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Council Action and Executive Summary

Item # 5

Ordinance/Resolution# 14-062

For Meeting of _____
(Ordinance First Reading Date)

For Meeting of October 7, 2013
(Adoption Date)

Please check box that applies to this item:

QUASI JUDICIAL

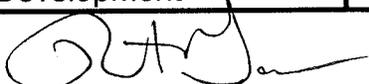
LEGISLATIVE

ADMINISTRATIVE

TITLE: A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE ELIGIBILITY AND INTENT OF THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM FUNDS FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2013/2014.

PURPOSE(S) OF ACTION:

Application submittal.

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4		
Drafter/Staff Contact: Louis Grijalva, P.E.	Department/Section: Public Works/ Project Development	Phone: 528-3479
City Manager Signature:		

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

The Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) is a new federal program authorized under Section 1122 of the most recent Federal Transportation Funding Act, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21). Funding for the TAP is derived from several programs and encompasses most of the activities previously funded under Transportation Enhancements (TE), Recreational Trails Program (RTP), and the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program of the previous Federal Transportation Bill, SAFETEA-LU.

The TAP funding is being allocated through the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and Regional Planning Organizations (RPOs) in New Mexico. The Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MVMPO) staff scored all applications according to the TAP application requirements. The scores were submitted to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, as well as the Technical Advisory Committee for their recommendations on which applications should move forward for final approval.

MVMPO staff submitted the La Llorona Trail Improvements Project and the MVMPO Policy Committee approved the project to be considered for the TAP funding for Federal Fiscal Year 2013/2014.

La Llorona Trail Improvements: The project will consist of reconstructing 1.1 miles of the existing trail from La Llorona Park to the Las Cruces Outfall Channel Trail. The existing gravel trail surface will be removed and replaced with permeable durable surface that will allow the storm water to recharge the water table adjacent to the trail. The project will also include additional trail amenities like benches and dog waste stations. The project will provide the users with a more skid-resistant surface and will reduce future maintenance costs.

The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) requires a Resolution of Support from City Council to complete the application for the TAP funding. Funds for the project will require a 14.56% City match. The total cost for the planning, design and construction is estimated to be \$465,000.00 (NMDOT - \$390,000.00; City \$75,000.00). The match and the amount over the federal funding limit are available in the Fiscal Year 2013/2014 Budget: Infrastructure and Rehabilitation Funds (4001).

If only partial funding is received, the project can be re-scoped to reflect the available funding.

SUPPORT INFORMATION:

1. Resolution.
2. Attachment "A", Vicinity Map.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Is this action already budgeted? N/A	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	See fund summary below
	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	If No, then check one below:
	<i>Budget Adjustment Attached</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Expense reallocated from: _____
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposed funding is from a new revenue source (i.e. grant; see details below)
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposed funding is from fund balance in the _____ Fund.
Does this action create any revenue?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Funds will be deposited into this fund: _____ in the amount of \$ _____ for FY__.
	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	There is no new revenue generated by this action.

BUDGET NARRATIVE

City match funds are available in the FY13/14 budget. It is anticipated that the funding will come from the Infrastructure and Rehabilitation Fund (4001).

FUND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:

Fund Name(s)	Account Number(s)	Expenditure Proposed	Available Budgeted Funds in Current FY	Remaining Funds	Purpose for Remaining Funds
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:

1. Vote "Yes"; this will approve the Resolution and application for the TAP funding with the NMDOT for La Llorona Trail Improvements Project from La Llorona Park to the Las Cruces Outfall Channel Trail.
2. Vote "No"; this will reject the Resolution in its entirety and the TAP funds will not be applied for.
3. Vote to "Amend"; this could modify the Resolution to reflect other projects.
4. Vote to "Table"; this could impact the application for funding and possibly cause the application deadline to be missed.

REFERENCE INFORMATION:

The resolution(s) and/or ordinance(s) listed below are only for reference and are not included as attachments or exhibits:

1. N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 14-062**A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE ELIGIBILITY AND INTENT OF THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM FUNDS FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2013/2014.**

The City Council is informed that:

WHEREAS, City of Las Cruces (City) staff has identified La Llorona Trail Improvements Project that could be considered for the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funding with the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT); and

WHEREAS, the Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee approved the project to be submitted to the NMDOT; and

WHEREAS, the City is submitting an application for Federal Fiscal Year 2013/2014 New Mexico TAP funds in the amount of \$465,000.00 as set forth by the Federal legislation, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21); and

WHEREAS, the City acknowledges availability of the required local match of 14.56% and the availability of funds to pay all upfront costs, since the TAP is a cost-reimbursement program; and

WHEREAS, the City agrees to pay any costs that exceed the project amount if the application is selected for funding; and

WHEREAS, the City agrees to maintain the project constructed with the TAP fund for the useable life of the project; and

WHEREAS, the NMDOT requires a Resolution of Support from City Council to complete the application for the TAP fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the governing body of the City of Las

Cruces:

(I)

THAT the City is authorizing an application for the Federal Fiscal Year 2013/2014 New Mexico TAP funds in the amount of \$465,000.00 from the NMDOT for the La Llorona Trail Improvements Project.

(II)

THAT the City assures the NMDOT that if TAP funds are awarded, sufficient funding for the local match and for upfront costs are available, since the TAP is a cost-reimbursement program, and that any costs exceeding the awarded amount will be paid for by the City.

(III)

THAT the City assures the NMDOT that if the TAP funds are awarded, sufficient funding for the operation and maintenance of the TAP project will be available for the life of the project.

(IV)

THAT the City Manager is authorized to enter into a cooperative project agreement with the NMDOT for the construction of the TAP funded project.

(V)

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

DONE AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2013.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

(SEAL)

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney

VOTE:

Mayor Miyagishima: _____

Councillor Silva: _____

Councillor Smith: _____

Councillor Pedroza: _____

Councillor Small: _____

Councillor Sorg: _____

Councillor Thomas: _____

