

Memorandum

June 13, 2015

To: Raton City Commissioners

Prepared By: Scott Berry, P.E.
City Manager

Subject: Proposed Street Improvement Project Report

Consistent with last year's report, the City of Raton has extensive street improvement needs, and limited resources to fund these improvements. The Gas Tax is our primary funding source, and we collect between \$125,000 and \$140,000 annually from this source (Fund 217). The City of Raton attempts to leverage these funds with additional funding through the Local Government Road Fund, Legislative Capital Outlay, and other sources. I have formulated recommendations to the Commission from my evaluation of available funding and priority needs for the community.

I would like the Commission to consider the following street improvement program for 2015:

1. We are currently completing design and bidding process for the third phase of Tiger Drive. This project will be constructed in July and August, and shall be paid by the 2015 legislative capital outlay funding (\$150,000) and our gas tax funds. This phase will complete the Tiger Drive reconstruction project.
2. Continue the chip seal resurfacing program. The City of Raton resurfaced portions of 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th Avenues last summer, and I believe the work was very successful. I would recommend utilizing the 2016 legislative capital outlay funding (\$150,000) for a current chip seal project. The process provides an effective, economical thin surface pavement, and was applied last year to residential streets that have extensive deterioration of the asphalt pavement surface. Streets proposed for the 2016 construction season include portions of Mora Avenue, Pecos Avenue, South Fourth Street, Buena Vista Street, and Dwyer Avenue. The public works crew has been working on patching and prep work, and additional work will be required under the Wm. Serazio contract. The timing of the project depends on receipt of the grant agreement and authorization by the state to allow us to proceed. Following your approval, we would procure construction and materials from state price agreements with Blue Collar Construction, Holly Frontier and Northern Mountain Construction.
3. We hold a Cooperative Agreement in the amount of \$64,624. I would propose a cold mill and overlay project for the First Street to Second Street blocks of Apache Ave., Cook Ave. and Savage Ave. I would also propose replacement of some curb and gutter on these blocks as needed. The project is estimated at the approximate amount of the Co-op funding.

I have prepared the following matrix of project costs listed above:

**2015 Street Improvement
Budget**

	City Funds	Legislative Funds	NMDOT Funds	Total
1 Tiger Drive Project	\$50,000.00	\$150,000.00	-0-	\$200,000.00
2 Chip Seal Project	-0-	\$150,000.00	-0-	\$150,000.00
3 Downtown Avenue Repaving	\$16,156.00	-0-	\$48,468.00	\$64,624.00
	\$56,156.00	\$300,000.00	\$48,468.00	\$414,624.00

Due to the low amount of City funds in the matrix above, I will also propose additional drainage improvements, crack sealing, material purchase and incidental expenses to the 217 Fund as the summer construction season progresses. We generally see occasional property owner matching funding of small projects, such as curb & gutter replacement.

We have applications pending for the current cycle of Cooperative Agreement funding and Municipal Arterial funding. We generally hear about these applications around July 1st, and grant agreements are executed 45 to 60 days following that. The timing generally means that if funded, we would perform that work next summer.

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