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Edith Transfer Station & Convenience Center Design 95% Complete
Transfer Station to save taxpayers multiple millions of dollars

ALBUQUERQUE, NM—The proposed Edith Transfer Station & Convenience Center recorded another milestone with the completion of the 95 percent design for the project in late September 2016. The project, to be located on the current 22-acre City of Albuquerque Solid Waste Department site at 4600 Edith Boulevard NE, is anticipated to save approximately two million truck travel miles a year and create operational savings of more than \$75 million for the City over its projected 20-year lifespan.

“This project is important because it will not only save fuel and wear and tear on our trucks and roadways, but is estimated to reduce annual greenhouse gas emissions equal to the amount of electricity used by 611 homes for one year,” said Mayor Richard J. Berry of the City of Albuquerque. “It also allows us to modernize this out-of-date Solid Waste Facility already on this site to make it more efficient and attractive, and creates a fourth convenience center where the public can drop off trash and recyclables responsibly to help prevent illegal dumping.”

The project, which has been in the planning and design stage since 2011, also achieved another milestone on September 1, 2016, by filing its application for a permit with the New Mexico Environment Department.

As designed, the proposed Edith Transfer Station & Convenience Center will include:

- Robust treescapes and masonry walls to screen site operations from the adjacent sidewalks and roadways
- A public recycling drop-off area accessed from Comanche Road
- A new administration building that will feature an educational area where children can learn about the solid waste stream and recycling

- An enclosed transfer station and public convenience center where waste will be consolidated and shipped to the Cerro Colorado Landfill every day
- A household hazardous waste collection center where the public can drop off everyday household items, such as paint, used motor oil and batteries
- A new vehicle maintenance facility
- A new scale house
- A new parking structure

The 95 percent design responds to concerns expressed by the community through:

- Relocating the public drop-off area away from the street corner so it will not be visible to the public
- Adding a loop road inside the site to help divert collection trucks from the Comanche/Edith intersection
- Moving the driveway entrance from Edith Boulevard about 70 feet to the south to provide more distance between that driveway and the intersection of Comanche Road and Edith Boulevard
- Creating new driveways at Rankin Road to provide staff access formerly provided from the Comanche Road driveway

The New Mexico Environment Department permitting process is expected to last through Summer 2017. When the permit process is completed and construction funding is approved, the project will be advertised, with anticipated bid award in late 2017. Construction is expected to take about two years. Current Solid Waste operations would continue on the same site throughout phased construction.

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