

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Monthly Update
Period of 10/14/10 – 11/10/10

- The Public Works Department has completed the final review of the Moreno Street Reconstruction Project. This is a \$625,000.00 reconstruction project, between New Mexico Avenue and South Gonzales Street. This project is being funded by a \$500,000.00 Community Development Block Grant, and \$125,000.00 in City Match. The initial Phase of the project will encompass a complete storm drain system, new asphalt pavement, new concrete curb & gutter, and new concrete sidewalks. In turn, this will eliminate the inverted crown on the existing street, taking storm run-off directly to the confines of the Gallinas River. The City will also be installing an effluent line along the corridor, so that the Plaza Park and Rodriguez baseball fields will be served with effluent. The effluent portion of the project will be completed by May of 2011, with city forces installing the first portion of the effluent line between the Gallinas River and South Gonzales Street; commencing in January of 2011. This project is expected to be bid by November 30, 2010, with construction beginning in March of 2011.

We recently completed the construction of the Miguel Encinias Veterans Center. This project as funded by a \$640,000.00 Legislative Appropriation received a Certificate of Occupancy on October 8, 2010. A Lease Agreement has been approved by Mayor and Council; therefore, the Veterans Coalition will begin occupying the facility on November 1, 2010. The Veterans Coalition has committed to securing additional funds so that Phase II of the facility can be constructed. The City is very excited to have this historic facility back in use, and having increased traffic in and around the Downtown Business District.

During the past couple of months, the Public Works Department has submitted a couple of funding applications to the New Mexico Department of Transportation. Specifically the Municipal Arterial Program and the Cooperative Agreement Program. Phase IV of the Legion Reconstruction Project was submitted to the Municipal Arterial Program, and the Reconstruction of 8th Street Extension was submitted to the Cooperative Agreement Program. We anticipate notification in regard to these two programs within the next month. This being the case, we will commence construction of these two projects in early spring of 2011.

Should you require additional information on any of the above referenced projects, feel free to contact this office at your convenience.

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