

Village of Los Lunas



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Capital Improvement Projects Plan For Village's Future

The Village Council has approved the local Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP). This plan details improvements planned over the next four years and includes anticipated costs as well as potential funding sources for projects. A project may be on this list for a specific year but might be moved up or down because of funding.

For the 2008 fiscal year the top five projects are:

- Interstate 25 interchange corridor study, \$600,000;
- Water system improvements including meeting arsenic requirements, \$200,000 for 2008 with a total cost of \$14.2 million;
- South interceptor project from Highway 6 to Morris Road, \$3 million for 2008 with a total of \$6.8 million;
- Transportation building, \$2 million for 2008 with a \$3.8 million cost.
- Landfill/compost study, \$313,500.

Other 2008 ICIP projects include improvements to eight intersections along Main Street; wastewater treatment plan expansion; Edeal utility/road improve-

ments; street and sidewalk repairs; park improvements; and senior center expansion.

ICIP 2009 improvements include: Interstate 25 interchange and bridge construction; Highway 6 reconstruction from Don Pasqual to Highway 314; street overlays; west side fire station; east side recycle center; west side Little League complex; west side tennis complex; and recycle center storage cover.

The 2010 ICIP improvements are: Morris Road extension; phase one of west side water line and booster pumps; well number seven; landfill construction; property acquisition; Mesa Loop improvements; Chavez lift station; and west side soccer complex.

ICIP 2011 improvements are sludge site improvements; NM 314 reconstruction south; municipal amphitheater; and west side recreation center.

For 2012 ICIP projects are east side fire station; convention center; storm water management; NM 314 reconstruction north; northern loop corridor construction; and a west side skate park.

Bus Route Planned To Rail Runner

The Rail Runner commuter trains are scheduled to begin their runs through Los Lunas this fall and the village's Transportation Program is preparing to take on the challenge.

The village is planning on adding a fixed route that will transport people to the train station near Courthouse and Highway 314.

In addition it is hoped that Park and Ride lots can be established where people park their vehicles and hop on a bus or van that will take them to the train station.

Sites for a Park and Ride could include the University of New Mexico-Valencia Campus, the village's Wellness Center on Lambros Loop and somewhere on the west side of Los Lunas, explained Frank Otero, director of the Community Services Department.

The Rail Runner has been running between Albuquerque and north Bernalillo since June.

A transportation center will be built by the station.

Once it is completed the Village Transportation Program, vans and buses will be headquartered there.

Currently the village has four buses and four vans with five vehicles running all the time on a demand response basis.



This Village's Transportation Program vehicle urges to ride on the vehicle as well as to stay alive by driving sober when you do drive.

Summer Youth Workers Clean Village

The Summer Youth Beautification Program employed students to clean up around the village for two weeks in July.

Marie Marquez who worked with the students said one of the program goals is teaching the students to be punctual, respectful and responsible, so when they go out into the working world they know what to expect.

The students picked up tons of trash throughout the Village limits on the first week. The second week they worked along the railroad tracks from Mission Street all the way to Court-house Road.

Some of the students worked in the parks department and one worked at the wastewater treatment plant. Vehicle Maintenance also took one student who worked occasionally with that department cutting weeds.

This year two college aides were hired to super-

Summer youth workers wore safety vests as they clean.



vise the 25 summer workers.

When the program ended a year end barbecue was held at Daniel Fernandez Park. Briana Jaramillo was honored for her outstanding performance and behavior. The two college aides Veronica Blount and Shawn Abeita were presented with portfolios.

Luncheon Will Honor Those 85 and Over

cent contributions to Valencia County.

"Honoring the elders of Valencia County is an event that we have been working towards for several years," commented Suzette Lindemuth, Director.

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Cameras on Stop Lights Help Traffic

You may have noticed cameras at the top of traffic signals in the village.

For example, there are four at the intersection of Main Street and Highway 314.

These cameras are not surveillance cameras or red-light running cameras.

They are machine vision devices which replace the traditional virtual loops or sensors imbedded in the pavements.

These machine vision or so-called electronic detection devices are programmed to detect the presence of vehicles and provide digital information to the computer/controllers inside the traffic cabinet.

This electronic signal remains in the controller cabinet and is not recorded or retransmitted.

The local controller uses this information to change signal phases. This provides efficient traffic flow through each intersection and along the main corridors. The new traffic detectors are easier to maintain than the old loop detectors with less impact on the motoring public.

There is typically no need to close a travel lane during the preventative maintenance or replacement of these devices.

Whenever an arterial roadway is resurfaced, the

traditional loop detectors embedded in the pavement needed to be replaced at significant cost. However the machine vision detectors on the top of the traffic lights are not affected when the roadway is resurfaced or under construction.

It is important to note that these detection cameras are not being viewed or used for red-light running. They are only for detecting traffic.

LL Police Department Plans Night Out

The village's Police Department will sponsor a National Night Out in September.

The National Night Out, America's Night Out Against Crime, had been scheduled for August 1 in Los Lunas but a deluge of rain canceled the event.

The September event will include food, fun, entertainment and game.

Watch for news about the date for this event on the village's website, www.loslunasnm.gov and in the Valencia County News Bulletin.

LET'S CLEAN UP LOS LUNAS



COME JOIN THE VILLAGE'S ANNUAL TREK FOR TRASH



SATURDAY, SEPT. 23

7:00 AM - NOON

CALL 352-7658 FOR DETAILS

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www.loslunasnm.gov



OVERGROWN WEEDS & VEGETATION ENCROACHMENT

The abundance of rain continued in August throughout New Mexico. Now many of us are faced with tackling weeds and other unwanted overgrowth on our properties.

Overgrowth is commonly found in residential yards, vacant lots, or encroaching upon public rights-of-way.

Overgrowth may become a breeding ground and harbor for rodents or insects such as mosquitoes. Overgrowth can also become a fire hazard.

Team work in the village is essential to combat the overgrowth problem. The Village's

Code Enforcement Department strives to work in partnership with residents, businesses, neighborhood associations, public service groups and other village departments to make Los Lunas a great place to live and work.

Call the Village's Code Enforcement Department to discuss overgrown weeds or vegetation encroachment.

So let's all work together to cut our weeds, get rid of our junk, even in the public rights-of-way so our community can look clean and beautiful.

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The Village's Code Enforcement Department wants to protect the public health, safety, welfare and quality of life of all our residents by investigating violations and enforcing village ordinances without prejudice or bias.

The Code Enforcement team's mission is to provide the residents and businesses of Los Lunas with professional and courteous community service they can count on at all times.

So everyone can continue to beautify Los Lunas here are pertinent village codes regarding overgrown weeds and vegetation encroachment.

2.12.010 Tree and shrubbery limbs over sidewalks declared a nuisance.

It is hereby declared unlawful for any person to allow or permit the branches or limbs of any trees or shrubbery being or growing upon the lands or premises owned or occupied by such person, firm or corporation in the village of Los Lunas to so grow or extend into the space along or above such sidewalk or street as to interfere with the passage along such sidewalk or street of any pedestrians, trains, vehicles or other conveyances in the ordinary use therefore to grow or protrude above said sidewalk or street nearer than seven feet upward from the surface of said sidewalk or street. (Ord. 324 (part), 2005)

12.12.020 Failure to abate overhanging limbs.

Any person, firm or corporation who shall refuse or fail to abate any of the nuisances declared in the previous section within three days after having received notice from the village of Los Lunas to abate the same, shall be deemed in violation of this chapter and each failure or refusal to remove the same after such a notice, shall constitute a separate violation. (Ord. 324 (part), 2005)

12.12.030 Duty of owner to maintain adjacent right-of-way.

It shall be unlawful for any owner of any occupied or unoccupied lot or tract of land within the village of Los Lunas to permit the area located between the property line and the curb or the area located outside the property line where there is no curb, any growth of weeds to a greater height than four inches, or any accumulation of weeds. It is the owner of property adjacent to the right-of-way or alley responsibility to abate these nuisances. (Ord. 324 (part), 2005)