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To: Governing Body

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ACTION:

Request for Approval of a Budget Adjustment Resolution (BAR) to Allocate Road Impact Fees in the Total Amount of \$600,000 to FY2026 Revenue and Expenses for the Construction of Agua Fria-Cottonwood Roundabout Project (Romella Glorioso-Moss, rsglorioso-moss@santafenm.gov).

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY:

The Agua Fria–Cottonwood Roundabout Project is supported by \$3,058,628 in construction funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). This funding does not include construction management services and material testing, which are estimated to cost an additional \$600,000. Pursuant to Section 3.d of the federal funding agreement, the City is responsible for all project costs that exceed the awarded federal funds. In addition, Section 3.e requires the City to reimburse FHWA for all federal funds if the project is cancelled, including \$162,000 already expended on project design as well as any construction funds spent to date.

To meet these contractual obligations and ensure successful project delivery, staff is requesting \$600,000 in supplemental construction funding from road impact fees. The Agua Fria–Cottonwood Roundabout Project is included in the City’s Impact Fee Capital Improvement Plan and is eligible for impact fee funding of up to \$2,000,000, making this request both appropriate and fiscally responsible.

Beyond the financial considerations, construction of the roundabout is critical to improving public safety and multimodal accessibility at one of the City’s most hazardous intersections. A 2012 crash analysis conducted by Worcester Polytechnic Institute evaluated intersections throughout the City and identified the intersection of Agua Fria Street and Cottonwood Drive as the most dangerous at the time, with a crash rate of 4.75 MEV/EDPO.

This crash rate is a standardized safety metric used by transportation agencies to account for both traffic volume and crash severity. A rate of 4.75 means that for every one million vehicles entering the Agua Fria–Cottonwood intersection, the equivalent of nearly five property-damage-only crashes occurred after accounting for severity. This is a very high crash rate compared to similar intersections and indicates a history of frequent and severe crashes.

Due to this documented safety concern, the project qualified for design and construction funding through the Highway Safety Improvement Program. Approving the requested supplemental funding will allow the

City to fulfill its federal funding obligations, avoid the risk of repaying federal funds, and deliver a proven safety improvement at a historically high-crash location.

The funding source: Road Impact Fees

Munis Org Name/Number: CIP ORG 3309980

Munis Expenditure Object Name/Number: WIP Construction/572970

Project Ledger Number: ST2433002-Construction-Fees

ATTACHMENTS:

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S100370 Cooperative Project Agreement

