



Agenda Item Number: 2008-8-7B

BERNALILLO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: August 12, 2008

Department: CIP Staff Contact: Julie Morgas Baca, Deputy County Manager
Frank J. Marquez, Director, CIP

TITLE: 2008 – 2013 Capital Improvements Program, 2008 General Obligation Bond Project Package

ACTION: Motion to approve:

1. Administrative Resolution AR -2008 approving the 2008–2013 Six-year Capital Improvements Plan and 2008 General Obligation Bond Package.
2. Administrative Resolution AR -2008 calling for an election.
3. Administrative Resolution AR -2008 Notice of General Obligation Bond Election.

SUMMARY:

The 2008-2013 Capital Improvements Program for Bernalillo County is an inventory of existing and proposed capital projects. The County prepares a six-year CIP every two years. It is intended to guide the County's state and federal funding requests and to develop the General Obligation Bonds presented to the voters. The CIP also forms the County's component of New Mexico's Infrastructure Improvement Plan.

The 2008–2013 CIP includes the Priority Project Summary List containing the County's priority projects. Priority projects were determined on the basis of each Department's analysis and evaluation by a ten member County CIP Committee consisting of Deputy County Managers and staff from departments with capital projects. The evaluation included project ranking based on factors such as committed funding, need, timeliness, operating budget impact and service area.

The recommended 2008 General Obligation Bond Package was developed from the priority project list. A complete listing of six-year CIP projects is included in the plan under Public Safety, Parks, Public Works and CIP (a department of Community Services) sections.

A final section of the Program includes neighborhood requests received during the CIP planning process and evaluated by County departments. The listing indicates whether the proposed project was included in the 2008-2013 CIP.

Development of the program involved assessing existing capital projects status and funding, reviewing new neighborhood requests, determining top department priorities and developing new departmental requests. Eight public CIP neighborhood meetings were held this spring and the County received 162 neighborhood request forms for numerous distinct projects. These were

forwarded directly to the County Commissioners and to County departments for review and potential incorporation into the CIP.

The County's adopted Capital Improvements Program will become a component of the State's Five-year Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan and will be formatted appropriately for submission to the State Local Government Division.

2008 General Obligation Bond Program

The proposed General Obligation Bond package would fund \$20,750,000 of the County's estimated \$25,403,000 in priority projects. Projects recommended for inclusion in the package and placement on the November ballot include: funding for library books and materials, construction of public safety related buildings including the James McGrane Jr., Public Safety Complex in the East Mountains and constructing and equipping County buildings used for public safety purposes. Public Health issues will be addressed with the bonding request to fund the purchase of land or renovate an existing building to serve as a County health facility.

Recreational and other facility improvements are also recommended in the bond package. Funding is included for Phase II of the Ambassador Edward Romero Park. Constructing and equipping recreational facilities, including parks within the County to comply with ADA regulations. County road needs are addressed with Public Works projects that constitute approximately one-half of the proposed bond funding. These include County-wide road paving and school bus route improvements as well as specific projects for Eubank expansion, Lyon/Unser Boulevard.

The Bond Election Resolution serves as notice of the election, establishes the bond language and calls for the placement of the bond questions on the General Election Ballot. The State Election Code requires that the resolution calling for the election be published once a week for three weeks beginning 50-60 days prior to the election. In order to meet this requirement, any election resolutions must be approved at this Board meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. **AR -2008** approving the 2008 – 2013 Six-year Capital Improvements Plan and 2008 General Obligation Bond Package.
2. **AR -2008** calling for an election.
3. **AR -2008** Notice of General Obligation Bond Election.

FISCAL IMPACT

The 2008-2013 Capital Improvement Plan is an inventory and planning guide to capital projects in the County. The Plan documents both the committed and the desired funding levels, but does not commit or budget funds.

The General Obligation Bond Program presents approximately \$20,750,000 of projects that could be approximately funded through a bond election in November. Issuance of these bonds would not require a tax increase.

STAFF ANALYSIS SUMMARY

COUNTY MANAGER

Staff has gone through a comprehensive and inclusive process to complete the 2008 CIP Bond Project package. Factors such as committed funding, need and operating budget were considered when evaluating each project. I recommend Board approval. TL 7/24/08

DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER FOR FINANCE

Bonding capacity has been reviewed to ensure that the 2008 Bond Program can be accomplished without a tax increase. The County's outstanding "AAA" bond rating plus additional property added to the tax roll in 2006 and 2007 are the major factors that make this possible. Dan Mayfield, DCM Finance 7/21/08

DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER FOR PUBLIC SAFETY

The public safety projects listed for this bond cycle are all high priority items. With continued support from the Commission other public safety CIP projects will be addressed in other areas i.e., legislature (Federal and State) and general fund. I recommend approval of this item. Jdantis 7/24/08 **LAST YEARS COMMENT-UPDATE**

DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES

The six-year CIP is a critical component of the County's capital planning and implementation efforts. It represents an inventory of and guide to existing and anticipated County capital projects. The GO Bond plan will fund critical capital projects base on careful evaluation and consideration of priorities and maximum leverage of the anticipated bond funds. I recommend approval. J.M. Baca, 7/24/08 **LAST YEARS COMMENT-UPDATE**

DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER FOR PUBLIC WORKS

The Capital Improvement Plan is a result of extensive meetings both internal and external. The outcome of this final product is based upon the highest priorities of the County. I recommend approval. TZ 07/22/08

LEGAL

The proposed resolutions are required by and consistent with State law. Tommy Hughes, Bond Counsel, 7/21/08

FINANCE

Budget	Bonding capacity has been reviewed to ensure that the 2008 Bond Program can be accomplished without a tax increase. Emily B. Hernandez, Financial Services Administrator I, 07/23/08
Purchasing	
Contracts	
Risk Management	No comment required. David A. Baca, Risk Management Director. 7/21/08
CIP	Each even-numbered year the County CIP is updated through a series of public meetings held in each of the Commission Districts, with Departmental updates, and a complete ranking and Deputy County Managers/County Manager approval. The County six-year program is presented to the County Commission for their approval at a public meeting. Frank Marquez, CIP Director. 7/15/08

ELECTED OFFICIALS/OTHERS:

County Clerk If approved, these items will be added to the ballot for the General Election on November 4, 2008. Maggie Toulouse, County Clerk