

Rudy Cruz, Jr.
Mayor

Ruben Reyes
At Large

Cesar Nevarez
District 1/Mayor Pro Tem



Alejandro Garcia
District 2

Gina Cordero
District 3

Irene Rojas
District 4

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 31, 2025 @ 8:00 A.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Rudy Cruz, Jr.
Ruben Reyes
Cesar Nevarez
Alejandro Garcia
Gina Cordero
Irene Rojas

STAFF PRESENT:

Adriana Rodarte, City Manager
Victor Perez, Deputy City Manager
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk
Lorraine Quimiro, City Planner
Jim Martinez, City Attorney (*joined virtually*)

Estevan Gonzales, IT Director
Carol Candelaria, HR Director
Chief Robert Rojas
Lourdes Gomez, Finance Director
Isela Gonzalez, Court Coordinator
Julio Dominguez, PPW Supervisor
Alejandra Valadez, City Development Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 8:06 am.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Estevan Gonzales

3. Establishment of Quorum

Quorum was established with all council members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. PUBLIC COMENT

No speakers for Public Comment.

PRESENTATION

5. *WORKSHOP, DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ITEMS FOR THE CAPITAL PROGRAM.*

ADRIANA RODARTE

No action on this item. See Exhibit "A"

CONSENT AGENDA

6. *EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.*

OLIVIA NAVARRO

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *approve the Consent Agenda*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Gina Cordero and Irene Rojas
Nays:
Absent:

8. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ADVICE RECEIVED FROM CITY ATTORNEY IN CLOSED SESSION, AND ACTION TO APPROVE REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION; AUTHORIZE FILING OR SETTLEMENT OF LEGAL ACTION; AUTHORIZE EMPLOYMENT OF EXPERT WITNESSES AND CONSULTANTS, AND EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL WITH RESPECT TO PENDING LEGAL MATTERS.* ***ADRIANA RODARTE***

9. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON QUALIFICATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS FOR EMPLOYMENT AND FOR APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS, JOB PERFORMANCE OF EMPLOYEES, REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION AND RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE FROM CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES AFFECTING THESE MATTERS.*

ADRIANA RODARTE

10. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AND RECEIVE STATUS REPORT REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION.*

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Garcia to *delete items seven (7), eight (8), and nine (9)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Gina Cordero and Irene Rojas

Nays:

Absent:

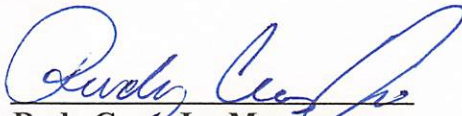
17. ADJOURN


A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *adjourn at 9:14 am.*

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Gina Cordero and Irene Rojas

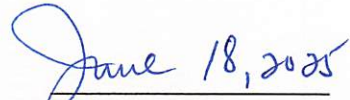
Nays:

Absent:


Rudy Cruz, Jr., Mayor


Olivia Navarro, City Clerk




June 18, 2025
Date minutes were approved



2025-2026 CAPITAL WORKSHOP PRESENTATION

BUILDING MOMENTUM: INVESTING IS SOCORRO'S FUTURE

ADRIANA RODARTE

CITY MANAGER

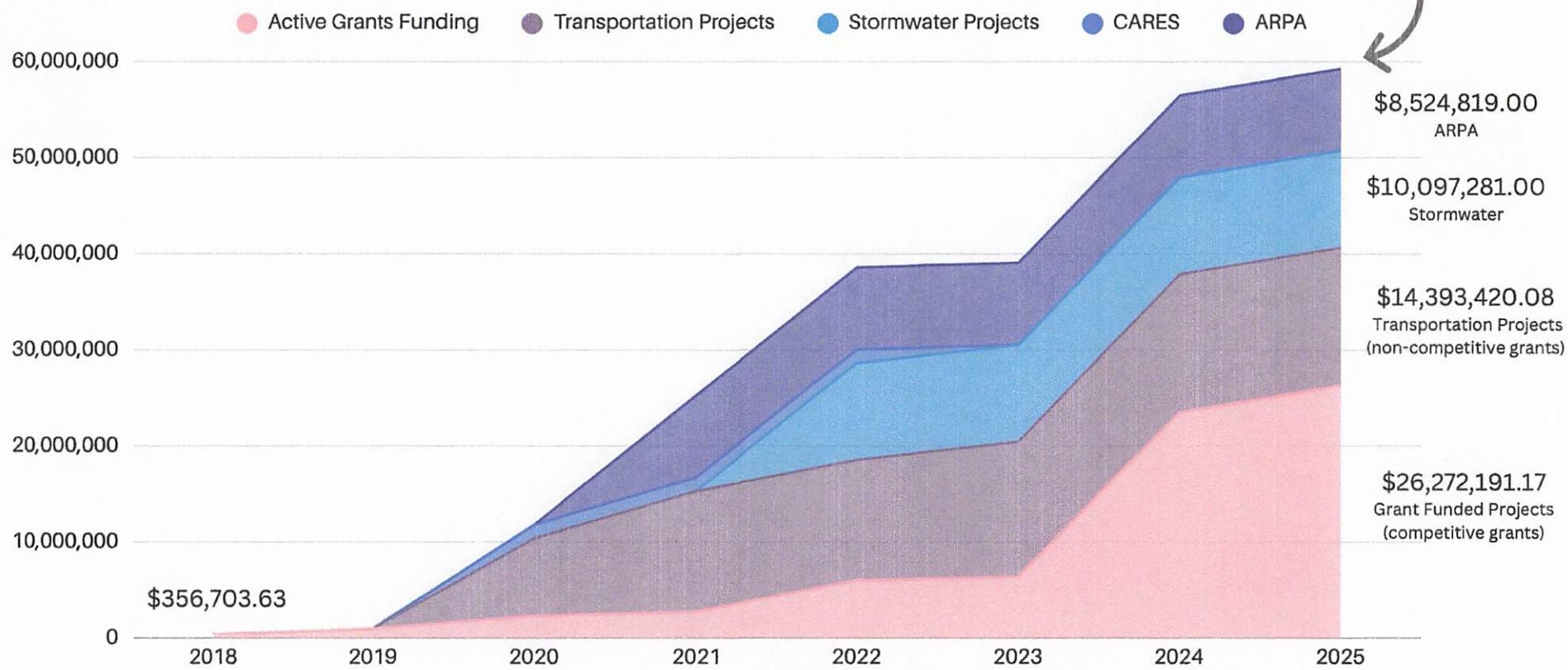
RECAP OF CAPITAL FUNDING SOURCES

Estimated amount in potential projects	\$20,000,000.00
CO's 2019 Amount	\$10,000,000.00
ARPA	\$8,524,818.62
2025 Capital Projects	\$50,069,607.08
Rio Vista Campus	\$4,485,474.40
Plan to Spend 2025-2026 ARPA	\$3,011,805.65
Culvert Bridge Replacement Design	\$3,800,000
Ormsby and Varela Infrastructure	\$3,000,000

Grants & Capital Projects

2018 - 2025

TOTAL = \$59,287,710.87



2025 Capital Projects Update

- ✓ Rio Vista Rd. Bridge Replacement - COMPLETED
- ✓ Bovee Rd. Bridge Replacement - COMPLETED
- ✓ Nuevo Hueco Tanks Rd. Extension - IN PROGRESS
- ✓ Passmore Shared Use Path - COMPLETED
- ✓ Arterial 1 (1682 Blvd.) Amendment #1 - IN PROGRESS
- ✓ Paso del Norte Trail - TA23 Socorro Act Transportation Ph 1
IN PROGRESS
- ✓ Sparks Arroyo Drainage Improvement Project - IN PROGRESS
- ✓ Socorro Safe Routes to Schools - FUNDING AVAILABLE 2028
- ✓ Moon Rd. Complete Streets Project - FUNDING AVAILABLE 2028
- ✓ FY 2023 (FFY 2022) Rio Vista Transportation Program -
COMPLETED
- ✓ FY 2024 (FFY 2023) Rio Vista Transportation Program -
COMPLETED
- ✓ FY 2025 (FFY 2024) Rio Vista Transportation Program - IN
PROGRESS
- ✓ FY 2026 (FFY 2025) Rio Vista Transportation Program - IN
PROGRESS
- ✓ Rio Vista Rehabilitation Project Business Incubator - IN
PROGRESS

2025 Capital Projects Update Continued

- ✓ Socorro Sidewalk Phase I, II and III - COMPLETED
- ✓ Socorro Sidewalk Phase IV – IN PROGRESS
- ✓ Socorro Sidewalk Phase V – Funding TBD
- ✓ Passmore Culvert Bridge Replacement – IN PROGRESS
- ✓ Vineyard Culvert Bridge Replacement - IN PROGRESS
- ✓ Rio Vista Campus – IN PROGRESS
- ✓ Rio Vista Museum – IN PROGRESS
- ✓ Rio Vista Quonset Hut – IN PROGRESS

2025 ARPA Projects Update

- ✓ Administrative Software - Completed
- ✓ Farmers Market – Microbusiness Support - Completed
- ✓ Economic Recovery Strategic Plan - Completed
- ✓ Broadband and Network Infrastructure – Completed
- ✓ Critical Infrastructure Technology – Completed
- ✓ Capital expenditures related to Stormwater – Completed
- ✓ City-wide Trails Masterplan & PS&E for Mission Trail Segment – Completed
- ✓ Transit Vehicles – Completed
- ✓ COVID-19 Public Health Fund – Completed
- ✓ Historic Guidelines – Completed
- ✓ SPD Communications Equipment – Completed
- ✓ SPD Vehicles Project – Completed
- ✓ PD Community Wellness Program - Completed

2025 ARPA Projects Update - Continued

- ✓ Economic Recovery Coordinator – IN PROGRESS
- ✓ Sparks Arroyo Drainage Project – IN PROGRESS
- ✓ Bovee, Rio Vista, Passmore Water/Stormwater – COMPLETED
- ✓ Rio Vista Rd. Traffic Signal, Traffic Island, Pilasters and Bovee Pilasters – COMPLETED
- ✓ Transit Study – IN PROGRESS
- ✓ Small Business Assistance Program – IN PROGRESS
- ✓ Development Code Rewrites – IN PROGRESS
- ✓ Citywide Surface Transportation – IN PROGRESS Currently 20 STREETS are being paved / SIDEWALK PHASE IV - IN PROGRESS
- ✓ Community Wellness Pilot Program – IN PROGRESS
- ✓ Rio Vista Rehabilitation – IN PROGRESS

Other Active Grant Projects (not capital)

- ✓ Socorro Police Department Communications – COMPLETED
- ✓ Purchased of Bullet-resistant Shields for SPD – COMPLETED
- ✓ Support for Crime Victims Advocacy Program – IN PROGRESS
- ✓ Hiring of a Crime Analyst for SPD – COMPLETED
- ✓ Salary and Overtime for Officer Supporting Initiative – IN PROGRESS
- ✓ Hiring of Accreditation Manager for SPD – COMPLETED
- ✓ Overtime for Officers and Dispatchers Supporting the Border Initiative – COMPLETED
- ✓ Rio Vista Farm Library Const. Documents – IN PROGRESS
- ✓ Socorro Police Athletics League (PAL) – IN PROGRESS

POTENTIAL 2026 CAPITAL PROJECTS

- ✓ Street Overlays \$1,400,000
- ✓ Sidewalks \$1,400,000
- ✓ Initiate the creation of a Solid Waste Department \$4,000,000
- ✓ PD Fleet \$509,250
- ✓ PW Fleet \$540,000
- ✓ Machinery \$ 150,000
- ✓ Engineering Services \$1,500,000
- ✓ Local Match \$4,640,000
- ✓ Park Improvements \$2,306,641
- ✓ Bridge Expansion \$3,553,359
- ✓ Passmore & Vineyard Bridge Improvements \$3,800,000
- ✓ Varela & Ormsby Infrastructure \$3,000,000

* At this point in the presentation, I would like to invite Chief Robert C. Rojas to present an initial proposal for the development of the City of Socorro's Solid Waste Program.

FUNDING SOURCES

CO'S	ARPA	TRZ	TWDB	MELLON	TEXAS APPROPRIATION S ACT / FEDERAL STATE AWARDS	FEDERAL STATE AWARDS	Ysleta Del Sur	General Fund
2019 CO'S	\$8,524,818	Based on property taxes	10,097,281 total	750,000.00	4,485,474.40	\$59,287,710	\$3,800,000	Reserve Fund Balance
10,000,000	Available - \$3,011,805	Available -	6,664,000 loan	Available -	Available - \$4,311,124.40	Available	Available	1,150,890
Available - \$0		7,637,800	3,433.281 grant agreement	\$692,762.63				
			Available -					
			\$9,737,075					

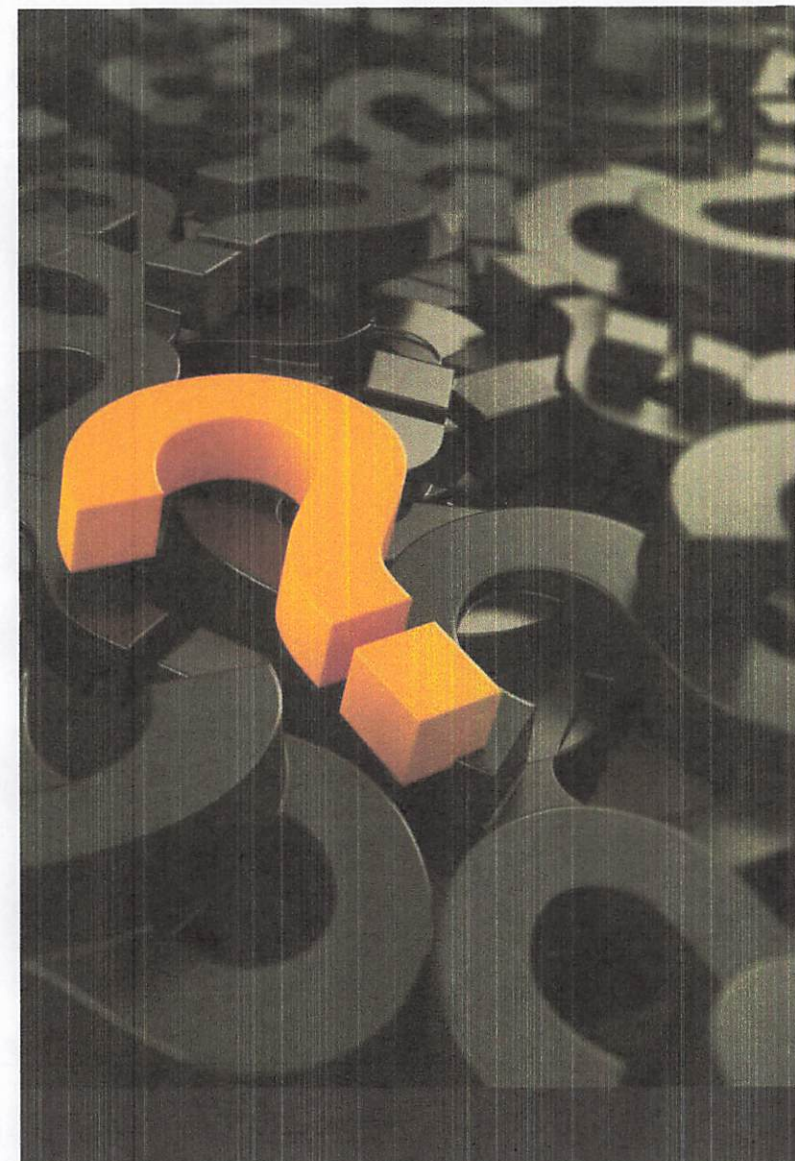
Key Takeaways

We currently have approximately \$20 million in proposed projects for this fiscal year, and we're building on that foundation with a growing portfolio of grant-funded projects — now totaling nearly \$59 million in active grants.

We've also been thoughtful in our use of ARPA funds, ensuring they are strategically invested in projects that benefit the community both now and in the long term.

Looking ahead, 2026 Certificates of Obligation will enable us to continue addressing priority infrastructure needs — from roads and drainage to public facilities and community amenities.

Finally, we remain committed to pursuing grants and partnerships aggressively to maximize every dollar we invest in our City's future.



Questions & Discussion
