

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

AGENDA DATE: October 11, 2022

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DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: District 8 & District 2

STRATEGIC GOAL: Goal 1 - Create an Environment Conducive to Strong, Sustainable Economic Development.

SUBJECT:

Discussion and action requesting City Council support for the staff recommended project selected to submit for the Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Discretionary Grant Program.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The City of El Paso and El Paso County Water Improvement District will jointly submit a grant application for the recommended RCP project, a portion of the Paso Del Norte Trail from Magoffin at Cotton to US 54 / I-110 to US 62 at Washington, Franklin Canal concrete lining from US 62 at Washington to the Intersection at US 62 and Texas SH 20. The path will travel along local streets, arterials, Washington Park, and the Franklin Canal. The shared use path will consist of a minimum 10-foot asphalt trail, street trees, landscaping, lighting, textured crosswalks, and other improvements. The grant application will also include concrete lining of the Franklin Canal. Other improvements include traffic calming along Washington, amenities at Washington Park along the trail, and other amenities.

Funds for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 RCP Program are to be awarded on a competitive basis for projects that reconnect communities by removing, retrofitting, or mitigating highways or other transportation facilities that create barriers to community connectivity, including to mobility, access, or economic development. Multiple barriers, including US 54 / I-110 leading to the International Port-of-Entry, US 62, and Texas SH 20, currently separate multiple neighborhoods that lack connectivity for pedestrians and bicyclists.

The anticipated grant application request is between \$5 million and \$5.5 million. The total project cost will be between \$10 million and \$11 million.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

N/A

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

The required minimum 20 percent local match will be provided by in-kind services from the El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1 valued at between \$1 million and \$1.1 million.

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD:



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