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The County committed to maintain the Agua Fria Fire Station 1 as the primary response hub for County fire response and activities during a transition period. The 2013 Agreement contemplated a sale, lease or other disposition of the station to the City as the City expanded its fire and emergency medical services.

In the 2013 Agreement, the County agreed to maintain fire and EMS service in Phase II until such time as the annexation of Phase III is complete.

The County committed to provide fire and EMS service in Area 1 North of Alameda following annexation through implementation of a mutual aid agreement.

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Roadway Improvements MOU

On June 10, 2013, the parties entered into a Roadway Improvements memorandum of Understanding Between the County of Santa Fe and the City of Santa Fe (attached hereto as Exhibit F) governing improvements of certain roadways within the presumptive city limits. Certain County-maintained roads within the Presumptive City Limits required improvements to bring them up to customary County maintenance standards before they were turned over to the City. Much of that work has been completed. The MOU called for drainage improvements to Alameda Road in Phase II of the Annexation, and required the parties to share the costs of such drainage improvements equally.

Law Enforcement

On December 15, 2016, the City and County entered into County of Santa Fe and The City of Santa Fe Mutual Aid Agreement for Law Enforcement Services (attached hereto as Exhibit G) addressing law enforcement services within the Presumptive City Limits for Phase II of the annexation.

The Agreement set forth a detailed transition plan for law enforcement in Phase II, and the City committed to assume and maintain law enforcement throughout Phase II of the annexation by July 1, 2016. The City is now responsible for law enforcement in that area.

Outstanding Issues Related to Annexation:

 Phase III. Phase III of the annexation is scheduled to occur on or before June 10, 2018. Commissioner Hansen, of District 2, has expressed an interest in modifying the Settlement Agreement so that the remainder of Area 1 is withdrawn from the Settlement Agreement and is not annexed into the City. It is worthy of note that,

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- 4. Santa Fe County Open Space in the City Limits. Santa Fe County owns a park on South Meadows which was annexed into the City. Santa Fe County is prepared to turn over that park to the City, and has money allocated for park improvements which could be turned over to the City along with the park.