRED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SEGMENT 5 OF THE SANTA FE RAIL TRAIL**

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**WHEREAS**, Santa Fe County has the legal authority to apply for, receive and administer federal funds; and

**WHEREAS**, Santa Fe County wishes to submit an application for Federal Fiscal Year 2018/2019 (“FFY 18/19”) for New Mexico RTP funds in the amount of \$326,675.57 as set forth by Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST) and as outlined in the FFY 18/19 New Mexico RTP Guide; and

**WHEREAS**, the application for New Mexico RTP funds is for the construction of Segment 5 of the Santa Fe Rail Trail that will run from Avenida Eldorado to the Spur Ranch Road in Santa Fe County. The Santa Fe Rail Trail is a multi-use trail that provides recreational and transportation use; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Fe Rail Trail is a multi-use trail that is designed to accommodate pedestrians, bicyclists, and equestrians. The Santa Fe Rail Trail is consistent with the Santa Fe County Sustainable Growth Management Plan goals and policies to ensure safe, context-sensitive design standards for transportation improvements that reflect local preferences and the needs for all types of transportation users; preserve scenic vistas and environmentally sensitive areas; and establish a system of regional trail and park connections for pedestrians equestrians and bicyclists; and

**WHEREAS**. Segment 5 of the Santa Fe Rail Trail will increase opportunities for outdoor tourism and recreation by decreasing the potential for automobile, bicycle, pedestrian, and equestrian conflicts and accidents by providing a separate multi-use trail, and it will decrease noise and air pollution, improve public health and protect the environment; and,

**WHEREAS**, Segment 5 of the Santa Fe Rail Trail is included in the Santa Fe County Sustainable Growth Management Plan, the Sustainable land Development Code’s Bikeways Map, the Open Space Trails Map, Santa Fe County’s 5-year Capital Improvement Program, and the Santa Fe MPO 2012 Bicycle Master Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, construction costs for Segment 5 of the Santa Fe Rail Trail is estimated at \$382,345.00; and

**WHEREAS**, Segment 5 of the Santa Fe Rail Trail is an eligible project under the New Mexico RTP and FAST Act; and

**WHEREAS**, Santa Fe County acknowledges the availability of the required local match of 14.56% and the availability of funds to pay all reimbursable construction costs for Segment 5 of the Santa Fe Rail Trail; and

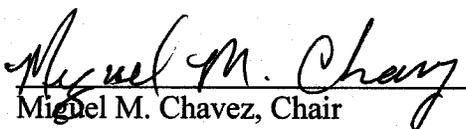
**WHEREAS**, the County further acknowledges that if RTP funds are used to complete Segment 5 of the Santa Fe Rail Trail, the County will operate and maintain the Segment 5 of the Santa Fe Rail Trail.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County authorizes and directs the County Manager to do all things necessary to complete and submit an application for FFY 18/19 New Mexico RTP funds in the amount of \$326,675.57 from NMDOT on behalf of Santa Fe County.
2. Santa Fe County assures NMDOT that if New Mexico RTP funds are awarded and Santa Fe County accepts the award, sufficient funding for the required 14.56% local match and reimbursable construction costs are available.
3. Santa Fe County assures NMDOT that if New Mexico RTP funds are awarded, and accepted and the project is implemented, Santa Fe County will be responsible for the operation and maintenance of Segment 5 of the Santa Fe Rail Trail.
4. The County Manager is authorized and is hereby delegated to do all that is necessary to enter in to a Cooperative Project Agreement with NMDOT for New Mexico RTP funds as set forth by the FAST Act on behalf of the citizens of Santa Fe County. The County Manager is delegated the authority to provide all information necessary to complete the application and serve as the official representative of the County in this and subsequent related activities.
5. Santa Fe County assures the NMDOT that the County is willing and able to administer all activities associated with Segment 5 of the Santa Fe Rail Trail.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 13<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2016**

**SANTA FE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

  
 Miguel M. Chavez, Chair  
 Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners

ATTESTATION:

Geraldine Salazar  
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Santa Fe County Clerk



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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Gregory S. Shaffer  
Gregory S. Shaffer, County Attorney

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Date

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO ) ss

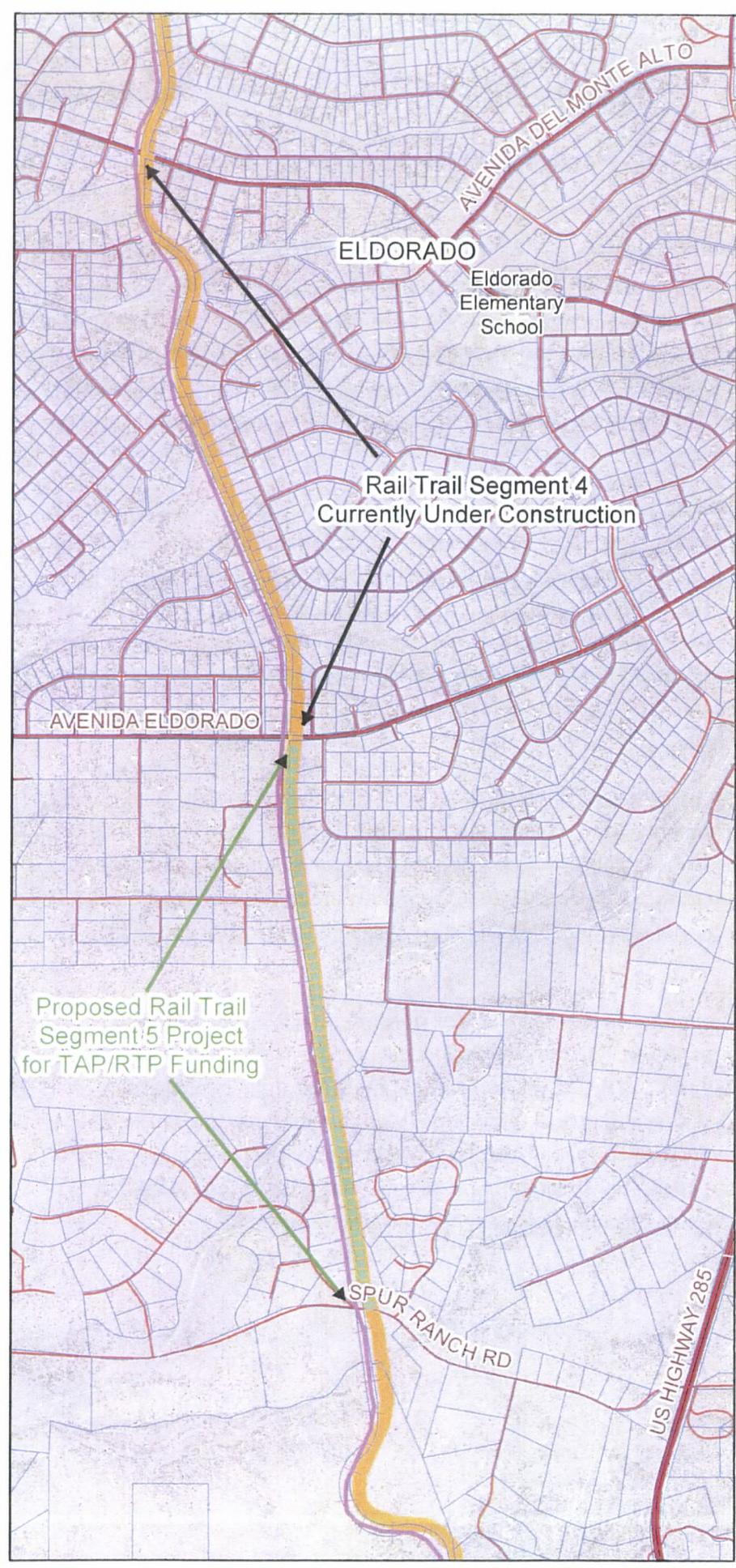
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Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office  
Geraldine Salazar  
Deputy James Howard County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

# Santa Fe County Proposed Rail Trail Segment 5 Project



## Legend

- Santa Fe County
- Parcels
- Rail Trail Route
- Rail Trail Segment 5
- Major Roads
- Minor Roads
- Railroad Lines
- Streams and Arroyos



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## ATTACHMENT B

### Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Grant Summary

#### RTP Funding

The New Mexico Department of Transportation has issued a call for projects to be considered for federal Transportation Alternative Program (RTP) funding in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2018/2019 (Oct. 1, 2017 to Sept. 30, 2019). The RTP is a reimbursable grant program, which requires a 14.56% minimum match. NMDOT requires the proposed projects' sponsoring agency/local government forward a resolution from the governing body that funds will be available to complete the project, this includes funds that would cover the federal reimbursable portion, the local match, and any additional costs or overruns on the project

The RTP is a category of federal highway aid for the development and maintenance of recreational trails and trail facilities. Part of the RTP funding is set aside for motorized recreation trails. The non motorized portion provides funding for hiking, biking, and equestrian trails. The NMDOT administers the RTP and selects projects for RTP funding., a call for RTP project proposals is issued every 2 years. In the 2016 call for projects The NMDOT has emphasized that projects that were "shovel ready, ready for construction" will have higher preference. Projects within the MPO area are submitted to the MPO which, along with NMDOT, will vet for project completeness. Funding is competitive statewide and local governments as well as government agencies can apply.

Candidate projects are required to be screened by NMDOT for project eligibility prior to submitting a grant application. At the July 15 meeting with County planning staff NMDOT determined that the construction of Segment 5 of the Santa Fe Rail Trail is an eligible project for RTP funding consideration. Grant application materials are due to the MPO Oct. 18, 2016, applicants are notified March 17, 2017 of grant awards. RTP funds would be available July 2018 and must be obligated for construction by June 15, 2019.

Please note three projects are proposed for TAP or Recreational Trail Program (RTP) grant funding. These are Avenida Del Sur Bike Lanes, Phase VI of the Arroyo Hondo Multi Use Trail, and the Santa Fe Rail Trail Segment 5. Unlike the TAP trend in recent years of NMDOT more fully funding a smaller amount of projects, the RTP trend has been to provide partial funding of projects due to a smaller amount of funding available. It is very unlikely that all 3 projects would receive the maximum amount of federal funding. However TAP grant applications require the local governing body acknowledge that FFY 2018/19 funds will be available for project completion if any TAP funds are awarded.