

Memorandum

December 14, 2021

To: Raton City Commissioners

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City Manager

Subject: Legislative Appropriations/ Capital Outlay

The regular session of the 2022 New Mexico State Legislature commences on January 18, 2022 and ends on February 17, 2022. The Raton City Commission has considered requests for Capital Outlay during the past several regular meetings, and can formalize it's requests at the December 14, 2021 meeting. The deadline for request submittal is January 13, 2022. Upon direction and action by the Raton City Commission, I will complete the submittal process with Legislative Council Service.

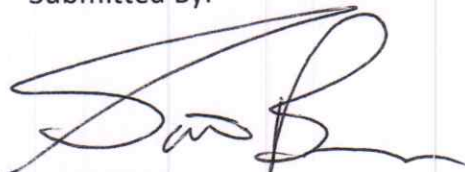
This memo will generally summarize the priorities established during the infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) process earlier this year. I have attached the ICIP summary to this memo for reference.

My recommendations for funding requests are as follows:

1. **Maloya Dam Safety Improvements** – The City of Raton/ Raton Water Works have worked for the past several years with the NMSEO Dam Safety Bureau to develop engineering alternatives focused on spillway improvements. Additionally, proposed improvements to Maloya Dam include spillway capacity improvement, embankment raise, and outlet works rehabilitation or replacement. The engineering firm AECOM has developed preliminary design alternatives and estimates of project cost. I am asking Commission approval for a capital outlay request of \$30,000,000 as Raton's top current priority.
2. **Bartlett Mesa Ranch Acquisition** – The City of Raton has identified outdoor recreation as a primary focus area in the City's economic development strategic plan, and the expansion proposal is consistent with the establishment of new adjacent park areas in Colorado. I recommend a funding request in the amount of \$1,500,000 to put a majority of the funds for purchase into place.
3. **Civic Plaza Construction** – The City of Raton has discussed this project with New Mexico Tourism Department and North Central New Mexico Economic Development District and this project will be included on a selection of tourism-related projects that the Dept. will recommend to the Governor's office. We have tentatively planned for a request of \$500,000 in the discussion.

4. **Evidence Storage Building** -- As discussed earlier, the City of Raton will require a significant storage facility to replace the Armex Building that is being retasked for economic development purposes. I recommend a Capital Outlay request of \$1,500,000.
5. **Drainage System Improvements and Reconstruction** --Under this proposal, a project would consist of reconstruction of storm drain inlets and piping in the Original Townsite area to replace components that are greater than 75 years old. With progress completed in other infrastructure areas, the storm drainage system has become one of the City's infrastructure priorities currently. The recommended funding request is \$300,000.
6. **Document Storage Facility** -- The City of Raton has previously identified a document storage facility to improve its records management process. The proposal includes construction of a facility that will safely store a large volume of paper records in an organized manner. The estimated cost of the project is \$300,000.
7. **Public Works Equipment Replacement** -- Capital outlay has been utilized effectively in past years to address the needs of the Raton Public Works Department. I recommend a request in the amount of \$300,000 to be applied to the purchase of an industrial mower/ tractor, backhoe, two utility trucks, multi-tool skid-steer, grapple truck, tree saw and stump grinder, industrial brush chipper
8. **Police Equipment** -- The current need for modernization of the police department is replacement and upgrade of radio communications systems. If available, funding would be applied to body-worn camera replacement and stationary camera systems. The recommended amount is \$300,000.

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