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City Councilor Isaac Benton Celebrates the Completion of Barelvas Pedestrian Bridge Project

In a ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday, City Councilor Isaac Benton and the Barelvas community will celebrate the completion of a long-awaited pedestrian bridge to connect the neighborhood to the Bosque. Residents identified this project as a priority through a planning process several years ago. Councilor Benton committed district set-aside money and also secured City G.O. Bond and federal grant funds to get the project designed and built.

“The residents of Barelvas wanted better and easier access across the ditch and Tingley Drive to the Bosque,” said Benton. “What seems like a simple project involved several jurisdictions and a lot of coordination.” Several City departments, the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD), and the Army Corps of Engineers were all part of making the vision a reality. Benton says this effort was a great example of how multiple departments and agencies can work together for the benefit of the community.

“This gives us access to the Bosque that we have not had and allows people from our community to enjoy the Bosque and Tingley Beach. We appreciate everyone who helped make this happen,” said neighborhood resident Ron Romero.

The project includes a bridge across the Albuquerque Riverside Drain, an accessible ramp up the bank to Tingley Drive, and a new pedestrian crossing with a median refuge on Tingley, and lighting. It is located near the intersection of 12th Street and Santa Fe Avenue.

The ribbon cutting ceremony will be held Saturday, August 9 at 11:00 am.

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