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Council Action and Executive Summary

Item # 25 Ordinance/Resolution# 10-242 Council District:

For Meeting of March 15, 2010
 (Adoption Date)

TITLE: A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE JUNE 8, 2009 CITY COUNCIL DIRECTION AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION OF THE SECOND PHASE OF THE TWO-PHASE IN-HOUSE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT TO EXTEND MADRID AVENUE FROM ANITA DRIVE TO TRIVIZ DRIVE.

PURPOSE(S) OF ACTION: To start construction of the temporary road extension of Madrid Avenue from Anita Drive to Triviz Drive.

Name of Drafter: Michael Johnson G/L Verification: Amber Vaughn <i>AV</i>		Department: Public Works		Phone: 528-3333	
Department	Signature	Phone	Department	Signature	Phone
Public Works Department	<i>[Signature]</i>	528-3333	Budget	<i>[Signature]</i>	2300
			Assistant City Manager	<i>[Signature]</i>	2271
Legal	<i>[Signature]</i>	541-2128	City Manager	<i>[Signature]</i>	2076

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

Over the past twenty-seven (27) months there has been numerous public/private meetings and considerable discussion between citizens and representatives of the City of Las Cruces regarding the need to address neighborhood traffic concerns in the Fairbanks Drive, Palo Verde Avenue and Madrid Avenue area.

At a work session held on June 8, 2009, the City Council directed staff to proceed with a two-phase in-house construction project. The first phase was to realign Fairbanks Drive from Palo Verde Avenue to Madrid Avenue which was completed in late summer, 2009. The second phase to extend Madrid Avenue from Anita Drive to Triviz Drive is now ready to commence.

A chronological history of this issue is as follows:

September, 2007 – Residents initially contacted the Public Works Traffic Engineering Section to consider the implementation of traffic calming devices or possible closure of Fairbanks Drive, between Palo Verde Avenue and Madrid Avenue.

April, 2008 – Neighborhood meeting was held at Loma Heights Elementary School to discuss possible safety improvements to Fairbanks Drive.

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April, 2008 – Another meeting (one week after the aforementioned meeting) was held with proponents of the closure of Fairbanks Drive at City Hall to discuss the outcome of the initial meeting. Staff was directed at that time to prepare a comprehensive report of the traffic analysis of the area.

May, 2008 – Follow-up meeting was held with the City Manager and residents to further discuss the recommended improvements. Direction received was to proceed with the installation of a guard rail and street lights on the west side of Fairbanks Drive north of Madrid Avenue.

May, 2009 – A City Council Work Session was held titled “Possible Discussion and Disposition of Fairbanks Drive.” A petition with over 250 signatures was provided to the City Council in favor of leaving Fairbanks Drive open to thru traffic. After lengthy debate, it was decided to proceed with the temporary closing of Fairbanks Drive through this area to determine the impact on adjacent residents and streets. Staff also recommended to the Council that the ultimate solution to remove cut-thru traffic from the neighborhood would be to extend Madrid Avenue from Anita Drive to Triviz Drive; and to realign Fairbanks Drive further east, away from the backyards of residents.

Staff temporarily closed this stretch of Fairbanks Drive on May 11, 2009 and compiled traffic counts and impacts on adjacent streets for presentation to the City Council.

June 1, 2009 – City Council approved Resolution 09-293 (copy attached) to add the extension of Madrid Avenue from Anita Drive to Triviz Drive and the new realigned Fairbanks Drive from Palo Verde Avenue to Madrid Avenue to the Infrastructure Roadway and Flood Control Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) for fiscal year 2009-2010 and 2010-2011.

June 8, 2009 – City Council held a follow-up work session to discuss the results of the temporary closure of Fairbanks Drive. After lengthy debate, staff was directed to proceed with a two-phase in-house construction project. The first phase was to temporarily realign Fairbanks Drive from Palo Verde Avenue to Madrid Avenue and the second phase is to temporarily extend Madrid Avenue from Anita Drive to Triviz Drive.

January 28, 2010 – A public open house meeting was held at Loma Heights Elementary School with City staff to provide information and receive feedback regarding the planned Madrid Avenue Extension from Anita Drive to Triviz Drive.

All necessary project design elements have been finalized including a Cultural Resources Survey and Habitat Evaluation. This document was subsequently approved by the State of New Mexico historic Preservation Division.

The construction of the temporary road of Madrid Avenue from Anita Drive to Triviz Drive (approximately 1,050 feet) is estimated to cost \$100,000; and can be completed utilizing existing in-house funds and within established budgets.

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SUPPORT INFORMATION:

Fund Name / Account Number	Amount of Expenditure	Budget Amount
Various Labor, Materials, & Operating Budgets from the General Fund and Engineering Fund	\$100,000	\$100,000

1. Resolution.
2. Vicinity Map, Attachment "A".
3. Resolution 09-293, Attachment "B".

OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the resolution and affirm the June 8, 2009 City Council direction authorizing the construction of the temporary road extension of Madrid Avenue from Anita Drive to Triviz Drive.
2. Modify the resolution and instruct staff to seek alternate action.
3. Reject the resolution and reject the June 8, 2009 City Council direction authorizing the construction of the temporary road extension of Madrid Avenue from Anita Drive to Triviz Drive.

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TITLE: A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE JUNE 8, 2009 CITY COUNCIL DIRECTION AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION OF THE SECOND PHASE OF THE TWO-PHASE IN-HOUSE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT TO EXTEND MADRID AVENUE FROM ANITA DRIVE TO TRIVIZ DRIVE.

The City Council of the City of Las Cruces is informed that:

WHEREAS, there has been numerous public/private meetings and considerable discussion between citizens and representatives of the City of Las Cruces regarding the need to address neighborhood traffic concerns in the Fairbanks Drive, Palo Verde Avenue and Madrid Avenue area; and

WHEREAS, Residents initially contacted the Public Works Traffic Engineering Section to consider the implementation of traffic calming devices or possible closure of Fairbanks Drive, between Palo Verde Avenue and Madrid Avenue; and

WHEREAS, In April, 2008, a neighborhood meeting was held at Loma heights Elementary School to discuss possible safety improvements to Fairbanks Drive.

WHEREAS, In April, 2008, another meeting (one week after the aforementioned meeting) was held with proponents of the closure of Fairbanks Drive at City Hall to discuss the outcome of the initial meeting. Staff was directed at that time to prepare a comprehensive report of the traffic analysis of the area; and

WHEREAS, In May, 2008, a follow-up meeting was held with the City Manager and residents to further discuss the recommended improvements. Direction received was to proceed with the installation of a guard rail and street lights on the section of street on the west side of Fairbanks Drive; and

WHEREAS, In May, 2009, a City Council Work Session was held titled "Possible Discussion and Disposition of Fairbanks Drive." It was decided to proceed with the temporary closing of Fairbanks Drive through this area to determine the impact on adjacent residents and streets. Staff also recommended to the Council that the ultimate solution to remove traffic from the neighborhood would be to extend Madrid Avenue from Anita Drive to Triviz Drive; and to realign Fairbanks Drive further east, away from the backyards of residents; and

WHEREAS, On May 11, 2009, Staff temporarily closed this stretch of Fairbanks

Drive and compiled traffic counts and impacts on adjacent streets for presentation to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, On June 1, 2009, City Council approved Resolution 09-293 to add the extension of Madrid Avenue from Anita Drive to Triviz Drive and the new realigned Fairbanks Drive from Palo Verde Avenue to Madrid Avenue to the Infrastructure Roadway and Flood Control Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) for fiscal year 2009-2010 and 2010-2011; and

WHEREAS, On June 8, 2009, City Council held a follow-up work session to discuss the results of the temporary closure of Fairbanks Drive. After lengthy debate, staff was directed to proceed with a two-phase in-house construction project. The first phase was to temporarily realign Fairbanks Drive from Palo Verde Avenue to Madrid Avenue and the second phase is to temporarily extend Madrid Avenue from Anita Drive to Triviz Drive; and

WHEREAS, On January 28, 2010, a public open house meeting was held at Loma Heights Elementary School with City staff to provide information and receive feedback regarding the planned Madrid Avenue Extension from Anita Drive to Triviz Drive; and

WHEREAS, The construction of the temporary road of Madrid Avenue from Anita Drive to Triviz Drive (approximately 1,050 lf) is estimated to cost \$100,000; and can be completed utilizing existing in-house funds and within established budgets; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the governing body of the City of Las Cruces:

(I)

THAT Madrid Avenue be extended from Anita Drive to Triviz Drive with a temporary road; and

(II)

THAT The final construction of the project would then commence when funding becomes available and is budgeted; and

THAT City Staff is hereby authorized to do all deeds necessary in the accomplishment of the herein above.

DONE AND APPROVED this 15th day of March, 2010.

APPROVED:

Ken Miyagishima, Mayor

ATTEST:

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VOTE:

Mayor Miyagishima:	_____
Councillor Silva:	_____
Councillor Connor:	_____
Councillor Pedroza:	_____
Councillor Small:	_____
Councillor Sorg:	_____
Councillor Thomas:	_____

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

John A. McDonnell

City Attorney



RESOLUTION NO. 09-293**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADDITION OF THE MADRID AVENUE EXTENSION PROJECT FROM ANITA DRIVE TO TRIVIZ DRIVE TO THE INFRASTRUCTURE ROADWAY AND FLOOD CONTROL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009 – 2010 AND 2010 – 2011.**

The City Council of the City of Las Cruces is informed that:

WHEREAS, Over the past 20 months there has been considerable discussion and public debate between citizens and City of Las Cruces representatives regarding the possibility of closing Fairbanks Drive between Palo Verde Avenue and Madrid Avenue; and

WHEREAS, In September, 2007, residents initially contacted the Public Works Traffic Engineering Section to consider the implementation of traffic calming devices or possible closure of this roadway; and

WHEREAS, In April, 2008, a neighborhood meeting was held to discuss possible safety improvements to Fairbanks Drive and was followed one week later by another meeting with proponents of the closure of Fairbanks Drive at City Hall to discuss the outcome of the initial meeting and to direct staff to prepare a comprehensive report of the traffic analysis of the area.; and

WHEREAS, In May, 2008, a follow up meeting was held with the City Manager and residents to further discuss the recommended improvements. Direction received was to proceed with the installation of a guard rail and street lights on the section of street; and

WHEREAS, In May, 2009, a City Council Work Session was held regarding the possible Discussion and Disposition of Fairbanks Drive and it was decided to proceed with the temporary closing of Fairbanks Drive through this area to determine the impact on adjacent residents and streets. Staff recommended that the ultimate solution to remove traffic from the neighborhood would be to extend Madrid Avenue from Anita Drive to Triviz Drive, and to realign Fairbanks Drive further east away from the backyards of residents; and

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WHEREAS, Staff temporary closed this stretch of Fairbanks Drive on May 11, 2009 and is currently compiling the new traffic counts and impacts on adjacent streets for presentation to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, The construction of Madrid Avenue from Anita Drive to Triviz Drive (approximately 1,300 feet) is estimated to cost \$900,000 and the realignment further to the east of Fairbanks Drive from Palo Verde Avenue to Madrid Avenue (approximately 775 feet) is estimated to cost \$350,000. Total project cost would then be \$1,250,000. Construction cost could potentially be offset by the sale of additional City property that will be created with the realignment of Fairbanks Drive; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the governing body of the City of Las Cruces:

(I)

THAT said portion of Madrid Avenue be placed on the Infrastructure Roadway and Flood Control Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 and 2010-2011. This will provide direction to staff to begin the scoping, public input, and design phases of the project; and

(II)

THAT The construction of the project would then commence in the FY 2010 -2011 providing availability of funding; and

(III)

THAT City staff is hereby authorized to do all deeds necessary in the accomplishment of the herein above.

DONE AND APPROVED this 1st day of June, 2009.

APPROVED:


Ken Miyagishima, Mayor

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ATTEST:


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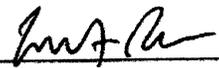
VOTE:

Mayor Miyagishima:	<u>Aye</u>
Councillor Silva:	<u>Aye</u>
Councillor Connor:	<u>Aye</u>
Councillor Archuleta:	<u>Aye</u>
Councillor Small:	<u>Aye</u>
Councillor Jones:	<u>Aye</u>
Councillor Thomas:	<u>Aye</u>

Moved by: Connor

Seconded by: Archuleta

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


City Attorney