SANTA FE COUNTY

Resolution No. 2016- 120

A RESOLUTION RESCINDING AND REPLACING RESOLUTION 2016-90 AND 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 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM ("TAP") FUNDING; ACKNOWLEDGING THE AVAILABILITY OF COUNTY FUNDS FOR THE 14.56% LOCAL MATCH AND REIMBURSABLE CONSTRUCTION COSTS REQUIRED BY THE TAP FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SEGMENT 5 OF THE SANTA FE RAIL TRAIL

WHEREAS, the County wishes to rescind and replace Resolution 2016-90, authorizing submission of a grant application to the New Mexico Department of Transportation for TAP funding, and replace it with this resolution authorizing submission of the same grant application containing revised project cost information; and

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 TAP funds in the amount of $389,062.00 as set forth by Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST) and as outlined in the FFY 18/19 New Mexico TAP Guide; and

WHEREAS, the application for New Mexico TAP funds would be for the construction of Segment 5 of the Santa Fe Rail Trail in Santa Fe County; and

WHEREAS, Segment 5 of the Santa Fe Rail Trail that will run from Avenida Eldorado to Spur Ranch Road in Santa Fe, is a multi-use trail that has been designed to accommodate pedestrians, bicyclists, and equestrians. The Santa Fe Rail Trail is consistent with goals and policies of the Santa Fe County Sustainable Growth Management Plan to ensure safe context-sensitive design standards for transportation improvements that reflect local preferences and the needs of all types of transportation users; and develop an efficient multi-modal transportation network in Santa Fe County such that the access, mobility, and safety needs of motorists, transit users, bicyclists, and pedestrians of all ages and abilities are safely accommodated; and

WHEREAS, Segment 5 of the Santa Fe Rail Trail will decrease automobile, bicycle pedestrian and equestrian conflicts and accident b providing a separate facility, reduce traffic congestion, decrease noise and air pollution, enhance energy efficiency, improve public health and protect the environment. The Rail Trail will provide connections and access to retail/commercial, education, recreation and employment to areas along the Rail Trail corridor

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including the Spur Trail, Eldorado subdivision, Santa Fe Community College Campus and the Santa Fe South Capitol/ downtown area; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe Rail Trail will decrease automobile, bicycle, and pedestrian accidents, reduce traffic congestion, decrease noise and air pollution, enhance energy efficiency, improve public health, and protect the environment. 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 $455,363.00; and

WHEREAS, Segment 5 of the Santa Fe Rail Trail is an eligible project under the New Mexico TAP 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 because the New Mexico TAP is a cost reimbursement program; and

WHEREAS, the County further acknowledges that if TAP 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 for the useable life of the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Santa Fe County rescinds and replaces Resolution 2016-90 with this Resolution.

2. 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 TAP funds in the amount of $389,062.00 from NMDOT on behalf of Santa Fe County.

3. Santa Fe County assures NMDOT that if New Mexico TAP funds are awarded and Santa Fe County accepts the award, sufficient funding for the required 14.56% local match and reimbursable construction project costs are available.

4. Santa Fe County assures NMDOT that if New Mexico TAP 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.

5. The County Manager is authorized and is hereby delegated authority to do all that is necessary to enter in to a Cooperative Project Agreement with NMDOT for New Mexico TAP funds as set forth by the FAST Act on behalf of the citizens of Santa Fe County and to provide all information necessary to complete the application and serve as the official representative of the County in this and subsequent related activities.

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6. 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 25th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016

SANTA FE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Miguel M. Chavez

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

ATTESTATION:

Geraldine Salazar

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Santa Fe County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Gregory S. Shaffer, County Attorney

10-12-16
Date

COUNTY OF SANTA FE)
STATE OF NEW MEXICO) ss

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I Hereby Certify That This Instrument Was Filed for Record On The 26TH Day Of October, 2016 at 03:18:06 PM And Was Duly Recorded as Instrument # 1808102 Of The Records Of Santa Fe County

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

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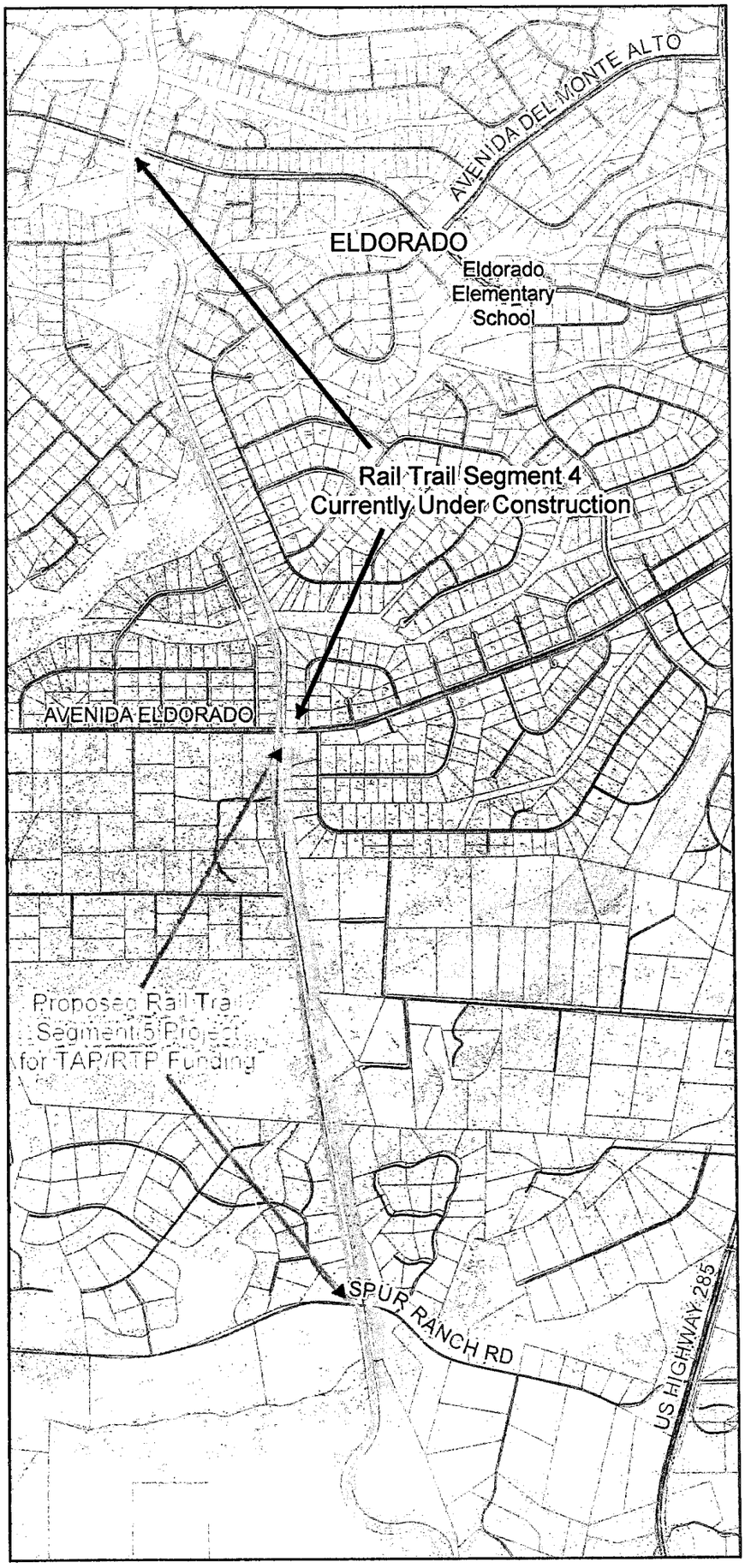

Santa Fe County Proposed Rail Trail Segment 5 Project

Legend

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

EXHIBIT A

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EXHIBIT B

ATTACHMENT B

Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant Summary

TAP Funding

The New Mexico Department of Transportation has issued a call for projects to be considered for federal Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funding in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2018/2019 (Oct. 1, 2017 to Sept. 30, 2019). The TAP 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 TAP is a category of federal highway aid that has been aside for alternative tranpsortation improvements. This includes pedestrian, bicycle, transit stops and station improvements, landscaping and pedestian bicycle path lighting. The NMDOT administers the TAP and selects projects for TAP funding, a call for TAP project proposals is issued every 2 years. In the 2016 call for projects NMDOT emphasized that projects that were "shovel ready, ready for construction" would have the higher preference. Projects wthin 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 Avenida Del Sur Bike Lanes, Phase VI of the Arroyo Hondo Multi Use Trail, and the Santa Fe Rail Trail Segment 5 are eligible projects for TAP funding consideration. Grant application materials are due to the MPO Oct. 18, 2016, applicants are notified March 17, 2017 of grant awards. TAP funds would be available July 2018 and must be obligated for construction by June 15, 2019.

Please note there are three projects 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. It is very unlikely that all 3 projects would receive the maximum amount of federal funding. The TAP trend in recent years is that NMDOT has more fully funded a smaller amount of projects rather than award less funding to a larger amount of individual projects. 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.

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