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**El Paso County
Agenda Item Details**

Item Title:	Strategic Capital Development - 2025 Certificate of Obligation Notice of Intent
Submitted By:	Jose M. Landeros, Deputy County Administrator
Department:	Strategic Capital Development
Department Phone Number:	915-546-2159
Subject:	(ITEM TO BE HEARD AT APPROXIMATELY 1:00 P.M.) Discuss and consider adoption of a Resolution of the Commissioners Court of El Paso County, Texas, directing publication of notice of intention to issue combination tax and surplus revenue certificates of obligation in an amount not to exceed \$54,000,000 to fund street improvements, utility system improvements, flood control improvements, and HVAC improvements at the Family Youth Services Center; and resolving other matters relating to the subject. (Contract No. 2025-0253)
Background:	<p>The agenda item is a continuation of the series of capital planning workshops and exercises undertaken by the Court over the past year to identify funding needs and opportunities for various infrastructure projects. The item will include discussion and consideration to adopt a notice of intent to issue Certificate of Obligation to finance essential public purpose projects. The projects may include the following:</p> <p>Roadway (\$16M) Ascencion Road Reconstruction</p> <p>Flood Control (\$2.5M) First Avenue Canutillo Stormwater Project</p> <p>First Time Water & Wastewater Projects (\$33.5) Ponderosa, Western Village Hillcrest Estates Schuman Serena Acres</p> <p>HVAC Improvements (\$2M)</p>

Youth Services Center HVAC Modernization

Original Background

A multiyear capital plan for El Paso County serves as a strategic financial roadmap outlining the allocation and management of resources for significant long-term infrastructure projects and capital investments. The multiyear capital plan serves as a forward-looking, strategic tool that facilitates responsible financial management, enhances public trust, and ensures the sustainable development and maintenance of essential infrastructure. The plan originally includes approximately 100 projects. The Court originally adopted a fiscally unconstrained planning document in February 2024 indicating that the projects were not funded nor committed to by the County, but instead, served as an internal tool to help identify capital needs and opportunities over the next five years in critical areas of infrastructure and quality of life. The plan was reviewed and utilized by the County Bond Advisory Committee to evaluate funding opportunities and priorities over the next several years. After two series of public engagement, and nine Bond Advisory Committee work sessions, the Committee has formed a recommendation for the Court to consider with regard to the County's existing financial capacity and future finance opportunities.

**Estimated Time Needed
For This Item:**

3 hours

CERTIFICATE FOR RESOLUTION

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1. The Commissioners Court of said County convened in Regular Session on the 17th day of March, 2025, at the scheduled meeting place thereof, and the roll was called of the duly constituted officers and members of said Commissioners Court, to-wit:

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was duly introduced for consideration and passage. It was then duly moved and seconded that said Resolution be passed; and, after due discussion, said motion, carrying with it the passage of said Resolution, prevailed and carried by the following vote:

AYES: ____ NOES: ____ ABSTENTIONS: ____

2. A true, full and correct copy of the aforesaid Resolution passed at the meeting described in the above and foregoing paragraph is attached to and follows this Certificate; said Resolution has been duly recorded in the official minutes of said Commissioners Court; the above and foregoing paragraph is a true and correct excerpt from said minutes of said meeting pertaining to the passage of said Resolution; the persons named in the above and foregoing paragraph, at the time of said meeting and the passage of said Resolution, were the duly chosen, qualified and acting members of said Commissioners Court as indicated therein; each of said officers and member was duly and sufficiently notified officially and personally in advance, of the time, place and purpose of the aforesaid meeting and that said Resolution would be introduced and considered for passage at said meeting; and said meeting was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by Tex. Gov't Code Ann. ch. 551.

3. That the County Judge of said County has approved and hereby approves the aforesaid Resolution; that the County Judge and the County Clerk of said County have duly signed said Resolution; and that the County Judge and the County Clerk of said County hereby declare that their signing of this Certificate shall constitute the signing of the attached and following copy of said Resolution for all purposes.

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County Clerk

(SEAL)

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WHEREAS, El Paso County, Texas expects to pay expenditures in connection with the design, planning, acquisition and construction of the projects described in Exhibit A to this Resolution prior to the issuance of the Certificates of Obligation hereinafter described; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court hereby finds, considers and declares that the reimbursement of the payment by the County of such expenditures will be appropriate and consistent with the lawful objectives of the County and, as such, chooses to declare its intention, in accordance with the provisions of Section 1.150-2 of the U.S. Treasury Regulations, to reimburse itself for such payments at such time as it issues the hereinafter described Certificates of Obligation; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Resolution was considered was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS THAT:

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Section 5. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

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EXHIBIT A

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Draft 2025 Certificate of Obligation Project Listing

Name	1st Street Channel Canutillo
ID:	CO25-001
Manager:	Fernie Hernandez, PE
Budget:	\$2,500,000.00
Description:	The project consists of demolishing a portion of 1st street from West to Talbot. The roadway will be demolished and a new storm water channel will be constructed adjacent to the new roadway to allow for storage of the storm water. Project is done in conjunction with TXDOT project.

Name	Ascencion
ID:	CO25-002
Manager:	Fernie Hernandez, PE
Budget:	\$16,000,000.00
Description:	Project consists of improving portion of Ascencion in between Horizon and Gregg in order to remedy failing portion of the roadway. This shall be temporary improvement to the portion of the roadway to improve riding conditions and safety concerns.

Name	NW Area First-Time Water & Wastewater Services (Schuman, Ponderosa, Western Village & Serene Acres)
ID:	CO25-003
Manager:	Munzer Alsarraj, PMP
Budget:	\$24,000,000.00
Description:	The project is located on the west side of the County of El Paso in Canutillo, Texas. The project will be located within four subdivisions: Schuman Estates, Ponderosa Estates, Serene Acres, and Western Village. The project consists of a new wastewater collection system totaling approximately 37,000 linear feet of 12-inch and 8-inch diameter wastewater mains connecting approximately 400 properties to first time sanitary sewer services. The project also includes the replacement of existing water mains totaling approximately 1,800 linear feet of 8-inch diameter water mains.

Name	Hillcrest Estates Water Improvements Project-Phase 2
ID:	CO25-004
Manager:	Munzer Alsarraj, PMP
Budget:	\$9,500,000.00
Description:	The project is to provide first-time water service to Hillcrest Estates Area residents. The project includes 8-inch and 12-inch PVC pipe, water service connections and appurtenances, stub-out connections and appurtenances, 8-inch and 12-inch gate valves, project-wide video tape, pavement removal and replacement, cement stabilized backfill, concrete cap, fire hydrants, one master meter and all appurtenances, trench safety, and project-wide traffic control. □

Name	Family Youth Services HVAC Modernization
ID:	CO25-005
Manager:	Robin Sully
Budget:	\$2,000,000.00
Description:	Project consists of replacing five (5) variable refrigerate flow (VRF) units at the Family Youth Service Center.

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