



# CITY OF SANTA FE

## Memorandum

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**To:** Governing Body, Quality of Life Committee, Public Works and Utilities Committee, Finance Committee

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**RE:** 2025 Legislative Priorities

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The proposed resolution establishes the City's priorities for the 2025 Legislative Session. The resolution includes citywide capital outlay requests, district capital outlay requests, and policy priorities of the Governing Body.

The capital outlay requests this year are those adopted as the top five requests in the City's ICIP list. Specifically, they include the following items: 1) any statewide capital outlay initiatives associated with homelessness and housing, 2) replacement of the Paseo Real Wastewater Reclamation Facility, 3) the Arroyo De Los Chamisos/Richards Avenue projects, 4) the Santa Fe Regional Airport Terminal Expansion Phase II, and 5) Midtown Redevelopment Infrastructure improvements.

This resolution also includes district-specific capital outlay requests as follows: funding for the construction of a replacement of the Santa Fe River Pedestrian Bridge at Shelby St. in District 1, funding for the Ragle Park Baseball Field Upgrades in District 2, funding for the Municipal Recreation Complex Irrigation System Upgrades to conserve water and steward turf in District 3, and funding for the Rufina Street and Lopez Lane Intersection Improvements in District 4.

The policy priorities include, but are not limited to, the expansion of affordable housing availability; expansion of services for homeless families and individuals; support for the City and Santa Fe County partnership, "CONNECT"; support for economic mobility efforts related to community and economic development; support for violence intervention programs; support for addressing fentanyl as a community health crisis through meaningful partnerships between State, County and City agencies; support for water conservation, recycling, and other environmental



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priorities; elimination of the three percent property tax increase on non-owner-occupied residences, and a statewide business licensing system.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Every year the Governing Body adopts capital outlay and policy priorities for the Legislature's consideration during the next legislative session. The City has successfully lobbied for numerous capital outlay projects and policy issues in the past. Some items included in the resolution have been policy priorities for multiple years and have either never been considered by the legislature, died in committee at some point in the process, or were vetoed by the Governor.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Resolution

Fiscal Impact Report